

Family Note No. 21 (9th June 2010)

Dear Parents,

Please note the following:

1. **Sciath na Scol Camógie Final:** Commiserations to our gallant camógie players and their coaches who lost out to a very strong team from Ballinspittle N.S. in the recent Sciath na Scol Final. We remain very proud of the great efforts and commitment of all involved and we really enjoyed our trip to Páirc Uí Rinn. *Maith sibh uilig.*
2. **25th Anniversary Celebrations:**
 - a) **Pupil Activity Day:** All pupils and staff members, along with a large gathering of parents, friends and past pupils, enjoyed a great day of fun and excitement last Wednesday. Many thanks to all who helped prepare for the day (the Organising Committee, in particular) and to all who helped with the supervision and organisation of the many activities throughout the day. There was a great buzz and feeling of togetherness among all involved and we were blessed by the glorious sunshine. The ‘Treasure Chest’ has been securely locked and hidden away for its opening in 2035 when Scoil Barra will celebrate its 50th Anniversary! *Molaim sibh go léir.*
 - b) Copies of the 25th Anniversary Book (‘*Scoil Barra: A Coming of Age*’) continue to be available for purchase (Cost: €15) from the Secretary’s Office, Ballincollig Post Office, The Plaza Restaurant and Downs’ Super Valu: A really great read for anyone who wants to reflect on the past 25th years of Scoil Barra.
3. **Reminder of Books Sales Day: Thursday, 10th June:**

Book Lists for the next school year have been circulated to all parents last week. *The annual ‘Books Sales Day’ happens tomorrow, Thursday, 10th June, when parents will have a once-off opportunity to pay for all Book List Charges and to purchase all workbooks, stationery, etc required for the next school year (Approx. cost €90-€120 depending on the Class Level).* Please ensure that you avail of this once-off opportunity to purchase/pay for all items listed on the Book Lists. Alternatively, if you yourself cannot attend on the day, you should make arrangements to have some other adult present who can do the necessary purchasing/paying for you.

4. **Reminder of Uniform/Tracksuits Purchasing Opportunity:** As per last year, the suppliers of all our school uniform items (Mick Murphys, North Main St.) have agreed to visit the school on *Wednesday, 16th June from 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.* to facilitate parents who wish to purchase all items of uniform/tracksuit/polo shirts etc for the new school year. Parents are strongly encouraged to avail of this opportunity to purchase these items as it will save on having to drive into the city, find parking and join the growing queues that arise later during the summer.

5. **School Sports' Day: 16th June:** As previously notified, our own School Sports' Day goes ahead next Wednesday, 16th June, weather permitting. Once again, we look forward to lots of quality racing and excitement galore. A further note re. same will issue next week but we will follow the general routine of previous years which has served us well. *As previously, pupils in Infants to Second Classes will finish school at 12 noon on Wednesday, 16th June.*

6. **Cork City and County Primary Schools Sports:** Due to the Cork-Kerry Football Replay next Sunday, the Cork City and County Primary Schools Sports scheduled for Friday, 11th June in Pairc Uí Chaoímh have been *re-scheduled to Wednesday, 23rd June in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.*

7. **End-of-Year Sixth Class Mass:** The Sixth Class End-of-Year Mass has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, 22nd June at 11.30 a.m. (to avoid clash with the 'City Sports' on the Wednesday, 23rd June).

8. **Scoil Barra Website:** All events and dates, along with some lovely photographs and accounts of activities, are included and updated regularly on the Scoil Barra Website (www.scoilbarra.ie). Parents are encouraged to keep an eye on the school website (perhaps, you might like to set it as your home-page) for updates on all school matters.

Donal O' Sullivan, Principal.

