



Board of Management meeting

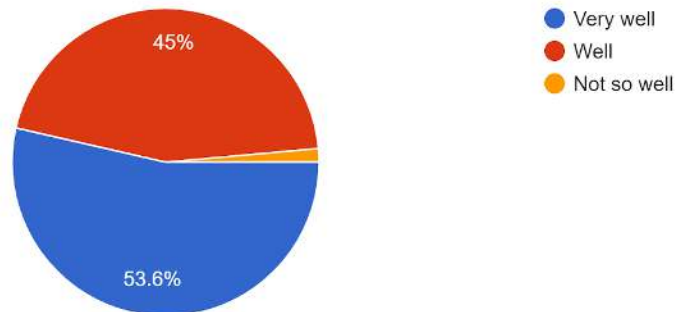
**Thursday, 28 January 2021**

**Report to the School Community**

1. Opening Prayer - 'Strength in this Challenging Time' read by Tony.
2. School Self-Evaluation
  - a. Junior Cycle curriculum - report circulated
  - b. Powerpoint version of the report delivered by Marian Moran and Elaine O'Dwyer, representing curriculum committee
  - c. Proposals proposed by Tony Joyce, seconded by Nicky Cashin and adopted by the Board.
3. Financial Report - including detailed income and expenditure report - circulated in advance
  - a. Income and Expenditure - deemed to be satisfactory while it is noted, given the singular nature of the year, that it is difficult to compare to previous years.
4. Ethos Reflection from Continuing the Journey. *How do we ensure that each student is proud of having belonged to a Loreto school community with respect for its values and for those who travelled the journey with them.*
  - a. *Challenges during lockdown - formative events missed by students even with the best efforts of the school to replace with online/Zoom events.*
  - b. *Wellbeing classes and their importance stressed during lockdown*
  - c. *Connection of tutors to classes - simple ideas suggested*
  - d. *Caring for the students*
  - e. *Regular messages from principal via Compass*
  - f. *Mary Ward examples of how she persisted against all obstacles*
5. Correspondence  
JMB Bulletins 32-39 summarised.
6. Review of Covid Plan/Remote Learning - Key elements of plan:
  - a. Blended learning approach. 50% of classes live/online Zoom lessons.
  - b. All activities to be scheduled in accordance with the normal school timetable.
  - c. Remote learning to take place for all subjects (ie including non-examination subjects).
  - d. Strong protocols in terms of behaviour and proper organisation when arranging Zoom lessons.
  - e. Parent webinar held on the evening of the first Monday 'back'. 450 parents attended.
  - f. Student surveys underway to review
  - g. Feedback to date: sometimes goes beyond 50% online, some students feel overburdened with work, request for teachers to let students know plan at least the day before, engagement levels higher than previous lockdown.
  - h. Feedback from sixth years very positive

How do you think Loreto is supporting your online learning?

140 responses



7. Parents' Association report.

- For the most recent meeting, 45 were in attendance via Zoom
- Curriculum presentation was given
- Officers in place for the remainder of the year
- Compass demo from Michelle McNamara was deemed very helpful

8. Principal's Report

- a. Mock exams - after a consultation process, it was deemed very important to give our students the opportunity to have the experience of the Mock exams. They have been postponed and will now commence (all going well) on the week of the 1st of March.
- b. Feeder schools - Irish Independent data presented, showing Loreto's position as the top school in Kilkenny in terms of progression to University.
- c. Christmas concert - epic video of entries edited and recorded by senior prefect team
- d. Our webinar outlining our remote learning plan was very well attended (450) and clearly outlined the details of the plan).
- e. TY/LCA information night webinar also took place
- f. Young Scientists Exhibition - Caoimhe Carroll, Luci Brennan and Aimee Kearney were Highly Commended for their project showing the link between helmet wearing and acne.

9. Staff wellbeing

- a. Ways in which to continue to support the wellbeing of staff were discussed.

10. Child Protection Report in accordance with national guidelines was presented.

11. Development Plan

- a. SEAI grant - substantially complete (mainly new windows in the older part of the building, solar panels and some additional insulation).

b. Hockey pitch security discussed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Colm Keher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Colm" and the last name "Keher" clearly distinguishable.

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Colm Keher,  
Secretary.