

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENARIFF

Wednesday 17th January 2024



Book Fair The book fair is arriving next week and will be held from **Thursday 25th January to Tuesday 30th January in the corridor of the junior school.**

The children will be able to purchase books on any of these days during the school day with their teacher. Parents are welcome to come in to view the selection of books on offer between 2pm-3.30pm. If you prefer to send money with your child to buy a book at the fair, staff will be on hand to help them select suitable books and make payments. The school will receive a percentage from the sales of the books which will provide each class & our AR library with some new literature. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



Sickness If your child cannot attend school due being ill, the PHA advise that they should remain at home for 48hrs after their last episode.

Catholic Schools Week: Sunday 21st January to Saturday 27th January

Theme: Service in our Community Throughout the week, each class will choose activities to celebrate Catholic Schools Week in their own classrooms. A candle will burn all week in the school Sacred Space.

Invitation All P1 grandparents are invited into the P1 classroom to visit their grandchildren, view their work and art displays and have a look around their learning environment on Wednesday 24th January from 9.30am - 10.30am. Grandparents should make their way into the school hall for a cup of tea on arrival before the P1 children come to take them to their classroom.

Internet Safety Day Tuesday 6th February. The children will take part in Safer Internet Day: Inspiring Change. Giving our children opportunities to explore respect and relationships online. Using the internet to make change for the better.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March. Children are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Holidays this term: Mid-Term Break: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February. All children will finish school on Friday 12th February at 1pm.

St Patrick's Day Holiday: School closed Monday 18th March.

Children should come to school on Friday 15th March dressed in GREEN.



Easter Holidays: School finishes at 1pm on Wednesday 27th March. School reopens on Monday 8th April 2024 for term 3.

Ash Wednesday 14th February 2024.

IMPORTANT DATES for children receiving the Sacraments:

P3 First Confession - Tuesday 12th March (9 children) in the school (Parents do not attend)

P4 First Holy Communion - Saturday 8th June @ 11am (12 children)

P7 Service of Light - Thursday 2nd May @ 7pm (17 children)

P7 Confirmation - Thursday 16th May @ 7pm (17 children)

ParentPay Can we ask parents to keep a weekly check on their accounts and pay for your meals and snacks at the beginning or end of each week. Some accounts are running into large amounts of debt, and it is affecting the kitchen stock take each week. We do not want to be messaging parents each week about this.

Website Private Messages Please check that you have your app set to receive these messages. A substantial amount of messages remain unread by parents. If you are not receiving any messages, please contact the school office.

Adverse Weather Conditions / Exceptional Closures The school continues to monitor the weather conditions, particularly with the reports of strike action by the gritter drivers over the next week beginning on Thursday at 12:01am. We will continue to make every effort to keep the school open during adverse weather conditions, however, the safety of our staff and families travelling to our school remains paramount at all times. Updates will be provided through the school website. We thank you for your ongoing support of all school decisions.