Dear Parents,

The following reflection was read at the last Parents’ Association Meeting. I believe it is worth sharing with all members of the school community.

**The Prayer of Oscar Romero**

It helps, now and then, to step back
and take the long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of
the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work.
Nothing we do is complete,
which is another way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No programme accomplishes the church’s mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about.
We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for God’s grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders,
Ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future that is not our own. Amen.

- Archbishop Oscar Romero

**Insight SRC** – All parents would have received their Insight SRC survey forms. I would ask all parents to complete these survey forms as they help us to make plans for the future and us to know what needs improving and where we are achieving success.

**Feast of Mary MacKillop & Preps 100 Days** Today the school celebrates 100 days at school for our prep children. We congratulate them on their great achievement. Saturday is the Feast Day of Australia’s first saint – Saint Mary MacKillop.

**Curriculum Evening** - This year’s Curriculum Night will be on Tuesday 15th September commencing at 6.30pm and concluding at 8.00pm. The focus will be Information Technology.
Collecting of Children – If parents choose to collect their children from school early (before the bell), a note must be given to the teacher on the day, otherwise an early dismissal form needs to be filled in at the office and parents to collect their child from the class. This is a legal requirement.

Graduation Meeting – Next Graduation Meeting Thursday 27th August at 2.30pm. Thank you to the parents who offered to take on responsibilities for this important occasion.

School Start Parents are reminded that any child who arrives at school before 8.20am must attend the Out of School Hours Program. Teacher supervision does not commence until 8.20am and children are legally required to be supervised.

Re-enrolment 2016 School Year - Re-enrolment forms for 2016 have been sent home and are due back by tomorrow, Friday 7th August 2015. These require your URGENT AND PROMPT ATTENTION as class groupings for 2016 are based on these returns – therefore it is essential we have accurate figures in order to complete arrangements for 2016. The highlighted sections are the most important. Obviously Grade 6s are not included. Also take note if there are any updates that are required to the Contact information please feel free to make the necessary changes on the form.

Extra Curricula Activities Term 3 Weeks 5 & 6

- Friday 7th August Parish Anointing Mass 9.15am
- Friday 7th August Year 6 Boys Soccer & Girls Netball – Rowville Sports Academy
- Friday 7th August Year 4 Science Incursion (Hall)
- Tuesday 11th August Family Life Night Years 5 & 6 (7pm – 9pm)
- Wednesday 12th August Junior Hoop Time 9:30am – 2pm
- Friday 14th August School Closure Day
- Monday 17th August Science Week
- Thursday 20th August Kids View Social Justice Conference
- Thursday 20th August Feast of the Assumption Liturgy 2.30pm (1Y)
- Friday 21st August District Sports Day

Rotary Public Speaking Competition – Congratulations to Ben Noonan and Grace Dobson on participating in the Annual Rotary Public Speaking Competition. Ben and Grace were a credit to their school and family. We were very proud of the manner in which they presented their talk. Congratulations to Thomas Wakeling from Park Ridge Primary School on winning the over all competition.

The Good Manners Award goes to Emily Cheema (4 Green) and Uniform Award goes to Christian Gallo (3 Red). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

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SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL FEES: Payment for all fees except Years 3 & 4 Camps and swimming are now OVERDUE. Prompt payment would be appreciated.

PRIVACY POLICY FOR OUR STUDENT AND TEACHER GOOGLE APPS ENVIRONMENT

Around the 11th of September St Simon the Apostle School will be rolling to a Google Apps environment under the CEV Instance for added security and functionality. There will be many ongoing upgrades as we become firstly a GAFE and then an ICON school. We are very excited by the proposed upgrades and hope you will be also.

As some of the documents will be housed in various geographical locations due to Cloud technology, we ask you to read the privacy policy, give your permission for your child to participate within the environment and forward it back to the school as quickly as possible.

We have an anform available on Skoolbag App for your convenience together with an email form that will be sent out to those families who are listed on our mailing list. For parents that would prefer hard copy we will send one home from your classroom.

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

On an icy, bitter-cold day, Hank visited Lou. "I had a rough time getting here," said Hank. "For every step forward, I slipped back two."
"If you slid back two steps for every one you took forward, how'd you get here?" asked Lou.
"I almost didn't. But then I said to myself, forget it. So I turned around and started home."
WE NEED USED LIGHT GLOBES - IF ANYONE OWNS A LIGHTING BUSINESS OR IS AN ELECTRICIAN OR IF ANYONE HAS ANY OLD LIGHT GLOBES THE ART ROOM NEEDS DONATIONS!!

All donations can be dropped off at the office or sent down to the Art room throughout Term 3. Many thanks for your cooperation regarding this matter and I am looking forward to using them for a great activity.

KITCHEN CLEAN UP - If anyone would like to donate any kitchen utensils to the art room for the kitchen garden area. It would be greatly appreciated. Please send to art room or leave at office labelled ‘art’. Many thanks, Mel Wharton.

LOST BOMBER JACKET: Size 8 with name C. Blangiardo on tag was left in playground approximately 1 week ago. Jacket was only purchased towards the end of last term, new condition. Claudia’s class is 1 Yellow.

LOST BASKETBALL: Has name Anthony Massin written on it. If found return to 4 Blue. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Daniel Muratore (6G), Kimberley Sithibourn (6B) & Caitlyn Le (56P) for showing great skills relating to one point perspective.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Benjamin Chmielewski (6R) & Sienna Jury (5B)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Sebastian Camara (2R) & Jordan Scott (2G)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Elias Harrak (2G) for doing a fantastic job playing his 3 note composition.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Orange Belt in Recorder – Chloe Au (3G), Ava Goldenberg (3G), Leah Woolmore (3G), Stasia Stevenson (3R).

The following students have received their Yellow Belt in Recorder - Sarah Abraham (3R), Angelina Torcasio (3G), Will Burton (3R), Katelyn Micheli (3R), Charlie Hollioake (3B), Alanna Rubino (3B), Isabelle Smith (3B), Deanne Sylvester (3B) & Tahlia Talarico (3B).

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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CANTEEN ROSTER: CANTEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO RENOVATIONS
UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER: Tuesday 11/08 Felicia, Kathy W, Angela 2.30pm – 3pm

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

CADBURY CHOCOLATE: Our early bird incentive prize closes tomorrow Friday 7th August. Return your $50 by the latest tomorrow morning to go into the draw to win 1 of 10 slushie vouchers and also get an individual prize for each of your children.

So far we have raised $5000 dollars of the $10,000 we need to reach our goal. If you haven’t paid for your chocolates yet, we need you to do it ASAP.

We also need your help to get rid of the last 50 boxes we have left for sale. Fill out the form below to take another box of chocolate and you can win a $50 voucher. Need more information call Betty on 0431 371 744.

FUNDE: For sale a great value booklet with offers for sporting events, entertainment, food/beverages and attractions. Save up to $800. Only $20. See flyer for more information and also how to order. For more information call Sue on 0409 530 920.

PIZZA DAY: See attached flyer for Pizza Order for Tuesday 18th August. Orders must be placed before Friday 14th August. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

FATHER’S DAY STALL: We will be holding our annual Father’s Stall on Wednesday 22nd of September 2015. We have a great range of gifts for Dad ranging from $2 to $5. This year we have a LUCKY DIP! For $2 per dip every child will receive a surprise for Dad!

If you are able to help run our stall on the day, please fill out the return slip and return ASAP to the Parents Association. Morning Tea and a light lunch will be provided. If you have any queries please contact Tracy on 0400 129 728.
GRAGE 6 GRADUATION 2015

GRADE 6 GRADUATION MEETINGS – Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 27th August at 2.30pm in the staff room. We will gladly accept donations i.e. in the form of goods/monetary. If you have any queries please contact Amelia Guerra on 0416 027 808 or Maria Nittioli on 0418 144 113.

PHOTOS – You are now invited to submit photos for inclusion in the Graduation DVD. The Graduation DVD will be given to each child as a memento of the school years at St. Simon’s. This year we will prefer if photos are on USB’s and CD’s (Please save your photos as a “jpeg file”). Photos are to be school related and of groups of children rather than individual. Include your name, telephone number or your child’s grade on all photos, USB’s and CD’s. Please send photo’s to the school office marked “Attention: Grade 6 Graduation DVD” (Note: Please scan your photos if you require them for memory books as they will not be returned until late in Term 4).

PARISH NEWS

EUCHARIST PARENT MEETINGS: Parent attends each session either 2-3pm or 7.30-8.30pm each week on the following dates – Wednesdays 12th, 19th, 26th & 2nd September.

FIRST AID TRAINING: To be held at St. Simon’s Parish on Sunday 16th August. Courses offered are – CPR $55, CPR & FIRST AID $110, First Aid for Teachers/childcare $130, First Aid for Parents $49. Please call James on 0417 343 424 for more info or to book.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

Avila College would like to invite prospective students and their parents to our next Open School Morning on Wednesday, August 12th. The morning commences at 9am with a College tour followed by a presentation by the Principal, Ms Louise Gunther and the College Leadership Team. Our final Open Morning for 2015 will be in Term 4 – on Tuesday, October 27.
Online registration is now available by visiting www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au clicking on Quick Links and then Open Mornings. Phone 9831 9600. Parking is limited, so please allow time for parking in nearby streets.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Members of the St. Simon’s community are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Mater Christi School Tour on SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 10.00AM TO 11.00AM. For more details contact 9754 6611.

MAZENOD COLLEGE: Tuesday 13th October from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Tours commence 9.30am, 10.30am & 11.30am.

NAZARETH COLLEGE: School Tours Thursday 13th & Friday 21st August from 9.00am to 10.30am. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9795 8100.

ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Monday 24th August at 9.30am.

<PLEASRETURN TO THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION>

ELDEST CHILD’S NAME: ____________________________ GRADE: ____________________________
The ____________________________ family would like to order ____________________________ extra boxes of chocolates @$50 each.

<PLEASRETURN TO THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION>

FATHER’S DAY STALL

Name: ____________________________ Phone Number: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

ELDEST CHILD’S NAME: ____________________________ GRADE: ____________________________
I am able to help at the Father’s Day stall on Wednesday 2nd September.
Hi Everyone,

St Simon’s Year 5 and 6 students are participating in Jump Rope for Heart program to raise money for the Heart Foundation research.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Scan the code above with your smart phone, tap on 'Sponsor a Friend', and search for your Year 5 or 6 friend so that you can sponsor them.


click on 'Sponsor a Friend' and find your friend that way. It’s really easy.

Thanks for your support!

Congratulations to this week’s top 5 fundraisers:

Cassidy Germano $800.37
Jakson Smart $364.50
Zachary Frisch $335
Rubey Philip $250.42
Jasmine White $206
PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION PIZZA DAY

TUESDAY 18th AUGUST 2015

Order a slice of pizza:
Hawaiian, Ham & Cheese or Margherita, a drink and a chocolate
ALL FOR $5.00

If 1 slice is not enough, you can order more at just $1 extra a slice.
YOUR ORDER MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY 14th AUGUST
LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Should you have any queries please call KATHY on 0407 836 819

Child’s Name: ____________________ Grade: __________

Please indicate number of pizza slices you want & remember $1.00 for extra slices.

Hawaiian: [ ] Margherita: [ ] Ham & Cheese: [ ]

Money enclosed: $_____

Please tick your choice of 1 drink only:

Lemonade: [ ] Orange Fruit: [ ] Apple Fruit: [ ]

Children will be able to select their chocolate in the hall at lunchtime,

FILL THIS SECTION IN ONLY IF YOU CAN HELP ON THE DAY
(Assume you are required without receiving any further notices)

PARENT HELPERS WILL BE REQUIRED FROM 12.45 AM TO 1.30 PM
NAME OF PARENT: ____________________ TEL NO: ______________

ELDEST CHILD’S GRADE: ______________
Pay your $50 at www.trybooking.com/IFIG or via the office tub before 7th August to go into the draw to win:

- 1 of 10 family slushie vouchers

AND

- Receive individual prizes for each child

HELP US REACH $10,000 FOR THE SHADE SAILS

Buy 2 or more boxes and go into the draw to win:

- $50 gift voucher

Buy the most boxes and win:

- Puffing Billy Family Voucher

50 BOXES LEFT TO SELL WE CAN DO THIS ST SIMONS

Please Return To The Parents Association

ELDEST CHILD'S NAME: ____________________________ GRADE: ____________

The __________________ family would like to order ____________ extra boxes of chocolates @$50 each.
Wednesday 2nd September

Father’s Day Stall

Gifts for $2, $3 $4 and $5
Lots of presents to choose from including:

- Mugs
- Photo frames
- Multifunction Tool
- Socks
- Cooler Bag
- Can/Bottle Cooler
- Clock Man
- Playing Cards
- Executive Pen

Remember to bring your money and a plastic bag to take your presents home in.

This year we have a LUCKY DIP!
For $2 per dip, every child will receive a surprise for Dad!
St Simon's Parent's Association is happy to provide a new and exciting way to save money - Funde

**Family fun for half the price!**

**Funde.**
Buy a $20 Funde booklet today & help raise much needed funds.

SAVE UP TO $800+

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This great value booklet includes 2 for 1 offers for Sporting events, Entertainment, Food & Beverages and Attractions from many popular and family friendly places.

The booklet is small enough to fit in your handbag so you have it with you all the time.

If you have any questions regarding this you can contact Sue on 0409 530 920.

To order a booklet just send this reply slip marked “Attention St Simon's PA – Funde”

I would like to receive ____ x Funde booklets for $20 each.

My cash/cheque is enclosed

Name ______________________________

Contact number ________________________

Name & grade of eldest child __________________

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**Sport**

**Entertainment**

**Food and Beverages**
Parenting through Tough Times

Does parenting seem extra hard at the moment?

Are you & your children feeling the effects of stress & change?

Would you like to share ideas with other parents in similar situations?

You are warmly invited to come along to a two-session program that will:

- Give more understanding about how change and stress affects both parents and kids
- Talk about why your children’s behaviour seems so challenging at the moment… and share ideas about what you can do to help them settle and cope better
- Build on your strengths and family resilience
- Allow you some time to explore ideas, gain support and meet your own needs

WHO FOR: Parents & carers of children aged 0-13 years
WHERE: Room 3-4 Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South
WHEN: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Thursdays 6th & 13th August 2015
CONTACT: Gill: 0458 002 536 or 9735 6123
COST: Free – Booking essential

anglicarevic.org.au
St Simons OSHC
A.B.N 49 100 425 367
2 Taylors Lane,
Rowville VIC 3178

School Closure Day
Friday 14th August 2015

Ever Popular Soccer Tournament Plus Active Games the Hall

Winter Warmers Arcade Games Cubby Building Jewelry Craft Fish and Chips Lunch BYO $5.00

Paper Planes The Movie FUN activities for all ages Inspired by an Australian Boys Passion for flying

Program Hours: 8.00 am – 6.00pm
Venue: OSHC Rooms, St Simons PS
Bookings Commence: Monday 20th July 2015
Early bird cost: $45.00 per child. Payment required before Friday 7th Aug 2015 to secure a booking
Full Fee cost: $50.00 per child

CCB and CCR discounted fees are from $6.70 to $27.50 per child per day

Required:
- Lots of healthy lunch and snacks to last the day and drink bottles essential.
- Closed in shoes and indoor slippers

Bookings:
- Enrolment form below. Please note - no verbal bookings accepted.
  Cancellations made after Friday 7th Aug 2015 incurs a $20.00 cancellation fee. No Cancellations accepted on the day.

Inquiries:
- Administration - 9763 0136
- OSHC Service – 9764 4101

----------- PERMISSION/BOOKING FORM -----------

Further details as per 2015 Primary Enrolment form. Please ensure that all details are current, especially health details, contact details and custody details.

A full enrolment is required if this is the first time your child will be using the Service in 2015.

I would like to book my child/ren into the School Closure Day Program on: Friday 14th Aug 2015

Date: ___________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________

PAYMENT ADVICE: PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY BOOKING TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE

Cheque / Money Order ☐ Credit Card ☐ Type: Visa ☐ M/Card ☐

Card Number: _________ / _________ / _________ / _________ Expiry Date: _________ / _________

Cardholder Name: ___________________________ Amount: $ _________

Signature: ___________________________

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Celebrating 30 years of Catholic Co-Education!

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

11.00am - 1.00pm: Open School and Arts & Technology Exhibition

2.00pm - 2.30pm: Opening and Blessing of the Wheeler Auditorium and Gymnasium
by Bishop Peter Elliott DD MA STD VG EV

2.30pm - 4.30pm: Alumni Reunion - Past Students & Staff
The afternoon will provide an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and take a tour of the College
facilities. Please register your attendance for catering purposes with Ms Sue Formanek
via email: forms@nazareth.vic.edu.au by Tuesday 1 September 2015