

St. Columba's N.S.,

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Dear Parents,

Another term and indeed another school year has slipped around. As chairperson of the Board of Management I would like to thank the members of the Board, the teachers and the P.T.A. for their continued effort. It goes without saying that the parents have also contributed to another successful year as well.

Just yesterday the news came to the school that Ms. McAssey will be returning to the staff on Wednesday 28th June. Ms. McAssey has had a long and challenging year of recovery after her surgery. It will be fantastic to see her back at St. Columba's and I hope she has finally got to the end of her spinal problems.

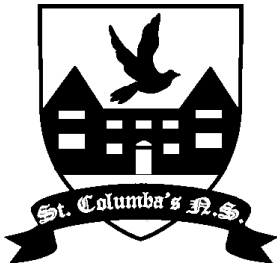
It is unfair, I guess, to pick out any single person and praise them but on this occasion I will make an exception. Ms. O'Neill came to the staff in September as a temporary replacement for Ms. McAssey and from the minute she set foot in the classroom it felt like she had been part of the staff for years. She has a wonderful personality and 'got on' with the children and other members of staff perfectly. On behalf of the Board I would like to wish her well in her career.

As you all will have noticed the storeroom eventually was completed and is serving a great purpose to the school leaving the hall free of stacked chairs and tables, etc.

Now comes the sad bit of news. We attained a term loan to complete the build and now we must commence some fund raising to pay back same. Obviously gifts or donations would be greatly appreciated. Cheques or donations can be made out to St. Columba's N.S. and put in envelopes marked 'Building Fund'.

The Board have spent many hours planning and scheming ways of different fundraisers. It was finally decided to hold an auction on Saturday 30th September, 2017. The last time we held an auction it raised over €20,000 with very little expense but a lot of work being put in by the Board of Management and parents at that time. So I am asking for your help once again. Over the next few months I would like if everyone could have a look in their spare rooms or storage and if you can find some items that you no longer have a use for, but would be of use to someone else, that you would donate them to us for the auction. Keep them safe or contact me on 087 2252836 and I will arrange some storage until the auction. The last time items included furniture, household items, pictures, paintings, cushions, chairs, firewood, vouchers from businesses, vegetables, animal feed, straw, hay, animal dosing and also some people offered their own skills and labour, painting, gardening or a day's use of a tractor and driver etc. to name just a few.

We will also need customers on the evening so save up and mention it to your friends and relations and possibly we can have one bumper event.



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Once again a sincere thank you to staff and parents and special thanks to the parents who have children moving on to secondary school and have "run out" of children to send to St. Columba's. Your support over the years has been appreciated.

All the best for the summer.

Kind regards,

Neville Caldbeck,

Chairperson/ Board of Management.