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Dear parents/guardians and students,

As we near the end of the school term, I write with a few general points.

Forthcoming Events:

Next Monday, 19 December, the Loreto Past Pupils' Union (PPU) will hold its first ever Carol Concert. The event will begin at 18.30 and will feature an array of performances from past and present students. It promises to be an evening to remember, and we warmly welcome all parents/guardians. Tickets are priced at €5. The proceeds of the night will be divided between St Vincent De Paul and the PPU. Tickets can be purchased in the school or through the following link: <https://pay.easypaymentsplus.com/feepay1v2.aspx?id=315>

In school, our annual Christmas activities will also begin on Monday, 19 December. Our sixth-year students have been busy preparing their Christmas Show, also in aid of St Vincent De Paul. The show will take place on Monday afternoon.

Following the success of our recent Christmas Market, TY students will present their products to the full student body at our Craft Fair on Tuesday, 20 December. At 12.30, all students will make their way, accompanied by their teachers, to Rowe Street Church for our Carol Service, led by Fr. Jim Fegan. This will finish at 14.45 approximately and students will then be free to go their own way from the church. For those who wish to return to school, teachers will accompany them back to the building.

Finally, on Wednesday, 21 December, Mr. Murphy will present the latest edition of his festive quiz. He will have a number of special guest announcers alongside him, and he has promised to provide the best prizes yet! The holidays will begin at 12.00.

A word of thanks:

As we end the year, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Loreto community for their commitment, dedication and hard work over the past few months. Despite the worst of the pandemic being behind us, I know that illness has continued to impact Loreto families and I commend our students for showing huge resilience and commitment in the face of adversity. In a time of difficulty, it is wonderful to see how our school endeavours to help those most in need. In fact, since August, our school community has raised over €12,000 for various charities through different activities. This generosity of spirit has helped bring a little more joy to many different people throughout the local area.

Of course, school life includes much more than academics. In this regard, I wish to thank and congratulate all students who have represented the school throughout the year so far. We have a wide array of extracurricular activities available, and it is wonderful to see so many involved. I thank our staff for providing these invaluable experiences and giving so freely of their time.

To conclude, I wish all Loreto families a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year. School will resume on Thursday, 5 January at 08.45.

Kind regards,

John Mc Ginnity,

Principal.