**Welcome back**

 Welcome back everyone to term 3 of the school year. This has been a challenging year for everyone and the children have done so well settling back into the school routine. Let’s hope that we will move on in a positive mind frame and leave the remainder of 2021 behind us.

**Student absences**

Just a reminder that if you child is absent from school for any reason please send in a written note explaining the dates for which your child was absent and the reason for their absence. All parents must also complete the Return to Educational Facility which you will find attached to this email.

**Monies Owed-Reminder**

Thank you to those who have already paid monies owing for the school year to date. Final invoices will be issued over the next few days. For those who have not yet paid, please do so at your earliest convenience.

 **The Lunch Bag**

The Lunch Bag is an initiative which some parents wished to start in St. Mary’s. We are delighted that the launch date has been confirmed for Tuesday the 13th of Aril, and your children can then avail of the lunch bag service from Thursday the 15th of April. Please find attached all correspondence related to this programme.

 **Staff meeting**

 There will be an early closure on Wednesday 28th April to facilitate a Staff meeting. All pupils will finish at 12.30pm on this day. The school bus will run as normal on this day.

 **Board of Management**

The next meeting of our Board of Management will take place on Wednesday 28th April at 5.00pm. The audited school accounts for the year 2019-2020 are now available for all parents to view upon request to the school office.