

Parent Information Sheet
Friday 12th April 2019

SCHOOL FINISHES TODAY AT 12 NOON. WE RETURN ON MONDAY 29TH APRIL AT THE USUAL TIME
FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL TERM OF THE YEAR

After a very long term 3 we wish you all a very relaxing and restful Easter Holiday!

House Points for LISTENING, RESPECT & MANNERS for this week will be added up for the start of next term.

Special Farewell Assembly

Today we all gathered in the hall to say our final farewell to Mr Spillane who leaves Glencraig for pastures new in Loughview Integrated PS. We have all known for a few months now that after three great years we would have to say good-bye and wish Mr Spillane success in his new post as Principal. We have been lucky to have had Mr Spillane on our staff and the positive contribution he has made to our school family will be fondly remembered by pupils, parents and staff alike. On behalf of everyone I would like to say thank you and wish Mr Spillane much success and happiness in his new post. Our loss is Loughview's gain!!

Staff moves

While P7s bid farewell to Mr Spillane they will also be welcoming Mrs Brennan to P7. Mrs Brennan is no stranger to teaching P7s having started her career here teaching both P6 & P7 for two years. Currently Mrs Brennan is job sharing in P1 alongside Mrs Harte. Over the last couple of weeks Mrs Brennan has been working with Mr Spillane to ensure a smooth transition into P7 and as from 29th April Mrs Harte will then be teaching P1 in a full time capacity up to the end of June.

Choir sing at retirement

Members of our choir visited the Playgroup yesterday morning to wish Mrs Kelly well as she retired after many many years serving the local community here in her role as manager of Glencraig Integrated Childcare Centre. The children, many of whom came through both the playgroup and after school care, sang a final farewell song at the informal gathering of past pupils, parents and staff. On behalf of the school community we wish Mrs Kelly a long and happy retirement. We are looking forward to getting to know and working closely with Mrs Huchens who takes over from Mrs Kelly in the new term.

Brilliant Book Week

School has been filled with mysterious boxes...and wonderful characters... this week! The children have entered into the spirit of the event, bringing in boxes and bags full of props and encouraging their classmates to guess the name of their book. Some were very VERY tricky! And on Wonderful Wednesday we added to the colour by having Fantastic Mr Fox, Rapunzel, Snow Queen, and Billionaire Boy among the pupils! Thank you for all your efforts - including raising £134.05 for Book Trust. Hopefully the Easter Reading Bingo Challenge will give you some ideas for different materials to read over the coming weeks.

Knitting for the school!!!

"This Friday we went round and sold knitted ducks & hats with chocolate eggs in them. We raised £37.70 for school fund. My granny & I made the hats & ducks. We were really lucky to have raised this much money, we are very happy."
By Coco & Nina.

Well done girls!!

P4 Hazelwood school visit.

"On Thursday the P4s from Hazelwood IPS came to our school. P4 did a worksheet about each other and our dislikes and likes. We worked on what people like and don't like and what people can do and can't do. We went outside to play with the parachute, we put balls on it and we played whenever it is your birthday is in December you run underneath. The last activity was making fortune tellers to find out more about our buddies and what they like and what their favourite Easter eggs are? We had great fun with our buddies and look forward to going to Hazelwood after Easter."

By Isla and Katie C

PTA News

Just a wee reminder that the next meeting for anyone interested in helping with the organisation of PTA events is on **Monday 13th May 9am** just after drop off. As always everyone is welcome to come along, so even if you haven't ventured to one of the meetings before, please do come along and get involved if you can.

The very popular and highly entertaining Quiz Night will be on Friday 17th May at Helen's Bay Golf Club. This has always proved to be a great night's craic so please put the date in your diary and gather your team! Tickets will be going on sale after Easter.

The Summer Event will be on **Friday 7th June** in the school grounds and will be a family affair with activities for the children, refreshments and entertainment. Planning is still underway but we hope that it will be a lovely relaxed opportunity for the school community to gather together and, (fingers well and truly crossed), enjoy the warmth of a balmy summer evening!

Next year we'll be celebrating our **15th Anniversary** as a transformed Integrated school and to celebrate this crystal anniversary the PTA are planning something a little bit special. More details of this exciting event will be released next term so please watch this space!!



Dates to put in your diary...

Friday 12th April	SCHOOL FINISHES AT NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 29th April	SCHOOL RETURNS FOR TERM 3
Thursday 2nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED ELECTION
Monday 6th May	SCHOOL CLOSED MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 9th May	7.00pm Service of Light at St. Colmcille's
Friday 17th May	6.00pm Confirmation Service at St. Colmcille's
Friday 17th May	PTA Quiz at Helen's Bay Golf Club
Week Beg. 13th May	Green Week / Walk to School Week
Sunday 19th May	P7 Trip to Tollymore leaves
Tuesday 21st May	Kinetic Theatre Company visits school
Saturday 20th May	First Holy Communion
Friday 24th May	SCHOOL CLOSED SDD
Monday 27th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 29th May	Sports Day
Friday 7th June	PTA Summer Event
Saturday 8th June	First Holy Communion at St. Colmcille's
Tuesday 18th June	KS1 Summer Assembly
Tuesday 25th June	P7 Leavers' Assembly (P7s Last Day)
Friday 28th June	12 NOON SCHOOL FINISHES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS