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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everybody and we hope that you had a good summer. A particular welcome to our new pupils and we hope that they have a worthwhile and enjoyable time here with us. Junior Infants have had their photos taken so keep an eye out for smiling faces in the local papers!

Please pay any outstanding bills immediately. Collection and counting of money take away teaching time so the sooner we can settle accounts, the better for everybody. Thank you. It is very helpful to have your **child's name** on his/her belongings, particularly items of clothing so please check this immediately. Please note also that all pupils from 1st – 6th Classes are required to wear a pair of slippers or indoor shoes.

Swimming commences for 4th, 5th and 6th Classes on Tuesday 12th September in Kilkenny pool. The lessons will continue for ten weeks. Each pupil must wear their P.E. uniform and please make sure that your child has a swimming cap. Cost per week is €6 per pupil. Please pay €12 on Monday morning (11th) and €6 each Monday morning thereafter for the following eight weeks, with no payment required on the last week. Swimming will begin for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Classes on Friday 8th September in Graiguecullen pool. The lessons will continue for eleven weeks. Each pupil must wear their P.E. uniform on the day and please make sure that your child has a swimming cap. Cost per week is €7 per pupil. Please pay €14 on Thursday morning (7th) and €7 each Thursday morning thereafter for the following nine weeks, with no payment required on the last week. Please send payment to the appropriate class teacher in an envelope with your child's name and marked Swimming. Thank you. All lessons will take place during school hours.

Speech and Drama and Tin Whistle lessons will recommence the week after next, as will Yoga Bugs for Infants and 1st Class. These are paid for by funds raised by the Parents Association so be sure to help out when they come looking for support!

We are proud of being a Green School. As part of this we encourage you to use a proper reusable lunchbox for your child that will reduce the amount of waste we have to deal with. Thank you.

School begins each day at 9.20 and finishes at 3 o'clock (2 o'clock for Junior and Senior Infants). The Board of Management would like to remind you that it does not provide for supervision of pupils outside of these hours. Pupils and guardians are requested to wait inside the front wall until school begins. If it is raining then pupils and guardians have permission to wait in the shelter at the back of the school. The Board thanks you for not parking on the far side of the road and asks that you be patient and considerate when parking.

The feedback from you on the "Text-a-Parent" system has been very positive. Typically people receive two or three texts per month on school-related matters. If you don't receive a text in the next couple of days and would like to, please contact the school. We will use one mobile number per family from our records and if you think we may not have the correct number for you, please contact us. If you would prefer not to be contacted by the school in this way, please let us know and we can easily remove you from the list.

The teachers will be having a meeting on **Friday, 8th September** so all pupils will finish at **12.30** on that day.

Finally, please wait for Kathleen or myself if you need to speak to a teacher or drop something into a classroom. While it may only take a few seconds, the cumulative effect of interruptions to teaching and learning can be very frustrating! So again, please wait at the office and Kathleen or myself will be with you as soon as possible. Thank you and we wish you all a happy and successful school year.

Yours faithfully,

Principal