Dear Parents,

This weekend the parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Many of the children who are receiving the Sacrament are our Grade 6 students. On behalf of the school community we congratulate all the children who are receiving the Sacrament and remember them in our prayers and thoughts. Yesterday these children attended the Parish Reconciliation and the reverence and commitment these children showed was a credit to them.

Corinthians 12:4-13

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; And there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God Who activates all of them in everyone.
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, And to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
To another faith by the same Spirit,
To another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
To another the working of miracles,
To another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits,

To another various kinds of tongues,
To another the interpretation of tongues.
All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,
Who allot(s) to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
For just as the body is one and has many members,
And all the members of the body, though many, are one body,
So it is with Christ,
For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free —
And we were all made to drink of one Spirit,

The Gifts of the Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Love of the Lord.
Each one of us has all these gifts with some Gifts being stronger than the other Gifts.

Confirmation - The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this Saturday 13th August (2pm and 4pm) and Sunday 14th August (2pm and 4pm).

Curriculum Evening - This year’s Curriculum Night will be on Tuesday 13th September commencing at 6.30pm and concluding at 8pm. The focus will be Literacy in Religious Education.

St. Simon’s Students Playing on the MCG - Thanks to the St Simon’s Auskick centre, around twenty-five St Simon’s students will be playing footy on the MCG at halftime of the Hawthorn versus North Melbourne game this Saturday. Students from years 3, 4 and 5 will be representing Hawthorn in the main junior game and a Year 2 group will be playing an Auskick ‘grid game’. We wish all of the St Simon’s students the best of luck for this unforgettable experience.

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 3 Weeks 6 & 7

| Mon. 15th August Assumption Mass 11.30am (4B) |
| Thursday 18th August Walkathon |
| Friday 19th August District Athletics Day |
| Monday 22nd August Professional Development Day – No school |
| Wednesday 24th August Mixed Netball – Waverley Netball Centre |

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.

First Aid Course - Last Tuesday all staff attended a course to update their first aid qualifications. This course included general first aid, Anaphylaxis & Asthma awareness, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Diabetes awareness.

One major area that we must focus on is an awareness that all “Action Plans” for children are up to date and detailed. If a child has a medical condition and the “Action Plan” is not updated, the student will not be able to attend any excursions or out of school activities. Parents are sent home reminders at the start of each school year to update their child/ren’s Action Plan. These updated Action Plans must be returned to the school immediately. If a child has a condition that may require medication then that medication must be current and not out of date. The school cannot provide any medication for a student if their medication has expired. This includes any asthma medication, Epipen or allergy medications.

Parents are requested to take up a membership with Ambulance Victoria. We will not hesitate to contact the Ambulance service if needed and it could be a costly expense to the parents if they don’t have a membership.

If you have any concerns regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school. Our number one priority is the safety and health of all children at St. Simon’s.
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.

Katie Edgar – The Class 3 Red teacher for the remainder of the school year will be Mrs. Katie Edgar. I would also like to thank Mrs. Ivana Dabb for teaching Year 3 Red for the past three weeks.

The Good Manners Award goes to Anthony Rowe (5G) and Uniform Award goes to Phoenix Whitty (5G). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – MONDAY 22ND AUGUST 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

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OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL FEES: Unless you have an arrangement in place, parents are reminded that all fees except Years 3 & 4 camps and swimming are now overdue. Prompt payment is appreciated.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Shortly after take off on a flight from Melbourne to Perth, the flight attendant makes an announcement.

“It appears there has been a terrible mix up by our catering service. I don’t know how this has happened, but we have 100 passengers on board and unfortunately, we received only 40 dinner meals.”

When the muttering of the passengers has died down, she continues, “Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so someone else can eat will receive free, unlimited drinks for the rest of the flight.”

Two hours later, the flight attendant makes another announcement. “If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners dinners available.”

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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ATTENTION PARENTS: There has been a report of head lice in Grade 1 Red this week. Please check your children’s hair. Thank you.

MUSIC NEWS: Amazing work by Ava Goldenberg (4B) for completing all three books of the Recorder Program. Congratulations to the following students who have now received their Yellow Belts: Sienna Bright (3Y), Briana Iannetta (3G), Lily Cribben-Matthews (3Y), Alessia Blasi (3Y), Adam Bowers (3Y), Daniel Liang (3Y), Kevin Martin (3Y), Luca Palermo (3Y), Talia Giguetti (3Y), Lochic Dal Ben (3B) and Amelia Bianco (3B).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Darcy Jean (1R), Anjalee Jacob-Herath M. (1B) & Alessia Dalle Nogare (1Y) for awesome mask art task.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Jacob Perera (5R)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Lolita Ordenes (4B) & Sharanya Ahielan (2G)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Ava Goldenberg (4B)

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.

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UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM: Order form available on school website at http://www.sswlowville.catholic.edu.au/uniform

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CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

AVILA COLLEGE 'OPEN SCHOOL' MORNING - 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.

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

NAZARETH COLLEGE: School Tours - Thursday 18th August, Wednesday 31st August and Tuesday 13th September from 9.00am. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9795 8100.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Wednesday 24th August at 9.30am.

KNOX REGIONAL NETBALL CENTRE – Wednesday & Friday Ladies Competitions: The Centre is seeking ladies to participate in its Wednesday & Weekly Ladies Competitions. Games are played indoors on sprung wooden floors with qualified umpires. There is a free créche 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 stjohnsnetball8@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.upweyftgullycricketclub.com juniorpresident@upweyftgullycricketclub.com or call 0418 591 921. Address – Kings Park, Willow Road Upper Ferntree Gully.

MAZENOD OLD COLLEGIAN CRICKET CLUB: Are you looking at playing Cricket for the first time or looking at getting back into the game after a break? Why not give us a try at Mazenod Cricket Club. We are looking for Junior and Senior players for the upcoming 2016/17 Cricket Season. We have fantastic facilities and a state of art Turf Wicket and Oval. Come down and have a look at our facilities and see for yourself. Junior fees for the 2016/17 season – if you register and pay before 31st August, you will receive a 10% discount. Family discount 1 child $160, 2nd child $140, 3rd child $120. Contacts President John 0422 812 274, Junior co-ordinator Allan 0411 722 552 Mazenod Secretary moocsec@gmail.com, www.moccc.com.au

ATTN: St. Simon’s Parents’ Association

FATHER’S DAY STALL - HELPER SLIP

Name: __________________________ Phone Number: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Eldest child’s grade __________________________ Child’s name: __________________________

☐ I am able to help at the Father’s Day stall on Thursday 1st of September 2016.
Parents’ Association News

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. Sponsorship forms have now been sent home. 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. The Walkathon is a week away and we have a desperate shortage of helpers. Without enough helpers we will need to cancel the event. 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! If you have any queries please contact Sue on 0409 530 920.

Father’s Day Stall: We will be holding our annual Father’s Day Stall on Thursday 1st September. We have a great range of gifts for Dad 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.

Remember: All PA flyers are available at the School office

Special Note: All PA return slips (this includes Pizza day orders, and any future events) will no longer be accepted at the Office. All PA run events return slips will be required to go through the classroom tub system.
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:


For any enquiries please contact:
Sandy Bryant at sandy_wayne@bigpond.com
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

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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(Please return the helpers form by Friday 12 August)
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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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* 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.
FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thursday 1st September

Gifts for $2, $3 $4 and $5
Lots of presents to choose from including:

- Clocks
- Gift Bags
- Photo frames
- Trophies
- Light up key rings
- Money boxes
- Boxer Shorts
- Car keyrings
- Talking Bottle Openers
- #1 Dad Glass

Remember to bring your money and a plastic bag to take your presents home in.

And don’t forget the LUCKY DIP!
For $2 per dip, every child will receive a surprise for Dad!
Parish Contribution Reminder
Thank you to those families who have completed or are completing their parish contribution. A gentle reminder for those who have not yet, to please do so asap. Any assistance needed please contact the parish office on 9764 4058.

Join us for High Tea
For one afternoon only, St Simon’s hall will be transformed into the home of the best value High Tea in town.
Join us at one of two sessions for tea, coffee, sandwiches, scones, dainty savouries, sweet treats and sweet music. Treat yourself, your wife, husband or family. Generous discounts for families and groups of 8 or more. Places are limited so you will need to book. Look out for the flyer to come with prices and booking form or enquire at the Parish Office.
Date:- Sunday 11th September 2016
Venue:- St Simon’s Hall, 2 Taylor’s Lane, Rowville
2 Sessions 12.30pm & 3.30pm
Cost:- $20 for one
        $35 for two
        $50 family (2 adults + 2 children)
        Group of 8 or 10 - $15 per head
Enquiries:- Imelda Evans, 0438 534 290.

Finding the Face of God’s Mercy
Facilitator : Fr. Ray Sanchez (CP)
VENUE: St Simon’s Church
DATE: Saturday, September 3rd
TIME 10.00am – 4.00pm
Cost $10.00 (includes Lunch).
Pick up a flyer from the parish office.

Monday Night Prayer Group
All Welcome to come along.
Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm in the Meeting Place. A chance to gather, pray, reflect and share on the Sunday Gospel. Enquiries please phone Margaret on 0418 533 168.

Stewardship Update
Thank you to all the Parents that attended the parish afternoon tea on Wednesday. The children did a fantastic job with their posters and serving afternoon tea to the parents.
A Reminder to families if you have yet to return your Time & Talent forms and Pledge cards. Please return them by this weekend’s Mass. We have already received an encouraging amount. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to growing our Community.

Thinking about becoming a catholic?
This month five new enquirers began their RCIA journey to become Catholics. Please pray for these courageous people. Come and see. For more information please ring the parish office 9764 4058 or Reg 9790 5616 or email rlemons1@bigpond.com. Next session is Tuesday 2 Aug 8pm in the parish house.