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Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you all well. We would appreciate it if you could take note of the information below, as this will be the final newsletter of the school year.

Morning and After School Services – 2025/2026 School Year

We are pleased to confirm that our Morning and After School Clubs will continue to operate in the upcoming school year for children attending Kilrickle National School.

Morning Club: 8:00am – 9:10am

After School Club: 2:00pm – 5:00pm (Monday to Friday)

These services will be run by Patricia Kenny. To ensure a smooth start in September, Patricia has requested that all parents/guardians who wish to avail of these services attend an important meeting on: Wednesday, 18th June 7:00pm, Kilrickle National School.

This meeting will cover protocols and procedures for the upcoming year. We kindly ask that each family expecting to use these services sends a representative to the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia:

patriciakenny@live.ie - 086 248 5430

School Tours

The children from **2nd to 6th class will be going to Emerald Park (formerly Tayto Park) on Monday, 16th June.** The bus will be leaving **Kilrickle N.S. at 7.00 a.m. and will return at approximately 7.30 p.m.**

Children will get food at Supermacs in the Kinnegad Plaza on the route home, which has been incorporated into the cost of the tour. They may wish to bring pocket money to buy other food items on the trip.

Please ensure your child brings two very big lunches, as they will not be getting to Supermacs until after 5.30 p.m.

Children are to wear comfortable clothing and bring a good packed lunch with plenty of drinks. **All electronics, including phones, game devices, and music players, are not to be brought on the tour.**

The **Junior School Tour** also takes place on **Monday, 16th June, to Jump 4 Joy in Athlone**. The bus will leave at **9.15 a.m.** and will return to the school for **2.00 p.m.** Children are to wear comfortable clothing and bring a small snack and plenty of drinks. Food is provided during the day at the venue.

Bí Cineálta Survey

All schools in Ireland are now required to implement the **Bí Cineálta (Be Kind)** policy, which introduces updated procedures to prevent and address bullying behaviour. These new procedures replace the 2013 Anti-Bullying Procedures and will take effect from **1st September 2025**. They reflect a child-rights-based, whole-school approach and address a wide range of bullying behaviours, including cyberbullying, racist bullying, sexist bullying, and sexual harassment.

To assist us in formulating our school's Bí Cineálta Policy, we are asking parents to complete a very short survey, which is linked here: [Parent Survey](#)

Pupils will complete a similar survey in school next week. While this survey is intended for pupils only, you are welcome to view it here: [Pupil Survey](#)

For more information on the Bí Cineálta procedures and to access the full guidelines and resources, please visit:

<https://oide.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Bi-Cinealta.pdf>

Booklists and School Reports

Parents **do not** need to buy school books or copies for the upcoming school year. You are asked to purchase your child's stationery. A stationery list will be sent out to all families along with your child's school report.

These reports can be collected from the school office **from 3pm on Tuesday, June 10th**.

As usual, you are asked to contribute to the cost of arts and crafts, photocopying, etc. This cost is outlined on the stationery list. This payment can be made in the new school year through the school's online payment system.

Allergy

Next year, a child enrolling in our school has an allergy to cashew and pistachio nuts. In order to ensure their safety, we kindly ask that no food products containing these ingredients be brought to school from the start of the next school year.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on **Thursday, June 12th**. A letter is attached detailing the day, and we ask that you pay particular attention to it. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day. If the weather is unsuitable for the day it will be re-scheduled for a day on the final week of term.

Final Day of School and Graduation

School will finish at **12pm on Friday, June 20th**. Our **Graduation Ceremony** will be held in **Mr. Gibbons' room**, beginning at **10am**. All parents are welcome to attend the event, which we hope to enrich with songs, poems, and tunes that all children have learned since the beginning of the year.

There will also be a presentation made to **Elaine Rowley**, who has managed the After School and Morning Club up to now and worked as the school cleaner for several years up until the end of last year. We would greatly appreciate your presence to help us celebrate this with her.

Lost and Found

There are several items on the **Lost and Found** rail. These items will be removed on **Friday, June 13th**. If you wish to take any items, please do so before then. The rail is inside **Mr. Gibbons' classroom** and can be accessed at any time during the school day.

School Garden

We have been very busy in the garden this term, and the fruits of our labour are beginning to show. We would greatly appreciate your help in maintaining the school garden during the summer, as has been done in previous years. Below is a list of jobs that will need attention:

- Water flowers, shrubs, plants, window boxes, and trees **three times weekly**
- Keep the garden as **weed-free** as possible
- Maintain a **neat and tidy** appearance
- **Take home and enjoy** any vegetables that are ready to harvest!

Please select the week you and your family are available to help maintain the school garden by choosing the appropriate dates on this [Google Doc](#). All necessary garden tools and equipment can be found in the shed beside the school tap in the **infant yard**.

Morning Hurling

Our **morning hurling sessions** will finish for the year on **Thursday, June 19th** and will resume again in **September**. Thank you to all who supported this initiative.

Return to School

We will return to school on **Wednesday, 27th August 2025**. The school calendar for 2025/26 can be viewed at: <https://www.kilricklens.org/calendar>

Class Groupings

Class groupings for next year are outlined below:

- **Ms. Gallagher's Class** – Junior and Senior Infants
- **Mr. Kelly's Class** – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Classes
- **Mr. Gibbons' Class** – 4th, 5th, and 6th Classes

School Website and Facebook Page

Please stay up to date with events by visiting our website or Facebook page:

- Website: <https://www.kilricklens.org/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kilricklenationalschool>

Thank You

This year at Kilrickle National School has been both busy and rewarding. Our school website highlights many of the great events that took place throughout the year – a testament to the fantastic efforts of all in our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to our dedicated staff, fantastic pupils, and the wider school community for their tremendous efforts over the past year.

A special word of thanks to our Deputy Principal, Ms. Gwyneth Lusted, for her great support in my role as principal and for her continued dedication to our students. I am also sincerely grateful to Mr. Seán Kelly, Ms. Kate Gallagher, and Mr. Aidan Kelly for creating and nurturing a positive and enriching teaching environment. Their commitment and enthusiasm is deeply appreciated.

To our Special Needs Assistants – Grainne McLaughlin, Angelika Manning, and Seán Walsh – thank you for the exceptional care and support you provide. Your work makes such a meaningful difference in the lives of the children you support.

Our sincere thanks go to our school secretary, Rosaleen Robinson, whose outstanding administrative support ensures the smooth and efficient running of our school. Thank you also to Paul Rogers for keeping our school clean both inside and out.

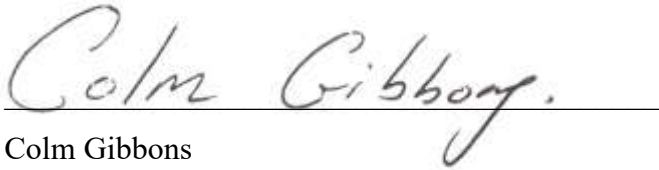
I am especially grateful to our Parents Association – Georgina Fanning, Elaine Herity, and Sharon Braide – for your voluntary work and ongoing support. Our many school events and celebrations simply would not be possible without your time and effort.

A thank you as well to our Board of Management, particularly our Chairperson, Carmel Lawlor, and Treasurer, William Dervan. Your voluntary commitment to the school's continued success is deeply appreciated.

Finally, to our wonderful children and their parents – thank you for your enthusiasm, cooperation, and continued support of the school's various initiatives. Your positivity and involvement help make Kilrickle National School such a special place to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable summer.

Principal
Kilrickle N.S.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Colm Gibbons", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Colm Gibbons
Principal
Kilrickle N.S.