

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

- **Welcome:** The Board welcomed Ms Lennon in her new role as school principal and wishes her every success. The Board looks forward to working with Ms Lennon and wishes to thank Mrs. Dempsey once again for all her work in the school in the past 25 years. The Board also welcomes Mr Keddy to his new role as Home School Community Liaison Teacher and wishes him every success in this role.
- **Fundraising:** The Board thanks the Parents' Association for all its efforts in fundraising for our school. Best wishes to all those taking part in Hell & Back on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. A non-uniform day and pop-up shop will also take place in June. Many thanks to all our students, families and members of the community who support these fundraising initiatives.
- **School Book Payments:** The Board is pleased to hear that the online payment scheme is available for school book payments, we urge parents to pay these fees on time so that all school books and materials can be ordered in time for September. The Board also asks that any outstanding payments from this school year are paid before the end of the term.
- **First Communion:** The Board extends its congratulations to our Second Class students who made their First Communion last month and would like to thank Ms Meldon, Mr O'Brien, Ms M. Egan and all the staff and students who worked so hard to make the occasion such a lovely, prayerful and spiritual ceremony for the children and their families. The Board would also like to thank the 3<sup>rd</sup> class parents who hosted the refreshments in the Junior School hall afterwards.
- **Confirmation:** The Board would like to wish our 6<sup>th</sup> Class students the best as they make their Confirmation in St Joseph's Church next Thursday. Many thanks to Ms Cheevers, Ms Russell and all the staff for all their hard work in preparing the students for this important occasion. We hope it will be a prayerful and spiritual occasion for all involved.
- **Preparing for Secondary School:** Leave with Ease, a programme for 6<sup>th</sup> Class students transition to Secondary School, will take place on Monday June for our 6<sup>th</sup> Class students. An evening session for parents will also be offered. The Board hopes that our parents of 6<sup>th</sup> class students will attend this session so that they can support their children as best as possible as they prepare for secondary school.
- **Cybersafe:** The Board was pleased to hear that our students engaged in Internet Safety talks with Cybersafe today and hopes that there will be a good attendance at the parents' talk this evening. The Board reminds parents to monitor their children behaviour and safety online.
- **Discipline & Respect:** The Board was happy to hear that there were no Discipline Board letters sent home for the month of May and encourages all students to continue this excellent behaviour for the remainder of this term. The Board encourages all students to remember the Focus on Respect for the month of May and hopes that this will continue through to the end of the school year.
- **School Closures:** The Board reminds parents that the school will be closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Carambola:** Children must bring their own lunches on the day of their school tour as Carambola lunch will not be provided.
- **School Tours:** The Board wishes students and staff well as school tours take place over the coming weeks. The Board hopes that the students enjoy the tours and thanks staff for organising these important and valuable occasions.
- **Capital Works Project:** A meeting will take place with the architect next week at which stage the Board hopes to move forward to the next phase.
- **Sympathy:** The Board extends its sympathies to Karen Carthy (Board member) on the recent death of her mother, Carmel and to Mr Keddy on the recent death of his Grandfather John.