

Garden of Memories



Fr Hennebry OSA ,Provincial



Mr Mark O'Brien, Principal



Mr Pat Younger, Teacher and leader of Garden Project



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We welcomed back Fr Hennebry, on Wednesday September 3rd, to open and bless our Garden of Memories which has come about as a result of the hard work of our school community, in particular our students – past and present.

Remembrance Booklet

You can download a copy of the booklet from the link above.

We took some time out yesterday evening to visit the finished Garden of Memories and it is in such quiet moments that you really appreciate the vision which Jack and Josh have executed here. The simplicity of their vision, the practicality of its design and the warmth it brings to a once cold space draws us to it – and achieves what all gardens should do- it combines the poetic and the mysterious with a feeling of serenity and joy. It slows us down – calls us to reflect.

I thank all of those associated with our Garden project and who worked so hard for its execution. I want to compliment Josh Purcell, Jack Harte and their team for their part in the realisation of the project. They have managed to give tangible expression to the loss which this garden remembers, the people it seeks to recognise and the hope it seeks to inspire.

Like all projects, the garden demanded – unity – hard work and organisation from a community of people under the leadership and stewardship of Mr Pat Younger. I am deeply grateful to him and them for their commitment to the realisation of our Garden of Memories.

A sincere thanks and acknowledgement is due for the help and support received from our ever willing and hardworking Parents Association, our dedicated prefects past and present our

Students Council and all of those who fundraised in order to bring our Garden of Memories to its full bloom.

Our Garden of Memories presents a nestled space safe in the heart of our school to remember colleagues, friends and students who are no longer with us. It is also an appropriate space to reflect on our school community and how it has been enriched by their presence and continues to be enriched by the presence of dedicated students and teachers with the support of our families.

In concluding and paying a final tribute as much to the work that has been done and the Love being lived out in our school community as a consequence of it I want to draw on some words often engraved on Irish headstones..... 'Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.' –our 'Garden of Memories' is the physical embodiment of that truth.