

# LORETO COLLEGE NEWSFLASH October 2015

Numeracy—is the focus of school self evaluation for this year. We have launched our plans for the development of numeracy in an article that can be found on the school website entitled 'Numeracy Information for Parents'.

The article contains our targets for improvement, our actions for the year and suggested numeracy activities for parents to use at home. Among the plans for this year are puzzle of the week, a problem solving workshop for Fifth Year students and Maths Week.

## Literacy—

We continue to encourage reading and the development of literacy with 'Book in the Bag', the use of the reading press in the Library and Leabhar Power. The Literacy Initiative for this Year is a Spelling Bee for 1st Years. The first round takes place this week and the final on Wednesday, 14 Oct when all 1st Years will gather to see the 1st Year Spelling Bee Champion Crowned!



Numeracy & Literacy

**Friendship Week**—This will take place from 19 to 23 October. A week of anti-bullying lessons and friendship activities is planned to promote student Wellbeing and positive relationships.

## Summer Works 2015

Our School was awarded a Summer Works Grant which facilitated the commencement of a number of projects. The school's main atrium was completely re-roofed along with the two internal courtyards. This work will be fully finished over the next few weeks.

An Electrical Grant was also obtained in June which permitted the rewiring of the Home Economics

kitchens and the 2 Science Labs.

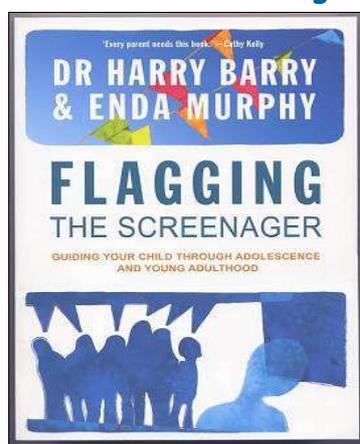
The Parents' Association fundraised to purchase new lockers for our students and a new projector for our Sports Hall.

The Board of Management also provided funding for the upgrade of Resource Area 1, the Home Economics Kitchens and the new partition in the Lecture Room.

Collectively, this work has greatly enhanced our school building and we sincerely hope that it will last for many years to come. We are truly grateful to you for your constant support and appreciate wholeheartedly all fundraising efforts.

## Parents' Association Annual General Meeting

The Parent's Association AGM will take place on Monday, 19 October here in the College at 7.30 p.m. We Look forward to seeing you all on the night.



This year we are delighted to announce that Dr Harry Barry will be our guest speaker. Dr Barry is the author of 'Flagging the Screenager – Guiding your child through adolescence and young adulthood'. This book Deals with the hidden world of the teenager and young adult. It is a practical survival guide for parents and relatives faced with the struggles of raising adolescents and young adults between the ages of 13 and 25. Dr Barry and Murphy look at what is going on in brain and mind of latter and discuss the skills parents need to learn to survive.