Dear Parents,

Over the past two weeks the school has been involved in 2017 Prep Information meetings. We start each meeting with a prayer that relates to the importance of the parent, school and parish all working together for the good of the child. The following prayer highlights the strength that comes from parents, school and parish working together in the education of the child.

The Sculpture
I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child’s mind.
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher, the tools she used were books and music and art;
One was a parent with a guiding hand and a gentle, loving heart.
Day after day, the teacher toiled with touch that was deft and sure.
While the parent laboured alongside and polished and smoothed it over.
And when at last their tasks were done
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had moulded into a child could neither be sold nor brought.
And each agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone for behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.

The Sacrament of First Communion – Will be held Sunday 29th May at 2pm and 4pm and Saturday 4th June at 2pm and 4pm.

Medication – If a child requires medication at school, parents are asked to send the completed St. Simon’s medical permission form to the school. Due to legal requirements no child can be administered medicine unless written permission is given by the parents / guardian and the child’s name must be on the medication. This is a legal obligation for both the school and the parent.

Name Tags – Parents are asked to place name tags on all items of school clothing and are asked to check the items of clothing regularly. There are school jumpers and coats that children leave around the school and then sometimes collect another child’s school jumper or coat by mistake. If items of clothing are named then it is easier to return to the child when found.

Working Bee – Thank you to the following families who attended the working bee on Saturday – Bignoux, Blangiardo, Bowers, Pulitano, Rajasingham and West.

Prep Enrolment 2017 – Current families must return the enrolment application. Enrolment is not automatic. APPLICATION FORMS FOR PREP 2017 MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE BETWEEN 8.30AM AND 3.30PM. Closing date for enrolments is Friday, 17th June, 2016.

School Tours Parents who are considering sending their child to St. Simon’s in 2017 are invited to attend the School Tours on Wednesday 25th May and Thursday 2nd June commencing at 11.30am and concluding at 12.30pm. Student Leaders will be available to conduct tour groups during these times.
School Reports: Will be sent home on Friday 17th June and Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held on Monday 20th June and Thursday 23rd June. The parent/teacher meetings commence at 3.30pm and conclude at 8.00pm on both days. Information regarding this will be sent home with the school reports.

Extra Curricula Activities Term 2 Weeks 7 & 8

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Teacher’s Car Park – Parents are not permitted to drive into the teacher’s car park. This is extremely dangerous to children between 8.15am and 9.15am and between 3.00pm and 3.45pm.

School Closure Day – On Friday 10th June all staff will be involved in a professional development day. There will be no school for children on this day.

Tax Deductible Contributions – Attached to Contact is information regarding St. Simon’s School Building Fund. Money raised assists the school maintain its existing buildings and helps with improvements around the school. Donations made before 30th June are tax deductible. The form can also be downloaded from the school website under PARENTS/BUILDING FUND.

Congratulations – To the Peiris family on the birth of Talia, sister to Amaya (Prep Y) and Rylan (3Y).

Prayers – Please keep the Roy family in your prayers and thoughts as Brendon (6Y) Grandfather died recently.

The Good Manners Award goes to Gemma Marguglio (5B) and Uniform Award goes to Jack Porcino (3Y). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

SCHOOL TOURS WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY & THURSDAY 2ND JUNE FROM 11.30AM TO 12.30PM

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OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL FEES: Unless you are on a monthly plan or have a special arrangement, the 2nd instalment of $500 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.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Talking Arm

A man went to visit his doctor. "Doc, my arm hurts bad. Can you check it out please?" The doctor rolls up the man’s sleeve and suddenly hears the arm talk.

"Hello, Doctor," says the arm. "Could you lend me twenty bucks please? I'm desperate!"

"Aha!" says the doctor, "I see the problem. Your arm is broke!"
SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM 2016: Prep Health Questionnaires have been sent home via the tub. Completing this questionnaire enables parents to raise any concerns they may have regarding their child’s health and development. These must be returned to the school office by tomorrow, Friday 20th May regardless of whether you wish your child to participate.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE #4: The deadline for the next Bookclub is Monday 23rd May. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED. Remember to include your child’s name and grade on the order.

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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ST SIMON’S WEBSITE: To read the minutes from the Parents’ Association Meeting click on the link - http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/parent-resources-1/parents-association and go to the end of the page.

MARATHON CLUB
EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING ON THE ST. SIMON’S OVAL BETWEEN 8.20AM AND 8.40AM. Everybody welcome, open to all year levels and parents.

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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AN INVITATION TO PARENTS CONSIDERING ENROLMENT FOR THEIR CHILD FOR 2017
Enrolment folders may be obtained from the School Office
Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.30pm

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Savannah Foti (2B), William Woolmore (2G) and Vivienne Bowyer-Smyth (2Y) for being very creative with felt task.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Cassandra Lim (3G), Thomas Macchi (3G).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Noah Reeves (1G), Charlie Dobson (4G).

MUSIC NEWS: Well done to Thomas Dobson (4R), Jayda Muller (3G) and Nathania Rajasingham (3G) who are now on their Yellow Belt, Eloise Foti (4B) who has her Orange Belt and Brianna Farrugia (4R) who has begun her Blue Book. Amazing work by Arjun Gangatharan (4G) who has achieved his Red Belt and on his final book and Daniel Nittoli (4G) on receiving his Brown Belt, one left before becoming Black Belt!! FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT.
**CANTEEN NEWS:** Due to electrical issues we need to close the canteen until this problem is rectified, I really appreciate everyone's patience and hopefully this will be fixed very soon, it is totally out of my control but we are onto it. I will notify everyone as soon as we are back up and running. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Kind regards, Tamara Dell'Aquila Canteen Co-ordinator

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**UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM:** Order form available on school website at [http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/uniform](http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/uniform)

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**PARISH NEWS**

**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

**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](http://www.nazareth.vic.edu.au)

**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:** Next Open day – Tuesday 19th July at 9.30am

**LIBERTY AVE 3 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN:** We currently have a few positions available for the 2016 school year. We have been a part of the local community for 21 years now and take pride in offering families a high quality early childhood program, delivered by our qualified and experienced educators. For further information or to secure a position for 2016 or future years, please contact Tracey on 0421 305 185, email to libertyavenue3yo@live.com or check out our new website at [www.libertyavenuekinder.com.au](http://www.libertyavenuekinder.com.au) Address – 77 Liberty Ave Rowville Ph 9764 4746.

**FAMILY CARE SISTERS:** The Family Care Sisters facility at 69 Alto Ave., Croydon, offers holistic care to all women (AGED 20+ - 70 yrs) who are in need of a peaceful environment, ‘time out’, support or nurturing. Our residential program operates each week, Monday – Friday (Feb. – mid Dec). A daily group session is held on topics such as ‘relaxation’, ‘well-being’, ‘self-awareness’, ‘boundaries’, etc. Cost: $175 (which can be paid in instalments). In 2016 we are trialling Day Programs on topics such as “Boundaries”, “Dreams”, “Genograms” etc For further information or to book in: contact us on ph, 9723 6797. Email reshome.familycare@bigpond.com Web [www.familycaresisters.com.au](http://www.familycaresisters.com.au)

**WORLDWIDE 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.*

**2016 Melbourne weekend dates:** 17-19 June, 19-21 Aug, 11-13 Nov

**Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.**

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

**SUPER SPEAK:** Is Melbourne’s award winning public speaking & drama programme for 6 – 15 year olds, runs fun weekly classes for students to help them to develop confidence and skill in presentations, performance and everyday communication. Rowville classes are held on Monday afternoons. For more information, timetable and enrolments visit [www.superspeak.com.au](http://www.superspeak.com.au) or call 9572 5249.

**HELEN O’GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY:** *Act, Create, Communicate.* The difference is dramatic… Boost your child’s creativity, confidence and communication skills. Self-development through drama. Enrolling now, new term starts soon. For students aged (5-17 years). Classes held nearby in Bayswater, Croydon, Ferntree Gully, Kallista, Knoxfield, Lilydale, Mooroolbark, Ringwood, Rowville and Wantirna. To find out how your child can benefit from attending our wonderful program, please phone **Principal Karen Booth** on 9754 1116, [www.helenogradly.com.au](http://www.helenogradly.com.au)

**GOOD SHEPHERD BUYING SERVICE:** The Good Shepherd Buying Service is a free state-wide telephone service assisting Pension/ Health Care Card holders and various non-profit community groups to obtain lower prices on household goods. In utilising an established and trusted network of traders, the Buying Service is able to negotiate discounted prices on a range of items which include fridges, washing machines, air conditioning/heating units, TVs, furniture, beds and other select appliances.

The Buying Service is available to assist with your pricing requests, with no obligation to buy, for both metropolitan and regional areas. The Buying Service is NOT a retail outlet.

To get a quote, look for the item that suits your needs then call the Buying Service with the BRAND and MODEL NUMBER of the item. Visit our website for further information. Tel. 9495 9655 or fax 9270 9350 [buyservice@goodshepvic.org.au](mailto:buyservice@goodshepvic.org.au)
**CatholicCare fundraiser.**

**Class Coin Trail**

This week, each class is collecting as many coins from home as possible to help *CatholicCare* in their mission to help the less fortunate people in our world.

Give your spare change to your teacher, and next week the Social Justice leaders will come and measure your class trail.

**Will your class have the longest coin trail?**
Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser: After a rocky start to Thursday's delivery day of the Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser boxes we did finally receive our Freddo Fun Packs at 2pm. Unfortunately, the Cadbury delivery man was trying to deliver the incorrect 350 boxes at 11am. After calling Cadbury and returning the incorrect stock, we received the correct stock at 2pm.

Thanks to the helpers that stayed from 11am and continued to help until the end at 3:15 on the day: Franca Paduano, Marie DiScala, Belinda Rubino, Leanne Wood, Dannii Hollioake, Sarah Sargeant, Carrie Rhodes Maryanne D'Angelo. And to those wonderful ladies that came to assist after an urgent call out: Linda Powell, Jodie Smart, Sharon Morgan, Gina Hau, Marie Pulitano, Marisa Blangiardo. Without that extra help we would have been struggling to get the chocolates sorted prior to the end of school. It’s great to know we have such a wonderful support system with our parents.

Please remember to return money or cheque (payable to St Simon's Parents' Association) by Thursday the 2nd June with your child’s name and class on the envelope. Prompt payment of the chocolates would be greatly appreciated to allow us to finalise payment with Cadbury and close the fundraiser before the end of June.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.
St Simon the Apostle Parish
2 Taylors Lane, Rowville 3178
☎ (03) 9764 4058 ☎ (03) 9764 5154
office@stsimonsparish.com.au  ➡ www.stsimonsparish.com.au

St Simon’s Parish Fundraising
Events Planned for 2016
- Dinner Dance, 18th June, 7pm – onwards, 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.

Ladies Retreat
Sunday July 31st 2016
St Paul’s Missionary College
Norton’s Lane, Wantirna.
Facilitator: Angela Jane Lecomber BSc (Hons), PGCE, M.Phil, MPD. Angela is the founder of healing the feminine for Christian women. She is an Educator, Curriculum writer and Executive producer of Walking with Love DVD and Study Guide. See flyer in Church foyer.
Register early with the parish to ensure a place.

Bread Runners Required for once a month
SVDP is looking for volunteers to deliver bread to about 9-10 less fortunate homes in Rowville/Lysterfield area either on Monday nights or Tuesday mornings.
The bread will be delivered to bread runners house on Monday nights at 8.15pm. Please contact Valerie on 0403 347 388 if you can assist.

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.

St Simon’s Parish
St Simons Parish Hall
18th June 2016 at 7.00 pm
$65 per person
Ticket price includes a fabulous 3 course meal, a bottle of red and white wine per table, entertainment and auctions.
Music Provided by Midnight Mist
Plenty of prizes! BYO Drinks Book Now
Limited Seats Available Bookings by 30/05/2016
Purchase tickets at the Help Desk after mass
Or contact St Simon’s Parish office on 9764 4058
Dress: Semi Formal

Dinner Dance
Tax Deductible Contributions

The St. Simon’s School Building Fund was established during 2005 and is accepting donations.

The School Building Fund’s purpose is to raise monies to assist the school maintain its existing buildings and help finance future construction.

Funds raised have been used on a series of improvements around the school which, without the School Building Fund, would otherwise remain unattended or delayed.

Donations made before 30th June are tax deductible in the financial year the donation is made.

If you wish to make a donation, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the school with your payment.

Receipts will be issued for all donations of $2 and over.

All donations are voluntary.

Your support is gratefully accepted.

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Yes, we want to make a donation to the St Simon’s School Building Fund

Name: _____________________________ Child's Grade: _____________________________

I want to give an amount of:

☐ $20  ☐ $50  ☐ $100  ☐ $200  ☐ Other $______________

Gifts of $2 and over are tax deductible. A receipt will be issued to you.

Payment options:

☐ CASH – return this tear-off slip with your gift amount to the School Office

☐ CHEQUE – return this tear-off slip with your cheque made payable to the “St. Simon’s School Building Fund” to the School Office

Thank you! Your gift is tax deductible.