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

Monday, 25th April, 2016.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- Congratulations to our Year Seven pupils- **Peter Campbell, Joseph Cullen, Cathal Donnelly, Cliona Gill, Conor Hackett, Luke Kelly, Roisin Kinsella, Cora McCabe, Joseph McCarney, Shane McDermott, Anna McEvoy, Aine McKenna, Holly Meegan and Zara Meegan**- who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Saturday. We are very proud of all of them. I'm sure you will agree that they were all dressed beautifully, showed great reverence throughout, participated fully and answered the Bishop's questions intelligently. Well done, everyone! A sincere thank you to everyone who donated food and/or helped to prepare the hall, serve refreshments or clean up afterwards.
- Congratulations also to all our pupils who participated in the **Feis Thir Eoghan** prose, poetry, art and music sections. They all did exceptionally well and we are all very proud of them.
- **First Holy Communion** will take place in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** on **Saturday, 30th April @ 12.30pm**. Please find attached a **Refreshments Sheet**. Please complete giving details of any refreshments that you can donate and return the sheet to school by **Wednesday, 27th April**. All donations would be greatly appreciated.
- You may be aware that we have established a new tradition in the school whereby **Year 3 parents** take on the responsibility of setting up, serving food and tidying the Community Centre for the occasion of **First Holy Communion**. A sincere thank you to all those parents who helped out last year. All other parents who are willing to lend a helping hand in some way are also welcome as it is a big undertaking if left to just a few. Please complete the reply slip attached to indicate how you can help. Please return the slip to school by **Wednesday, 27th April**.

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- **Parents of pupils in Year Four:** A photographer has been arranged (Donnie McGale) for First Holy Communion. He will be at the church to take whole class photographs and in the hall after the ceremony where he will take families in alphabetical order (like last year's arrangement) for family, group and individual photographs. Please indicate on the reply slip if you would like to avail of this service.
- I am very disappointed to inform you that it has been brought to my attention by pupils, parents and Tom, our bus driver, that there have been further recent incidents regarding inappropriate behaviour on the school bus. Tom has even been forced to stop the bus due to pupils fighting. This is a serious and unacceptable situation. As you were informed at a meeting last year, pupils who continue to display inappropriate behaviour on the bus can be removed. I am aware that only a few pupils are responsible, however, if this behaviour continues, I will arrange meetings with the parents of those pupils involved to decide on an appropriate course of action. If your child travels on the school bus, please speak to him/her regarding the importance of appropriate behaviour.
- Pupils are completing their **Annual Standardised Tests** during the month of **May**. Please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent from school during the month of May to minimise disruption to testing.
- You may have noticed that we have had new doors installed at the front and rear of the main school building. These new doors have been provided through EA Western Region funding and are bright, hardwearing and secure.
- Please find attached a flyer regarding a family event in Omagh.
- Our school will be closed on **Monday, 2nd and Tuesday, 3rd May** for the May Holiday. We are also closed on **Thursday, 5th May** as our school is being used as a polling station for the local elections.
- **Sports Day** will take place on **Friday, 27th May** (weather permitting) during school hours. Further details to follow.
- Our **Annual Fun Night** will take place on **Friday, 27th May** (weather permitting). Further details to follow shortly.
- Our **Annual Achievements Assembly** (Prize-Giving) will take place on the morning of **Monday, 13th June**. Year 1/2: 9.20am – 10.00am. Year 3/4: 10.00am – 10.45am. Year 5/6/7: 10.45 – 11.45am.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

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