# Kishoge Community College Principal’s Report to Parents

**13th December 2018**

## enrolment

Enrolment for 2020 closed on 30th Nov.

The number of pupils being produced by local primary schools is less for 2020 than for any year since 2017.

**Closing date 2020                327 Boys 188 Girls 139**

Closing date 2019                   257  Boys 126 Girls 131

Closing date 2018                   197  Boys 124 Girls 73

Closing date 2017                   157

## Admissions Policy

As per Admissions Policy 2020 lotteries will be held for bands 2, 3, 4 and 5.

## Homework Support Initiative

The Homework Support Committee (Formerly TL21) organised an information and support evening for parents of second year students. This evening took place on the 27th of November. Letters were posted to parents of students who struggled with homework completion in 1st year inviting them to attend. In summary twelve parents attended the evening and going forward they will be supported by tutors and the committee through regular phone calls for the remainder of the academic year.

## Fundraising

At December assembly two cheque presentations were made to the school.

Zahid Zimran and two representatives of Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association made a presentation of €1,500 to the school.

Chair of the Student Council Princess Nandie received a cheque from the Parents’ Council representative Somantha Killion-Connolly for €280. Somantha also presentated a cheque for€300 to Pieta House.

We are very grateful to the Ahmadiyya Association and to the Parents’ Council for their work and generosity.

## anti bullying survey

All students have been made aware of the anti-bullying policy and what to do if they are being bullied or if they know of anyone being bullied.

There is good awareness among students of what steps the school will take when told that bullying is taking place.

All students have completed a brief survey on bullying in the school:

Are you being bullied?

Do you know someone who’s having a hard time?

Year Heads have investigated all reports.

## Review of school Canteen

A committee of parents, students and teachers met to review the operations of the canteen.

A large number of suggested improvements were compiled related to the food offering, sustainability and recycling. The issue of a token-type system of payment was raised.

Meeting with Glanmore Foods will take place early in the new year.

## Review of arrangements for delivery of ipads, ebooks and physical books

Meeting with Wriggle management scheduled for Weds 19th Dec.

## Policy development

Two Parents’ Council reps to sit on policy development committee in term two. Committee will have a number of meetings after school to consider draft policies: SEN Policy; Substance Abuse Policy; Critical Incident Policy.

## Road safety

# SDCC Customer Contact System

*An enquiry you submitted has had a comment added by GRANIA HEGARTY. The details are:-*

***Membersnet ID:*** *1396729*

***Customer:***

***Enquiry Detail***

*Revisiting request to install pedestrian crossing at Kishoge Community College.*

*Further to discussions on this issue I have checked the school entrance/s with the school principal and there is a pedestrian entrance at both school entrances. the first entrance is most commonly used by school children and the school will be reaching its full capacity 1,000 students within the next couple of yours its currently reaching 700 students.*

*please re examine this location for a pedestrian crossing as none currently exist at the school.*

***Comment:*** *TMM 27/11/2018 MM 27/11/2018 Signalised pedestrian crossings are provided at two points adjacent to the school across Tomas Omar Way. The access road leading to the school is a cul –de-sac serving only the school and Lynches Park and is traffic calmed. There is no through traffic. At school times the traffic is almost entirely school generated. traffic is slow moving due to the amount of parking and large gaps exist which allow safe crossing. The existing arrangements are considered adequate as any issues arise from pedestrian and driver behaviour which are beyond the control of signals. Also Note from C.Foley Assistnat Engineer Just to note a suggestion, they could always put a pedestrian gate and path within their own grounds that lines up with the pedestrian lights on Thomas Omer* Way.

## choir

Kishoge Choir attended the auditions for the DDLETB Festival Music. Awaiting results. Thanks to Ruth.

## Roinn na Gaeilge

TY students had a workshop from the Irish organisation Conradh an Gaeilge. Students actively engaged in the workshop. They engaged in debates, games and activities. All students participated fully and really enjoyed this workshop.

## business dept

Business Dept have run a very successful TY fair. The fair was a huge success and students and teachers will had the opportunity to purchase a range of student-made products.

## literacy policy

The WellRead Committee is working continually to grow a reading culture in Kishoge. Staff book swap successful and we are working on a display ( a giant reading tree) to include books read by parents, students and staff.

Parents have been asked to buy a book as a Christmas present. Recommended reading lists on the website.

## TEL committee

The KIT squad is currently collecting exemplar TEL student work from each subject leader to showcase on our school website. The TEL committee will then select the best material when we meet in January.

## boys basketball

U16 Boys Basketball to play their final tomorrow Dec 14th in Oblate Hall.