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Monday, 28th January, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following note carefully:

- Congratulations to **Ashton Beattie, Sarah Loughran, Eoin McEvoy and Sarah McCarroll** in **Year 7** for their admirable efforts at the **NI Road Safety Quiz** on **Tuesday**. They were great ambassadors for our school through their exemplary behaviour and active participation. Well done!
- Our **Cross Country Team** are invited to the final round of the **Cross Country League** on **Wednesday, 30th January, 2019**. The venue is **The Billy Neill Soccer Centre** in **Dundonald**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by Mr. Colton. Pupils are asked to wear appropriate clothing and to bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water.
Please note that due to the long journey, pupils will need to be in school for **7.50am** as the bus will be leaving at **8.00am sharp**.
- **Admission to Year One** is now an on-line process. Please refer to the Education Authority's website for further information- www.eani.org.uk
Please note that the closing date for on-line applications is **31st January, 2019**. If making an application for admission to Year One, could you please forward your child's birth certificate as soon as possible. We will take a copy of it for our records and return it to you.
You may have read in the Monday Herald today that some parents are experiencing difficulty with the on-line process. If you are experiencing difficulty, please contact EA's Admissions Helpdesk on (028) 95985595 or e-mail primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk
- This Week is **Catholic Schools Week** and the theme this year is- **Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools**. Following the success of **Grandparents Day** last year we have decided to invite **grandparents** into school again on **Tuesday, 29th January** for **Afternoon Tea**

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from **1.15pm to 2.00pm**. Please find attached a flyer about **Catholic Schools Week**. As **Sunday** is the feast of **St. Blaise**, Fr. McGahan hopes to bless the throats on **Thursday** morning.

- **St. Ciaran's Open Night** is on **Thursday, 31st January, 2019 @ 7pm**.
- Your child's **Monthly Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **February** will be issued next Monday.
- **Parents of Pupils In Year 7:**

Good luck to **Eoin McEvoy, Matthew McKenna, Sarah Loughran, Patrick McCarney, Ellen Bradley, Sarah Loughran, Ashton Beattie and Cora Scullion** who are representing our school at the **Credit Union Quiz** on **Friday** night in **Fintona Golf Club**. Parents are not required to attend as Mrs. Barrett and I will be there to assist the children. However, you are more than welcome if you wish to accompany your child. Pupils are asked to arrive at **Fintona Golf Club** no later than **7.50pm**.

Tuesday night's written **Literacy** homework will be replaced by **Confirmation** homework until Confirmation. Pupils will still be expected to complete **reading, spelling practice** and **workbook** and **MA** each **Tuesday**. Please note that learning homework for Confirmation is just as important as written homework.

A **Confirmation Information Evening** for parents of pupils in **Year 7** has been arranged for **Monday, 4th March @ 7.30pm** in the school Assembly Hall.

Year 7 Boys have been invited to participate in an **Indoor Football Heat** on **Tuesday, 5th February** at **Omagh Station Centre**. Pupils are asked to bring appropriate clothing and a packed lunch. Pupils will travel in staff cars and will be accompanied by two members of staff. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school tomorrow. Please note that pupils will not be permitted to attend without a signed permission slip. Good luck boys.

Year 7 Girls have been invited to participate in an **Indoor Football Heat** on **Monday, 4th March** at **Omagh Station Centre**. Pupils are asked to bring appropriate clothing and a packed lunch. Pupils will travel in staff cars and will be accompanied by two members of staff. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school tomorrow. Please note that pupils will not be permitted to attend without a signed permission slip. Good luck girls.

- Our school will be closed from **Monday, 18th February to Friday, 22nd February (inclusive)** for **Mid-Term Break**. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Monday, 25th February** at the usual time.
- **Parents of Pupils in Year 6:** Please find attached a note regarding **Year 6**

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Transition arrangements.

- **Parents of pupils in Years 3-7:** Please find attached a **Red Hand Fan** flyer.
- Beginning this week, **Year 5 and 6 pupils** will be participating in a **10-week** programme on developing basic Irish Language. The programme, organised by **Tyrone County Board**, will be taught by **Mr. Colton** and will involve the children working through a series of ten lessons which can be found on the County Board website <http://tyronegaa.ie/gaeligne/> . On completion of the course, the children will be invited to the **GAA Centre in Garvaghey** for a celebration ceremony, where they will be presented with a Certificate and a red 'Tyrone Pin'. This pin can be worn and will symbolise that the children have a basic knowledge of Irish. This is an exciting pilot programme and a great opportunity for our pupils to be involved in nurturing an important part of our culture, the Irish Language. We encourage parents to become actively involved by following the lessons from the website and helping your children use the words, phrases and sentences as often as possible. *Ádh mór!* (Good luck).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

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Permission Slip- Year 7 Boys

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to participate in an **Indoor Football Heat** in **The Station Centre** in **Omagh** on **Tuesday, 5th February**, travelling in staff cars.

Signed:

Date:

Permission Slip- Year 7 Girls

I do/do not give permission for my child _____ to participate in an **Indoor Football Heat** in **The Station Centre** in **Omagh** on **Monday, 4th March**, travelling in staff cars.

Signed:

Date: