

Cloonakilla N.S. Parents' Association Newsletter



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Welcome

Welcome to Cloonakilla N.S. Parents Association Newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to make you - the parents/guardians—aware of the activities of the Parents' Association. We hope you enjoy the read!

Who and What is the Cloonakilla N.S. Parents' Association?

The Cloonakilla N.S. Parents' Association is comprised of all parents and guardians of pupils attending Cloonakilla N.S. Our association serves as a vital link between parents/guardians and the school, allowing us to collaborate for the benefit of all our children.

The Parents' Association Committee is an elected group responsible for the day-to-day operations of the association. Our primary aim is to work closely and effectively with the Board of Management, school principal, staff, and the wider school community to support and initiate activities that enhance our children's education, development, and well-being. The committee meets regularly to plan and organize our activities.

2024 activities of the Parents' Association

- Junior infants' parents' coffee morning
- Fundraising activities (see across)
- School uniform swap
- Annual parents' association community walk
- Hosting of party after First Holy Communion
- Paying for: inflatables for sports day; ice cream van visit; Christmas selection boxes etc.
- Reviewing and offering comments on various school policies
- As a fundraiser the parents association have organised for children to design their own Christmas cards. These have been

distributed and information for ordering is available on the sample cards.

- The Student Council also worked collaboratively with the Parents' Association to run a competition to design a new sport's singlet for the school. They informed the other children about the rules of the competition and distributed the template to all those who were interested in entering. Congratulations to Adam Fahey in 6th class who was the overall winner of the competition, and he won a voucher for his fantastic effort.

 **At a glance... Some funds raised over the last year.**

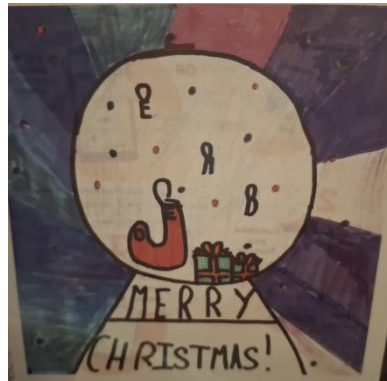
• KO financial (For Singlets) March 24'	€250
• Specsavers Athlone (For Singlets) March 24'	€250
• Flag Day Supervalu Feb 24'	€1,162
• Community Walk June 24'	€910

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Some Pictures of Our Activities



Community Walk



Christmas Card Design



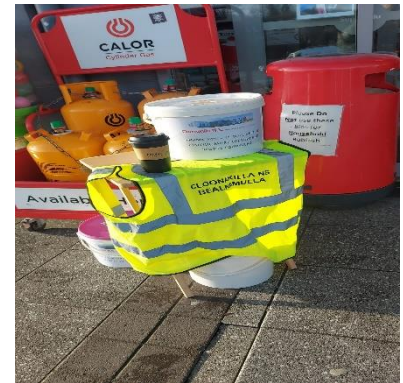
Singlet Design



Uniform Swap



Communion Celebration



Flag Day at SuperValu

School Christmas Concert
The Parents' Association will hold a collection on entry to the schools Christmas Concerts During December 2024

Fundraising

Although the Parents Association is active in many aspects of school life, we are probably most conspicuous by our fundraising activities. Through fundraising, financial support is provided for many activities and resources in the school for which no other funding exists.

Recent fundraising efforts is allowing the Parents' Association to make a €3,000 contribution to the school in the coming days, which will go towards various IT equipment including Laptops, IPADS and other equipment that the school may require. The equipment purchased will benefit all children in the school. Funds were also used towards some of the other activities listed above.

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Thank You

A big thank you to all the parents and guardians who have volunteered their time over the last year at flagday events, Christmas concerts, Communion party etc. The activities of the Parents' Association rely solely on parents/guardians volunteering their help!

Many thanks also to the school's Board of Management, Principal Mary O'Rourke and all the school staff for their ongoing support to the Parents' Association.

Also, many thanks to the following local businesses who have recently contributed sponsorship towards our New School Singlets:

Specsavers Athlone €250

KO Financial Athlone €250

Thanks also goes to other businesses who sponsored prizes for raffles during 2024: Monksland Medical Center, Vincent Bannon, Cunninghams Pharmacy, Monksland Pharmacy, Barber Bobs, Dooleys Fruit and Veg, Carrie's Beauty Salon, Kim's Chic Beauty Room and Cute Creations.

We are very grateful to all our local businesses for your support.



How can you help the work of the Parents' Association?

Join the committee (a great way to meet other parents!)

- Volunteer to help with various events.
- Offer your views or ideas to any of the committee members on future projects, fundraisers, public talks, social events or any ideas that you feel may be of benefit to the school community.

Cloonakilla N.S. Parents Association are Members of the National Parents Council

We are extremely fortunate and grateful to have additional Committee Members who actively support the work of our officers. These resolute individuals volunteer their time, attend meetings, and contribute valuable insights and ideas. Their involvement is crucial in helping us achieve our goals and ensuring the smooth operation of the Parents' Association.

Feel free to contact any of the current committee officers: **Chairperson:** (Lisa Byrne), **Vice-Chairperson** (Joanne Dolan), **Secretary** (Christina Melican), **Vice-Secretary** (Mary Lynam), **Treasurer** (Becky Garman), **Vice-Treasurer** (Catherine Hogan)

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Current Committee Members:

Jenny Sherlock, Niamh Griffin, Shirley Dempsey, Orna Bannon, Jenny Sabothge, Emma-Jane Reilly, Michelle Igoe, Dave McNamara, Ana Filiurina, Siobhan Weir, Kevin Murray, Claire Lennon

Finally on behalf of the Cloonakilla N.S. Parents' Association we would like to wish you and your families a very Healthy and Happy Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to collaborating with you all during 2025.

