

# Scoil Mhuire Parents Association

## Newsletter March 2016



### Role of the Parents Association

The Parent Association is the structure through which parents/guardians in a school can work together for the best possible education for their children.

The Parent Association works with the principal, staff and the board of management to build effective partnership of home and school.

Educational research on the involvement of parents in schools shows that children achieve higher levels when parents and teachers work together.

The Parent Association can advise the principal and Board of Management on policy issues and incidents that may require a review of school policy, e.g. Bullying, Safety, Homework, Enrolment, Behaviour problems etc.

Parent Associations can suggest and/or organise extra-curricular activities.

**The Parent Association is a support for parents in the school.**



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### Scoil Mhuire Parents Association contributions to the school include:

***Swimming Lessons*** - (financial subsidy)

***Communion/Confirmation flowers and party*** - (fully subsidised by the PA)

***Music Lessons (Marie Walsh)*** - fully subsidised for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of Operation.

***Santa Visit*** to school along with photo for Junior Classes

Christmas Cards

### Other contributions over the years:

- School Website
- Whiteboards
- Musical Instruments
- Christmas Decorations
- Playground Markings
- Bus/Transport for School Tours
- St Patricks Day Parade (younger classes)
- Sports equipment

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## Finances of the Parents Association

The Parents Association have a number of fundraising events each year that can only happen if Parents take part in the events.

The Parents Association needs parents and guardians to help out in fundraising events like bag packing, cakes sales etc to be able to continue to make contributions to the school

## Parents Association Committee

Chairperson	Patrick Thornton
Vice Chairperson	Vacant
Secretary	Anna Carey
Vice Secretary	Lucy Murray
Treasurer	Shona Allen
Vice Treasurer	Joan Conneely
PRO	Sophia Hume

While all parents/guardians are part of the parents association, not all can be involved in the day to day business of organising the work involved. It is for this reason that parents/guardian elect a committee.

We would encourage all Parents/Guardians to attend meetings when they can and offer any suggestions to improve it

## Upcoming Events for your Calendar

**Making Planes for Parade - 14<sup>th</sup> March 7pm**

**St Patricks Day Parade - 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
Theme - Planes and Pilots

**Family Table Quiz** - Easter Break - date to be confirmed

**School Concert/Play** - End of Year date to be confirmed

**Summer Garden Fete** - End of Year - Volunteers Needed for this.



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