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Fr. Troddyn Walk

The annual Fr. Troddyn walk is taking place this Friday the 27th January. Grainne Delany is organising the walk in aid of St. Vincent de Paul and in conjunction with the Kilimanjaro Project. Two students from every class are selected to walk, while every class member sponsors them €2.00. The bus departs from CCC at 9am and returns at 12.30. Every one is welcome to join the school on the walk.

The walk is named in honour of Father William Troddyn SJ, more commonly known as "Billie", who came to Crescent at the end of his Jesuit training in 1951. He spent most of his teaching years in the school. He thought maths and applied maths, which he was very passionate

about. If you were any way good at maths he was especially mad about you! But all in all he had a great relationship with every student in Crescent. He even had interesting names for all math topics for example permutations and combinations were more commonly known as "Sheep and Factory sums". From 1962-1967 he was also the Dean of Studies which meant he was in charge of all discipline in the school. He was also a great rugby coach for the school.

Himself and PJ Brennan were responsible for organising all the new grounds of the comprehensive during the 1970s. They managed to plant every single tree in the school, all of which are still standing today.

His one vice was smoking, which led him to develop cancer. Despite this, in the months before his death he continued to teach. The classes even had a rota to go to the bungalows and they wheeled him over to teach. He never gave up. A student once asked him why he kept going and he replied, "If I can't teach the pupils how to live, I will teach them how to die".

In the Christmas before his death, two Crescent teachers John Hurley and Sean Ahern organised a cycle for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Father Troddyn was at the official start in his wheelchair. The event started off as a cycle to Adare and back but, the traffic was a hazard so it was changed to a walk.

Fr. Troddyn passed away on the 13th of January 1983.

Overall Father Troddyn was an intelligent and generous man who cared greatly for the pupils, teachers and family in Crescent. He is a crucial part of the schools history and his work will always be remembered especially at this time of year when the walk takes place. Best of luck to everyone taking part on Friday.

By Jessica Coyne, Kelsey Fleming and Jade Keating

Fashion Show Frenzy!

The school fashion show will take place on 22nd of March at the Strand Hotel. It starts at 8pm and tickets cost €10 for students. They will be sold by representatives from St Gabriel's and in the school office - further details will be released closer to the event. Robbie Scott, Kelsey Fleming, Aine Leahy, Maeve Campbell, Grace O'Mahony and Mark O'Toole are organising the fashion show with the help of Ogilvie class. All of the proceeds from the show are going to St Gabriel's School & Centre. The auditions took place before

Christmas and the organising team have assembled a group of models from transition year. Hillary Thompson, fashion agent, is assisting them with the show. Some of the many shops that will be on show on the night are Jack and Jones, Seduzca, Chapps, Ivory Closet and Blacktie. "It's been a long few months but the fashion show is finally starting to take shape. There is still a lot of work to be done but we're happy with the progress being made," says Mark O'Toole about the show. We hope it is a great show and wish them the best of success.

By Cormac Blake and Donough Lawlor

Shipwrecked!

On Friday 13 January 2012, at around 22:00 local time *Costa Concordia* ran aground on rocks off Isola del Giglio, requiring evacuation of 4,197 people on board. At least 11 people were killed, including ten passengers and one crewman; 64 others were injured (three seriously and 21 are still missing). In the next few days the bodies of two South Korean passengers and an Italian crew member were rescued from the ship on 15 January, more than 24 hours after the accident. As of 16 January around 29 people had not been accounted for. The sinking cost many lives and over 75 million euro for the owners Micky Arison and the owners of the Costa fleet Carnival.

The captain of the ship escaped but when arrived on shore was taken into house arrest and faces a 12 year pris-

on sentence for abandoning his ship and a further sentence for the death of innocent people as it is his fault that the ship hit the rocks -the ship had dangerously gone near the island so that the passengers could see Isola del Giglio. The captain said: 'I only left because I FELL into a lifeboat when ship listed suddenly as I was trying to help'.



The *Costa Concordia* is 290.20 metres long, about 21 metres longer than

Titanic. *Costa Concordia* has 1,500 cabins with 505 have private balconies. The ship has four swimming pools, two with retractable covers, five Jacuzzis, five spas, and a poolside screen on the pool deck. There are five on board restaurants, with Club Concordia and Samsara taking reservations-only dining. There are thirteen bars, including a cigar and cognac bar and a coffee and chocolate bar. Entertainment options include a three-level theatre, casino, and a discotheque. There is a children's area equipped with PlayStation products. The ship has a Grand Prix motor racing simulator and an Internet café. The ship cost 450 million euro to build in January 2004.

By Bryan Mac Namara

The Voice of Ireland

On behalf of the school, we would like to congratulate past pupil, Conor J Ryan on his participation in the latest talent show on TV, and for becoming the first contestant to get all four judges, Niall Breslin, Sharon Corr, Kian Egan and Brian Kennedy to turn around in their seats!

The show is called "The Voice of Ireland". How the show operates is: four judges, all famous singers and musicians, will choose teams of contestants through a blind audition process. Each judge has the



length of the auditionee's performance to decide if he or she wants that singer on his or her team; if two or more judges want the same singer then the singer gets to choose which coach they want to work with.

During Conor's years in Crescent, he starred in many of the school's productions such as "Jesus Christ Superstar",

"Grease" and many more. He was also a regular participant in the annual school talent show. He last won the competition by accompanying a fellow student, playing and singing Beyonce's "Halo" on piano. He is recognised for his performance in the award winning production "Garage" where he played the role of a 15 year old named David, alongside comedy legend Pat Short.

We would like to wish him the best of luck in the rest of the competition, we know he will do very well!! "The Voice" is on every Sunday at 6.30 on RTE 1. Please tune in and show your support!

By Grace McEvoy, Eilis McDermott and Matyna Zwierzchowska.

Heineken Cup Preview

Last weekend produced further hours of jaw dropping entertainment in European rugby's showpiece event, The Heineken Cup. The weekend kicked off in Ravenhill with Ulster taming a first class Leicester side with ease, getting the maximum five points. Ruan Pienaar and Andrew Trimble to the fore of the Ulster success. Ulster face the daunting task of going to the Stade Marcel Michelin to face the Man City of rugby, Clermont. This is a winner takes all tie in Round 6. in Pool 2 Edinburgh and Cardiff Blues are both vying for the top spot and even a home quarter final. In Pool 5 Saracens are leading the race with Biarritz and Ospreys hoping for a top runners up spot. After Toulouse comprehensively beat a poor Con-

naught side they are in poll position in Pool 6 with only Harlequins challenging them. The other Irish team through are Leinster who beat a very mediocre Glasgow side in Firhill to book their place and with Montpellier travelling to the capital they will be looking for the maximum five points and a definite home quarter final. Finally to the only team left with a 100% record Munster look to build on last year's disappointing European Challenge and having already qualified they travel to Northampton. They are hoping for a win to ensure that the Quarter final is played here in Limerick.

By Michael McGann & Jason O'Sullivan

Kidney Cup

Last Wednesday 18th January, the Kidney Cup team travelled to Cork to play PBC in Wilton. The team beat PBC 52 points to 3 in an impressive display of rugby with tries coming from Conor Grehan, Val Mc Dermot, Dwain Quinlan, Aidan Reidy and Fionn White. The Crescent side displayed some impressive offloading which the PBC coach said he thought was very impressive. The Kidney Cup team will play CBC in the final on Wednesday 26th January, after the Cork side beat Ard Scoil Rís 25-0 last week. The Kidney cup team are now hoping to prepare themselves for their shot at a Munster cup medal...here's hoping! Come On Crescent!!!

By Eimhin Prendergast

Rugby Cups Commence

After a long, tough season of training and preparation, the moment of truth has arrived. The time has come for the Junior and Senior Rugby teams to battle it out to be crowned Champions of Munster.

It's been 24 years since a Crescent Senior Cup side have won the Munster Senior Cup. With new coaches Tony Trehy, Niall O'Shea and Len Dineen, who led two Crescent Junior Cup sides in three years to success, now take the helm of the senior side in an attempt to break that 24 year drought.

The Crescent Seniors open their campaign with a tough fixture away to PBC. PBC won the title two seasons ago and were runners up to an impressive Rockwell side last year



in Musgrave Park. When the two sides met in November, the match was contested by both sides, but Pres narrowly came out on top.

The Juniors will enter their campaign in hopes of securing the title for the third consecutive year. They will also meet Cork rivals PBC but will have the advantage of

playing in Garryowen, Limerick. Pres beat the side 24-3 in their last meeting, but the Crescent juniors will look to follow the lead of the Kidney Cup team, who have defeated Pres last Wednesday 52-3 to earn a place in the final next Wednesday.

By Robbie Scott and Ed Barry



And Finally.....

The Golden Globes

The 69th Golden Globe Awards took place Sunday January 15th in California. The event was hosted by comedian Ricky Gervais. The Golden Globe Awards are a ceremony that recognize excellence in film and television.



Gervais appointment as host for the night raised many eyebrows, following the controversy he caused at last years awards. He caused serious offence to many of the nominees resulting in the audience booing him on occa-

sions. It didn't really help his cause when he opened the ceremony by saying "Welcome to the 68th Annual Golden Globe Awards, it's live from The Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles. It's gonna be a night of partying and heavy-drinking." He paused for a while before saying, "Or as Charlie Sheen calls it, 'breakfast'."

Meryl Streep won the Best Actress in a Motion Picture award for her role in The Iron Lady. She also had a red face moment when she said "Ooooh s*** oh my glasses, I forgot my glasses, now I have to remember my speech." This is in reference to her leaving her glasses on her seat.

George Clooney was awarded the prize for Best Actor in a Motion Picture -The Descendants.

Ireland's two hopefuls for the evening - Brendan Gleeson, who was nominated for Best Actor in a Musical or Comedy for his role in the movie The Guard- and Michael Fassbender, who

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was nominated for Best Actor in a Drama award for his role in Shame, both unfortunately left empty handed.

The hit ITV series, Downton Abbey, nominated for four awards, scooped the Best Mini-Series award. Steven Spielberg collected the Best Animation award for TinTin which features British actor Simon Pegg.

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