Dear Parents,

October is referred to as the month of the Rosary and years ago it was regarded as a big event in the Church. Today it does not have the same profile but it is still part of our Church’s culture. The Rosary’s origin goes back to the early Christian culture, when 150 “Our Fathers” were recited in groups of 50 for the 150 psalms which are in the Bible. This prayer was often prayed by Monks. By the Middle Ages the “Hail Mary” had replaced the “Our Fathers”. The Rosary we know today was initiated in the 16th Century. The beads themselves seem to have evolved out of a prayer rope used by hermits, monks and religious orders. While the Mass is the central prayer of our Christian life, the devotion to the Rosary was used to help us focus on the life of Jesus. The Rosary is often recited before a Requiem Mass (funeral Mass).

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion – We wish to congratulate the following children who will receive their First Communion this weekend.

| Sarah Abraham  | Neesh Balapitiya  | Charlie Dobson  | Thomas Dobson  | Erika Ellis  |
| Cameron Fistes | Eloisa Foti       | Nathan Gamatos  | Miles Hart     | Ella Howard  |
| Lianne Jones   | Joshua Lachriere | Jarrod Lachriere | Ashlyn Lisk    | Dianne Mendi |
| Hannah Pedlar  | Stasia Stevenson | Leah Woolmore   | Collins Austine| Natalie Borovic |
| Jemima Bryant  | Will Burton      | Bridgette Cairns| Lachlan Clausen| Alexia Diakolios |
| Brianna Farrugia| Ashanti Finn     | Olivia Hogan    | Charli Holliake| Tomas Juhasz |
| Jessica Khorani| Jennifer Khorani | Antonio Lopez   | Katelyn Micheli| Amelia Mikolajewski |
| Daniel Nittoli | Mika Ono         | Julian Pawlowski| Dean Portelli  | Miguel Prado |
| Alanna Rubino  | Andrew Samuel    | Ashley Sikka    | Dakoda Sosa    | Tyler Walther |

Graduation Meeting – Next Graduation Meeting is at 2.15pm on Thursday 12th November in the staff room. Contact Amelia Guerra on 0416 027 808 and Marta Nittoli on 0418 144 113 for more details.

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2016 – Will be celebrated next year on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th August.

St. Simon’s Day Liturgy – Will be celebrated on Wednesday 28th October at 9.00am.

Year 4 School Camp - The Year 4 camp will be on Thursday 22nd October and Friday 23rd October. Buses will be departing Thursday at 9am, please ensure children arrive at school on time. The children will return from camp on Friday at 5pm. The cost of the camp must be paid before the students leave on camp.

Year 3 School Camp - The Year 3 camp will be on Thursday, 29th October and Friday, 30th October.

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

School Uniform - 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. Any child not wearing a hat will have to sit in the shaded area near the library during recess and lunchtime.

Swimming Program - The school swimming program will commence on Monday 16th November to Friday 27th November. Swimming is part of the school curriculum and therefore all children in Prep to Year 4 are expected to attend unless there is a medical reason. A medical certificate must be provided.

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

Leave – Mr Shane Regan, Deputy Principal will be taking Long Service Leave from next Monday and returning Thursday 12th November. We wish Shane all the best for a well deserved leave.

Outstanding Fees – Parents who have outstanding fees are requested to finalize all fees by Friday 23rd October. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties please contact the school in order to arrange a meeting to discuss these difficulties.

Grade 6 Graduation - Will be on Friday 11th December, commencing with Mass at 6.00pm. Please note that Grade 6 students are expected to attend school until Wednesday 16th December when the school will be dismissed early at 1.15pm. In order to organize the Grade 6 Graduation, parents of Grade 6 students are invited to attend the next meeting on Wednesday 14th October at 2.15pm.

Stringybark Festival - The St. Simon’s Choir has been invited to the Stringybark Festival at the Rowville Community Centre on Sunday 18th October and will be performing at 2pm. All parents are welcome.
Extra Curricular Activities Term 4 Weeks 3 & 4

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Congratulations - To Modie Wesley (Classroom Support) on the birth of her Grandson James born last week, and to the Ellis Family on the birth of Chloe, sister to Erika (3G).

The Good Manners Award goes to Grace Kaali (2B) and Uniform Award goes to Nikolas Grech (1R). Well done to these children.

We hope all families have a most enjoyable school holiday and look forward to coming back to school in fourth term.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Phil Hesse
Principal

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN ON BOTH THESE DAYS

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OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL FEES: Accounts for any outstanding fees, Year 3 Camp, Year 4 Camp and Swimming Fees have been sent out via the tub system this week. Prompt payment of these fees appreciated by Friday 23rd October, 2015.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Fifteen minutes into the flight from Perth to Sydney, the captain announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, one of our engines has failed. There is nothing to worry about. Our flight will take an hour longer than scheduled, but we still have three engines left."

Thirty minutes later the captain announced, "One more engine has failed and the flight will take an additional two hours. But don't worry ... we can fly just fine on two engines."

An hour later the captain announced, "One more engine has failed and our arrival will be delayed another three hours. But don't worry ... we still have one engine left."

A young Bitalonian passenger turned to the man in the next seat and remarked, "If we lose one more engine, we'll be up here all day!"

HEAD LICE: There has been a report of head lice in Grade 2 Green. Parents please check your child/ren's hair. Treatment must be undertaken before the child can return to school.

SCHOOL WEBSITE NEWS

http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/

DID YOU KNOW?

- To access a copy of the Term Letter sent home, go to [PARENTS] [TERM LETTERS]
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE #7: Reminder that all orders and payment are due in by tomorrow Monday 19th October. Please ensure your child’s name and grade is included on the order. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations Leah Woolmore (3G), Arjun Gangatharan (3B) and Charlie Hollioake (3B) who have all completed their Yellow Book onto their Blue Book and have received their Green Belt in Recorder. Well done Mika Ono (3R) and Alec Karabajakian (3B) who have their Orange Belt. Amazing work by Sarah Abraham (3R) who now has her Blue Belt in Recorder!!

Laura Nackashian, Music Teacher

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 Marcus D’Angelo (Prep R), Aurora Doran (Prep Y), Caitlyn Brown (Prep B) for drawing great flower.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Mika Ono (3R) & Brianna Farrugia (3B).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Flynn Dunne (2G), Jamie Peng (1G) & Georgia Francis (1Y)

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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PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO: A big thank you to everyone who attended the school disco on Friday night. Congratulations to the children from each session who won the crazy outfit challenge (see flyer for photos). We hope everyone had a great time. Thank you to all our parent helpers and teachers who assisted on the night and to our fabulous DJ Pete.

WALK-A-THON: We are still in need of helpers for our upcoming walkathon on Tuesday 20th October. It is important for the safety of our children to have enough adults assisting our precious youngsters while they are out and about. It takes less than an hour to walk with your child’s grade. Helpers can be parents, grandparents or relatives. Toddlers and babies in pushers are also most welcome. On completion of the walk an icy pole for the children and morning tea for parents is provided. If you are available please complete the reply slip below and return ASAP. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Grades 1, 2, 3 & 5 leave at 9am and Grades Prep, 4 & 6 leave at 11.30am. Any further details or question please call Ida on 0439 864 546.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION 2015

GRADE 6 GRADUATION MEETINGS – Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12th November at 2.15pm in the staff room. If you have any queries please contact Amelia Guerra on 0416 027 808 or Marita Nittoli on 0418 144 113.

PHOTOS – A reminder to send in photos for inclusion in the Graduation DVD. 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.

IF WE DON’T GET ENOUGH PHOTOS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PRODUCE A DVD


Please ensure all tub orders have the updated and correct order form as of 19th October. This will enable quick and efficient processing of orders. Incorrect/incomplete orders will be returned. Updated order form available on school website at http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/uniform

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UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER:  
Tuesday 20/10  Felicia, Kathy W, Angela  2.30pm – 3pm

CANTOEN NEWS: 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 http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/parent-resources-1/canteen or from the school office.

CANTEN ROSTER:  
Friday 16/10  Anne M, Linda H, Betty C, Sarah S, Anne-Marie M, Narelle S
Monday 19/10  Maria A, Natacha L, Lisa H, Lien H

CANTEN – HELP NEEDED: Helpers are needed to assist in the running of the canteen in 2016. If you are able to help, please complete the return slip below and return by Friday 27th November, 2015 so I can draw up a roster for the year. Existing helpers must return a reply slip also. Although toddlers cannot be permitted to come with you to canteen, you may decide to share with a friend and mind each other’s children when you are on canteen duty. We also have a lot of fun and it is a great way to meet other parents. Tamara Dell’Aquila (Canteen Co-ordinator)

ST. SIMON'S PARISH - FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA: ‘SPICES OF THE ORIENT’. Come and enjoy food from The Orient and dance the night away. Date – Saturday 29th October at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Donation $25 per person or $70 per family (2 Adults & 2 Children). Dress: Casual, BYO. Tickets available from the parish office or 9764 4058.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS
COME AND SEE NAZARETH COLLEGE IN ACTION! Our open school tours are a great way to see teachers and students in our diverse learning environments. We have several open school tours this term: Thursday 15 October, Thursday 22 October and Friday 6 November. Tours commence at 9am. Please contact our College Registrar on 9795-8100 to register your attendance.

AVILA COLLEGE ‘OPEN SCHOOL’ MORNING – Celebrating its Golden Jubilee in 2015. Our final Open Morning for 2015 will be 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.

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

STRINGBARK FESTIVAL 2015: Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 October 2015, 10am - 5pm both days. Rowville Community Centre 40 Fulham Road, Rowville (Melway 81 K1). This year the Stringbark Sustainability Festival turns a magic 30. For a local community event to maintain such an engaging, rich and vibrant presence for such a period of time, is in itself a mark of sustainability. To celebrate this milestone we will be stretching back in time and taking a leap into the future to commemorate the best of what has been Stringbark, while imagining the possibilities for all that could be, 30 years from now. Stringbark proudly remains a plastic bag FREE event, so be sure to bring along your own reusable bag! An ATM is available on site. Please note: Stringbark is a drug and smoke free event. Pets are welcome.

MUSIC LESSONS: Piano, Singing, Guitar Lessons for kids and Adults at any level. A.M.E.B. Exams or play for fun!! www.melodymusicschool.com.au or contact Natalia on 0407 816 197

HOOKIN2HOCKEY: Get hooked in2 hockey at Knox Hockey Club for Boys and Girls aged 5-12. For more information head to www.knoxborder.com.au/hockey 8 week program for only $80. FREE Starter Kit for your 1st term! Kit includes Stick, Shin Guards, Mouth Guard, Ball & Replica Australia Singlet.

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CANTEN HELPERS REPLY SLIP (Please return to Canteen by Friday 27th November, 2015)

NAME: __________________________________________ PHONE: __________________________ MOBILE: __________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: __________________________________________ GRADE: __________________________

Tick day preferred:  □ MONDAY  □ FRIDAY

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WALKATHON HELPERS REPLY SLIP (Please return to Parents’ Association)

□ GRADES 1, 2, 3 & 5 leave at 9am  □ GRADES Prep, 4 & 6 leave at 11.30am

NAME: __________________________________________ GRADE: __________________________

I can walk with: __________________________________________
St. Simon’s P.A. 2015 Walkathon

Just a reminder that our walkathon is set to run this Tuesday, 20th of October 2015.

Please return your child’s sponsorship form on this day for processing. It will then be returned to the children to collect their sponsorships. Our objective this year is that all money raised will go towards upgrading better facilities and developing excellent equipment for your child’s benefit for years to come at the school. Every little bit helps. So we would really appreciate your support.

As usual, we also have some great incentives available. We have 3 different groups:
- Junior grades – Prep, 1 and 2;
- Middle grades – 3 and 4;
- Senior grades – 5 and 6.

The student that has raised the most money from each group will receive a fantastic prize.

A $50 cash incentive will also be awarded to one class in each of these groups.

To be eligible for these prizes you must return your money and sponsorship form by 27th of October 2015.

The Parents Association appreciates the effort and contribution of all parents, students and staff as we continue to raise funds to improving the learning facilities offered at St. Simon’s. Thank you for supporting the Walkathon.

St. Simon’s Parents’ Association
Our school disco on Friday night went off with a bang with DJ Pete looking after the tunes.

Thank you to everyone who came along.

The crazy outfit theme brought out some amazing and some very elaborate outfits.

**Winners of our crazy outfit challenge.**

Session 1 (prep, 1 & 2)  Session 1 (grades 3 & 4)  Session 3 (grades 5 & 6)

Thank you to all of our volunteer parent supervisors and teachers for coming along to make sure everyone had a great time. We appreciate your support.

Until next time.......Keep dancing

St Simon’s Parent’s Association
A Working Bee has been organised for our school community on
Saturday, 24th October, 9am to 12pm.

Please mark this date in your diary.
Bring along rakes, wheelbarrows, and yard brushes, garden gloves, spades and digging implements. (A good pair of gloves too)
All children, parents and families are most welcome to attend our TERM FOUR WORKING BEE.

We would appreciate all the help you can offer.
FREE Sausage Sizzle and drinks after a chance to socialize -
And improve our school's grounds.

PLEASE RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP IF YOU CAN HELP US ON THE DAY

THE...............................................................FAMILY are attending our working bee
- 24th October 2015. 😊

God made rainy days so gardeners could get the housework done.
~Author Unknown

Plants give us oxygen for the lungs and for the soul.
~Linda Sologato

The difference between weeds and flowers is the flowers are the easiest ones to pull out.

"In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous."
~Aristotle

SPONSORED BY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Marathon Club

Why you should try Marathon Club!

- It's good for your health.
- It is fun!
- Practice for Cross Country.
- Anyone can have a go.
- Open to all Year Levels and Parents.
- Certificate and Rewards.
- You could be recognised at Assembly.
- Gives you something to do in the mornings if you are bored waiting for the bell.
- A Great start to the day

Can we run from here to Sydney?

Tuesday & Thursday
- 8.20am – 8.40am –
On the Oval