



*Scoil Náisiúnta Bhaile Aodha*

*May 21<sup>st</sup> 2010*



*Official Opening and Blessing of the new school*

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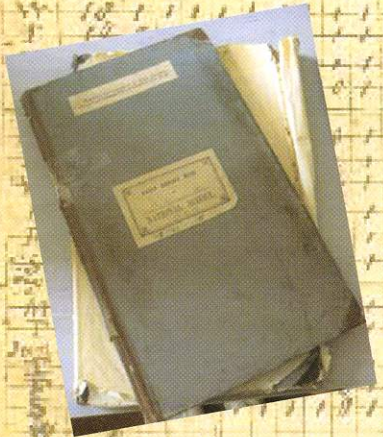
*Launch of the Percent for Art Project*

# Old School Records

REGISTER OF *Ballyea* NATIONAL SCHOOL 89

No. of Enrolment by 1880	Parent's Name or Firm	Age of Child at Entry	Religion	Residence	Occupation Means of Living	State the State and County of the last National School at which the child attended, and the date to which he last went.
1	<i>John O'Rourke</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>R.C.</i>	<i>Ballyea</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	
2	<i>John Costello</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>R.C.</i>	<i>Ballyea</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	
3	<i>Mary Anne Scanlan</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>R.C.</i>	<i>Ballyea</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	
4	<i>Micahel O'Rourke</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>R.C.</i>	<i>Ballyea</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	
5	<i>John Barry</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>R.C.</i>	<i>Ballyea</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	

Insert showing Mamie Scanlan, oldest surviving student from April 1914



Old attendance record of Ballyea National School (1880 - 1923)

## Fáilte Romhat

Ar an ócáid stairiúil seo i saol na scoile agus i saol muintir Bhaile Aodha, tá sé mar mór phribhléid agus onóir againn fáiltiú romhaibh uilig um thráthnóna. Mar a fheiceann sibh, tá scoil álainn, nua-aimseartha againn agus tá sár-mholadh agus buíochas ag dul chuig na daoine go léir a d'oibrigh chun an tionscanamh seo a thabhairt chun críche.

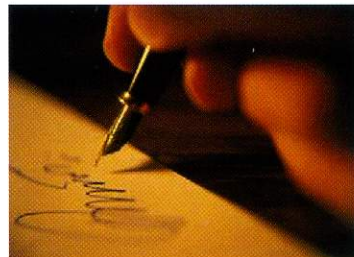
To witness a dream becoming reality is a privilege. We are indeed privileged in Ballyea to have such a fine, modern school facility in our midst. Most especially in the current, economic climate, the new Ballyea N.S. stands like a beacon of hope for the future.

Thank you for joining us this evening in our celebration of the official opening of the school and the launch of our Per Cent for Art Project, a beautiful mural, painted by the artist, Michael Dillon. It is a celebration of community and an acknowledgement of the efforts of so many people, past and present, in bringing this development to fruition.

Bricks and mortar, even of the “state of the art” variety, do not necessarily make a good school. It is the spirit and ethos alive within it, that is of real importance. It is our hope that in the years ahead, true educational values will continue to be fostered, nurturing the seeds of potential, of present and future pupils, of Ballyea N.S. We look forward to it being a place of creativity, fairness, respect, opportunity, gratitude, fulfilment, fun and laughter. It is our wish that this beautiful, child-friendly learning environment will enrich minds in the years to come.

We hope that you all thoroughly enjoy the evening, which will be greatly enhanced by the presence of the Ennis Brass Band.

Mary Keane      Chairperson Board of Management  
Eddie Liddy      School Principal



# Blessing at the Official Opening

## Opening Hymn: Ode to Joy

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

May God, the source of all wisdom, Christ the Lord, his Word incarnate, and the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **BISHOP:**

We gather to pray God's blessing on this new school and on all who are involved in its use. Lord we recognise that you are the source of all knowledge. We ask your blessing on this building, we pray that the hearts and minds of the children who attend this school may be opened to the wonder and beauty of the world and thus may grow in their belief in you as our loving Father. We pray that the teachers may be inspired by that same belief and may in turn inspire their pupils in the Christian way of life. May Christ be their model and inspiration. We pray that all who are involved in the work of this school – pupils, teachers, other staff, member of Board of Management, parents and guardians - may work together in building a truly loving Christian community where every person is valued, respected and enriched by their presence here. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**Amen**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

We do share in God's work; you are God's farm, God's building.

By the grace of God which was given to me, I laid the foundations like a trained master-builder, and someone else did the building on them.

Now each one must be careful how he does the building.

For nobody can lay down any other foundation than the one which is there already, namely Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Responsorial Psalm: My Shepherd is the Lord**

### *Blessing of Crosses for each classroom*

Blessed are you Lord, God of power and might;  
you have called us to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
and given us signs of your love in creation  
and in the work of your Son, Jesus Christ.



