

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015

- **First Communion:** The Board would like to congratulate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class students on the occasion of their First Communion last Saturday. It was a lovely spiritual ceremony led by Fr Smith and was well attended by the children and their families as well as members of the community and staff from the school. The Board would like to thank the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class teacher, Ms Healy and SNA Mrs Lane for the excellent preparation of the children and for the lovely artwork displayed in the Church on the day. The Board would also like to thank the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class families and Parents' Association representatives who provided refreshments and catered for the Communion children and their families in the Junior School after the ceremony.
- **Road Safety:** The Board would ask that students and parents be extra vigilant when walking and driving on the back road with the on going road works and construction traffic using this road at present.
- **Centre for Children with Autism:** The Board is pleased to sanction the opening of the new Early Intervention Pre-School Class for Children with Autism this September. This class will cater for children between the ages of 3 and 5 years, applications are now being accepted for this class.
- **Capital Works Project:** With the addition of the new class for children with autism, there will now be two SNUs (Special Needs Units) attached to each building. This change has been sent to Department and we are awaiting a response. It is hoped that the current Senior School building will be demolished entirely and a new building constructed on the school pitch. This would remove the need for temporary classrooms during construction. Due to the proposed building works the Board advises all groups using the Senior School building and grounds that the facility will not be available from 1st September 2015 until further notice and extends apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.
- **Standardised Testing:** The Board was pleased to hear of the great results achieved by students in their standardised tests in recent weeks. Testing took place in Maths, Reading, Spelling and Gaeilge and Sten results will be included in student's end of year reports.
- **Donation:** The Board would like to thank Liam Clancy a past pupil of St Joseph's Boys School who has made a donation to the school in memory of his mother Ann Clancy. This donation will be used to extend and restore the play centres in the Junior School yard.
- **Green Schools Committee:** The Board would like to congratulate the Green Schools Committee on the Award of the Green Schools Flag for Transport and wishes Mrs Dempsey and the student representatives the best of luck as they travel to the Helix this week to receive the Flag at the An Taisce Ceremony.
- **Delgany Schools Golf Competition:** Congratulations to the School Golf teams, Boys and Girls, who represented the school today in the Delgany Schools Golf Competition. The students represented the school well and an enjoyable day was had by all. Many thanks to Mr O'Riordan and Mrs Flynn for accompanying the teams.
- **Goblin Car:** The Board would like to wish the Goblin Car team the best of luck as they travel, with Mrs Murphy, Mrs Keyes and Mr O'Riordan, to Nutts Corner in Antrim this week to race their redesigned car.
- **IT:** The Board is excited to hear that the school will be leasing a set of Samsung Galaxy tablets this coming school year to be trialled in the Senior School. It is hoped that the use of these tablets in the classroom will add to the children's learning experience in many subjects.
- **Staff Appointments:** There will be four teaching positions advertised for the next school year and the Board hopes to fill these appointments in the coming months.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in Junior School.