Dear Parents,

Lent is a time when we look at improving ourselves and becoming more aware of our short comings. It is also a time when we need to focus on the qualities each of us have and how we share these qualities within our family, workplace or community. During this third week of Lent we may like to focus on the qualities that we have and how these qualities can benefit those around us.

**GIFTS**

Persons are the gifts of God to me.
They are already wrapped, some beautifully and others less attractively.
Some have been mishandled in the mail; others come "Special Delivery". Some are loosely wrapped;
others very tightly enclosed. But the wrapping is not the gift and this is an important realization.
It is so easy to make a mistake in this regard, to judge the contents by the cover.
Sometimes the gift is opened very easily, sometimes the help of others is needed. Maybe it is because
they are afraid. Maybe they have been hurt before and don’t want to be hurt again. It could be that
they were once opened and then discarded. They may now feel more like “things” than “human persons”.
I am a person; like everyone else I too am a gift. God filled me with a goodness that is only mine. And yet
sometimes I am afraid I would be disappointed. Maybe I don’t trust my own contents.
Or maybe I have never really accepted the gift that I am.
Every meeting and sharing of persons is an exchange of gifts.
My gift is mine; your gift is you. We are gifts to each other.

As part of the school’s Lenten Liturgies parents are invited to the following Liturgies:

- **Passion Liturgy** (Palm Sunday)
- **Holy Thursday Liturgy**
- **Good Friday Liturgy**

**Movie Night** - Last Friday’s Parents’ Association Movie Night was a resounding success. Of all the social fundraisers we have had over the years this must be ranked as one of the most successful. I would like to thank all families for supporting this event. A special thank you to Betty Chmielowski and the Parents’ Association for all the time and effort they put into organizing the night. A “very big thank you” to Anthony Madigan for organizing the movie. The event was well planned and well supported.

**SRC Badges** – Will be given out at Assembly next Thursday 12th March at 2.30pm following the Harmony Day presentation.

**Car Parking** – Last Monday a student was dropped off in the drive through lane of the car park. If it wasn’t for the cautious mother driving through, this student would have been injured or even worse. The parents of the child and the mother driving through were both visibly distressed. I would ask all parents to use the lane nearest the school to drop off children and the lane closest to Taylor’s Lane as a drive through lane only. I cannot stress enough how lucky we have been not to have any child injured. Please follow the guidelines. The safety of all our children is a number one priority.

**School Canteen Refurbishment** – The school canteen refurbishment building program has commenced. Parents and children are asked to keep a distance from the fenced area but normal access to classrooms will be similar to what we have now.

**ANZAC Day** – ANZAC Day is on Saturday 25th April. There is NO public holiday on Monday 27th April for ANZAC Day. School will be as normal for all children on this day.

**Grade 6 Camp to Canberra** – Our Year 6 children and teachers will return back from Canberra on Friday at approximately 4pm depending on traffic conditions.

**School photographs** - Will be on next Wednesday, 11 March. If possible please do not make appointments for children on this day. Full summer uniform must be worn, and photos may be ordered by filling in the pre-paid envelope which will be sent home today with all students – please check your child’s bag. The student brings the envelope to school ON PHOTO DAY with the CORRECT MONEY/ CHEQUE/CREDIT CARD. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ENVELOPES TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY. Cheques are to be made payable to ‘Schoolpix’ – not to St. Simon’s. All students are photographed individually. Family pre-paid envelopes are available from the office and online. A 25% family discount to families with 3 or more children is available for online orders only. To pre order online, take your Personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order envelope and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. You do not need to return the order form if you order online. For further information ring 1300 766 055 or email info@schoolpix.com.au

**School Photographs Policy:** As you are aware the school has a policy regarding how hair is to be worn. We respectfully ask you to adhere to this policy on the day the photographs are being taken. e.g. hair tied back, school coloured ribbons etc.
Extra Curricular Activities Term 1 Weeks 7 & 8

- **Wednesday 11th March**: School Photos – All day
- **Wednesday 11th March**: Family Penitential Liturgy 7.30pm – 8.15pm
- **Thursday 12th March**: Harmony Day Liturgy 2.30pm (4B)
- **Friday 13th March**: National Young Leaders Day – Year 6 Leaders to attend
- **Friday 13th March**: Year 1 Camp Day
- **Mon. 16th – Fri. 20th**: Catholic Education Week
- **Monday 16th March**: Year 2 excursion to Coal Creek
- **Tuesday 17th March**: St. Patrick’s Feast Day
- **Tuesday 17th March**: Catholic Education Week Mass Gr. 6 Leaders attend Cathedral Mass
- **Wed. 18th / Thurs. 19th March**: First Rite Celebrations 6.30pm – 8pm
- **Friday 20th March**: Palm Sunday Liturgy 11.30am (2Y)
- **Friday 20th March**: District Sport Trials
- **Saturday 21st March**: Working Bee 9-12 noon
- **Saturday 21st March**: First Rite Celebrations 10-11am, 4.30pm – 5pm

**Thanks to Mel Wharton for the Banner** – I would like to thank Mrs. Wharton and our Art Leaders Thierry Dubois, Lucas Davey, Shan Gibson & Lauren Giampa on the banner they made for the Knox Festival. Thanks also to all the families who voted for our banner. The quote “Take nothing but memories…. Leave only footprints” was very relevant to our world we live in.

**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.

**CDF Banking Volunteers** – Are required as the current volunteers have been doing this job for a few years and now have other commitments. Banking is done every Thursday morning during the term and you only need to be available for about 1 hour each week. If interested please contact the school office.

**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.

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

**Quote of the Week** – This week’s quote from Grade 4 Red is “Don’t bite the hand that feeds you’ from Giovanni Congiu.

**School Uniform** – All children are to be in their summer uniform until the end of term 1. As from the start of term 2 all children are to be in full winter uniform.

**Honesty Award** – Congratulations Shania Von Kelaita (5B) who found a considerable sum of money this week and handed it in to the office.

**Prayers** – Please keep the Mathes Family in your prayers and thoughts as Shamin (Prep G) Great Grandfather passed away recently.

**Term 1** - Concludes on Friday 27th March at 1.15pm and Term 2 commences Monday 13th April.

The Good Manners Award goes to Nikkii Stanic (5Y) and Uniform Award goes to Ethan Valenzuela (4 Green). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

---

**LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – MONDAY 9TH MARCH**
**TERM 1 ENDS FRIDAY 27TH MARCH AT 1.15PM**
**TERM 2 RESUMES MONDAY 13TH APRIL**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday 10th March</td>
<td>Year 2 excursion to Coal Creek</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 16th March</td>
<td>Parents’ Association Meeting 7pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 17th March</td>
<td>St. Patrick’s Feast Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 17th March</td>
<td>Catholic Education Week Mass Gr. 6 leaders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed. 18th March</td>
<td>First Rite Celebrations 6.30pm – 8pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 19th March</td>
<td>Palm Sunday Liturgy 11.30am (2Y)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 20th March</td>
<td>First Rite Celebrations 6.30pm – 8pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 20th March</td>
<td>District Sport Trials</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 21st March</td>
<td>Feast of St. Joseph</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 21st March</td>
<td>Working Bee 9am – 12pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 21st March</td>
<td>Harmony Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday 22nd March</td>
<td>First Rite Celebrations 10-11am. 4.30 – 5pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5th Sunday of Lent</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
JOKE OF THE WEEK

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head. He then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.

An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out. The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar:

'He lives in a home with a non-stop chatting, nagging, complaining wife, and 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep.

Can I come with him tomorrow?'

OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL FEES: The first instalment of $490 is NOW OVERDUE. Prompt Payment would be appreciated.

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE #2: The deadline for payment and orders is Tuesday 10th March. Please ensure your child’s name and grade is included on the order.

ART SMOCKS SHOULD BE LABELLED AND BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to George Kokalak (2G), Nathania Rajasingham (2R) & Luca Palermo (2Y) for creating a great scratch art!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Jerome Le (1Y) & Kira Grant (3G)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Cassandra Toskov (5Y) & Nathaniel Louey (5R)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: Last week’s award to Kara Appleton (4Y) was misprinted it should have read ‘on an amazing achievement; receiving her Blue Book in record!’ This week’s award goes to Ben Di Petta (4B) for working hard and independently to complete his music activity.

MUSIC NEWS: Anthony Massin (4B) has been working hard to achieve his Orange Belt and it has paid off! Well done.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Anna Morgan</th>
<th>Pat Healy</th>
<th>Natalie Di Carlo</th>
<th>Andrew Miller</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Alexandra Davies (1R)</td>
<td>Evelyn Dunne (1R)</td>
<td>Laura Le (4R)</td>
<td>Luca Coco (5B)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Senuka Ranadeera (4B)</td>
<td>Nathan Fernandez (2B)</td>
<td>Amelie Lahusse (Prep Y)</td>
<td>Lorelei Salerno (4B)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Katia Giannetti (5R)</td>
<td>Lawrence Lakat (5R)</td>
<td>Jake Thomas (1G)</td>
<td>Maria Wang (Prep Y)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connor Wright (Prep G)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Prep B – Bella Earr</th>
<th>Prep G – Bradley Pedley</th>
<th>Prep R – Izabel Ramirez</th>
<th>Prep Y – Aurora Doran</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Blue – Francesco Citera</td>
<td>1 Green – Ethan Tagger</td>
<td>1 Red – Julia Giampa</td>
<td>1 Yellow – Sienna Pulitano</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Blue –</td>
<td>2 Green –</td>
<td>2 Red – Alessia Blasi</td>
<td>2 Yellow – Elsie Charlton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Blue – Daniel Nittoli</td>
<td>3 Green – Miles Hart</td>
<td>3 Red – Caitlyn Micheli</td>
<td>4 Blue –</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Green – Zachary Ha</td>
<td>4 Red –</td>
<td>4 Yellow – Max Sarris</td>
<td>5 Blue – Zak Wiedemann</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Green – Alexander Di Cioccio</td>
<td>5 Red – Erin September-Jones</td>
<td>5 Yellow – Riley Hollioake Eamann Shubber</td>
<td>5/6 Purple – All Year 6s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Blue –</td>
<td>6 Green –</td>
<td>6 Red –</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CANTEEN ROSTER: CANTEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO RENOVATIONS

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER: Tuesday 10/03 Narelle, Lisa, Angela 2.30pm to 3pm
**MEDICALERT IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM:** St. Simon’s is registered to participate in the Schools Program. Our program code is STSKRL. For every student that joins as a new MedicAlert member $10 will be donated to our school. MedicAlert membership can communicate your child’s medical information and special needs in an emergency. For more information about MedicAlert membership please visit medicalert.org.au or call 1800 88 22 22 Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm.

---

**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. tapretty@bigpond.com

---

**CDF BANKING:** A School Banking Service is available each Thursday to all children through the Catholic Development Fund. This is coordinated and operated with the assistance of parent volunteers. Account application form is attached to Contact or available from the School Office. A great way to teach your children to save with little incentives along the way.

---

**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 Nittioli marita.nittioli@gmail.com

---

**Leukaemia Foundation**

**WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE**

Hi my name is Nathaniel Louey and I am in Year 5 Red. This year I am shaving my hair for the Leukaemia Foundation World’s Greatest Shave. Please sponsor me and support my efforts to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. All Donations can be left at the school office. If you would like to sponsor me online please go to www.worldsgreatestshave.com and search Nathaniel Louey through the sponsor icon. Thank you for your support.

---

**PARISH NEWS**

**FAMILY PENITENTIAL LITURGY:** Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm. Families attend.

**FIRST RITE CELEBRATIONS:** Wednesday 18th March & Thursday 19th March from 6.30pm -8pm and Saturday 21st March from 10- 11am or 4.30pm – 5pm. Families book in child for one 5 minute timeslot for celebration of First Rite.

**ST SIMONS VACATION PROGRAM:** Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2015. Early Bird Bookings close 13th March 2015.

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@zubes.com.au See flyer attached.

---

**PARENT’S ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**EASTER RAFFLE:** We will once again be running our annual Easter Raffle. We would be extremely grateful if each family could offer their support by donating an Easter Egg towards the raffle. Easter Eggs can be sent via the tub system until Monday 23rd March. Raffle tickets will be sent home in the near future.

**SECURE PARKING:** Are you going into the city for Moomba this weekend? Book your secure parking ahead of time for a great deal, just book using the St Simon promo code, ahead of time and $1 will be donated to the school. Simply visit www.secureparking.com.au and book your parking online with Secure-A-Seat using promotion code – STSIMONS

---

**KNOX SCHOOLS EXPO 2015** will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2015** from **6.30pm-8.30pm**. at Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South.

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2016/17 or for those with younger children who wish to plan ahead.

The evening allows parents/carers the opportunity to have conversations with representatives from many schools in the lead up to choosing a Secondary School for their child. They can also ask questions of a panel of school and community members about what to consider when choosing a school, or ways of supporting their child through transition.

For more information please visit www.knox.vic.gov.au/KnoxSchoolsExpo or contact Angela Thurbon, Knox City Council-Youth Services on 9298 8533 or angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au or Megan Parker on 9298 8308 or megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au. Bookings are not required.

**AVILA COLLEGE OPEN DAY** – Attending an Open Morning is one of the best ways to learn more about the College. Information about fees, uniform requirement, transport options and the transition program are helpful when starting at a new school to help students settle in quickly. Register online for the Saturday 21 March Open Day.

Avila College is proud to celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 2015 and a special Carnival and Open Day will be held from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 21 March. Please register for a school tour online.
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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNT WEEKEND: Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage!
Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.
There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.
Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwmc.org.au www.wwmc.org.au

A wide range of live music, over 100 performances, in seven venues (five of them free), including the main outdoor stage in the park. Food and market stalls surrounding a great playground. Music all day Saturday, from 11 am to 10 pm with an emphasis on rock n roll on the free outdoor main stage in the evening. Sunday is family day, with live music all day 11:00 am to 6 pm in the park and in all venues, and more music into the evening in the pubs. Weekend pass $20 for paid venues; children under 12 free. For more information about the program, prices, and special events, please see the web site.
www.TheBasinMusicFestival.org.au
Location: In the heart of The Basin, where Mountain Highway meets Forest Road (Melway 65 G7)

ST SIMONS COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB - INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOOTBALL? Everyone is welcome. We have a team in every age group. Teams available from U8’s to U 17’s for boys. Girl teams for Under 12’s & Under 16’s. We have positions in our Boys Under 8’s, 9’s 11’s 12’s & 17’s and Girls Under 12’s & 16’s.
For more information; Contact Natalie Williams (Secretary) (Ph) 0417 346 863 or; (E) stsimonsknight@gmail.com Or Wayne Sargeant (President) (E) president@stsimonsknight.org.au

ST SIMON’S KNIGHTS JUNIOR FOOTY CLUB - Hosting a Ladies Pamper & Wellness Evening at Cocoamo’s Restaurant, Rowville. Monday 23rd March from 7.30pm. Ladies take a night off & join us for a social & totally indulgent evening. A ticket at $25 includes drink on arrival, light finger food & entry into raffle. Additional drinks purchased at the bar. Treatments & services on the night are there purely to indulge you. Services are FREE of charge. RSVP by 13th March. To book please contact Anabel 0432 890 025 or e-mail anabelandui@gmail.com.

KNOX BMX FREE TRY DAY – Want to try BMX? Boys and Girls of all ages welcome to attend on Saturday 14th March from 4pm. Bring long pants, long sleeve shirt, enclosed shoes, a bike, gloves. We have got helmets, gloves and a limited number of bikes you can borrow. For more information contact info@knoxbmx.com.au.

MINI TENNIS WORLD: 1st Mini Clay Courts in the WORLD! Police Rd, Rowville (off Stud Rd) 2 mins from Monash Fwy. Ph 0422 848 356
Visit www.minitennisworld.com.au

ST JUDE'S FAMILY FUN FAIR Saturday 14th March 2015 - 11am to 9pm, George Street, Scoresby
Presale Discount all day wristbands available for St Jude's Fair only $35.00, (discount of $10.00). Available until 5pm Wednesday 11 March 2015. St Jude's Fair - All Day Wristband Take your ticket to the Ticket Box on fair day from 10.30am onwards to receive your wristband.

--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

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..................

Family Name: ....................................................... Eldest Child Name & Grade
Today was the Prep children’s first Wednesday and what a great way to begin the day. The Preps started their day with Discovery Centres and as you can see they had a fantastic time. It was also their first Art, Library, Music or PE lesson. What a busy day.

Welcome to full time school Preps. You're going to love it!
ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE

WILL BE CELEBRATING

HARMONY DAY & BULLYING. NO WAY!

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2015

Harmony Day is held every year in March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It has been celebrated within Australia for 15 years. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

This National Day of Action provides a focus for schools and the wider school community, to strengthen their everyday messages against bullying and violence.

As a school community we will celebrate these two days together with a variety of activities throughout the day, including a whole school sausage sizzle on the oval at 1:00pm and then culminating in our whole school liturgy, which is to be led by 4B at 2:30pm.

If you would like to join us at any stage or can offer some assistance please speak with your child’s teacher.

As part of this day the children are free to wear orange as this is the colour internationally associated with Harmony Day.

Lunch

There will be enough sausages provided for each child to have ONE. If your child requires more food than this please provide their normal lunch. If you do not wish your child to have a sausage please notify their class teacher in writing and provide their normal lunch.
ST. SIMON’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
WORKING BEE

Saturday March 21st 2015,
9am to 12pm
2 Taylor’s Lane Rowville

A Working Bee has been organised for our school community on
Saturday, 21st March 9am.
Please mark this date in your diary.
Bring along rakes, wheelbarrows, and yard brushes,
garden gloves, etc.
Come along and join the fun and experience Mr. Hesse’s
world famous sausage sizzle skills.

PLEASE RETURN THIS REPLY SLIP IF YOU CAN HELP US ON THE DAY

THE.............................................FAMILY is attending
our working bee - 21/03/2015

SPONSORED BY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Twilight Movie Night

Friday 27th February 2015

Last Friday, over 600 movie lovers gathered on the St Simon’s school oval to watch the school’s first ever outdoor movie. Many arrived early to secure a good spot, bringing chairs and picnic rugs with them. While they waited for it to get dark, they enjoyed a sausage sizzle, coffee, ice cream, played games, kicked the footy around and even danced to the latest hits. At 8:30 Australia’s largest outdoor movie screen came to life, first with the advertisements from the night’s sponsors and then with the movie everyone came to see.

All who attended agreed that the night was fun filled and an outstanding success. So much so that they have requested that every school year at St Simon’s begins with an outdoor movie night. The night would not have been possible though without our generous helpers: The Madigan, Bryant, Stibilj, Stanbury, West, Paduano, Padua, Allen/McNaughton, Kok, Fernandes, Wood/Jury, Chmielewski, McClellan, Dell’Aquila and Muratore families.

We would like to also acknowledge our sponsors from the night: The Walt Disney Company (Australia), Wrigleys, Endota Spa, Helloworld, Dentistree, T.E.A company, Wellness on Wellington, Hairfinity, Big Al’s Pizza, Kingston Links, Kool Kids on Wellington, Rowville Chemmart Pharmacy, Froth & Grinds, Platinum Health & Fitness, Avila College, Lilydale Pet Food Supplies, Nazareth College, Blockbuster Rowville, Robot Trading, Wellington Village Lotto, Green Hair on Wellington and Harcourts Rowville.
VACATION CARE BOOKING FORM  
March/April 2015  
Forms will only be accepted if fully completed

Child’s Name:  1. ___________________  2. ___________________
3. ___________________  4. ___________________

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________

Telephone: (M) ___________________ (H) ___________________ (W) ___________________

Persons authorised to collect your child: ________________________________

Childs Health Details (Allergies, Asthma, Diet, etc: ________________________________

Further details as per Full Enrolment Forms. Please ensure that all details are current.

I, ___________________________________________ authorise my child/ren ________________________________ to attend the VACATION PROGRAM including the excursions to which my child has been enrolled.

I, the undersigned approve of the enrollment and agree to abide by the rules and conditions of the program. I agree that St Simons OSHC and staff are to be free and clear of all responsibilities for an accident or loss of property during my child’s participation in an activity at the Program.

I further authorise the staff to obtain such medical assistance as is required and agree to meet any attached expenses.

I undertake to inform the staff of any absence of my child. I acknowledge that my child will not attend the program if ill or suffering from an infectious or contagious disease. In the event that my child is injured or becomes ill during the program, either an authorised person or I shall collect the child as soon as practical.

I fully understand that if my child’s behavior is deemed unacceptable by the staff and after behavior guidance procedures have been followed, I will be notified to collect my child and any further participation in the program will need to be negotiated.

Parents / Guardians Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Vacation Care</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tues</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thurs</th>
<th>Fri</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Week 1</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30/03/15–3/04/15</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Public Holiday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>E</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Good Friday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>No Program</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Week 2</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/04/15–10/04/15</td>
<td></td>
<td>Public Holiday</td>
<td>I</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Easter Monday</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>No Program</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please note, the program will operate if numbers are viable. Families will be notified before last day of term if any day is cancelled due to insufficient bookings.

PAYMENT ADVICE: PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY BOOKING TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE

Cheque / Money Order □  Credit Card □  Type: Visa □  M/Card □

Card Number: __________ / __________ / __________ / __________  Expiry Date: ______ / ______

Cardholder Name: __________________________  Amount: $________________________

Signature: ____________________________________  All credit card payments attract a surcharge of 0.9% to cover Merchant service fees.
Helping your child with social skills

(FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS)

Presented by Belinda Dan, Psychologist

This presentation for parents/teachers will cover:

- Communication
- Play skills
- Problem solving
- Strategies

Aimed at: Parents and Teachers of Preschool/kindergarten and early primary school children

Date/Time: Thursday 19th March, 2015  7-8:30pm

Location: Expressions Therapy Centre, 114 Kelletts Road, Rowville

Contact Belinda on 0438 088 940 to book. Bookings essential.

Cost: $110 (inc. GST) (FaHCSIA/Better Start $120)

Payment needs to be made before the presentation date. There is a 50% cancellation fee. Please note there is a 1.5% surcharge on credit card payments

---------------------------------------------------------------

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH SOCIAL SKILLS

Parent/Teacher Name: ________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

Contact Number: ________________________________
3rd Week of Lent

"Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." (John 2:16)
3RD WEEK OF LENT

GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers’ coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market.’ Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, ‘What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?’ Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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

Arise: Lenten program 2015, Diocese of Wollongong
Teaching kids to deal with conflict effectively and peacefully is perhaps the biggest challenge facing adults today. Children's disagreements both at home and at school can be noisy, physical and psychologically hurtful. The approach to conflict resolution learned and practised in childhood often stays for life.

Conflict is part of daily living. Effective people resolve conflict in ways that protect relationships, honour feelings and lead to a resolution. They neither avoid conflict nor do they use power to dominate others or win conflict.

It is useful for parents to provide a process for children to resolve individual differences peacefully and effectively. When two children have a disagreement that is upsetting to one or either then they may need adult assistance to resolve the conflict. One process that is both easy to learn and highly effective is the Face-Up conflict resolution process that is a variation on some common processes in use.

In the Face-up process children face each other and maintain eye contact. This helps for greater openness and understanding. It generally requires an adult to be present as a third party so parents may need to stick around to make sure it works effectively.

The steps involved in the Face-up process:
1. Safety first: To ensure safety and integrity it is important that both children are calm. Give them time and some help to regain control if they are angry or upset.
2. Feelings second: Using I-messages children tell each other how they feel about the situation. "I feel awful when you don't share your toys. I really feel like losing it because it is not fair." Focus on the feelings and don't let it get into recriminations or accusations.
3. Repeat third: Sometimes this process is enough to get a resolution or at least an apology. Repeat the procedure if necessary so both children feel they have been heard.
4. Resolve fourth: State the problem as you see it or as children identify it. Sometimes children just want to state their case and they will make their own suggestion about resolving it. "You can play with my old toys, but I don't want you playing with my new toys for a while. They're special." "Okay."
5. Make-up fifth: An apology or an agreement is often enough however sometimes damage may need to be repaired or a follow-up talk from a parent about better behaviour may be appropriate.

Teaching children some simple rules for resolving conflict and a process such as the one above may well be one of the best investments in time and energy that a parent will make.

Try This . . .
PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE
To promote conflict resolution skills in children try the following four strategies:
1. Teach children some simple rules for resolving conflict (e.g. without hitting and without name-calling).
2. Explain to your children about I-messages and identify them when they are used. I-messages state how a person feels about a situation as well as why they feel that way. They are non-judgemental and non-accusatory. E.G.: “I hate it when you tease me like that because I feel so silly.” “When you break your promise to me I feel so let down because I get so excited and worked up.”
3. Get children to agree on the problem when they come for help to resolve a conflict.
4. Ask children to tell you what they did when you notice they resolved a potentially difficult situation peacefully. “Have you guys been going to conflict resolution classes behind my back? How did you work that one out without arguing?”. It is quite powerful when children tell you in their own language how they did something.

What’s your child like?
How effectively does your child resolve conflict?

DOES HE
1. Usually resort to power or physical means to get his way? Yes 0 No 2
2. Deal with problems verbally and calmly? Yes 2 No 0
3. Give some ground rather than stubbornly stand firm over every issue? Yes 2 No 0

SCORE:
10: A real peacemaker. Perhaps headed for a career in diplomacy!
6-8: Still wearing conflict resolution learner plates but moving in the right direction.
0-4: Hmmm! Needs some work.

4. Move on quickly and maintain friendships after a conflict? Yes 2 No 0
5. Say very little but simmer over conflict and disagreements? Yes 0 No 2

QUOTE
'We must be prepared to be part of the care and not remain part of the problem.' Source Unknown

parentingideas.com.au

Published by Michael Grose Publications Pty Ltd. Ph: 1800 004 884 Fax: (03) 5983 1722 Email: office@parentingideas.com.au PO Box 167, Balnarring 2096 Australia