

All the parents who have children enrolled in Scoil Mhuire are automatically members of the PA.

Each year a group of parents become inspired by the energy, professionalism, initiative and fantastic work done by the staff within the classroom and the school environment. They become inspired to give something back, to try to enhance their child's school experience.

Suddenly conversations of "wouldn't it be great if...", and "if only our school had...", become tangible goals, and then reality.

Parents or staff members become passionate about the opportunities IT can offer to broaden the learning experience and we end up with Interactive Whiteboards in every classroom.

A parent who works in architecture and design has a vision of how a modern classroom should be, uncluttered, bright with good storage and with modern wet areas... and now we have a school full of newly renovated classrooms.

A parent sees an old kitchen and storage room and has a vision of an opportunity for children to have a broader educational grasp of mathematical concepts of measurement, time, logistics and sequencing and now we have a fantastic multipurpose room now available for cooking, baking, science projects, art and crafts and a whole lot more.

No single person can take credit for these visions becoming reality. The credit is due to the parents who show up to support fundraising events, the parents who use the skills of their professions to do something to improve the school, it is due to the children and parents who give their time and energy on summer fair day, it is achieved by positive attitudes, strong working relationships with Mr. Chambers the principal, Darrell the caretaker, Joan Lyons our secretary, the Board of Management and the teachers, community groups the local clergy and parish groups.

Of course, our PA is also a great way to get to know other parents.