Dear Parents,

On 31st July we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Ignatius Loyola who founded the Jesuit Order of Priests and Brothers. Our present Pope Francis is a member of the Jesuit Order.

St Ignatius of Loyola was founder of the Society of Jesus (SJ) St Ignatius was born on 24 December 1491, the year before Columbus discovered the New World. His birthplace was the great castle of Loyola in Guipuzcoa, in the Basque country of northwest Spain. There were three daughters and eight sons in the family and he was the youngest.

Ignatius led a very worldly life during the first thirty years of his life as a nobleman. When he was 25 he enlisted in the army and saw service in border warfare against the French.

A Changed Life
In 1521 when defending the Spanish fortress of Pamplona, Ignatius’ right leg was shattered by a cannon ball. His French captors, impressed by his courage, carried him across Spain to his family home, where he began a long period of recovery.

During his convalescence, he experienced the gift of God’s consolation in such a way that his life changed forever and after a long, serious reflection, he decided to devote the rest of his life to outstanding service of God. In 1534 after finishing his studies he was ordained to the priesthood.

Society of Jesus: Then and Now
During his studies in Paris, Ignatius was able to attract six university students, all guided by him through prayer and spiritual exercises. They became the first members of the Society of Jesus which is known today as the Jesuits. In 1540 Pope Paul II formally approved the Jesuits a religious order. St. Ignatius died on 31st July, 1556.

The prayer below is the Prayer for Jesuits and the prayer that Pope Francis lives by.

Dearest Lord,

   teach me to be generous:
   teach me to serve you as you deserve:
   to give,
   and not to count the cost,
   to fight,
   and not to heed the wounds,
   to toil,
   and not to seek for rest,
   to labour,
   and not to ask reward,
   excepting that of knowing that
   I do your holy will.

Grandparents Day – A special thank you to our Year 1R class and Miss Spriggs on the manner in which they presented the Year 1 Grandparents Day Liturgy. I would also like to thank the grandparents who attended the liturgy and then visited the classrooms. A special thank you to the Parents’ Association on providing a morning tea for the families attending the liturgy.

Rotary Speech Night – Last Tuesday two of our Year 6 students participated in the Rowville/ Lysterfield Rotary Speech Competition. Our two students were Joseph Beyrooti and Matthew Bray. Joseph spoke on “If I could change the World” and Matthew spoke on “My Favourite Animal”. Both students were a credit to our school.

I would like to thank the Rowville/ Lysterfield Rotary Club on organizing this competition and Mr David Mann, Principal at Park Ridge Primary School for hosting the competition.

Early Arrivals Over the past three weeks the number of children arriving early at school and not attending before school care has increased. Please note if children arrive at school before 8.20am they must attend before school care. There are no teachers on duty until 8.20am and therefore any child at school before this time is not supervised.
Mrs Brenda Harriss – Last week Mrs Brenda Harriss, a parishioner at St. Simon’s Parish died unexpectedly. Brenda was an outstanding contributor to our parish and school. At the time Brenda died she was involved in nine areas of parish life. Brenda and her husband Brian have been an asset to our community and we will miss Brenda. I would ask families to keep the Harriss family in your prayers and thoughts.

**Year 6 Parents Graduation Meeting** – Will be on Wednesday 17th August at 2.30pm. This will be a short meeting to form a committee and plan the meetings leading into the year 6 graduation.

**Year 1 Prayer Night** – Will be on Wednesday 7th September at 6.30pm.

**School Closure Day** – The school closure day for Term 3 is Monday 22nd August. Please note the change. This is due to the District Athletics on Friday 19th August.

**Extra Curricula Activities Term 2 Weeks 4 & 5**

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**Working With Children Check** – from Monday 1st August 2016 it will be compulsory for all parents who volunteer at the school either in classrooms, on excursions or helping in the canteen, to ensure they have a valid WWC Check. Renewal reminders to those parents who no longer have a valid WWC check have been sent home. Please ensure you have updated your details online and included St. Simon’s as the organization. More information can be found on the following link: https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwceu/login.do?next=mycheck. See the general information guide attached to Contact.

**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.

**2017 Prep Enrolment** – If there are any current families who still have not submitted an application form for Prep 2017, please do so as soon as possible as we need to finalize our enrolment list.

**Re-enrolment 2017 School Year** – Re-enrolment forms for 2017 are being sent home soon and are due back by Friday 5th August 2016. These require your URGENT AND PROMPT ATTENTION as class groupings for 2017 are based on these returns – therefore it is essential we have accurate figures in order to complete arrangements for 2017. The highlighted sections are the most important. Obviously Grade 6s are not included. Also take note if there are any updates that are required to the Contact information please feel free to make the necessary changes on the form.

The Good Manners Award goes to Mason Grundy (Prep Y) and Uniform Award goes to Alex Joseph (5Y). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

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**FINAL TUITION FEE DUE TOMORROW FRIDAY 29TH JULY 2016**

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**OFFICE NEWS**

SCHOOL FEES: Accounts have been sent home. Unless you have an arrangement in place, parents are reminded that all fees except Years 3 & 4 camps and swimming are now due and payable by Friday 29th July. Prompt payment is appreciated.

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

A wife asks her husband: “Please go shopping for me. Buy a carton of milk and if they have avocados, get six.” A short time later the husband comes back with six cartons of milk.

The wife asks: “Why did you buy six cartons of milk?” He replied: “They had avocados.”
BIRTHDAY WISHES
Wishing the following students a very happy birthday.

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MAKING OURSCHOOL BETTER CAMPAIGN

Dear Parents,
As a community, we are looking for ways in which we can improve what we do here at St Simon’s. Please follow the link below and take a few minutes to answer 2 questions and have your say in the direction of your children’s school.

http://goo.gl/forms/q7JM15rzwoXDkJqGq1

ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

REMINDER - RUBBISH FREE lunchbox (no wrappers) every THURSDAY.

ANIMAL CLUB NEWS: Animal Club is holding a competition/ raffle. The prize is a stuffed toy orangutan! There are two orangutans to win!

What to do:
1. Write three facts about Gokong off the fact sheet that the students have been handed.
2. Then go to The Orangutan project www.orangutan.org.au and find two of Gokong’s friends that are available for adoption.
3. Once you have done that, write it all on a piece of paper with your name printed on it.
4. Then address it to "Animal Club" and put in the office tub by 19/08/2016. We will announce the winner on this date.

Good luck!
By Emma and Elisha from Animal Club

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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MUSIC NEWS: Congratulations to Alec Karabacakian (4B) on receiving his Green Belt and new book. The following students are now working through their Yellow Belt: Xavier Orbien (3G), Dylan Kruger (3Y), Jamie Walters (3B), Suzie Mei-Jones (3B), Zoe Reeves (3G), Caitlin Dwyer (3B), Elijah Pascuzzi (3G), Kiara Martenstyn (3B), Dean Provenzano (3B) and Natasha Congiu (3B). Great effort everyone!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Sophia Fabien (6Y), Deanna Azucena (6R) and Matthew Christie (6B) for a great start with saint task.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Alessia Blasi (3Y) & Manny Franes (3R).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Darcy Jean (1R) & Bastian Autenrieth (Prep R).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Nathaniel Louey (6Y) and Haig Karabacakian (6Y) for being creative with their lyrics to our class song.

CANTEEN NEWS: For a limited time only we have fried rice with ham. When ordering fried rice please specify vegetarian or with ham, prices are the same for either. Please ensure you are using the current price list.

CANTEEN ROSTER:

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STEWARDSHIP PARISH INFORMATION MEETING: Everything we have and all we are is a gift from God. Life itself is God’s gift to us. Our family, our friends, the time we have and our talents have been given to us. Our ability to use these gifts to earn an income is also God’s gift. Our Stewardship challenge is to develop and then share our gifts with others – no strings attached. We share these gifts out of our love for God and in gratitude to him.

When: Thursday 4th August at 7.30pm to discuss our achievement, hear about our plans and learn more about Stewardship. ALL SCHOOL PARENTS ARE INVITED.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our Community is in need of your help!

In the Church foyer, we currently have a couple of thousand letters for people in our Parish community and we need your assistance in getting these to families who are unable to get to Church.

If you are able to help by taking a bunch of envelopes to deliver in your street, that would be absolutely fantastic and very much appreciated. Delivering some letters to letter boxes in your street will save our community a huge amount in postage fees, so that the money can be used for other worthy causes.

All the letters are grouped by street name, making it easy for you to find a bunch for your street.

Thank you in anticipation.

Mr John Downie, Religious Education Leader

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

AVILA COLLEGE 'OPEN SCHOOL' MORNING – Avila College would like to invite prospective students and their parents to our next Open School Morning on Wednesday, August 10th. The morning commences at 9am with a College tour followed by a presentation by the Principal, Ms Louise Gunther and the College Leadership Team. Our final Open Morning for 2016 will be in Term 4 – on Thursday 20th October. Online registration is now available by visiting www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au clicking on Enrolment and then Open Mornings. Phone 9831 9600. Parking is limited, so please allow time for parking in nearby streets.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Members of the St. Simon’s community are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Mater Christi School Tour on Sunday 7th August 10.00am to 11.00am. For more details contact 9754 6611. Enrol now for 2018 & 2019. Limited places available for 2017.

MAZENOD COLLEGE: Tuesday 11th October from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Tours commence 9.30am, 10.30am & 11.30am.

NAZARETH COLLEGE: School Tour Friday 22nd July &Tuesday 9th August from 9.00am. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9795 8100.

ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Tuesday 19th July 9.30am & Wednesday 24th August at 9.30am.

NAZARETH COLLEGE OPEN MORNINGS: Nazareth College has a number of Open Mornings scheduled this term –

- Tuesday 9th August,
- Thursday 18th August,
- Wednesday 31st August,
- Tuesday 13th September.

All Open Mornings commence at 9.00am. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9795 8100.

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: 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

KNOX REGIONAL NETBALL CENTRE – Wednesday & Friday Ladies Competitions: The Centre is seeking ladies to participate in its Wednesday & Friday Ladies Competitions. Games are played indoors on sprung wooden floors with qualified umpires. There is a free crèche which is staffed by qualified childcare workers. Uniform requirements are relaxed with teams able to wear leggings, skirts, shorts etc. We would love to welcome new teams. For more information please contact the Centre on 9758 7191 or email KnoxNetballCentre@knox.vic.gov.au.

ST. JOHN’S NETBALL CLUB: Are now taking registrations for the Spring competition. Players of all ages and all abilities welcome. For enquiries contact stjohnsnetballftg@gmail.com or visit our website www.stjohnsnetballclub.wordpress.com

UPWEY F.T.GULLY BASEBALL CLUB: Looking for a great sport to play? Try Baseball! Boys and girls of all ages and abilities welcome. Great game, great family club. Registration and Information Day Sunday 14th August 9.30am to 1pm. Free sausage sizzle. For more information about our club please visit our website or email: www.upweyftgbaseballclub.com juniorpresident@upweyftgbaseballclub.com or call 0418 591 921. Address – Kings Park, Willow Road Upper Ferntree Gully,
What is the Working with Children Check?
The Working with Children Check (the Check) helps protect children from physical and sexual harm. By screening a person's criminal and professional conduct records, the Check aims to prevent people who may harm children from working with them.

Who needs a Check?
Under the Working with Children Act 2005 (the Act), you need a Check only if you meet ALL of the following six conditions for child-related work:
1. You are an adult volunteering or paid to work with children aged under 18 years of age.
2. You are working with children in one of the services, places or bodies listed in the Act as 'Occupational fields'.
3. Your work involves direct contact with children, which means you are able to talk face-to-face or have physical contact with children.
4. The contact you have with children is part of your duties.
5. Your contact with children is not directly supervised by another person.
6. You are not exempt from having a Check*.

*Details are on the Working with Children website, under 'Exemptions'.

It is an offence to start child-related work without applying for a Check first.
Your organisation is also committing an offence if they ask you to start child-related work before you have applied for a Check.

Ministers of religion
All ministers of religion are now required to pass the Check unless the contact they have with children is only occasional and always incidental to their work.
Child-related work for ministers is defined more broadly than for everyone else. For ministers, child-related work is not limited to work involving direct and unsupervised contact with children. Any contact with children, unless it is only occasional and incidental, is enough to trigger the requirement to get checked. This would include having children present in their congregation, or attendance at schools or children’s camps, even when all their contact with children is supervised.

Full details are on the Working with Children website, under 'Who needs a Check'?

How do I apply?
To apply for a Check:
- fill in the online form on the Working with Children website, under 'Apply for a Check'
- print out the application summary and receipt
- lodge the summary and receipt at a participating Australia Post retail outlet, along with 100 points of identification, a passport-size and quality photo, and the non-refundable fee for an Employee Check. Volunteer Checks are free.

It is an offence to use a Volunteer Check for paid child-related work.

Can I work during the screening process?
The Act allows most people to do child-related work during the screening process. However, by law, you must not if you:
- have been charged with, convicted or found guilty of a serious sexual, violent or drug offence listed in clause 2 of Schedule 3 of the Act
- have been given a Negative Notice and not subsequently passed the Check
- will be supervising a child in employment under the Child Employment Act 2003
- will be working in a service regulated by the Children’s Services Regulations 1996 or in an education and care service under the Education and Care Services National Law (Victoria)
- are required to report or be supervised under the:
  o Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004
  o Serious Sex Offenders Monitoring Act 2005
  o Serious Sex Offenders (Detention and Supervision) Act 2009.

Ask your organisation about working during the screening process, as some organisations only allow applicants to work after they have passed the Check.
What is checked?
You are screened for serious sexual, violent and drug offences and adverse professional conduct reports made by the agencies listed in the Act. The list of offences is on our website. The protection of children is the paramount consideration for any decision made under the Act.

How do I know if I have passed the Check?
The Department of Justice & Regulation notifies both you and your organisation if you pass the Check. The Check is valid for five years unless the department suspends or revokes it. You must apply to renew your Check before it expires if you want to continue doing child-related work.

Sample WWC Check card

What if I don’t pass the Check?
If the department believes you pose an unjustifiable risk to children, it will notify you that it intends to prohibit you from working with children by issuing you an Interim Negative Notice. This gives you the opportunity to write to the department and ask it to consider the reasons why you think you should pass the Check. If, after the department considers your reasons, you fail the Check, the department will issue you with a Negative Notice prohibiting you from working with children.

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How is my privacy protected?
The department is bound by privacy and confidentiality laws. It will notify your organisation when you pass or fail the Check and if your card is ever suspended or revoked, but it does not provide any details of your offences or the adverse decisions about your professional conduct.

Is the Working with Children Check the same as the Police Check?
No. The Working with Children Check screens your criminal and professional conduct records and rigorously assesses any relevant sexual, violent or drug offences over your lifetime. The Police Check lists offences at a given point in time. The Working with Children Check monitors a cardholder’s criminal and professional conduct records for the life of their card. The Police Check does not. As the checks are quite different, some organisations require both checks. More details on the differences between the checks are on the Working with Children website, under ‘How is a Police Check different?’

More Information

Website  www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au
Email  workingwithchildren@justice.vic.gov.au
Customer Support Team  1300 652 879
8.30am–5pm, Monday–Friday (except public holidays)
TTY  13 36 77
Speak & Listen  1300 555 727

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 50 and ask them to contact the Working with Children Customer Support Team.

Translations Download translations of this publication from our website.
Large print Email workingwithchildren@justice.vic.gov.au.

This information is intended as a general guide only. It is not intended to be given as legal advice and should not be relied upon as such. It is recommended that you obtain legal advice relevant to your particular circumstances.

Version: January 2016
Entertainment Books: By purchasing an Entertainment book through St Simon’s Parents’ Association, not only will you be saving yourself money on some great deals and helping the school to raise funds, but you could win glorious night’s accommodation at the luxurious Crown Towers Melbourne, with access to the elite Crystal Club and your very own, handcrafted piece of jewellery, designed for you by the Master Jeweller at Micheli Eurogold! Please see attached flyer on how to purchase a book.

Walkathon: The annual school Walkathon will be held on Thursday 18th of August 2016. This year we will be having an Olympic theme and students are encouraged to wear Olympic themed clothing. Volunteers are required to walk with the grades. Please find attached a flyer with further information on the walkathon and a Helper slip. If you are able to walk with a grade please fill in the slip and return to the Parent’s Association. Younger siblings and prams are most welcome to join the walk!

SAVE THE DATE:
SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2016

For the social event of the year! More details to follow shortly.

Remember: All PA flyers are available at the School office

Special Note: All PA return slips (this includes Pizza day orders, chocolate payments and any future events) will no longer be accepted at the Office. All PA ran events return slips will be required to go through the classroom tub system.
2016 Olympics Walkathon
Thursday 18 August

The Parents’ Association is endeavouring to raise funds to support the school. Our objective for this year is to raise $10,000 to improve the playground and facilities. If most families can raise $25, we are confident of achieving this goal!

**Key Walkathon dates**
Sponsorship forms distributed on **Monday 1 August**
Return of helpers form (see below) **Friday 12 August**
Walkathon to occur on **Thursday 18 August**

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**OLYMPIC GAMES THEME**
As the Walkathon will coincide with the 2016 Olympic Games, students are encouraged to wear Olympics themed sports clothing to school on the day of the Walkathon. These sports clothes should be:
- representing an Olympic sport (e.g. athletics, gymnastics, basketball); or
- in the colours of a country competing in the Olympic games.

**Important note:** all students should be wearing comfortable sports shoes during the Walkathon.

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**ATTN: ST SIMON’S PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION OLYMPICS WALKATHON**
I am able to help with the walkathon on Thursday 18th August.

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**Name**

**Contact Number**

**Eldest child’s grade**

* You may select more than one grade to walk with.

The St Simon’s Parents’ Association thanks you for volunteering your assistance and invites you for morning tea following completion of the walk. If you have any queries please contact Sue on 0409 530 920.
St Simon’s Parents Association - Rowville is pleased to be selling the 16|17 Entertainment™ Memberships as a fundraiser in 2016!

You can choose between the traditional Entertainment™ Book or you can purchase the Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone, all for just $65!

Purchase the NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Membership today and get a chance to WIN a glorious night’s accommodation at the luxurious Crown Towers Melbourne, with access to the elite Crystal Club and your very own, handcrafted piece of jewellery, designed for you by the Master Jeweller at Micheli Eurogold!

The Entertainment™ Memberships contain over 800 valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, attractions, hotels and retailers in Melbourne. Each Membership sold raises $13 for St Simon’s Parents Association - Rowville to help us raise much needed funds.

Please show your support by visiting the link below and purchase your Membership today:


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Our Stewardship Program invites you to join and participate in our parish groups and ministries. Be involved. Stay involved. By doing so you will ensure that OUR PARISH COMMUNITY continues to value engagement in parish life.

Every family received a Time & Talent sheet together with a Parish Brochure. Families are invited to participate in the life of the parish by joining a group or ministry. All families are also invited to attend our Parish Information Meeting. Details of the meeting are as follows:

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING

When: Thursday 4 August 2016
     7.30pm

Where: St Simon’s Church

Why: 
- Discuss our achievements
- Hear about our plans
- Learn more about Stewardship

Who: ALL SCHOOL PARENTS ARE INVITED!

RSVP: e-mail to suzette@stsimonsparish.com.au or complete an RSVP card at Mass this weekend

"Help one another – this is what Jesus teaches us and this is what I am doing, and doing with all my heart, because it is my duty. But it is a duty which comes from the heart: I love it. I love this and I love to do it because that is what the Lord has taught me to do.

But you too, help one another; help one another always. One another. In this way, by helping one another, we will do some good.”

Pope Francis
28 March 2013
Raising 21st Century Kids

POSITIVE ATTRIBUTE No. 1 Persistence

Teach children to persist

Michael Grose

The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success skills that you can teach a child.

There are numerous times every day when children must persist rather than give in. A toddler learning to tie shoes must persist. A primary aged student must show determination to finish tasks and a secondary student needs to work through difficulties, particularly those he doesn't understand or complete right away.

They need to be able to persist when work gets hard or life gets tough. They need the 'stickability' to work through difficulties and hang in there when things don't go their way.

Some children are more naturally predisposed to persist than others. They have a determined, even competitive streak in their temperament that doesn't allow them to give in. These children and young people can drive themselves very hard to succeed.

Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children. Research suggests that persistence is a temperament factor that can be improved over time.

Just as adults can promote persistence they can also impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don't have opportunities to persist or hang in there.

Parents who allow children to stop work when it gets too hard, stay home from school for a minor reason or give up on a sport because they are not succeeding straight away are not doing their children any favours. They are depriving children of opportunities to develop persistence.

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

Parents can be a sounding board for children's gripes but they should show confidence in their ability to cope and get through their difficulties. "You can do it" is far more powerful in terms of promoting an attitude of persistence than "If it is a little too hard then try something else."

Let children know that there is a correlation between effort and success. In fact, they need to learn that by GIVING EFFORT they will more than likely experience more success.

The ability to persist in the face of difficulties maybe an old-fashioned quality but it is one of the best success attributes that children will ever develop.

Try This . . .
PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

To promote persistence in your children try the following four strategies:

1. Develop a vocabulary for persistence. Terms like Hang Tough, Work Hard and Hang In There need to be part of their every day vocabulary.

2. Point out to children when they stick at a task. Let them see when they have been persistent and that persistence generally pays off.

3. Help children to remember times when they experienced success by HANGING IN when they were younger.

4. Talk about HARD WORK with your children. They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are NOT fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun, in reality, this is not always the case.

Action Plan

First Step . . .

Next Step . . .

For more ideas about promoting persistence in children visit www.parentingideas.com.au

What’s your child like?

How persistent is your child?

DOES HE

1. Stick at a task until it is completed, no matter what?  Yes 2 No 0

2. Become easily distracted by others when he has a task to complete? Yes 0 No 2

3. Complete lengthy assignments on time? Yes 2 No 0

4. Make excuses for difficult situations rather than face challenges? Yes 0 No 2

5. Never give in when playing a game or sport? Yes 0 No 2

SCORE:

10: A tough type. You have a terrier on your hands. Can be hard on himself.

6-8: Hangs in there. Maybe he has a balanced attitude.

0-4: Gives in easily. Needs to be reminded to hang in there.

Quote

"Persistence and patience have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."

John Quincy Adams

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