Dear Parents,

In last week’s Contact the reflection focus was on ANZAC Day. On the weekend I read the following ANZAC Day reflection in my parish’s newsletter and believed it was an article which gives a meaningful reflection of the words “Lest we forget”.

“On this Monday we will commemorate Anzac day. For some Anzac day means just another public holiday, for others it means the Essendon - Collingwood clash. And of course on a deeper level for many people it is the commemoration of the terrible tragedy of those who lost their lives fighting for their country and fighting for freedom against tyranny and oppression. In this sense it is the remembrance of both victims and survivors of an horrific global conflict. I think it is important to continue to remember and commemorate these acts of war and violence. We do not do so in order to glorify war and violence but to remind ourselves of the hideous things that human beings are capable of doing to one another when hatred and envy is unleashed. When we say “lest we forget” we do so at a number of levels: lest we forget the sacrifices made for us by our forebears; lest we forget the horrors of war and believe it can be the answer to our problems; lest we forget that human beings are capable of great evil as well as great good; lest we forget that we are as much part of the way to peace in our world as were our mothers and fathers before us. We should continue to commemorate Anzac day – lest we forget that war and hatred still tears so much of our world apart. As Christians when we say “lest we forget” we remember that each human being is made in the image and likeness of God with and inalienable dignity.” Fr. Brendan Reed – Sunday 24th April 2016.

Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity (ECGI Survey): As we prepare for our school review next year, we are required by Catholic Education Melbourne, to undertake the ECSI survey. All responses are completely anonymous, this is an opportunity for you to speak freely about R.E. in your child’s school. See flyer attached or click on the following link - http://www.rsrowville.catholic.edu.au/static/uploads/files/enhancing-catholic-schools-identity-wfcggygbolwfg.pdf

School Athletics: Will be held this Friday. Information regarding the school athletics has already been sent home. Just a reminder that all children are expected to wear a hat and have sun screen. If you are taking your child/ren home from the sports, a written note must be presented to your child’s class teacher. If a note is not presented your child must return on the school bus.

At the moment the forecast for the school sports day is for rain (82% chance). If we believe the weather will not be suitable for the sports, parents will be notified by the School App. Please check the School App before attending the school sports.

ANZAC Day badges and tokens – I would like to thank all those children and parents who purchased an ANZAC badge, token or wrist band. Money raised will be sent to Legacy.

Communion Masses – The Sacrament of First Communion will take place on Sunday 29th May and Saturday 4th June at 2pm and 4pm on both days.

Extra Curricula Activities Term 2 Weeks 4 & 5

| Friday 29th April | Years 1 – 6 School Sports |
| Monday 2nd May | Assembly/ Liturgy 2.30pm (4R) |
| Thursday 5th May | Mother’s Day Stall |
| Friday 6th May | District Cross Country |
| Sunday 8th May | Mother’s Day |

Prep Enrolment 2017 – Parents who are considering sending their child to St. Simon’s Prep Class in 2017 are invited to attend an Information evening on either Monday 9th May or Tuesday 17th May at 7.00pm. The venue will be the school library. Enrolment folders will be distributed during these information sessions. Please contact the school office to confirm which sessions you would like to attend. This is optional for current families but current parents are asked to collect an enrolment folder from the office which should be available in May. The closing date for enrolments is Friday 17th June, 2016.

Working Bee – The next working bee will be on Saturday 14th May commencing at 9.00am and concluding at 12 midday. All parents are invited. See flyer attached.

The Good Manners Award goes to Lolita Ordenes (4B) & Alana Rubino (4B) and Uniform Award goes to Michael Di Scala (2R) & Leo Mangione (2R). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal
PREP 2017 INFORMATION NIGHTS – MONDAY 9TH MAY & TUESDAY 17TH MAY AT 7.00PM IN THE LIBRARY.
SCHOOL TOURS WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY & THURSDAY 2ND JUNE FROM 11.30AM TO 12.30PM

DATES TO REMEMBER

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OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL FEES: Accounts have been sent home. Unless you are on a monthly plan or have a special arrangement, the 2nd installment of $500 is due by tomorrow, Friday 29th April. First installment is now overdue. Prompt payment is appreciated.

CDF BANKING: It’s interest time again! Please send through your bank books so they can be updated. Banking Day is every Thursday.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK: Please ensure when you apply for your WWC that you include St. Simon’s in the organisation details. If you need to amend your details go to the following link - https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwcu/login.do?next=chgdet

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Q: What do you call a cat that plays percussion instruments?
A: A Drum Kit.

Q: How do you take snapshots of clams?
A: With a clamera

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following students a very happy birthday.

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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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END POVERTY IN OUR WORLD

Hello, I am Joseph Beyrooti and I am a student at St. Simons Primary School. I am here to raise awareness of poverty in our world. I have launched a campaign on a website called KIDS GIVE.

KIDS GIVE is a website where kids can make their own campaign to raise money for whatever cause they choose. Below is an extract of my description on kids give and a link to my page: http://www.kidsgive.com.au/campaigns/end-poverty-in-our-world/

My campaign is about raising awareness of POVERTY IN OUR WORLD. This is an extremely major crisis in our world, affecting MILLIONS of innocent people around the globe.

My campaign’s purpose is to raise money for the construction of a borehole that would provide 50 households with access to clean water in Malawi. A borehole would allow many people who would normally walk miles and miles every day for a small bucket of water, to be allowed premium access to fresh, clean water right by their home. Your donations will dramatically improve many people’s lives. I am asking you to reach out, be inspired, MAKE THE CHANGE! I really hope that you have been inspired by my campaign just like I have been by KIDS GIVE. We can all make the change RIGHT HERE TODAY! No matter how BIG or small. We can do it TOGETHER! MAKE THE CHANGE TODAY!! END POVERTY IN OUR WORLD!! Thank you so much. Joseph Beyrooti.
LOST KITTEN: A 3 month white kitten went missing from Taylor’s lane recently. Could the owner of a white Toyota Prado please contact the school office if they have any information. Thank you.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS: Next Tuesday 3rd May from 3.00pm to 3.30pm, the environmental team will be selling our St. Simon’s veggie patch items that have been home grown! We will be selling – Silverbeet, tomatoes & herbs... in bunches for $2 a bunch. Please come and support this great event.... All monies raised will go to new vegetable punnets.

ART NEWS: Thanks to all those who contributed old pots and pans for the sundipit. The children are thoroughly enjoying them. We currently do not need any more for the moment. Thanks also for the fantastic array of easter egg wrappers donated to the art room.
Could families please start collecting -
- old CDs,
- buttons,
- ice cream containers

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Christian Gallo (4R), Ivyre Hodgson (4G) & Lianne Jones (4B) for working well in Art.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Kira Grant (4B) & Jasmine Provenzano (5R)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Neeraja Ahilan (5B) on presenting a fantastic research project on the harp.

MUSIC NEWS: Well done to Nathan Gomatos (4B), Natalie Borovic (4G) and Miles Hart (4G) on achieving their Orange Belt in music. Amazing work by Chris Boey (3G) who has received his Yellow Belt only after 3 weeks of practice!

CANTEEN NEWS: AQUA ICE DRINKS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE

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Lucy I, Lien H, Sharon M, Louise P, Pam P


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Lisa, Felicia, Angela 2.30pm – 3pm

PARISH NEWS

EUCHARIST PARENT SESSIONS: Wednesdays 4, 11 & 18 May. Parent attends each session at either 2pm OR 7.30pm.

EUCHARIST REFLECTION EVENINGS: Wednesday 25th May & 1st June 6.30 - 8pm.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES: Sunday 29th May & Saturday 4th June. Both days at 2pm & 4pm

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST: remaining sessions – Friday mornings 10am on April 29th & 6th May. Tuesday evening 8pm on 3rd May.


Catholic Secondary Colleges Open Days

NAZARETH COLLEGE: Catholic Co-education at its best! 2017 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR: Years 7, 9 & 11 Scholarships and Years 7, 8 & 9 Select Entry Laurel Program. Applications close Friday 20th May 2016. Testing will be conducted on Saturday 28 May 2016. Details are available on the Nazareth College website www.nazareth.vic.edu.au

AVILA COLLEGE ‘OPEN SCHOOL’ MORNING – Next Open morning Tuesday 3rd May at 9am where you can meet with some of the students and have a tour of the facilities. You can register to attend via the College website www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au Phone 9831 9600. Parking is limited, so please allow time for parking in nearby streets.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Next Open Day will be held on Sunday 22nd May from 10am to 11am. Phone 9754 6611 for more information.

ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE: Open days – Thursday 5th May 9.30am & Tuesday 19th July at 9.30am

ATTN: St. Simon’s Parent’s Association

MOTHER’S DAY STALL – HELPER SLIP

Name: ____________________________________________ Phone number: _________________________

Email: ______________________________________________

Eldest child’s grade: ______________ Child’s name: _______________________________

I am able to help at the Mother’s Day stall on Thursday 5th May 2016.
Dear Parents,

As we prepare for our school review next year, we are required by Catholic Education Melbourne, to undertake the *Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity (ECSI)* survey.

The ECSI survey enables us to measure the impact of our Religion in our community.

At the moment, only 6 parents have completed the survey, but we need a minimum of 60 parents, out of our 440 families, in order to make the data useful.

The survey will take you about 40 mins in total, but it does not need to be completed in one go, you can complete it in smaller sections if you like.

All responses are completely anonymous, the system generates a unique username and password for each participant, so the only person who can get back to your specific answers is you. This is an opportunity for you to speak freely about RE in your children’s school.

**YOU COULD WIN!**

After you have completed the survey, you will be given the option to print a certificate. Submit your printed certificate to the front office (or email it to jdownie@ssrowville.catholic.edu.au) by Friday, May 13, and your name will go into a raffle to win one of the following fantastic prizes:

1. 4 movie tickets (generously donated by Palace Cinemas) and a voucher to spend at the food bar
2. A $50 EFTPOS gift card
3. A $25 EFTPOS gift card

So please, follow the instructions on the following pages and have your say, to help us direct our focus for teaching and learning in Religious Education.

If you have already completed the survey, you can still use your unique username and password to log in and print/email your certificate.

Thank you in anticipation.

Kind regards,

John Downie
Religious Education Leader
Dear survey participant,
Thank you for taking the time to complete this important survey about the Catholic identity of your school. Due to the length of the survey, approx. 45-60 minutes to complete, it may be best completed in two sessions; simply keep a record of your user code and password (see over).
Surveys are available online from **14 March 2016 until close of business on 13 May 2016 only.**

This survey is completely CONFIDENTIAL; individual responses can be seen by the respondent only.

The survey site URL is: **http://www.schoolidentity.net**; type this URL to reach the website.

To enter the website you will need the website’s general password
- **Type in:** Ghj654 and click ‘Login’. Please note that all codes are case sensitive!

On the webpage that appears
- **Click on the ‘To the Surveys’ button in the centre of the screen**

On the next webpage to appear:
- **If you are continuing from a previous session**, enter your User code (login) and Password details on this page “continue your previous session”. To then go to the surveys click ‘submit’.
- **Click on the ‘New User’ button** only if you are a new user. New users will be asked for an email address and can also print the User code (login) and Password that will be issued. Click on submit.
The next page to appear will look like this:

- Enter the **Entry Code** given by your school then click on ‘next’

| Our Entry Code is: | f42774 |

**New user**

I understand that the surveys associated with the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project are exploring aspects of the identity of Catholic schools, that the goal of the project is to assist schools to appreciate better how their Catholic Identity is expressed in work and practice and to support them in its future development. I agree to take part in the surveys realising that I can withdraw at any time without having to give a reason for my decision. I agree that the data collected for the study may be published or may be provided to others in a form that does not identify me in any way. I agree that I have read, understand and accept the terms set out in the Legal Disclaimer and Privacy statement of this site.

**Enter the group entry code:**

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These codes are needed should you have to return to the surveys to complete them or to look at your *On-The-Fly results*. Please keep these codes to yourself.

- Once you have recorded, printed or emailed the codes, please click ‘next’ to continue

This click will take you to the questionnaires. Please complete all sections.

- The identification and profile questions
- Doyle Questionnaire
- Post Critical Belief Scale
- Melbourne Scale
- Victoria Scale

Answer the questions quickly and intuitively. In your answers, give your honest personal opinion.

When completing the Doyle Questionnaire, the Melbourne Scale and the Victoria Scale you encounter two kinds of questions:

1. **Current practice** in your school. To answer these questions think about how you experience your school now.
2. **My ideal school**. To answer these questions, think about what you would like your Catholic school to be or become in the future.

You school may ask you to print a Certificate of Completion. This option only arises when the whole of the survey is completed even if taking more than one session to do so.
AN INVITATION TO PARENTS
CONSIDERING ENROLMENT FOR THEIR CHILD FOR 2017

PREP ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Dates: Monday 9th May, 7.00pm
or
Tuesday 17th May, 7.00pm

Enrolment folders will be distributed during the evening.

Alternatively, enrolment folders may be obtained from

The School Office
Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm

SCHOOL TOURS

Wednesday 25th May 11.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 2nd June 11.30am - 12.30pm

ALL WELCOME

CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENTS - FRIDAY 17th JUNE, 2016
Greetings all families,
You are invited to the Winter Working Bee Saturday 14th MAY at St. Simons starting at 9am and ending with a great BBQ at 12pm. Please bring any gardening equipment like wheelbarrows shovels you can use for grounds improvement.

St. Simons Autumn Working Bee

Saturday 14th MAY 2016
From 9am till 12midday

The ______________________ Family is available on Saturday 14th May (9am - 12pm) for our working bee.
SAVE THE ORANGUTANS!
Come and join...

Marathon Club

Come and run with the Grade 6 Sport Leaders and become fit the fun way! Join us on the oval at 8:20 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Marathon Club concludes at 8:35.

Why Join Marathon Club?

Prepare for cross-country

Become fitter while having fun

Have competitions with your friends

Start your day with some exercise

Can you get your name on the shield?

Hope to see you there!
Parents’ Association News

Entertainment Books: We are now taking orders for Entertainment Books. This year customers have a choice and can choose the Book Membership or the Digital Membership, both packed with amazing businesses. They only cost $65 each and $13 from each sale goes directly to the school.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque to St Simon’s Parents’ Association. Payment can also be made by Credit Card directly to Entertainment Books by completing the attached form or via the secure online payments at the following URL https://www.entbook.com.au/187n821. If you are using the online payment method and choose to order a Book Membership we will receive notification of your payment and book/s can be sent to you through the tub system unless you opt to pay an additional delivery charge. For enquiries regarding this please phone Hayley on 0439 391 343.

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser: This term we are running our annual Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser and the boxes will be distributed later in the term. The OPT OUT period has now closed for the Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser 2016. If you did not OPT OUT and contribute $25, a box of chocolates will be delivered on the 13th May. Please note as this is a consumable product no returns (full or part boxes) can be accepted once delivered. Any queries please contact Leanne on 0412 095 941.

Mother’s Day Stall: We will be holding our annual Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 5th May. We have a great range of gifts for Mum ranging from $2 to $5. We will also be running the ever popular lucky dip. Please see the attached flyer. If you are able to help run our stall on the day, please fill out the helpers slip and return to the Parents’ Association. Morning Tea and a light lunch provided. If you have any queries please contact Tracy on 0400 129 728.

Pizza Day: We hope you all enjoyed your pizza today. Thank you to all the parents who helped distribute the pizzas to the classrooms in record time so the children could enjoy a warm lunch. Without your generous help, days like these would not be possible.

Remember: All flyers are available at the School Office
St Simon’s Parents’ Association proudly presents:

Mother’s Day Stall 2016

Date: Thursday 5 May

- Gifts will be available for purchase from $2 to $5
- All gifts hand chosen by mums for mums. No daggy coat hangers or tea-towels!!
- And the ever popular ‘lucky dip’ is back! Only $2 per gift
- Please send your child to school with a plastic bag to keep their goodies safe (as well as guarded from mum’s eyes—and those moldy bananas in the school bag!!)
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- THE POINT: $50 value
- TAXI KITCHEN: $50 value

360+ Casual Dining Offers!
- FRIDAYS: $40 value
- HOFBRÄUHAUS: $40 value
- BRUNELLI: $35 value
- HOTEL SORRENTO: $40 value
- Beer DeLuxe: $40 value
- the Groove Train: $25 value

200+ Takeaway and Attraction Offers!
- McDonald’s: 2 for 1
- AFL: 2 for 1
- CRUST: 25% off
- Bing Boy: 2 for 1
- Event Cinemas: 2 for 1

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- Emirates
- Woolworths
- Crown Towers
- David Jones
- Isaiah’s

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St Simons Parents Association
Contact: Hayley Doran Phone: 0439 391 343 Email: hayley_sue@hotmail.com

To order your Book or your Digital Membership securely online visit: www.entbook.com.au/187n821

OR - Alternatively complete the order form below and return to the contact above

MELBOURNE Edition $65 inc GST: # Book(s) # Digital Membership(s) $________

GEELONG Edition $60 inc GST: # Book(s) # Digital Membership(s) $________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $________

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Credit Card number: ________________________ Expiry date: __________/________ CVV*: __________

Cardholder’s name: __________________________________________ Signature: __________________________

Pre-Purchase before 12th April 2016 to receive Early Bird Bonus Offers you can use straight away! (Subject to availability)

20% from every membership sold contributes to supporting our fundraising
St Simon’s Parish Fundraising Events Planned for 2016
- Meet & Greet Lunch, 1st May 12pm – 5pm, Parish Hall.
- Dinner Dance, 18th June, 7pm – onwards, Parish Hall.
- Family Feud, Date TBC, Parish Hall.
- High Tea, 11th September 12pm & 2pm, Parish Hall.

Please save the dates in your diary. More details will follow closer to each event.

Add your ribbon to the Loud Fence
To show solidarity with survivors of abuse (as done in the Ballarat parish), we ask you to tie a ribbon, found in a basket in the church foyer, to the front fence of our church.

Learn to Crochet
Every Tuesday in the Meeting Place from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All welcome.

WOOL URGENTLY NEEDED
Prayer Shawl Ministry is in urgent need of wool donations. Please kindly drop off at Help Desk or into the Parish Office. We meet at 2pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Next meeting, 19th May. All welcome.

Preparing for Pentecost
“Throw open the windows of the church & let the fresh air of the spirit blow through.”
~ Pope John XXIII

Session –
Friday 10.00am May 6th
Tuesday 8.00pm May 3rd
Final Session: Being Open to the Holy Spirit

Come and enjoy the afternoon with friends and good music
1st May 2016
12pm—5pm in the Parish Hall
Cost $10.00 pp. Bring a plate to share.
Please leave your name at the help desk or contact the Parish Office