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Dear parents/guardians,

I wish to bring the following points to your attention at this time.

Spring General Meeting of Parents/Guardians

This meeting will be held in the school Sports Hall on Monday next, 21 March from 18.00 to 19.15.

The Deputy Principals and I will give an overview of educational developments and issues both in our school and at national level at this point in time, followed by general questions from parents/guardians.

We would welcome a good attendance at this meeting.

To facilitate planning for the meeting, parents/guardians wishing to attend must pre-register their attendance by 20.00 on Friday, 18 March by clicking on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/zsX6trxD1w>

Covid-19 Update

Whilst the lifting of restrictions has led to the very welcome resumption of normal school activities, we have experienced high levels of student and staff absenteeism in recent weeks. Up to 30% of students have been absent on any given day and, over the past week, we have had up to 16% staff out of work each day due to Covid.

I regret the disruption that this causes to normal teaching and learning. However, it is unavoidable at the present time. Our main hopes are that all infections will be as mild as possible, that our students and staff will be well and that a greater degree of normality will return in the coming weeks. There is always a good amount of revising that can very productively be done by students during these disrupted times.

Ukraine Appeal

I wish to thank all members of the Loreto school community who contributed to our recent collection in support of the people in Ukraine. I am delighted to confirm that we have forwarded €7,002 to the Irish Red Cross to aid its humanitarian work in Ukraine.

Loreto, Wexford Past-Pupils' Union - Launch

The official and twice-postponed Loreto, Wexford PPU launch will take place on Saturday, 2 April at 7pm in the Talbot Hotel.

There will be a complimentary drink on arrival, a few words spoken by the PPU Patron, Carmel Harrington, and PPU President, Cate Hartigan, followed by dancing to a DJ.

Past pupils will be able to join the PPU on the night, or if preferred, they can join via the following link. Annual membership costs €20.

<https://pay-payzone.easypaymentsplus.com/customer/10278/product-list/>

We would be most grateful for your assistance in spreading the word of this event.

3rd and 6th Year Students

Marked scripts in relation to mock examinations are gradually being returned by external examiners to students. School reports will shortly be prepared and will be posted home in the coming 2-3 weeks once all scripts have been returned.

Teachers will shortly be informing students of arrangements for forthcoming oral and practical examinations. At Leaving Certificate level, these will be held during the first week of the Easter holidays, beginning on Saturday, 9 April. Junior Certificate practicals in Home Economics and Music will take place on dates to be advised after Easter.

All 3rd and 6th year students have been entered for the State examinations that will begin on Wednesday, 8 June.

I wish all families a very pleasant and safe St. Patrick's Day.

Kind regards,

Billy O' Shea,
Principal.