



## Jack Kennedy R.I.P 23-11-2021

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Staff and pupils past and present of Coláiste Iascaigh (Formally known as Easkey Vocational School) have been left profoundly sad at the recent passing of Jack Kennedy.

Jack worked in the building trade with his father Ned for some years after leaving school in his teens. He learned the tricks of the trade well and worked on the building of Enniscrone Convent, Enniscrone R.C. church and Dromore West R.C. church.

In his twenties, the opportunity came up to train as a teacher in Wexford, where he qualified as a teacher of Woodwork and Technical Drawing. In the late 60's he taught in Ballybofey/Stranorlar before moving to Corballa in 1968.

A few years later in 1971 he transferred to Easkey Vocational School and taught Woodwork and Technical Graphics. His instinct to help people was evident from a very early stage. Jack believed in the transformative potential of high-quality public education and made a positive impact on many students.

After some years teaching, Jack was appointed to the position of Vice Principal. He conducted his business with professionalism, respect and upmost integrity. He was held in very high esteem by everyone he met. Jack was a tireless advocate for others, especially young teachers entering the profession. He encouraged many young colleagues to take on leadership roles.

Jack was a loyal member of the T.U.I and attended union meetings regularly. He had a great understanding of organisational processes and industrial relations and gave great advice to those who had difficulties with their pensions.

Jack was a golf fanatic but he gave wonderful support to all school sports; basketball, volleyball and Gaelic football. No stone was ever left unturned when it came to freeing up teachers to accompany teams to games or giving time for training.

After many years working as Vice Principal, Jack was appointed to the position of School Principal in Easkey. He retired in 1999. His decency, optimism, sense of justice and his ability to unite will never be forgotten.

First and foremost, Jack was a devoted husband to Nora, father to Nuala, Sinead, John F and Edward. We sympathise with all his family on their sad loss.

Jack, your love of family, decency, generosity, dedication to education and support for those in difficulty are some of the important ways in which you have made a positive impact on all who have met you in Easkey Vocational School.

**Fear uasal, ionraic lách ab ea é.**

**Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís.**