

Kilkeary N.S. Newsletter

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

You may have noticed that the school grounds were a hive of activity over the summer break 2014!

The school applied for the Summer Works 2014 Grants Scheme and was fortunate to receive funding to replace the roof of the main building. The previous roof had been on the school since its establishment in 1949 and so it was long overdue.



Other work that was complete during the summer months:

- A new coat of tarmac was put down in the play area making it more accessible in the wet winter months.
- Inside the school the classrooms and corridors were freshened up with a new coat of paint.

We hope to continue improvements in the school grounds in the coming year.

Parent – Teacher Meetings 2015

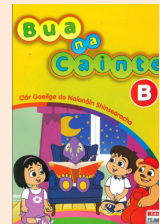
The annual parent – teacher meetings will take place on **Wednesday, 18th February**. The school will close at **2:25pm** on that day.

The Tipperary Branch of the National Parents Council (Primary) is organising the talk, **Transition from Primary to Post Primary**. It will take place in **Clonmore N.S., Templemore** on **29th January 2015 at 7:30pm**. For more information contact 085 1058568 or see <http://www.npc.ie/branches.aspx>

THIS TERM

BUA NA CAINTE

The school has invested in a new interactive on-line Irish language programme called *Bua na Cainte* for the Junior Room. It is proving to be very popular.



WEIGHT WATCHING

At present pupils in the Junior Room are studying the concept of weight. It would be very useful if their attention could be drawn to weight measures at home such as the weight of cereal boxes, tinned food etc.

DANCING CLASSES

Dancing classes for all pupils have begun. Pupils will experience a range of dances including waltzes, Irish dancing, line dancing and disco dancing. Claire Nealon is the dance teacher.

SCHOOL PITCH

The school pitch which was levelled and reseeded in the Autumn is progressing well. We hope it will be ready for use after Easter.



UPDATE FROM THE PARENTS COMMITTEE

The Parents Association comprises all parents of children in the school. The Parents Committee is an elected subset of this group. Its aim is to support the Principal, teachers and Bord of Management to provide the best possible education for the children in the school.

Events in 2013/14 (see table below) raised a significant sum of money, some of which was donated to the school to purchase readers and school jerseys. We are very grateful to all parents for their involvement.

Cake and Toy Sale (June 2013)	€775
Table Quiz (May 2014)	€1,398
BBQ Night (June 2014)	€592

PLANS FOR 2015

Work of the Parents Committee this term includes:

- Enhancing **communication** by developing a school website, providing a notice board at the side gate and producing timely newsletters.
- Organising **social events** (date for your diary - 12th June 2015).
- **Fundraising** to support the purchase of resources, specifically new science and maths equipment.

FUNDRAISERS FOR THIS TERM

POKER NIGHT - Friday, 20th March 2015.

In Young's of Latteragh, try your hand at poker, while also raising funds for the school. Entry to play is €20. The night will also feature a raffle and spot prizes.

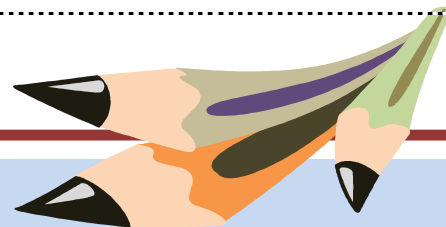
If you would like to brush up on your poker skills or if you would like to learn the ropes, we are holding an informal practice night in Young's on Thursday, 19th February at 8:45pm (no entry fee, just for fun, all are welcome!)

BAG PACKING - date tbc

We have applied to Dunnes Stores to run a bag packing fundraiser this term. Your help would be greatly appreciated at the check-out!

CASH FOR OLD CLOTHES - date tbc

Don't throw out those old clothes, keep them safe! We will be looking for clothes later in the term to turn into cash for the school.



NEW JERSEYS

If you haven't had a chance to see the new school GAA jerseys:



The jerseys are available in a range of adult and child sizes and can be purchased for €50 and €45 respectively. Contact Gerard Ryan for more details at treasurer.kilkearyns@gmail.com.

Parents Committee

Orla Hartnett, Sandra Harford, Sylvia Conway, Ger Doyle, Gerard Ryan, Fintan Ryan, Aidan O'Brien, Breda O'Brien (Treasurer), Mary O'Dwyer (Secretary), Deirdre Hogan (Chair).



Do you have website development expertise, and willing to lend a hand?
If so, we would love to hear from you (by 11th Feb).

If you would like to get involved in the work of the committee or in any of the activities, please contact Deirdre Hogan

