

# St. Mary's Parish Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

There is a mounting speculation that the government is planning to increase class sizes in the forthcoming budget, as part of further cost cutting measures in Education. This is on top of cuts to school budgets and cuts in special needs teaching hours. As part of an INTO campaign to protect primary education and protect class size all parents and friends are invited to a **public meeting in the Boyne Valley Hotel this Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**. Local TDs, public representatives and the media will be invited and we hope that parents, teachers, members of Boards of Management and local communities will attend in big numbers to give a clear signal that no more cuts to our children's education will be tolerated. We would also like you to write or email your local TD, see [www.into.ie](http://www.into.ie) for further information re contact details.

**Please note the following dates for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion:-** Ms. Ward's & Ms. Walsh's class – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Ms. McCabe's & Ms. Tiernan's class – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

**NOTE there will be a meeting for parents of all Communion candidates in St. Mary's church on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm.**

Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon.**

If you have not already paid the balance for book rental please contact the office. Also **Arts & Crafts (€35) is now due!** (*Junior infants have already paid this*). If you have not paid, please send it in to class teacher in an envelope. Arts & Crafts is separate to book rental.

**Secondary School Open nights** - St. Mary's Diocesan School on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30 – 8.30pm; The Sacred Heart on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October and St. Oliver's Community College Open Evening takes place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 7-10pm. **Please check immediately with the local secondary school of your choice regarding enrolment procedures and closing dates.**

**Reminder:** RSE programme (Relationship, Sexuality & Education) will be delivered to 6<sup>th</sup> classes later in the year by Accord. An information meeting for parents takes place in the Westcourt Hotel tonight at 8pm.

**Allianz Personal Accident Scheme (see information leaflet).** It offers 24 hour cover including A & E charge for the year for €9. If you wish to join, please send back completed form & money to class teacher by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Reminder:** SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.

Thank you to all parents and pupils for your co-operation with school procedures and policies. The school year has gotten off to a great start – please note the following in the interests of safety:- No parking allowed in the bus bay, although it may be used as a drop off provided its drop and go with no delay. Only enter the bus bay from the same side of the road. Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch – no fizzy drinks, chocolate bars, crisps, sweets or popcorn allowed.

The **AGM for the Parents Association** takes place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the school. Guest speaker information to follow.

**Junior infant enrolment forms** for September 2014 will be available from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Our enrolment policy is currently under review and will be available in November.

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Philip Ward