1. A huge thank you to all the School’s staff, organising committee, BOM, sponsors and parents for the fantastic 8k event on Sunday the 9th of June. We are the talk of the Community for how well it went off. An event like this really shows off what makes this School so special. This was a brilliant team effort and without you all it would not have been the huge success it was. I sincerely thank you all!
2. The school will close at 12 noon on Friday 28th of June for the Summer Holidays and reopen on Monday September 2nd 2019.
3. Our Graduation/End of year mass will take place on Thursday 27th of June at 11. Everybody is welcome to attend.
4. The lucky Bligh award winners will be announced on Wednesday 26th at 11.30. Thanks to Mary Hernon who will be presenting these awards on behalf of the Bligh family.
5. Bags of recycled clothes are always welcome. **Our last collection on Thursday the 2nd of May raised €645.**All funds raised in this way are always given to our P.A. to aid in all the wonderful work they do for our pupils.
6. This term has been busy and successful on the sporting and academic fronts. We competed in the Acorn Cup which took place in Caherlistrane after school every Monday in May. The team developed extraordinarily well and we were the first team to ever win the “Fair Play Award”. The team displayed excellent sportsmanship which spectators and players from opposing schools took note of. The team was a credit to the school and their families. We performed well again in a tough Raftery cup group but again the team made great progress throughout the competition. We also participated in a soccer blitz in Archbishop Mchale College, a basketball blitz in Belclare, 8 swimming sessions in Tuam pool, a Rugby blitz along with hosting Golf Lessons earlier on in the year. We also had pupils participate in the community games. Well done to the staff, parents and pupils for being so active, the social and physical benefits are huge. How lucky are the children of Castlehackett to experience such a diverse sporting environment! To our many loyal supporters I wish to thank you most sincerely for attending the games. I’m particularly grateful to all the families who washed the school jersey night after night and had them dry again for the next day! This has by no means has gone unnoticed.
7. We also had the benefit of providing coding lessons this term. The children really enjoyed this and we are looking into providing something similar again in September. Thanks to Laura in Corrib Kids Coding for helping the school out in this regard.
8. We enjoyed a great sport’s day here in Castlehackett, thanks to the staff and inter-county camogie star and **All-Ireland winner** Ailish O’Reilly for making it such a fun day.
9. We have an Ice- Cream van visiting the school on our last day. A lovely treat for the whole school community.
10. We hosted the cumann na mbunscol girls football competition in our fantastic school. Well done to the girls for their great performances.
11. Many thanks to the Bligh family who are once again making a donation of €1600 to the school. We thank them most sincerely for their invaluable continued support. Their very generous donation will go towards educational projects within the school. The visit by Angela and Richard was a lovely event for the school and we so look forward to welcoming them all back very soon.
12. We are all looking forward to welcoming our 7 new infants to the school on Friday the 21st of June as they begin their special journey in Castlehackett NS.
13. Many thanks to all the staff who are engaging in age appropriate Relationship and Sexuality Education with their pupils over the last number of weeks.
14. **Please continue to ensure your child has no smart phone access and that their internet usage is monitored at all times. This is vitally important!**
15. Well done on the support you gave your child in promoting reading during term 3. Please also consider entering your child in the annual Summer reading challenge organised by your local library. It’s an opportunity not be missed.
16. Many thanks to all the staff who will be participating in professional development courses during their Summer Holidays. We really appreciate their commitment and professionalism and we acknowledge how this adds so positively to the teaching and learning that takes place in Castlehackett N.S. every day.
17. Our Daily “1K A DAY” was a huge success here. The benefits of this 10-15 minutes of daily exercise was immense. The Concentration/energy/mood levels of the pupils were notably improved. To aid the school in continuing to make this a success we are thrilled to announce that **Frank Greally** in association with Athletics Ireland ambassador for the **Daily Mile** is visiting our school on Friday 21st of June.
18. A big thank you must go to the parents and PA who did a lovely job painting the Sensory Garden. This has proven a big hit with the children.
19. Thanks to Geraldine Molloy for helping our senior room paint the shed at the back. It came out lovely.
20. Thanks to the Galway Rural Development for power washing the walls and school. This work was much appreciated.
21. The Fire Brigade and two fire officers visited the school recently as part of fire safety week! Great excitement!
22. Our School’s Anti-Bullying Policy is available on request.
23. Congratulations to the children in 2nd class who made their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful ceremony and we are very grateful to Fr Seán Cunningham altar servers, choir, Church Community and all the parents involved for all their work

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and a safe Summer. Well done on another memorable year. I hope all the children get a well-deserved break over the holidays. Thank you all for the wonderful support the school receives it is massively appreciated. Beir bua agus beannacht, David Reilly