Dear Parents,

As written in last week’s Contact it was very pleasing to see so many parents and children attend the Family Life Evening last week. Our Year 6 teacher Daniel Bau introduced the evening with a prayer/reflection that was most appropriate for the evening. It is the Beatitudes of Friends and even though different from the Beatitudes in the Gospel, is very relevant to the world we live in today.

Beatitudes of Friends

Blessed are you who take the time to listen to speech that may be slow,
For you help me to know that if I persevere, I can be understood.

Blessed are you who never bid me to "hurry up"
Or take my tasks from me and do them for me.
For I often need time, rather than help.

Blessed are you who stand beside me as I enter new and untried ventures,
For I may surprise myself and you.

Blessed are you who ask for my help.
For my greatest need is to be needed.

Blessed are you who, with a smile encourage me to try once more.

Blessed are you who never remind me
That today I ask the same question twice.

Blessed are you who respect me and love me just as I am.

Author Unknown

School Advisory Board: Next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm.

Parents’ Association – Next meeting will be Monday 24th August at 7.00pm.

Parents’ Association Pizza Day - The Pizza Day last Tuesday was a resounding success and I would like to thank the Parents’ Association on coordinating another successful event.

Congratulations – To Mrs Anne Nolan (Year 1Y Teacher) on becoming a grandmother last Monday. Anne and her husband Steve are the proud grandparents to Brinsley Sean Dwyer.

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 Design, Creativity and Technology.

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.

Father’s Day Stall - Will be held on Wednesday 2nd September.

Extra Curricula Activities Term 3 Weeks 7 & 8

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First Aid Course – Last Friday all staff attended a course to update their first aid qualifications. This course included general first aid, Anaphylaxis & Asthma awareness, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Diabetes awareness.

One major area that we must focus on is an awareness that all “Action Plans” for children are up to date and detailed. If a child has a medical condition and the “Action Plan” is not updated, the student will not be able to attend any excursions or out of school activities. Parents are sent home reminders at the start of each school year to update their child/ren’s Action Plan. These updated Action Plans must be returned to the school immediately. If a child has a condition that may require medication then that medication must be current and not out of date. The school cannot provide any medication for a student if their medication has expired. This includes any asthma medication, Epipen or allergy medications.

Parents are requested to take up a membership with Ambulance Victoria. We will not hesitate to contact the Ambulance service if needed and it could be a costly expense to the parents if they don’t have a membership.

If you have any concerns regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school. Our number one priority is the safety and health of all children at St. Simon’s.

Leave – Lauren Wallis (Year 3R Teacher) will be on leave from Monday 24th August until the end of term 3. We wish Lauren all the very best for a well deserved break. While Lauren is on leave her replacement will be Mrs. Therese Wirth.

Professional Development Day The next school closure day will be Monday 2nd November.

The Good Manners Award goes to Eumir Alpay (5Y) and Uniform Award goes to Sophie Burman (4Y). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

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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!!

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A couple of nights ago, I was out for dinner in town with some friends. We had a few beers first and some rather nice red wine with the meal. Knowing I would be over the limit, I did the right thing: I took a bus home. Sure enough there was a police breathalysing unit on the road but they wave buses past.

I arrived home safely without incident – it was quite a relief, as I have never driven a bus before and I can’t remember where I got it.
BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

Nick Frederiksen
Aleczander Gigis (Prep Y)
Austin Rapp (4Y)
Chloe Francis (4G)
Olivia Hogan (3R)
Nathanael Kuek (3G)
Luca Palermo (2Y)
Jamie Fernando (2R)
Cassandra Richardson (4G)
Nicholas Kelly (6R)
Ethan Quiambao (Prep Y)
Max Sarris (4Y)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Xavier Aquirre (1B), Nicole Bakor (1G), Lucas Clausen (1Y) for working creatively during Art.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Joshua Mudie (1G), Max Bucci (1R) & Charissa Velante (1R).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Luke Blasi (6B)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Justin Ward (5 Blue) for having the confidence to play guitar in front of his peers.

MUSIC NEWS

WOW! A HUGE congratulations to Eva Leo (4G), Ava Goldberg (3G) & Chloe Au (3G) on achieving their Green Belt and moving onto their Blue Book!!

Congratulations to Arjun Gangatharan (3B), Erika Ellis (3G), Sarah Abraham (3R), Charlie Holloake (3B) and Daniel Nittoli (3B) on achieving their Orange Belt in Recorder.

The following students are now on their Yellow Belt: Nathan Gomatos (3G), Kayne White (3G), Miguel Prado (3G), Bridgette Cairns (3G), Isabella Mangione (3R), Davina Moeung (3R), Phoenix Selvon (3R), Alec Karabajakian (3B) & Emma Palmer (3R).

The Grade 3 students are flying through the recorder program and should be congratulated on making the time to practise at home. I’m proud of you all. Mrs Nackashian.

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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CAKETEE ROSTER: WATCH THIS SPACE.............. CANTEEN OPENING SOON!!!!

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER: Tuesday 25/08 Narelle, Lisa, Natasha 2.30pm – 3pm

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: This fundraiser is now officially closed. If you still have outstanding money owing can you please send it through to the Parents’ Association ASAP so we can finalise all our figures.

PIZZA DAY: Hope the children enjoyed their Pizza on Tuesday.

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).
CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

AVILA COLLEGE COLOURING COMPETITION: Please see attached entry form. All entries will be displayed at the Avila College Art and Design Exhibition and the winner announced at 7pm on Wednesday 7th October at the Opening Night. Get your entries in!

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 9600. 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. See flyer attached regarding 30 year Anniversary celebrations.

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

THE FIELDS PRE-SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT: Come and join us for a fabulous night at The Fields Pre-School Trivia Night! Saturday 17th October at 7pm at Park Ridge Primary School. Cost $10 per person, BYO drinks and snacks, alcohol permitted. Fantastic prizes, silent auction, raffles and games. To purchase tickets or for further information please contact Giovanna on 0412 711 751.

STORYTIME IN ITALIAN: Provide introduction to Italian language through stories, rhymes, songs and activity. Provide opportunity to socialise with other children. Help to develop vocal and language skills. Runs during school term for Pre-school age 0-5 yrs. Where: Knox Italian Community Club, 99 Karoo Rd Rowville, commencing 3rd September on Thursday weekly (tutti i Giovedi). Time: 10am to 11am. Cost: $5 per session. To reserve your place email latstorytime@hotmail.com or call 0407 366 442. Proudly supported by Knox Italian Community Club.

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@nims.com.au

ALL STARS EXTRAVAGANZA: For players aged 5-9 years old. Come along to All Stars and see what fun you can have playing basketball! Thursday 27th August 2015 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at St. Joseph’s College Stadium, Brennock Park Drive, Ferntree Gully. Any new players that register and pay on the night will receive $20 off their fees, free pair of All Stars socks, free 4 week pre-season training program. Fees for Summer Season Under 8s - $120, Under 10s - $170. All Under 8 players receive a FREE loan uniform. Please email secretary@knoxallstars.org.au to register your attendance! Registration for Under 10s - Under 23s are held separately on Monday 31st August at Rowville Community Centre from 5pm – 9pm.

SUPER FIT KIDS: Group Training Sessions for your child/ren. This program has been designed by a mother of three primary school aged children, is a qualified Personal Trainer, holds a Working With Children Check and First Aid Certificate. Venue – Rowville Community Centre, Wednesday 4.30pm – 5.30pm, for children aged 3 years up. Cost is $15 per session/child for 60 minutes. Commencement date to be advised. Program includes – the importance of Core Strength, Dynamic Warm up, Cool down and Static Stretch. “Keeping our children fit all year round with Super Fit Kids” BOOK NOW! Contact Luisa for further details on 0400 712 242.

VMNL – VICTORIAN MEN’S NETBALL LEAGUE: The 2016 Australian Men’s and Mixed Netball Championships will be held in Melbourne over the Easter period (Sunday 27 March – Saturday 2 April 2016). All interested players are invited to attend the state team selections starting in August. Each team will be selected by the respective coach and a selection panel. Three trial sessions will be held to select the Victorian Cyclones teams for the 2016 Australian Championships. Attendance at all sessions is advised to improve your selection opportunity. Dates – Sunday 30th August, Saturday 5th September & Sunday 6th September. Visit http://mensnetballvic.org.au for more details.

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 date: 23-25 Oct. Starts 7pm on Friday, Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: viebookings@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.

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.
THE MAGICAL IPAD

Once upon a time there lived a child named Archie whose dad was a scientist and his name was Jack.
Jack came home to Archie with a potion.
“Archie, look what I made!”
Archie said, “What’s that?”
“It’s a potion of course,” said his dad.
Later that night Archie snuck out of his room. Finally he found the potion then there was a massive KABOOM! His dad woke up and said, “What are you doing?”
“I, um, ah, just getting a drink,” he said.
“Yeah, but do you know what that noise was?”
“No, sorry,” said Archie so his dad went to bed.
So Archie got the potion and oh, he dropped it on his iPad. He ran as fast as he could and went to bed. In the morning he saw a moving square.

“That’s awkward,” said Archie. It had glowing eyes. It was a robot and it had legs as well. Archie thought it was his iPad from last night so Archie went and got a torch and went to look for it. “Ah! Square. Ah! You’re an iPad.
“Yes.”

Later that morning his dad woke up. He said, “What’s that?”
“It’s an iPad”
“Hello. Oh hello there,” said the iPad.
Archie said, “Can we keep him?”
“No.”
“Please?”
“Fine. We’ll see how it goes.”

They found out something very strange – the iPad did everything they asked him to do!
Jack said, “We can keep him definitely.”

By Thomas Macchi (2B)
Hi Everyone,

Year 5 and 6 students are preparing for their Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off Day' on Friday next week.

It's not too late...

If you would like to sponsor a friend, 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!

Congratulations to this week's top 5 fundraisers:
Cassidy Germano $830.37
Zachary Frisch $417
Jakson Smart $384.50
Rubey Philp $250.42
Jasmine White $237.50
Avila College Colouring Competition
Win two Gold Class tickets

Please return your entry to your school office or mail to Jane Fleming
Avila College, 35 Charles St, Mount Waverley, 3149 before
10 September, 2015.

All entries will be displayed at the Avila College
Art and Design Exhibition and the winner announced at
7pm on 7 October.

Name: Email Address:

School: Contact Phone:
Wednesday 2nd September

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

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+

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 _____________________

Sport

Entertainment

Food and Beverages
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](http://www.trybooking.com/IQEP)

For more information: mcc@materchristi.edu.au

Butterfly  
Foundation for Eating Disorders
NAZARETH COLLEGE
Celebrating 30 years of Catholic Co-Education!

OPEN SCHOOL AND ARTS & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION
Sunday 13 September
WHERE: Wheeler Auditorium
TIME: 11.00am - 1.00pm
RSVP

WHEELER AUDITORIUM BLESSING
Sunday 13 September
WHERE: Wheeler Auditorium
TIME: 2.00 pm - 2.30 pm
RSVP
ALL WELCOME

30TH ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI REUNION
Sunday 13 September
WHERE: Wheeler Auditorium
TIME: 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm
RSVP
1 September

To book or if you have any enquiries regarding the above events, please call 9795 8100 or email reception@nazareth.vic.edu.au

We look forward to celebrating Nazareth College's 30th Anniversary with you in 2015.
NAZARETH COLLEGE

Celebrating 30 years of Catholic Co-Education

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

2.30pm - 4.30pm: Alumni Reunion - Past Students & Staff

11.00am - 1.00pm: Opening and Blessing of the Wheeler Auditorium and Gymnasium

by Bishop Peter Elliott DD MA STD VG EV

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facilities. Please register your attendance for catering purposes with Ms Sue Formanek via email: forms@nazareth.vic.edu.au by Tuesday 1 September 2015.