Dear Parents,

The following reflection was used at a recent staff meeting. I believe this reflection is what teaching is all about. Every child is important. As teachers we must have a passion to see the individual in each classroom.

**Teacher's Reflection**

Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean.

He came closer still and called out "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean."

"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

_Loren Eiseley_

Dear Lord, let all of us make a difference for every child in our class.

_**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** - $160.15 was raised last Friday for the kids cancer support group, “Challenge”._

_**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. Come along and find out what the school leadership team have been doing over the course of the year. If you are interested in being on the Board please contact Tina Costanzo for your nomination forms.

_**Prep 2017**_ Last year prep children were given the opportunity to meet with their teacher and fellow students prior to commencing school the following year. The Orientation for the 2017 prep students will be on Wednesday 7th December from 9am to 10.30am. Therefore we ask the current preps to commence school at 11.15am on this day. Should this be difficult for you to arrange, the school will organise supervision for your child on this morning. Parents are asked to take their 2016 prep child straight to the classroom on this day at 11.15am. All prep parents will receive a letter regarding these details.

_**Thank you Morning Tea**_ St. Simon's Staff and the Parents' Association would like to invite parents to a thank you morning tea on Wednesday 30th November at 10.45am. The venue is the school hall and parents may visit the hall anytime between 10.45am and 11.30am. This is one way of saying thank you to the parents who have assisted the school in so many varied and different ways.

_**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 25th 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 8 & 9

Mon. 14th – Fri. 25th November Swimming Program begins for Years Prep to 4
Tuesday 22nd November Girls All Star Hooptime Finals
Friday 25th November Future Star Hooptime Finals
Wednesday 30th November Year 5 Life Saving – Inverloch
Wednesday 30th November Year 6 Sailing Blairgowrie
Wednesday 30th November Parent Helpers Morning tea 10.45am
Wednesday 30th November Prep 2017 Information Night Library at 7pm
Thursday 1st December Assembly Advent Week 1 Liturgy (1 Blue) 2.30pm
Friday 2nd December Christmas Lunch – Last day Canteen 2016

The Sacrament of First Communion 2017 Will be celebrated next year 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.

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.

Prayers Please keep the Smith family in your prayers and thoughts as James (5R) Grandfather passed away recently.

The Good Manners Award goes to Jamie Fernando (3B) and Uniform Award goes to Anabel Thalappilli (1G). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

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**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.

**Levies 2017:** Will be sent home next week and are due by Wednesday 7th December – Levies and Book Sales Day.

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

A little girl became restless as the priest’s homily dragged on and on.
Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered: “Mummy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?”

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**2017 BOOKLISTS**

All orders are to be placed online only at [www.lamontbooks.com.au](http://www.lamontbooks.com.au)

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

**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).

**Attention Parents:** There has been a report of chicken pox in grade 5 Green and Slapcheek in Prep Green.

**Scholastic Book Club Issue #8:** Reminder the last day for orders and payment will be Monday 21st November. Don’t forget to include your child’s name and grade on the order. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED. This is the last one for the year.
LIBRARY BOOKS – END OF YEAR STOCKTAKE

All students’ books are due back by the 28th November as stocktake is starting that week. – Quick Fiction, Fiction, Picture Story, Non Fiction. Your children will receive a list of all books the library believes they have loaned.

Please ensure your child looks for and returns all library books by Monday 28th November. Thank you from the Library.

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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<td>Sam West</td>
<td>Zach Pascu</td>
<td>6Y – Haig Karabajian</td>
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LOST: Year 6 Jumper, if found please return to Liam Tamara (6Y).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Athena Baker (PG), Alana Bartlett (PR), Joshua Eckfeld (PY).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Jake Thomas (2Y).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Daniel Liang (3Y) & Lily Alwis (1Y)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Senuka Ranadeera (5R) for his recall of facts on chords and thirds.

MUSIC NEWS: Well done to Olivia Perkins (3R) who has received her Yellow Belt and to Oscar Torcasio (3R) and Elisha Murphy (3R) who are now on their Orange Belt.

Amazing work by Jasleen Dharwal (3G) for completing the Grade 3 book. She is now on her Green belt and the second book of the program!

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: MOOSIES AND JUICES ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE

CANTEEN ROSTER:

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PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR 3 BLUE, 1 GREEN AND 4 RED DURING THE 2 WEEK SWIMMING PROGRAM FROM MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER.

Plastic twist ties are required in Canteen - Could parents please send in to the school office any twist ties, not plastic ties. 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 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: Tuesday 22/11 Cathy S, Ida, Angela 2.30pm

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC): Enrolment form and Parent handbook are available on the school website under PARENTS/ OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE. Visit www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au

DON BOSCO CAMP, SAFETY BEACH: A Catholic summer holiday program for young people, 9-13 years old (Junior) and 13-16 year old (Senior), during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances in a safe and supportive environment. For more information visit www.donboscocamp.org.au or call 5987 2692. See flyer attached.

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 or call 9572 5249. Book now for 2017!

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

ST. JOHN’S NETBALL CLUB: FREE NETBALL CLINIC. St John the Baptist Netball Club would like to invite you to join in some fun and games at our Netball Clinics – Tuesday 22nd & 29th November from 4.15pm to 5.15pm at St John the Baptist Primary School, 17 Forest Rd, Ferntree Gully. Ages – 7 to 17 years (girls) & 7-11 years (boys). Please bring runners, comfortable clothing and a drink bottle. Contact Andrea on 0400 958 458 to reserve your spot or for more information.

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

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

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

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

☐ I have a current WWC CHECK (This is compulsory) Tick day preferred: ☐ MONDAY ☐ FRIDAY

CANTEEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH ORDER FOR FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

Please return by Monday 21st November with payment to Students Class. Do not return orders to the office. No LATE ORDERS accepted.

Please note there is no other Canteen service on this day. Christmas Lunch only.

COST $6.00

FULL NAME: __________________________ GRADE: __________

☐ Roast Chicken Roll ☐ Mayo ☐ Ham & Cheese Roll ☐ Ham Roll (Please tick one)
☐ Apple Juice ☐ Orange Juice ☐ Water ☐ Lemonade (Please Tick one) (Includes icy pole - Icy Twist)
With so many activities over the next few weeks below is a reminder list.

**Helpers Morning Tea**
For Parent Helpers across Years Prep to Grade 6 to be held on Wednesday 30th November beginning at 10.45am in the Hall. Please mark this date in your diary.

**Prep 2017 Orientation Morning**
Wednesday 7th December, 2016 from 9.00am to 10.30am.
We request that if possible on this day the current Prep children do not arrive until 11.15am to enable the Orientation Session for Prep 2017 children.

**Book Sales (2017)**
Wednesday 7th December – Prep to Grade 6 in Lower Common Room – 8.30am – 10.30am & 1 – 5pm.
Note also Wednesday 7th December is the final day for Levy Payments therefore the car park may be very congested.

**Graduation Mass**
Friday 9th December at 6.00pm. We expect all Grade 6 students to fully participate in the celebration of Mass. Please note that appropriate dress must be worn.

**Uniform Shop**
The last day for 2016 will be **Tuesday December 13th from 2.30pm to 3.00pm**.
The first trading day for 2017 will be **Monday 30th January from 10.00am to 1.00pm**

**Prep Christmas Concert**
All parents welcome in the hall at 2.15pm on Tuesday 13th December (Preps Red & Green)
All parents welcome in the hall at 2.15pm on Wednesday 14th December (Preps Blue & Yellow)

**School Reports**
Will be distributed on Wednesday 14th December.

**Orientation Morning**
For Grades 1 to 6 in 2017 will be held on Wednesday 14th December 2016 between 9.00am and 10.30am.

**Thanksgiving Mass**
Friday 16th December at 9.30am. Parents, family members and friends are invited to celebrate in thanksgiving for the 2016 school year.

**End of Term 4**
School concludes on Friday 16th December at 1.15pm, School Office closes at 3.00pm.
Dear Parents,

The closing date for reply to Grade 6 graduation with payment is Friday 18th November. The cost for the evening is $35 per child.

Please ensure all payments are sent via the students through the tub system by Friday morning. Cheques or cash are acceptable. Cheques can be made payable to the St Simon’s Parents’ Association.

Please ensure dietary requirements are completed.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Leanne Wood – 0412 095 941 or Tamara Dell’Aquila – 0414 606 048

Thanks in advance,
Grade 6 Graduation Committee:
Pizza Day is being held on **THURSDAY 8th of December**. All orders must be in by end of school on **Friday 25th of November 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 & any food service day orders, chocolate payments 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.*
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION PIZZA DAY

THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2016

Order a slice of pizza:
Hawaiian, Ham & Cheese or Margherita and a Drink
ALL FOR $5.00

If 1 slice is not enough, you can order more at just $1 extra a slice.

YOUR ORDER MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER

ALL ORDER MUST BE PLACED IN TUBS.
NO LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Should you have any queries please call KATHY on 0407 836 819

X

Child’s Name: ___________________ Grade: __________

Please indicate number of pizza slices you want & remember $1.00 for extra slices.

Hawaiian: [ ] Margherita: [ ] Ham & Cheese: [ ]

Money enclosed: $_____

Please tick your choice of 1 drink only:

Lemonade: [ ] Orange Fruit: [ ] Apple Fruit: [ ]

FILL THIS SECTION IN ONLY IF YOU CAN HELP ON THE DAY
(Assume you are required without receiving any further notices)

PARENT HELPERS WILL BE REQUIRED FROM 12.45 AM TO 1.30 PM
NAME OF PARENT: ___________________ TEL NO: __________

ELDEST CHILD'S GRADE -----------------------------------------------
Volunteers Required

Volunteers are desperately needed in a number of our ministries.

- Funeral ministry. This involves serving tea or coffee after funerals (you may only be required a few times a year).
- Altar Society.
- Help-Desk on the 5th Sunday of the month (approx. 5 times a year).
- Flower arrangement.

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).

“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 2nd December. Please bring a plate to share.

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.

Tuesday 15th November, 7.30pm, Special Mass for those who have died in the last 12 months

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards now selling at the Piety Stall, $6.50, pack of 8 cards.

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.
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2017 SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

JUNIOR CAMP 1
3 to 6 January
Young people aged 9-13 Years

SENIOR CAMP
9 to 12 January
Young people aged 13-16 Years

JUNIOR CAMP 2
16 to 19 January
Young people aged 9-13 Years

Book online at www.donboscocamp.org.au

For more information contact: dbc@donboscocamp.org.au

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