

# St. Conaire's Newsletter – September 21st 2018

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We 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 years. 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](http://www.conaires.ie)

Yours sincerely,

*Peter Walsh,*  
*Principal*

*Maria O'Driscoll*  
*Deputy Principal*

**Website:** Our web address is [www.conaires.ie](http://www.conaires.ie) You will find all relevant information and updates there. Please visit the website also to see our gallery of school activities. The website has been updated for our Jubilee Year.

**Mass to mark the start of the school year:** Mass will be celebrated in Ss. John & Paul Church for all pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> on **Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00**. All parents are welcome to attend.

<p><b>Closure for school planning/training:</b> Please note that the school will close for all pupils at 12 noon on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for all pupils. This closure is for staff planning and all pupils will finish early that day.</p>
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**Tracksuits/Uniforms:** The 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 (pink in colour) 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.**

**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. The rear car park is for playschool and school staff only for safety reasons. We ask you not to park cars near Cassley's Butchers as staff there have been blocked from their premises. Also, the horseshoe area at the rear of the school is not for dropping off children. Please use Wolfe Tones na Sionna car park as there is plenty of space available there.

**School Field Update:** The field has been finished and will now be let mature. We hope to have it in use in spring 2019.

**Wolfe Tones Academy:** Every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Senior Infants, First and Second Class pupils are most welcome for an hour of fun and fitness. Please support our local GAA club.

**EI Electronics Open Day:** EI Electronics is holding an Open Day on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am to 6 pm and they are inviting members of the local community to their facility. It promises to be a lovely event and all are welcome.

### **After School Activities**

1. **Traditional Music with Mary Liddy:** Classes with Mary Liddy take place in the school every Tuesday evening at 5pm.
2. **Irish Dancing:** Irish dancing classes continue in the school hall. More details from Mairead on (086) 3752009 or Daniel on (085) 7503103.
3. **Dance Masters School of Dance:** Shelly Naughton will be holding classes in the school every Thursday from 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm. More details from Shelly on (086) 1703053.
4. **Creative Concepts Drama Classes:** Classes start next week in the school. Bookings are accepted over the phone. Please ring Lorraine on 086 8485229 to get more information or make a booking.
5. **Rugby: St. Senan's RFC** holds training for 7 -13 year olds at 10 am in Jimmy Slattery Park, Shannon.

**Agreed Report from the Board of Management, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2018:** The following items were agreed at the Board of Management meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- a) **Field Project:** The Board noted that the field project is largely completed and it expressed its satisfaction with the outcome. The maintenance of the field was discussed and arrangements are being put in place.
- b) **New floor in public corridors:** The Board viewed the new floors that were laid over the summer and they noted how the great improvement in the floor. The school crest will be added in the coming weeks.
- c) **Time Capsule:** As part of the Jubilee Celebrations, the Board sanctioned work to be done on the creation of a time capsule to record for future generations the events of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school.
- d) **Library/Reading Space:** The Board, along with staff, will research how best to create a new library/reading space for the pupils.
- e) **Jubilee Celebrations:** The Board noted the work being done for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations – new letterhead, flagpoles, school banner, Mass of Thanksgiving and it wished the school community well for the coming year's work.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Walsh  
Principal Teacher

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