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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.

6th April 2011

Dear Parents,

Please make sure that the school is made aware if there are any changes to your contact details. Thank you.

We are planning our arrangements for the coming year so if you know of anyone who plans to enrol a child for 2011-12 but has not yet done so, please ask them to contact the school immediately. We already have a reasonably large number of children enrolled for Junior Infants.

It is good to see the children properly dressed in their school uniform as required. Please note that only stud ear rings are acceptable (larger ear rings can be unsafe) and make up is not appropriate. Please note also that **plain** navy tracksuit bottoms are required with the tracksuit top (**not** striped or patterned). On the rare occasion when the weather is unusually warm, the teachers will let the children know when shorts are acceptable. These shorts should be plain navy, although plain black or grey are allowed because there will be some years where the situation will not arise at all.

Congratulations to Pia O'Grady (1st Place), Amelia Heffernan (1st Place) and Aoife Johnston (2nd Place) who were prizewinners in the recent INTO/EBS Handwriting Competition. Well done also to their parents and teachers for helping them to become some of the best handwriters in the county! It's nice to see the tradition of writing in our own hand live on in these days of texting and typing.

Well done also to Christelle Murphy and Emma Townsend who were prizewinners in the Carlow Happy Heart and Fairtrade art competitions. Their entries were outstanding. Well done girls!

During National Tree Week recently Barry Comiskey visited the classrooms and gave the pupils lots of details about our trees and the wildlife that lives in them.

As part of the Public Service (Croke Park) Agreement the teachers have for some time been working an extra hour per week in addition to any extra time that they were already working. This time will be used to facilitate activities such as staff meetings, parent-teacher meetings, school planning, inservice training etc. and you will consequently notice a reduction in the class time lost to such events. I would like to thank the teachers for their professionalism, their generous cooperation with the new arrangements and for "doing more for less".

Pat Byrne from Suas Educational Development visited us last month to talk about his work in schools in India. It helped us to appreciate what we have despite everything that is happening in the country at present.

We are again taking part in the Carlow Litter Action League and aiming to keep our school as tidy as possible.

The school will close for the Easter holidays at 12 noon on Friday 15th April. Summer term will begin on Tuesday, 3rd May. Confirmation for 6th Class will take place on Saturday, 7th May and First Communion for 2nd Class will take place on the following Saturday, 14th May.

On the afternoon of **Thursday, 14th April** (next week) we will be holding a science exhibition at which some of the recent work done by our pupils will be on display. All pupils will get a chance to see the exhibition and we would like to invite parents to come along between 2 and 3 o'clock on the day. All are welcome.

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Yours faithfully,

Principal