

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to welcome all our pupils back to school. In particular, we welcome our new pupils as they start with us here in St. Conaire's. Our new Junior Infants have settled in well and bring new excitement to the school. We wish them and their families well for the coming year as they embark on their different learning journeys. We hope that this will be an enriching year for all the members of our school community. The school calendar is available online at www.conaires.ie

This year marks the retirements of Mrs. Garrahy and Mrs. O'Loughlin. We thank them for their contribution and we wish them health and happiness as they retire. Ms. Maria O'Driscoll has been appointed Deputy Principal and we wish her well as she commences her new role. Finally, we would like to welcome the following new teachers to the school and we wish them well as they work with the pupils: Ms. McInerney (1st); Ms. Bulfin (2nd) and Ms. McMahan (5th).

Yours sincerely,
Peter Walsh,
Principal

Website: Our web address is www.conaires.ie You will find all relevant information and updates there. Please visit the website also to see our gallery of school activities.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to the McGettrick family on the death of Dave McGettrick, father of Debbie McEvoy, Chairperson of St. Conaire's Parents' Association. May he rest in peace.

Tracksuits/Uniforms: New tracksuits have arrived and are being distributed this week. Please write your child's name on his/her uniform and tracksuit so we can reunite lost items with their owners. Pupils are required to wear their tracksuits on designated days; uniform must be worn on all other days.

Contact Information Sheets: Contact sheets have been distributed to each child and are now due back to the class teachers. This is necessary to keep our contact records up to date. **It is a parent's responsibility to inform us of any changes in contact details.**

Brennan Insurance forms: Insurance sign-up forms have been distributed and are due back to the class teachers. Closing date for receipt of Brennan Insurance forms is **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2015** – forms received after this date will not be accepted.

Parking: Please do not enter the staff car parks at the front and rear of the school at drop-off/collection times as these areas have to be kept clear at all times.

First Communion Preparation/Registration: A meeting for parents of pupils in 2nd class will take place in the school assembly hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, September 14th.

Parent Wellbeing Programme: Starts Tuesday, September 22 for 8 weeks in Shannon Family Resource Centre (10 am to 12 pm). More details from 707600 or (087) 2176556.

Wolfe Tones Academy: Every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Senior Infants, First and Second Class pupils are most welcome.

See overleaf for more information

After School Activities

1. **Art Classes:** Qualified art teacher Christina Bennett will be offering weekly classes for children of all ages in the school with a start date in October. More details are available from Christina on 086 8868455.
2. **German Classes:** German classes for pupils from fourth to sixth classes will resume on Thursday, September 10th here in St. Conaire's. Classes will take place after school every Thursday, from 2.40-3.40. German is learned through fun using games such as bingo, songs, poems and even doing puzzles. Topics that are studied are from the first year German curriculum in secondary school. Small classes guaranteed. If you would like to enrol or need further information please contact Ms Tracey Pyne on 087-6311848
3. **French Classes:** Beginner classes will start on Thursday, September 17th with teacher Rachel Frawley. Places are limited and open only to 4th, 5th and 6th classes. An application form may be obtained by contacting Rachel on 086 0254476 or by e-mail to rachelfrawley.frenchteacher@gmail.com
4. **Ballet Classes:** Ballet with Charlotte will commence on Wednesday, September 23rd at 3 p.m. More details from Charlotte on 360145.
5. **Irish Dancing:** Irish dancing classes will take place in the school hall. More details from Mairéad Hasty.
6. **Karate Classes** take place in Shannon Leisure Centre on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. For details contact (086) 8043088
7. **Traditional Irish Music Classes** with Mary Liddy resumes next Tuesday. Classes for beginners start at 5 p.m.
8. **Whizz Kids Computer Club and Classes:** Whizz Kids will be back from Friday, September 18 with lots of fun. New hi-tech projects in 3D design, Graphical Design, Coding, video game programming and more. Suitable for 3rd to 6th class, no experience necessary. Call (061) 339178 to book your place or visit www.whizzkids.ie for further information.
9. **Kool Kids Club:** an after-school club at Shannon Family Resource Centre, Tuesdays (Seniors to 3rd) and Wednesdays (4th to 6th). More details from 707600.

School Dates for September to December Term

October Mid-Term Closed October 26 to October 30 inclusive
Parent/Teacher Meetings Starting week of November 10th (more info. later)
Christmas Holidays Closed December 23 to January 5, 2016 inclusive