



Iontaobhas Scoileanna Éamainn Rís
Edmund Rice Schools Trust

Scoil Íosaif an Fhionnradharc – St. Joseph's, Fairview

19th December 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

I hope all is well with you and your loved ones. As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the students for the ongoing support at the end of the longest term of the year. Following the last few years, the resilience shown by your child/ren alongside their engagement and enthusiasm has been inspiring. I would also like to acknowledge the entire staff in the school that endeavour to create the setting and atmosphere for each student to prosper and achieve their potential. Whether this has been in the classroom, sporting arena or other pursuits, the sense of 'normality' has indeed returned to school life and we hope students are able to realise this growth and opportunity.

At this time of year, I think it is worth reminding ourselves of the importance of looking after one another, and our communities. Taking the time to rest, reflect and share on our experiences is invaluable, and I hope everyone has the opportunity to spend time with loved ones. The school has been filled with activity and excitement over the past few days and has been a very enjoyable place to be; I very much hope this joy is brought home for the Christmas.

When we return after the break, the days will be getting longer. There will be significant building works continuing and ramping up to make the school building an even better facility for students' learning. We will be looking at shorter terms and a number of activities and events that add so much to school life. And we will be looking forward in the distance to a change in the school to be able to keep families and siblings together in the future with sisters and brothers both able to come to St. Joseph's. Values we attempt to share with students include 'reaching for the horizon' and of a growth mindset. These are invaluable and we hope this is seen in all each member of the school community does.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and all the best for 2023.

Beir bua agus beannacht,

Seán Stack
Principal