Dear Parents,

This week we commence Lent with Ash Wednesday. The most important event in our Lord’s journey to his Father was his resurrection which we celebrate on Easter Sunday. His journey was not an easy one; he was tempted like us and had difficult choices to make. In the early days of the Church the time before Easter was a period of preparation for entry and for return to the Church. Those who had decided to become Christians were baptised on Holy Saturday night (before the dawn on Easter Sunday) and those who had left the Church for various reasons but had decided to return. We call this period of preparation - Lent and traditionally it is forty week days, corresponding to the forty years the Israelites wandered in the desert, the forty days the prophet Elijah took to walk to Mount Horeb looking for God and the forty days our Lord fasted and prayed before he began his public work.

During this time we are invited to join our Lord in his period of preparation, to think about what was promised for us when we were baptised, to reflect on what we affirmed at our Confirmation and to ask God to help us in how we conduct our lives. This year during Lent, our Religious Education Co-ordinator, Lisa Thompson, will provide suggested prayers and activities for families to use during Lent. It will be attached to Contact each week. We hope that this will give you space to reflect and pray as a family.

Reflection

We ask Lord for strength and guidance to become people of witness.
To remember that the love you have for us is the way we should love one another.
Help us to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and not abandon them.
We ask the Holy Spirit to empower us to be people of witness.

Stranger Danger As part of the school curriculum teachers will be talking to their students about being aware of “Stranger Danger” situations. Children rely on adults to help them with many things. Unfortunately in our society there are some adults that children need to be aware of. It is a tricky balance to help our children understand safety without making them wary of everyone they meet. The following five ideas parents may wish to discuss with their children.
1. Let children know what a stranger is.
2. Stay close in crowds - Encourage children to stay close to parents in crowded situations.
3. Safety in numbers - It is much safer for children if they stay in a group with friends if they are unsupervised by their parents. Walk to school with a friend if possible.
4. Follow Family Rules – Good family rules promote safety.
5. Follow your instincts – This is a very important idea. If you think a situation is unsafe it probably is unsafe. If a child ever feels unsafe they should tell their parents or a responsible adult.

Please note these are only guidelines.

New Leaders Congratulations to the following school leaders who received their Leader badges at last Friday’s Opening School Mass.

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Medication - If a child requires medication at school, parents are requested to send the completed St Simon’s medical permission form to the school. Due to legal requirements no child can be administered medication unless written permission is given by the parent/guardian. The child’s name must be on the medication the school is being asked to administer. This is a legal obligation for both school and parents.

Prep 2015 - Will be full-time as from Monday 2nd March.

School photographs - Will be on Wednesday, 11 March. If possible please do not make appointments for children on this day.

Grade 5 Camp to Lakewood – The second group of children will return tomorrow at approximately 5pm. By all accounts the children have been having a wonderful time. I would like to thank Nick Frederiksen and all the teachers who assisted.

Grade 6 Camp to Canberra – Parents are reminded that the camp fee of $480 per child needs to be paid by Friday 27th February. The Year 6s will be leaving on Monday 2nd March and need to be at school by 7am. Children will return on Friday 6th March at approximately 4.30pm. All camp fees must be paid in order for the children to go to Canberra.
Extra Curricular Activities Term 1 Weeks 5 & 6

Monday 23rd February Interschool Swimming Carnival 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 24th February Prep Prayer Night 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 25th February No school for Preps
Friday 27th February School’s Clean Up Australia Day
Friday 27th February Parents’ Association Twilight Movie Night
Monday 2nd March Division Swimming Carnival 11-12pm
Mon. 2nd – Fri. 6th March Year 6 Camp to Canberra
Wednesday 4th March Reconciliation Session (5) 2pm or 7.30pm
Thursday 5th March School Assembly/ Liturgy 2.25pm (2B)
Friday 6th March Anointing Mass 9.15am

Parents’ Association AGM – I would like to thank all those parents who attended the Parents’ Association AGM last Monday evening. Our new committee is –
President – Betty Chmielewski, Vice President – Leanne Wood, Treasurer – Jennifer Drake, Assistant Treasurer – Sandy Bryant,
Secretary – Hayley Doran, Assistant Secretary – Sue Stibilj.

On behalf of our school community I would like to thank all those on the committee for offering their services for our school community.

Key Enrolment Dates for 2015 – The following dates will be used by Catholic secondary schools for Year 6 students in 2015 who will be enrolling in Year 7 for 2016. These are:

- Friday 27th February 2015 Date by which all applications to colleges close.
- Friday 24th April 2015 Date on which offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are to be posted
- Friday 8th May 2015 Final date for acceptance by parents of offers made.

School Car Park – Parents please be aware of the correct procedures which need to be followed to ensure this area is utilized safely - Traffic flow through the upper car park in the left lane exits onto Taylors Lane towards Wellington Rd and the right lane exits onto Taylors Lane towards Kelletts Rd. The left lane may be utilized by parents waiting to pick up their children yet these vehicles are NOT to be left unattended. Drivers must remain with their vehicle to ensure traffic flow. After school supervision of the children will occur on the footpath and verges of the upper car park assisting those children who get picked up by car. We continue to encourage families to maintain good walking habits, or utilize other drop-off/pick-up points in adjoining areas as our car park capacity will not cater for all families using it at once! Please see below regarding School Crossing Information.

School Athletics – Years 1-6 on Friday 1st May and Prep will be on Thursday 26th March at 5.30pm. More details will be sent home closer to these events.

Prep Twilight Sports – The Prep Sports will be held on Thursday 26th March. The sports will commence at 5.30pm and concluding at approximately 7.30pm. Please note children need to wear their sports uniform. Team coloured T-shirts are not to be worn at the sports. The venue is the synthetic oval next to the basketball courts.

Catholic Secondary Colleges – Parents of children in Grade 6 must have their Catholic Secondary College application for Year 7, 2016 submitted directly to the college of their choice by Friday 27th February 2015. It is ESSENTIAL that you have your application submitted by the due date. A list of Open Days is attached to Contact this week.

Email Subscription to Newsletter - If any parents are not receiving their copy of Contact by email please contact the school office with your email address or return the slip below.

Ambulance – All families are encouraged to be members of the Ambulance Service. If a child requires to be transported by an ambulance to hospital the cost will be the responsibility of the parents.

Working Bee – The first working bee this year will be Saturday 21st March commencing at 9.00am and concluding at 12 midday. Parents are requested to try and attend at least one working bee a year.

Quote of the Week – This week’s quote from Grade 4 Red is:

'THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE ARE THOSE WHO GIVE, NOT RECEIVE!

The Good Manners Award goes to Zoe Hinkley (4G) and Uniform Award goes to Elisha Murphy (2B). Well done to these children

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Phil Hesse
Principal

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2015 PREPS FULL TIME
NO CANTEEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO RENOVATIONS
MATHLETICS PASSWORDS AND USERNAMES HAVE BEEN UPDATED FOR 2015 AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK

www.mathletics.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

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OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL FEES: The first instalment of $490 is due by Friday 20th February. Accounts have been sent home.

AUTOMATIC SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT: Families can collect the form from the school office if interested. This is for your convenience and will help you avoid queues at the office.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked “Father, my dog is dead. Could ya’ be sayin’ a mass for the poor creature?”

Father Patrick replied, “I’m afraid not. We cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there’s no tellin’ what they believe. Maybe they’ll do something for the creature.”

Muldoon said, “I’ll go right away, Father. Do ya’ think $5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?”

Father Patrick exclaimed, “Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn’t ya’ tell me the dog was Catholic?”

LOST: Grace Madigan (1 Red) Bomber Jacket was lost on last day of term last year (Prep Red). It has her name on the inside label. If found please return to office, thank you.

HEAD LICE: We have been notified of head lice in Grade 1 Yellow. Parents please check your child/ren’s hair.

ART SUPPLIES Needed – Postage Stamps, Buttons, Magazines

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Dylan Casey (4R), Aditya Parmar (4Y) and Krisahna Demetriou (4G) for creating a fantastic mandala piece.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Alyssia Pisano (4B) & Chantelle Pitzuzzello (2G)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Gerard Nittoli (6B), Stasia Stevenson (3R)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Xavier Aguirre (1B) for his ability to recognise a new rhythm learnt in a song.

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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Birthday Wishes

Wishing the following students a very happy birthday.

Ivrea Hodgson (3G)  Dylan Vidinovski (1G)  Alex Di Cioccio (5C)  Constantine Gigos (4R)
Braeden Farrugia (1G)  Jayden Nguyen (4Y)  Alexandra Pawlowski (5R)  Jamie Walters (2G)
Madeleine Dwyer (6B)  Zac Fogo (5/6P)  Alexander Joseph (4B)

Canteen Roster: Canteen closed until further notice due to renovations

Uniform Shop Roster: Tuesday 24/02 Narelle, Ida, Cathy S, Felicia 2:30pm to 3pm


Uniform Shop Volunteers Needed Please

Volunteering in the uniform shop is a quick, fun and easy way to become involved in the school. Perhaps you and a couple of friends would like to help at the same time – it’s a great way to catch up and meet more parents. The Uniform shop will be open every Tuesday from 2:30pm to 3:00pm. If you are able to help please fill out the reply slip below or email me your details, including name, contact phone number and if you wish to be rostered with another parent helper as a team. Thank you. Angela Pretty. tupretty@bigpond.com

CDF Banking Volunteers Needed Please

Volunteering is a great way to meet parents from different year levels. Due to change in circumstances, some of the current volunteers are no longer available. You would only be required to help every Thursday for 30 minutes. If you are able to help please fill out the reply slip below or email me your details, including name and contact phone number. Marita Nittoli marita.nittoli@gmail.com

Parent’s Association News

Twilight Movie Night:

- Our Twilight Movie night is coming up. Roll out your picnic blanket under the stars and watch Robin Williams’ last blockbuster film: Night at the Museum 3 on Australia’s biggest outdoor cinema screen with 5.1 digital surround sound.
- Bring a picnic, blanket, nibbles and drinks. Food vans and a BBQ will also be on site for you to purchase food on the night.
- Every single dollar will go to the purchase of our second shade sail.
- Tickets available online and via the hub for a small admin fee.
- Adults (16+): $7 Children (3-15): $5 and family (2 A-2C or 1 A +3 children): $20
- If the event is cancelled for any reason, your ticket is transferable for our back up night on Friday 13th March. Refunds are available too.
- So no need to delay, buy your tickets now.

AGM: Parent’s Association AGM: Thank you to all those who attended our AGM on Monday 16th February. It was great to see so many faces. Our new committee is –

President – Betty Chmielowski, Vice President – Leanne Wood, Treasurer – Jennifer Drake, Assistant Treasurer - Sandy Bryant,
Secretary – Hayley Doran, Assistant Secretary – Sue Stibij


Advertising Opportunity: Do you own your own business? Would you like to see your business advertised on our movie screen during our Twilight Movie Night? For a very small fee you can do just that. Call Sandy Bryant on 0418 711 886 to reserve your spot. First in, first on screen. Spaces are quickly running out so get in ASAP.

Parish News

Reconciliation Parent Sessions – Wednesdays 25th February and 4th March – 2-3pm or 7.30-8.30pm –

Chiara’s Cut to Care for Women with Cancer.

Dear Parents,

My name is Rita Stabile and I’m writing about my daughter, Chiara who is in Grade 2 Yellow. On Saturday, February 14th, Chiara is cutting her beautiful lengths for cancer. She is so proud to be donating her hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths to make 'real hair wigs' for women going through cancer treatment.

Many of our wonderful family and friends were keen to sponsor her. I have therefore decided to donate all proceedings to the McGrath Foundation, whose aim is to place Breast Care Nurses in all communities around Australia. They also help to raise awareness of Breast Cancer in young women.

Whilst Chiara does not understand much about cancer, seeing her aunty lose her hair from treatment shocked her. So it makes me immensely proud and humbled that she decided to help in this way.

If you would like to sponsor Chiara, please click on the link so we can receive money for the McGrath Foundation and show that we care for women with cancer. Thank you on behalf of Chiara and her family xxx


Come along and enjoy the holidays with your friends at St Simons Vacation Care Program. The program is open from 8am -6pm from Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April inclusive. There will be exciting excursions to Jump Deck, the movies and a sports extravaganza run by Proactivity. Drumming experts will bring the rhythm of Africa to the program. Plenty more themed days such as Comicon/Superheroes, The Amazing Race, Grand Prix, loads of Easter activities and a giant Easter egg hunt. Don’t miss out! To make a booking please call: 03) 9763 0136 or email: admin@zubees.com.au
GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL TRIVIA NIGHT: Saturday 28th March 2015, St Bernadette's Parish Hall, Doors Open 7pm, Tickets $15 Each or Table of 10 $100. All money raised goes directly to Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal, Support a great cause today!
Book a Table today 0490 093 478

SUPPORTING THE 2015 OXFAM TRAILWALKER
Michelle Medlock, Thi Ha, Annette McClellan and Susan Reynolds (Aka: Team 210 - Save our Soles) are 4 mums of 10 children (!) here at St Simon's. We are in training for the Oxfam Trail Walk - which will take place over the weekend of the 10, 11 & 12 April. Never having attempted this walk before, we thought it would be a great personal challenge and also an opportunity to raise money for a fantastic international organisation that supports people in developing countries become stronger, smarter and self-sufficient. We are working hard to be as fit as possible as we prepare to complete the course in 29 hours. We have already laughed a lot, got to know each other much better and pushed each other to "keep up the training". We would be grateful for any support such families would be interested in helping us with as we work toward exceeding our fundraising goal of $1400. We have already received generous support from friends, family and colleagues but the more money raised the more work Oxfam can do.

If you are interested, we have left a money box at the office window for any small change donations you may be able to spare. If you would like to share our journey (and possibly donate online) please read the blogs Michelle is posting as we continue training - log onto https://trailwalker.oxfam.org.au/team/home/19045. Any encouragement you would like to offer in the playground also gratefully received - the next 8 weeks of preparation is going to test us physically and mentally as Michelle, Thi and Susan listen to Annette rabble on for hours on end!! Many thanks, Save our Soles, Team #210

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 a way 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.
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.
Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: viobookings@wwme.org.au www.wwme.org.au

NAZARETH COLLEGE FAMILY PICNIC: join us to launch our 30th Anniversary celebrations. Friday 27th February 2015 from 6pm to 8.30pm at Nazareth College. Pack a picnic basket and blanket with all your picnic needs – food, soft drinks, umbrella, chair etc. Or buy a sausage from our sausage sizzle! We’ve planned loads of activities. Coffee Van, Lucky Draws, races, Face painting, Ice Cream Van, Car Wash, Connect with our Nazareth Community. Groove to the school band, get a car wash for only $10.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES: Will commence at Heany Park Primary School, Buckingham Drive, Rowville on Saturday 21st February 2015 and will run for 2.5 hours from 9am to 11.30am. Students from Grade Prep to Year 12 are welcome. The tuition fee for the year is $200.00 per student. Our teaching includes the Strands of Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking and an appreciation of the Italian Culture. All Associazione Culturale L’Aurora teachers have a diploma issued by the Ministry of Education in Australia. If you wish your child to attend these classes please contact 9898 4707 for further information. Please visit our school website www.lauroraschool.com.au

CAHILL DANCE: Classes offered 3 years to adult. Pre School Dance & Movement, Classical Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Funk & Contemporary. Venue St. Simon’s. For more info phone Julie 9759 7191 or Sue 9752 8010.

ST SIMONS COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB
Interested in playing football? Come and join “The Knights” everyone is welcome.
We have a team in every age group; U8’s to U17’s for boys and U12’s and U16’s for girls
We have seeking additional players in our boys Under 8’s 9’s 10’s 15’s & 17’s and Girls Under 12’s & 16’s
Registrations now available via the web www.stsimonsknights.org.au. Or for more information please contact:
Natalie Williams on 0417 346 863 or stsimonsknights@gmail.com Wayne Sargeant on 0418 324 980 or president@stsimonsknights.org.au

 ------- UNIFORM SHOP HELPERS -------
I ................................ (please print name) am able to help in the Uniform Shop. Phone No..................

 ------- CDF BANKING HELPERS -------
I ................................ (please print name) am able to help with CDF BANKING. Phone No..................

 ------- TWILIGHT MOVIE NIGHT -------
Please return this slip and your money (cash only) to The Parents Association or alternatively book online at Trybooking.com/gvkq or Trybooking.com/119928.

Family Name: ........................................... Eldest Child Name & Grade .............
I want to purchase the following tickets for the Night at the Museum Twilight Movie Night:

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Please find enclosed $.................................
OPEN DAYS CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES

Enrolments for Year 7, 2016 for all Catholic Secondary Colleges close on Friday 27th February 2015. Below are some of the Open Days. Parents must make Applications directly to Colleges.

CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATIONAL SECONDARY COLLEGES

NAZARETH COLLEGE regularly conducts tours which provide an opportunity to see the College in action. School Tours are of an hour’s duration and will be conducted between 9:30am and 10:30am. To arrange a personalised tour at a different time, please call the College Registrar on 9795 - 8100.

Open School Tours are a way of seeing the College in action and to meet the Principal, Mrs Anne McDonald, and to talk to Senior Staff and Student Leaders as well as seeing classes first hand.
2015 Open School times for Terms 1 & 2 are:
Thursday 23 April
Thursday 30 April
Friday 15 May from 9:00am to 10:30am

CATHOLIC GIRLS SECONDARY COLLEGES

AVILA COLLEGE OPEN MORNINGS: School tours are conducted from 9-9.30am. The Principal’s address is from 9.30 – 10am and this is followed by Morning Tea. Please allow plenty of time for parking. During 2015 Open Mornings will be held on: Tuesday 26th May, Wednesday 12th August and Tuesday 27th October. On line registration is now available by visiting www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au, clicking on Quick Links and then Open Mornings.
The closing date for applications for Year 7 in 2016 is February 27th, 2015. For further information please contact the College Registrar on 9831 9600.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: All families are warmly invited to attend Mater Christi College’s Open Day on Thursday 19th February from 9am to 11am & 6.30pm to 8.00pm. You will have the opportunity to talk with College staff members, tour the College facilities and make enquiries about enrolment and College curriculum. Discover the modern facilities, vibrant student learning displays, performances, hospitality and fun activities. Twilight Tours – Thursday 12th March 7pm – 8pm Weekend Tours – Sunday 22nd February & 15th March from 10am to 11am. Please contact the College on 9754 6611 for further information or to arrange another time or visit www.materchristi.edu.au. Address: 28 Bayview Rd, Belgrave. Applications for Year 7, 2016 close on Friday 27th February 2015.

CATHOLIC BOYS SECONDARY COLLEGES

“The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand.” (Matthew 4:4)
Gracious God,
Open my ears that I may listen with attentiveness to your Word spoken today.

Through Sacred Scripture.
Open my heart that I may be alert to the challenge you offer.
I pray with confidence, in Jesus’ name.

Arise: Lenten Program 2015, Diocese of Wollongong
Dear Parents,

CAR PARK:
It is timely to remind ourselves of the procedures in place in the car park.
The diagram below outlines the guidelines which need to be followed to ensure this area is utilized safely.

Parents are able to make use of the parking spaces closest to the school oval/fence both before and after school. These spaces are for parents who are dropping off or picking up their children, not longer term parking. The parking spaces closest to Taylor's Lane have been reserved for staff parking only. You will note that the lower car park is designated for staff use only and is not to be accessed by parents, except those requiring use of the disabled car parking facility. By reserving this number of spaces we are able to ensure that all staff have a place to park when they arrive for work.

Traffic flow through the upper car park follows the arrows in the diagram whereby the left lane exits onto Taylors Lane towards Wellington Rd. and the right lane exits onto Taylors Lane towards Kelletts Rd. The left lane may be utilized by parents waiting to pick up their children yet these vehicles are NOT to be left unattended. Drivers must remain with their vehicle to ensure traffic flow. After school supervision of the children will occur on the footpath and verges of the upper car park assisting those children who get picked up by car. We continue to encourage families to maintain good walking habits, or utilize other drop-off/pick-up points in adjoining areas as our car park capacity will not cater for all families using it at once.

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

Children are asked to exit the school by one of the following ways:
1. Walking across the oval and out the double gates. (The preferred way)
2. Walking up the school/parish driveway turn right onto the footpath that abuts the carpark.
3. Walking up the school/parish driveway, through the staff-only carpark and turn left onto the footpath to head down to Wellington Rd.

No children are to walk across the exit driveway onto Taylors Lane. Parents who park in the parking bays on Taylors Lane will need to exit their vehicle and meet their child at the pedestrian gate near the vehicle entry gate on Taylors Lane.
School App.

We are very pleased to advise you that St. Simon the Apostle School is trialling the use of a smart phone application this year. The app is intended to complement existing communication tools and enhance notification of upcoming events, changes in dates and reminders of key items from the school calendar. The app has been endorsed by the School Advisory Board and helps to meet some of the goals of our post-review School Improvement Plan, under the banner of the Community Sphere.

The app has been developed by the team at Skoolbag. Their instructions for installation are below. Please note that as you search for our school, it is best to use the full name: St. Simon the Apostle, Rowville.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”.
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Initially the app will be used to push out the Contact newsletter, to serve as a calendar for some key dates and to push out alerts.
TWILIGHT MOVIE NIGHT
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
SECRET OF THE TOMB

FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2015
ST SIMONS PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL
GATES OPEN AT 7 PM

ADULT $7
CHILD (UNDER 16) $5
FAMILY OF 4 $20

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Looking for cheap city parking? Secure Parking will donate $1 to St Simon's School for every transaction made using Secure-A-Spot.


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Secure Parking has $5 Night & Weekend parking all over Melbourne PLUS weekday early bird parking from $10.

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P: 03 9613 0008  M: 0403 918 059  E: swalters@secureparking.com.au
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SATURDAY 28 FEB 2015

Pitch a tent, roll out a swag or flatten out some cardboard and join in the inaugural Big Sleepover after the Twilight Cinema at Knox Festival.

Have a sleepover in Wally Tew Reserve, Ferntree Gully and support Uniting Care Harrison’s work with people experiencing homelessness.

Then wake up to a FREE breakfast FREE fairground and FREE entry to Knox Festival!

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