

St Joseph's Primary School Carnacaville



**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
2014 - 2015**

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ST JOSEPH'S CARNACAVILLE**

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Mrs Susan Leneghan	PARENTS' REP

Re-constitution of Governors is complete.

The governors are ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school. They are required to meet a minimum of three times each year but in practice meet more often when needed.

MAIN DUTIES

1. The control of the budget
2. The selection and deployment of staff.
3. The maintenance of the premises shared responsibility with the SEELB)
4. The oversight of the curriculum.
5. Assisting the staff achieve the aims of the school.
6. Holding the principal to account for the outcomes achieved by pupils.
7. Working with the principal as a critical friend.

The Board of Governors delegates the day to day running of the school to the principal.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Each year the school is delegated a budget for the year. The Governors project income and expenditure for a three year period.

A three year financial plan 2014-2017, was agreed by the Board of Governors and passed by the EA South East Region.

STAFFING

TEACHING

Principal	Mr. C. McCann
Rec	Miss A. Hardiment (Temp)
P1	Mrs. U. Murphy
P2	Mrs. A. Brennan
P3	Mrs. M. Doyle
P4	Mrs. H. King
P5	Mrs M. Fitzpatrick
P6	Mr. S. Knight
P7	Miss L. Mallon
Learning Support	Miss R. Morgan

ANCILLARY

School Secretary	Mrs. M Gallagher
Building Supervisor	Mrs. T Kane
Classroom Assistants	Mrs. G Murray (FS) Mrs. K McIntosh (FS) Mrs D. Ward (Special Needs) Mr Calon Fegan (Trainee)
Cook in Charge	Mrs. N Magee
Assistant Cooks	Mrs. M Branigan Mrs. B Valentine

SCHOOL LIFE

As in previous years the pupils were offered the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities. A number of educational trips took place across all year groups to enhance the children's learning experiences. Classes took part in various events and competitions, local and national with some success in GAA, Cross Country, Art, Feis and Music.

The Governors wish to acknowledge the many benefits St. Joseph's had enjoyed by virtue of time given by staff after school. They commend all staff involved activities and clubs for the varied and meaningful programme.

RELIGION

We are firstly a Catholic School and are most happy to report that the teaching of the faith is strong. This is seen in the classrooms, assemblies, attendance at first Friday Mass in Newcastle by the sacrament classes (P4 & P7) and in the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We thank, not only the Staff, but the parents for their constant support. It is only by working together that we can hand on the faith to our children.

CURRICULUM

The staff led by co-ordinators are focusing on:-

1. Reviewing a programme of practical maths
2. Review curriculum planning templates and schemes of work and implement new six weekly planning process.
3. Prepare for the introduction of Assessment of Cross Curricular Skills
4. Whole school World Around Us topics reviewed by coordinator
5. Eco Schools programme implemented. To be extended next year.
6. Implementation of strategies from CPD project in Specific Learning Difficulties into classes.

STANDARDS

Due to the unreliability of End of Key stage Data and all staff following union guidance. We have not submitted any Key stage data to DENI. Only 27% of primary schools in Northern Ireland submitted data so the N.I. average is only a reflection of the schools that submitted.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is very good. The average attendance being 93.8%. Only 4 pupils have attendance below 85% and this was due to extended illness and in one case planned relocation visits to England.

PREMISES

£1.8 Million was secured under The School Enhancement Programme (SEP). Maurice Flynn and Sons (MFS) were appointed and work commenced 12th January 2015. The extension provides 4 new classrooms, resource areas, changing rooms, kitchen, new multipurpose hall, and new car parking.

The existing premises are partially refurbished leaving 2 full sized classrooms, resource area, new entrance foyer, offices and staffroom.

New vehicle entrances will be created providing a secure and safe pickup/drop off point. Four mobiles will be removed. The two remaining mobiles will be relocated providing the seventh classroom and library/resource room.

The Governors wish to acknowledge the support given so far to the project by the CCMS, in particular Gerry Lundy Deputy Chief Executive and Andrew Aicken Building & Development Officer.

The Governors also wish to acknowledge the positive work done by the Project Design Team, led by Project Manager Susan Fallis (EA), Lead Architect Stephen Connolly (EA) and Terry Hogg (DSC Architects) in getting on site in a short time period before April 2014.

A Furniture and Equipment Budget for the project is yet to be agreed.

ENROLMENT

Admissions No: 28

Enrolment No: 194

CLASS	TEACHER	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Rec	Miss Hardiment	5	1	6
P1	Mrs. Murphy	12	12	29
P2	Mrs. Brennan	13	10	30
P3	Mrs. Doyle	9	15	29
P4	Mrs. King	12	10	25
P5	Mrs Fitzpatrick	8	12	21
P6	Mr. Knight	11	11	21
P7	Miss Mallon	8	12	22
TOTAL		71	86	183

Enrolment for the next academic year is 24 Primary one and 10 Reception. Total school population will be 191