

Edmund Rice Primary School (Bunscoil Rís) , New Ross.

Established September 2016

Information for Parents of New Pupils

The Edmund Rice Primary School (Bunscoil Rís) is a Catholic school under the patronage of the Catholic Bishop of Ferns, Bishop Denis Brennan. However, we operate an open and inclusive school which welcomes all nationalities and pupils of all religions or of no religion . We welcome pupils of all ability levels.

The Edmund Rice Primary school (Bunscoil Rís) is a modern co-ed school and is the product of the amalgamation of the St. Joseph's Girls' School , formerly of Michael Street , New Ross , and the CBS Primary School, formerly of St. Joseph's Square , New Ross.

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Deputy-Principal: Ms. Niamh King

Assistant Principal : Ms. Michele Quinlivan

Home School Community Liaison : Ms. Niamh Foskin

School Secretary: Jennifer McDonald

Chairman , Board of Management : Monsignor Joe McGrath P.P.

School Chaplain : Fr. Tomás Kehoe C.C.

Board of Management: Mr. Gerry Moran ; Ms. Elma Sutton ; Ms. Noreen Hanrahan (Treasurer Junior School) ; Mr. John Mernagh ; Mrs. Catherine O'Gara (treasurer Senior School) ; Mr. Jim Callaghan ; Ms. Debbie Kent ; Mrs.

Glenda Nevill ; Mr. David Maher ; Mrs. Danielle Murphy

(NOTE : The two new schools in New Ross (Edmund Rice Senior School and Catherine McAuley Junior School have a shared Board of Management. This model is now permitted under new guidelines from the Department of Education and Skills. A 'Shared Governance' board of management consists of 3 parents elected from the two schools ; 3 community representatives; both school principals; 3 patron's nominees and 1 teacher representative. Both schools are required to keep separate finances but a shared board of management ensures continuity and consistency between the two schools going forward into the future e.g. school calendar, uniforms, school policies such as the Code of Behaviour, book schemes, shared approaches to teaching and learning.)

Parents' Council :

The school has an active Parents' Council who are affiliated to the National Parents' Council. Parents are encouraged to take an active part in the education of their children and in the general life of the school.

Chairperson: Ms. Julie Cullen

Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. Yvonne Corbett

School Timetable

Breakfast Club Starts: 8.15 a.m.

(All pupils in the school are entitled to participate in the School Breakfast Club free of charge. We serve cereal, toast, milk, orange juice ,etc. each morning)

School Starts : 8.45 a.m.

Morning Break : 10.30 a.m. until 10.45 a.m.

Lunch Break: 12.45 p.m. until 1.15 p.m.

School Dismisses: 2.30 p.m.

General Information:

- **School Uniforms** are available from the Cloth Hall in South Street and from Kennedy's Drapery in North Street.
- The school operates a **Book Lease Scheme**. All books and copies are supplied by the school. No need for a book list! The Book Lease Scheme (€40 per family per year) pays for all books and one full set of copies. This saves every parent a minimum of €100 per year. Payment must be made before the end of September. Every payment is receipted. Parents are asked in September if they wish to join the Book Lease Scheme. If they do not wish to join the scheme, parents may opt to receive a full book list and purchase the books themselves.
- Each pupil is supplied with a **pack lunch** each day with his/her name on the bag free of charge. Lunches are chosen from a set menu and include a sandwich of choice, a piece of fruit and a bottle of water.
- The school has a **Home School Liaison** teacher: Ms. Niamh Foskin. Ms. Foskin will normally call to visit every parent over the month of September. Ms. Foskin can be contacted directly on 086 8276511 (Work number) .
- **Parent Teacher meetings** are held every December
- **Written Report Cards** are issued at this meeting and again in June .
- Each year we screen all pupils on Reading and Maths using **standardized tests**. This is continued on a yearly basis. Where particular problems are identified with development, parents are contacted.
- The school has five full time **resource teachers** who work with children identified as having learning difficulties or emotional difficulties. This is only done in consultation with parents.
- An **Individual Learning Plan** (IEP) is devised for each pupil receiving extra support.
- The school operates a **positive discipline policy**. Each pupil, is rewarded with stamps, certificates, etc. for work well done and for good behaviour . Certificates are presented for 200, 400, 600 stamps and for good attendance, good improvement, good effort, ,etc. Each teacher also awards a 'Pupil of the Week'

Certificate each week.

- Each pupil is screened for singing ability in 3rd. Class and where a pupil has a suitable talent, he/she is asked to join our **school choir** which is organized by Ms. Quinlivan.
- The school has a **chess club** which operates on each Wednesday night between October and March.
- The school operates a **Healthy Lunches Policy** which encourages sandwiches , fruit, juice, milk, etc. and does not allow crisps , chocolate bars, sweets, sugary drinks, high energy drinks, etc.
- The school , in association with the **Geraldine O'Hanrahan GAA Club** , offers hurling skills each week school hours on a rotation basis and after school at certain times of the year. . The school operates hurling , camogie, football and handball teams which take part in the County Wexford Rackard Leagues.
- The school operates a strict **anti-bullying policy**. We define bullying as any form of persistent and unwanted attention, be it physical, verbal, emotional or psychological.
- Every class has a 10 week **swimming** slot each year during which swimming lessons are taught by qualified instructors.
- The **Paired Reading Project** operates for 16 weeks each winter. This is a home based project designed to encourage reading.
- The school operates a **text messaging** system whereby parents are sent regular reminders, etc. by text message.
- The school has interactive touch screens in all classrooms as well as a mainframe computer in all classrooms. The school is fully networked and has safe access to the Internet.
- The school accepts pupils on the condition that parents agree to the school's **behaviour policy** and to a Digital Media / Acceptable Use Policy . The full policies are available on request from the school secretary or from the school web page.
- The school asks parents to sign agreement to the teaching of the Stay Safe , RSE and Walk Tall programmes. Copies of the programmes can be viewed on request.
- The school operates a **Special Needs Unit** for ASD pupils

called the Carrickmore . The Carrickmore is staffed by two teachers and four Special Needs Assistants and is under the direction of Ms. Michele Quinlivan.

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