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Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH

Monday, 1st April, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following note carefully:

- I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new **Year 5/6 teacher** and **Vice-Principal, Mrs. Mulligan** and to wish her every happiness and success at our school. We are all looking forward to working with her. I know that she will be a great asset to our school.
- Our **Value** for the month of **April** is **Love**. Your child will be learning about this value at school. He/she will be completing work based on this theme throughout the month of April.
- Our **TS&PC** focus for the month of **April** is **Thinking, Problem-Solving and Decision-Making**. Your child will be given lots of opportunities to develop these skills this month. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for April to see how you can help at home.
- Your child's **Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **April** will be sent home this week.
- A special **Mass of Celebration** to mark **Mr. Colton's retirement** has been arranged for **Wednesday, 3rd April, 2019 @ 7.00pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Please note that seats will be reserved for the choir and school staff. All gifts will be presented at the Mass. As this is a special occasion, all pupils are being asked to wear their full school uniform to the Mass. Light refreshments will be served in the school afterwards. We respectfully request that children do not go outside the school when refreshments are being enjoyed. Children must be supervised by their parents at all times. If anyone is available to help tidy the school after the celebrations, we would greatly appreciate it.
- **Mrs. Taggart** has requested that all **Choir** members are seated in the chapel at

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6.30pm on **Wednesday** evening. Also, all choir members are to be collected from the side door of the chapel, to avoid congestion.

- Pupils will be delighted to hear that there will be **no homework** on **Wednesday** due to our celebrations for Master Colton taking place.
- Huge congratulations to our **P7 Girls' Cross Country Team** who won the cross country girls' school cup in **Carrickmore** on **Friday 29th March 2019**. **Cora Scullion** lead the race right from the first turn and secured herself the **gold medal**, **Ellen Bradley** and **Sarah Loughran** battled their way into top ten positions and **Sarah McCarroll** and **Kerrie Mc Dermott** came across the line inside the top 30 to secure the girls' school cup for St. Patrick's Eskra. What a fantastic team of girls who have worked so hard at their running throughout their P7 year.

The **P7 Boys' team** lost out in the boys' school cup by the narrowest of defeats - one single point! In his trademark 100m final sprint **Ashton Beattie** overtook 3 competitors to claim **first place** and a well-deserved **gold medal**. **Eoin McEvoy** pushed hard all the way around and got himself into a top ten position. Super sub **Darragh OHagan (P6)** did not hesitate when asked to step up and run in the P7 race, he secured a fantastic 11th place. **Patrick McCarney** in only his 2nd ever race for Eskra ran home in a top 40 position.

The **P6 Boys' race** saw **Sean Montague** fight hard for his top ten medal. All of the P6 boys finished the race strong with a big smiles on their faces. **Anna Donnelly** excelled in the **P6 Girls' race** and also achieved a top 10 medal. All 3 of our P6 girl racers finished inside the top 15, which demonstrates perfectly how consistent training equals excellent results on race day. Fantastic work, girls!

In the **P5 Girls' race** **Anna Rose Beattie** just narrowly missed out on a top ten medal but continues to get stronger in her racing category. All P5 girl racers worked hard as a team and finished their races with powerful performances. In the **P5 Boys' race**, Eskra stunned the watching supporters running away with both **1st** and **2nd place!** **James Scullion** claiming **gold** and **Dara McGarvey** hunting him down in **2nd place**. **Conal Kelly** close behind also claiming a top 10 medal. With both **Liam Loughran** and **Daithi McNamee** running home in top 20 positions, this is a boys' team to watch out for in the future!

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in the races and supported their friends and classmates all the way around the racing course. A big thank you to **Mrs. Barrett** and **Mrs. McGirr** for accompanying and supporting all the boys and girls. And a final thank you to **Tracey Scullion** and all the mums and dads who took time off work to cheer Eskra on. All cheerleaders are very welcome! Check out our website for photographs.

- Pupils in **Years 1- 4** will be travelling to **Parkanaur Forest Park** on **Friday, 5th April** for their **Shared Education Celebration Event**. This event marks the end

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of the Shared Education Programme for this year. The children have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the pupils from the other schools and participating in lots of fun and educational activities. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by seven members of staff. Pupils are asked to wear their PE uniform, a coat and to bring a packed lunch. Pupils in Year 1/2 do not require red bags on Friday so please ensure that all homework is in the red bags ready for collection on Thursday. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Wednesday, 3rd April.**

- Details regarding any future **Shared Education Programme** arrangements to follow in the summer term.
- **Year 6 Parents:** A separate letter regarding your child's **Transition** into **Year 7** has been sent home today.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Permission Slip- Years 1-4

I do do/not give permission for my child _____ to travel by bus to the **Parkanaur Forest Park** on **Friday, 5th April, 2019** as part of their **Shared Education Programme.**

Signed:

Date: