



# Loreto College Junior School

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## Newsletter June 2019

Dear Parents,

Now that the children have their well deserved holidays, we can look back over our school year. It has been another fulfilling year with many opportunities for growth and development and opportunities to celebrate the gifts and talents of our girls. Sport, debates, gym displays, drama, dance, orchestra recitals plus plenty of hard work have been evident.

We are all unique and our time together is enriched by the sharing of our gifts and the encouragement and support we give to each other as pupils, parents and staff. The last year has brought us such joy on many fronts. Pride of place goes to the girls who were presented for First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Those milestones are so important in each child's life and in the life of their family and school. We were very proud of each individual girl as she participated with confidence, respect and reverence.

### 6th Class

Our 6th class girls have had a very busy year as they assumed the mantle of leadership within our school community. Each girl fulfilled her role as prefect willingly and cheerfully, acting as a positive role model for our younger pupils. They are a gifted group and have so much to offer as they move into Senior School. I wish them well as they progress to the next stage of their educational journey with new friendships, new subjects and new adventures ahead.

### 2nd Class

Congratulations to our 2nd class girls who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th May. During a lovely ceremony celebrated by Fr Enda, they were a credit to themselves, to their families, to their school and especially to Ms Burke. The members of the choir sang like angels and added so much to the Liturgy. My sincere thanks to all in our school who helped with the preparations for this special day. The refreshments, laid on for the Communicants and their families, by our Parent Association, were delicious.

### Altar Servers

Some of our immediate past pupils are altar servers at Mass in their home parishes and assisted at our various Liturgies. However, at present we do not have any. This is a great pity.

If any of your girls from 3rd to 6th class are interested in assisting at Mass as servers in your local church, please contact your local priest. It is lovely to have servers from within our school community when we have our school Mass, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Important Notes:

- \* Dates for your diary available on our website.
- \* Visit our Latest News to read of the many activities in the Summer term.
- \* *Reminder:* Our students are covered by Allianz 24hr Pupil Personal Accident Insurance.

## Reports

As parents, you will soon receive your daughter's school report containing a brief outline of her progress this year. However, please remember it is only an outline. It will not detail the fun she has had, the games played, the happiness experienced, the dramas that have taken place, the obstacles overcome, the resilience shown, the friendships formed and the growth that has occurred spiritually, personally, creatively and physically.

I truly believe that a happy pupil is a confident pupil, ready to rise to the challenges and opportunities of school life. It has been my special privilege as Principal to walk the corridors, to listen to the children, to visit the classrooms, witnessing the teaching and learning taking place, led by a wonderful team of committed teachers, who deliver so much for the benefit of their pupils.

## Parent Association

My sincere thanks to all within our school community who have contributed to the support of Loreto Junior School and to myself. The Parent Association members have helped in so many ways assisting with our school photographs, coffee mornings, charity days, uniform sale, Sacramental Celebrations and Graduation, to name but a few. Parents have also given their time to assist with trips and to share their expertise with class groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing members of the Parent Association and in particular our Chairperson Elena Henriquez. Thank you for your years of dedication to our school.

## E-Safety

Most websites and games use age restrictions and checks to try to make sure that children don't view unsuitable content. Children must be at least 13 to register on most social networking websites.

However, little stands in the way of children joining at a younger age except their parents. Age limits are there to help keep children safe, so you shouldn't feel pressurised into letting younger children join or view these websites. As responsible adults, it is so important that you speak with your children about this important safety issue. Please be aware of older siblings and/or relations who may be careless about letting the children have access.

As a school, we advise that no primary school child should have unsupervised access to the internet and no child should have a social media account of any kind.

## New Pupils

We welcomed our new Junior Infant pupils in May. We all enjoyed the visit which gave children and parents an opportunity to meet. Many of the girls could almost start school immediately, however, they will have to be patient and wait until August. We look forward to seeing them again.

Le gach dea - ghiú agus sláinte oribh go leir

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Mairead, Bean Uí Chathmhaoil

Margaret Campbell, Principal

**Class Teachers:** Please find below a provisional list of class teachers for the coming year. This may be subject to change for operational reasons.

Junior Inf:	Ms Buchan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class:	Ms Burke
Senior Inf:	Ms Larkin	4 <sup>th</sup> Class:	Ms Timmins
1 <sup>st</sup> Class:	Ms Sisk	5 <sup>th</sup> Class:	Ms Synnott
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class:	Ms Neenan	6 <sup>th</sup> Class:	Ms Walsh