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Dear Parents,

As we slide ever closer to September 1st 2014, I just wanted to express my thanks and to highlight a few points of information for the coming academic year 2014-2015.

Flower / Cake Sale: Firstly, sincere thanks for your wonderful support of the 'Flower/Cake Sale,' which took place on Sunday, 29th June, 2014. It was a great success and once again raised much needed funds towards school resources. Our plan going forward is to complement our experience of growing of flowers by developing the vegetable growing potential of our poly-tunnel during the coming year.

School Uniforms: A reminder to all parents, particularly parents who may have been unable to attend the last Parent Association meeting that, as agreed on the night and in keeping with our policy to maintain a positive school image, all uniforms including coats and tracksuits are to be purchased through Hick's of Lisnaskea.

School Self Evaluation & School Improvement Plan: The Department of Education has asked all schools to engage in a process of 'School Self Evaluation.' It is an evidence based approach which first involves gathering information from a range of sources e.g. Standardised test scores, questionnaires, staff reflection. This information is correlated, judgements are made and decisions taken, with a view to bringing about improvements in pupils' learning. The primary focus of our school self evaluation was literacy in St. Comgall's and we have decided to focus our attention on developing writing genres and comprehension strategies, aspects of literacy, which we feel are areas, in which we could improve. Out of this we have developed a three year school improvement plan which will be presented to and discussed with parents as the year progresses.

New School Year: I look forward to welcoming all pupils, especially our new infants back to school on Monday, 1st September 2014. Enjoy the remainder of the holidays.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

Catriona Donnelly (Principal)