**Holy Family Community School Parents Council – Latest News from Meeting held on 6th February 2017**

**Early Bird Enterprise**

- A survey was carried out which showed, that for various reasons, a number of students were coming to school hungry. With this in mind the school Chaplin Mr. Noel McConnell set up the Early Bird Enterprise. He has secured food donations from various sources so students are given the option of hot toast, sandwiches, rolls, fruit etc. before school and during morning break for a very low cost between 10c and 20c. Holy Family is the only school in Ireland running such and enterprise and approx. 120 student’s avail of the service daily. Volunteers are always required for about 1 ½ hours per day. Garda vetting is necessary and is carried out through the school. If interested please let the parents council know or reception.

**Parents’ Association / School Banner**

- Two banners will be produced (one for the PA and one for the school). These are in the final stages on completion.

**Talks for** - ***Mental Health***

**Parents** Mary Pearson, psychotherapist, who works with Pieta House, held a talk for parents on 2nd February which was very well received. She spoke to 1st and 2nd year students during school hours and the plan is to hold talks with 3rd and 6th years by then end of February.

 - ***Anti bullying training for parents***

A training session for parents on the above has been provisionally booked for Thursday 1st February 2018. This is run by the NPCpp and they will be in contact closer to the time. In the meantime the plan is to give students a talk on anti-bullying.

 - **Study Skills**

The school uses Super Generation to provide study skills workshops for students. Availability will be checked for such a workshop to take place.

**Fundraising**

- Plans are well underway for our major fundraising event. Race night in Muldowneys, 30th March 2018.

**Strategic Development Plan**

- PINTA has issued surveys to some parents regarding the schools Strategic Plan. Results are pending