Dear Parents,

The Church recognizes that throughout history there have been many people who have lived exemplary lives, but who have gone completely without recognition. On November 1st we celebrate All Saints Day and on November 2nd we celebrate All Souls Day. All Saints Day is set aside to commemorate all those saints who are not otherwise commemorated in the Church’s Calendar and for those saints we call “anonymous”. All of us have friends and relatives who have lived exemplary lives but are often only recognized by those people who knew of them. Within the parish of St. Simon’s we have people who we recognise as living “saintly” lives – Lou Wilson, Brenda Harris and Ron Williams.

On November 1st and during the month of November we remember these people and also pray that we can live in the same way that these people have lived. We often pray to those saints who are recognized but all of us have a friend or relative who we can pray to.

God our Father
Source of Holiness
The work of your hands is manifest in your saints
The beauty of your truth is reflected in their faith.

May we who aspire to have part in their joy
Be filled with the Spirit that blessed their lives
So that having shared their faith on earth
We may also know their peace in your kingdom.

Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are now in place (ref Ministerial Order 870) and all schools in Victoria need to work towards compliance with these by December 3rd, 2016.

The Victorian Government’s 2012-2013 Betrayal of Trust Parliamentary Inquiry found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in all organisations working with children. The Betrayal of Trust report highlighted gaps and inconsistencies in child-safe practices in organisations and recommended immediate steps for the safety of children through the introduction of a comprehensive set of child-safe standards.

On 26 November 2015, the Victorian Parliament passed the Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Bill 2015 (Vic.) to introduce the Victorian Child Safe Standards into law.

Preventing and responding to child abuse requires a whole community response to bring about broad cultural change. To this end, the Victorian Child Safe Standards apply to a broad range of organisations that provide services for children, including schools, churches, sporting clubs and youth services.

There are seven minimum child-safe standards with an overarching principle of inclusion which applies to each of the Standards.

The intention of these new Child-Safe Standards is to make organisations, including schools, consider and address child-abuse situations and risks in an integrated and proactive fashion.

These standards are:

**Standard 1:** Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements

**Standard 2:** A child safety policy or statement of commitment to child safety

**Standard 3:** A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children

**Standard 4:** Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel

**Standard 5:** Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse

**Standard 6:** Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse

**Strategies 7:** Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children

All schools need to be compliant with these standards by December 3rd. We have developed a number of Policies based on CECV templates that we will share with the community in the coming weeks: these include:

- Child Safety Policy – (Standard 2)
- Child Safety Code of Conduct (Standard 3)
- Staff Selection Policy (Standard 4)
- Child Protection – Reporting Obligations (Standard 5)
- Child Safe Team Guidelines (Standards 1 & 6)
- Audit Tool/ Risk Register (Standard 6)

We require these policies (in draft form) to be ‘compliant’ by December 3rd, 2016 but obviously further consultation with Staff and Schools Boards can occur after that date.
Graduation Meeting – Next Graduation Meeting will be on Friday 4th November at 2.15pm. All Year 6 parents are invited.

School Uniform – As from the first of November all children must be in full summer uniform. Please note all children must wear their summer school hat during term 4.

Prep 2017 Transition Sessions The second Prep Transition Session will be held on Wednesday 16th November from 11.30am to 1pm.

Grade 6 Graduation - Will be on Friday 9th December, commencing with Mass at 6.00pm. Please note that Grade 6 students are expected to attend school until Friday 16th December when the school will be dismissed early at 1.15pm. In order to organize the Grade 6 Graduation, parents of Grade 6 students are invited to attend the next meeting on Friday 4th November at 2.15pm.

Tim’s Day - On Friday 11th November we remember and celebrate the lives of five members of St. Simon’s School Community and at the same time remember the soldiers who gave their lives in war (Remembrance Day). This day at St. Simon’s is known as Tim’s Day and was introduced at St. Simon’s when Tim Viergever, a grade 2 student died of leukemia on 23rd January 2003. It was decided by Mrs Judith Froid (principal) to dedicate a day to remember past pupils and teachers and so we remember Tim Viergever, Danielle and Chantal Meredith and our former teachers Beng Koo and Kevin Bryden on this day each year. In order to remember our students and teachers the school has a fund raising activity to raise money for the cancer support group, “Challenge”. Children will be permitted to wear something yellow on Friday 11th November and bring a gold coin to mark Tim’s Day. A paraliturgy will be held at 10.15am in the Church. All parents are invited.

Annual Remembrance Day Appeal Our SRC leaders will be selling Poppies, Wristbands and badges for the Annual Remembrance Day Appeal. All funds raised go to the RSL to support their work with veterans. Prices of items are – Poppies $2 and $5, Wristbands $3, Keytag / Bagtag $4. If you would like your child to purchase one of these items please send the money along with them and they can purchase from the SRC Leaders who will come around to the rooms.

Swimming Program - The school swimming program will commence on Monday 14th November to Friday 25th November. Swimming is part of the school curriculum and therefore all children in Prep to Year 4 are expected to attend unless there is a medical reason. A medical certificate must be provided. For a copy of the letter and permission form click on the following link – Swimming Program Please note that as the oval and swim teachers have been booked we cannot offer refunds for any lessons students may miss.

Outstanding Fees – Parents who have outstanding fees are requested to finalize all fees by tomorrow, Friday 4th November. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties please contact the school in order to arrange a meeting to discuss these difficulties.

Grade 5 Students - All parents of children in Grade 5 are reminded that Catholic Secondary College’s applications for Year 7, 2018 close on Friday 17th February 2017. If you have not decided on a specific Catholic Secondary College to send your child to, you should start considering the various options available to you by attending the Open Days.

Grade 4 Students - All parents of children in Grade 4 are reminded that Catholic Secondary College’s applications for Year 7, 2019 close on Friday 23rd August 2017. If you have not decided on a specific Catholic Secondary College to send your child to, you should start considering the various options available to you by attending the Open Days.

Extra Curricular Activities Term 4 Weeks 6 & 7

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The Sacrament of First Communion 2017 – Will be celebrated next day on Sunday 18th June and Saturday 24th June at 2 & 4 pm on both days.

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2017 – Will be celebrated next year on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th August at 2pm & 4pm on both days.

School Education Advisory AGM - Will be on Wednesday 23rd November at 7.00pm. At the AGM the Annual report to the school community will be presented to the school community. All parents are invited.

Prep Music Christmas Concert Will be held in the hall at 2.15pm on Tuesday 13th December for Prep R & Prep G and Wednesday 14th December for Prep B & Prep Y. Parents are welcome to attend.

November Birthdays – November is a special month for birthdays here at St. Simon’s as we have four sets of twins all celebrating their birthdays this month – Christian & James Di Cesare, Anthony & Sienna Rowe, Grace & Nathaniel Louey and Ava 7 Noah Pascuzzi.

The Good Manners Award goes to Michelle Meredith (2R) and Uniform Award goes to Taylor Stumpf (1Y). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal
PREP 2017 INFORMATION EVENING – WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM

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SCHOOL FEES

IT IS NOW A MATTER OF URGENCY THAT ALL SCHOOL FEES ARE PAID AS WE ARE REQUIRED TO FINALISE ALL OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS FOR 2016. This includes all special arrangements unless you have an automatic monthly credit card deduction arrangement.

ART NEWS – CASE OF THE MISSING DOUBLE SINK!! – Recently a double sink was purchased to replace the “single sink” in the Art Room. It has recently gone missing from outside the verandah area of the music room. If you know of the whereabouts of the “double sink” your help would be gratefully appreciated. Many Thanks. Melinda Wharton, Visual Arts Teacher.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Australia’s first astronaut addressed a press conference before blasting off in the shuttle. Yes, he was proud to be included in the NASA team. But he admitted to some disquiet. ‘There’ll I’ll be, sitting on top of 500,000 moving parts, every one supplied by the lowest tenderer’

2017 BOOKLISTS

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED ONLINE ONLY at www.lamontbooks.com.au

To avoid home delivery charges you need to place your order before Wednesday 23rd November 2017.

Please read the instructions carefully on the list as they clearly outline the process required and the payment options and timeframes. Collection Day for ordered books will be Wednesday 7th December between 8.30am and 10.30am and a 2nd session from 1pm to 5pm in the Lower Common Area (Years 1 to 2 Area).

To download Booklists from the school website go to PARENTS/ BOOKLISTS.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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CDF BANKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY: Helpers are required for the student banking that occurs every Thursday morning. Only 1 hour a week is all that is required. See reply slip below.

CANTEEN NEWS: Please ensure the correct price list is used, if incorrect money is received by the canteen, lunch orders will be adjusted accordingly.

CANTEEN ROSTER: Friday 07/11 Lucy I, Pam P, Lien H, Sharon M, Louise P  
Monday 14/11 Tash L, Rebecca C, Lisa H, Narelle S

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR 1 BLUE, 1 GREEN AND 4 RED DURING THE 2 WEEK SWIMMING PROGRAM FROM MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.

PLASTIC BREAD TIES ARE REQUIRED IN CANTEEN - Could parents please send in to the school office any bread ties not needed. Many Thanks. Tamara Dell’Aquila, Canteen Co-ordinator.
CANTEEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH
On Friday 2nd December this year. Please return orders directly to the individual students’ teacher. Orders will not be accepted at the office. Closing date for orders is Monday 21st November. No late orders will be accepted. No other canteen service is available on Friday 2nd December except for the Christmas lunch. See order form below.

Tamara Dell'Aquila, Canteen Co-ordinator.

CANTEEN – HELP NEEDED: Helpers are needed to assist in the running of the canteen in 2017. If you are able to help, please complete the return slip below and return by Friday 25th November, 2016 so I can draw up a roster for the year. Existing helpers must return a reply slip also. Although toddlers cannot be permitted to come with you to the canteen, you may decide to share with a friend and mind each other’s children when you are on canteen duty. We also have a lot of fun and it is a great way to meet other parents.

Tamara Dell'Aquila (Canteen Co-ordinator)

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

UNIFORM SHOP:  
- Tuesday 8/11 
- Kathy W, Sylvia, Angela 2.30pm

PARISH NEWS
November is a time to Remember: The Church has always set aside the month of November as a special time for remembering all who have died.

Special Mass for those who have died during the past 12 months - Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm

FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION IN 2017: Registration & Reflection Evening on Thursday 3rd November or Wednesday 9th November 2016 7.00pm – 8.00pm at St. Simon’s Church.
We are offering a special night for Grade 2 families, parent and child, to gather and engage together. It will not only provide the opportunity to enrol your child to celebrate their sacraments next year but will also guide you through the “Getting to know Jesus” booklet. This booklet must be completed before your child can prepare for these Sacraments. If you have any queries, please call me at the parish office on 9764 4056, Tuesdays or Wednesdays. We will also have a question time on the evening. Jacqui Giuliani (Parish Sacrament Coordinator)

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE OPEN MORNING: Sunday 6th November from 10am to 11am. Contact the College for a personal tour on 9754 6611. Address – 28 Bayview Rd Belgrave.

ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE SCHOOL TOUR: Tuesday 15th November from 6pm. Address – 5 Brenock Park Drive, Ferntree Gully. 9758 2000.
We are inviting all Grade 4, 5 & 6 students to experience “A day in the life of a Secondary School student”. We will be conducting a 2.5 hour session where students can participate in classes, sports and experience the atmosphere and culture of Secondary School. Friday 25th November from 9.30am to 12pm. Please register via sjosephs.com.au

ROWVILLE KNIGHTS GIRLS’ FOOTBALL 2017: Do you want to play Girls’ Football in 2017? The Rowville-based Knights welcome all girls aged between 8 years to 16 years in 2017 to join our club. We fielded a successful U15 Girls team this year and will be adding more teams. Please register your expression of interest NOW and join our 6 week high performance training program starting in November 2016. Email rowvilleknights@gmail.com or contact head coach Brad – brad22slater@gmail.com 0418 325 018

SYNDAL BATON TWIRLING CLASSES: Our Teams and many individuals in our club have placed in the top 3 at the Australian Championships for the past 20 years. Venue – Good Shepherd Hall on Thursdays at 5.30pm. Phone Mara on 0418 533 008, visit www.twirling.org email twirling.org@gmail.com

CDF BANKING VOLUNTEERS REPLY SLIP (Please return to Office by Friday 25th November, 2016)

NAME: __________________________ PHONE: __________________________ MOBILE: __________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS: __________________________ GRADE: __________________________

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CANTEEN HELPERS REPLY SLIP (Please return to Canteen by Friday 25th November, 2016)

NAME: __________________________ PHONE: __________________________ MOBILE: __________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS: __________________________ GRADE: __________________________

Tick day preferred:  ☐ MONDAY  ☐ FRIDAY
Dear Parents,

The annual water safety and swimming program will operate from **Monday 14th November – Friday 25th November**. We will be attending the Dandenong Oasis Swimming Centre, where qualified swimming instructors will take responsibility for students grouped according to their ability levels based on last years level and further improvement due to outside involvement in swimming lessons. The children will be involved in many enjoyable activities and games that will emphasise and reinforce water safety as well as further develop their swimming skills.

I would encourage children to participate in bathers, rather than board shorts and t-shirts as the weight of the wet clothing can be a hindrance and prevent children swimming to their full ability. The wearing of swimming caps is also an excellent idea as it keeps their hair out of their eyes.

Parents are most welcome to view their child’s lesson but must enter the centre with the children through the group entry door. Parents who arrive at other times and enter through the main reception area will be charged the normal spectator fee. **No photos are to be taken**, If your child has experienced any previous aquatic trauma please let me know. The swimming program is part of St Simon’s Physical Education Program and as such is compulsory. If your child cannot take part due to medical reasons please state in writing marked ‘Attention – Mr. Nick Frederiksen.’

Parents who have any queries during the program are asked to contact me rather than classroom teachers or Swimming School Staff. This will ensure that your query is addressed promptly. I can be contacted via email at nfrederiksen@ssrowville.catholic.edu.au or in room D9 after school between Wednesday and Friday.

Past experience has shown that participation in the program provides the children with the opportunity to foster greater responsibility of their own belongings and for younger children to develop independence with regard to dressing themselves following their lessons. **Permission slips are to be returned by Friday 28th October**.

Many Thanks

Nick Frederiksen

**SWIMMING TIMETABLE**

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2 DAYS TO GO!!

St Simon’s Parents’ Association
Presents our SOCIAL NIGHT

Bogan Bingo

Saturday 5th November 2016

at St Simon’s Hall
2 Taylors Lane, Rowville
Arrive: 7:00pm Finish: 12:00am

What to bring

* YOU & YOUR FRIENDS
* YOUR TICKETS
* SNACKS & DRINKS FOR YOUR TABLE
  (Alcohol & Non-Alcohol)
  * MONEY
  $10 Raffle Tickets (over 50 prizes including a night for 2 at The Langham Hotel)
  Gold coins for games

All money raised on the night goes back to the school for our children.
We are currently fundraising for soft fall floor surface of our playground area

Have any questions?
Contact Rowena on 0419 391 837

DRESS IN YOUR 80’S / BOGAN CLOTHES
(UGG BOOTS, FLANELETTE SHIRTS, TRACK PANTS, JEANS, FLUORO)
OR COME JUST AS YOU ARE - PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED!
Time is running out, purchase your tickets...$25 per person OR table of 8 for $180
TRYBOOKING www.trybooking.com/232684
Graduation will be held on Friday 9th December in the Parish Hall for all Grade 6 Students.

The 2016 Graduation Committee has formed and the 2016 Co-ordinators are:
Tamara Dell'Aquila (0414 606 048) and
Leanne Wood (0412 095 941).

Next Meeting:
Will be in the Staff Room, please check contact Upcoming events

Invites

- All students should have received the official invitation to the Graduation evening.
- If your child has not received the invite, please contact Tamara or Leanne.
- Please remember to RSVP.

Cost?

- As indicated in the initial flyer sent to all students during Term 3, the cost of the event will be determined during the graduation meetings and relevant information sent to parents as soon as attained.
- We are hoping to finalise the budget very shortly, at which time a flyer with payment details will be distributed to all parents.
- Any concerns please contact the Co-ordinators or Phil.

What does Graduation at St. Simon's need?

- We need PARENT(S) who could assist with the burning and compiling/printing of a DVD label? Is that you? Please call the co-ordinators so that the DVD can be produced.
- We still would appreciate donations-DVD-R and or DVD labels are still required, if you can assist please call us.
- We need Grade 6 student photos, and would love to get them in from you by the 3 Nov 2016.
- Please note after this time we cannot accept photos due to time constraints with DVD production.
“Simon’s Seniors”
Morning Tea
We meet on a monthly basis on the 1st Friday of each month at 10.00am after the Anointing Mass in the Side Chapel. We next meet on Friday 4th November. Please bring a plate to share.

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 benefits for those who practice meditation regularly.
Day/Time: Wednesdays 10am – 11am
Place: Meeting Place (behind Parish Office).

St Simon’s Youth Group
Next Activity
Where:- St Simon’s Church
Time:- 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Date:- 27th November 2016
Cost:- $5.00
Theme:- “Deck the Halls”
Who:- Year 7 -10 students
Reminder: Parents are required to sign your child in and out.

PARISH ANNUAL RAFFLE

PRIZES:
1st $2000 Hello world Travel Voucher
2nd $1000 Petrol Voucher
3rd Weekend Olinda B & B Getaway (value $600)
4th Puffing Billy Dinner & Dance (for 4 value $400)
5th $200 Toyworld Voucher
6th Puffing Billy Family Pass (2 Adults 2 Children)

Raffle prizes to be drawn at Midday 20th November 2016
Prize winners will be contacted & a notice will be posted in the Parish Bulletin.

ASRE 2017 REGISTRATION NIGHT
If your child attends a government school and you are interested in them receiving the Sacraments, come along to our Information and Registration night.
Sacrament Registration Night for Year 2, Tuesday 15th November at 8.00pm in the Side Chapel.

WOOL URGENTLY GREATLY APPRECIATED
Prayer Shawl Ministry is in urgent need of wool donations. Please kindly drop off at the Help Desk or into the Parish Office. We meet at 2pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Next meeting Thursday 17th November. All welcome.

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