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

Monday, 20th January, 2025.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- This week is **Catholic Schools Week** and the theme this year is - **Catholic Schools: Alive In Christ**. To celebrate **Grandparents' Day** on Wednesday, we have organised a special **Thanksgiving Mass for Grandparents** on **Wednesday, 22nd January** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra @ 7pm**. The **Parents' Association** have kindly offered to provide light refreshments in **Eskra Community Hall** afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

Please click on the link below to complete an electronic form to indicate how many members of your family intend to attend. If you are unable to attend, please complete the form anyway so that we can have an accurate indication of expected numbers. Please complete the form by **6pm** this evening. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kbVV4yjLLd>

- A sincere **Thank You** to everyone who completed the **Being Well Doing Well** survey. All staff, pupil, parent and governor survey results will be forwarded to EA and responses will inform a plan for improvement which will be shared with you shortly.
- **Applications For A Year One Place - September 2025.**
Please see information on our school website regarding how to apply for a **Year One** place for your child (**September 2025**). Applications will **close** at **12noon** on **Friday, 24th January, 2025**.
- **Parents of pupils in Year Three:**
Please send in a copy of your child's birth certificate for our records. It is a requirement from EA to have copies in school for audit purposes.

- **Parents of pupils in Year Four:**

The **Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)** will take place on **Thursday, 27th March, 2025** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** at **7pm**.

The **Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion)** will take place on **Saturday, 17th May, 2025** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** at **12pm**.

- **Parents of pupils in Year Six and Year Seven:**

Year 6/7 pupils will be starting their **Swimming Programme** (8 sessions) on **Friday, 24th January** at **Omagh Leisure Complex**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by members of staff. The cost per pupil is **£45**. This amount will cover the cost of the swimming lessons and the cost of the bus. Please send the money in a marked money wallet by **Monday, 3rd March**. Please complete the permission slip attached and the **Health History Questionnaire** (sent home last Monday) requested by Omagh Leisure Complex and return them to school as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

Loreto Grammar School's Open Night will take place on **Wednesday, 22nd January**. Please see a flyer on our school website.

- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven:**

We welcome back **Miss. McDermott** to Year 6/7 as she completes a week of teaching practice. We hope she enjoys her work experience.

A **Service of Light**, in preparation for Confirmation, will take place on **Thursday, 13th March, 2025** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra @ 7pm**.

Please note that the original date for our **Confirmation Practice** on **Sunday, 16th March, 2025** may be changed due to families having plans over the Bank Holiday weekend. I will keep you informed of any changes to the date.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on **Sunday, 23rd March, 2025 @ 3pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.

A **Confirmation Retreat** has been arranged by **Canon McGahan** for **Wednesday, 2nd April, 2025** in **Lough Derg**. Further details to follow shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’



Permission Slip Year 6/7 Swimming Programme

I do/do not give permission for my child/children _____
to participate in an **8 – week swimming programme** in Omagh Leisure
Complex (starting on Friday, 24th January), travelling by bus.

Signed:

Date: