



Happy 25th Birthday Scoil Barra!

Scoil Barra, Ballincollig recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary in the Oriel House Hotel. 400 guests attended the event, including Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation Batt O'Keeffe T.D., who launched the school's commemorative book "Scoil Barra - A Coming of Age" to celebrate its Silver Jubilee year. This lavish publication is a narrative and photographic celebration (over 800 photos included) of the first 25 years with many golden moments captured for posterity.

It looks back and reflects on the school's journey since 1985 and celebrates the many milestones achieved along the way and the achievements of both past & present pupils and staff members and their immense contribution to the story that is Scoil Barra... This limited edition commemorative publication depicting the life and times of Scoil Barra from 1985-2010 is on sale now from local shops and from Scoil Barra, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork. An absolute must for your book collection!



Pictured above at the Launch were (LtoR) Donal O'Sullivan (Principal), Orla Murphy, Editor, Batt O'Keeffe T.D. Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Innovation and Cllr. Pat Burton, Deputy County Mayor.

Pictured below enjoying the recent launch of "Scoil Barra - A Coming of Age" are Joanne O'Regan, Margaret O'Regan and Angela Murphy.



Congratulations!!!

€500 richer! Nicola Coady of Rosewood wins a €500 voucher for Lee Travel for signing up to CU On-line. Congratulations.

Community Announcement

Night at the Dogs in aid of Ballincollig Family Resource Centre (FACT) Fri 9th July 2010, Curraheen Race Park, first race 7.45. Music and Dancing after. Tickets €20 for a couple or family. Available from the Resource Centre. Tel. 4876295

We would be happy to advertise a community event for you. Please email admin@bcu.ie with details and poster.

puzzle

Find the summer words. Words can be forwards or backwards, vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Circle each letter separately, but keep in mind that letters in each summer word may be used in more than one word. When the puzzle is completed, read the remaining letters left to right, top to bottom, to learn an interesting Summer fact.

- August, July, Barbecue, Relax, Baseball, Sandals, Beach, Shorts, Biking, Soccer, Golf, Sunburn, Hats, Sunscreen, Holiday, Suntan, Hot, Swimming, Humid, Vacation.



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jokes

- What has 6 legs, 3 ears, 4 tusks, and 2 trunks?**
An elephant with spare parts.
- How can you tell when an elephant is under your bed?**
Your nose is squashed against the ceiling.
- If you see an elephant in your car, what time is it?**
Time to get a new car.
- Why don't elephants ride bikes?**
They don't have a thumb to ring the bell.

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Summer greetings to all of our members from all your team at BCU ...

Long bright evenings and the smell of freshly mown grass have raised our spirits. We look forward to the lazy hazy summer days ahead. Here at BCU we continue to help our members by assisting them to meet the cost of life's everyday needs. Educating members on the benefits of better money management as a means of meeting your needs and realising your financial objectives has been our goal for many years.

Borrowing money has become understandably tighter in recent times. BCU offers great value lending to the benefit of our members while supporting our local economy. BCU remains in a very secure, strong position and has plenty of funds to lend.

Every month we welcome many new members to our Credit Union. We continue to develop our services e.g the laser card payment facility has proved a great hit, enabling members to pay their loans or lodge money using their laser cards, in person or over the phone. Thousands of members have registered for our secure on-line account access through our website (www.BCU.ie) and more are registering every day. Registering for CU online takes 2 mins, simply visit www.BCU.ie. We are working on an exciting new service which will allow you to securely pay your bills and do money transfers on-line.

We welcome your feedback, and hope you will suggest ways to allow us to improve your credit union experience. email suggestionbox@bcu.ie

Have a great summer!!



Ballincollig Business Association presentation to Derry Canty, Declan Kidney and Batt O'Keeffe. Pictured here with Mary O'Mahony, Chairperson of BBA, and Director of BCU.

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Eurofoot 2010

Ballincollig Community School is delighted to have attended for the 21st year in a row the Eurofoot Soccer tournament. We were delighted to welcome on board again the Credit Union as the sponsor for the team. We were hosted by Nantes in the North West of France and were the only Irish team to compete against teams from all over Europe. The 32 teams competing included a mix of academy sides, district sides, club teams and BCS, the only school team competing. I'm glad to say it was another successful year for our 16 players/pupils from 2nd and 4th year. We proudly finished well above expectations considering the standard of teams we were playing against. We look forward again to returning next year and providing such a unique and special opportunity for the pupils of BCS.

Ivan O'Mahony, BCS Coach



Local lads do us proud

Cork narrowly missed out to Kerry in the Munster Championship but all is not lost; the summer is long, they play their second round play off on July 10th and we wish the local lads from Ballincollig GAA, Éire Óg, and indeed all the Cork team the very best ... c'mon de Rebels!

Daniel Goulding from Éire Óg in action for the Cork Senior Football Team.



Ballincollig Tidy Towns recently won 200 mature trees in Evening Echo / Folláin / Nangle & Niesen "Plant a Tree Competition". The Tidy Towns Committee worked with Ballincollig Business Association to collect tokens for the competition and these were accompanied by a submission by the Tidy Towns Committee.

Tom Butler Chairman of Ballincollig Tidy Towns said that the community of Ballincollig would gain from this magnificent prize as our committee see's the planting of trees (especially Irish Trees) within the community as an investment for our children's future. "Trees are becoming a more important item in the world today given the huge effects that our lifestyle and development has had on the environment and we as a voluntary group want to make a difference in our community and these trees will certainly make a major difference for the future generations of the people of Ballincollig".



BTT intends to seek applications for some of the 200 trees from various areas within the community and in addition they will be planting a special grove of trees which will be named accordingly in a strategic location so that people will see them grow into landmarks of the community. Keep an eye on the website www.ballincolligtidytowns.ie

The National Tidy Towns Competition is underway and everyone is asked to play their part by cleaning up outside their homes, premises etc. If everyone does a little it will help a lot.

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Meeting the cost of education ... Student maintenance and grants

It is that time of year again when students all across the country are finishing their exams and looking forward to a well deserved break in the summer. September will bring a fresh set of challenges, one of which will be how to fund the cost of education and living expenses for the new student year. Quite often this challenge can prove very difficult for people and it is of a great comfort to know that assistance is available in the form of the maintenance grant.

The maintenance grant is the main source of financial help available for students in full-time Post Leaving Certificate Courses (PLCs) and full-time higher education undergraduate/postgraduate courses. Support is available to eligible students in most colleges in Ireland as well as eligible Irish students in many colleges in Northern Ireland, the UK and other EU States. Family and/or personal income is a key factor that will be assessed when you apply for a maintenance grant but there are also some other conditions. **Studentfinance.ie** can help you to assess whether you are eligible and guide you in starting the process.

If you think you are eligible for the maintenance grant, you should apply for it as soon as possible. The application process is now open. You do not have to wait until you receive an offer of a place or enroll in college. **The initial closing date for receipt of completed applications by the grant-awarding agencies for the 2010-11 academic year is August 31st, 2010 ... Best of luck with the exams!**

Member Spotlight

"Home Grow & Cook What You Sow" By Catherine Fennell.

Ballincollig resident since 1984 and BCU member, Catherine Fennell has put together a simple guide to help people grow their own organic fruit and vegetables. This is Catherine's first book and includes money saving tips for treating slugs and fly infestation and a section of simple recipes for cooking and preserving what you grow. In addition to her writing talents Catherine also runs a Healing & Well-being Centre in Glendower Court, Ballincollig. As well as being a Reiki Master/Teacher, she conducts relaxation classes and individual healing sessions. She also runs Reiki Courses.

"Home Grow & Cook What You Sow" is available in most garden centres in Cork, as well as Easons, Porters, Liam Russells, & Waterstones. In Ballincollig, it is available in the Quay Co. Op, Maurice Healy, Downs, O'Crualaoi, Quish, Ballincollig Hardware & Easons. Retailing at €9.99, this includes a free packet of seeds to get you started!



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BRAIN TEASER

1. Who wrote the song American Pie?
2. Eamon Gilmore is the leader of which political party?
3. In what year was NATO established?
4. Who succeeded Jimmy Carter as President of America?
5. In which country other than Germany is German the only official language?
6. Which team won the World Cup in 2006?
7. What was Tonto's horse called?
8. What type of dog is associated with the Irish Guide Dogs Association?
9. On which river does Limerick stand?
10. Which side moves first in a game of chess?

Answers can be found on our website
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