St Joseph's Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have had a wonderful summer break, and your children are refreshed and looking forward to returning to St Joseph's Primary School. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back on Monday.

Start of Term Arrangements
P2 – P7 classes will begin at the usual time on **Monday 31st August**. This will be a normal full school day. The school meals service is not operational until Tuesday 1st September so all pupils will require a healthy packed lunch on Monday. The dinner menu can be found here and meals can be paid for in the usual way through ParentPay.
For our new P1 parents, please refer to your P1 Pack for details of your child's starting time and phased start arrangements. Contact the office if you are unsure about anything.

Happy Kidz and Breakfast Club
Happy Kidz and Breakfast Club both start on Monday 31st August. Please note, we have been overwhelmed with applications for places in Happy Kidz for September and are currently unable to meet the needs of all families due to number restrictions. We are working hard to try to create additional spaces in the weeks ahead.

Mass to mark the start of the school year
Our Mass to mark the beginning of a new school year will take place on Thursday 10th September. Parents and carers are very welcome to come along and celebrate with us in St Colmcille's from 9.30am. As I communicated last year, parents have a statutory right to withdraw their children from religious education or collective worship. More information about the process can be found here.

SEAG Entrance Exam
For pupils sitting the SEAG Entrance Assessment in November 2026, an application must be submitted before 11.59pm on Friday 18th September. Details can be found here.

Parking and Campus Safety
As our school community continues to grow, parking and road safety are issues of growing concern for us all. As we start a new year, can I remind parents once again to exercise extreme caution when parking and driving around the school. I encourage families to walk, scoot and cycle to-and-from school while the good weather continues, or to park further away and walk to school rather than attempting to find a space in the carpark or on Holland Drive.

Curriculum Meetings
You are invited to attend 'Information Meetings' over the next few weeks. These are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and find out a little about the topics they will cover this year. Meetings will take place in the school hall and last approximately 30 minutes. A timetable for these can be found below.

Class	Date	Time
P2	Tuesday 8th September	9.15 – 9.45am
P3	Wednesday 9th September	9.15 – 9.45am
P4	Friday 11th September	9.15 – 9.45am
P5	Thursday 10th September	9.15 – 9.45am
P6	Tuesday 15th September	9.15 – 9.45am
P7	Monday 14th September	9.15 – 9.45am

Communication
School news and notices will continue to be communicated through Seesaw, the news section of the school's website here and the iClass app. If you have not already done so, please download the app and create an account to keep up to date with all the latest information.

Allergies Awareness
St Joseph's PS is an allergy aware school. It is important that we are supported by parents and carers in protecting pupils with allergies in St Joseph's. Please carefully consider the breaks and lunches you are providing for your child to protect others. Always read the packaging so you know the ingredients of items you are sending into school. In the past few days, all staff working in our school have received Allergy Awareness and Anaphylaxis training to help us to minimise risks to all pupils with allergies.

New Staff
As the new year begins, we have several new staff members joining us. We would like to welcome Miss McConville and Mrs Donaldson back to the teaching team, and are delighted to welcome Miss Henning, Miss McDermott, Miss Collins, Miss Wolfe and Miss Murray to the staff team. We hope that they feel welcome and enjoy their time with us here in St Joseph's.

See you all on Monday morning!

Kindest regards

Mr C Donnelly

Principal