

# ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2012

A meeting of the newly formed Parents Council was held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012, and the new representatives were elected as follows:-

**Chairperson:** Aoife O'Reilly  
**Vice Chairperson:** Deirdre McGivney  
**Secretary:** Orla O'Reilly  
**Asst. Secretary:** Valerie Treleaven  
**Treasurer:** Carol Thornton  
**Asst. Treasurer:** Oonagh O'Reilly  
**NPC Representatives:**  
Caroline Clarke, Lorraine Smith  
**BOM Parent Reps:** Susan Finlay,  
Patrick McCarthy  
**Other Members:**  
Tina Kennedy, Barbara O'Neill, Mairead Fitzgerald, John Callaghan, Jim Feehan

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## Non-Uniform Day

A non-uniform day was held on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2012. Just over €430.00 was raised for school funds. Many thanks !!!!

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The **National Parents Council (NPC)** is the representative organisation for parents of children in primary education. Currently, they have the following special interest groups:

- Minority Religion Group (representing parents of children of non-catholic faiths)
- Migrant Parent Group
- Special Education Needs Groups
- Irish Medium Schools Group (representing parents of children in Irish Medium and Gaeltacht Schools)
- Traveller Parent Group.

The NPC are trying to determine interest in the Minority Religion Group and Migrant Parent Group. Interested parents can download the questionnaire from the Parents Council page of the school website at: [www.kellsbns.com](http://www.kellsbns.com). All completed surveys should be sent by email to [info@npc.ie](mailto:info@npc.ie) for the attention of Deirdre Sullivan.

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## Maths Classes

*That's not the way teacher does it!*  
Sound familiar? After the success of the Maths classes last year, it is hoped to run the course again in the New Year. The course (usually one night a week for four weeks) will teach the parents the method used now in solving maths problems.

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Guidelines for parents are now available on Parents Council page of school website or [www.ncca.ie](http://www.ncca.ie). These guidelines provide very important information for parents on the current curriculum and ways you can help your child with their education.

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## Safety

As always, we urge parents to drive slowly when collecting and dropping off children. Explain the dangers of running down the school hill and straight across the road, without stopping or looking for oncoming cars. There have been too many 'close calls'.

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## Dates For Your Diary

School closes Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012  
Re-Opens Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013