Dear Parents,

Next weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is regarded as the beginning of the church and is one of the major events in the Church’s calendar. It is celebrated on the Sunday which falls 50 days after Easter. The celebration of Pentecost reminds us that the Apostles in the early church we all have a unifying Spirit that guides us through life.

**Blessing for Pentecost**

May the enthusiasm of the Spirit leap incessantly within you and help you live a vibrant life.
May the warmth of the spirit’s fire be extended through your concern and care for all those who need your love.
May the blaze of the spirit’s courage enable you to speak the truth and stand up for respect, dignity and justice.
May the undying embers of the spirit’s faithfulness support you when you feel spiritually dry and empty.
May the strength of the spirit’s love sustain your hope as you enter into the pain of the world.
May the clear light of the spirit’s guidance be a source of effective discernment and decision-making for you.
May the spirit’s patient endurance be yours while you wait for what is unknown and revealed.
May the steady flame of the spirit’s goodness within you convince you every day of the power of your presence with others.
May the joyful fire of the Spirit dance within you and set happiness ablaze in your life.
May the spark of your relationship with the spirit catch fire in the hearts of those with whom you live and work.
May you be mindful of the Eternal Flame within you. May you rely on this source of love to be your constant ally and steady guide.
May the Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on you.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 13th June at 2.00pm & 4.00pm and Sunday 14th June at 2.00pm. Our Year 6 Confirmation candidates will be spending a day at Auxilium College, Lysterfield reflecting on the importance of this Sacrament in their developing faith journeys. Grade 6 Green & 6 Red will be attending on Tuesday 26th May and Grade 6 Blue and 6 Purple on Thursday 28th May.

**Prep Enrolment 2016** Existing families must return the enrolment application. Enrolment is not automatic. APPLICATION FORMS FOR PREP 2016 MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE BETWEEN 8.30AM AND 3.30PM. Closing date for enrolments is Friday, 19th June, 2015.

**CDF BANKING:** BANKING DAY WILL BE NEXT FRIDAY for one week only due to volunteer commitments.

**School Tours** Parents who are considering sending their child to St. Simon’s in 2016 are invited to attend the School Tours on Wednesday 27th May and Thursday 4th June commencing at 11.30am and concluding at 12.30pm. Student Leaders will be available to conduct tour groups during these times.

**School Reports** Will be sent home on Friday 19th June and Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on Monday 22nd June and Thursday 25th June. The parent/teacher meetings commence at 3.30pm and conclude at 8.00pm on both days. Information regarding this will be sent home with the school reports.

**Extra Curricula Activities Term 2 Weeks 7 & 8**

| Monday 25th May | Ambulance Incursion 4G & 4Y |
| Tuesday 26th May | Confirmation Reflection Day 1 (9am – 3pm) |
| Wednesday 27th May | Open Day 2016, School Tours by School Leaders 11.30am to 12.30pm |
| Thursday 28th May | Year 5 visit to Mater Christi & St. Joseph’s Colleges |
| Thursday 28th May | Confirmation Reflection Day 2 (9am – 3pm) |
| Saturday 30th May | Parents’ Association Social Night – Bingo Night |
| Wednesday 3rd June | Confirmation Families Penitential Liturgy 7.30pm |
| Thursday 4th June | Prep 2016 Open Day, School Tours by School Leaders 11.30am to 12.30pm |
| Thursday 4th June | School Assembly 2.30pm |
| Friday 5th June | School Closure day |

**School Uniform** All children are expected to wear full winter uniform. Please note that **summer shorts** are not part of the winter uniform.

**Key Enrolment Dates for 2016** – The following dates will be used by Catholic secondary schools for Year 6 students in 2016 who will be enrolling in Year 7 for 2017. These are:

- **Friday 26th February 2016** Date by which all applications to colleges close.
- **Friday 22nd April 2016** Date on which offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are to be posted.
- **Friday 6th May 2016** Final date for acceptance by parents of offers made.
School Closure Day – On Friday 5th June all staff will be involved in a professional development day. There will be no school for children on this day.

Working Bee – Thank you to the following families who attended the working bee last Saturday – Bowers, Do, Drake, Pulitano, Smart & West.

Tax Deductible Contributions – Attached to Contact is information regarding St. Simon’s School Building Fund. Money raised assists the school maintain its existing buildings and helps with improvements around the school. Donations made before 30th June are tax deductible.

Shania Von Kelaita – A special thank you to Shania Von Kelaita (5B) who found some money and brought it to the office. Your honesty must be applauded – well done Shania!

Prayers – Please keep the Juhasz family in your prayers and thoughts as Tomas (3B) Great Grandmother passed away recently.

The Good Manners Award goes to Gurveer Walia (5Y) and Uniform Award goes to Sophia Abeyanayake (4Y). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

SCHOOL TOURS WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY & THURSDAY 4TH JUNE FROM 11.30AM TO 12.30PM

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The competition is open to students in Years 3-6. The AMC is designed to be a fun event to promote Mathematics not a rigorous formal assessment. The date for the competition is Thursday 30th July at school. The entry fee is $6.00 per student. If you would like your child to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition complete the attached reply slip and send it in with payment to Miss Corio by tomorrow, Friday 22nd May. See attached flyer for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 22nd May  
Feast of St. Rita of Cascia  
Saturday 30th May  
P.A Social Night 7.15pm - Hall

Friday 22nd May  
Grade 6 Interschool Winter Sports  
Sunday 31st May  
Trinity Sunday

Friday 22nd May  
Pentecost Liturgy 11.30am (2R)  
Wed. 3rd June  
Confirmation Families Penitential Lit. 7.30pm

Wed. 27th May  
Prep 2016 Open Day, School Tours 11.30am  
Thurs. 4th June  
Pre 2016 Open Day - School Tours 11.30am

Thurs. 28th May  
Year 5 visit to Mater Christi & St. Joseph  
Thurs. 4th June  
School Assembly 2.30pm

Thurs. 28th May  
Confirmation Reflection Day 2 (9am – 3pm)  
Thurs. 4th June  
Lighthouse Expo – St. Josephs College

OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL FEES: Unless you are on a monthly plan or have a special arrangement, the 2nd instalment of $490 is now overdue. Prompt payment is appreciated.

CDF BANKING: It’s interest time again! Please send through your bank books so they can be updated.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

During mass the young boy was very restless and his dad had a lot of trouble keeping him still. The lad was intrigued by the red sanctuary lamp and after a time, he clutched his father’s arm.

"Dad! Dad! When it turns green can we go?"

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

Dawn Henderson  
Allannah Prossime (2Y)  
Callum September-Jones (6R)  
Emma White (4B)

Ava Goldenberg (3G)  
Karolina Diamantopoulos (4G)  
Darcy Jean (Prep R)  
Chloe King (4G)

Tiana Bakakis (1R)  
Jemmah Bryant (3B)  
Noah Reeves (Prep G)  
Kathleen Fagan (4G)

Vinley Hodgson (Prep R)

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM - SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Kelly Fitzgerald, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school during term three to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 955 128. Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed referral form needs to be returned to the school office.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

The following students have been selected from each class for their outstanding achievements within the school. We congratulate the following:

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MARATHON CLUB

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING ON THE ST. SIMON’S OVAL BETWEEN 8.20AM AND 8.40AM. Everybody welcome, open to all year levels and parents.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Mia Acosta-Harvey (5G), Rhiannon Beatty (5R) & Sienna Jury (5B).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Ethan Ha (1Y) for creating an unusual rhythm pattern for the class to echo.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Liam Tamara (5R) & Adam Bowers (2R) for good work.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Chloe Boric (5G), Alison Grasso (5Y) & Shan Gibson (5/6 P)

CANTEEN ROSTER:  CANTENE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO RENOVATIONS

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER:  Tuesday 26/05  Cathy S, Ida, Angela  2.30pm to 3pm

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

SUBWAY DAY: is on Friday June 12. For only $6 get your choice of a 6 inch Sub, drink and dessert. $1 from every order goes directly back to the school. Order envelopes will be distributed this week. Extra envelopes are available at the Office should you require more than one Sub. Parents please remember - correct change is required. Closing date for orders is MONDAY JUNE 1. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted. Any questions? Please call Belinda on 0438 877 240.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL: Thank you to the following businesses for their donations which were used as prizes for the raffle at the Mother’s Day Stall –
- Curves – Unit 4/ 5 Kelletts Rd Rowville 9764 9750
- Brazilian Butterfly – Wellington Village, 1090 Wellington Rd Rowville 9755 6431, email rowville@brazilianbutterfly.com
- Promotional Products Industries – 9 Park Rd Cheltenham, 9583 5333, email accountant@kingpin.com.au

SOCIAL NIGHT: 10 days to go, so what are you waiting for … you may only have 2 or 4 or 6 people going, that’s ok still book your tickets – we don’t want you to miss out. This is OUR Social Night, it’s a chance to meet other parents who like you are part of our school community. All money that we make on the night goes straight back to the school to help our children. The Parents Association are currently fundraising for our second shade sail (these don’t come cheap and are a fantastic addition to our school).

What are we offering: a fun, entertaining night with a difference, a two hour comedy show, bingo, games and competitions to test your skills. There will be some great 80s/90s music to listen to, there is only one thing missing YOU, what are you waiting for? Dress in your 80s/bogan clothes (ugg boots, flamelette shirts, tracksuit pants, jeans, fluoro colours) or just come as you please. Prizes given on the night for best dress.

What do you need to bring: $10 a balloon for a chance to win one of our wonderful prizes (we have over 30 prizes, so your chances of walking away with a prize is high), gold coins for our games that we will be running on the night – eg “Toss a Coin” and win a bottle. We will also be running a gold coin honesty system on the night – with soft drink, tea/coffee and cake on offer. BYO Nibbles and Alcohol. Any questions please contact Nicole Stanbury on 0402 017 031.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: This year customers have a choice and can choose the Book Membership or the Digital Membership, both packed with amazing businesses. They only cost $65 each and $13 from each sale goes directly to the school.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque to St Simon’s Parents’ Association. Payment can also be made by Credit Card directly to Entertainment Books by completing the attached form or via the secure online payments at the following URL https://www.entbook.com.au/187a821. If you are using the online payment method and choose to order a Book Membership we will receive notification of your payment and book/s can be sent to you through the tub system unless you opt to pay an additional delivery charge. For any enquiries regarding this please phone Lisa on 0418 108 988.

SECURE PARKING: Are you going into the city this weekend? Book your secure parking ahead of time for a great deal, just book using the St Simon promo code, ahead of time and $1 will be donated to the school. Simply visit www.secureparking.com.au and book your parking online with Secure-A-Spot using promotion code – STSIMONS
PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAYS: Tuesday 26th & Thursday 28th May at the Salesian Retreat Centre, Lysterfield 9am to 3pm.

CONFIRMATION PENANCE SERVICE: Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30pm.

CONFIRMATION MASSES: Will be held at St. Simon’s on Saturday 13th June at 2pm & 4pm and Sunday 14th June at 2pm.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

AVILA COLLEGE OPEN MORNINGS: Term 2 – Tuesday May 26th at 9am, Term 3 – Wednesday August 12th at 9am, Term 4 -Tuesday October 27th at 9am. On line registration is now available by visiting www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au clicking on Quick Links and then Open Mornings or emailing registrar@avilacollege.vic.edu.au. Note: Parking is limited in nearby streets. Please allow time to find a park as the session starts promptly at 9am. For further information please contact the College on 9831 9600.

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS

CONSIDERING ENROLMENT FOR THEIR CHILD FOR 2016

Enrolment folders may be obtained from the School Office
Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm

SCHOOL TOURS
Wednesday 27th May - 11.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 4th June - 11.30am - 12.30pm
ALL WELCOME

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENTS - FRIDAY 19th JUNE, 2015

KNOX NETBALL CENTRE: 9 Dempster Street, Ferntree Gully. Phone: 9758 7191 or 9758 7011. The centre runs a daytime Ladies Netball Competition on a Wednesday and Friday. Both competitions are supported by a free creche, staffed by fully qualified and accredited child care staff. All matches are played indoors on sprung floors with qualified umpires. The new season begins in July and new teams are welcome. There is no play on school holidays or public holidays. Forms for the new season can be found on the website in the downloads section – www.knoxnetball.com.au

GET STARTED IN THE VEGGIE GARDEN! WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS.

Growing your own vegetable garden is a great way to get you and your family outside, active and eating more healthy food. Knox City Council is presenting free community workshops to help you learn more about setting up and caring for a vegetable garden. Workshops will be held in Boronia, Lysterfield and Wantirna – book your place today!

BORONIA
When: Tuesday 26th May, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, Where: Boronia West Primary School (GP Room), Tormore Road, Boronia. Please book online at http://is.gd/cJveh

LYSTERFIELD
When: Thursday 28th May, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, Where: Lysterfield Primary School Hall, Bellfield Drive, Lysterfield. Please book online at http://is.gd/yGf1Pc

WANTIRNA
When: Thursday 4th June, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, Where: Wantirna Primary School, 120 Mountain Hwy, Wantirna. Please book online at http://is.gd/xahbH

or see the Knox City Council online events calendar at www.knox.vic.gov.au/calendar For more information, please call Lisa Loulier, Community Sustainability Officer at Knox City Council on (03) 9298 8000.

JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS: The Eastern Ranges School Holiday Training Camp will give all junior players aged 12 to 15 a taste of AFL style training. The program will include:
- AFL Draft Combine style testing including AFL agility, 20m sprints, vertical leap and more
- Skill development session with Eastern Ranges coaches
- Individualised detailed fitness testing report
- Certificate of completion
- High performance nutrition advice
- Injury prevention & recovery session with Eastern Ranges High Performance team member
- Talent pathways to the AFL discussed with Eastern Ranges Talent Manager, Len Villani
- Lunch, snacks and drinks provided

SPORT NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

On the 29th April we conducted our school based Cross Country for students from Years 3 – 6. All students were expected to participate with the Year 3s running in their class group on a 2 km course around the perimeter of our property. The students from Years 4-6 ran in their age groups ie. 9/10 Years, 11 Years and 12/13 Years. The 9/10 age group ran 2 km and the 11s to 13s ran 3 kms. At the completion of each race the top 15 boys and top 15 girls were invited to our training squad which would then be cut back to 10 in each group to represent our school at the District Cross Country on 15th May at Jells Park.

Over the past 5 years we have encouraged our students to get more involved in Cross Country as a means of improving their fitness, this has been the case and as a result our Team score had continually improved rising from 7th placed school (out of 8) until last year where our school team were in 1st place. Following on from 2014’s achievement we again finished in 1st position, a great credit to our 60 competitors and the support to them by their parents and teachers.

MARATHON CLUB

The Marathon Club is open to all students on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.20am – 8.40am. This is a fun and fitness activity with the numbers growing each day. Last Tuesday we had 49 students jogging under the supervision of our School Sport Leaders, well done.

YEAR 6 ROUND ROBIN

This Friday the Year 6s are participating in Day 1 of the Rowville District Winter Round Robin sports program. We will be fielding teams in football, soccer, netball and volleyball playing at various venues in the area.

It’s worth noting that again this year St. Joseph’s College have allowed the primary schools to use their oval and soccer pitches. Without their generous gesture we wouldn’t be able to play some of the sports ie. football or soccer due to the Council’s Policy related to oval use. Thank you St. Joseph’s on behalf of all schools in the Rowville District Sports Association.
ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

So far this year we have conducted two Saturday morning Working Bees. At these working bees we have focused on attending to garden and grounds projects which have included –

- Clearing leaf matter from around the grounds and in stormwater pits
- Clearing the “Kitchen Garden” area in readiness for class planting
- Mulched a number of garden beds
- Built plantar boxes around trees on the oval
- General weeding of garden beds
- Tidying of mulch on Adventure Playgrounds
- Cleaning out the “Cubby Club” resources

In addition to this work our students and staff were heavily involved in Clean Up Australia Day where they assisted with general cleaning, tidying and planting.

Our working bees are an invaluable activity to maintain and develop our grounds for the good off all children.

The attendance by families at our first two working bees has been very low and I can only encourage you to give three hours on a Saturday morning to improve the environment we offer to our children. With 460 families in our school I hope that the numbers could swell at future working bees. If we had 20 adults for 3 hours, this includes our social BBQ and clean up, at our next working bee that would be 60 hours of concerted work, the equivalent of one labourer working for 7 days straight, that would be an excellent return.

ST SIMONS NATIONAL PARKS POLICY

Recently at staff meetings the staff have discussed ways of minimising the waste that gathers here at school. As you can imagine with 650 students we can generate a considerable amount of rubbish. In order to try and reduce this amount of rubbish we are going to implement a “National Parks Policy” from the start of Term 3.

Put simply the “National Parks Policy” is just like when we visit a National Park, we are asked to take all of our rubbish home with us. This will become our policy here at school.

All children will be asked to take all of their lunch, recess and Brain Food wrappers, peels etc home with them. In the classrooms we will only have very small rubbish bins for any unexpected rubbish.

Implementing this policy will be good for our environment, help our children to realise how much rubbish we can generate and encourage all families to consider re-usable containers for packaging your child’s food and drink.

Often we, as a community, focus on the big issues when we try to support social justice or environmental issues. This is a perfect way to help our children understand that by starting small in our community we may be able to have an impact on the broader community beyond our school walls.

Remember this is a policy that will become a whole school action as of the start of Term 3 but if you want to start now you are more than welcome. If you have any queries or suggestions re this policy don’t hesitate to give me a call or email sregan@ssrowville.catholic.edu.au

Shane Regan
Vice Principal
The Parents Association proudly presents:

**SUBWAY DAY!!**

When: **Friday 12th June**

For ONLY $6 you will receive your choice of:

- Six inch sub (Turkey, Ham, Chicken, Roast beef or Vegetarian) with salad and sauce choices
- Drink (Apple juice, Water, Chocolate milk)
- Dessert (Chocolate Chip cookie, Apple, or Yoghurt)
- All options are nut free. Unfortunately gluten free or other dietary needs cannot be catered for

$1 from every order goes directly back to the school. So eat your WAY through Subway DAY!

Subway Day is being run differently from most Food Services Days. So please note the following points:

- Fill in **ONE** envelope **PER** child. If your child would like more than one Sub, two envelopes will need to be completed. Spare envelopes will be available at the Office.
- The P.A will **NOT** be handling money for this Day. The envelopes will go directly to Subway for processing.
- Correct money **MUST** be placed in the envelope. Unfortunately, change **CANNOT** be given.
- Money for multiple sibling orders cannot be placed in the one envelope.
- Return completed envelopes to the Office by **Monday June 1st**. No late orders can be accepted.

**Any questions?** Please call Belinda Dobson from the P.A on 0438 877 240.
Australian Mathematics Competition
Thursday 30th July 2015

Once again, St Simon the Apostle Primary School will be participating in the Australian Mathematics Competition. The competition is open to students in Years 3-6. The AMC is designed to be a fun event to promote Mathematics not a rigorous formal assessment.

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is a mathematics competition containing 25 multiple choice problems and 5 questions requiring a number answer. There are two Primary and three Secondary divisions. The time allowed is 60 minutes for the Primary divisions and 75 minutes for the Secondary divisions. Students are assessed only against other students in the same school year and country or Australian state so age or curriculum differences between students are irrelevant.

The problems are very easy at the start of the paper and become progressively more difficult until the end when they are challenging to the most gifted student. Students of all standards will find a point of challenge.

All students receive a certificate showing their level of achievement.

DATE AND ENTRY FEE

➤ The date for the competition is Thursday 30th July at school (more details to follow)

➤ The entry fee is $6.00 (including GST) per student.

If you would like your child to participate in the AMC, please complete the attached reply and place it together with the $6.00 entry fee (CASH ONLY PLEASE) into a sealed envelope, addressing the envelope clearly with "AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION, ATTENTION: MISS CORIO" by Friday 22nd May, 2015.

If you have any queries, please contact me.

Regards,

Carmelina Corio
(School Maths Leader)

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PLEASE COMPLETE, ENCLOSE YOUR ENTRY FEE OF $6.00 AND RETURN TO SCHOOL IN A SEALED ENVELOPE BY FRIDAY 22nd May

I would like my child to participate in the AMC on Thursday 30th July 2015 at St Simon the Apostle Primary School.

Student name: __________________________ Grade: ______________

Parent / Guardian signature: __________________________
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**St Simons Parents Association**

**Contact:** Lisa Allen  **Phone:** 0418108988  **Email:** lisa-brett@bigpond.com


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St Simon’s Parent Association presents a social night you don’t want to miss.
Limited seats so don’t delay book TODAY

**Saturday 30**\(^{th}\) **May, 2015**

Arrive 7.15pm                        Finish: 10.30pm

St Simon’s Hall, 2 Taylors Lane

**Cost:** $25 per ticket or organise a Table of 8 for $180

**Great Prizes and Raffles to WIN**

How do I book Tickets?

Via TRYBOOKING [http://www.trybooking.com/HLUY](http://www.trybooking.com/HLUY) (30c service fee per ticket) or via the tub system (Additional $2 for administration of your booking). Any question in regards to Trybooking please contact Betty Chmielewski on 0431 374 744.

So, grab your friends together for a fun 80s/90s night with a difference, a two hour comedy show with lots of fun games and competitions to test your skills. on Saturday 30 May at the School Hall.

Like to know more or have a question please contact Nicole Stanbury on 0402 017 031

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**THE NIGHT WILL BE GOING AHEAD NO CANCELLATIONS**

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**ST SIMON’S PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION SOCIAL NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 30**\(^{th}\) **MAY**

**NAME:**

**TELEPHONE:**

**ELDEST CHILD NAME:**

☐ I want to purchase a table for 8 people for $180 (+ $2 admin fee)

☐ I want to purchase _________ individual tickets @ $25 each (+ $2 admin fee)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:**

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM THROUGH THE SCHOOL TUBS ASAP.
TUB ORDERS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 27\(^{th}\) MAY OR EARLIER IF THE EVENT IS SOLD OUT.
St Simon’s Parents Association presents
a social night you don’t want to miss

Saturday 30th May 2015

At St Simon’s Hall
2 Taylors Lane, Rowville
Arrive: 7.15pm Finish: 10.30pm

80s/90s night with a difference
A two hour comedy game show
2 Games of Bingo
Games and Competitions to test your skills
Great Prizes to be WON
80s/90s music

Hosted by

Bogan Bingo
as seen on ACA, Getaway, Australia’s Got Talent
$25 a person

Organise your Table of 8 for $180 and get a discount
THANK YOU TO THE WONDERFUL SUPPORT OF FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES
WE HAVE SOME GREAT PRIZES/RAFFLES YOU COULD WIN ON THE NIGHT INCLUDING:

- **CROWN METROPOL MELBOURNE**
  - A NIGHT ACCOMMODATION, PARKING & BREAKFAST

- **EUREKA SKYDECK 88 MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA**
  - FAMILY PASSES

- **THE BUTLERS PANTRY**
  - FOOD HAMPER

- **CASSELLA WINES**

- **Magic Creations**
  - JEWELLERY

- **PALACE CINEMAS**
  - FAMILY PASSES

- **PartyLite**
  - HAMPER

- **Repcos**
  - AUTO PACKS

- **OUTDOOR HEATER McCLELLAN FAMILY**
- **SINGING LESSONS DORAN FAMILY**
- and much much more great prizes

**DRESS IN YOUR 80s/BOGAN CLOTHES**
(Ugg Boots, flannelette shirts, tracksuit pants, jeans, fluro colours)

**OR JUST COME AS YOU PLEASE**

**PRIZES GIVEN ON THE NIGHT FOR BEST DRESS**
Tax Deductible Contributions

The St. Simon’s School Building Fund was established during 2005 and is accepting donations.

The School Building Fund’s purpose is to raise monies to assist the school maintain its existing buildings and help finance future construction.

Funds raised have been used on a series of improvements around the school which, without the School Building Fund, would otherwise remain unattended or delayed.

Donations made before 30th June are tax deductible in the financial year the donation is made.

If you wish to make a donation, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the school with your payment.

Receipts will be issued for all donations of $2 and over.

All donations are voluntary.

Your support is gratefully accepted.

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TEAR-OFF SLIP

Yes, we want to make a donation to the St Simon’s School Building Fund

Name: ________________________________ Child’s Grade: __________________________

I want to give an amount of:

☐ $20  ☐ $50  ☐ $100  ☐ $200  ☐ Other $________

Gifts of $2 and over are tax deductible. A receipt will be issued to you.

Payment options:

☐ CASH – return this tear-off slip with your gift amount to the School Office

☐ CHEQUE – return this tear-off slip with your cheque made payable to the “St. Simon’s School Building Fund” to the School Office

Thank you! Your gift is tax deductible.
ST SIMON’S PARISH

Invites you to attend a

BLACK AND WHITE
DINNER DANCE
FUNDRAISING EVENT

St Simons Parish Hall
18th July 2015
7.00 pm
$65 per person

Ticket price includes a fabulous 3 course meal with a bottle of white and red wine per table, entertainment, music and a blind auction.

Plenty of prizes!

BYO

Book Now

Limited Seats Available
Bookings by 29/06/2015

Purchase tickets at the Help Desk after mass
Or contact St Simon’s Parish office on 9764 4058

Dress: Semi Formal
Insights for parents and teachers of children with learning difficulties.

If we don’t understand **WHY** a child with learning difficulties is not learning, how can we possibly design the best strategies and tools to assist these children in reaching their full potential?

Join us for a 90 minute information session on helping children with learning difficulties including Dyslexia, Auditory Processing Disorder, Neuro Developmental Delay, ADHD, Sensory Integration Issues, language disorders, Dyspraxia and Aspergers/Autism related learning difficulties.

**Seminar Details:**

**Date:** Friday, 12 June, 2015  
**Time:** 6.30-8.00pm  
**Venue:** Rowville Library, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Stud Road, Rowville  
**Fee:** This is a free community event

**Bookings Essential**  
To book, please call the library on 9294 1300 or email registration@reminds.com.au  
For further information, please call 0410 525 361 or visit www.reminds.com.au

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Free Event
Helping children make smart decisions

Michael Grose

Decision-making like anything requires practice.

Some children want to have a say about everything that involves them. They have no problem letting parents know what they want and how life should be. Other children will avoid making decisions and will happily sit back and follow the lead of others in anything from fashion to food eaten at dinner.

Most parents these days are keen to involve children in family decision-making processes. It is smart management to get children’s input as they are more likely to stick to decisions when they have had a say. It is challenging for parents to know when to make decisions for children and when to stand back and allow them to decide.

Decision-making is broken into three areas:

1. **Parents Rule**: these are decisions where there is no negotiation. E.g. going to school, bedtime.

2. **Work things out together**: these are areas where you and your child negotiate outcomes. E.g. when to come home from an outing, TV programs.

3. **Kids Decide**: give your children full authority in some areas. E.g. choose the sport they play, school activities.

Each of these areas will vary according to parental values, the age of children and even individual temperament.

Regular family meetings provide terrific forums for parents and children to work things out together. Outcomes are best negotiated in formal settings that ensure sufficient consideration is given.

As children grow and show the ability to make sensible decisions allow them more authority over their lives. Increasing independence involves greater freedom to choose, which demonstrates trust and faith in their ability to make good decisions.

But greater freedom to choose needs to be accompanied by an increase in responsibility and also a willingness for them to experience the consequences of their decisions.

All decisions that children make have a consequence – whether positive or negative. A child can use the following three questions to help him assess consequences of a decision he may make:

- Is this behaviour safe for me?
- Is this behaviour fair to others?
- Is this behaviour smart and in my long-term best interests?

Children often can’t see the long-term consequences of their decisions so it is useful to give them information to help them make smart choices.

Also some children leap before they look. They need to be reminded to slow down and consider some of the possible consequences of their actions.

Decision-making is hard work for parents who are always treading a fine line between being too protective and promoting independence. If children are to learn how to make smart choices adults need to equip them with knowledge and skills as well as opportunities to make decisions.

Try This . . .

**PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE**

1. Involve them in choosing food, family entertainment and fun. Give them a choice between two, not a smorgasbord, to choose from.

2. Develop the habit of inviting their input into a whole range of small issues to help you make decisions. E.g. meals, room arrangements, scheduling activities.

3. Toss a coin. If children can’t decide between two choices tell them to toss a coin and then go with their gut instinct. It may not be the best decision but at least they will make a decision.

4. Conduct regular family meetings and place family issues on the agenda.

Action Plan

**First Step . . .**

Next Step . . .

For more ideas about raising confident, responsible children visit www.parentingideas.com.au

What’s your child like?

**Does your child make smart decisions?**

**DOES HE**

1. Consider the consequences rather than make a complete leap of faith about most things? Yes 2 No 0

2. Avoid making decisions for fear of making poor ones? Yes 0 No 2

3. Generally take advice when given? Yes 2 No 0

4. Enjoy taking part in family discussions and decision-making processes? Yes 2 No 0

5. Follow what his peers say rather than make independent decisions? Yes 0 No 2

**SCORE:**

10. A careful decision-maker. Not rash by any means.

6-8. Considers options and then maybe acts a little rashly.

0-4. Either makes poor decisions or none at all. Need to work hard to slow down or take risks and make some choices.

*Quote*

‘Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide.’ Napoleon Bonaparte

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