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Dear Parents

Traffic Management: We are still awaiting updates from Galway County Council in relation to the alleviation of traffic congestion at the school. In the meantime we ask parents to co-operate with the system we have in place. Please do not park on the broken yellow lines parallel to the school. Parking on these lines impairs sight lines to the east and west.

We have requested on numerous occasions that parents do not park in front of the school gates during morning drop off. Pupils by now should be well able to make their own way onto school grounds. Please escort your child to the front door or gate of the school. They **do not** need to be escorted to their lines or classroom. By doing this, car spaces are more freely available for parents to drop off their children.

School Extension: The Board of Management are pleased to announce that the Planning Authority has decided to grant permission for the extension to the school. The planning application was submitted on 3rd March 2011 for a new two story extension to contain three additional classrooms at first floor level and a general purpose room at ground floor level with provision for toilets and ancillary areas. We hope to appoint a building contractor in the next two weeks with works commencing shortly thereafter.

Welcome to: Darragh Crosse (Junior Infants) & Adam Crosse (3rd class) who joined the school recently.

Dates to remember: Confirmation will take place on Tuesday March 20th 2012 and First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on Saturday May 12th 2012.

The next First Holy Communion Sunday Celebration will take place on Sunday 20th of November.

Reminders: School begins at 9.10am. Pupils are asked to be in line at 9.10am. Arriving late to school is a bad habit to get into and can be disruptive to teacher's class time.

School closes at 1.50pm for the Junior Cycle and 2.50pm for the Senior cycle and please ensure that you arrive to collect your child at 2.50pm. Teachers cannot take responsibility for pupils who are left on school grounds after this time.

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Defibrillator Locations: At Present there are three defibrillators located in Kinvara. (The three National Schools- Doorus, Northampton & Kinvara).

Contact details will be circulated on how to contact the First Responder if help is needed. The Defibrillator was recently used in Kinvara which helped save a victim from possible cardiac failure. Congratulations to all involved taking action to save this gentleman's life.

Gael Linn: Congratulations to all the pupils in 6th class who took part in the recent Gael Linn quiz. Well done to the school team that won the overall prize.

Seamount Musical: This year's production is "The Wiz" and all the pupils are invited to see the show on Friday 18th of November in Kilcornan Community Hall. The cost per pupil is €5 and is payable on or before the 16th of November.

School Closures: The last day of term will be Friday 28th of October for our autumn midterm break. The school **will reopen** on Monday 7th November for all pupils.

Clothes Collection: Please note that this will take place on Wednesday November 9th. Pink bags were given put to pupils but you can also use other bags.

Please only leave bags etc on that day before 9.30am.

Jack & Jill Foundation: If you have any old mobile phones, console games, iPods or digital cameras-these can be donated to the Jack & Jill foundation. We have a box set up in the secretary's office.

Fireworks:

A reminder to all families of the dangers and the illegality of fireworks.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

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Dominic Gallagher

(Principal)