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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a nice weekend and the all the Dads had a lovely Father's Day. As we enter the final week of the final term I would appreciate if you could take note of the below.

Centenary

Thank you to all who have contributed to the centenary magazine already. It's not too late to do so. Last submissions for the magazine is Thursday, June 30th. If you could email myself: mrgibbons@kilricklens.com with your submissions before this date I would be very grateful. More information regarding our centenary celebrations will be given in the school year.

Pre-School and Morning/After School Services

Our Pre-School and After School facilities will be in operation again in the next school year. The Little Villagers is a pre-school service for children of pre-school going age and will run from 9.30am – 12.30pm each day. This is run by Tina Clarke. There are a very limited number of places available.

The morning club will run from 8.00am – 9.10am and the after school club will run from 2.00pm – 5pm each school day. This service will be run by Elaine Rowley and is for the children of Kilrickle National School.

If you would like to find out more about these services please do not hesitate to contact Tina Clarke (Pre-School) at tinaconthenet@yahoo.ie or Elaine Rowley (After School/Morning Club) [087- 1352582](tel:087-1352582).

Final Day of School and Graduation

School will finish at 12.15pm on Thursday, June 19th. This is to allow our pre-school to finish at their normal time of 12.30pm without having to deal with the hustle and bustle of Graduation as we leave. Our Graduation ceremony will be held in Mr. Gibbons' room and the ceremony will begin at 10.30am. Mrs. Hardiman will be in attendance and a small presentation will be made to her. **All parents are welcome to attend the event. All teachers and children in the school will also be attending the event in Mr. Gibbons' classroom.**

Lost and Found

There are a number of items on the Lost and Found rail. This items will be disposed of on Friday. If you wish to take any items from it please do so before then. The rail is inside Mr. Gibbons' class room and can accessed at any time during the school day.

Traffic Lights

As you have noticed our traffic lights are fixed. Thank you to all who contacted councillors and politicians on the school's behalf looking to get the lights fixed promptly.

New Appointment

As you are already aware Mrs. Gallagher will be finishing with us at end of the school year. Sarah has been a wonderful addition to the school and both the staff and children will miss her dearly. Thank you, Sarah, for the wonderful work you have done for the school.

The vacant position is a permanent position and must be filled from the Clonfert Diocesan Panel. We hope to have an appointment made in the coming weeks and parents will be notified of this permanent appointment when it is made.

School Garden

We have been very busy in the garden this term and the fruits of our labour are beginning to show. **We would therefore appreciate greatly if you could assist, as was done during previous summers, in maintaining our 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.
- The school garden to be kept as weed free as possible.

- That the school garden be kept neat and tidy.
- Take home and enjoy any vegetables that are ready to harvest!

Please select the week(s) 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, please do not hesitate to contact me – mrgibbons@kilricklens.com.

Morning Hurling

Our morning hurling sessions have finished for the year and I hope that they will continue in September. Thank you to all who supported this initiative.

Summer Reading Programme

Mrs. Lusted has kindly arranged a Summer Reading programme for the children of the school. All children from Junior Infants to 5th Class have been given a booklet. We strongly encourage children to read over the summer and this programme is an excellent way to motivate this good habit. There are prizes for those children who engage in the initiative. Thank you Mrs. Lusted.

Thank you

We have had a very successful school year at Kilrickle National School this year – we have begun our centenary celebrations, have completed our school extension, finished our new astro facility and opened pre-school and after school care services. Thank you to all who worked tirelessly to make these possibilities all realities.

I would like to thank our Deputy Principal Mrs. Gwyneth Lusted who has provided great support to me in my role as principal. To Mr. Seán Kelly, Ms. Sarah Gallagher, Ms. Madeleine Dolan and Mrs. Marie Lantry who have worked tirelessly to provide a wonderful education to our children. Thank you to our school SNA Gráinne McLaughlin also who has been a tremendous support to the children and teaching staff.

Thank you to our school secretary Rosaleen Robinson who has worked endlessly behind the scenes all year. Thank you to Elaine Rowley who has done a wonderful job in keeping the school clean and safe, both inside and out, during the last school year. Thank you to John Herity, our school caretaker, who has made the school grounds bright and tidy with his lovely work.

I owe a huge debt of gratitude to our Parents Association – Thank you to Mags Larkin, Caroline Keena and Nicola Edwards for their voluntary work over the last school year.

I would like to give a huge thank you to our Board of Management, particularly Paul Rogers our Chairperson and Carmel Lawlor our Treasurer, who complete a great amount of school work, all of which is done on a voluntary basis.

To the children and parents who have been so co-operative and understanding during a very busy school year. The whole school community are grateful for all that you do to make Kilrickle National School the joyful place it is.

Finally, this school year was tainted with sadness with the passing of Kathryn Cormican, our school secretary. Kathryn had been school secretary in Kilrickle National School since _____. She was a kind, conscientious and humble lady who always went above and beyond for the school. Both Seán and I, will always be indebted to her for what she has done for the school. Thank you Kathryn.

Return to School

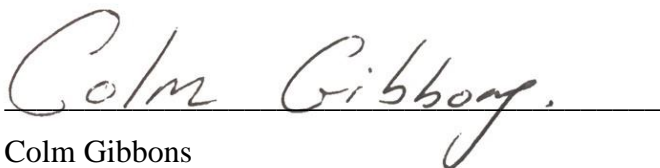
We will be returning to school on Wednesday, August 31st. All important dates for the next school year will be on the Google Calendar which is linked [here](#). If you have any difficulties viewing this please let me know. This link also gives access to the school booklists.

School Review

As a school we are always looking to making improvements. If you have suggestions we would appreciate if you could make us aware of them by filling out [this Google Form](#).

If you have any queries over the summer holidays please do not hesitate to contact me – mrgibbons@kilricklens.com. Have a wonderful summer break.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colm Gibbons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Colm Gibbons

Principal

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