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Dear parents and Guardians,

A short message for CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We were due to return to school on the first day of February, the first day of Spring, St. Brigid's Day. Although it hasn't been announced yet, everyone expects that we have many more weeks of 'home-schooling' to endure. And that means pupils, parents and school staff. It really is an endurance like no other which adds to the strains and stresses of life for all of us.

It strikes me as opportune that this coincides with Catholic Schools Week. I happened to be watching Mass on the TV on Sunday morning and the priest, in his sermon, spoke of the need for resilience in this difficult time. He said he recently asked some young teenagers what they thought being resilient was. They said 'to be strong', 'to have courage' 'to believe in yourself'. The Priest agreed and suggested to them that Jesus showed all of these characteristics and more throughout his life. Jesus often urged people to be his followers- "take up your cross and follow me" He said. In doing so we can draw on the many examples Jesus showed in His lifetime to give us courage, strength and belief in ourselves. In other words **TO MAKE US MORE RESILIENT.**

Our bishop, Dr. Michael Duignan has sent us a letter for this week which speaks much more eloquently on this theme and it is attached below.

Let me also wish children and families of other Faiths every blessing and I'm sure your faith will be a source of strength and comfort to you during these difficult times.

Yours truly,
Noel Lohan, Acting Principal.