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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 one another.*

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

15<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending the parent/teacher meetings organised recently. These meetings provide a chance to talk about how your child is progressing in school. The teachers welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your attendance is a sign of your interest in your child's education.

Bad weather on the 8<sup>th</sup> December meant that we were unable to bring the children to Mass in Leighlin Church as planned so Fr. Lalor came and said Mass in the school on the day.

We are encouraging the children not to give Christmas cards to all others in their class. It involves around 5,000 cards which is a lot of paper and expense. We realise of course that children like to give a card at this time so the teachers will arrange for some form of communal card or gift giving in class before Christmas.

Well done to 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Classes who performed in the school last Wednesday evening. They were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Thanks to all for coming and to Ms. Moriarty, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. O'Connor for their work in preparing the pupils.

Congratulations to Tara Doorley who was a winner in the national 'Dear Grace' competition held recently. She won a computer for the school and her classmates a trip to Dublin. Her story is included in the book that is published in conjunction with the competition. Well done Tara!

Well done to our hurlers who took part in an indoor hurling blitz held in Old Leighlin recently. Unfortunately, good performances on the day weren't enough to take us any further in the competition.

Well done also to the boys and girls from 4<sup>th</sup> Class who took part in the Futsal (indoor soccer) blitz organised by the FAI. Competing against the big town schools meant they were up against it but they got a chance to show off their skills and enjoyed themselves on the day. The girls won their competition. Well done girls!

The Board of Management thanks you again for being considerate when parking at the school. Do ensure that you avoid parking directly outside the gates and when dropping off pupils please move off promptly and with care.

The school will close for the Christmas holidays at 12 noon on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** and will re-open on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010**. Other closures are detailed on the school website.

Before things get too busy, on behalf of the teachers I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody associated with the school - but particularly you the parents - a very happy and peaceful Christmas. We think especially this year of our families who have been visited by illness or financial concerns and sincerely hope that there is some improvement for next year. Thank you for your support as always.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal