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Dear Parents,

Please see attached newsletter for June. It contains very important information and therefore we ask you to take the time to read it.

## Staffing and Classes for 2026/2027

We are delighted to announce that our enrolment is expected to exceed 88 pupils next year, entitling us to an additional mainstream classroom teacher. This means Kilrickle NS will become a **four mainstream class teacher school**, reflecting the continued growth of our school community.

We want to give a big welcome to Tracy Murray to Kilrickle National School. Ms. Murray will be taking up the new post created.

Despite two applications, we were unsuccessful in securing Department approval for an additional classroom. As a temporary measure, a movable partition will be installed in Mr. Kelly's classroom to accommodate First Class alongside Second and Third Class. We will be continuing our efforts as a Board of Management in securing an additional classroom.

## Class Structure 2026/2027

- Junior & Senior Infants – Ms. Gallagher
- First Class – Ms. Murray
- Second & Third Class – Teacher to be confirmed over the summer
- Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Class – Mr. Gibbons
- SET – Mr. Kelly

As mentioned last night, we also wish **Ms. Gwyneth Lusted** a long and happy retirement. Gwyneth's dedication, kindness and commitment to Kilrickle NS over many years have left a lasting impact on our school community. We thank her sincerely and wish her every happiness in retirement.

## School Bus Update

Thank you to all families who supported our recent school bus application. We received almost 30 applications, demonstrating the strong demand for a bus service within our school community. Unfortunately, our application was unsuccessful. Most applicants live within the current transport eligibility radius, while some families outside the radius are deemed to have another school closer to their home and therefore do not qualify under the School Transport Scheme.

We would like to sincerely thank **Councillor Michael Maher, Councillor Martina Kinnane, Councillor Geraldine Donohue, and Councillor Jimmy McClearn** for their support, advocacy, and efforts on behalf of our school.

While disappointed with the outcome, we remain hopeful that future opportunities may arise to improve transport options for our pupils and families.

## School Services and Reminders

The **Morning and Afterschool Club** will continue next year (8:00–9:10 a.m. and 2:00–5:30 p.m.). Families wishing to secure a place should contact Patricia Kenny as soon as possible. -

<https://www.kilricklens.org/careservices>

Parents are reminded to review the **school uniform requirements** for next year. Details are available on the school website via school booklet. Please note that leggings are not part of the school uniform. During hot weather pupils are permitted to wear navy shorts. <https://www.kilricklens.org/about> (Page 5 - Information Booklet)

A reminder also to update any **medical information, allergies, or healthcare needs** using the linked form [here](#).

Families new to the school, or those who have not yet completed the **Parental Consent Form**, are asked to do so as soon as possible - <https://www.kilricklens.org/enrolment>

School reports and booklists may be collected from the office from **2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th June**. New families joining the school in September will receive booklists by post.

Booklists can be viewed on the school website by visiting:

<https://www.kilricklens.org/calendarandbooks> and clicking *Stationary Lists*.

## School Events

Please continue to check the school calendar over the coming weeks. Upcoming events include:

- **Final Friday Rosary** – Friday, 19th June at 9:45 a.m.
- **Sports Day** – Thursday, 18th June (weather permitting)
- **School Photographs** – Tuesday, 8th September
- **Sixth Class Graduation** – Tuesday, 23rd June at 10:00 a.m.
- **School Closing** – Tuesday, 23rd June at 12:00 p.m.

Tea and coffee will be served by the Parents' Association following the Graduation Ceremony.

Our final **Morning Hurling** will take place on Friday, 19th June and will resume during the first full week of September.

## School Grounds and Garden

Considerable improvement works will take place over the summer, including grass reseeding and the installation of fencing in selected areas. We hope our school grounds will look better than ever when we return in September.

We would also greatly appreciate family support in maintaining the **school garden** over the summer. Families are invited to sign up for a week using the linked Google document [here](#). Tasks include watering, weeding and harvesting vegetables. All watering cans are left in the garden. There are some gardening tools in the school shed.

## Summer Activities

**Kilrickle Kidz Summer Camp**, run by Ms. Gallagher, will take place from **29th June – 3rd July** for children aged 4–12 years. To book a place, contact [mshgallagher@kilricklens.com](mailto:mshgallagher@kilricklens.com) or Sarah on **087 274 3582**.

## Lost Property

Parents are also encouraged to check the **Lost and Found** collection in Mr. Gibbons' classroom. They will be left on the school rail on sunny days. Unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of the school year.

## A Word of Thanks

As another school year draws to a close, it is a fitting time to reflect on what has been a busy, rewarding, and successful year at Kilrickle National School. Our school website highlights many of the wonderful events, achievements, and experiences that have taken place throughout the year and stands as a testament to the fantastic efforts of our entire school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, fantastic pupils, and the wider school community for their tremendous support and commitment throughout the year.

A special word of thanks goes to our outgoing Deputy Principal, **Ms. Gwyneth Lusted**, for her unwavering support in my role as Principal and for her many years of dedicated service to the pupils and families of our school. Her contribution to Kilrickle National School has been immense, and she will be greatly missed by all.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank **Mr. Seán Kelly, Ms. Kate Gallagher, Mr. Aidan Kelly, Ms. Sarah Mulhern, and Ms. Deirdre Larkin** for their hard work, professionalism, and commitment to creating a positive, caring, and enriching learning environment for all our pupils.

To our Special Needs Assistants, **Gráinne McLaughlin, Angelica Manning, and Seán Walsh**, thank you for the exceptional care, encouragement, and support you provide each day. Your work makes a tremendous difference to the lives of the children in our school.

A sincere thank you 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 the work he does in maintaining and caring for our school grounds and buildings throughout the year.

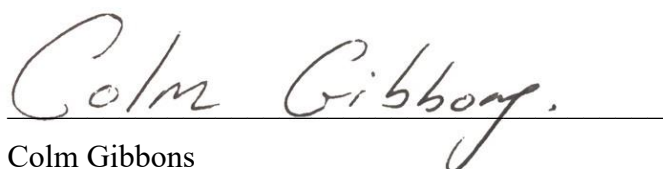
I am especially grateful to our Parents' Association, **Georgina Fanning, Elaine Herity and Sharon Braide**, for their voluntary work, dedication, and continued support of school events and initiatives. Many of the celebrations and activities enjoyed by our pupils simply would not be possible without their time, energy, and commitment.

My thanks also go to our **Board of Management**, particularly our Chairperson, **Carmel Lawlor**, and Treasurer, **William Dervan**. Your voluntary service, guidance, and commitment to the continued success of our school are deeply appreciated.

Finally, to all of our parents and guardians, thank you for your enthusiasm, cooperation, and support of the many initiatives and activities that take place throughout the year. Your positivity, encouragement, and involvement help make Kilrickle National School the special place that it is and provide our children with the best possible environment in which to learn, grow and thrive.

On behalf of everyone at Kilrickle National School, I wish you and your families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in on **Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Le gach dea-ghuí,



Colm Gibbons

Principal

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