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Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are looking forward to the beginning of spring. Below, you'll find important information regarding the final two terms.

School Tours

This year, the children will be going on their **school tours** on the following date:

Monday 16th June

Junior / Senior Infants, 1st Class - Jump4Joy - Athlone

2nd - 6th Class - Emerald Park, Ashbourne, Co. Meath

Details on final costs will be shared shortly.

School Bus - September 2025

As you may remember, parents were asked last year to take part in a survey to assess interest and the possibility of securing a school bus for September 2025.

The next step is for Parents to register their children's details with Bus Eireann when the 2025 / 2026 portal opens. We will inform you when this happens. The Inspector will then examine the requests and possible bus routes for September.

Enrolments

We would appreciate your help in spreading the word to families in the locality who have children starting school in September. We are now open for enrolment. Parents wishing to enrol their child should contact the school via email at kilricklens@gmail.com or by phone at **091 843363**.

Tin Whistle

We welcomed **Yvonne Barrett** back to Kilrickle National School in January. Yvonne teaches tin whistle classes to children from **1st class upwards**. If any parents still need to submit payment for this term, we kindly ask that it be brought in on **Tuesdays**, as that is when tin whistle classes take place.

School Céilí

Our **School Céilí** will take place on **Friday, March 14th**, in the school hall at **12:00 p.m.** We invite all parents to attend and enjoy the songs, tunes, and dances that the children have been working on over the past few weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Irish heritage. A special thank you to the **Parents' Association** for organizing refreshments on the day.

Website

Please visit our **school website**, which is updated regularly to reflect the various activities taking place within the school: www.kilricklens.com

Hurling Sessions

Hurling sessions will take place at the school every Tuesday until the end of the school year, beginning February 24th. The schedule detailing which class will be training each Tuesday can be found on our Google Calendar. Ally Gilchreest, who is a Connacht Development Officer, will be running these sessions. Thank you to Cappataggle GAA for supporting this initiative again this year.

The school has a sufficient supply of hurls and helmets, so there is no need to purchase equipment specifically for these sessions.

FAI Blitzes

As previously mentioned, the **boys and girls in 5th and 6th classes** will be taking part in **FAI blitzes**.

The Girls blitz will take place on Wednesday 12th February in Kiltullagh Pioneers FC and the Boys on Thursday 13th February *at the same venue*.

N.B Each child participating must wear shin guards.

We are also delighted to announce that **4th class** will now be able to participate in these blitzes. We kindly ask parents to assist with providing transport to and from the event. If you can assist with this please let Mr. Gibbons know. Departure from Kilrickle will be at 9.10 a.m. and collect at Kiltullagh at 1.30 p.m.

Mid-Term Break

School will **close** on **Wednesday, February 19th**, at **3:00 p.m.** for mid-term break and will **reopen** on **Monday, February 23rd**.

Easter Holidays will begin at **12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11th**, and school will **reopen on Monday, April 27th**.

Other important dates for the term can be found on the school's **Google Calendar**: [Kilrickle N.S Google Calendar](#)

Swimming Lessons

School swimming lessons will begin on **Friday 4th April**.

The following are the dates and times:

Friday 4th April 12 noon - 1.00 p.m.

Friday 2nd May 11 - 12 noon

Friday 9th May 11 - 12 noon

Friday 16th May 11 - 12 noon

Friday 23rd May 11 - 12 noon

Friday 30th May 11 - 12 noon

Friday 6th June 11 - 12 noon

Friday 13th June 11 - 12 noon

The cost for the term will be €69.00 .

As we have **60 pupils**, we may need a parent each week to assist with providing transport. If you can help, please sign up on this **Google Doc**: [Swimming Lifts](#)

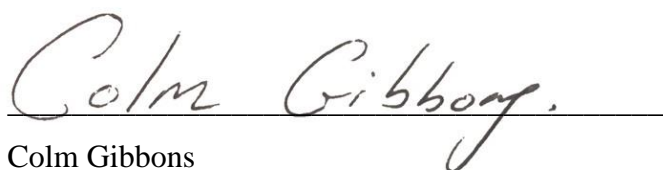
Congratulations

Well done to **Ms. Gallagher's Class**, who contributed to writing their very own book. Hard copies of the book were printed and purchased by families. Congratulations to all involved!

Return Bottles

Thank you for all the **plastic bottle and can donations** to the school. We would appreciate it if you could continue to drop your unwanted recyclable bottles in the **yellow bin** located just inside the school gate.

Have a lovely weekend,



Colm Gibbons

Principal

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