



## **Moate Community School bids a farewell to Two Treasured Colleagues.**

Moate Community School bid a fond farewell to two colleagues at a recent function. Carmel Harrison, a French and Irish teacher and part of the management structure of Moate Business College and Anthony Collins a French teacher, formally of the Carmelite College and more recently Moate Business

College both recently retired from the teaching staff of Moate Community School. The function was attended by the entire teaching and ancillary staff as well as by many retired colleagues.

Following the reception and meal Kevin Duffy Principal said that the retirement of any colleague had a bitter sweet aspect to it. All the staff were sad to lose two treasured colleagues but happy for both on their retirements, free from the huge responsibilities that school life places on all staff. He thanked both for their huge contribution to education, to the community and to the lives of so many young people. He thanked them also for their personal commitment, their collegiality, and their full support for the ideals of the school.

Mr. Duffy said Carmel Harrison came to Moate in the late 70's as an Irish and French teacher. She had previously worked in Edenderry and St. Nathy's College Ballaghaderreen. A native of Colmanstown, Ballinasloe she played an important role in the amalgamation in the early 90's and took up the role of Career Guidance Officer at that time. She became Vice Principal of Moate Vocational School, and was involved in the formation of Moate Business College, the Post Leaving Certificate section of Moate Community School where she worked until June 2011. Mr. Duffy described Carmel as a loyal, hardworking, committed and gifted teacher who was resolute in all her undertakings. He thanked her for her loyalty, dedication and for the difference she made to the lives of so many young people. On behalf of everyone he wished her, her husband Pat, her son Karl and daughter in law Emma all the best in the future.

Mr. Duffy said that Tony Collins, who retired in early 2011 had given both the Carmelite College and Moate Community School over 40 years of dedicated, loyal service. He thanked him for his commitment and wished both him and his wife Margaret health and happiness in retirement. David Wynne on behalf of former colleague's regaled with the audience on personal memories of Tony's career stating that his personal friendship was highly regarded.



A presentation was made to both Carmel & Tony by Mr. Duffy on behalf of staff.

Both Carmel & Tony expressed their sincere thanks and reminisced on their years teaching in Moate. Both expressed their satisfaction and joy at their time teaching, but both looking forward to a new era in their lives. They wished the school and those who carry the mantle of education in Moate every success in the future.

Mr. Duffy on behalf of the Board of Management, Parent Association and Parent Body, the students and all the staff congratulated both on their retirements and wished them health and happiness in the future.