

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING: 25th May 2021
(Held via Zoom due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation)

Deputy Principal The Board congratulates Mr Keddy on his appointment to Deputy Principal beginning at the start of the coming school year. We are very grateful to Mr Keddy for the continued commitment and support he shows the school and for all his work in his current role as Home School Coordinator. The Board wishes Mr Keddy every success in his new role and looks forward to working closely with him in the future.

Best Wishes: The Board wishes Ms Hurley and Ms Aine Kavanagh well as they retire from our school at the end of this school year. The Board thanks Ms Hurley for her many years of commitment to our school, in particular in her role as Home School Coordinator. The Board thanks Aine for her many years of wonderful work as an SNA. We wish Ms Hurley and Aine every success and happiness in the future.

Hot Lunches: The Board is pleased that the Hot Lunches scheme has begun and is working out so well for our students. We are very fortunate to have been included in this scheme and we will continue to work closely with Carambola going forward.

Springtime Draw: The Board thanks all those who supported our annual Spring Draw, this is our main fundraiser for the school year. Congratulations to everyone who won prizes in all draws and in particular to the Whelan family who won 1st prize (€700) in the final draw.

Sponsored Walk: All classes will take part in the Sponsored Walk next month and anyone wishing to sponsor students will be able to do so through our Aladdin payments system.

Book Payments (2022/2022): Details regarding book payments for the coming school year are available on the school website (www.newtownprimary.ie), payments may be made on Aladdin by 25th June. The Board is pleased to invest in additional Chrome Books for our Senior School students and approved the addition of a rental fee for Chrome Books in the Book Payments for Senior Classes.

Classes (2021/2022): The Board hopes to inform parents of teachers for classes for the coming school year next month. Due to the number of mainstream teachers allocated by the Department of Education for the next school year, the Board approved the combining of the two current Senior Infant classes into one First Class. This class will be supported by a full time SET teacher.

School Calendar (2021/2022): The school calendar for the coming school year is now available on the school website. School will reopen for all classes on Monday 30th August 2021 at 9am.

School Tours & Sports Day: The Board regrets that due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation traditional school tours and sports days cannot take place this year. However, a number of events will take place on the school grounds instead. Our children will enjoy a visit from an ice cream van as well from a local Alpaca farmer and his Alpacas. Each class will also get an opportunity to take part in their own Sports Day. The Board thanks all those involved in helping to organise these activities and for their efforts to keep our students and staff safe and well at all times.

Graduation: The Board regrets that following Department of Education guidelines, we are not in a position to invite parents to this year's 6th class Graduation. A Graduation service will be held in school for our 6th class students and parents will be invited to join online. We wish our 6th class students well as they enjoy a number of activities over the next few weeks to mark the end of their time in our school.

Next Meeting: A Board meeting will be held on Thursday 17th June 2021 at 7pm via Zoom