

## Library

The school library is fully computerised (Junior Librarian). All books and resources MUST be scanned out. Children from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> have individual barcodes in a class folder held by their teacher with which they can borrow 1 book at a time.

The School Library in St. Patrick's is located on the ground floor of the building. At present the library collection amounts to over 6000 books, catering for the needs of the current school population. In addition each classroom has a class library which may be stocked from the main school library.

The library aims to provide a comfortable, quiet space in which classes can visit to borrow books, enjoy story time, and participate in book clubs and research projects. It provides a selection of fiction and non-fiction reading materials.

The development and management of the library facilities is the responsibility of Emer Threadgold. Volunteers assist on a weekly basis with cataloguing, filing of books and implementing a borrowing system for senior classes (third-sixth classes).

The library is funded primarily by the Parents' Association. A book fair is organised annually and a percentage of the takings are returned to the school as books. Stock is evaluated regularly and irreparably damaged stock is disposed of and removed from the accession book and catalogue.