



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

We are almost there, another school year is coming to a close and it is also time for me to step down as Chairperson of the P.A. The last four years on this committee have been an epic journey and I am thrilled with everything that has been achieved and the transformation that the P.A. has undergone. Finally we have a P.A. that not only includes its members, the parents, but engages with them.

I am delighted to let you know that for the second year running we are the proud winners of the NPC's Fred O'Connell Award! This award recognizes innovative partnership work between parents and schools which supports children in having the opportunity to reach their full potential.

I won't lie, it has taken a lot of work from a lot of different people to get us to this point, but it was all worth it! Being on the P.A. has been a great experience and the highlight for me was that I had the opportunity to meet so many great people. I would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who worked with me on the committee over the last four years, with particular thanks to Louise Burke who was the chairperson for my first two years on the committee. She was a great chairperson and let me run with a lot of ideas - even though at times I knew she wasn't fully convinced of how well they would work! I would also like to say a special thank you to Tracy Griffin and Sharon McAllister, both of these women have been on the committee with me for the last four years and I am delighted that the three of us got to experience this journey together. They both did an awful lot for the P.A. and I have no doubt they will be missed.

I would also like to thank the staff of both schools, in particular Lynn Corcoran, John Murphy, Ita Corduff, John Boyle, Carol Murphy O'Shea, Orla, Trudagh, Betty, Andrea, Maurice and Eddie. In my first few years I also had the pleasure of working with the late Francie Connolly. Finally I would like to thank you the parents, for your continued support and positive feedback - that is what kept us pushing forward to make all the necessary changes over the last few years.

A very special mention must go to the sixth class students: we wish you all the very best of luck in your new schools. To all the parents that are saying goodbye to the school, thank you for all your support over the years, it is hard to believe how quickly the eight years have passed! I would like to wish my successor Barbara Mahon and her committee all the very best for the upcoming year and I have no doubt that they will do a great job and take the committee to the next level. We have had a fantastic four years which I thoroughly enjoyed and I deeply appreciate all the support I received.

THANK YOU,  
*Yvonne Dunn*





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The Communion this year were a great success and I would like to say a huge thank you to my team, the P.A. Committee, for the weeks of hard work they put into this event. Special thanks goes to Michele Crossan (a parent in the school) who came in each Saturday morning to put



together the beautiful flower arrangements that were on the tables at each reception and to Ms Gallagher who decorated the candy cart each week. Huge thanks goes to all 120 volunteers they helped set up the hall, prepare the food, and serve the tea and coffee. They dispensed hundreds of aprons, decorated the tables, manned the treats-table, swept up the left over treats and did all the other jobs that were necessary to make the mornings such a success.



Thank you to the school and the parish for their assistance and contributions.



A massive thank you to all, it was a brilliant team effort!



## St. Colmcille's Parents Association New Page is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/277845182625516/>

or

Search for St Colmcille's Parents' Association and Select the Closed Group

St. Colmcille's Parents' Association Facebook page has been changed to a closed group. We feel that it offers better protection and we can ensure that it is only St. Colmcille's parents and the schools that can access the information we post. In order to see our posts you will have to request access to the group.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE** that in order for us to ensure that you are a parent of a child in the school there are two security questions that **MUST** be answered before we can approve you.