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**Dear Parents,**

We have a number of important updates and reminders for the coming weeks:

### **Morning and After School Club**

We are pleased to inform you that beginning in **September 2025**, **Patricia Kenny** will be managing the school's Morning and After School Club.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Elaine Rowley** for the wonderful work she has done in running these clubs up to now.

### **Cumann na mBunscol and Manning Cup**

The boys and girls in the senior room will be taking part in **Cumann na mBunscol Camogie, Hurling, and Football Blitzes** over the coming weeks. While most fixtures are yet to be confirmed, the following are currently scheduled:

- **Camogie:** Wednesday, May 14th – *Cappataggle GAA Pitch*, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Boys Football:** Wednesday, May 21st – *Cappataggle GAA Pitch*, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Girls Football and Boys Hurling:** Dates to be confirmed.

We will update you as soon as further details become available.

**The Manning Cup, which is a track and field athletics event, will also take place on Wednesday, May 21st.** This is an evening event, and some pupils from each class will be participating in the competition. We will let you know closer to the time whether your child will be taking part.

### **School Garden – Flower and Vegetable Donations**

We would greatly appreciate any donations of **compost, bedding flowers, and vegetables** for our school garden and baskets.

Items can be dropped to the school on **Monday, April 7th.**

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

The boys and girls in the Senior Room will be preparing the garden for planting this Friday so we would appreciate if they could bring in a spare rake from home for the day.

### **Curriculum Evaluation – Science**

As you know, our school underwent a **Curriculum Evaluation in Science** on **Thursday, March 20th.**

We are delighted to share that it was a **very positive experience**, and the inspector spoke very highly

of the teaching and learning taking place in our school. Well done also to the pupils who gave a wonderful account of themselves on the day.

A full report will be published in the coming weeks, and we will share it with you as soon as it is available.

## **Bus Transport**

We kindly ask that any parents interested in availing of **school bus transport for next year** complete the online application form at the following link: <https://schooltransport.buseireann.ie/Account/Login>

Please note: families **may still qualify** for a bus space **even if they don't meet all criteria**, so we strongly encourage all interested families to apply.  
This would be a significant benefit for our school.

## **School Swimming Classes**

Our first swimming class will take place on **Friday, April 4th**.

As previously mentioned, due to limited bus capacity, **teachers and parents will be assisting with transport** this year.

If you would prefer your child to travel **only by bus**, please let me know by emailing [mrgibbons@kilricklens.com](mailto:mrgibbons@kilricklens.com).

All remaining classes will take place **after the Easter break**. Children are to wear their uniform as normal.

We still require lifts for transporting children to and from the swimming pool – if you can assist with this could you please let us know your availability as soon as possible by filling out this [Google Form](#):

## **Easter Break**

A reminder that school will close at **12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11th** for the Easter break. School will re-open on **Monday, April 28th**.

## **Return to School Date**

We will return to school for the **2025/26 academic year on Wednesday, August 27th**.

## **First Confession and First Communion**

A reminder of the upcoming dates for children making their sacraments:

- **First Confession:** Tuesday, April 8th at 11:00 a.m.
- **First Communion:** Saturday, May 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Please note that we would hope that all children would come to the First Holy Communion Ceremony **to sing in the choir**, so we would be grateful if you could keep this date free for all children.

Have a lovely week,

*Colm Gibbons.*

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