



24/08/23

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer despite the rain. We are looking forward to the new school year ahead. School will re-open on Thursday, August 31st. We would appreciate if you could take note of the below.

Welcome:

We would like to welcome all our students back to Kilrickle National School. **We would also like to give a special welcome our new Junior Infants and their families to Kilrickle National School.** We hope that you have a wonderful time here.

New Appointments:

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Angelika Manning who has been appointed as a Special Needs Assistant to our school. We wish Angelika the very best in Kilrickle National School. Ms. Sarah Mulhern will be covering my Principal Release days every Wednesday this year and we wish her the very best also.

Morning and After School Club:

Morning and After School Clubs will be up and running again this year. Both clubs are run by Elaine Rowley. **Morning club is from 8am – 9.10am and After School Club runs from 2pm -5pm.** This service is provided on each school day. If you would like to make further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine on: (087) 1352582.

New School Website

As you may have noticed our school website has been updated over the summer months. **The website link is the same but it has a new look.** The website is an excellent way to keep up to date with various school events – www.kilricklens.org

Labelling

We ask that all **school jumpers, coats and tops are clearly labelled** before the beginning of the school year with your child's name.

Pick Up and Drop Off Times

Children can enter the school grounds from 9.10am, unless they are partaking in Morning Hurling or Morning Club. The Junior and Senior Infant school day finishes at 2pm. **However, the Junior Infant children will finish at 12:30pm for the first two weeks. They will finish at 2pm from Monday, September 18th.**

Collection and Drop Off

Collection and Drop Off at school time can be quite hazardous. **The positive measures taken by parents at the end of last term had a tremendous impact on making collection and drop off safer for children – thank you for that.** We therefore ask that drivers adhere to the following guidelines again this year:

- Please never park directly in-front of the hall as it blocks access to other vehicles passing through.
- Please never park on the footpath directly beside the school.
- Please avail of the parking opposite the school grounds, in the village, at the school hall and in the village car park.

We deeply appreciate your good will and judgement in helping to alleviate the dangers that Drop Off and Collection times pose.

Opening Mass

There will be a **beginning of year school mass on Friday, September 8th at 2.00pm** in Kilrickle Church. We invite parents and members of the community to attend.

Art Supplies and Insurance:

You have now received a request to pay for Insurance, Homework Journals, Art/Craft, Photocopying and Digital Expenses for the school year. If you have any queries regarding amounts owed, you can view this on the school booklist section of the school website: [Calendar and Stationery Lists](#) . **This payment can be made online via the Aladdin payment system that was in operation last year or in cash.**

Tin Whistle with Yvonne:

Yvonne Barrett will be returning Tuesday, September 12th to start her tin whistle classes. These classes will run in the same format as last year (every Tuesday for the first, second and third term). The costs for the first term are outlined below. The money should be given to Yvonne in cash on the 12th of September. **Classes are for children from 1st class upwards.**

- €25 for 1 child
- €40 for 2 children per family
- €50 for 3 children per family

Morning Hurling:

Morning hurling will recommence on Monday, September 4th. It will start at 9.00am each school morning and the children will need to bring their own hurl and helmet. It will finish at 9.20am. **This is for children from first class upwards.**

If a child wishes to leave their hurl or helmet at school, it should be left in Mr. Gibbons' room.

Gymnastics

There will be Gymnastic Classes for the children in the school hall this term. **These classes are for all the children in the school – Junior Infants to 6th Class. The classes will be done during the school day. There will be six classes which will continue for six consecutive Mondays starting on Monday, September 18th.** The cost for all 6 classes is €15. This can be paid in cash. Alternatively you can pay via Aladdin – a link will be sent to you shortly looking for this amount.

Google Calendar

The school's Google Calendar is a very useful way to keep up to date with school events throughout the school year. Please visit the school website section - [School Calendar](#) to access it.

County Photos:

As you may have noticed on the school Google Calendar, **County Photos will be coming to the school on Thursday, September 7th at 9.20am** to take individual photos of the children as well as group photos.

Summer Works:

Our school grounds are looking wonderful. A great deal of work was done throughout the summer in

maintaining the school grounds. **Thank you to our parents who maintained the school garden and flower boxes over the summer months. Thank you to all the workers and volunteers who completed jobs around the school over the past two months also.**

Contacting Teachers via Email:

If you wish to contact your child's class teacher, you can do so via email:

- Ms. Kate Gallagher mkgallagher@kilricklens.com
- Mr. Seán Kelly mrkelly@kilricklens.com
- Mr. Colm Gibbons mrgibbons@kilricklens.com
- Mrs. Gwyneth Lusted glusted@kilricklens.com

Absences

If your child is absent on a school day we ask that you write a note, send an email or call the school/class teacher to notify them of your child's absence.

Keeping Updated with School Events:

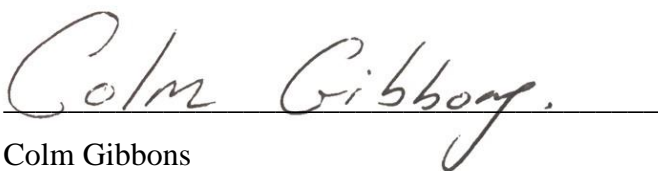
You can keep up to date on all school events by visiting the school website

<https://www.kilricklens.org/> and the school Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/kilricklens/>

Both are updated regularly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any questions remaining, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Le gach dea-ghuí,



Colm Gibbons

Principal

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