

SCHOOL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The usual subscription of €50.00 will be collected in September to cover miscellaneous expenses (locker deposit, library deposit, student council, parents council, retreats, lectures, elocution, postage, sports fund, exam photocopying). Please bring €50.00 in an envelope to your Tutor on the first day back, marking the envelope with your name and class.

Incoming 1st Years and 2nd Years have already paid their subscriptions for the academic year 2007-2008.

INSURANCE

There is a special insurance Policy to cover your daughter for all medical expenses in the event of an accident at games or going to or from school. The cost of this policy is:

€5.00 per pupil (school cover only)

€8.00 per pupil (24 hour cover)

The Insurance Company has advised us that students should not wear platforms or backless shoes around the school due to the high incidence of accidents. Thus, we will have to be very strict in enforcing the wearing of standard, uniform shoes. We have also been advised by the Insurance Company, for legal reasons, not to administer any medication to students.

SCHOOL JOURNAL

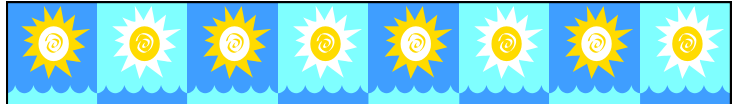
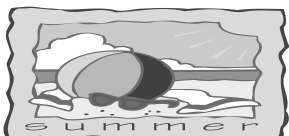
The School Journal was most effective again this year. It is a record of homework as well as the vehicle for parents to notify Tutors of absences. All students **must** have the **official** School Journal which will be on sale in the School Bursary at a cost of €8.00. Please note that these Journals are **not for private use** and can be taken up for inspection at any time. They should be kept clean and tidy and only used for school related matters.

MOBILE PHONES / iPods

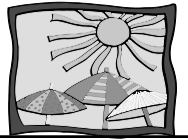
Students may not have mobile phones or iPods / MP3 Players in the school at any time. Breach of this rule will incur confiscation for 2 weeks and a three point discipline slip.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students must wear the official school uniform, which is available from K-Sport. Official grey opaque tights and grey opaque knee highs for under school cords are available in the School Bursary.



SUMMER



ST. ANGELA'S SCHOOL—NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2007

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007 / 2008



Fourth Year Induction	:	Fri, 31st Aug, 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon
Fifth Year Induction	:	Fri, 31st Aug, 10.30 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.
First Year Induction	:	Fri, 31st Aug, 9.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.
Classes for All	:	Mon, 3rd Sept, 9.00 a.m.

ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THEIR RESPECTIVE INDUCTION DAY

Mid Term I	Fri, 26th Oct, 12.25 p.m. to Mon, 5th Nov, 9.00 a.m.
Christmas	Fri, 21st Dec, 12.25 p.m. to Mon, 7th Jan, 9.00 a.m.
Mid Term II	Fri, 8th Feb, 3.25 p.m. to Mon, 18th Feb, 9.00 a.m.
Easter	Fri, 14th Mar, 3.25 p.m. to Mon, 31st Mar, 9.00 a.m.
Staff In-Service	Fri, 25th April
Summer Holidays	Fri, 30th May at 12.25 p.m.
Half Days	Junior Certificate Results - to be confirmed St. Angela's Day, Fri 25th Jan (School Mass)

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS

• Fifth Year	Tuesday	13th November	(L)
• Sixth Year	Wednesday	12th December	(L)
• Third Year	Monday	21st January	(L)
• Second Year	Wednesday	27th February	(E)
• First Year	Monday	7th April	(E)
		(E) = 1.30 p.m.	(L) = 4.15 p.m.

STAFF MEETINGS - 2.45 p.m.

• Monday	19th November
• Tuesday	4th March
• Thursday	15th May



STUDENT CAR PARK

Car parking facilities are made available to students in the school grounds. An application form is available from the Deputy Principal and some conditions apply.

A number of students do not use this facility and park on the public roadway. We are concerned that they ferry other students around the town during lunch-time.



ATTENDANCE

Time lost can never be regained. Please make dental & medical appointments for outside class time if at all possible.

SCHOOLBAGS

Pupils should check their timetables and only bring home books required, thus ensuring that they do not have to carry heavy schoolbags to and from school.

SPEECH & DRAMA 2007

Public Speaking, Speaking of Verse & Prose,
Acting & Reading for Performance and Musical Theatre

Pass: 55 Merit: 41 Distinction: 16

Senior Communications Award: Tricia Delahunty
Intermediate Communications Award: Laura Cox

Congratulations to Laura Cox Third Year who did five LAMDA Exams achieving 1 Pass, 3 Merits and 1 Distinction.

HOME CONTACT

If there is nobody at home during the day, does your daughter have somewhere to go if she is ill in school? You will appreciate that we cannot allow a student home on her own. It is important that we always have a contact number for a parent or guardian.

PART-TIME JOBS

Fifth and Sixth Year students cannot possibly perform well while holding part-time jobs after school.

INJURY PROBLEM

Please inform the school if your daughter is on crutches or has a limb in plaster prior to her return. This is necessary for Insurance purposes.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

Please note that, as there are over 800 students in the school, it is impossible to pass telephone messages to students. As you will appreciate, constant interruptions to classes make the learning and teaching environment very difficult for both your daughters and the teachers. In extreme emergency cases, the school will do its utmost to facilitate.

- Kalyn Sheehan who won the Bank of Ireland National Senior Schools Sports Star Award.
- Jessica Gleeson who was selected for the U15 Munster and Irish Schools Soccer team.
- The 4th and 5th Year students who attended an awards ceremony in Cork. Each student received an individual award for their voluntary work in the community. St. Angela 's is the first Ursuline School to participate in this programme, run by the Christian Brothers.
- Megan Cassidy 6th Year who won the award for "Best Female Performer" in the Waterford International Festival of Light Opera, last October. Several other students were involved in the production of "Guys and Dolls" which won overall trophy for Flagggy Lane Productions for the second year in a row.
- Jackie Hayes, first runner up in An Post creative writing competition, "The Future of Irish Seas".
- Erica Walsh who was selected for the U17 Irish Basketball Team.
- Gemma Hayes who was 2nd in the Hip Hop World Qualifiers in the Helix. Gemma was also 3rd in the Solo All-Ireland Championships.
- Sarah Farrell 3rd Year who was Regional Winner of the Uncle Bens Cookery Competition.
- Tricia Delahunty who was an All-Ireland finalist in the Soroptomists speech contest.



Well done to all!



WELL DONE TO THE FOLLOWING



Congratulations and well done to the following students:-

- Treasa Murphy who was awarded the Earl of Cork scholarship for the best Junior Certificate results in Waterford City and County. This is the third year in a row that a student from St. Angela's has won this award, Lorna Power 2004, Michelle Heffernan 2005 and Treasa Murphy 2006. This is a unique achievement for both the students and the staff in the school.
- Treasa Murphy, Carol Phelan and Rebecca Stephens who won Bank of Ireland Awards for achieving 11 A's in the Junior Certificate 2006 in St. Angela's. Treasa also took an additional subject outside of school in which she also achieved an A.
- Laura Cox who was selected for the U14 Irish Orienteering Team.
- Rachel Keating who was selected for the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland.
- Elaine Breen who won a silver medal at All-Ireland level Gymnastics.
- Ailish Dunphy who won a National League Camogie Medal with Waterford.
- Aoife Goulding who won both Gold and Silver medals for Judo in the Open Irish Championships.
- Sarah Power and Laura Brown both First Year students, who are the U12 All Ireland Hip Hop Champions.
- Sally McGuire, First Year, individual winner All-Ireland Schools Show Jumping.

STUDENT LEADERS 2007 - 2008

Head Girl: Emma Sheahan



Senior Prefects

Niamh Brophy, Gillian Butler, Gillian Doherty, Emily Dower, Aisling Goff, Tara Heffernan, Bernadette Kennedy, Ciara Knight, Eva McEneaney, Anne-Marie Norris, Cathy O'Keeffe.

Sports Captains

Sinead Donnelly, Laura Dwyer, Mary O'Connor, Tara Quinn, Kalyn Sheehan, Erica Walsh.

PARENTS FUND RAISING

Many thanks to all parents who made a contribution to the School Building Fund this year. Monthly contribution by way of Standing Order has worked extremely well.

Thanks also for your support of the Easter Egg Raffle which raised €8,177.00.



BEBO, TEXTING & BULLYING

There have been numerous incidents in relation to the above during the year. We strongly recommend that parents monitor their daughters use of Bebo and Texting. As these incidents happen outside of school, we cannot be responsible for dealing with them. Parents and students will need to address these issues outside of school.

EFFECTS OF TEXTING ON STANDARD OF ENGLISH

Studies of the above have shown that texting and "text language" are having a dramatic effect on the standard of English. Parents should discourage their daughters from using text language.

E.C.D.L. EUROPEAN COMPUTER DRIVING LICENCE

E.C.D.L. was introduced in the school for the first time this year and 33 Transition Year students enrolled to do the course.

A further 40 of next year's Transition Year students have already committed to doing the E.C.D.L. course.

E.C.D.L. is a computer qualification that is recognised worldwide.



AWARDS DAY

Board of Management School Spirit Award

Aoife O ' Loughlin

Sister June Fennelly Award (Head Girl)

Emma Libreri

Angela Allison Memorial Award for History

Sinead Stoneman

Sr. Joseph Memorial Award for English

Olivia Griffin

Jennifer Reinl Memorial Award for German

Aoife O ' Loughlin

Sr. Consilio Conway Memorial Award for Biology

Siobhan Turner

Sr. Stanislaus Memorial Award for Music

Brenda Murphy

Sportsperson of the Year

Gemma Hayes

Addie Butler Memorial Award for Woodwork

Niamh Shek

Nicole Weldon Award for Art

Melissa Malone

Sr. Carmel Award for Home Economics

Meabh McSweeney



TOURS

Bayonne:

17 Transition Year students, with Mrs Byrne and Ms. Ryan, spent a very enjoyable Exchange with Largenté in Bayonne. They attended classes and had very interesting outings. We welcomed their correspondents back in March for an equally enjoyable two weeks.

Manchester:

74 Students and 6 teachers spent 5 days in Manchester during the Easter holidays. They visited such places as Museum of Science & Industry, Imperial War Museum & Grounds. A full and exciting day was spent in Alton Towers. The students attended an entertaining, lively and enjoyable day of "Fame" in the Opera House Theatre.

Lourdes:

74 First Year students and 9 teachers spent from 6th - 11th June helping in Lourdes. A most memorable time was had by all.



CLASS SPIRIT 2007

6th Year Ms. Donovan	Leanne O ' Driscoll
6th Year Ms. Doyle	Sonya Finn
6th Year Mrs. Cox	Kate O ' Neill
6th Year Mr. Rush	Lynn O ' Sullivan
6th Year Mr. Devine	Trisha Delahunty
6th Year Mrs. Ryan	Michelle O ' Dea
5th Year Ms. Doyle	Claire Stephens
5th Year Ms. Power	Elaine Brosnan
5th Year Mr. Carley	Angelina Date
5th Year Ms. Fox	Emma Sheehan
5th Year Ms. Kelly	Mary O ' Connor
5th Year Ms. Butler	Ashleigh Keane
4th Year Ms. Strappe	Aoife Dunphy
4th Year Ms. Fahy	Grace O ' Mahony
4th Year Ms. Shanahan	Aoife Tierney
4th Year Ms. O ' Brien	Claire O ' Riordan
4th Year Ms. Jones	Megan O ' Neill
3rd Year Ms. Butler	Jessica Doherty
3rd Year Ms. Heine	Clodagh O ' Neill
3rd Year Ms. Power	Stephanie Flynn
3rd Year Ms. Keane	Ciara Doris
3rd Year Ms. Cunningham	Amy Sheehan
2nd Year Ms. Noonan	Ciara O ' Brien
2nd Year Ms. Waldron	Kelly Ryan
2nd Year Ms. Ryan	Kate Kissane
2nd Year Mrs. Cashman	Vicky Sheridan
2nd Year Mrs. O ' Neill	Abigail Flynn
1st Year Ms. O ' Brien	Roisin Flood
1st Year Ms. Hayes	Sinead Lyons
1st Year Ms. Palmer	Jennifer Butler
1st Year Mrs. O ' Toole	Orla Butler
1st Year Ms. O ' Connell	Megan Kiely

ORIENTEERING

Waterford Schools

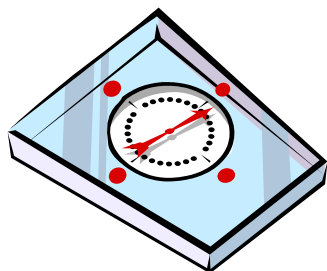
In January 27 students competed in the Waterford Schools Orienteering competition, (2 First Year, 2 Junior and 2 Senior teams). The First Year team of Ciara Murray, Megan Lonergan, Maire McGrath 1st, 2nd and 3rd individually and followed closely by Jana Cox they also won the Team event. In the Junior event Laura Cox and Eilish Watkins 1st and 2nd individuals respectively and along with their team mates Rachel Keating and Elanna Forristal they won the Junior team event. The Seniors earned silver in the team event. Based on these finishes the Ursuline won the overall trophy for the first time.

Munster Schools

At the Munster Schools competition in Tallow in March, the First Year team finished 4th in the team category. Junior team finished 5th and the Senior team consisting of Beth Walsh, Kitty Walsh, Eimear Kelly and Aisling Flood won silver in their team event.

South-East

On 11th May 36 students travelled to Kennedy Park, Wexford to participate in this relay Orienteering event. The girls compete in teams of 3, each individual with a different course to cover, aiming to complete the three courses in the fastest combined time. Our six Minor teams finished outside the medals. The Juniors set a great record by taking 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places in their event. Not to be outdone the two Senior teams claimed 1st and 2nd places. Winning Junior team was Rachel Finnegan, Elanna Forristal and Lorraine Heffernan. The winning Senior team was Beth Walsh, Kitty Walsh and Siobhan Delaney.



Italy

At Easter, 24 Fifth Year students and 3 teachers visited Italy to mark the 200th anniversary of the canonisation of Angela Merici. They visited Desenzano and Brescia and also spent time in Venice and Gardaland.

3rd Year German Exchange Partners

During this school year the Third Year German class took part in a joint Ursuline and Newtown Exchange programme with students of the Kant Gymnasium in Boppard am Rhein. Our students had spent a wonderful week in the picturesque town of Boppard on Rhine last September. The Germans organised a great week for us, a trip down the Rhine, a visit to the State 's capital Mainz and even a festival in the town culminating in a magnificent fireworks display over the river.

Immediately after the Easter holidays it was our turn to be as "gastfreundlich" as the Germans had been. The Irish families hosting German students couldn't have been more welcoming. All the German students felt totally at home in Waterford. Trips were organised to the Dunbrody Famine ship in New Ross and Kilkenny Castle. The Germans also enjoyed our coastline and tried surfing in Tramore. Other highlights of their stay was a mayoral reception in City Hall and a farewell meal in Espresso Restaurant. Both groups really enjoyed being in their host countries. Plans are underway to continue this very successful venture - and not only for students studying German. Watch this space!

ENCOUNTER RETREAT

Approximately 100 students and 8 teachers experienced the Encounter Retreats this year. They had an opportunity once again to search for meaning in their lives and explore questions about life in a faith context. Nine Transition Year students are now ready to bring their Encounter Experience to their classmates later this year.

The dates for the Retreats in the academic year 2007-2008 are:

November 9th to 11th 2007

February 1st to 3rd 2008

March 7th to 9th 2008

We would ask each incoming Fifth Year to choose the date that best suits and bring a deposit of €50 to Mrs. Moore in September.



GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

This year has been another busy year for the Green Schools Committee. Our bottle recycling scheme has continued to be successful, especially with the addition of new bottle bins to every classroom and to the Refectory, the Social Area and Brescia Hall. These are looked after by our Fifth Year members with the help of Second Year Ms. F. Ryan. We have also been able to improve our composting activities courtesy of a green cone kindly donated by McGuire's Garden Centre and a new larger compost bin. The First Years have teamed up to start a new paper recycling programme and it too has been a roaring success. Congratulations and thank you to everybody who participated in our annual spring clean of the area surrounding the school. We really appreciated the help and the residents loved their new clean area. Well done to everybody who received a certificate on Awards Day for their work with the Green Schools, and a special well done to the girls in Miss Kelly's First Year class who also received certificates for participating in the Young Environmentalist Award. Thank you to Roisin O'Grady and Lisa Kelly who represented us at a Youth Forum Environment Day in W.I.T. during the year. Keep up the good work!

We ask parents to encourage their daughters to join the Green Schools Committee. As you can see, we have achieved a tremendous amount of success, but we're a bit like Tesco, "every little helps". Hope to see some new faces next year!

Rebecca Stephens P.R.O.



EVENING STUDY

Evening Study will once again be offered to Third, Fifth and Sixth Year students. It will run from 4.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., Monday to Thursday inclusive. It will commence on Monday, 3rd September. The fee for the 1st term is €110.00.

Supervised homework room is available to students whose parents cannot collect them at the end of the school day. It will run from 4.15 p.m. - 6.00 p.m., Monday to Thursday inclusive. It will commence on Monday 3rd September at a cost of €2.00 per attendance.



SOCCER

This has been a very busy year in the soccer life of the school. There have been some strong team performances and also individual achievements from our players. A rain-soaked Winter made it very difficult to play matches and some competitions have only recently been finished.

The U18 team played well in the South East League and faced some tough opposition but this young team will, no doubt, bounce back next year.

The U16 team played very well in the Munster Cup competition but were beaten by strong Castletroy side.

The U15 team won the South East League in fine style. They won all their matches in the qualifiers, battled back from 3-1 down in the semi-final to win 4-3 and played a very tough final against St. Declan's, Kilmacthomas. The final finished 1-1 after full time and even though the Ursuline had most of the chances, they could not find that elusive winning goal. The dreaded penalty shoot out was level after the first five shots and St. Angela's won in sudden death, once again proving that this team is never beaten until the final whistle has blown.

The U14 team were Munster Finalists and were narrowly beaten by St. Caimin's of Shannon in a tough Final.

The U13 team won the South East League in fine style, reclaiming the trophy that we won two years ago and the same team were Munster Semi-Finalists.

St. Angela's was the most represented school on the Munster Schools U15 Squad with three students on that team which won their last inter-provincial tournament. Second Year students Ciara O'Brien and Treasa Doorley and First Year student Jessica Gleeson played very well to help Munster to its victory. Jessica went one step further and was selected on the U15 Irish Schools Squad.



STEP-AEROBICS

This has been a very successful activity this year with students from all years participating on the Wednesday lunchtimes. Choreography became increasingly more difficult as time went on and the steppers recognise the phrases, "over the tip" - "corner to corner", "end to end", "power step", "revolving door", "half hop turn" and many more. All credit due to those who kept it up. This was not an activity for the faint-hearted!



DANCE

Dance club continued to go from strength to strength this year under the expert guidance of Gemma Hayes who brought her considerable personal talent and boundless enthusiasm to the task of bringing Hip-Hop and Modern Dance to the junior school. Danielle Sauvage and Rebecca Curran were also involved in this fantastic promotion of Dance throughout the school.

The Dance Troupes performed at the following events;

- Open Night
- Action Mania
- The Fashion Show

The girls represented the school brilliantly!



TENNIS

Two teams from the school competed in Munster Competitions this year. The Under-19 team of Eimear Kelly, Maria O'Brien, Carina Nagle and Fiona Cummins had a fantastic victory over Regina Mundi, Cork at Rushbrooke Tennis Club, Cobh on Wednesday May 16th to win the Under-19 Munster Schools Shield. The Waterford girls really out-shone their opponents, winning both the singles and the doubles in straight sets.

The Under-14 team of Susan Harte, Una McCarthy, Alannah-Rose O'Grady Kennedy and Maeve Beglin had very tough competition in this year's cup. They came up against St. Mary's, Mallow in the quarter-finals who just proved too good in very closely contested matches.



SPORTS NEWS 2007

BASKETBALL



South-East Leagues

In all 8 teams competed in South-East Leagues. They were Under-19 B, Under-19 C, Under-16 B, Under 16-Dev, 2nd Year B, 2nd Year Dev, 1st Year B, and 1st Year Dev. In December the Under-19 B team were crowned South-East champions for the second successive year, when they beat Presentation Kilkenny in the final with a score of 38 - 32. Team: Lianne Colgan, Hayley Collins, Katie Slattery, Holly Kavanagh, Ciara Curran, Erica Walsh, Emily Dower, Claire Dunne, Kitty Walsh, Beth Walsh, Sarah O'Keeffe, Rachel Furlong, Catherine Murphy. The other Senior teams finished mid table. After Christmas the Junior leagues got under way. The 2nd Year B, and 1st Year B teams both reached their respective South East semi-finals. Meanwhile, the 1st Year Dev. team won their South-East league. Team: Muireann Breathnach, Laura Brown, Becky Cunningham, Katie Houlihan, Nigarish Hussain, Maria Kane, Sharon Kavanagh, Marie Keane, Megan Lonergan, Sinead Lyons, Lisa MsGrath, Mairead Power, Nicky Sloan and Katie Roche.

Erica Walsh Fifth Year has been picked for Irish Under-18 Basketball team.

CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETICS

Waterford Schools

Thirty-six students travelled to St Augustine's Dungarvan on 26th January to compete in the Waterford Schools Cross-Country Championship. There was a record entry from the school of four Minor teams, one Junior team, one Inter team and one Senior team. The Minor A, Junior and Inter teams won their races with the Seniors finishing Fourth. The Ursuline won the Waterford Schools Overall Cup.



Munster Schools

On 10th Feb 21 students competed in the Munster Schools. The Minors secured 1st place, Juniors 4th, Inters 2nd and Seniors 4th, the Ursuline winning the Munster Overall Trophy for the second successive year. There is no All-Ireland at Minor level, so the Minor team of Ciara Murray, Megan Kiely, April Flynn and Laura Brown eagerly await next year. The Intermediate team of Kitty Walsh, Beth Walsh and Siobhan Delaney qualified for the All-Irelands in Dublin in March, in which they finished just outside the medals.

TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS

Waterford Schools Championships

The Waterford Schools competition took off on 25th April with 20 students from the school competing. The Ursuline won the Overall Cup with nearly all of the 20 students winning a medal. Most notable results at Minor level were firsts for April Flynn 100m, Megan Kiely 1500m, Sile McGrath Long Jump, Orla Butler 800m and Long Jump and Minor A relay team. At Junior level there were firsts for Maeve Beglin Triple Jump, Gillian Walsh 1500m and the Junior relay team. Tara Quinn at Senior level was 1st in 1500m.



East-Munster Schools Championships

On 2nd May our Track and Field team competed in the East-Munster schools and as usual did themselves and the school proud. Minor Results: April Flynn 3rd in the 100m, Megan Kiely 3rd in the 800m. Minor A relay team of April, Megan, Paula Phelan and Ciara Murray 1st and Minor B relay of Aoife Daly, Aoife Butler, Sile McGrath and Jessica Gleeson came in 3rd. Junior Results: Elanna Forristal 1st in 100m Ciara Murray 1st in 1500m, Megan Kiely 2nd in 75m Hurdles, Becky Barr 2nd in Javelin and Rachel Finnegan 2nd in Triple Jump. The relay team of Rachel Finnegan, Elanna Forristal, Maeve Beglin and Gillian Walsh won the silver medals. Inter Results: Beth Walsh 2nd in 800m and Kitty Walsh 2nd in 1500m. Senior Results: Hayley Murphy 3rd 100m, Mary O'Connor 1st in both 400m and 800m, Grainne Quinn 1st in 1500 followed by Tara Quinn in 3rd place, Sinead Donnelly 2nd Long Jump and in the Triple Jump Jessie Barr 1st and Sinead Donnelly 2nd.

Munster Schools Championships

On 19th May our representatives competed in the Munster schools Track and Field championships in University of Limerick.

Minor Results: Minor relay team of April Flynn, Megan Kiely, Paula Phelan and Ciara Murray 2nd.

Junior Results: Rachel Finnegan 5th in Triple Jump, a personal best, Becky Barr 4th in Javelin and Megan Kiely 4th in 75m Hurdles. Junior relay finished in a well contested 5th spot.

Inter Results: Beth Walsh 4th in 800m and Kitty Walsh 3rd in 1500m.

Senior Results: Jessie Barr 1st in Triple Jump and 400m Hurdles. Mary O'Connor 1st in 800m and 400m. Sinead Donnelly 2nd in the Long Jump and Triple Jump. Kalyne Sheehan 2nd in 400m Hurdles. Hayley Murphy 3rd in Triple Jump. Senior relay team of Mary O'Connor, Sinead Donnelly, Kitty Walsh and Kalyne Sheehan 1st. All-Irelands in Tullamore on Saturday 2nd June.

Track and Field Athletics contd/.....

Well done to Mary O'Connor and Kalyne Sheehan who represented Ireland on the U-17 schools Track and Field team last July in Scotland. Well done to Hayley Murphy, Jessie Barr, Kitty Walsh and Mary O'Connor who represented Ireland in the Celtic Games last Summer in Waterford.

HOCKEY



It's been a good season for hockey in the Ursuline.

The participation rate in First Year has been as high as it has ever been, with 3 teams involved in leagues. Over the course of the season they have all competed well, with each of the 3 teams finishing mid-table in their respective leagues. Regardless of results, the improvement shown by many of our students over the season has been tremendous. In addition, a number of First Years have been invited to the U14 South East Development Squad which will resume in September.

Our Second Years have also worked hard over the season. Both A and B Squads have had their share of wins, losses and draws in the league, giving each a mid-table finish. In the cup, Ursuline put up a terrific performance before losing to eventual cup winners Kilkenny College.

The Ursuline Junior A squad were most unlucky not to win some silverware this season. They have played really well against the traditionally stronger hockey schools and had a terrific match in the Junior Cup with defending champions Loreto Kilkenny before losing 1-0. The Junior B Squad have also put in a good season. They've been competitive throughout and achieved some great results to eventually come third in the league.

Many thanks to all our players for their efforts over the season. A big thank you to Muireann O'Regan and Aoife Tierney for their First Year coaching throughout the season and to Jim, our caretaker, who puts in great time and effort to ensure our hockey pitches are always lined to the highest standards.

8 teams participated in the South-East League and Cup competitions. The Senior A had a season to be proud of, beating eventual All-Ireland qualifiers Loreto Wexford 1-0 and Cup Finalists K.C.K also 1-0. The standard was high and the players certainly raised their game throughout the season.

The Inter A team were Cup Finalists for the third year in a row, having last won it in 2005. After a thrilling replay and sudden death penalties, our team beat Loreto Kilkenny to reach the final. A controversial penalty unfortunately awarded K.C.K the cup. Well done girls - a great achievement.

