




Dear Parents and Guardians,

Scoil San Carlo is a very busy place for our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils at this time of year as they prepare for the **Ceremony of Light and Confirmation**. The pupils recently completed the Faith Friends programme with the Table Quiz. A most enjoyable evening was had by all present. On behalf of all the pupils involved I would like to thank Marion Lyons and all the volunteers for their commitment and support for the pupils involved.

 The **Ceremony of Light** will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. in the parish church. I would like to thank Helen O'Shea, Eoin McCreary and Mary Kirwan for all the work they have done preparing the pupils for this occasion.

**Confirmation** will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00 a.m.



### Grandparents Day Service



Fr. Tony organised a Service of Thanksgiving for Grandparents in St. Charles Borromeo church on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. It was an opportunity for the pupils in 4<sup>th</sup> class to acknowledge the importance of grandparents in their lives. It allowed the pupils involved to thank their grandparents, parents and relatives for all they do for them.

### Child Safeguarding

The Board of Management conducted its annual review of the Child Safeguarding Statement. The formal notification of the review is available on the home page of the school website [www.scoilsancarlo.ie](http://www.scoilsancarlo.ie) and is also on display on the notice board at the school office

Parents' Association

This is also a busy time of year for the Parents' Association as they too prepare for the Confirmation reception which will be held in the school after the Confirmation Ceremony. All pupils and parents, whether making Confirmation or not, are invited to this event which marks an important milestone in the children's lives.

The Parents' Association next event is the end of term **Disco with a difference: Fun and interactive entertainment, Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> in the Senior School Hall, €3 entry, Senior Disco 8 - 9.30pm.**

**All children must be signed in on arrival and collected by a parent/guardian.**

Thank you to all those volunteers who contribute so much to the social and academic life of the school. More volunteers are always needed so if you feel you could spare some time to help at any of the events mentioned above please get in touch with any member of the Parents' Association or directly with the school and we will forward your details.

### School Calendar

The school will close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 15:00 and reopen on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 09:20 for the midterm break.

School will close on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March for St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday.

School will close on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 12:30 and reopen on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April for Easter holidays.



## Peace Proms

The fourth classes took part in the Peace Proms Concert in the R.D.S. on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. This concert was a great opportunity for our 4<sup>th</sup> classes to perform with professional musicians and singers. The pupils involved had a wonderful experience and their participation and conduct was exemplary.

They are a credit to themselves and to their families. Those parents who attended thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Many thanks to Rhona Sirr, Martin Flately, Graham McAuley Geraldine McKiernan and Mary Kirwan for all the hard work in preparing the pupils for their big night



## Green Schools



The committee continue to meet under the guidance of Eoin McCreary.

The theme of this year's flag is Energy Awareness. This theme looks at energy conservation and climate change issues and raised children's awareness of these issues.

## Active Schools

Another very active committee which is supported in its work by Helen O' Shea, Catherine Valley and Róna Quinn. The committee are organising the IRFU/Aldi sticker collection which is ongoing until March.

The committee also made suggestions for the purchase of additional P.E. equipment which will be purchased with the support of the Parents' Association.



## Credit Union

The Croi Laighean Credit Union attend the school each Tuesday to facilitate pupils who wish to save. This is a valuable life skill for the children to develop and I would encourage all parents to get their children involved with the Credit Union.

## Internet Safety



I am sure many of you are aware of the findings of a recent survey of children's online habits. While we in the school do all we can to raise the children's awareness of online safety it is vitally important that parents inform themselves of their children's online activity. I would urge you to talk with and listen to your children on this very topical and important issue. Suggestions for parents are available at [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie)

## Contact Details



Could I remind parents/guardian of the importance of keeping the school informed of any changes in contact details to ensure that in the case of an emergency we can contact you without any delay.

Le gach dea ghúí

Seán Ó Casaide  
Principal



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