

Diarmuid MacMahon died on the 8th of August 2018. He was the principal of St Marks SNS , Springfield, Tallaght from 1973 to 1997. He was the first principal of St Marks SNS. Springfield was just a new area at the time. He was the definitive professional. He immersed himself in St Marks. He was a dedicated educator. He embraced new challenges and greeted the changing curriculum as the consummate professional. There wasn't a morning when he wasn't there to welcome the children or the parents if they needed to talk to him. He was a staunch advocate of teacher' rights. This displayed itself in his involvement in the INTO and as a Principal. He was a founding member and first chairperson of the Tallaght Branch. He was a member of Branch Committee for a number of years and was an ubiquitous presence at all meetings. He was a proud member of the teaching profession. As a Principal Diarmuid was ahead of his time. He treated all teachers equally and as professionals. He was honest and straight. He had integrity and knew when to be discreet. Decisions were made as a whole staff. Votes were taken and issues were discussed. Diarmuid was a mentor and a friend. As a friend he was warm and personable. He was there if you needed to talk to him. He always enjoyed the social nights out. One always felt confident to be able to express an opinion. Diarmuid had a generous spirit and he was sadly missed in his retirement. Diarmuid went on to enjoy his retirement with his lovely family before his sad passing. Ni bheidh a leitheid ann aris.

