



# Redeemer Boys' N.S.

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## October 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parent / Guardian,

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

### Parents' Association

There will be an Annual General Meeting in October before the Halloween midterm. This meeting will be held in the school hall. 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 28th October. **Boys can wear their spooky costumes into school!!!!** The whole school are going to go on a 'Spooky Walk' on the day (weather permitting). 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 6th May at 11.00 a.m.**



Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 13th May at 11.00am.**



\*Dates for First Penance and Ceremony of Light to be confirmed by Fr Mark shortly.

### School Lunches

**Please Note:** If you choose to send in lunch with your son you must follow the nutrition standards that our lunch provider adheres to and send only healthy food (chocolate products, high sugar/salt products are not allowed).

**Water is the only drink that is permitted in our school and is available in each class from a water cooler.** Class teachers will speak to the boys about what is suitable at little/big break and will monitor what is eaten.

Parents must speak to Mrs Murray and sign an opting-out form if they do not want their son/s to avail of the school meal programme.

Any pupil who wishes to change his choice with Fresh Today should do so via the App or by speaking to Audrey in the school office. **Changes made by Thursday will come into place for the following week.**

### Active School Committee



Last year our school worked very hard and achieved the Active Flag. We would like to introduce the boys who were nominated by their peers for the 2022-23 '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.

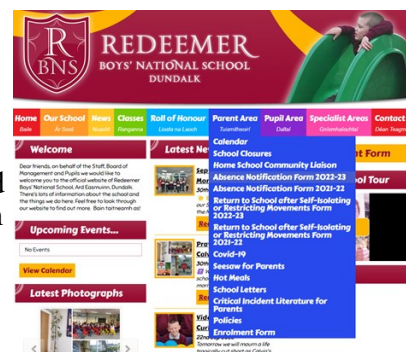
## Book Rental

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 2022-23**' which can be accessed on the school website (Parent Area - Absence Notification Form 2022-23). 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).



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 Wednesday 9th November for all classes to facilitate face-to-face parent/teacher meetings. Individual class teachers will send home appointment times before the Halloween break. Some parents may receive timeslots on Tuesday 8th November or Thursday 10th November.

Thank you for your continued support,

M.Murray  
Principal

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