



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



MAY 2026

Dear Parents,

As we move through the busy month of May, our school community continues to thrive with learning, creativity and enthusiasm in every classroom. It has been wonderful to see our pupils engaging so positively in recent activities, projects and events, and we are very proud of the effort, kindness and positivity they show each day. We also acknowledge the Month of May as being dedicated to Our Lady and enjoy the beautiful sights of flowers traditionally associated with May, including primroses and marigolds.

We extend our very best wishes to the children in Second Class who will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend. The children have prepared thoughtfully for this very special occasion and we thank their teachers and all staff involved for the care, guidance and support shown throughout the year. We also thank parents and families for their continued encouragement and support at home. We hope it will be a joyful and memorable day for all involved.

With the forecast for fine weather, we kindly remind parents to ensure children come to school prepared for sunnier days by wearing sunscreen, bringing a hat and having plenty of water each day. We are delighted to make the most of the good weather through outdoor learning opportunities, movement breaks and play activities.

We would like to thank all parents and guardians for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. Your encouragement at home plays such an important role in helping our pupils grow in confidence, develop independence and achieve their best. The positive relationship between home and school contributes greatly to the happy and respectful atmosphere throughout our school.



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As we approach the final weeks of the school year, there are many exciting activities and events planned. We look forward to our upcoming school tour day, Sports Days, local tournaments and Sixth Class graduation celebrations, as well as continuing our valuable work with the Student Council, Creative Schools Committee and Wellbeing Committee. Further information and dates regarding Sports Days and other upcoming events will be shared with parents shortly.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We thank you sincerely for your continued support and cooperation and wish everyone a very happy and enjoyable May.

Regards,
L.Henry
Principal

INCOMING JUNIOR INFANTS



Open Evening: We invite parents of our incoming Junior Infants to meet the Junior Infant Teacher and Ms. Henry for a short talk in the school hall on Wednesday 27th May at 7pm.

Open Morning for New Junior Infants: Our open morning for our new intake of Junior Infants will take place next month on Wednesday 3rd June from 10:00am-11:30am.

6TH CLASS GRADUATION











We look forward to celebrating our 6th Class Graduation on Friday 19th June in the school hall. The event will include a short Mass, reflections from Mr. Conroy, a gift presentation, and refreshments for parents. Please note the date may change depending on Fr. Barry's availability- further details to follow.

NOTE TO PARENTS








MAY 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

May

-  Friday 22nd May – School Closed (Bye-Election)
-  Saturday 23rd May – First Holy Communion, The Church of the Annunciation Clarinbridge at 11am. Parent's Association celebration party in the school hall after the ceremony.
-  Monday 25th May – Senior Girls Camogie in Maree
-  Tuesday 26th May – School Closed (Primary Curriculum Staff Training Day 2)
-  Wednesday 27th May – Senior Boys Hurling in Clarinbridge Pitch
-  Wednesday 27th May – Incoming Junior Infant Parent Open Evening
-  Thursday 28th May – Oranmore Library Visit Junior Infants – 2nd Class
-  Friday 29th May – School Tour Payment Deadline

June

-  Monday 1st June – School Closed (Bank Holiday)
-  Tuesday 2nd June – Active Homework Begins
-  Wednesday 3rd June – Incoming Junior Infant Open Morning
-  Wednesday 4th June – Creative Schools Circus Workshop
-  Friday 5th June – School Tour (departure times etc. to follow)
-  Monday 8th June – 6th Class Retreat to Knock
-  Friday 19th June – 6th Class Graduation in the school hall (subject to Fr. Barry's availability)

WELLBEING WEEK

MAY 2026

MONDAY BREAKFAST MORNING



As part of Wellbeing Week, all classes enjoyed a delicious smoothie on Monday morning - a great start to a fun and healthy week! Children also took part in gratitude art activities, encouraging reflection and positivity across the school.

PILATES WITH AOIBHINN

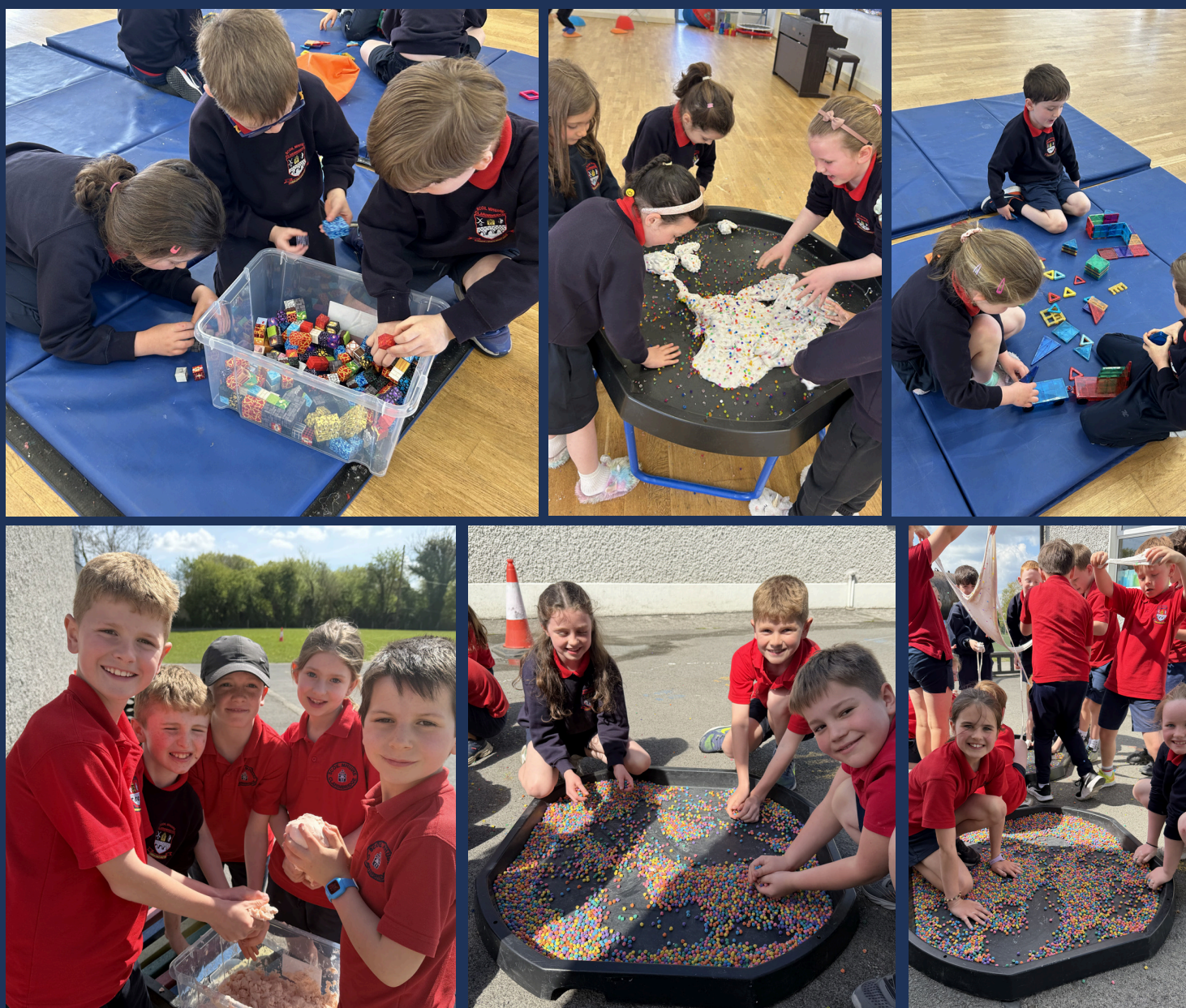


As part of Wellbeing Week, our senior classes enjoyed pilates sessions in the hall with our SNA Aoibhinn. These sessions provided a wonderful opportunity for children to focus on movement, balance, and relaxation in a calm and supportive environment. The children learned simple techniques to improve posture, flexibility, and core strength, while also taking time to unwind and be mindful. It was a very enjoyable experience for all and a great way to promote both physical and mental wellbeing.

WELLBEING WEEK

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TUESDAY ACTIVITIES

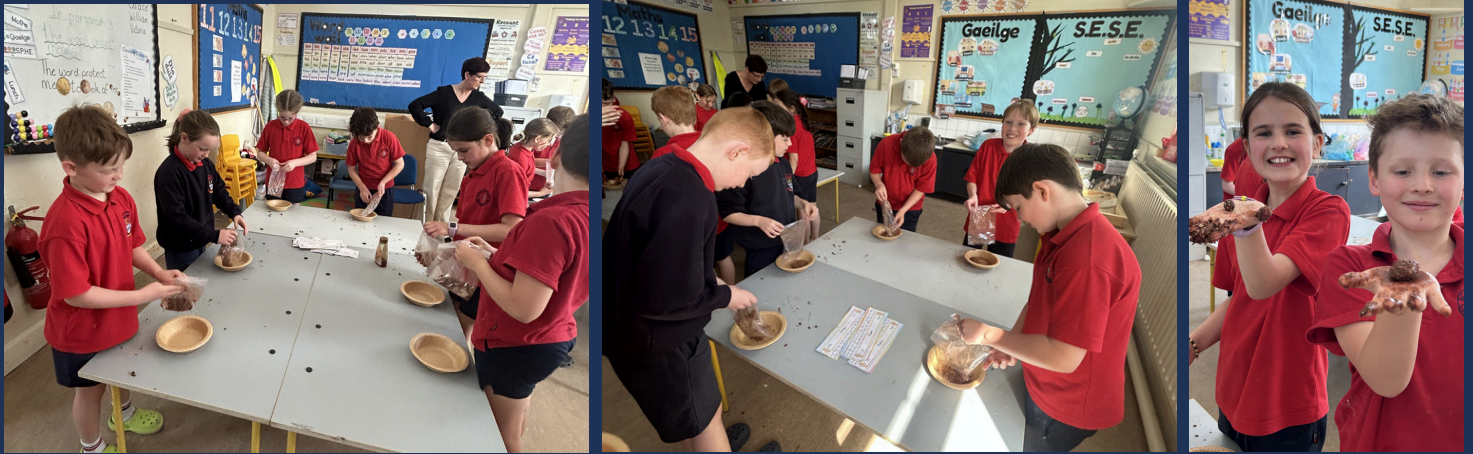


On Tuesday, our junior classes enjoyed sensory play in the hall with Ms. Kennedy, engaging in fun and interactive experiences. Meanwhile, our senior classes took part in hurling and camogie sessions with Aisling the Club Development Officer, keeping active and building their skills.

WELLBEING WEEK

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2ND CLASS BAKING



2nd Class had a fantastic time making energy balls with Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Dowling, and Leighann. The children really enjoyed this hands-on activity and the opportunity to work together.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES



On Wednesday, all classes took part in Happiness Homework, promoting wellbeing beyond the classroom. Senior Infants also enjoyed an informative and engaging healthy eating talk from parent Orla Slevin. Thanks to Orla for her time. In addition the senior classes participated in pilates in the hall with our SNA Aoibhinn.

WELLBEING WEEK

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BUDDY ACTIVITIES



Throughout the week, all classes enjoyed buddy activities with another class, fostering friendships, teamwork, and a strong sense of school community. Junior Infants and 6th Class had great fun together taking part in outdoor activities and indoor play. 3rd Class and 1st Class enjoyed making bracelets together, while 5th Class and Senior Infants had a wonderful time working and learning alongside each other. 2nd Class and 4th Class also thoroughly enjoyed spending time together. These activities created lovely opportunities for children across the school to connect, support one another, and build positive relationships.

WELLBEING WEEK

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FITNESS WITH FELIPE



As part of Wellbeing Week, 2nd and 6th Classes enjoyed an energetic and engaging fitness session with parent Felipe. The class had great fun taking part in a variety of exercises and activities that encouraged movement, teamwork, and healthy habits. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to stay active, challenge themselves, and learn more about the importance of physical fitness and wellbeing. A sincere thank you to Filip for giving his time, enthusiasm, and expertise to make this such an enjoyable experience for the class.

WELLBEING WEEK

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FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS



To round off a wonderful week, we held a non uniform day on Friday to raise funds for Pieta House. Everyone had great fun at the outdoor disco, which was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of Wellbeing Week.

A huge thank you to Ms. Kennedy and the Wellbeing/Amber Flag Committee for organising such a fantastic and enjoyable week for all!

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

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2ND CLASS COMMUNION



We wish our 2nd Class best wishes as they celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 23rd May. Best of luck also to their teachers, Ms. Mogan and Mrs. Coolahan, and to their SNAs, Mary and Leighann, who have supported them so well in their preparation for this special day.

A sincere thank you to the children in 4th and 5th Classes who will be taking part in the choir - their contribution will help make the ceremony even more memorable.

STEM NEWS

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LEGO LEAGUE



Ms Rushe's 3rd Class were busy designing and building Lego Models for the Lego League on Monday 11th May in ATU. 3rd Class also held a showcase day in the school hall on Friday 8th May.

STEM NEWS

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POWER HOUR



Ms. Burke's and Ms. Kilgarriff's 4th Classes have been really enjoying STEM Power Hour sessions recently, facilitated by Ms. Caulfield. The children have been taking part in a range of exciting hands-on activities and challenges that encouraged creativity, problem-solving, teamwork, and critical thinking. The sessions provided fantastic opportunities for the children to explore STEM concepts in a fun, engaging, and practical way, with great enthusiasm shown by all.

MUSIC NEWS

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MUSIC ENSEMBLE



On Monday, 27th April, our music group had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a Music Ensemble event in the National Concert Hall in Dublin. It was a fantastic experience for all involved, giving the children the chance to perform in such a prestigious venue and to showcase their musical talents alongside other schools.

A sincere thank you to Mrs. Coolahan for coordinating this special event, and to Ms. Henry and Mr. Glavey for their support and guidance on the day. It was a memorable occasion that will stay with the children for years to come.

CHOIR



A sincere thank you to the children in 4th and 5th Class and to their teachers, Ms. Kilgarriff, Ms. Burke, and Mr. Lane, for accompanying our sacramental classes in the church. Their beautiful singing and support added greatly to these special celebrations. We are very grateful for all the time, effort, and preparation that went into making the ceremonies so memorable.

SPORTS NEWS

MAY 2026

SENIOR GIRLS CAMOGIE IN ATHENRY



Well done to our senior girls who proudly represented the school in camogie in Clarin College on Tuesday, 5th May. The girls showed great teamwork, determination, and skill throughout. A sincere thank you to Ms. Kennedy and Club Development Officer Aisling for all their time, dedication, and hard work in training and preparing the team. We are very proud of the girls and all their efforts.

SENIOR BOYS HURLING IN ATHENRY



A huge well done to our senior boys hurling team who took part in the competition in Clarin College on Wednesday, 6th May. The boys represented our school with pride, showing excellent sportsmanship, commitment, and teamwork on the day. We are very proud of how they performed. A special word of thanks to Mr. Glavey and Mr. Conroy for all the time and effort they put into training, supporting, and encouraging the team.

SPORTS NEWS

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SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL



Congratulations to our senior girls who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol competition in Clarinbridge on Friday, 8th May and again in the semi-final on Monday 18th May in Salthill. They displayed excellent teamwork, great spirit, and superb effort throughout, representing our school with pride. Sincere thanks to Ms. Caulfield and Karen for their commitment, support, and time devoted to preparing the team.

SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL IN MONIVEA



- Our boys' Gaelic football team represented the school at their competition in Monivea on Thursday, 7th May. The team showed fantastic commitment, teamwork, and determination throughout, giving their very best and doing the school proud. Thank you to Mr. Glavey, Mr. Conroy and Ms. Niland for supporting the boys. Well done to all involved on a wonderful effort.

SPORTS NEWS

MAY 2026

ATHLETICS 



Well done to our athletics team who proudly represented the school at the athletics event in Craughwell on Tuesday 19th May. The children showed great effort, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day. A sincere thank you to Mr. Lane, Ms. Niland, and Leighann for their support, encouragement, and assistance with the team.

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS 

We are also looking forward to our upcoming Sports Days, which are always a very enjoyable part of the school year for the children. Further information and dates will be shared with parents shortly. We hope for good weather and lots of fun for all classes involved.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

MAY 2026

1ST CLASS



Bhí Rang a hAon an-ghnóthach ag foghlaim faoi “Sa Bhaile” as Gaeilge. Bhí siad ag úsáid teach bábóige chun cabhrú leo na seomraí a fhoghlaim agus a mheabhrú. Bhí an-spraoi acu agus iad ag forbairt a gcuid Gaeilge ar bhealach spraoíúil agus idirghníomhach.

1st Class have been busy planting cress seeds recently. They made “cress heads” with Ms. Kilroy and Aoibhinn and really enjoyed this fun, hands-on activity. They are now looking forward to watching their plants grow!

4TH CLASS GAMES



Ms. Kilgarriff’s 4th Class have been really enjoying a variety of games in PE recently, developing their teamwork and skills while having lots of fun.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

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4TH CLASS CATAPULTS



Ms. Burke and Ms. Drapiewska's 4th Class have been busy exploring forces in Science recently by designing and making their own catapults. The children had great fun testing their creations while learning about movement, force, and engineering through this hands-on activity. It was wonderful to see such creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm on display.

4TH CLASS CAPACITY



Ms. Burke's 4th Class have been busy learning about capacity in Maths recently. The pupils enjoyed taking part in practical activities and investigations, helping them to develop a better understanding of litres and millilitres in a fun and hands-on way.

STUDENT COUNCIL

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STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Another month goes by for the Student Council.

This month our stars in the “Getting to know our staff” feature in our school newsletter. The interviewers were Aisling and Aidan (5th class). Let’s get to know Ms. Sylver in Senior Infants. Thanks to Ms. Caulfield and Ms. Burke for their help with the Student Council.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF



STUDENT COUNCIL

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STUDENT COUNCIL INTERVIEW WITH MS. SYLVER

Describe yourself in 3 words	Friendly, Happy, Caring
What school did you go to?	Ballyglass N.S.
How long have you been in this school?	A long time! 18 years!
Did you always know you wanted to be a teacher?	Yes, I always wanted to be a teacher.
What would you be if you weren't a teacher?	I might have been an accountant or an interior designer.
What was the first class you taught? What do you remember them?	1st class was my first class. I met some of them recently and they have finished college now. They have matured a lot since then.
Tell us something interesting about yourself?(A fun fact)	I did 7th class in primary school! I loved school so much and it was a thing that some schools did at that time.
What advice would you give your younger self?	Learn from your mistakes.
What life advice would you give the children in school?	Remember to work hard and be nice!
If you could have one wish what would you wish for?	Health and happiness for my family
What's your favourite thing about being a teacher?	The children! Having fun! The children's questions!
What's your favourite thing about being a mammy?	Making core memories
What's your favourite subject to teach?	Maths
What's your favourite class to teach?	Infants
What's your favourite hobby?	Pilates, Walking, Retail therapy.
What's your favourite animal?	Dog and Red panda
What's your favourite food?	Ice cream
What's your favourite childhood memory?	Summer time-playing outside with friends and family from dawn until dusk
What keeps you busy?	My children and living at the side of a pitch!

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

MAY 2026



CONGRATS CHARLIE!



Congratulations to Charlie Looby in 6th class, whose U13 Corinthians team won their match on Sunday 26th April and are now U13 Connacht Rugby Champions! A fantastic achievement—well done to Charlie and his teammates on this great success.

CHESS TEAM



Well done to our boys' chess team who proudly represented the school at the Ardilaun Hotel in Salthill on Friday, 20th March. The boys showed great concentration, skill, and sportsmanship throughout the competition, and we are very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to all involved!

COMMUNITY GAMES



A huge well done to Holly and Theo Cullen who recently took part in the Ballindereen Community Games athletics competition. Theo had an outstanding day, winning an incredible three gold medals, while Holly also performed brilliantly and brought home two bronze medals. This is a fantastic achievement for both children, and we are very proud of their hard work, dedication, and sporting success. Congratulations to both on their wonderful accomplishments!

GRADUATION INVITE

MAY 2026

6TH CLASS PARENTS
ARE INVITED TO



GRADUATION CELEBRATION

FRIDAY
19TH JUNE 2026

11:30AM-12:30PM

SCOIL MUIRE CLARINBRIDGE

Your presence will make this milestone even more special. We look forward to seeing you there!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

MAY 2026

Invitation to families of those receiving
their First Communion

Celebration in the School Hall

23rd May 2026 | After the communion mass



Parents Association

COMMUNITY NEWS

MAY 2026



Clarinbridge Community Club Day will take place on Sunday 14th June from 2-4pm at the GAA Grounds.

This promises to be a fantastic afternoon for the whole community, with games, activities, juvenile blitzes and the official launch of the club's new Ball Wall & Astro facilities. Last year's event created a wonderful sense of community spirit and club pride, and we look forward to building on that again this year. All players, families, supporters and members of the wider community are warmly invited to attend and help celebrate this exciting milestone for the club.

We look forward to seeing you there!