



## 2015/2016 Newsletter from the Parents Association

As another school year comes to a close we can reflect on a very busy and successful year for the Maryfield College Parents Association. I would to sincerely thank the principal Maree O'Rourke and all the staff for their co-operation during the year. The following is a brief description of some of the projects that the Parents Association has been involved in during 2015 and 2016.

**May 2015** The Transition Year students staged the musical "Grease" over two nights and the Parents Association assisted on both nights by running the síopa & raffle.

**June/July 2015** The Parents Association took on the task of restocking the school library and with the input from the English department purchased over 200 new & used books, 4 new computers were acquired for research and a soft chair breakout area was set up.

**September 2015** New benches & tablecloths were purchased for the student canteen. 2 microwaves were also supplied for use by the sixth years during, before & after study.

**October 2015** The AGM was held and the new officers were elected. After that there was a very educational & informative presentation on study techniques by Mr. Sean Kelly of Super Generation which was very well received by all who attended.

**November 2015** The "Swishing the Rails 2" fundraiser was held in the school and the very hard work put in by all concerned was rewarded by raising over €5000 which was used to upgrade the home economics department.

**December 2015** All the parents of the first years were treated to a musical presentation by their daughters, which was very well attended and afterwards the Parents Association hosted a mulled wine and mince pie reception. A great evening was had by all.

**April 2016** The annual “Spring Clean Day “was held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and again the sun shone. A full report is posted in the notice section of the website. Well done & thanks to all concerned.

**May 2016** The TY musical was “Hairspray” and again the Parents Association assisted on both nights.

Already plans are in place for the next school year with a Careers Day scheduled for October/November.

Lastly I would also like to mention some long serving committee members, Angie, Evelyn, Nuala & Siobhán, who will step down this year as their daughters graduate. We thank you for all your input and the school will benefit from your hard work for many years to come.

The Parents Association is very committed to the ongoing improvement of Maryfield College is always looking for new committee members. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month during the school year at 19.30, so come along and join in.

Wishing you & your families a very happy summer,

**Ray Kelly**  
**Chairman**  
**May 2016**