



## RATHGORMACK N.S.

### Board of Management – Annual Report 2021/2022



#### Board of Management 2019/23

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| Chairperson                   | –  | Monnie Power       |
| Patron's Nominee              | -- | Fr. P.J. Fegan     |
| Treasurer (Community Rep)     |    | John Kirwan        |
| Secretary                     | –  | Cathy Power        |
| Teacher Rep                   | –  | Ciara Meehan       |
| Parent Reps                   | –  | Julia Walsh Drohan |
|                               | -- | Michael Cummins    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Community Rep | –  | Rosemary Kennedy   |

#### School Ethos

We marked beginning of school year with our annual mass. Thanks to Fr. P.J. 20 pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup> class received the sacraments of Penance & First Holy Communion & 31 pupils in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class received the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan in attendance.

We finished up the year with an End of Year Mass & Graduation Mass for 6<sup>th</sup> Class on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Building

We marked the official opening of our new extension and invited parents in to see the new classroom & Resource rooms and have a look around at the other renovations on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Other Works

6 classrooms are being fitted with new marmoleum floors in July and replacing the carpets.

We purchased new benches which arrived in March as part of our outdoor classroom and a new patio area will be constructed in July. This area seats 30 children and 1-2 teachers.

#### Staffing and Enrolment

We will have 14 new Junior Infants in September. 18 pupils will be leaving in 6<sup>th</sup> class & so the total enrolment will be 141 next year.

#### Covid 19

Covid continued to cause increased absences among pupils and staff but the situation has much improved in recent months.

#### Policy Development

The following policies have been updated and ratified by Board

- Child Safeguarding
- Anti-Bullying
- Covid 19 School Response Plan
- Post Holder duties
- Internet Acceptable Use Policy
- Mobile Phone & Smart Devices Policy
- Grievances (Complaints) Procedures for Parents

#### New Policies Developed

- Internet & Communications Policy
- Grievances (Complaints) Procedures for Staff
- Respect & Dignity in our Workplace

#### Curricular Development

Staff training continued on the New Primary Language Curriculum.

Pupils had zumba, gymnastics, music, swimming, hurling and football coaching.

The Little Red Kettle Drama group produced a play with all classes.

U 13 girls and U13 boys won their Eastern Camogie & Hurling finals.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class competed in the debating competition and were beaten in the semi final.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class produced a brochure on our local history in conjunction with the Comeragh Uplands project & Heritage Keepers project.

See website for further details and photos.

#### Parents' Association

Thanks to PA for support and fundraising efforts throughout the year. Our PA provided refreshments for our First Holy Communion group, our new infant parents and helped out with our Book Rental Scheme this year. They also organised a fun day at Christmas and organised school photographs for all children. They produced a calendar as part of a fundraiser, in which the children feature in their birthday months which is a lovely keepsake for years to come.

**The school will reopen on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**