



St. Thomas' Senior National School

Board of Management – Annual Report June 2017



<p style="text-align: center;">Board of Management 2016/2017</p> <p>The Board of Management have met 9 times during this school year - in September, November, January, March, May and in June. The extra meetings were as a result of the WSE. Members of the Board of Management are</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Chairperson</td> <td>Mary Dalton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Patron's Nominee</td> <td>Deacon Derek Leonard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Principal</td> <td>Eithne O Shea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Teacher Rep</td> <td>Matthew Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parent Reps</td> <td>Hugh Farrelly</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Cathy Timmons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Reps</td> <td>Tracy K. Singleton</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Michael Murphy</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Board would like to thank you the parents for your co-operation and continued support to the school. We look forward to your involvement again next year.</p>	Chairperson	Mary Dalton	Patron's Nominee	Deacon Derek Leonard	Principal	Eithne O Shea	Teacher Rep	Matthew Campbell	Parent Reps	Hugh Farrelly		Cathy Timmons	Community Reps	Tracy K. Singleton		Michael Murphy	<p style="text-align: center;">Policy Development</p> <p>The following policies were reviewed this year: Child Protection Policy; Anti Bullying Policy; Code of Behaviour; Data Protection Policy</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Whole School Evaluation (WSE)</p> <p>We are awaiting the written report from the Inspectorate regarding the Whole School Evaluation conducted recently. The three inspectors from the Department of Education and Skills were very impressed with the school - with the management, leadership, teaching and learning, planning and support for pupils with additional needs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thank you</p> <p>The Board would like to thank and congratulate all the staff for their hard work and dedication during the year. Thanks also to teachers and SNAs who have given up their time to facilitate before, during and after school clubs. This commitment to the pupils is deeply appreciated.</p>																
<p style="text-align: center;">ICT Development:</p> <p>We are continuing to develop ICT to help improve teaching and learning for the pupils using the ICT grant for schools</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Library Development:</p> <p>We are continuing to improve our school library using funds raised by fundraising by the parents. A large number of books have been purchased for the pupils to enjoy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Achievements</p> <p>The Boys' Soccer team not only won the Tallaght League but they got to the Dublin Semi Finals – a fantastic achievement.</p> <p>The school was awarded its FIFTH Green Flag – this time for Biodiversity.</p> <p>Ms Daly's Hip Hoppers won lots of competitions nationwide.</p> <p>Ms. Fleming's class had their story printed in the Irish Times</p> <p>Great work went on in the garden again this year.</p> <p>The school took part in many focused weeks during the year: Maths Week; Science Week; Catholic Schools Week; Seachtain na Gaeilge, Wellbeing Week; Book Week and Active School Week.</p> <p>Pupil voices were heard through their involvement in the Student Council, Active Schools Flag and Green Schools Committees. They helped out as Junior Referees; Student Librarians; Student Techies and Student Bloggers.</p>																
<p style="text-align: center;">Staff News</p> <p>We would like to wish Ms. Surlis the very best as she starts her new job as Principal in a school in Co. Mayo in September. We thank her for all she has done for the pupils in her care over the past 8 years.</p> <p>Congratulations to Ms Keogh who is leaving us after 13 years to work with TUSLA as an Integrated Services Manager. Lisa Rohan will be working with the parents and looks forward to meeting with you all.</p> <p>Good luck to Ms Barry who is moving to Switzerland.</p> <p>Mr Miley is moving to Abu Dhabi and Mr Crosbie is moving to Canada.</p> <p>There will be new faces on the staff next year – which will have a total of 39 teachers. There were three weddings, two engagements and three new babies among the staff in the past year</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parents are reminded that pupils should not be on the school grounds during the holidays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School Opening</p> <p>Pupils return to school on Tuesday 29th August from 10.00-12.00 and on Wednesday 30th August from 9.00-12.00. Pupils will be in for full days from Thursday 31st August onwards.</p> <p>Keep an eye on our website www.stthomas.ie for up to date information on what is happening in the school.</p>																