

Welcome to the first Scoil Nuachabháil P.A. newsletter of 2019. We hope that it will be informative and useful to all of our parents in communicating current happenings in your parents association.

We welcome your feedback at [pascoilnuachabhail@gmail.com](mailto:pascoilnuachabhail@gmail.com)

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## **Committee members 2019**

Parents were invited to attend a P.A. meeting on 28th May 2019 to elect a new Parents Association for our school. Volunteers for committee membership & Roles within the P.A. were decided at that meeting and they are as follows:

- Co-Chairpersons - Deirdre Boyle and Irene Heffernan
- Secretary – Joanne Davis,
- Treasurer – Karina Mangan,
- Other committee members – Imelda Lynch, Sarah Reidy, Brian Brosnan, Mary Brosnan & Catherine Duggan.

A WhatsApp group has been setup for P.A. members and has been busily coordinating activities since then.

## **Requesting Volunteers**

The many successful events and fun school activities held by Scoil Nuachabháil have been supported by parents who have provided their time, hard work and outstanding baking skills. The P.A. have requested volunteers for different events from a range of school class parents, in an effort to 'spread the burden'. We have made an effort to keep track of those who have assisted to date in the hope not to call upon them again!

Rather than sending out a request to the whole school for baking or assistance for every event we have decided to use the following process for requesting volunteers and their baking donations during our term as the P.A.

For the Junior Infant Open Day, we will ask current Junior Infants parents for baking donations and their assistance on the day.

For the Second-Class Communion after party we will ask the current Third-class parents for baking donations and their assistance on the day.

For the Graduation night we will ask the current Fifth class parents for baking donations and their assistance on the night.

For any other events such as the Sports Day or the official school opening, we will contact (through the school) parents from the other classes in the school.

We hope that this will reduce the volunteer requests as much as possible. We hope not to have to call upon the same people more than once. However, by all means, we are delighted if people are willing to assist in more than one event.

The Annual School Bake Sale which is usually held before Easter is the only event where we will have to send out a request to the whole school for baking as it is our largest fundraising event in the year.

Thanks goes out to all parents who contribute so generously throughout the year.

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Teach me, and I may  
remember. Involve  
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Benjamin Franklin*

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## Events 2019/2020

The following are a list of events which will run throughout this school year (some already completed). We hope they will be fun for all students, parents and teachers and will raise funds for activities that parents would welcome in Scoil Nuachabháil.

- Vintage Rally to raise funds for a school Defibrillator
- Official School opening by the Bishop of Kerry
- Church gate collection (16th Nov and 17th Nov)
- Christmas Fun Walk (early Dec)
- First Communion Day (16th May 2020)
- Bake sale (before Easter)
- Graduation (June)
- Sports Day (June)

## Accounts Update

The treasurer will give an account of Income & Expenditure at each committee meeting. A written statement of Income & Expenditure will be given at the AGM. The Parents Association has a separate bank account in its own name. All fund raising for the school by the Parents Association will be done with prior agreement with the Principal, Mr. Micháel Bolger.

## Plans for use of Funds

According to the National Parents Council, Primary school fundraising events should be decided in agreement with the Board of Management. The spending of funds raised by P.A. will again be agreed upon by the P.A and the Board of Management. These items or activities can include things such as sports equipment, fun activities, training programs etc. Shortly we will send home a form with one child from each family to ask if there are any particular items or activities which parents of the school feel would enhance school life?

Some suggestions by P.A. committee and the school principal include:

- Drama with Maggie
- Sports equipment
- Mindfulness or Yoga
- Sports Development programs

All ideas are welcome! And we hope to use whatever funds are raised by the P.A. this year for activities and equipment for the students of the school this year.

## National Parents Council

As affiliated members of the National Parents Council (Primary), Scoil Nuachabháil parent's association can avail of many courses at reduced fees which include the following:

- Supporting parents to support their child's mental health and wellbeing
- Transition from Primary to Post Primary
- Internet Safety Training
- Anti-Bullying training for parents
- Parenting: Supporting your child to build healthy friendships & relationships

More information available at:

<http://www.npc.ie/membership>