

## **Report to Board of Management of Loreto Abbey Dalkey**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> 2017**

We were delighted this year to welcome several new members to the committee and their contribution to the school has proven invaluable. There will be a number of vacancies arising this year also and we welcome those interested in becoming a Year Representative at the AGM in September.

The members of the Executive Parents Association Committee worked closely this year with the families, pupils and school personnel on a range of interesting activities and events.

In October the Parents Social Evening in the Queens was a great opportunity for almost 200 parents to meet other parents and everyone enjoyed the live music, dancing and amazing prizes donated by parents and local businesses. The overall feeling was that this event must be repeated every year and it also raised almost €2500 for the refurbishment of the Art Room! This event demonstrated how much parents want to be involved in school events and also showcased the skills of the PA whose combined efforts put on a great memorable event.

Other notable highlights of the work of the Executive Committee in the 2016 – 2017 period included a continuation of the “Health and Well-being Series” of well-attended Parent Education talks by guest speakers including:

- **September 2016: Dr Harry Barry “Flagging Anxiety and Panic: how to reshape your anxious mind and brain”.**
- **January 2017: Anne Moriarty “Awareness and Understanding of Sexual Health in Teenagers”**
- **March 2017: Rolande Anderson, “Alcohol and the Irish, advice for young people and their parents”**

Parent, Ross McMahon, has acted as a liaison person with the National Parent Association Bodies and Loreto Abbey Dalkey as an Executive Committee member of the Federation of Catholic Secondary Schools and as a member of the National Parents Council Post Primary. Ross has kept the PA up to date on the parent association developments at national level and also attended the National Parents Association Conference in November.

The Mock Interviews were run again this year and parents from various disciplines, gave generously of their time to facilitate this important opportunity for the 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils to experience a “real-life” interview situation. Again this process has been reviewed and evaluated for next year’s students.

Finally, thank you to all the hard-working members of the committee. Thank you also to the Daphne, Roisin and Sarah, school administrative staff who are always a wonderful support to the PA.

**Audrey Carroll (Chairperson)**