

## Parent Connection Evenings

These evenings are a very effective and positive means of opening channels of communication between the teacher and the parents.

Interactive presentations by staff will probably centre on the following;

- a general introduction to the teacher/s
- curriculum content
- school philosophy
- class routine
- opportunities for parental involvement in the school/classroom
- homework expectations
- advice and suggestions for home activities and support
- information on major events to take place in the year (camps, sleepovers, excursions etc)
- teacher expectations of pupils and parents
- procedures for communicating with teachers

Opportunities for parents to interact with both each other and the teacher should also be provided and could centre on topics such as;

- Aspirations for their child
- Opportunities to connect with each other in positive ways
- Gifts, talents and backgrounds that make up the colour of our community
- Dreams and hopes for the future
- Special things about themselves and/or their child

Parents should also be encouraged to view their child's work and ask general questions concerning classroom routines, curriculum and the events of the year to come. Parents with individual concerns regarding their child should generally be encouraged make an interview time for a later date. A member of school senior administration may also be present at these meetings to support the teacher and talk about any whole school initiatives or programmes that may be relevant.

These meetings will continue to be held at the beginning of each school year with a preference for the first 3 weeks of the year. Times and dates for these evenings will be negotiated and set during staff meetings in the pupil free week prior to the beginning of the year.