Leaving Cert 2019 is history. Congratulations to the young people who have crossed that hurdle, and now of course face new decisions, wondering what to do now that second level education is completed. We wish you well.

All Ireland 2019 is upon us. In the Scriptures this weekend Jesus says he brings fire to the earth, and no doubt the grass in Croke Park will be scorched on Sunday. Little did we think a few months ago that Kilkenny would feature, and now we are blest with Minor and Senior teams preparing for Sunday. We are very proud of the Thomastown men – John Donnelly, Zac Bay-Hammond, and Peter McDonald – who will feature this weekend. All the best to both Kilkenny teams.

National Heritage Week is held 17th – 25th August. Of course with the hurling we are immersed in heritage. Still, before schools reopen this would be a great time to immerse as a family in something to do with heritage. See www.heritageweek.ie. You might even decorate a medieval tile at Jerpoint Abbey.

Memory Technology Resource Rooms are open every Wednesday in St. Columba’s Hospital. The Memory Technology Resource Rooms (MTRRS) are run by an Occupational Therapist and showcase a variety of assistive technology equipment. The MTRRS is free to attend and provides people with memory difficulties including Dementia, Brain Acquired injuries etc and their carers the opportunity to see and discuss the benefits of assistive technology equipment. The Occupational Therapist will be able to provide the person with memory difficulties or carers with information on devices and strategies that promote independence safety and quality of life.

Volunteer with Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre: ‘Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre Kilkenny provides very valuable emotional and practical help to all affected by cancer in our local community’ Brian Cody – Patron of Cois Nore. the Centre is currently recruiting new volunteers across a range of roles: Listening role as part of our drop-in service where people with a diagnosis and their family members can chat in confidence and be signposted to various supports in a relaxed atmosphere away from a clinical setting. Qualified Massage/ Reflexology therapists, Hospitality and cleaning, Social Media. Volunteers normally do one four hour shift a week, and receive training and support for their role. Please contact Dee @ manager@coisnore.ie, or ph 056-7752222 for more information. Applications due in by Thursday August 22nd. Training will be the week of August 26th.

Asperger Syndrome Volunteers wanted to set up a Committee with an interest in the establishment and the running of a monthly support group for people with Aspergers, their Families & Professionals to support people living in these counties. An open evening will be hosted in Carlow Town this September 2019 by Aspire Asperger’s Syndrome Association of Ireland. Please call 08671127804 for more information & to arrange our first committee meeting.

MABS: The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent service funded through the Citizens Information Board. MABS assist people who have debt problems, who are in difficulty paying a mortgage or who are facing legal action because of debt. They also provide information and access to Insolvency Services. For more information contact MABS on: www.mabs.ie or call Kilkenny MABS on 0761 072610.

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