Dear Parents,

On Sunday 4th September Mother Teresa was canonised a Saint of the Church. Mother Teresa MC, known in the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta was an Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun and missionary. Some of Saint Teresa's quotes were –

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them".
"There are no great things, only small things with great love. Happy are those."
"Special love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier".

![Image of Mother Teresa]

**Canonisation of Mother Teresa**

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

**Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.**
**Life is beauty, admire it.**
**Life is a dream, realize it.**
**Life is a challenge, meet it.**
**Life is a duty, complete it.**
**Life is a game, play it.**
**Life is a promise, fulfill it.**
**Life is sorrow, overcome it.**
**Life is a song, sing it.**
**Life is a struggle, accept it.**
**Life is a tragedy, confront it.**
**Life is an adventure, dare it.**
**Life is luck, make it.**
**Life is too precious, do not destroy it.**
**Life is life, fight for it.**

*Mother Teresa*

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**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.

**School Fees** - All school fees are now overdue except swimming, which is due November and Year 4 Camp and Year 3 Camp due October. If you are on a monthly payment plan or you have a special arrangement disregard this reminder, otherwise to avoid further action we require all school fees to be paid before the end of Term 3. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact the office. We appreciate your co-operation.

**School Start/Finish** - 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. Children who are not collected by 3.50pm will also be sent to Out of School Hours Program.

**Late arrivals** – Some parents are dropping their children off in the car park after school has started. Any child who arrives late must be signed in late by their parent. This is a legal obligation and ensures the safety of children.
Extra Curricula Activities Term 3 Week 10

Tuesday 13th September  
Curriculum Night 6.30pm – 8pm
Thursday 15th September  
Footy Day/ Hot Dog Day
Friday 16th September  
End Term 3 Liturgy 11.30am (SR)

Graduation Meeting – Next Graduation Meeting will be on Wednesday 5th October at 2.30pm. All Year 6 parents are invited.

School Advisory Board Meeting – The next School Advisory Board Meeting will be on Wednesday 26th October at 7.30pm.

School Camps - The Year 4 school camp will be on Thursday 20th October and Friday 21st October. The Year 3 camp will be on Thursday, 3rd and Friday 4th November. More information will be sent home as we get closer to the school camps. The cost of the camp must be paid before the students leave on camp.

Working – Bee - The next working bee will be on Saturday, 8th October commencing at 9:00am and concluding with a BBQ at 12pm.

Footy Day/ Hot Dog Day – The school is having a Footy Day on Thursday 15th September to coincide with the Hot Dog Day being run by the Parents’ Association. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite footy team colours.

School Uniform - Children are to wear their winter uniform until the end of Term 3. 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 and only wear runners on days in which they have PE. ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy resumes next term.

Professional Development Day The next school closure day will be Monday 31st October.

Term 3 Concludes at 1.15pm on Friday 16th September. The End of Term Liturgy will be presented by Year 5 Red at 11.30am. The school office will close at 2pm.

Long Service Leave – From Monday 12th September until Friday 16th September Shane Wilson will be on leave. We wish Shane all the best for a well deserved leave.

The Good Manners Award goes to Larissa Pittuzzello (Prep R) and Uniform Award goes to Alan Samuel (2 Blue). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

TERM 3 CONCLUDES FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER AT 1.15PM
TERM 4 RESUMES MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER
‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ POLICY WILL COMMENCE NEXT TERM

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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.

CDF BANKING: THERE WILL BE NO BANKING TODAY BUT THE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS.

JOKE OF THE WEEK
Too Much 90s ..........

1. You just tried to enter your password on the microwave.
2. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
3. Your daughter sells Girl Scout Cookies via her web site.
4. You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but you haven't spoken with your next door neighbour yet this year.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they do not have e-mail addresses.
CHANGE OF DETAILS INFORMATION: Please advise the school if there are any changes to Emergency Contact details or Parent’s phone numbers and Occupation. We have received a lot of updates via the re-enrolment forms that went out earlier but as the Year 6 students don’t get this form please contact the office via Skoolbag App (eforms) or email. Thank you.

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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MUSIC NEWS: Well done to the following students who are now on their Yellow Belt in Recorder, Khushi Deol (3B), Alesha Maxwell (4G), Dylan Kruger (3Y), Amelia Azar (3B), Amelia Barthelot (3B), Caitlin Dwyer (3B) and Dean Provenzano (3B). Chris Boey (3G) has already completed the Yellow book in the Recorder program and now on his Green belt and Arjun Gangatharan (4G) is on his Black belt. Keep up the great work, everyone!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Sienna Jury (6R), Cynthia Cheniart (6B), Luke Muccitelli (6Y) for a great start to their Legacy piece.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Ryese Milne (1G) & Ebonin Ferdinands (1G)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Sarah Charlton (5G) and Sienna Blasic (5G) for helping others in the Library.

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CYBERSAFETY PROGRAM: What parents, carers and teachers need to know about Cybersafety. FREE EVENT. ThinkUknow Australia’s cybersafety program educates parents, carers and teachers about the way young people use technology. Thursday 22nd September 6.30pm at the Rowville Library, Stud Park Shopping Centre Rowville. Bookings – 9800 6443.

NAZARETH COLLEGE OPEN SCHOOL TOURS: See Nazareth College in action! Single gender classes, Accelerated Learning Program & Innovative iPad Program. Open School tours are as follows: Tuesday 13 September. All tours commence at 9am. Please register your attendance with the College Register 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 : 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
CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

Key Enrolment Dates for 2017 – The following dates will be used by Catholic secondary schools for Year 6 students in 2017 who will be enrolling in Year 7 for 2018. These are:

Friday 17th February 2017 Date by which all applications to colleges close.
Thursday 27th April 2017 Date on which offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are to be posted
Thursday 11th May 2017 Final date for acceptance by parents of offers made.

Key Enrolment Dates for 2017 – The following dates will be used by Catholic secondary schools for Year 5 students in 2017 who will be enrolling in Year 7 for 2019. These are:

Friday 25th August 2017 Date by which all applications to colleges close.
Friday 13th October 2017 Date on which offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are to be posted
Friday 27th October 2017 Final date for acceptance by parents of offers made.

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 - Tuesday 13th September from 9.00am. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9795 8100.

ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Sunday 23rd October at 9.30am.

MAZENOD UNITED FC: Advanced technical clinics – 8 week program for 8-16 year old boys and girls conducted by FFA-accredited coaches in small groups of 5-6 players per coach. Each player attends 2 sessions per week (Monday & Wednesday). Focus areas include Ball Skills, passing in sequence, vision & Ball distribution, 1 v 1. Registrations close 15th September 2016. Registration and payment online at https://www.trybooking.com/MPEY https://www.trybooking.com/22117 Commencing 17th October 2016 8-11yrs: Mon & Wed 5.30pm to 7.00pm, 12-16 yrs: Mon & Wed 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Enquiries David Bortoli 0412 657 046 dbortoli@huntingtower.vic.edu.au Total cost $295 includes training top.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE BELGRAVE REUNION: Former students and staff of Mater Christi are warmly invited to join our 10, 20, 30 and 40 year reunions. Reunion Sunday 16th October 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Former students whose cohorts graduated in 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2006 are welcome to take a tour, reminisce, marvel at the changes, enjoy refreshments and catch up with old friends during Reunion Sunday. Refreshments will be available from 2.30pm. After some brief formalities, tours of the College will commence around 3.15pm. We ask for a donation of $20 to support the ongoing work of the Good Sams in East Timor. Please RSVP via TryBooking to assist with catering and extend this invitation to your friends.

SACRED HEART GIRLS COLLEGE OAKLEIGH: Students and Staff of the classes of 1966, 1976, 1986, 2006 are warmly invited to our College Reunion Day, 113 Warrigal Rd Hughesdale on Sunday 11th September from 2pm to 4.30pm, including afternoon tea and a tour of the College. Please come and share your memories and all the latest news, Spread the word amongst your friends and acquaintances so that as many as possible of your classmates know about this special afternoon. RSVP Friday 2nd September 2016, Lynne Evans at SHGC 9568 5488 or levans@s-hgc.vic.edu.au

FUTSAL OZ- MIT EVELYN: We have recently started a “women’s day league” which runs every Thursday morning, term based, baby/toddler friendly with an emphasis on social, casual fun. The aim here is to get mums involved in a team sport and to promote the positive lifestyle actions to their daughters/ children in a safe, encouraging environment. For more information contact Ilona on 1300 788 799 or send a message Ilona@futsaloz.com.au to register.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

KINGS FERNTREE GULLY: Fast Track Holiday Programs. Book now 9758 7719 Monday 26th Thursday 29th September. Address 5 Brennock Park Drive Ferntree Gully. Southern entrance, St. Joseph’s Regional College. All swimmers individually assessed, small class sizes, Fast Track completion certificate.

YMCA KNOX LEISUREWORKS: Splashdown will be running between 12.30pm and 2.30pm on these dates: Monday 19th September – Friday 23rd September and Monday 26th September – Friday 30th September. The program includes unlimited access to the Giant Aquatic inflatable, 80m Waterslide and pool for the day!

ROWVILLE SPORTS ACADEMY MULTI SPORTS PROGRAM: is offering boys and girls aged 4-15 the opportunity to participate in a Multi Sports Camp. The day will commence at 9am and finish at 3pm and the sports will include AFL, basketball, soccer and netball with RSA head Coaches on hand to teach skills in a fun environment. The cost for the day is $65 and includes lunch. Date – Thursday 22nd September from 9am to 3pm at Rowville Sports Precinct, Humphreys Way Rowville. For more information contact Alex Palazzolo 9755 4563 palazzolo.alex.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

KNOX GYMNASTICS CLUB: School holiday fun! Gymnastic skills, Games and Circuits, no experience necessary! Days & Times – Wednesday 21st & 28th September from 10 – 12pm, cost $16 per session (GST Inc.) or $30 for both sessions. Age – attending primary school. Closing date Monday prior to each session or when maximum numbers are reached. Enrolment forms available from the Gymnastics office or online at www.knoxgymnastics.org.au. Attire – shorts or track suit pants & t-shirt (no denim, zips, belts, buckles) long hair to be tied up. Bring a drink bottle!
EXCITING NEWS

We have been lucky enough to engage the services of Georgina Manning the director of Wellbeing for Kids, to facilitate some sessions with our parents on topics that we know are of interest to them. Georgina will speak on resilience, developing confidence, anxiety and healthy friendships.

Put these dates on your calendar

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Each night will begin at 7pm and finish at 8:30.
You are welcome to attend one, two or all three.

More information to follow in the coming weeks

Looking forward to seeing you there

Lis Thompson
Student Wellbeing Leader.
The Parents' Association is pleased to announce the return of **BOGAN BINGO on SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2016**!

Those that were there last year still talk about it and those that weren't there wish they were! So get your mates together and organise a table.

**Ticket information to follow soon!!**

**Hot Dog Day:** is being held on Thursday 15th September. All orders must be in by end of school on Thursday 8th of September 2016. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED! If you are able to help out on the day, please fill out the helpers slip and return to the Parents' Association. If you have any queries please contact Kathy on 0407 836 819.

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.
WANTED: Your Unwanted Sports Equipment

St Simon’s is taking a sports equipment collection to support OzChild and we need your help. OzChild is a charity that supports children that don’t have the things we take for granted and supports disadvantaged children. The sports equipment can be any kind you’re willing to donate as there is no specific type of equipment we are collecting. St. Simon’s will start collection on Monday the 3rd of October and the collection will end on Monday the 17th of October. Please look for any unwanted equipment in your house over the school holidays and remember that all donations count!
Cancer Support Group

Next Meeting on Sunday,
18th September at 2.00pm
in the Meeting Place.
Afternoon tea provided.
Contact 0416 069 878 or Parish Office on
9764 4058.

Support for Asylum Seekers

Your continued practical support
through the provision of toiletries
and cleaning products can make life
on the margins of the Australian
community a little easier. Goods
can be left in the shopping trolley near the Help
Desk. Thank you to the generous parishioners
who continually leave goods, they are gratefully
accepted and appreciated.

St Simon’s Youth Group Next Activity

Where:- St Simon’s Church
Time:- 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Date:- 2nd October 2016
Cost:- $10.00 Theme:- “Something Sporty”
Who:- Year 7 -10 students
Reminder: Parents are required to sign your child
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MEDITATION “Come aside
and rest awhile”

You are invited to join us for
gentle, guided
meditation and reflection as we take time out to
experience God’s presence. Wonderful health ben-
efits for those who practice mediation regularly.

Day/Time: Wednesdays 10am – 11am
Place: Meeting Place (behind Parish Office).

Thinking about becoming a catholic?

Anyone can join RCIA to enquire about adult
Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Come and
see. Please ring the parish office 9764 4058 or
Reg 9790 5616 or email rlemons1@bigpond.com.

Copies of Fr. David’s CD “Everlasting” are now
available from the Help desk.
Cost $15.00 a CD.