Dear Parents,

Last Sunday we celebrated Fathers’ Day and we remembered all fathers in last week’s Contact. The following article appeared recently in a newspaper article and was given to me. I thought it was worth placing in this week’s Contact. The contribution that our dads put in at St Simon’s is incredible and unfortunately can go unrecognized. The dads who attend working bees, coach football teams, take time off working to watch their children at interschool athletes or who are on one of the many committees in the school we say thank you to them.

"Fathers play a unique and important role in the lives of their children. As mentor, protector, and provider, a father fundamentally influences the shape and direction of his child's character by giving love, care, discipline, and guidance. As we observe Father's Day, our nation honors fatherhood and urges fathers to commit themselves selflessly to the success and well-being of their children. And we reaffirm the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. Raising a child requires significant time, effort, and sacrifice; and it is one of the most hopeful and fulfilling experiences a man can ever know. A father can derive great joy from seeing his child grow from infancy to adulthood. As a child matures into independence and self-reliance, the value of a parent's hard work, love, and commitment comes to fruition.

Responsible fatherhood is important to a healthy and civil society. Numerous studies confirm that children whose fathers are present and involved in their lives are more likely to develop into prosperous and healthy adults. Children learn by example; and they need their father's presence as examples of virtue in their daily lives."

George W. Bush
President, USA

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 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.

The Sacrament of First Communion – Will be held on Sunday 11th October at 3pm and Saturday 17th October at 2pm and 4pm.

Graduation Meeting – Next Graduation Meeting is Wednesday 16th September at 2.15pm. All Year 6 parents are invited.

Drug Education Talks – On Tuesday 6th October, St. Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a Drug Awareness talk for St. Simon’s Parents and Parishioners in the Church Chapel commencing at 8.00pm. More information will be sent home closer to the event.

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.

Extra Curricula Activities Term 3 Week 11

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School Camps - The Year 4 school camp will be on Thursday 22nd October and Friday 23rd October. The Year 3 camp will be on Thursday, 29th October and Friday 30th October. More information will be sent home as we get closer to the school camps. The cost of the camp must be paid before the students leave on camp.

Working – Bee - The next working bee will be on Saturday, 24th October commencing at 9:00am and concluding with a BBQ at 12pm.

After School Pickup of children - If children haven’t been collected by 3.45pm, the parent will receive a phone call. School ends at 3.15pm and if parents are unable to collect their children within half hour they should make alternative arrangements. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

School Uniform - Children are to wear their winter uniform until the end of Term 3. As from the commencement of Term 4 all children must be in full summer uniform. Children must wear a St Simon’s school hat during Terms 1 and 4 and only wear runners on days in which they have PE.
Term 3 Concludes at 1.15pm on Friday 18th September. The End of Term Liturgy will be presented by Year 3 Green at 11.30am. The school office will close at 2pm.

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

The Good Manners Award goes to Lily Alwis (Prep B) and Uniform Award goes to Marcus D’Angelo (Prep R). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

TERM 3 CONCLUDES FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER AT 1.15PM
TERM 4 RESUMES MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER

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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.

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.

Q: What is Kermit the Frog’s middle name? A: ‘The’

Q: Where do musical frogs perform? A: At the Sydney Opera House.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE IS LIVE! www.ssworrowville.catholic.edu.au

DID YOU KNOW?
- You can find a teacher’s email address by going to ‘OUR TEAM’ and selecting the Grade level.
- To access the Newsletter from the Home Page, click on the Button CURRENT NEWSLETTER - ‘READ MORE’

We would love to have feedback on our new website - Go to CONTACT on the Home Page and fill in the form under Email Us.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following students a very happy birthday.

Zachary Bugeja (5B)  Shamaya Mathes (Prep G)  Noah Occhipinti (1R)  Arjun Gangatharan (3B)
Fletcher Crelin (4G)  Erika Ellis (3G)  Kevin Martin (2Y)  Antony Limeira-Beaton (5R)
Chrysostom Thalappillil (2R)  Cynthia Cheniart (5G)  Ryan Davis (6B)  Justin Ward (5B)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Annie Shi (4Y), Cassandra Richardson (4G) & Ellie Rose Freeman (4B) for working creatively on MONET Waterlilies.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Jasmine Fernando, Erin Germano, Dante Muller and Lily Alwis (Prep B) on their ability to keep the beat to music with their instrument.

MUSIC NEWS

Wow!! Congratulations to Erika Ellis (3G), Leah Woolmore (3G), Caitlin Beyrooti (4B), Sienna Blasi (4B) and Daniel Nittoli (3B) on achieving their Green Belt and Blue Book in recorder!

The following students have received their Orange Belt in recorder – Jake Ciampoli (4G), Brianna Farrugia (3B), Isabella Mangione (3R), Benjamin Mudie (3B) and Lianne Jones (3B).

Well done to Cleopatra Vann (3R), Miles Hart (3G), Chloe-Jane Hilo (3B), Jessica Khorani (3G), Ben Di Petta (4B), Christian Gallo (3R) and Tyler Walther (3R) on all receiving their Yellow belts in recorder.

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

Prep B – Alicia Polydor  
Prep G – Tayla Franes  
Prep R – Melia Costanzo-Vidot  
Prep Y – Estrella Tabios

1 Blue – Paris Demetriou  
1 Green – Leo Mangione  
1 Red – Rory Dal Ben  
1 Yellow – Riley Therese

2 Blue – Daniel Liang  
2 Green – Elijah Pasuzzi  
2 Red – Amelia Azar  
2 Yellow – Sienna Orlando Isabella White

3 Blue – Daniel Nittoli  
3 Green –  
3 Red – Tyler Wither  
4 Blue –

4 Green – Fletcher Crelin  
4 Red – Roshan Joby  
4 Yellow –  
5 Blue – Grace Louey

5 Green – Cynthia Cheniart Christian Di Cesare  
5 Red – Lawrence Lakat  
5 Yellow – Hayley Sargeant  
5/6 Purple – Emma Spierings Anthony Kouvelis

6 Blue – Lauren Giampa  
6 Green – James Dikranian  
6 Red – Anthony Fernando  
Gianni Dissegna

CANTEEN NEWS: A BIG Thank you to Mel Wharton (Art Teacher extraordinare) for creating the Banner for the launch of the New Canteen. It looks great!
Reminder to parents to ensure they are using the current price list for Canteen otherwise the lunch order will be adjusted accordingly and your child may not get what they have ordered. Canteen price list can be obtained by visiting the school website www.srowville.catholic.edu.au under PARENTS or from the school office.

CANTEE ROSTER:  
Friday 11/09 Andrea R, Marita N, Dannii H, Narelle F, Kaz D, Rebecca C, Maureen D.  
Monday 14/09 Lucy I, Lori M, Lien H

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER:  
Tuesday 15/09 Sue, Teresa, Sylvia  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.

FATHER’S DAY STALL: Thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped on the stall last week, without volunteers the Parents’ Association would not be able to run these social service days for our children. We hope that our dads loved their presents that your children have selected for you as they enjoyed choosing them for you.

SCHOOL DISCO: The date for the school disco is Friday 9th October (first week after school holidays) in the school hall. We will be having a CRAZY OUTFIT competition with prizes for the best boy and girl entrant for each session. Entry to the disco will be $2 per child, payable on the night. Grades Prep, 1 & 2 6.00-7.00pm Grades 3 & 4 from 7.15 to 8.15, Grades 5 + 6 from 8.30-10pm. We require helpers for this event. Flyer attached to this week’s contact. If you are able to assist at any or all session please contact Sue on 0409 530 920 or fill out the parent helper slip below.

WALK-A-THON: It’s Walkathon Time Again. Tuesday 20th October. Flyers and sponsorship forms will come home next week providing plenty of time over the school holidays and early next term for everyone to gather as much sponsors from family, friends, work mates and neighbours. Help us raise the last $10,000 we need to install our shade sail in time for next year.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION 2015

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 Guerr 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 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.

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

SUMMER BASEBALL REGISTRATION 2015/16: Upwey / F.T. Gully Baseball Club. For all teams and players from T-Ball to Masters Saturday 12th September from 10am at Clubrooms. For more info call 0418 591 921.

SCHOOL DISCO FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER - PARENT HELPER REPLY SLIP

Name: ........................................ Contact no: ............... E-mail: ........................................

Eldest child’s name & grade ........................................

I can help with the following sessions:

☐ Grades 1 + 2 6.00-7.00pm  ☐ Grades 3 + 4 7.15-8.15pm  ☐ Grades 5 + 6 8.30-10.00pm  ☐ All night
MADE @ ST. SIMON’S

On Tuesday the 15th September, 2015 St. Simon’s Parish Primary School will be hosting the annual Curriculum Evening showcasing student learning from the Term 3 Inquiry which focused on Design, Creativity and Technology.

The evening commences at 6.30pm and concludes at 8.00pm

There will be a MADE @ ST. SIMON’S QUIZ which can be collected at the front entrance. Complete the Quiz and submit it on your way out (there will be a box located in the office area) and be in the running for a prize.

Students are invited to dress up according to their classroom theme.

The choir under the direction of Mrs Laura Nackashian will be performing in the newly completed ‘Atrium’ – Canteen area at 7.30pm.

If you feel hungry on the Night, the Student Action Team will be running a Cake Stall in the 1/2 Area.

We look forward to seeing everyone!
2015 School Disco

Friday 9th October 2015

Come wearing your most CRAZY OUTFIT
and win a prize (1 boy & 1 girl prize per session)!

Please don’t buy anything new – just wear something you already have or re-vamp something using re-cycled materials!

St. Simon’s Parish Hall

$2 entry fee per child
– to be paid on the night please

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PLEASE NOTE:

- Session times are for the stated class groups only.
- Payment and entry will occur via the rear entry of the hall. Children can be picked up in the front foyer of the hall.
- Only parent helpers rostered on will be allowed in the hall during the sessions.

For your convenience, the Prep common area will be made available as a waiting area. Parents and siblings are more than welcome to utilise this room during disco session times. Children in the waiting room must be supervised by an adult at all times. Tea/coffee and water will be provided.

Please note that there will be no food/drink available for purchase on the night. Water will be made available to the children as required.
The School Disco Needs Your Help!

Dear Adults

We are in need of helpers (male and female) for every session of our school disco on Friday 9th October.

If you are available please complete the details below and return this form A.S.A.P.

I can help with the following sessions:-

☐ Grades, Prep 1 + 2
   6.00-7.00pm

☐ Grades 3 + 4
   7.15-8.15pm

☐ Grades 5 + 6
   8.30-10.00pm

☐ I am available all night

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Helpers name:...........................................................................................................

Eldest child name & grade:.......................................................................................

Contact phone number: ...........................................................................................

E-mail address...........................................................................................................

Thank you for your help.
Parent’s Association
You? Yes, you!

Are you already dreading the school holidays because you need to work all year long just to afford the requisite outings with the kiddies?!

Well, do we have the solution for you. The St Simon’s Parents Association proudly presents the:

FUNDE Fundraising Booklet
ONLY $20!!

It may be small enough to fit in your purse of handbag, but it is most definitely jam-packed with serious savings.

So how does it work?
It includes over thirty-five 2-for-1 deals at a number of fabulous events and establishments – the Footy, Village Cinemas, Pancake Parlour, Kryal Castle and even Wet n Wild on the Gold Coast. One voucher alone will save you more than the cost of the booklet!

Order TODAY. You know you want to!

Any questions? Or want to see the book before you buy?? Please contact Sue on 0409 530 920

Yes! Please send me □ copies of the FUNDE Fundraising Booklet at $20 each

Name
Contact number
Child’s name
Grade

Money enclosed □ Cheque enclosed □
St Simons Parish Rowville

Presents

Spices of the Orient

Food Extravaganza
Come and enjoy food from the Orient and dance the night away

Date: 24th October 2015
Time: 7.00pm
Donation: $25.00 per person or $70.00 per family (2 Adults & 2 Children)
Venue: Parish Hall
2 Taylors Lane Rowville
Dress: Casual
BYO

Tickets available from the Parish Office
Ph: 9764 4058
2015/2016 Season - Little Athletics  
(September 2015 - March 2016)

At Little Athletics we provide a variety of track and field events for children aged from 5 – 15 years which help to develop both physical and mental agility. We cater for children of all abilities and provide a safe, supportive and family friendly environment to encourage everyone to be their best.

If you are thinking about joining; we would love for you to come to our tryout & information day at the Knox Little Athletics Centre on Saturday 19th September from 10.30am to 12 noon.

For enquiries; please call Claire Lillie on 0421 300 467

Register online soon at - www.klac23.org.au/ register

Visit us on Facebook/ Rowville Little Athletics Club

* Season starts Saturday 26th September 2015
SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

Celebrating 50 Years of Catholic Co-Education

Nazareth College

2:00pm - 2:30pm: Opening and Blessing of the Wheeler Auditorium and Gymnasium

11:00am - 1:00pm: Open School and Arts & Technology Exhibition

2:30pm - 4:30pm: Alumni Reunion - Past Students & Staff

Via email: nazzareth_college@naz.edu.au by Tuesday 1 September 2015

Please register your attendance for catering purposes with Ms Sue Formanek.

The afternoon will provide an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and take a tour of the College.

2:30pm - 4:30pm: Alumni Reunion - Past Students & Staff

by Bishop Peter Elliott DD MA STD VG EV