



Rice Bytes

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First Munster title for Rice College in 32 years



Rice College **2-7** Coláiste an Spiorad Naomh **2-4**

Rice College Ennis were crowned Munster Colleges Corn Iog-naid Rís champions (under 16½C) at Ballyhea in Cork on Wednesday when they overcame the challenge of Coláiste an Spiorad Naomh from Bishopstown in Cork.

The victory marked the first provincial hurling success by the school since 1979, a gap of 32 years, when they captured the senior B (Corn Phadraig) crown. Former Éire Óg player, Pa Lynch was a member of that side and his son Liam played at wing-forward in this week's winning outfit.

Team mentors, Martin Brooks (St Joseph's) and Martin Ronan (Kilmaley) named an unchanged team from the semi-final for this outing. The winners played with the aid of the breeze in the opening half and led by four points at half-time when the score was 2-2 to 1-1.

Evan McNamara scored Rice College's first goal, applying a great finish after a good move. A defensive error created the opening for the Ennis school's second goal, which came from Eanna Barry.

With the assistance of the wind for the second half, the Cork City school fought hard and while Rice College were under a lot of pressure, they never lost the lead. Coláiste an Spiorad Naomh goaled from a penalty to close the gap to the minimum but the winner's defence held firm, with Lee Brady outstanding at corner-back delivering a man-of-the-match performance. Michael Lyons also did well while the half-backs battled hard throughout.

The new Munster champions had an even share of possession at midfield thanks to the efforts of Ritchie Hennessy, scorer of some excellent points from frees, and Conor O'Brien. In attack, Liam Lynch and Michael O'Malley worked hard throughout while substitute Colm Fitzgerald, introduced at half time, helped set up a number of important scores for the team. After the game team captain Fionn O'Carroll was presented with the trophy by the Provincial Colleges Council servicing officer, Tom Collum.

Rice College: Conor Harkin (Ballyea); Lee Brady (Ballyea), Shane McInerney (Inagh-Kilnamona), Michael Lyons (Ruan); Fionn O'Carroll (St Joseph's), Conor Fin-nucane (Lissycasey), Conor O'Halloran (Éire Óg); Ritchie Hennessy (Clooney-Quin), Conor O'Brien (St Joseph's); Nicky Twumasai (Éire Óg), Michael O'Malley (Kilmaley), Liam Lynch (Éire Óg); Paddy O'Malley (Éire Óg), Evan McNamara (Inagh-Kilnamona), Eanna Barry (Clooney-Quin).

Scorers: Ritchie Hennessy (0-5, 4f); Evan McNamara (1-1); Eanna Barry (1-0); Nicky Twumasai (0-1).

Subs: Colm Fitzgerald (Doora-Barefield); Conor McIn-erney (Doora-Barefield); Cillian Brennan (Ballyea); Sea-mus Quigley (Bodyke).

Bishops Visit

Bishop Kieran O'Reilly visited Rice College on Wednes-day 23rd November 2011.

He was greeted by the Student Council and took time to visit classes throughout the College.

He addressed the staff and was entertained by pupils with music and set dancing.



Pictured above - Bishop O'Reilly, Mr. Burns, Mr. Mulqueen, Fr. Fergal O'Neill, school chaplain.

Pictured below - Bishop O'Reilly, Patrick Hogan, Mr. Burns, Bernard Cahill and Gráinne Fox.



Merry Christmas and health and happiness to you one and all in 2012.

🎵 Music Notes 🎵

The musical students of Rice College have enjoyed a busy schedule in recent months.

With the traditional group and choir meeting at lunchtimes to polish performances, the fruits of their labours have been evident at masses in St. Joseph's Church and the Cathedral in this month of December.

Students also had a fulfilling experience when they visited Cahercalla Hospital on December 21st to sing, dance and play music for the residents there. It is wonderful to spread some of the festive magic in the form of music at this special time of year. In giving is receiving.

Many outings were enjoyed also, the picture below shows the second year music class on the steps of City Hall in Cork on their visit to the Cork Pops Orchestra in November.

Finally, the Rice College Spring Concert will be held in Glór on March 15th 2012. A date for your diary!



Irish Water Safety Honour

Two Rice College students were honoured at the Irish Water Safety's National Awards at Dublin Castle on November 22nd 2011 for rescuing an 8-year-old from Killaloe Gearóid Rogers and his father Ger from the sea at Spanish Point.

Pictured below, Bernard Cahill and Donough Cronin accepted the "Seiko Just in Time" Awards from Minister for the Environment Phil Hogan.

Well done guys, how brave you are and we are all very proud of you here in Rice College.



Construction Projects

Students of Rice College demonstrate considerable applications of acquired skills and knowledge as part of their practical assessments.

Below are two fine examples of high levels of design and craftsmanship in the Leaving Certificate Construction Studies project.



Transition Year

Transition Year held a Christmas Market in the Sports Hall on 16th December. Preparations started on Thursday afternoon and a great effort was put in by everybody. What an amazing cross curricular experience, from the stands made with the help of the Woodwork teacher to calendars developed celebrating and highlighting the talent of our art students; the handmade gift boxes; the chocolate dip to the homemade cranberry sauce and brown bread and buns. Many thanks to all the mummies who gave of their talents and experience.

Tradition was celebrated in the form of log table centre pieces and also there were woodwork items such as laptop stands and bird houses for sale.

Below shows one of the market stalls, with Laura Glynn, Nellie Corbett, Jacqueline Coughlan and Declan Martin.



Jacqueline wrote two children's storybooks aimed at different ages, with illustrations by Declan Martin.

As a reward for all their hard work, TY students went ice skating and to the cinema and look forward to further outings in the New Year.