



St. Joseph's Primary School  
42 Castle Street  
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## Friday Note Looking back...

Friday 11 May 2018

No.25

### Sr. Mary

The Parish of Blaris will celebrate a special Mass for Sr Mary our school chaplain on **Monday 14 May at 7pm** in St. Patrick's Church. The Mass will be a celebration and appreciation of all that Sr Mary has done for the Parish and for our school. All are very welcome to attend this Mass. Sr Mary will move back to Waterford next week so this will be a chance for all of us to say goodbye in a very special way.

Our senior choir and folk group will participate in this Mass so we would appreciate full attendance in school uniform. Thank you.

### Aladdin

We just cannot wait until tonight's performance of Aladdin. The dress rehearsal today was just amazing so if you're coming along tonight you are in for a very special treat. Stay tuned to twitter for updates tonight. Again, thank you to our Primary 7 pupils who have worked so hard to stage such a fabulous show. Thank you to the whole Primary 7 team here in St. Joseph's for their commitment and hard work as well.

## Looking ahead....

### First Communion

On Saturday we will celebrate First Communion with many of our Primary 4 pupils. We are all so looking forward to this very special day. We hope that the weather is fine and all our families will have a very memorable day. We are very proud of all the pupils and how hard they have worked to prepare. Well done everyone! Thank you so much to our Primary 4 team who have prepared the children so well.

### Post-Primary School Allocation

On Saturday 19 May our Primary 7 pupils will find out which post-primary school they have been allocated. Placement letters are sent directly to parents from the post-primary school. The EA will once again provide a helpdesk on Saturday 19 May 2018 between the hours of 3.30pm and 5pm which parents can contact in the event that they do not receive a placement letter from the post primary school which has selected their child for admission. The EA will write to parents of pupils who have not yet been allocated a school place.

**The helpdesk number is 028 2566 1379.**

**NB:** The helpdesk will **not** have information on the post primary placements of pupils who hold a Statement of Special Educational Needs as these pupils are placed in schools via a separate process managed by Special Education.

### School Development Planning for 2018/2019

2018/2019 is Year 3 of our current School Development Plan (2016 – 2019). We are currently reviewing and evaluating school improvement and action planning for the next academic year. As part of this planning we are currently surveying all stakeholders: staff, pupils and parents. So far there has been over 100 responses...thank you for taking the time to complete and to provide such detailed written responses. If you haven't already had the chance to complete the questionnaire please follow the link which has been emailed and texted. Thank you. We will share the results with you before the end of the school year.



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### Gartan 2018

Please send all completed forms to your child's teacher by **Friday 18 May**. All medication **MUST** be given directly to Mrs Fleming by parents (NOT PUPILS) before this date as well. Thank you.

### P5 YMCA Project with Largymore Primary School

Unfortunately, this project has been postponed as there has been a difficulty with funding issues. YMCA are trying to find a way around these issues and will come back to the schools involved at a later date. Until then planned workshops with Largymore have been cancelled. We will keep you updated in the coming weeks.

### What's happening next week?

Monday 14 May 2018	Tuesday 15 May 2018	Wednesday 16 May 2018	Thursday 17 May 2018	Friday 18 May 2018
<b>PTM and PTE Testing for Primary 4</b>  Shared Education Day for Primary 3: in St. Joseph's, Harmony Hill and Castle Gardens 9.30am – 11.30am  Mass in celebration of Sr Mary at 7pm in St Patrick's Church  Gemma Carey on work experience in Primary 1 Mrs Crilly  Healthy Planning Session for all teachers	<b>PTM and PTE Testing for Primary 4</b>  Pottery for P7 at Island Arts Centre  Mrs Crilly at Global Learning Course from 2pm – 4pm  Mrs O'Hare: Shared education Day SUB Miss McNally  P4 – P7 Healthy Planning 2.15pm – 4pm	<b>PTM and PTE Testing for Primary 4</b>  Mrs Fleming at CCEA Training  ICT Classroom Observations: Mrs Gould (SUB: Mrs Twene) and Mrs O'Hare (SUB: Miss McNally)  Shared Education Day for Primary 3: in St. Joseph's, Harmony Hill and Castle Gardens 9.30am – 11.30am  P4 at tennis in Wallace Dome  P1 – P3 Healthy Planning 2.15pm – 4pm	<b>PTM and PTE Testing for Primary 4</b>  Mrs Crilly's Parent Assembly at 9.30am  ICT Classroom Observations: Mrs Gould (SUB: Mrs Twene) and Mrs O'Hare (SUB: Miss McNally)	<b>PTM and PTE Testing for Primary 4</b> Mrs Hanna's Parent Assembly at 9.30am  Swimming Gala: P4 and P5 9.30am – 12noon P6 & P7 12.45pm – 3.15pm (See separate note from Mrs Gartland for details)  Gartan Consent Forms returned to teacher and all medication to Mrs Fleming by today please.

Have a great weekend.....Pauline



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