

**Board of Management Meeting**  
**6th December 2022**

**Principal's Report**

**Calendar of Events**

See attached

**1.**

**Student Matters**

Confidential

**2.**

**Staff Matters**

Confidential

**3.**

**Anti-Bullying Procedures Report**

**3.1**

There are no recorded incidents to report since our last board meeting.

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**Departmental Reports (including programmes)**

**4.1**

**Special Education Teaching (SET) & Autism Classroom**

Our current SET allocation has been confirmed by the NCSE for the 22/23 academic year and remains at 60WTE, the same as last year.

Many thanks to the SET team for continuing to support the needs of our students.

The SET team continue to meet on a weekly basis along with SNA's, in order to support our students.

## 4.2

### **Student Support Team (SST)**

Our Student Support Team continues to support our students throughout the school year.

Since our last meeting, the SST has communicated our critical incident plan in the event of a critical incident within our school community.

Our SST Coordinator presented a pre-prepared slide show to our staff at our last staff meeting, outlining protocol to be followed in the first 12 hours, in the event of a critical incident occurring in our school.

YearHeads will present a student version of this slide show to all students at the next Year Head assembly

### **Leading Learning and Teaching**

Our LLT team completed their review for 22/23 academic year and a full review of all targets and actions has taken place with all School Improvement Plans.

The team have designed “Action Posters” which will be posted in all classrooms to help encourage a whole school approach to School Self Evaluation.

Our English Department are assisting with gathering baseline data for our new wellbeing target. This target will focus on student performance and confidence when making oral presentations as part of their Classroom Based Assessments.

## 5. **School Extension Update**



Head of Capital and Procurement, Eamon Murphy has been working closely with the school extension design team as they adjust the current design solution. The design team are making changes to the original plans, in order to incorporate “Renewable Energy”.

The team is looking at heat exchange units and heat pumps as an alternative method of heating our new build.

The updated plans are due for submission to Clare Co Council to start the planning permission process, by late January.

## 6. **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

Many thanks to all the students and their families for their contribution towards our annual shoebox appeal.

A total of 127 christmas shoeboxes were collected for this good cause. Many thanks to Ms Moroney for her annual coordination of the initiative.

## 7. **Senior Cycle Book Scheme**

As discussed at our last meeting, work is underway to determine if a Senior Cycle Book Rental Scheme is an option in our school.

Each year 5th year students pay approximately €359 for senior cycle textbooks.

Due to the broad range of subjects offered each academic year, along with the irregular uptake on different subjects, early indications show that there may be little difference in the cost of such a scheme for parents.

A book rental grant from the DE would alleviate the cost for the school to run such a scheme. This option is being explored with our Book Rental

Coordinator. Space for storage of books remains an issue in the school.

Another option of a second hand book sale, facilitated by our Parents Association is another option.

### **Emergency Gas Works**

8. During the course of the October Mid-term break, the entire gas proving system has been replaced. We are currently waiting for the installation of gas taps at all access points in the school i.e. science labs.

This work will be complete before the Christmas break.

### **Open Day/Night**

9. This year's annual open day proved a great success. We received very positive feedback from the teachers of our feeder primary schools.

All pupils from the 11 primary schools enjoyed practical subject workshops throughout the day, bringing home a number of artifacts made on the day.

We welcomed the parents of prospective 1st year students to an information talk that evening. Many thanks to all staff for their tremendous efforts on the day, to help promote our school in the community.







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## Mary Immaculate College Awards



LC 2022 Students Emma Curtin and Éabha Garry along with MIC President Eugene Wall.

11.

### After School Study (Transport)

We have approached TFI Local Link in relation to providing a bus service for our students after evening study. A parent survey has been carried out to see if there are enough students interested in using this service if established. We are hopeful that this service would prove convenient for our parents.