Dear Parents,

This week is the first week of Advent which means we are only four weeks away from Christmas. Advent is a four week season of preparation for the coming of Christ. The word Advent means coming. Advent takes up this theme in looking forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas and especially in looking forward to the future coming of Christ at the "end of time". The first Week of Advent is also the commencement of the Church's Liturgical Year. This year is commonly called Year A in which most of the Lectionary readings come predominantly from the Gospel of Matthew.

Advent has a past, present and future dimension. We look back on the events of Bethlehem when Christ first entered the world; we reflect on Christ's presence today and we look forward to the future coming of Christ. Advent reminds us that we are preparing for that coming.

Advent Week 1
Principal’s Report

Holy and Gracious God
the season of Advent is so important to me.
It's not just the parties and presents. Not for me!
What I look forward to each year,
is your coming.
your love born again, as if never before.

But save me from thinking this is just happening to me
Or to my family.
Or to a family of like-minded people called Christians.
Remind me that Advent is about everyone,
with or without beliefs, or presents, or hangovers.

And remind me too,
that Advent is not just for individuals,
but for the world, and everything in it;
For cultures and nations and peoples;
For justice and equality;
and for enough care of the planet to make hills sing with joy.

Help me to see just how big this party is:
and whatever else you do, God,
please save me from making a fool of myself
by pretending that is my party,
or the celebration of the faithful few.

Remind me most of all, holy and gracious God,
that Advent is about you and your reign over all things.
Remind me of how you changed the history of the world;
and held time and space in your hands.

Teaching Appointments – There is an Irish expression that everything happens in threes. Well this year is a perfect example of the Irish expression.

Over the past month Mr. John Downie has been appointed Deputy Principal at Holy Trinity Wantirna South, Mrs. Lis Thompson has been appointed Deputy Principal at Our Lady of Perpetual-Help Ringwood and last Friday Mr. Nick Frederiks was appointed Deputy Principal at St. Joseph’s Boronia.

We are also seeing three teachers move to other schools. Ms. Christine Grey has been appointed Music Teacher to St. Francis Mill Park, Miss Lisa Wonhrynnowycz has been appointed classroom teacher at St. Bernadette’s Ivanhoe and Miss Megan Hiscox has been appointed classroom teacher at Holy Trinity Wantirna South.

We also have three teachers retiring, Mrs. Sallie Dunstan, Mrs. Nanda Roelofs and Mrs. Helen Tracey. So the expression everything happens in threes is very much the case this year.

On behalf of the school community, I thank all these staff for their outstanding contribution to St. Simon’s Primary School and Catholic Education.

Parents’ Association – Last Friday Tracy Esposito resigned as President of the Parents’ Association and the School Community would like to thank Tracy for her contribution to the school. One of the main projects Tracy was involved in was the resurfacing of the school adventure playgrounds. It is anticipated that the prep adventure playground will be resurfaced early in 2017.

Well done Tracy and thanks for your efforts.

Year 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.

School Education Advisory AGM - I would like to thank parents who attended last night’s School Education Advisory Board AGM. The school leadership team presented the annual report to the school community. I would like to thank the parents and teachers who contributed to this report.
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.

Extra Curricular Activities Term 4 Weeks 9 & 10

Thursday 1st December - Assembly/Advent Week 1 Liturgy (1 Blue) 2.30pm
Friday 2nd December - Anointing Mass 9.15am
Friday 2nd December - Christmas Lunch – Last day Canteen 2016
Monday 5th December - Advent Week 2 Liturgy (1 Yellow) 2.30pm
Wed. 7th December - 2017 Book Sales & Levies Day for Prep to 6, 8.30am to 10.30am & 1pm to 5pm
Wed. 7th December - Prep 2017 Orientation 9am to 10.30am
Thursday 8th December - Pizza Day
Thursday 8th December - Advent Week 3 Liturgy (5 Blue) 2.30pm
Friday 9th December - Year 6 Graduation Mass 6pm

School Fees and Charges – The 2017 school levies are now due. If parents have any concerns paying these school fees they are asked to contact the school and make an appointment to see me. See attached schedule of school fees and levies. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

School Reports – Will be sent home Wednesday 14th December.

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 Macchi Family in your prayers and thoughts as Thomas (3G) & Hunter (Prep R) Grandfather passed away recently.

The Good Manners Award goes to James Di Cesare (6G) and Uniform Award goes to Mia Matta (5R). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

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

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YEAR 2017 SCHOOL LEVIES

The deadline for payment is Wednesday 7th December 2016. PLEASE DON’T LEAVE PAYMENT TO THE LAST DAY. IF NOT POSSIBLE, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO WAIT IN THE QUEUE.

LEVIES FOR PREP TO YEAR 5 - $320 PER CHILD AND YEAR 6 - $340 PER CHILD. These levies can be paid from now on, don’t forget EFTPOS facilities are available.

For those parents who pay monthly please note that levies need to be paid by the due date. Next year’s instalment plan will be sent home in February.
**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

The plane of Demon Airways was taxiing down the tarmac for take-off, when it suddenly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate. After an hour and a quarter wait, it finally took off. A worried passenger asked the flight attendant, "What was the problem?"

"The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine," explained the flight attendant, "and it took us a while to find a new pilot.......

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**2017 BOOKLISTS**

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).

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**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.

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**ENVIRONMENT NEWS**

There are many delicious crops growing in our kitchen garden. Next Thursday between 3pm and 3.30pm we will be selling the produce between Buildings C & D. Items selling will be *mint*, *celery*, *snowpeas*, *parsley*, *silverbeet*, *beetroot*, *oregano*

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**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Wishing the following staff and 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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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART:** This week’s award goes to Alicia Polydor (1R), Matthew Carey (1G), Lily Alwis (1Y) for great ‘Romero Britto’ Art.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE:** This week’s award goes to Carson Eugenio, Maddie Howard & Sienna Appleton

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY:** This week’s award goes to Jasleen Dharwali (3G) and Dean Portelli (4G)

**MUSIC NEWS:** Well done to Chryostom Thalapillli (3Y) on working hard to achieve his Yellow Belt. The following students are now on Orange Belt: Sabrina Farinaccio (3B), Kiara Martenstyn (3B), Grace Kaali (3Y), Sienna Bright (3Y), Luca Palermo (3Y) and Alessia Basi (3Y).

**ST SIMON’S MUSIC TUITION:** Now taking enrolments for 2017, Music lessons for Years 1-6, during the School day on a weekly rotating timetable. Instruments include acoustic guitar, electric guitar, singing, drums, keyboard / piano. Applications are available for collection from the office and must be returned by 16th December. Any questions relating to the program please call Paul Howard on 0409 856 757 or email phoward@sjhawthorn.catholic.edu.au

**A reminder to Parents of the current students in the program, the End of Year Concert will be on Wednesday 14th December, refer to email sent out for times.**

**SWIMMING LOST PROPERTY:** There is a collection of lost property from the swimming program in the office foyer. If the items are not collected by the end of term they will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.
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.

CDF STUDENT BANKING: Please note the last day for student banking in 2016 will be Thursday 8th December. The first day for student banking in 2017 will be Thursday 9th February.

CANTEEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Last day for regular canteen service is Monday 28th November. Canteen Christmas Lunch ONLY Friday 29th December.

CANTEEN NEWS: Donuts are sold out for the remainder of the year. They will be back on the menu next year.

CANTEEN ROSTER:

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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 – 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:

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

- Girls Skorts are discontinued. Some quantities still available in sizes 4, 6, 14 and 16 only. Please order Sport Shorts as the alternative.
- The supplier of the fawn socks no longer makes them in Fawn size 7-11, and we have no more stock of size 7-11 on hand. Apologies – we are trying to source another supplier, but it is proving difficult.
  Also, they no longer supply single packs. Once the single packs we have on hand have sold, fawn socks will only be available in packs of 3. Price for 3 pack is $15.00.
  As of 22/11/16, we have no fawn 9-12 single packs, therefore these can only be purchased in packs of 3 for $15.00.
- Scrunchies have also been discontinued. Please order the Cool Clips range as an alternative.

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

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

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

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☐ I have a current WWC CHECK (This is compulsory) Tick day preferred: ☐ MONDAY ☐ FRIDAY
Educational Costs – 2017

Tuition Fees
Accounts will be issued once per year. Fees for 2017 will be $1600.00 per family. (May be paid in three instalments of $550.00 in Term 1, $550.00 in Term 2 and $500.00 in Term 3.)

These fees are used for
- Capital repayments
- Recurrent payments of all utilities, e.g. heating, cleaning, maintenance.

Cash payment may be made in person at the office or if you are paying by cheque or credit card, complete tear off slip at bottom of statement, put in a clearly marked envelope and send through tub system to office. EFTPOS facilities are also available.

School Levies 2017
Levies for 2017 are payable at the end of previous year, e.g. 2016 for 2017. These are used for: -

- Day to day school running costs, e.g. postage, school stationery, fee statements, etc.
- Resources for classroom use in various curricular areas e.g. Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy
- Information Technology, Physical Education Equipment, Library Materials, etc.
- Excursions
- Photocopying/paper costs for class materials, etc......

Levy Charges
Prep to Year 5 $320.00 per child
Year 6 $340.00 per child

Other Charges

Swimming Program - Prep to Year 4 $95.00
Alternative Swimming Program - Year 5-6 $60.00

- 10 lessons of 3/4 hour plus pool entrance fees and transport costs.
- Invoices will be distributed at the beginning of the year.

May be paid in full prior to commencement of Swimming Program.

Sports Fee
Year 1 to Year 4 $5.00 per child
Year 5 $30.00 per child
Year 6 $40.00 per child

School Camp

Year 6 (5 day camp)
Monday 6 March – Friday 10 March
$550.00 per child

Year 5 (3 day camp)
Wednesday 26 April – Friday 28 April
$350.00 per child

Year 4 (2 day camp) Thursday 19 October – Friday 20 October
$150.00 per child

Year 3 Sleepover – Thursday 2 November – Friday 3 November
$40.00 per child

Must be paid in full prior to the departure for camp.

The Parish Finance Committee is mindful of the current economic conditions and so urges all parents to contact the school if the fees/levies present a major financial burden.
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

But know this, that if the householders had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, they would have watched and would not have let their house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready; for the One who is to judge is coming at an hour you do not expect.

(Matthew 24: 43 - 44)

Adults
What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

Young People
Where can you make a difference at home, at school, at uni, at work, or in the world this Advent?

Children
What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?
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.
# Bogan Bingo Sponsors 2016

Thank you to the following sponsors for a successful night...Please support them as they have supported our school!!

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St Simons School Community Announcement

To Everyone in the St Simons Community
Below is an extract from the OSHC Newsletter that is being shared with the St Simons OSHC Community as well.

Announcement - Ruwayda Henri moving on after 23 years of Service at St Simons OSHC

Before one arrives at a milestone birthday it often triggers thoughts of the way forward. Well, at the start of 2016. I finally came to a decision that I need to move on to allow some fresh blood to flow into St Simons. It is also to hit my refresh button to head towards some of the goals I’ve had on the backburner for a while. The package that comes with being the owner of the service and working in the service as well, can, over time take its toll. I started putting systems in place to ensure the transition is smooth. The staff have and still are being informed about the nuances that make St Simons what it is so they continue along the same path that St Simon’s families are accustomed to. Selwyn will continue as Director of Zubees Pty Ltd.

I’ve been part and parcel of an industry that was perceived as a “child minding service”. Entering the industry from a Teaching background I envisioned the children not only having fun with their friends after school but also extending their play activity to develop skills and capacities that complement their academic learning. I trailed a few programs and was so inspired by the children’s engagement and how learning organically unfolded that I began systematically developing play based learning programs. It has taken many years of trial and error but eventually St Simons OSHC has developed into Play Based Learning Centre where children can Play, Learn and Grow. This process was accelerated by the government’s childcare regulations introduced in 2012. Our children are far too precious to require anything less than filling their developing years with joyful memories that doubles as a learning experience while they are at OSHC.

Child Care Educators understand that play is the highest form of Research

It’s been a most fulfilling 23 years of service and an absolute privilege to contribute to the development and well-being of so many children that have passed through my care over the years.
I am eternally grateful to all the children for making it such a joy to come to work each day. It is you that has inspired my creativity, reminded me what is really important in life and allowed me to accompany you along your learning journey. When my patience was tested to the limit I would see before me a quaint quote: “Children are like presents, some take longer to unwrap” and yes we all do develop the skill of making appropriate choices at different stages. We are all still learning how to do this effectively.

I hope I have strengthened your wings to fly to new horizons and make our world a better place

There has been an untold number of families whose friendships I will always cherish. You have all contributed to my appreciation for what it is to have a multi-cultural family. Thank you so much for all your contributions to the OSHC environment especially when OSHC was still in the embryonic years and all we had was recycled resources.

I now have first-hand experience about valuing each other regardless of our difference

My professional family has been both past and present priests, parish staff, principals, school staff, cleaners, workmen, Ballet teachers, Karate Instructors, Knox Council and all the associated institutions and agencies. I appreciate everyone for the respect, kindness and empathy towards OSHC at a time when it did not feature on any government or educational department’s agenda at all. The St Simons Aftercare Committee was an invaluable support to getting the St Simons OSHC started so I acknowledge your assistance and care.

My special appreciation to Mr Hessy for his patience and generosity. St Simons is so fortunate to have a person of insight and great leadership at the helm. St Simons OSHC is one of the few services that has 5 rooms dedicated to OSHC. Your inclusiveness has raised the OSHC profile to that of a Play Based Learning institution and a valuable component of the St Simons Community. It further cements the high regard that St Simons holds in the OSHC Community as the spearhead of many innovations. I have learnt so much from Rita and Anna about being respectful, professional and empathic towards all and sundry. Thanks for always treating the OSHC staff with dignity. You are the heart and soul of the school that keeps the wheels turning no matter the odds.

Deeds and not Words have been your adorning and the OSHC Community applauds and appreciates your generosity.
All the OSHC staff both past and present taken the meaning of teamwork, cooperation and collaboration to a new level. You endured some real challenging times and many changes. However as you can see these were all for the greater good and we have all come out better for it on the other side. You make a difference and that’s the reward and legacy that you leave. You are the grassroots of everything that happens at OSHC and your efforts cannot be underestimated. I have worked with some truly awesome teams. Many remain life-long friends of mine.

There can be no doubt that it really does take “A Village to Raise a Child”

How blessed can one be to have drawn inspiration from such a diverse range of humanity.

This has been my mantra to ensure that St Simons OSHC Community plays its part in contributing to a better tomorrow for all our children:

Children are the most precious treasure a community can possess, for in them are the promise and guarantee of the future. They bear the seeds of the character of future society which is largely shaped by what the adults constituting the community do or fail to do with respect to children. They are a trust no community can neglect with impunity. An all-embracing love of children, the manner of treating them, the quality of attention shown them, the spirit of adult behavior toward them. These are all among the vital aspects of the requisite attitude. Love demands discipline, the courage to accustom children to hardship, not to indulge their whims or leave them entirely to their own devices. An atmosphere needs to be maintained in which children feel that they belong to the community and share in its purpose.

-Universal House of Justice. April 2000

Thank you one and all for making my time at St Simons OSHC a fulfilling journey and my service to the community such a joyful experience. Wishing you and your families all the very best now and into the future. I will still be around for a short time at the start of next year to wrap up the last few ends.

It is with sadness that I bid you all farewell but as always cheers to a new cycle in the lifespan of St Simons OSHC.

God Bless

Ruwayda Henri
Volunteers Required Volunteers are desperately needed in a number of our ministries.

- Altar Society.
- Help-Desk on the 5th Sunday of the month (approx. 5 times a year).
- Flower arrangement.

Christmas Services

Christmas Carols including a live Nativity play
Sunday 18th December @ 7.00pm in the Church.
If your child is interested in taking part in the Nativity play, please RSVP on 9764 4058 or send an email to office@stsimonsparish.com.au. Practice will be held on Wednesday 7th & 14th at 3.30pm in the church. A light snack will be provided prior to starting.

Communal Reconciliation Service – 2nd Rite:
Wednesday 14th December @ 7.30pm.

Christmas Mass Times
Saturday 24th December @ 6.00pm, 9.30pm.
Carols 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass.
Sunday 25th December @ 10.00am.
Monday Boxing Day - No Mass.

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 RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS
1st $2000 Hello World Travel Voucher - Andrew Richardson
2nd $1000 Petrol Voucher - Joice Philip
3rd Olinda B & B Getaway - Stella Ryan
4th Puffing Billy Dinner & Dance - Lynn Emons
5th $200 Toyworld Voucher - A Mc Allister
6th Puffing Billy Family Pass - Bathan family