



# Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School

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## Family Note 4

Dear parents,

As we approach the Christmas break, I wish to acknowledge the support and kindness that you have shown us here in Loreto National School throughout the past year. It is very much appreciated.

**Fundraiser;** Thank you all for your support with our recent fundraiser, The Killarney Rotary Club Wine and Art Night;\_Thanks to those parents who volunteered to help with the preparation for the event on Tuesday night and our staff who helped to serve wine and cheese on the night. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

### **New Board of Management;**

Our new Board of Management commenced its new term on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Many thanks to the previous Board members who ably assisted with the management of the school and who gave so freely of their time. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the new Board members the very best for the next four years and thank them sincerely for accepting their roles. The new Board members are;

Chairperson; Fr. Kieran O'Brien

Secretary; Brian O Sullivan

Patron's Nominee; Gerardine Harnett

Staff Nominee; Mary Rose Clifford

Parent's Nominee; Caitríona Doolan

Parent's Nominee; David Young

Community Nominee; Kathleen Fitzgerald

Community Nominee; Anthony Walsh

**Enrolment 2024;** Applications for our Junior Infant class 2024 are now open. Application forms are available to download from our website or directly from the office. The closing date is February 16<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Parent Teacher meetings;** We were delighted to welcome all parents to our school for meetings in November. Thank you to all our teachers for facilitating these meetings and to all parents who attended.

**Killarney Coffee Cup Initiative;** In November, pupils in Fifth and Sixth Class took part in the Killarney Coffee Cup Initiative at the School House in Muckross. Pupils enjoyed an Introduction video to the Killarney Cups Project, a play session in Muckross School House including scavenger hunt, an interactive discussion on the Coffee Cup Initiative including why single use items affect the Park & what is a biosphere along with a discussion regarding what would make Killarney a good place to live in and how can we support the biosphere? Pupils also enjoyed an outdoor experience: collecting seeds in Coffee cups and learning how to take care of them at home and in school through a planting demo and care guidance information. A great day was had by all.

**Hot Lunches;** We are delighted to announce that our school was successful in our application for Hot lunches. Every pupil will receive a hot lunch free of charge as per the new school programme from the Department of Social Protection. We are currently at the procurement stage and we hope to have it up and running after the Easter break.

On behalf of all the staff here in Loreto National School, I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back here in 2024

Regards,

Brian O'Sullivan

