*** Thomastown Parents Council***

***Newsletter***

Happy New Year Everyone! Welcome to our first newsletter of 2016. The newsletter is still available only via email & on school website so if you wish to subscribe, or know of anyone interested in school events, please pass on your/their details to a committee member.

**Parental input is very important to us** **as without your help & support, none of the fundraisers would have been possible. So sincere thanks to all who contributed through attendance, baking, crafts & helping out last year.**

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A special word of thanks to:

Trevor & staff in Sir Rowlands Bar who have raised over €340 to date and to Analogue for their generous donation of €450.

**School Open Night** takes place on Thursday 11th Feb in the school at 7.30pm. School transport and aftercare provided. Please inform as many people as possible. All are welcome.

**\*\*Enrolment forms can be downloaded from school website.\*\***

**Swimming**

The next term of swimming will take place from April- May. A letter will be sent out in the coming weeks.

**Peace Proms**

The school will be performing at the Peace Proms on Sat 5th March. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**Non- Uniform Day**

The non- uniform day in March will be a “themed” day- we would ask all children to wear something green and to note that the donation will be **€3** instead of the normal **€2.** A reminder text will be sent beforehand.

**Copper Mile Challenge**

Just a reminder we are still collecting copper coins in each classroom until early June when we hope to get the whole school involved in an attempt to cover the school yard with as many coins as possible and to include some other fun activities on the day.

Next **Parents association meeting** will be after Spring Mid-Term (Date TBC.)We would like to extend an open invitation to **ALL** parents/guardians as you all are an integral part of the Parents Council and without your support- we, as a council, would be unable to continue. We welcome your views/suggestions on how we can improve/enhance **our childrens school experience.**

Don’t forget to visit school website [www.thomastownns.com](http://www.thomastownns.com) for all current news/events happening in school. Find us on **Facebook** at **Thomastown Parents Council.** Feel free to like, share & comment.

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