

Coláiste Pobail Bheanntaí Parents' Association – School Year 2018/2019

To: **All Parents, Coláiste Pobail Bheanntaí**

From: **Parents' Association**

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to advise you that the new committee of Coláiste Pobail Bheanntaí Parents' Association (PA) is now in place following the Annual General Meeting on.... Please see the reverse page of this letter for Committee members' names and the Parents' pages on the school website - <http://www.colaistepobailbheanntai.com/about/pa>).

The Parents' Association was established in 2013 to enhance the school experience for families and to foster good relations between parents, teachers, students and the school authorities. Its Constitution – available on the school website - sets out its responsibilities.

The main activities undertaken in the 2017/2018 academic year included helping at various school events including the annual Awards' Evening in April, the Transition Year and 3rd Year Information Night, the Leaving Certificate Graduation Ceremony in May. We organised a Futures Expo in partnership with the Guidance Department on 22nd November 2018, which proved to be a great success. Community Garda Brigid Hartnett and Lisa Culloty, Project Worker with West Cork Women Against Violence presented at our AGM on 29th November with a focus on Teenage Dating and this was very well attended and received. The PA committee also undertakes review work on policies etc. for the school management and is regularly asked for views and feedback on a variety of school-related matters. It is an important dimension to our role and school management welcome our input.

The PA committee is meeting shortly to put plans together for Spring, 2019. Committee members (there are 17 this year, two of whom are PA representatives on the school's Board of Management) have children in all years and so are very in touch with what is happening. If you're new to the school, please look at the names on reverse page of this letter or on the Parents' pages of the school website and see if there's someone with whom you'd like to talk.

The Parents' Association does not have a fundraising role and we have some expenses for which we need your help. We would like to ask each family for a voluntary subscription of €10 for expenses to be covered in 2018/19.

Contributions are needed for: The insurance for the Parents' Association meetings, events and seminars. The annual premium is €220; Costs for speakers and experts who contribute to events, seminars and workshops on matters relevant to young people's education and well-being while in school; Some basic stationery/office/refreshment costs – like paper, stamps, photocopying, envelopes, 'phone texts to parents, tea, biscuits etc. There are no Department of Education & Science funds available to cover these. All excess funds raised by PA are donated to the school. We typically donate to the School Meitheal (Mentoring of 1st years by students from senior years) Programme, the School Transport fund and others as requested, and resources allow. This month, we donated monies towards purchase of Bean Bags for the School Chaplain, Fr. James's work.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND THANK YOU IN ADVANCE. PLEASE USE THE SCHOOL WAY TO PAY TOOL ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE OR RESPOND TO THE TEXT FROM THE SCHOOL FOR THIS.

If you are interested in finding out more about your Parents' Association or can offer help, please refer to the school website or speak to any committee member. We're also happy to have your ideas & suggestions.

Yours sincerely, Parents' Association Committee, 22nd January, 2019

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NAME	SURNAME	YEAR STUDENTS IN
CAROLINE	BARRY	6 TH -3 RD -1 ST
ANGELA	COAKLEY	6 TH
AINE	CRONIN	5 TH – 3 RD -1 ST
MARGUERITE	DESMOND	5 TH – 3 RD
MARTINA	DOODY	TY – 2 ND
KATHLEEN	DOWNEY	5 th
ANNE	GALVIN	TY – 1 ST
GER	GEANEY	1 ST
CAMMY	HARLEY	5 TH
CAROLINE	HODNETT	6 TH
RITA	KEARNEY	2 ND
LINDA	MCCARTHY	1 ST
CAIT	MURRAY	2 ND
DEIRDRE	O BRIEN	2 ND
NOREEN	O DONOGHUE	6 TH
UNA	O SULLIVAN	5 TH – 1 ST
CLAIRE	TAN	5 TH – 1 ST
PATRICIA	TOOHER	2 ND
