



Parents Association Newsletter

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Welcome Summer!

Let's embrace the sunshine and Summer break and reflect back on a fantastic school year, with lots of fundraising events greatly supported by our school community. A number of wonderful projects have been completed with the funds raised so far and plenty more are in the pipeline.

Table Quiz Nights

- Firstly, thanks to everyone who gave raffle prizes and those who attended.
- March's Quiz proved to be a close contest with a final tie breaker round to determine our winners.
- Thank you to our MC's **Keith Fahy & Ronan Lardner** who entertained everyone during the two events.
- A special thanks to the **Summerfield** who provided the venue and nibbles free of charge.
- October's 2024 Quiz raised **€2225**.
- We raised **€1,125** from the March Quiz night.

1st Place



2nd Place



Car wash & Bake Sale



- **Coolarne NS is brimming** with school spirit which was never more evident than on a very wet and windy Saturday in May. Thank you to everyone who ventured out. It takes the entire school community to make these events a success.
- A special thank you to **Ryan's of Laragh** who facilitated our annual car wash and to everyone who participated in washing cars and provided delicious baked goods. Even **Sean Canney TD** stopped by to wash a car or two!
- The day resulted in a tremendous fundraising total of **€3,156.50**.





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The **Re-turn Bin** was introduced by the PA committee, with this initiative the money is given directly to the school. Please continue to **return** your appropriate bottles and cans after those Summer parties and BBQ's.

In terms of the **allocation of funds** from the fundraisers mentioned, the PA liaise closely with **Ms. Reilly** and the teachers to determine a wish list of required items.

This year the funds have been allocated as follows:

- **New Goal posts** for both yards along with fencing.
- **New signage** at the entrance gate and gable wall.
- **Paint** purchased for our entrance and bike shed and painting completed by PA along with the teachers beautiful mural.
- **Full transport costs** covered for Infants-2nd class to attend a Baboro show in Galway last March.
- **Full transport costs** covered for 2nd-6th class to attend Peace Proms in Limerick.
- **Ice-Cream** for everyone! This went down a treat after our end of year school mass.
- Following our carwash plans have started on our schools **sensory garden and outdoor classroom** which we hope will be in place for the next school year.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations and best wishes to **Ms. McDonagh** and her husband to be who are getting married this Friday, the students gave her a fun filled send off into married life.



Good-bye

Mr. Keane will be saying goodbye to Coolarne N.S. this Friday we would like to thank him for his dedication to our students and wish him the best of luck in his new school.

- Over the **Summer** months we will be reaching out to class groups to help with a '**to do list**' that needs to be completed while the school is closed we value any parents that can give us a helping hand.
- The PA would like to extend our **heartfelt thanks** to each and everyone of you for your continued support throughout the year. Whether you have helped out at events, donated your time or resources or simply cheered us on from the sidelines your involvement has **made a real difference** in our school community.
- When we return in September please consider **joining our PA** as we have more exciting ideas and plans ahead, parents are an **integral part** of our school community and its continued development.

Good Luck

We would like to wish the very best of luck to our **6th class students** as they embark on their new adventures into 2nd Level education.

Finally, we wish everyone a Summer filled with fun and hopefully, plenty of Sunshine

