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Dear Parents,

I hope you are keeping well and that you are looking forward to the Easter break.

Enrolment and After School and Morning Services

A reminder to all that **we are now taking enrolments for September**. Our after school and morning club services are available in the school from 8.10am - 9.10am each school morning and again from 2pm-5pm each school day. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Elaine on 087 1352582 or myself at mrgibbons@kilricklens.com.

Centenary Year

As you are aware our centenary year is this year. **In late September/early October we hope to launch a book which shares stories and pictures of times in Kilrickle National School, both past and present.** We are actively looking for contributions to this magazine and therefore we would appreciate it if you could assist.

If you are a past pupil of the school could you please contact me: mrgibbons@kilricklens.com. You may have old photos from the past or you may be willing to write something about your time here in school.

One of the events that we will be organising is a Community Day. This will take place in September. **We are looking for a few members of the community, who are past pupils, who could come to school and share their memories of their times in Kilrickle NS.** If you are aware of anyone who would be suitable for this event could you please contact me.

More regular updates on Centenary Celebrations can be seen on the school facebook page. Search 'Kilrickle National School' on Facebook for access.

School Photo

County Photos will be coming to the school on Tuesday, April 26th. They will be taking a photo of all the students in the school with the school staff. They will also be taking a drone photo of the

children who will create the number '100' on the school astro. This is to celebrate the school centenary. **We ask that the children wear their full school uniform on the day.**

Time Capsule

We hope to place a time capsule in the school attic to celebrate the school centenary. The attic can help preserve the capsule for a long period of time. The capsule will have various items in it that relate to the school. **We would love parents to assist in the creation of the capsule.** I have linked one [here](#) and if you feel that you can replicate something similar or know someone who could we would love to hear from you. **The placing of the capsule in the attic will be done in June.**

School Painted

Thank you to Gerry Daly who is currently painting the whole school. Thank you to Beatty's, Loughrea who have made a generous sponsorship towards the cost of the paint. This job is expected to be completed in the coming days.

Grass Area

The grass area along the astro is expected to be reseeded and cleaned up over the course of the Easter Holidays.

Confirmation and Communion

Communion will take place on Saturday, May 21st at 11am in Kilrickle Church. **We would greatly appreciate it if you could make your child available on this day as they will be needed to sing in the school choir.**

Our Confirmation is on Friday, May 27th at 3pm. **Again, we would appreciate that your child would be available from 3pm and 4pm on this day to sing in the school choir. If your child cannot attend please let me know. We ask that children who are in the choir on these days to wear their school uniforms.**

Those children who are making their Confirmation on Friday, May 27th do not need to come to school on this day. However there is a swimming lesson pencilled in for this day so those children who are being confirmed can come swimming this day if they wish to do so.

School Calendar

We ask that you keep a very close eye on the school calendar for the final term. It is an extremely busy time - school tours, graduations, communion, confirmation, swimming days etc... All events are marked on the calendar that is linked [here](#).

The new school year will begin on Wednesday, August 31st and a calendar for that school year will be made available in the final term.

Flowers and Compost

The children have been busy sowing vegetables in our school garden. After the Easter Holidays we will be putting out our flower baskets. **We would appreciate it if each family could donate some bedding plants or compost for these flower boxes.** These can be dropped off at the school on our first day back after the holidays, Monday, April 25th.

Easter Holidays

Easter Holidays will be starting at 12.30pm on Friday, April 8th. As noted above, children will return on Monday, April 25th. Thank you to our Parents Association who have generously donated Easter Eggs to all the children. These will be distributed on the day of the Easter Holidays.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will begin for all classes on Friday, April 29th for 8 weeks. They will take place in the swimming pool at Coral Leisure in Ballinasloe. At the end of the classes children will have a swim assessment and will also be certified with Swim Ireland Certs. The dates and times for these classes are as follows:

Friday 29.04.22 11 - 12 p.m.

Friday 06.05.22 11 - 12 p.m.

Friday 13.05.22 11 - 12 p.m.

Friday 20.05.22 11 - 12 p.m.

Friday 27.05.22 11 - 12 p.m.

Thursday 02.06.22 1 - 2 p.m.

Tuesday 07.06.22 1 - 2 p.m.

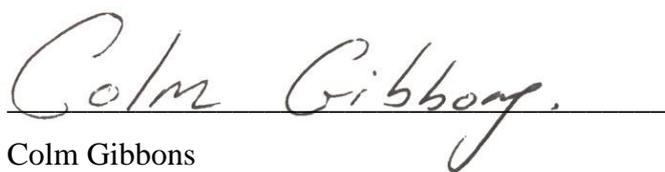
Friday 17.06.22 11 - 12 p.m.

The cost of the swimming including the bus will be €72 . We would appreciate it if you could pay for this at your earliest convenience. A request asking for an e-payment will be made to you shortly. Children need to bring their swim gear, swim hat and goggles etc.

School Website

Please see our school website to keep upto date with all the happenings of the school - <https://www.kilricklens.org/>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask - mrgibbons@kilricklens.com



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Principal

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