

Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Friday 22nd January 2021

140 years of Loreto in Clonmel: 1881 to 2021

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians and all in our extended Loreto Community,

This year we are celebrating 140 years of Loreto in Clonmel: 1881 to 2021.

As the year progresses we will be working towards a schedule of events for such a significant occasion. However while we have a school closure we thought that an active event would be a wonderful beginning for our celebrations.

Therefore, with a real desire to develop a <u>sense of community even while we are apart</u> we want to celebrate <u>140 years of Loreto in Clonmel</u> by launching a whole school community event/challenge which will begin next Monday 25th January 2021. We remember and celebrate our founder during <u>Mary Ward Week</u> which starts on 23rd January - so we feel that the timing of this is very fitting.

The event/challenge has been put together by Ms Shelly and Ms Keating in conjunction with the PE Department. We are inviting our whole school community (students, staff, retired staff, parents/guardians, past pupils, families, Board of Management members, other Loreto connections, etc) to contribute to our challenge/celebration.

The objective of this challenge is to get everyone out in the fresh air and active, creating a sense of togetherness while also celebrating 140 years of Love, Laughter and Learning in Loreto Clonmel.

Together the Loreto Clonmel school community will attempt to cover "Loreto 14-14-14":

- by completing 14,000km
- over 14 days
- to celebrate 14 decades of Love, Laughter and Learning here in Loreto Clonmel.

To meet this challenge we are asking that you walk, run or cycle 2km (or more) a day for 14 days, if possible. This will help us achieve our target and to make "Loreto 14-14-14" a success.

We have created a Loreto 14-14-14 Strava Club (which is a club on an activity tracker app) which will track the distance you cover (no personal details can be viewed if you join this club). Information on how to join is on page 2 below. Also a video is available on our social media.

In marking such a huge occasion we are hoping this will create excitement and a sense of belonging to Loreto Clonmel during this school closure; while also giving students, staff, parents/guardians and our extended Loreto community an incentive to be active.

If you would like to share a photo of yourself on social media participating in "Loreto 14-14-14" you could include the following hashtags on the shared photo:

#Loreto14-14-14

#lovelaughterlearning

#togetherapart.

We wish you all a happy, safe and restful weekend.

Good luck to you all and congratulations to all in our community on our 140 years anniversary!

Yours faithfully,

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Anne Mc Grath, Principal

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Sarah Rice, Deputy Principal

