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St. Catherine's N.S.,

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Dear Parents-

What an amazing year we have had and it's not over yet! Just look at the photos at www.stcathns.com or some of our class blogs to see what a really wonderful year it has been. You might like to check the list below which shows what's happening here over the coming week or so-

Dates for diary:

- Walking Bus – runs from Kenley & Dennehy's Cross MONDAYS only departing sharp at 8.40 a.m.
- Wed. May 20th – We had our amazing Science Fest– watch our Blogs and Twitter Feed for updates☺
- Thurs. May 21st – Active Schools Flag Assessment – We are so proud of how active we are!
- Tue, May 26th - 4th Green Flag Presentation – So proud of Our Green School Committee and school community!
- Wednesday, May 27th – New Junior Infants Meet & Greet from 1.30 to 2.30
- Thursday, May 28th at 1.30 in CIT – Sciath na Scol Camogie Final- do come and support us! Classes 3rd – 6th will walk there and back weather permitting- this may affect collection time –text message will issue on this.
- Thursday 28th – Yard Upgrade Fundraiser - Dinner Party Cookery Demonstration for Parents Association 7pm in Tourism & Hospitality Building CIT☺ Tickets from Deirdre in the Office.
- Friday, May 29th -Schools Tennis Final in Rushbrook
- Friday, May 29th – FAI Soccer Coaching for 5th & 6th in HALLA 9.10-12.30
- Friday, may 29th – St. Catherine's Sports Day – Highfield – Thanks to our super Parents' Association!(€2 per family)
- August 2015- Check out Itunes for ISPCC Childline single " I'll get by with a little help from my friends" and see if you recognize our brilliant 5th classes. – Making a difference! Check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/TheAcademyofPopularMusic>

Other news:

- As we come to the end of another very enjoyable and successful school year we now begin to turn our attention to the organization of the end of term and the year ahead. May I take this opportunity on behalf of myself, the staff and Board of Management to thank you all most sincerely for your support, encouragement, friendship and trust in us here in St. Catherine's. We value it greatly.

- Shortly we will receive feedback from the Department of Education Inspectors on how this school looks after the Mental Health & Wellbeing of all in the school, especially pupils and we look forward to sharing this with you.
- Ipad – Thanks to several donations of Ipad from parents & a sizeable donation from our amazing Parents Association, we are in the process of setting up our portable Ipad Lab which will bring IT to the next level here in St. Catherine's We can't wait to get started on this so watch out for more on website & blogs. Thanks to you, our parents & our dynamic Staff, we are, as usual, at the cutting edge of new approaches in St. Catherine's.

END OF TERM Checklist:

- Stamped Addressed Envelopes needed for reports by June 5th please as reports will be posted the week before we close. Where SAE's are not sent in Reports will be held in the Office.
- Reports, as you may remember, are in a new format as designed by the National Council for Curriculum & Assessment. These have Standardised Test Results (1st – 6th) and a section advising you, as parents, how you might further support your child's learning. We ask you to pay particular attention to that section.
- We also forward a copy of each pupil's 6th Class reports to their Secondary Schools.
- **6th Class Graduation Production** for their families will take place on Friday June 19th- approximate time 12.30 for 12.45 start.
- Thursday, June 25th – School Mass in Hall where we will be celebrating the huge contribution of Mrs. Healy to St. Catherine's, as she prepares to head off, for what we hope will be, a long & happy retirement.
- School closes for **ALL** classes (including 6th) on Friday 26th of June at 12 noon.
- School reopens on Tuesday, September 1st – see website for full calendar in the coming week.
- As we will again have 3 new teachers joining the staff in September, I may not be in a position to tell all classes their teachers during the last week.
- Secondhand Uniform Tidy Up will take place next Monday 9-11 – please let us know if you can help
- **Book Rental** : As you are aware we are now operating a full Book Rental Scheme in St. Catherine's so I would ask you to facilitate us by ensuring your child's current class books are returned in excellent condition when requested by teachers. On this note, we have been very lucky to have had several parent volunteers running this over the past few years. Sadly their time in St. Catherine's is coming to a close and **we urgently seek at least 4 volunteers** to take this over – in the coming weeks. So if you think you would like to help we will offer full training and support and the main busy periods for this are June and early September. Please hand in your name to the Office next week if you can help.
- **Board of Management Contribution (€60 per family is suggested but is totally voluntary)** will be collected in June and Envelopes & School Account Summary will be sent out then . We thank you most sincerely in anticipation of your usual very generous donations.

Mrs. Carmel O'Sullivan, Principal
