



Redeemer Boys' N.S.

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October 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I would like to bring the following items to your attention this month.

Shared HSCL Co-Ordinator Appointment

I am delighted to announce that Mr Niall McArdle has been appointed as the new HSCL Co-Ordinator for the Redeemer Schools. Niall looks forward to taking up this position after the Halloween break.



Parents' Association

There will be an Annual General Meeting in November. This meeting should be able to be held in the school hall when some of the restrictions are lifted. Please make every effort to attend the AGM when it is scheduled as a new committee will be elected on the day.

Halloween Celebrations

We will have our usual Halloween dress-up day on Friday 22nd October. **Boys can wear their spooky costumes into school!!!!** The whole school are going to go on a 'Spooky Walk' on the day. This is one of the very first activities organised for us by our new Active School Committee (pictured below).



Holy Redeemer Sacrament Dates for Second and Sixth Class

First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 21st May at 11.00 a.m.**

Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 28th May at 11.00am.**



Active School Committee



This year our school will be working extra hard towards achieving the Active Flag. We would like to introduce the boys who were nominated by their peers for the 'Active School Committee'. This group of boys will help lead our entire school community in being more active every day. They will attend Active School Flag meetings (bringing ideas from their classmates to the committee meetings), set up equipment for whole-school activities, organise competitions like the slogan/poster competition and lots, lots more!



Uniform

Full school uniform is compulsory and I will insist on this throughout the year. Please label all jumpers and coats with your son's name. We will provide a crested polo top / crested jumper and dark grey trousers for the duration of the school day to boys coming to school without a uniform. 'Every child in uniform every day' is the message being promoted in the school.

Book Rental

Thank you to everyone who has paid or partially paid the book rental fee to date. If you have not yet made a payment please try to do so before the mid-term break. **You can now make book rental payments online.** You should have received a link from Audrey, however if you have not and wish to pay in this way just ring in to the school office and a new link will be sent to you.

PAY ONLINE

Attendance

Our attendance records are computerised and a pupil's absence should be explained via the online '**Absence Notification Form 2021-22**' which can be accessed on the school website (Parent Area - Absence Notification Form 2021-22). This online form is the preferred form of communication but you may explain an absence by a phone call/email to the school office or a signed and dated note on the day of return. Please remember that if the reason for an absence is Covid 19 related you must also complete the '**Return to School after Self-Isolating or Restricting Form**' (this form is also in the Parent Area of our school website and some hard copies have been sent home previously for your convenience).



The full list of school holidays for the incoming year is attached to this letter. Please note, the holidays can always be viewed on our school website (Parent Area - School Closures).

Please read the attached leaflet on attendance carefully. When your son is absent from school, schools are obliged by law to record absences and the reasons given. Please contact the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence. If no notification of absence is received, we will have to record an unexplained absence. Where possible please make medical/dental appointments out of school hours.

Punctuality and Sign Out Book

When a child arrives late to school it can be very disruptive to your child, the teacher and other children in the class. If your child arrives late to school they will be marked as late on Aladdin and the number of minutes late will also be recorded.

Parents are reminded about collecting pupils early as this is very disruptive to your child, the teacher and to the rest of the class. I understand an emergency or an appointment can arise unexpectedly but please do not make this a regular occurrence. Our 'sign out' book continues to monitor this practice and the number of minutes a pupil leaves before the end of the school day will also be recorded on Aladdin.

"Miss School = Miss Out"

Parent/Teacher Meetings

The school will be closing at 1.40 pm on Tuesday 9th November for all classes to facilitate parent/teacher meetings. Individual class teachers will send home appointment times after the Halloween break. These meetings may be face-to-face or over the phone depending on Government advice at the time.

Thank you for your continued support,

M.Murray
Principal