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Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you all well. We would appreciate it if you took note of the below.

Morning/After School Services

Our Morning and After School services will be in operation again in the next school year. **The morning club will run from 8.00am – 9.10am and the After School club will run from 2.00pm – 6.00pm each school day, including Fridays.** This service will be run by Elaine Rowley and is for the children attending Kilrickle National School. She has asked that all parents who wish **to avail of this service to please contact her before the end of the school year.** Phone: 087-1352582 to contact Elaine.

Parents Association

We have been blessed again to have such a fantastic Parents Association over the past 3 years. Unfortunately, their term has now concluded and therefore we need a new committee to form. **I would appreciate it if parents who are interested in forming a new committee contact me.**

I would like to thank Mags Larkin, Nicola Edwards, and Caroline Keena for the tremendous work that they have done on behalf of the school over the past 3 years. They have been an invaluable support to myself and the school during this time.

Booklists

As mentioned previously, **parents no longer need to buy school books or copies for the upcoming school year. You are asked to purchase your child's stationery.** A stationery list was sent out to all families along with your child's school report. As per 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.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be taking place on Wednesday, June 19th. A letter is attached detailing the day.

Final Day of School and Graduation

School will finish at 12pm on Tuesday, June 25th. Our Graduation ceremony will be held in Mr. Gibbons' room and **the ceremony will begin at 10am.** All parents are welcome to attend the event as we hope to incorporate the ceremony with songs, poems, and tunes that all children have learnt since the beginning of the year. There will also be a presentation made to our outgoing Parents Association and we would appreciate if you could be there to celebrate this with us.

Hurling Blitz

The postponed hurling blitz on Wednesday **may be rescheduled to this Thursday**, but this is yet to be confirmed. If it is confirmed, we would again appreciate that lifts be made available.

Lost and Found

There are several items on the Lost and Found rail. **These items will be removed on Friday, June 21st.** If you wish to take any items from the rail, 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 it if you could assist, as was done during previous summers, in maintaining our school garden.** Below is a list of jobs that will need to be attended to:

- Flowers, shrubs, plants, window boxes, and trees need to be watered three times weekly.
- The school garden should be kept as weed-free as possible.
- The school garden should be kept neat and tidy.
- 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 selecting 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. If at any point there is no water, as this can often happen, please do not hesitate to contact me at mrgibbons@kilricklens.com

Morning Hurling

Our morning hurling sessions will **finish for the year on Friday, June 21st** and will continue again in September. Thank you to all who supported this initiative.

Return to School

We will be returning to school on **Wednesday, August 28th**. The school calendar for the 24/25 year can be viewed [here](#).

Class Groupings

The 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

Mast Petition

There is a petition in the school office that we ask parents to sign at a time that is convenient to them. It is regarding the removal of the mast in the village. **Your support with this is much appreciated.**

School Website and Facebook Page

Please keep up to date with various events by visiting our school website or by viewing our school's Facebook page:

- [School Website](#)
- [School Facebook Page](#)

Thank you for taking the opportunity to read this newsletter.

Thank You

This year at Kilrickle National School has been both busy and rewarding. Our school website highlights many of the wonderful events that took place in our school this year - [Kilrickle National School](#). I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the school staff, pupils, and the wider school community for their tremendous efforts throughout the year.

I extend my gratitude to our Deputy Principal, Mrs. Gwyneth Lusted, for her support in my role as principal and her dedication to all our students.

Thank you to Mr. Seán Kelly, Ms. Kate Gallagher, Ms. Sarah Mulhern, and Mr. Aidan Kelly for fostering an excellent teaching environment. Your commitment and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our Special Needs Assistants, Grainne McLaughlin, Angelika Manning, and Seán Walsh, who provide exceptional support to the children they work with. Your contributions are invaluable.

I am grateful to our school secretary, Rosaleen Robinson, for her outstanding assistance with all administrative duties. Her hard work ensures the smooth operation of our school.

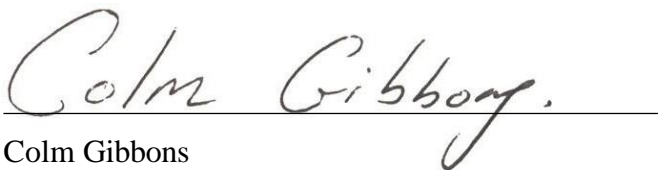
Thank you to Elaine Rowley for the fantastic job you do in maintaining the school's pristine condition. Your efforts are greatly valued.

I owe a significant debt of gratitude to our Parents Association. Mags Larkin, Caroline Keena, and Nicola Edwards, thank you for your voluntary work throughout the year. Our various celebrations wouldn't be possible without your support.

A huge thank you to our Board of Management, particularly Paul Rogers, our Chairperson, and Carmel Lawlor, our Treasurer. Your voluntary work and dedication are deeply appreciated.

Lastly, thank you to the children and parents for your enthusiasm and support of the school's various initiatives. The entire school community is grateful for all you do to make Kilrickle National School such a wonderful place.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable summer.



Colm Gibbons

Principal

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