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Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the end of this term. Before the end of this term I would like to draw your attention to the below.

Solar Panels

Our school will be fitted with Solar Panels over the Easter Break. Schools throughout the country have been invited to complete submissions on receiving government funding for the installation of Solar Panels. We were one of the successful submissions. JFW Renewables have won the tender to carry out this work.

School Tours

School tours will be taking place in the coming months. Each tour is outlined below.

- **5th and 6th Classes – Delphi.** The children in these classes will be on this school tour from Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th May. We do require support for parents on this trip and therefore if you would like to attend, please let me know – mrgibbons@kilricklens.com
- **2nd, 3rd and 4th Classes – Thursday 30th May - Wildlands Moycullen.**
- **Juniors, Senior and First Classes - Wednesday 12th June - Jump for Joy Athlone.**

Communion/Confirmation

Below are the dates and times for the school's sacramental celebrations for Communion, Penance and Confirmation. We ask that all children be present for the Communion and Confirmation celebrations as children from all classes are needed to sing in the school choir.

- Prayer Service & Reflection for Confirmation Class - Friday 12th April at 6.30 p.m. - St. Brendan's Cathedral Loughrea.
- First Communion - Saturday, May 4th at 11am.
- Confirmation - Friday, May 17th at 3pm

School Garden

As with every spring we ask **that parents donate bedding flowers for our school baskets and vegetables for our school garden.** The children will plant these. We would also appreciate some bags of compost also. They can be dropped to our school on your **first day back after the Easter holidays – Monday April 8th.**

Tin Whistle

Tin whistle classes will conclude on April 23rd. These extra classes are to be included so as to cover classes that were missed earlier in the year. If anyone has not yet paid Yvonne we ask that you do so before the above date. Thank you to Yvonne for all her work again this year.

Drumcondra Testing

Drumcondra Standardised tests have been scheduled for the week beginning **Monday, May 20th.** We ask that children are all in attendance for this week so as to facilitate a smooth transition through the testing process. If you know that your child may be out for some or all of this week, please let your child's class teacher know as early as possible.

Easter/ Grandparents Day – PA Thank You

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for supporting our Grandparents Day which was a great success. Thank you again to our Parents Association who provided refreshments on the day and we would also like to thank them for purchasing the Easter Eggs for the children. This will be given to the children on the last day of term.

Swimming

An online payment request has been made to you regarding swimming lessons. The dates for all swimming lessons are detailed below and can be found on the Google Calendar.

Friday 26th April	11 - 12 noon.
Friday 10th May	11 - 12 noon
Thursday 16th May	12 - 1.00 p.m
Friday 24 th May	11 - 12 noon
Friday 31st May	11 - 12 noon
Thursday 6th June	11 - 12 noon
Friday 14th June	11 - 12 noon
Friday 21st June	11 - 12 noon.

Spanish Students

A note was recently sent to all families requesting host families for Spanish students. These students would attend 5th and 6th classes next year from September to December. All host families are paid. If this is something that you think may be of interest to you please let me know – mrgibbons@kilricklens.com

School Closures

Please note the following school closures in the final term.

- School Closed – Friday, May 3rd
- Bank Holiday – Monday, May 6th
- Bank Holiday – Monday, June 3rd
- Polling Day - Friday, June 7th
- Summer Holidays - Tuesday, June 25th. School closes at 12pm

Graduation Day

School Graduation Day for 6th class pupils will take place on Tuesday, June 25th.

Cash for Clobber Collection

We will be having a clothes collection on **Tuesday, 30th April**. All unwanted clean clothing, shoes, bedding (no duvets), curtains and belts etc can be donated. Unwanted clothing can be dropped in bags to the school during the month of April. Further reminders will be provided closer the time.

Hurling in Term 3

School Hurling on Tuesdays will continue for all children for the final term.

Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Kelly's Classes: April 9th – April 23rd

Mr. Gibbons and Ms. Gallagher's Classes: April 30th – May 14th

Mr. Kelly's and Ms. Gallagher's Classes: May 21st – June 4th

Sports Day

We expect to have Sports Day on **Wednesday, June 19th. This will depend on weather.**

Credit Union Sponsorship

We would like to thank Naomh Breandan Credit Union Loughrea who have kindly **donated €1,000 through their Community Funding Scheme**. We applied for funding to purchase a new PA Sound System for our school. We were delighted when our application was accepted and appreciate their support.

School Website

Our school website has documents of some of the great work completed by pupils and staff over the last term. You can **view the website by clicking here: www.kilricklens.org**

Google Calendar

All dates that have been mentioned above are all included on the school calendar: **<https://www.kilricklens.org/calendar>**

We hope that you have a lovely Easter break.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Colm Gibbons.

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Principal

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