



# Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School

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Family Note #4

Dear parents,

As we approach the Mid-Term break, I would like to bring some recent notices to your attention;

**Credit Union Quiz;** Huge well done to our two quiz teams who represented our school so well in the recent Credit Union quiz in The Great Southern Hotel.

**Enrolment 2025;** Closing date for receipt of applications for our Junior Infant class 2025 is February 28<sup>th</sup> 2025. Please contact school office or download an application form on our website

**Electricity Outage;** There will be an electricity outage in our school tomorrow, February 19<sup>th</sup>. School will close at 12.30pm and staff will be completing Bí Cineálta training. Please ensure your child has an extra layer of clothing.

**5-a-side soccer tournament;** Well done to our 5-a-side boys soccer team who narrowly missed out on progressing following a tense penalty shootout. Thanks to Mr. Looney and all involved.

**Bí Cineálta;** The Department of Education are rolling out the Bí Cineálta guidelines in all schools from September 2026. We are currently drafting our Bí Cineálta policy and this will replace our Anti-Bullying policy. We will be consulting with parents and pupils during the development of this policy.

**Service of Light;** Our 6<sup>th</sup> class will celebrate their Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The Service of Light will take place in the school on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm.

**First Confession;** Fr. Kieran will celebrate First Confession with second class in the school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**Killarney area smartphone pledge;** Minister Norma Foley recently launched this wonderful initiative which involved 21 local schools. Our current smartphone agreement will now be replaced with this similar initiative but the agreement remains the same - No smartphone until you finish primary school and no social media until the age of 13.

**School Tracksuits;** Our Board of Management have recently approved a new school tracksuit design for our school which will be available from September 2025. A huge thank you to our wonderful parent's association for their input in the design. Thanks also to our wonderful pupils for their input. Please note that it is not necessary to purchase the new tracksuits in September. If pupil's old tracksuits still fit, they are welcome to wear these.

**Confirmation;** Please note that school will close at 12noon on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> as has been tradition in local schools.

**School Inspector;** Our school inspector, Eavan O'Donoghue recently visited our school. She observed lessons and looked at our school policies and plans. She was very complementary of the ongoing work in our school and we thank her for her visit.

**Hot Lunches;** Reminder to please cancel your child's hot lunch if you are aware of an upcoming absence. 48 hours notice is to be given for lunch cancellation. If your child no longer wishes to avail of the lunches or wishes to reduce down the days, please email the school office so we can adjust the number of lunches required.

**Parking and road safety;** Drop off and collection times are extremely busy times at our school. We ask that you park safely and respect our neighbours while doing so. Please continue to drive carefully in the area and remind your children not to leave the school grounds until they see you. Your continued patience and co-operation at these busy times is greatly appreciated.

**Food Dudes;** The school participated in the Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme, where pupils got the opportunity to increase their daily intake of fruit and veg.

**Healthy eating;** As we are a healthy eating school, we ask that all parents provide their children with a healthy snack for their first break. A small treat is allowed on a Friday. Our healthy eating policy is available to view on our website. We are also a nut free and fish free school as we have pupils who have severe allergies to both. We ask that you please adhere to this policy.

I wish you all a lovely Mid-Term break.

Regards,

B O'Sullivan

Principal

