Garrydoolis National School
Board of Management – Annual Report 2026
150 Years (1873-2023)… and looking forward

Board of Management 2025/26
Chairperson- Joanne Beary
Secretary- Heidi Jordan
Treasurer- Donal Grace (Parent Nominee)
Patron's Rep- Fr. Tomás O'Connell
Teacher Rep - Tina Hickey
Parent Nominees- Sharon Alymer, Donal Grace
Community Reps- Dan Quinn, Marie Ryan

School Ethos
We are an inclusive Catholic school in the diocese of Cashel and Emly. In co-operation with Fr. O'Connell and parents, second class children were Reconciliation (25/5/26) and First Holy Communion (10/5/26).

Summer Works/Buildings
Our school will undergo a full clean during the summer closure. Our external grounds will be maintained and some trees cut back. We eagerly anticipate our additional classroom, which will be installed during the summer. The build will consist of a main classroom, with a small sensory room and toilet facilities to the back. It will be the base for our newly established morning and after-school childcare service.

Staffing
Staffing during this academic year has been as follows:
Principal/ Senior Classroom: Heidi Jordan
Junior Classroom: Tina Hickey
Special Education: Seamus Heffernan
SNAs: Bríd Hanrahan, Dave Cleary
Secretary: Jo Bailey
Cleaner: Evgeniya Nosova
The Board of Management would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our staff to the school and to thank them most sincerely for same.

Parents' Association 2026/27
The Board wishes to acknowledge and thank all parents for their continued support of our school. We especially thank John Traynor, Michelle Egan and Siobhán McCarthy who headed our parents' association this year. Their interest, input and time is sincerely appreciated.

Policy Development
Our staff continued to focus on wellbeing as part of School Self Evaluation this year, paying particular attention to our three main targets, ie. student voice, outdoor learning and continued care for and prioritisation of individuals' wellbeing.
Policy review and ratification took place in the area of Bí Cineálta.
Ms. Jordan and Ms. Hickey completed a year-long leadership programme known as Forbairt. The area of focus was sustainability within our roles and whole-school activities and celebrations, as we look forward to enacting the revised primary school curriculum.

Curricular Development
This year, we have continued our participation in the Active Schools' Programme. Our pupils achieved the gold Curious Minds award for their work in the area of S.T.E.M.Senior pupils also completed the VEX Robotics Programme and competed in the related competition at DELL in January.
Teacher CPD focussed on wellbeing, leadership and the enactment of the Primary Curriculum Framework.

School Achievements and Events
Introduction of 3D printing, Election of Student Council 2025/26, Friendship Week, Hot Meals Programme provided by Mint Catering, Hope Shoebox Appeal, Christmas Extravaganza, St John the Baptist Musical, Panto in UCH, Christmas performance at St. Anthony's, Participation in Parish Christmas Carol Service, Cumann na mBunscoil Coaching Programme and participation in blitzes, Gold award in Curious Minds Programme, Maths Week, Inclusion in Gréan Magazine, Spike Ball Tournament (first time to National Final), Science Week, Catholic Schools' Week and Grandparents' Day, Celebration of Sacraments, Winners of St Ailbe's CU Quiz at U13 level, Open Afternoon for Junior Infants, World Book Day celebrations, Daffodil Day, Active Schools' Programmes, Representation on Community Games U14 Quiz Team at upcoming National Finals in Kilkenny and Boys' Volleyball at National Finals in Meath (Both groups were Co. Limerick Gold Medal Winners), Transition to Secondary School Workshop, Tour to Cuskinny in Cork, Active Week and Sports' Day, Graduation- "Stepping In", "Stepping Up" and "Stepping On", establishment of on-site morning and after school childcare service.