



Scoilnuacht 14: September 2021

- **Welcome Back:** Everyone has settled back so well and we are all enjoying working together. We are easing the children back into all the daily class routines and homework.
- **Staff Updates:** We are delighted to have Ms. Phelan back with us this year. Ms. Phelan is with us on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for varying parts of each day. Ms. Loughnane is a welcome addition to our staff and we appreciate her tremendous dedication to the children of seniors to 3rd class. We will be interviewing for the position of SNA on Monday next and we look forward to welcoming the successful candidate to Killea.
- **School Covid Response Plan:** We appreciate all the support in helping to keep us all safe. Thanks to all who have been so proactive, to date, in terms of being extra vigilant with signs of your child being unwell. We are aware of so many classes and schools who have children isolating and awaiting test results and we are making every best effort to ensure our wonderful school doesn't experience this disruption.
- **Sacraments:** We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion on Saturday October 16th at 11am and Confirmation on Saturday October 16th at 1pm, both in Killea church. Fr. Conor has advised that, due to our small numbers, families should be able to have those they wish with them in the Church. A significant amount of class time goes into the preparation of these sacraments, so we will be holding off until nearer the date to revisit the preparation that was already undertaken May and June. Being back at school and working through the academics are the priority for September.
- **Enrolments:** Please continue to let us know of any possible new enrolments for the coming year.
- **Boxercise:** We will have a class each week for the next 6 weeks.
- **Swimming:** The Garda College have yet to reopen their facilities to school groups so we will hold off on booking anywhere else until they confirm their plans .
- **Scarecrow Display:** Last year's Scarecrow projects proved great fun in the Senior room and it was fabulous to have them all out on display. We plan on doing this again this year and we will include the Junior room this time around. So you can be planning and gathering materials in the background in anticipation!!
- **Pitch Gear:** A change of footwear is needed daily so the children can avail of the pitch facility. A change of socks are also a good idea as not all the boots are waterproof.

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