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Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH

Monday, 20th June, 2022.

Dear Parent,

- It has been another unprecedented year. As a community we have been very fortunate to have been able to continue to keep our school open to pupils everyday and this has been as a result of staff, parents, pupils and visitors following the guidelines in order to keep everyone safe. A sincere Thank You to everyone for their efforts and the sacrifices they have made.

Despite the challenges, it has been a very positive and successful year for our school. Some of our achievements are listed below:

- + We became a registered **Forest School** in October.
- + We were **finalists** in the **Families First NI Best School In Tyrone Award**, having been nominated by a parent.
- + We applied for and secured lots of external funding to enhance our outdoor learning hub, including the draining of our pitch, the creation of a running track, the installation of a Pollinator Garden, the creation of a Sacred Space and the completion of our Sensory Garden.
- + Our pupils have been very successful at Cross – Country and Gaelic football tournaments.
- + We now have a new state of the art Fire Alarm system installed.
- + Our school is expanding with an enrolment of 110 in September.

In recognition of all our achievements, we have planned an outdoor **Evening of Celebration** at the school on **Wednesday, 29th June**, from **6pm to 8pm**, where Fr. McGahan and special guests will officially open our refurbished pitch, Pollinator Garden and Sensory Garden. There will be a barbecue and fun activities for the children.

There is no entrance charge. Parents, grandparents and family members are all welcome. Please complete the **Reply Slip** to indicate the numbers of adults and children attending and return it by **Friday** of this week. You will be issued with a

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menu and a price list for the barbecue later in the week.

- The **Knockmany Cup** is taking place on **Friday, 24th June**. Further information will follow once we have been informed of the arrangements. **Master Meenagh** will be coaching the **Boys' Team** on the day and **Mrs. Deirdre McCarroll** will be coaching the **Girls' Team**.
- **Mrs. Mullin** asks that all **Choir Members** attending the **Leavers' Mass** on **Wednesday** be in **St. Patrick's Church** by **6.40pm**, dressed in full school uniform.
- Please return any permission slips and monies for school trips as soon as possible. The following class trips have been arranged:
Thursday, 23rd June – Year 5/6 Trip to Eclipse Cinema, Lifford
Thursday, 23rd June – Year 7 Trip to Portstewart/Portrush.
Monday, 27th June – Year 3/4 Trip to Happy Dayz.
- In periods of hot weather, please make sure that your child comes to school with sun - cream applied and with extra supplies for reapplication during the school day. Sun hats and caps are recommended during the good weather also.
- Please note that the **After – Schools Multi – Sports** has now ended for this academic year. Thank you to Mr. Meenagh for delivering the session throughout the year.
- Your child's **Annual Pupil Profile** (Report) will be sent home on **Thursday, 23rd June**. Please contact the school if you do not receive your child's report. Mrs. McCallan and Mr. Meenagh will issue their Year Seven reports after the **Leavers' Mass** on Wednesday evening.
- **Parents of pupils in Year One.**
A letter from the **School Nurse** will be send home tomorrow with your child. Please return by **Thursday** of this week.
- Please make sure that all dinner and milk monies are paid as soon as possible.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year Seven:**

Our **Leavers' Mass** will take place in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** on **Wednesday, 22nd June @ 7pm**. Pupils are not required to wear their school uniform – perhaps they could wear their Confirmation outfits. A **barbecue** for Year Seven pupils and family members attending the Leavers' Mass has been arranged. Please make your way over to the school following the Mass. If you have any special dietary requirements, please inform the school in advance.

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Well done to all our **Year Seven** pupils who have successfully completed their **Cycling Proficiency**. Thank You to Mrs. Barrett for delivering the programme.

Year Seven's last official day will be **Friday, 24th June**. However, they are welcome to attend next week.

- **Parents of Pupils in Year Six:**

Letters will be sent home tomorrow regarding **Transition Meetings with Mrs. Mulligan** and myself. Please return the reply slip by **Thursday** of this week.

- An **Eco Committee Annual General Meeting** has been arranged for **7pm** on **Monday, 29th June** in the school. All Eco Committee members are asked to attend. A permission slip and an agenda will be sent out tomorrow.
- Our school will close on **Thursday, 30th June @ 12pm** for the summer holidays. Lunch will not be served on this day. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Thursday, 1st September** at the usual time. We look forward to a safe return to school in September. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Board of Governors, to wish staff, parents and pupils a relaxing and safe summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



Reply Slip – Evening Of Celebration

Our family **will** be attending the the **Evening of Celebration** on **29th June**.

Our family **will not** be attending the the **Evening of Celebration** on **29th June**

Please indicate the number of family members attending:

Adults

Children

Signed:

Date:

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