



# Scoil San Carlo Senior N.S.

## Board of Management Agreed Report 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024



### Board of Management

Present: Tony Boland, Lili Qu, Giancarlo Mannella, Martin Carley, Eoin McCreary, Clare Mac Hugh.  
Apologies: Denis Hourihane, Lorraine O'Sullivan

### Child Protection

The Child Protection Oversight Report was presented to the meeting.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes took part in workshops about online safety with a tutor from Cyber Safe Kids on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Our 6<sup>ths</sup> had workshops with the Key Conversations organisation on 1<sup>st</sup> of February on the same topic of safety and etiquette online and a Parent seminar was held that evening also.

### Ethos

Our 6<sup>th</sup> class candidates for Confirmation participated in their Commitment Mass on Fri Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> which starts the pathway to their Confirmation on. They also took part in the 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. mass along with the Candidates for Holy Communion from 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

There was a special Pre- Confirmation mass for them on Friday February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Parish-run 'You Shall Be My Witness' programme for Confirmation is currently underway on Monday evenings at the school. Thank you to all the parents who are helping to run the programme.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> classes performed their Nativity Play for the school, their parents and then the residents of Ryevale Nursing Home just before the Christmas break.

### School Attendance:

**December – 92% January - 95.1%**

All pupils were addressed regarding the importance of attendance at assemblies at the start of the term.

Pupils are encouraged to maintain as high an attendance as they can.

### School Calendar

February: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> for St Brigid's Day, Wed. 14<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> and Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> for Mid-term.

March/April: Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> for St. Patrick's Day, Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> for the referendum, School closes at 12:30 on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March for Easter and re-opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

### Health and Safety

An annual risk assessment of the premises took place in November.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> classes were visited by the Fire Safety Officers of Leixlip Fire Brigade recently to talk about fire safety. One of the classes was invited to visit the fire station.

### Policy Development

A review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment and the Anti-Bullying Policy were conducted using the required checklists. The changes to the Parental Complaints Procedures for Schools were formally adopted.

### Curricular Development/Extra Curricular Activities

Modern Languages: Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes have started a 6 week cycle of Romanian lessons as part of the 'Say Yes to Modern Languages' Initiative.

#### School Events:

GAA: Kildare officer Conor Gordon is currently coaching 3<sup>rd</sup>s and 4<sup>ths</sup> in Gaelic football.

Athletics: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes ran the final Marathon mile for the Marathon Kids programme in November in Leixlip Amenity Centre where they were awarded medals and T-shirts. They also had a visit in December from Irish and European 400m champion David Gillick, the Marathon Kids Ambassador.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes are currently involved in a 6 week course of swimming lessons at the N.A.C. Blanchardstown.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 4 pupil representatives attended a 'Water Conservation' Workshop in Pearse St. Library in Dublin.

On Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec our 6<sup>ths</sup> took part in a Winter Wellbeing Concert at Confey College.

Peace Proms 2024: Our 4<sup>th</sup> classes are practising hard for the concert on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February @ 8pm at the R.D.S. Dublin.

Fundraising events: A very successful Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Visit with the Leixlip Gardaí in aid of the Children' Health Foundation (Temple St. and Crumlin Hospitals) took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Student Council: One of our Student Council's first jobs was to coordinate the annual Team Hope Shoebox Appeal.

They also promoted the 'Wear Purple for International Disabilities Day' initiative.

Recently they completed a survey on pupil safety awareness as representatives of the school.

Active Schools' Committee- An outdoor walking trail is currently being put in place around the school grounds with the help of Gerry Cafferkey, Caretaker.

Green Schools' Committee: Eoin McCreary and Colm Noctor have re-established the Green schools committee with the pupils of 5<sup>th</sup> class/Room 2.

### Parent's Association

Thank you to the members of the PA for organising the 2024 school calendars again this year. They also oversaw a very enjoyable and successful Bake Sake fundraiser at the beginning of December. The PA also ran a school disco on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. We thank them for their continued support.