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#### *Mission Statement*

*As a Catholic school, our mission is to develop the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual aspects of each child and encourage everyone to respect themselves and each other.*

*We value each person while working to provide a supportive environment for all pupils to learn and play in harmony together.*

5<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Dear Parents,

The Board of Management has developed a Mission Statement in cooperation with the Parents Association and the teachers. You will notice it at the top of this page. I will return to the subject in more detail at the beginning of next year, but for now it is important that you read the statement and be aware of its message.

We will soon be entering the school tour season (again!). The main purpose of the tours is educational but of course we aim to have some fun as well. Please pay as requested by the class teachers. Thank you.

Well done also to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class on making their First Communion last Saturday. They were a credit to themselves, their families and their school. A special word of thanks to the parents involved in supporting the children over recent months and to Ms. Denieffe and Mrs. Byrne for their excellent preparation of the children and the choir.

Our boys and girls soccer teams competed in a 5-a-side blitz in Tullow recently organised by the FAI. Both did well, winning the majority of their matches. The girls qualified for the next round of the competition which will take place in Athlone.

One of the effects of the budgetary cutbacks is that there will be no book grant for needy pupils in the coming year. If you have any textbooks that you think may be useful to the school at the end of the year please make an extra effort to check with the school and we will gladly reuse them if we can. Thank you.

Many thanks to you all for coming to the school recently to see the children demonstrate their science experiments. Photos are available on the school website. Well done to our budding scientists, their teachers and particularly to Mrs. Roche for organising the event.

Some of our pupils play with the Leighlin Brass Band and it's a joy to hear them practicing and to see how well they are progressing. The Band would be glad of your support for a concert which will be held in the Parish Church this Thursday night (7<sup>th</sup> May) featuring the Kilkenny Gospel Choir and the St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band. Proceeds will go to the Leighlin Brass Band instrument appeal.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June. The school will be closed the day before because of the local and European elections and on the Monday afterwards (8<sup>th</sup> June) for the Bank Holiday. The next staff meeting will take place on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May. All pupils will finish at 2 p.m. on that day.

Finally, it was a privilege for us to form a Guard of Honour for the President of Ireland, Mary MacAleese, on her recent visit to the village. I want to compliment our pupils on their excellent behaviour not just on the day but throughout the year so far. You might mention it to your child. We endeavour to show good behaviour to the pupils in our school and it's what we expect from them as well. Thank you for your support as always.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal