



**St. Catherine's**  
SPECIAL SCHOOL

# Christmas Newsletter



It has been a busy and successful term in school. Firstly, well done to all of our students on their performances in Christmas plays, you were great! Thanks to staff making these events so enjoyable.

All of our students have continued to work really hard on their learning goals. It has been lovely seeing the breadth of individual and group activities being carried out in classes.

Thank you to everyone for the help and support over the last few months. I have really

enjoyed my time as Acting Principal, especially being able to spend time in the EDC, working with the Parent's Association and getting to know more of you, our parents, and members of our school community. Teresa is returning to the helm after the holidays and we wish her well on her return.

So, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas. See you all in the New Year.

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## STRICTLY FUNDRAISER

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November we gathered at the Fitzpatrick Hotel for Strictly for St Catherine's Special School organised by the Parent's Association. It was an amazing night of entertainment and we can't thank the Parent's Association and the dancers enough for all their hard work and commitment to our school.

Plans are already well under way for our new playgrounds in the EDC and Kilmullen Lane. The playground equipment, including wheelchair swings, nest swings, adventure trails and carousels as well as sensory play equipment, has already been ordered, with installation to begin in March. As well as the playgrounds, planting beds and new paths are being carried out through a Difference Day Project. Thanks to St Catherine's Association for their collaboration on this project.



We are planning on getting some work carried out on the tress around the Kilmullen Lane school in the New Year. Tress will be trimmed at the entrance and trees will be felled through the walkway. This will allow more light into the playground. To reduce any anxiety caused by change I'll email out photos that you can use to talk about the change with your child.

## NEW SCHOOL

The Board of Management and the Patron, St Catherine's Association, continue to be committed to the development of our new school.

Progress has been made with the Department of Education and Wicklow County Council in securing a site for our new school and we are hopeful we will have news of a site in February.

The Board would like express their thanks to everyone who has supported our school this year and to wish students, staff, parents and everyone from our school community a very Merry Christmas.

★ Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! ★