

11<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

Dear Parents,

As the Christmas Season approaches I would like to thank the whole school community for your commitment and co-operation in the school during the term.

Our Public Speaking Team are taking part in the Final of the Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition this Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in the James O'Keeffe Institute, Newmarket. Their topic for discussion this time is 'Does Advertising Influence our Food Choices'? The team consists of Paddy Duggan, Eoin O'Keeffe from (5<sup>th</sup> class) and David Allen and Laurynas Barbsys (6<sup>th</sup> class). Best of luck to the boys. A big thank you to Ms. O'Sullivan for preparing the children for this event

Our boys have the privilege again this Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> to sing with the Lorraine O'Riordan Gospel Choir. It is always a fabulous atmospheric event. Everybody is welcome. If your child is coming along you may drop him at the Credit Union building at 11a.m. and may be collected from there at 12.30p.m. The children can wear Christmas gear if they have it. We hope as many as possible can attend. We thank the choir members for giving up their time and supporting our school. We would appreciate if you could complete the enclosed permission slip. (To give us an idea of numbers attending on the day).

We invite you and your extended family to come along to our School Mass on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1.30p.m. Our 1<sup>st</sup> class will act out the Nativity play during this Mass. The children may be collected from the school immediately afterwards.

Pupils from our school will take part in their Annual Carol Singing on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1.15p.m. in O'Brien Street (weather permitting). Donations received will be split between Kanturk Hospital and Mercy House. These are very worthy charities as you know and have touched the lives of many people. Your support will be greatly appreciated and you are most welcome to come and join in the fun.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mrs O'Connor's Class) will visit Kanturk Hospital on Wed. December 20<sup>th</sup> bringing the Christmas Cheer to the patients there.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> (Mrs Boyce class) boys will be starting swimming on Friday January 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost is €20 per child. You may start bringing this money in to the class teacher now or after Christmas.

After Christmas all the children will be starting basketball with Sheila Clernon for six weeks. The cost is €2 per session.

We thank Martin Farrissey for taking the boys on Wednesdays for football skills.

Thanks too to Barry for taking the boys for I.T. for the past 6 weeks. The boys learned a lot and really enjoyed the sessions with him.

Mrs Daly will be retiring this Christmas. Her last day in school is Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. She has been a very valuable member of staff for the past 12 years. We thank her for her kindness, wisdom, support and co-operation in the school at all times. We wish her a very healthy and happy retirement.

I remind you to log on to our school website to keep up to date on school events. The address is [www.kanturkbns.com](http://www.kanturkbns.com)

Don't forget you can follow us on twitter [@colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)

I conclude by reminding you that the school will be closing on Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12.30p.m and will be re-opening on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a bright prosperous New Year.

Nollag Shona daoibh go léir,

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Eilish Finnegan,  
Principal.

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to

take part in the Carol singing with the Lorraine O'Riordan Gospel

Choir on Sat. Dec 16<sup>th</sup>    Yes  No

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_