Dear Parents,

The following prayer was used to introduce a recent staff meeting. It is very similar to the St. Frances of Assisi Peace Prayer but gives a little variation. It is worth reading and reflecting upon as it highlights how we can deal with various obstacles that we may come across.

*Don't let your character be shaped by the attitude of others around you.*
*If someone is unkind, respond with kindness.*
*If someone is getting on your nerves be patient.*
*There are times when we must draw healthy boundaries, but let us pray that we use wisdom in doing so.*
*Don't give up on people too quickly.*
*Keep your eyes on Christ at all times.*
*He is the one leading the dance.*
*He's the one we take our cue from.*

- Darlene Schacht

**Family Life** – The Family Life evening last Tuesday was well attended and I would like to thank all the families that attended. The Family Life evening occurs every two years for the children in Years 5 & 6. It is a program that is essential for any child who is in this particular age group. I would like to also thank the Years 5 & 6 teachers and Mrs. Fatouros for their contribution to the program.

**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.

**Insight SRC** – I would like to thank all the parents who have completed the Insight SRC survey forms. Your replies will help define the future directions of the school.

**After School Pick up** – Children should be waiting with the teachers on duty in the upper car park and not at the school office or near the church.

**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. All Year 6 parents are invited.

**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.

**Extra Curricula Activities Term 3 Weeks 6 & 7**

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The Good Manners Award goes to Will Burton (3 Red) and Uniform Award goes to Emmerson-Dior Drake (2 Green). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Phil Hesse
Principal

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**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY TOMORROW - 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 eform 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.

ST. SIMON'S NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON!!

CAMPS SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

The Victorian government is providing $148.3 million over four years for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), to ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities. CSEF application process closes soon, school deadline is **Friday 11th September 2015**. No late applications can be processed. Eligibility for the CSEF program is the same as the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) program which ceased at the end of 2014. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply. See attached flyer for more information.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Today's riddle for seniors... Here is the situation -

- You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed.
- On your right side is a sharp drop-off.
- On your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you.
- Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it.
- Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo.

What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Get off the merry-go-round and go home!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Geet Lamba (1B) & Nicole Boktor (1G)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Isabelle Camara (Prep G) & Paige Law (3G)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Sarah Giampa (4G) for working hard practicing her recorder to achieve her next belt! Keep up the great work.
MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Leah Woolmore (3G), Erika Ellis (3G), Andrew Samuel (3G), Lianne Jones (3B), Hannah Pedlar (3B), Ashlyn Lisk (3B), Caitlin Ferdinands (3B), Brianna Farrugia (3B), Cindy Lam (3B) & Emily Cheema (4G) on all receiving their Yellow Belt in Recorder.

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: ________________________________________ WATCH THIS SPACE……………. CANTEEN OPENING SOON!!!!!!

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER: Tuesday 18/08 Sue, Teresa, Sylvia 2.30pm – 3pm

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser in Numbers

1. $22,000, that’s how much our new shade sail is going to cost.
2. 10,000 is how much we need from this fundraiser to help fund it.
3. $8,000, is how much we have raised so far.
4. 40 boxes more to sell to reach our goal.
5. $50 gift voucher is what you can win for your investment in our school.
6. 460 families at St Simons. Will you be that 1 in 10 family who will make the difference.

PIZZA: Pizza orders are now closed, no more orders will be accepted.

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.

FATHER’S DAY STALL: We will be holding our annual Father’s Stall on Wednesday 2nd 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.

GRADE 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 Marita Nittoli 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 “.jpg 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 19th, 26th & 2nd September.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

AVILA COLLEGE ‘OPEN SCHOOL’ MORNING – Celebrating its Golden Jubilee in 2015. Our final Open Morning for 2015 will be in Term 4 – on Tuesday, October 27. Online registration available by visiting www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au clicking on Quick Links and then Open Mornings. Phone 9831 9060. Parking is limited, so please allow time for parking in nearby streets.

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

NAZARETH COLLEGE: School Tour 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.
ST. SIMON'S AUSKICK GIRLS COME 'N' TRY DAY: Are you a girl aged 5-12 who loves her footy or just wants to have a go? Why not get involved in a fun and female focussed clinic at your local Auskick Centre! FREE SESSION! Saturday August 22nd from 9.30am to 11am at St. Simon's Auskick Centre, Stud Rd Reserve, 7 Fulham Rd Rowville. Bring a friend and come along to experience football in a fun, safe and friendly environment. To register your interest, please contact your centre coordinator Wayne Pieterse via email at wayne_pieterse@rams.com.au

UPWEY FTGULLY BASEBALL CLUB: 2015/2016 Summer Baseball Registration for all teams and players from T-ball to Masters, Sunday 16th August 10am to 2pm at Clubrooms, Kings Park, Willow Rd, Upper Ferntree Gully. For more info call 0418 591 921. Visit www.upweyftgullyclub.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!
Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.
There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.
2015 Melbourne weekend dates: 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au www.wwme.org.au

SUPER SPEAK: Is Melbourne’s award winning Public Speaking & Drama programme for children aged 6 – 15 yrs. Practical skills that last a lifetime. Develop confidence, leadership, vocal variety, diction, self-esteem and more. Build creativity & quick thinking, communicate with confidence & purpose, have loads of fun and make friends. Leading curriculum, small class sizes, Great teachers and loads of fun! Weekly classes are offered in Rowville, Glen Waverley, Berwick and more Melbourne locations. Enrolments for 2015 are now open. Please visit www.superspeak.com.au or send an email to info@superspeak.com.au call 9572 5249 for more information.


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PLEASE RETURN TO THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

ELDEST CHILD’S NAME: ___________________ GRADE: ___________________

The ___________________ family would like to order ______________ extra boxes of chocolates @$50 each.

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PLEASE RETURN 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.

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

Thanks for your support!
As a school we have raised over $3000 for the Heart Foundation.

Congratulations to this week’s top 5 fundraisers:
Cassidy Germano $800.37
Zachary Frisch $397
Jakson Smart $384.50
Rubey Philp $250.42
Jasmine White $206
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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!
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Body Confident Children & Teens

Information for Parents

Every year, since its inclusion in 2006, body image has been one of the top three areas of personal concern for young people (Mission Australia, Youth Survey)

An interactive presentation that aims to equip parents with knowledge, information and tips, to better support their child’s and/or teen’s body confidence during puberty and adolescence at home.

This FREE community event is open to all parents, guardians and adults working with boys and girls of school age.

Topics covered will include:
- Key influences on body confidence
- Importance of role modelling positive body image and healthy behaviours
- Understanding ‘Fat Talk’ and handling ‘stuff’ they say
- Awareness around behaviours that increase or decrease body satisfaction
- Brief overview of eating and body related issues and warning signs
- Referral and support information

Date: Tuesday 1 September 2015
Time: 6:45 for 7:00pm start (approx. 1 hour presentation)
Venue: Mater Christi College, 28 Bayview Road, Belgrave
Tickets: FREE
Bookings close: Friday 28 August 2015!

To book online: http://www.trybooking.com/IQEP

For more information: mcc@materchristi.edu.au
St Simon’s Parent’s Association is happy to provide a new and exciting way to save money - Funde

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 ________________________
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
Applications are open until the end of term three (18 September 2015).

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef