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**Principal (Acting):** Mr P Ritchie (BSc, MEd, PGCE)

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I thought it appropriate to write to you all to mark the end of the school year. The summer holidays are upon us, and we have reached the end of a busy and successful year in Mullavilly PS.

You will all have received the letter from Mrs McClimonds, informing you that she had made the difficult decision to retire as principal of Mullavilly. I would like to pay tribute to Mrs McClimonds for her contribution to the life of our school. She has made a positive difference to the lives of countless children in her more than 30-year teaching career. I am also very grateful for the role she has played in my own development over the last 11 years of teaching in Mullavilly.

The Education Authority will begin the process of appointing a new principal at the beginning of the new school year. I will continue to lead the school as acting principal when we return in August and until such time as a new principal is appointed. I am sure you are wondering whether I will be applying for the position myself. The journey to and from Lisburn each day is a long one and with a young family of my own to consider, all I can say at this stage is it is something I will be considering over the summer through discussion with my family. I can guarantee however it will be an open and transparent process and the best candidate will be appointed. If not me, I will be delighted to support the new principal in the interests of Mullavilly.

It has been an honour to have led the school over the last 6 months, I hope you have seen some positive developments and feel the school is moving forward into the new school year in a positive light. We have our highest enrolment in many years and there are lots of exciting plans already in place for next year. I would like to pay tribute to the staff of Mullavilly. They are outstanding professionals, and I am proud to work alongside them.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support of me and the school over the course of this year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Ritchie', written in a cursive style.

P Ritchie (Acting Principal)