16th February 2017

Our P+F is being replaced by PARENT TEAMS

Dear Parents and Carers,

At last night's P+F Meeting, we discussed the role of the P+F in our school. For many years, the P+F have done a wonderful job, selflessly giving their time to support our school. Many kind-hearted, generous parents have repeatedly made sacrifices in offering their valuable time to the P+F. However, often the P+F consisted only of a small group of parents. Many, varied responsibilities fell on the shoulders of this small group of parents. Hence, we discussed the need to engage a far greater number of parents in the life of our school.

Consequently, it was decided to replace the P+F with a new way of working that engages many more parents. The new way of working is called Parent Teams. A foundational principle of our Parent Teams is that it will be collaborative in nature. We have some preliminary ideas that we would like to share with you. **We invite you to a meeting** to discuss those ideas and see who wants to be involved, how it works and what gifts you can offer.

**PARENT TEAMS' MEETING**
- **Date:** Monday 13th March
- **Time:** 2.30pm + 6.30pm
- **Location:** Our Library

When we go to Mass, the community spirit of our school lifts when many parents join us. Likewise, we think that this new way of working, with many parents joining us, can contribute richly to our school spirit.

Consequently, we need many parents who are willing to be more involved in our school to join us at the meeting. The greater the number of parents who join us, the richer the ideas and the greater the possibilities are for the children at our school. Please join us on 13th March.

Sincerely,

**K Williams**

Kevin Williams
Principal

**Vision/Mission Statement**

"Empowered by the Spirit, we at St Mary's live, learn and grow as disciples of Jesus in a nurturing Catholic Community."