



# St. Anne's National School

Roll No; 19317K

## Newsletter September 2022

### Welcome Back Boys and Girls

Welcome back to all the boys and girls after our Summer Holidays. A special word of welcome to our **30 new Junior Infants**. Welcome Jack B, Rhys, Megan, Rosie, Tyler, Darcie, Aria, Lauren, Ciara, Eleanor, Lilly, Harry, Páidí, Jack G, Charlie, Alexander, Mia, Conor M, Emmy, Kyle, Harry, Zac, Robyn, Ollie, Keilan, Daryl, Conor S, Jack S, Zara and Tadhg. Also, a big welcome to Luke in Senior Infants who joined us over the summer and to Alexander who starts in 1<sup>st</sup> class today.

### Home/School Communications

We believe that good Home/School communications are essential. We send most messages home now via the **Aladdin Connect App** so it is important that you are set up on it. If a note is going home in the school bags with pupils, a text informing you of this is normally sent also. A newsletter is sent home each month. A good way to keep up to date with school news is to follow us on Twitter **@RathanganNS**. Our website address is **stannesns.weebly.com**. The best way to communicate with your child's teacher is via the Aladdin Connect App. We hope to have Parent/Teacher meetings this year on 24<sup>th</sup> of November. If you wish to contact the school office, please note that school secretary Jenny takes her lunch break between 1.30pm -2pm and is unavailable.

### School Opening/Closing Times and Supervision

Parents are reminded that school begins at **9.20am** and we ask that pupils are dropped off as close to that time as possible. The school cannot accept responsibility for pupils dropped off before **9.00am**. We ask that parents collecting pupils at home time do so as quickly as possible and not congregate at the church gate or in the carpark. The school also advises that we cannot accept any responsibility for pupils who are going to the GAA Hurling Wall before entering school grounds in the morning. We ask that you discourage your child from doing this.

### Book Rental

Book bills went home on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. An **Aladdin e-Payments link** will be sent home shortly. Alternatively book bills can be paid to Jenny in the school office or to your child's class teacher. It is important that book bills be paid at your earliest convenience. Should parents require extra time or assistance with payment, please contact the School Principal. Absolute discretion is guaranteed. **Personal Insurance** with Allianz for each child is included in your book bill. This affords you **24hr** cover **12 months** a year for your child. Claim forms can be collected from Jenny in the school office.

### Rathangan Country Fair

Rathangan Country Fair takes place the weekend of October 1st and 2nd. As well as providing great entertainment, the proceeds of the fair will go towards the cost of resurfacing the Church Carpark. As you are aware, the school relies heavily on this carpark every day at arrival and dismissal time. We are asking that the parent body support the Country Fair as much as possible. The school will be running an art competition in conjunction with the fair. We intend to run some fun games/races on the Sunday afternoon for school children. We will also encourage the pupils to dress up in old style clothes on Sunday. Closer to the date we will look for 4-6 volunteers from the parent body to help with parking. Rathangan Country Fair has a little bit of something for everyone. It promises to be an entertaining weekend and, once again, St. Anne's NS would love to see our parents and pupils coming along to support.

### **School Closure**

Reminder that, as per calendar, school finishes at **12pm this Friday** facilitating teacher in-service training in the new Primary Language Curriculum. There will be a further 3 half day closures mandated by the Dept. of Education for further in-service training over the course of this school year. Dates not confirmed at the moment.

### **Hurling Coaching**

St. Anne's GAA have made their Games Development Officer (GDO) Joe Kearns available to the school once again this Autumn. Joe will begin hurling coaching with pupils in **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes** every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from next week until Hallowe'en. Pupils in these classes will need PE gear, hurls, and helmets on these days. Don't worry if your child does not have a hurl or helmet, the school has a supply they can use. The coaching will focus on fun games and fundamental movements and will be inclusive of all levels of ability.

### **Lunchtime Leagues**

The Senior boys (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) Lunchtime Football league has already commenced this year with Mr. Murphy. Ms. Power and Ms. Barry are organising a Senior Girls league. Mr. Ormonde will also be organising a Junior (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) Football League in the next week or two.

### **Rackard League**

This year's Rackard League Football kicks off today with a trip to Taghmon for our Girls' Team. The Boys Rising Stars play today after school in Piercestown, while the Rackard League team play Cushinstown this week also.

### **Green Schools**

After a two year break, we hope to get our school's Green Schools Committee up and running again. Ms. Kehoe will be inviting pupils from **2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes** to put their names forward. 2 pupils from each of these classes will serve on the committee for 22/23. The committee is then responsible for organising lots of activities and green initiatives for the school.

### **Rugby Coaching**

Tag Rugby coaching with a Leinster Rugby coach will commence this Friday morning for **4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes**. Pupils will need to wear their normal PE gear. The coaching will normally be on the school field and on the astro turf on wet days.

### **Nuts**

There are a number of pupils in school with allergies to nuts, some of a very serious nature. To ensure their safety St. Anne's NS is a "Nut –Free School".

### **Labels**

We ask that parents please clearly label school jumpers and coats to avoid confusion. A Lost and Found Box is located in the reception area.

### **Dates for your diary**

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of September- school closes at 12pm – teacher in-service PLC
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of September- Bridgetown School Open Day 2pm -5pm
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of October- school closes for Hallowe'en Break