Dear Parents,

This Sunday we celebrate Father’s Day and I hope all fathers have a most enjoyable and relaxing day. The following article appeared in the parish bulletin of a local church. The article is worth reading as it gives us the background of where father’s day came from.

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"Happy Father’s Day" are the words being expressed with affection and gratitude today. Three months ago we expressed in a similar way “Happy Mother’s Day”. As we did on Mother’s Day, we bring our prayers for our parents – living or dead. How is it that we celebrate “father’s Day”? The ancient Romans used to celebrate each year a festival called ‘parentalia’, an annual family reunion to remember departed parents and kinsfolk. In modern times the originator and promoter of “Father’s Day” was a Mrs. Sonora Dodd from Spokane, Washington. Her father had carried out an outstanding task of rearing his six children after their mother’s death at an early age. In 1910 Mrs. Dodd made a number of suggestions for the observance of this day including the wearing of a flower. In particular she recommended a red rose to indicate a living father, and a white rose for a deceased father. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge made the first presidential proclamation in support of Father’s Day. Later in 1972 President Richard Nixon declared for the USA that the third Sunday in June each year be a National Day of Observance in honour of Fathers. While the date of the first celebration of Father’s Day in Australia is difficult to pinpoint it seems to have gained momentum from the American developments.” FR. Michael Morgan
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**Father’s Day**

I am Adam.
As a father, I experienced the joys of fatherhood and the disappointments of my children,
Cain and Abel.
I am the father of all who know the joy and frustration of parenthood.
I am Noah.
As a father of three children, I know the satisfaction of being heard –
By Shem, Ham and Jepeth-
Even when others doubted my mind
I am the father of all who are trusted by their children.
I am Abraham.
As a late-stage father, I understand the preciousness of children
And the promise that all things are possible for God,
No matter how hopeless the situation.
I am the father of all who hope in a future for their children.
I am Joseph.
God’s plan for me was special; to protect Jesus and Mary
Even to the point of leaving family and country.
I am the father of all who defend the safety of their children.
I am God.
I will never abandon you for you are all my children and I love you with an everlasting love.  Amen

**Canteen Opening** – The Canteen officially opened last Monday and I would like to thank Tamara Dell’Aquila (Canteen Manager) and the mothers who assisted on this special day. They still make the best chicken nuggets in Australia.

**NAPLAN** – Results went home last week. If you have not received them please let your child’s class teacher know.

**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. Students are invited to dress up according to their classroom Inquiry eg Inventors, Architects etc.

**School Fees** - All school fees are now overdue except swimming, which is due November and Year 4 Camp and Year 3 Camp due October. If you are on a monthly payment plan or you have a special arrangement disregard this reminder, otherwise to avoid further action we require all school fees to be paid before the end of Term 3. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the office. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Graduation Meeting** – Next Graduation Meeting is Wednesday 16th September at 2.15pm. 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.

**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.
Congratulations! To Mrs Danielle Vincent (Year 3G Teacher) on the announcement that she is expecting a baby early in 2016. We wish Danielle and her husband Dale all the very best for the new addition to their family.

Father’s Day Stall – Thank you to the parents who assisted on the Father’s Day Stall yesterday. I am sure all fathers will receive very precious gifts from their children.

Extra Curricula Activities Term 3 Weeks 9 & 10

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Term 3 Concludes at 1.15pm on Friday 18th September. The school office will close at 2pm.

Footy Finals With the football finals upon us we have asked the following football followers who they believe will win the 2015 Grand Final.

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Long Service Leave – Mr Andrew Miller will be on leave from Monday 7th September until Friday 16th October. While Andrew is on leave his replacement is Mrs Christine Grey.

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

The Good Manners Award goes to Deanna Azucena (5Y) and Uniform Award goes to George Wright (6B). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

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CURRICULUM NIGHT
TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER – 6.30PM TO 8.00PM
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME
STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO DRESS UP ACCORDING TO THEIR CLASSROOM INQUIRY EG INVENTORS, ARCHITECTS ETC.

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.

HEAD LICE: There has been a report of head lice in Grade Prep Green this week. Parents please check your child/ren’s hair. Thank you.

BANNER LOST: ATTENTION GRADUATION COMMITTEE FROM LAST YEAR (2014) – If anyone knows the whereabouts of the large Banner used at last year’s Graduation, could you please contact Amelia Guerra 0416 027 808 or Marita Nittoli 0418 144 113.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM: For every $10 customers spend in store or online a sticker will be earnt. The program excludes liquor, tobacco and gift card purchases. Shoppers should then place the stickers on a provided sticker sheet and once completed the sheet can be handed into the primary school, high school or early learning centre of the customer’s choice. The schools and early learning centres can then exchange the stickers for a variety of resources including sporting balls, art supplies, maths supplies and more. Woolworths is running the program now until Tuesday 8th September 2015.
JOKE OF THE WEEK

A ham sandwich walked into a bar, ordered a drink and the bartender said, "No, we don't serve food here".

A man entered a barber shop and said, "I'm sick of looking like everyone else. I want to be different. Give me a part from ear to ear!"

"Are you certain?"

"Absolutely," said the man. The barber did what he was told and the satisfied customer left the shop.

Three hours later he came back. "Put it back the way it was," he said.

"What's the matter?" asked the barber, "are you tired of being a non-conformist already?"

"No", he replied, "but I'm tired of people whispering in my nose."

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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<th>Lachie Macumber (Prep R)</th>
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week's award goes to Harley Aow (2Y), Elijah Pascuzzi (2G), Caitlin Ferdinands (3B), Sarah Abraham (3R), Miles Hart (3G) & Amelia Bianco (2B) for working well on their cylinder art and wonderful snowscapes.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week's award goes to Marcel Juszczek (4G) for recognising syncopated rhythms in a song!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week's award goes to...

MUSIC NEWS

Well done to the following students for achieving their Yellow Belt in recorder – Mili Madhav (3R), Amelia Mikolajewski (3R), Natalie Borovic (3R), Antonio Lopez (3B), Tomas Juhasz (3B), Samuel Salantri (3B), Nicholas Kok (3B).

Congratulations to Mai-Ly Pham (3B) for achieving her Orange Belt. Laura Nackashian, Music Teacher

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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<td>5/6 Purple – Matthew Barta Imagn Reibelt</td>
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CANTEEN ROSTER:  
Friday 4/09 Anne M, Linda H, Betty C, Sarah S, Anne-Marie M, Annette M, Amelia G  
Monday 7/09 Leonie G, Maria A, Sally F

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER:  
Tuesday 08/09 Felicia, Kathy W, Natasha  2.30pm – 3pm

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

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

FATHERS’ DAY STALL: Thank you for your support yesterday. We hope your Dads enjoy their special gifts. Happy Father’s Day to all our Dads.
GRADE 6 GRADUATION MEETINGS – Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16th September at 2.15pm 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 momento of their school years at St. Simon’s. This year we will prefer if photos are on USBs. (Please save your photos as a “jpeg file”). Photos are to be school related and of groups of children rather than individual. No outsiders, younger year levels, siblings and definitely no swimming photos. Include your name, telephone number or your child’s grade on all photos and USB’s. Please send photos 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).

Can we please have all USBs in no later than Friday 23rd October 2015.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

NAZARETH COLLEGE: See flyer attached regarding 30 year Anniversary celebrations.

AVILA COLLEGE COLOURING COMPETITION: As part of the Avila College Art and Design Exhibition we are running a colouring in competition for primary school children. The winner will receive 2 Gold Class Tickets and the deadline for entries is 10th September 2015. Please see attached entry form. All entries will be displayed at the Avila Art show. Good luck!

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.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Additional Class for Year 7 2016. Informed, compassionate, creative and confident for THEIR future. Mater Christi is easily accessible by dedicated buses and public transport. Enquire ASAP for Year 7 places and scholarships opportunities. Phone 9754 6611.

Upcoming Reunions – Class of 2005. -Friday 9th October at 7.00 – 9.00pm, Class of 1995 - Friday 23rd October at 7.00pm – 9pm. RSVP: mcci@materchristi.edu.au

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

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 Preschool 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 italistorytime@hotmail.com or call 0407 366 442. Proudly supported by Knox Italian Community Club.

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 children. 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 8 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.

BAKERS DELIGHT: Baker’s Delight Stud Park is providing a special fundraising opportunity for St. Simon’s Primary School. Please mention St. Simon’s whenever you make a purchase at Baker’s Delight Stud Park and at the end of the year the school receives 10% of sales generated. This is an easy and FREE way for all families to assist our school’s fundraising efforts. Please encourage all your family and friends to participate, it costs you nothing extra but helps the school a lot. We will advise the final fundraising amount at the end of the year.

Thanks for supporting our ongoing fundraising efforts. Tamara De’ Aquila, Canteen Co-ordinator.

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.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au www.wwme.org.au

KNOX GYMNASTICS CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: Knox Gymnastics Centre, 4 Mossfield Ave, Ferntree Gully. Telephone – 9758 1089. Wednesday 23rd & 30th September from 10am to 12 noon. Cost - $16 per week or $30 for both (GST inc.) Age – 5 years to 12 years (and at Primary School). Closing date – Friday 18th September or when maximum numbers are reached. * Enrolment Forms available from Centre office. Attire – shorts or tracksuit pants & tshirt, bare footed.

VMNL – VICTORIAN MENS’ 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.com.au for more details.
Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Last Friday’s Jump Off Day was a huge success. Our prayers were answered, and the rain had a brief break between Recess and Lunch so that we could enjoy our activities. Year 5 and 6 students participated in a number of rotation activities: skipping run around the track, jumping through a big rope, healthy heart poster competition, endurance skipping and skipping tricks. Needless to say, all students were exhausted by the end of the activities.

A huge thank you to the whole school community for dressing up in red for the day. It was very encouraging for our senior students to see everyone dressed in red, and even more encouraging to see the other classes coming out to have a look at the activities, and join in with some skipping. More than $500 was donated on the day, which will go straight to the Heart Foundation to support their amazing and invaluable work.

Although final fundraising numbers are not in, our students and school have qualified for some amazing participation raffles, from are all expenses paid trips to Queensland, to being a Melbourne City Soccer Club ‘Player for a day’. This is in addition to the prizes that have been earned for raising funds. Because of our efforts as a community, our school is also going into a special draw to win a $5000 Smeg appliance for our new canteen.

Well done everyone.

Congratulations to this week’s top 5 fundraisers:

Cassidy Germano $830.87
Justin Ward $542.61
Jakson Smart $465.50
Zachary Frisch $437
James Bonnyman $355.25
EXPLORE

NATIONAL Literacy and Numeracy WEEK

31 August–6 September 2015

For more information visit www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au
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