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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you in good form as we approach summer holidays. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your co-operation and support throughout the year. There are a few matters for your attention.

FAREWELL FR. HENNESSY

Fr. Hennessy is moving to Leighlin in Carlow during the summer. He has served on our Board of Management and been an integral part of our school for the past sixteen years. During his time here he has come to know the parents, children and staff of our school and was always a welcome visitor. As a token of appreciation from our school community he was presented with gifts from the Board of Management, Parents' Council, Staff and children of the school. We had a lovely send off for him on Wednesday last and he spoke fondly of his time as Parish Priest in Mountrath. We wish him every blessing as he continues in his ministry in Leighlin.

SCHOOL MASS AND FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

The school will be going to **10 a.m.** Mass on **Wednesday 27th June** – the Graduation Mass for 6th Class. We wish the girls all the best as they commence Post Primary school. After Mass on Wednesday we will also host our flag raising ceremony. Sincere congratulations to Mrs Sheppard, the Green School Committee and all in our school community who have helped in any way to obtain this flag for Global Citizenship Litter and Waste. Thanks to Glanmore Foods who will supply us with food on the day.

MINISTER AND T.D.'s VISIT TO SCOIL BHRIDE

I was honoured to be asked by Mr. Bryan O'Reilly, Patron's Secretary for education to host a meeting last week in Scoil Bhríde requesting our local representatives to increase capitation grants for schools. Among those present were Minister Charlie Flanagan, Deputy Sean Fleming T.D., Deputy Brian Stanley T.D., Councillors John Joe Fennelly, Brendan Phelan, Seamus McDonald, and our chairperson of BOM Mr. David Page. Deputy Brian Stanley also visited 4th Class to speak to the girls about life as a T.D.

SCHOOL SPORTS

- Our Sports Day is scheduled for **Thursday 28th June** . Once again, thanks to the Parents' Council, we will be hiring an obstacle course from Megabounce. Thanks to Mrs. Sheppard for organising the day and to our Parents' Council for helping with funding.
- Well done to our school team this year and sincere thanks to our school coach Mrs. Sheppard for coaching the girls.
- 3rd and 4th Classes have completed their swimming course in Portlaoise Leisure Centre and every girl will receive a certificate.
- Well done to all the girls and teachers who participated in our recent "Fun Run" in the GAA field. Our school raised €331 for the children in Malawi, Africa. Thanks to all who contributed.

BOOK RENTAL

On your daughter's booklist you will notice some books on the list can be rented from the school. We encourage you to avail of the Book Rental Scheme in an effort to reduce costs.

NEW INFANTS

We welcome our new Junior Infants and parents to our school. They came in today for an introductory session. Also thanks to Triple P. Parenting Programme for their input.

PARENTS' COUNCIL

I wish to express my thanks to our Parents' Council for their help this school year. They have subsidised school tours, paid for swimming buses and 6th class jerseys, Megabounce, subsidised playground markings, bought sports equipment, Clan Cluana Theatre, to name but a few. If any parent wishes to help out next year you can contact any member of the committee or myself here in school. Your support and help would be very much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sincere congratulations to Ms. Thompson on her recent wedding. We wish you both health and happiness for the future.

MOUNTRATH LIBRARY

Triona from Mountrath Library visited our school last week to talk to the girls about all the activities and workshops that are available for them in the local library and in the libraries in Laois. Please encourage your child to visit the library and maybe get involved in the summer reading challenge.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Special thanks to Ms.G. Brereton for keeping our school website updated. Check it out for latest events and photos.

THANK YOU.

Thank you to our BOM who have supported us tremendously this year.

Thank you to Mr. Piotr Glanert (school caretaker) and Mrs. Mary Hosey (school secretary) for their hard work during the year. I know you join me in complementing our beautiful school grounds.

Thank you to Viola (School cleaner) for keeping the school looking so well.

Thank you to Marion (SNA) for your dedication to the children.

Thank you Parents' Council and all parents for supporting us as we work together in educating your daughter.

I know you join me in thanking the teaching staff of our school.

- **Reminder: School tours tomorrow June 26th.**

The school will close for summer holidays on Friday 29th June at 12 noon, It will re-open on Thursday 30th August 2018 at 9.20 a.m.

On behalf of myself and the staff may I wish you all a happy and safe summer.

We look forward to seeing you all on **Thursday 30th August.**

Yours sincerely,

Mary Rohan
Principal.