

**RETIREMENT/PRESENTATION FUNCTION FOR MRS CAHILL
FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2006**

The Retirement/Presentation Function for Mrs Cahill, the former Principal of Killasser National School took place in Killasser Community Centre on Friday 17th November 2006.

It was a very well attended and most enjoyable function, providing an opportunity for all past and present pupils, parents, teachers, and members of the school Board of Management, and the entire parish community to simply say “thanks” to Mrs Cahill for her unselfish and dedicated commitment to the education of so many children, in the broadest sense, over the past eighteen years – three years in Carramore School and fifteen years as Principal of Killasser National School. It seemed a most appropriate way to formally mark the end of an era of primary education in the parish.

For Mrs Cahill, education was more than the teaching of formal subjects, it was also enabling each child under her care to develop all their talents. This was so evident at the School Concerts, the National Childrens’ Choir, singing at various church celebrations, the School Tours not just to places of interest in Ireland but also to London and Paris. They got every opportunity and encouragement to develop their talent in music, song, drama, culture, sport and computers to mention a few. Travel was also another window of opportunity to broaden their minds and education. I hope we never took all this for granted.

While sad that a very significant chapter of education in Killasser School has come to a close, everybody associated with the school is deeply appreciative of Mrs Cahill’s dedication, commitment, inspiration and good example as a teacher.

Having reached this stage of her life, we wish her good health, every blessing, happiness and fulfilment in retirement. No doubt, it will be a very full and busy retirement but at least she will have control over her timetable. Her husband Brian, who was also present on Friday night, has also retired as Principal of Moylough National School. We wish Brian a long and happy retirement also.

The Parish Pastoral Council presented Mrs Cahill with a suitably inscribed and engraved Mirror on behalf of the parish, the children presented her with Jewellery and a Bouquet of Flowers, and the Parents and Board of Management jointly presented her with a Clarinet. We hope she will enjoy improving her skills in that field.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported, prepared for, organised and participated in Friday Night’s function.