Dear Parents,

This weekend the parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Many of the children who are receiving the Sacrament are our Year 6 students. On behalf of the school community we congratulate all the children who are receiving the Sacrament and remember them in our prayers and thoughts. Last week these children attended the Parish Reconciliation and the reverence and commitment these children showed was a credit to them.

**Corinthians 12:4-13**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;  
And there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God  
Who activates all of them in everyone.  
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  
To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom,  
And to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,  
To another faith by the same Spirit,  
To another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,  
To another the working of miracles,  
To another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits,  
To another various kinds of tongues,  
To another the interpretation of tongues.  
All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,  
Who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.  
For just as the body is one and has many members,  
And all the members of the body, though many, are one body,  
So it is with Christ,  
For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body  
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—  
And we were all made to drink, of one Spirit,

The Gifts of the Spirit are Wisdom - Understanding - Counsel - Fortitude - Knowledge - Piety - Love of the Lord.  
Each one of us has all these gifts with some Gifts being stronger than the other Gifts.

**Confirmation** - The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this Saturday 13th June (2.00pm and 4.00pm) and Sunday 14th June at 2.00pm.

**We prepare for the, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Mass.**

**This Friday 12th June 11:30am**

Gospel – Jn 19:31-37

The image of the pierced heart of Jesus has often been seen to point to the depth of Jesus’ love. In John, Jesus interpreted his death as a self-gift of love. ‘No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’ (John 15:13) Just as in a family children are the fruit of love, so also with God’s relationship with us. Love lies at the core of John’s gospel: ‘God so loved the world that God gave the only son.’ (John 3:16) God’s love also bears fruit in children as today’s passage symbolises.

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**School Tours** - Congratulations to our Year 6 students who were involved in the school tours. The manner in which they showed the 2016 prep parents around the school was a credit to them. Our greatest quality at our school are our students and this was evident during the school tours.

**School Reports** - Will be sent home on Friday 19th June.

**Parent/ Teacher Interviews** - Will be held on Monday 22nd June and Thursday 25th June. The parent/ teacher meetings commence at 3.30pm and conclude at 8.00pm on both days. Electronic booking of the parent/ teacher meetings will again be available for parents to select interview times. Access the Online booking form, which will be available from **Monday 15th June at 8.00am**, from the school website. See instructions attached to Contact. Please note these interview times close at 1.30pm on each of the interview days.

**Prep Enrolment 2016** Existing families must return the enrolment application. Enrolment is not automatic. **APPLICATION FORMS FOR PREP 2016 MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE BETWEEN 8.30AM AND 3.30PM.** Closing date for enrolments is Friday, 19th June, 2015.
Extra Curricula Activities Term 2 Weeks 10 & 11

- Friday 12th June: Feast of the Sacred Heart/ Poor man’s Mass 11.30am (6G)
- Friday 12th June: District Junior Hoop Time
- Sat 13th June: Sacrament of Confirmation 2pm & 4pm at St. Simon’s
- Sun 14th June: Sacrament of Confirmation 2pm at St. Simon’s
- Thursday 18th June: Prep Camp Day
- Friday 19th June: School Reports sent home
- Friday 19th June: Closing date for Prep 2016 Enrolments
- Monday 22nd June: Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30pm – 8pm
- Thursday 25th June: Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30pm – 8pm
- Friday 26th June: Liturgy – Refugees 11.30am (3R)
- Friday 26th June: End of Term 2 – Dismissal 1.15pm

End of Term: Term 2 will conclude at 1.15pm on Friday 26th June and Term 3 will commence on Tuesday 14th July.

Tax Deductible Contributions – Attached to Contact is information regarding St. Simon’s School Building Fund. Money raised assists the school maintain its existing buildings and helps with improvements around the school. Donations made before 30th June are tax deductible.

The Good Manners Award goes to Jasmine Fernando (Prep B) and Uniform Award goes to Ryan Hall (Prep R). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Phil Hesse
Principal

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SIBLINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS WISHING TO ENROL IN PREP 2016 MUST COMPLETE AN ENROLMENT FOLDER – ENROLMENT IS NOT AUTOMATIC
CLOSING DATE FOR ENROLMENTS IS FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2015

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HEAD LICE: There has been a report of head lice in Grade 1 Green this week. Parents please check your child/ren’s hair. Thank you.

LOST: Black spray jacket from Grade 1 area. Size 8 labelled Jerome Le. If found please return to 1 Yellow.

OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL FEES: Unless you are on a monthly plan or have a special arrangement, the 2nd instalment of $490 is now overdue. Prompt payment is appreciated.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF): CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student will be $125 for primary school students. Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download a form from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef Closing date - You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 20th June 2015. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Two cannibals are discussing recipes. The first says, “You know, I just can’t seem to get a missionary tender. I’ve baked ‘em; I’ve roasted ‘em; I’ve barbecued ‘em. I’ve tried every sort of marinade on them. Nothing works.”

The second cannibal asks, “What kind of missionary do you use?”

The other replies, “You know, the ones that have those brown cloaks with a rope around the waist and they’re sort of bald on top”.

“Ah!” the second cannibal replies. “That’s your problem. Those are friars!”

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Doctor: “Your recovery was a miracle!”
Patient: “Thank God! Does that mean I don’t have to pay your bill?”
DISTRCT CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday St Simons had Lachie McCarthy, Vanessa Carni, Jaidai Reid, Nicholas Muratore, Zac Bugeja, Charlotte Roza, Christian Borovic, Lachlan De Luca, Ben Noonan, Zac Cairns, Stephen Guerra, Nathaniel Louey and Grace Louey compete at the Division Cross Country Carnival.
The carnival was held at the Knox Athletics Track and each student was competing against 60 other children trying to get through to Regionals. Of all the students that finished their race, no student was outside the top 21, which is a fantastic effort.
We are very fortunate to have fantastic runners at St Simons, and I must make a special mention to Vanessa Carni (7th), Jaidai Reid (8th) and Stephen Guerra (10th in his age group) who will be travelling to Yarra Glen next Tuesday 16th June to compete at the Regional Level.
The whole St Simon’s community wish these three luck.
Nick Frederiksen, Sports Coordinator

Jaidai Reid & Vanessa Carni

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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MUSIC NEWS: Well done James Kwan (4 Red) on receiving his Yellow Belt this week in recorder.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Holly Fleming (1G), Jessica Micheli (1R) & Francesco Citera (1B) for great Matisse Art.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Annie Shi (4Y), Ella-Rose Cook (5G) & Cynthia Cheniart (5G).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Manny Fraces (2R) & Caitlin Beyrooti (4B), Jayden Nguyen (4Y) & Ethan Ha (1Y).

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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CANTEEN ROSTER: CANTEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO RENOVATIONS

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER: Tuesday 16/06 Narelle, Lisa, Natasha 2.30pm to 3pm

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

SUBWAY DAY: Tomorrow Friday June 12. Hope the children enjoy their subway.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: This year customers have a choice and can choose the Book Membership or the Digital Membership, both packed with amazing businesses. They only cost $65 each and $13 from each sale goes directly to the school.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque to St Simon’s Parents’ Association. Payment can also be made by Credit Card directly to Entertainment Books via the secure online payments at the following URL https://www.entbook.com.au/187n82. If you are using the online payment method and choose to order a Book Membership we will receive notification of your payment and book/s can be sent to you through the tub system unless you opt to pay an additional delivery charge. For any enquiries regarding this please phone Lisa on 0418 108 988.

SECURE PARKING: Are you going into the city 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-Spot using promotion code – STSIMONS
Some interesting information regarding the school's usage from the 16th Feb 2015 – 10th June 2015. The students at St. Simon’s have improved in using Mathletics on average by 30% which is amazing! In such a short period of time the students have a very high usage which is great. So far they have earned 395,222 points this year. They have earned 532 Bronze Certificates, 60 Silver Certificates and 1 Gold Certificate. Students that earn a Gold Certificate show consistent work on the program over more than 20 weeks. Congratulations to all students for your individual achievements, in particular congratulations go to the following student for earning a Gold Certificate in Mathletics:

Jasleen Dhariwal

Jasleen will be presented with her certificate at our next school assembly.

You can use the following link to log into Mathletics from home. Remember to use your individual login and password to access the program. www.mathletics.com.au

MIDDLE YEARS ACTIVITIES

Last Thursday evening six of our Year 5 students – Cooper Mastos, Eumir Alpay, Michael Porcino, Zak Wiedemann Alex Di Cioccio and Adam Bologna participated in the Lighthouse Expo at St. Joseph’s College, ferntree Gully with their year 10 mentors Hugo Cumming and Harrison Portelli. The Lighthouse Program is an excellent program where the mentors and Year 5 students work once a week for a ten week period on an aspect of language development. This year our boys created a film about Superheroes and Supervillains. As a group they wrote the script, organised costumes and undertook the filming. This is an excellent program involving six of the feeder schools to St. Joseph’s and at the completion of the school based activities each school presents their work at the expo evening. The Lighthouse Program has now been running for well over ten years.

Thank you to our Year 5 teachers for supporting the program and special thanks to Mrs Carmel Lardner from St. Joseph’s College for coordinating the program.

Shane Regan, Middle Years Leader.

PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION MASSES: Will be held at St. Simon’s on Saturday 13th June at 2pm & 4pm and Sunday 14th June at 2pm.

SUPER SPEAK: Is Melbourne’s award winning Public Speaking & Drama programme for children aged 6 – 15 yrs. Practical skills that last a lifetime. Develop confidence, leadership, vocal variety, diction, self-esteem and more. Build creativity & quick thinking, communicate with confidence & purpose, have loads of fun and make friends. Leading curriculum, small class sizes, Great teachers and loads of fun! Weekly classes are offered in Rowville, Glen Waverley, Berwick and more Melbourne locations. Enrolments for 2015 are now open. Please visit www.superspeak.com.au or send an email to info@superspeak.com.au call 9572 5249 for more information.

BAKERS DELIGHT: Baker’s Delight Stud Park is providing a special fundraising opportunity for St. Simon’s Primary School. Please mention St. Simons whenever you make a purchase at Bakers Delight Stud Park and at the end of the year the school receives 10% of sales generated. This is an easy and FREE way for all families to assist our school’s fundraising efforts. Please encourage all your family and friends to participate, it costs you nothing extra but helps the school a lot. We will advise the final fundraising amount at the end of the year.

Thanks for supporting our ongoing fundraising efforts. Tamara Dell’Aquila, Canteen Co-Ordinator.

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 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.

2015 Melbourne weekend dates: 19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au www.wwme.org.au

KNOX GYMNASTICS CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: Knox Gymnastics Centre, 4 Mossfield Ave, Ferntree Gully. Telephone – 9758 1089. Wednesday 1st & 8th July from 10am to 12 noon. Cost - $16 per week or $30 for both (GST inc.) Age – 5 years to 12 years (and at Primary School). Closing date – Friday 26th June or when maximum numbers are reached. * Enrolment Forms available from Centre office. Attire – shorts or tracksuit pants & t-shirt; bare footed.
Below is a list of step by step instructions for parents to follow when booking their children’s Parent Teacher interviews. The process itself is quite intuitive and many people will find that the instructions are unnecessary. Bookings open on Monday 15th June at 8.00am for parents to begin booking interviews. Please remember that early bookings have the best chance of getting times that suit you and your family circumstances. Later bookings will have less options to choose from.

Step 1: Access St. Simon the Apostle website www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au

Step 2: Click on ‘School Online Booking (SOBS)’ link from homepage.

Step 3: You will be asked to enter your email address. This email will be your login identifier each time you revisit this site. Click ‘next’ once complete.

Step 4: Enter your first name and your surname in the first entry box. Then enter a contact phone number in the second box. This phone number will only be used if there is a problem with the booking process. Click ‘next’ once complete.

Step 5: You are now at the Student Registration section. If you have more than one child at the school you can process their interviews at the same time. Begin by entering your child’s full name in the first box, then select their year level from the options available. Click ‘next’ once complete.

Step 6: You are now at the interview bookings screen. You should see your child’s name(s), their year level(s) and the time/date details of the interviews. If you haven’t booked before, firstly you will need to change your child’s year level. You need to click on the button to the right ‘Book Interviews’.

Step 7: You will be presented with the choice of teachers that teach at this level. Check the box next to your child’s/rens class teacher(s). Click ‘next’ once complete.

Step 8: At this point you will be presented with the range of interview ‘slots’ available (in green) for (each of) the selected teacher(s). Scroll down to the time that best suits you and click anywhere in the slot. Once a slot is selected it will change colour to pink and your child’s name will appear in the slot. It can be ‘deselected’ by clicking on it again, when it should change back to the green colour. Once you have the desired slot(s), click the grey ‘save’ button near the top right corner.

Step 9: At this point your interview time(s) will be confirmed. You can choose to print a copy of the information on the screen or you can get it emailed to you (or both). You can come back at a later time, log in again and adjust your time if circumstances have changed.

If you have any difficulties with the process please feel free to contact the school to assist you.

Shane Regan
Poor Man's Mass Collection

This year St Simons is collecting toiletries, blankets and coats. Here are some examples:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner

All donations will be given to the St Vincent De Paul's to help people in other countries that are living in poverty.

All of these donations are to be at school by the 12th of June.
Tax Deductible Contributions

The St. Simon’s School Building Fund was established during 2005 and is accepting donations.

The School Building Fund’s purpose is to raise monies to assist the school maintain its existing buildings and help finance future construction.

Funds raised have been used on a series of improvements around the school which, without the School Building Fund, would otherwise remain unattended or delayed.

Donations made before 30th June are tax deductible in the financial year the donation is made.

If you wish to make a donation, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the school with your payment.

Receipts will be issued for all donations of $2 and over.

All donations are voluntary.

Your support is gratefully accepted.

--- TEAR-OFF SLIP ---

Yes, we want to make a donation to the St Simon’s School Building Fund

Name: ___________________________________________________ Child’s Grade: _______________________

I want to give an amount of:

☐ $20  ☐ $50  ☐ $100  ☐ $200  ☐ Other $__________

Gifts of $2 and over are tax deductible. A receipt will be issued to you.

Payment options:

☐ CASH – return this tear-off slip with your gift amount to the School Office

☐ CHEQUE – return this tear-off slip with your cheque made payable to the “St Simon’s School Building Fund” to the School Office

Thank you! Your gift is tax deductible.
We’re fundraising with the Entertainment™ Book! With thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, here’s a taste of what’s in it for you:

### 185+ Offers!
- **Steer**
  - $60 value
- **Red Spice Road**
  - $40 value
- **Kche by John Besh**
  - $45 value
- **The Point Albert Park Lake**
  - $50 value
- **Taxi Kitchen**
  - $50 value
- **Shellsea Restaurant**
  - $45 value

### 340+ Offers!
- **FRIDAYS**
  - $40 value
- **Hofbrauhaus Melbourne**
  - $40 value
- **The Pamela Palms**
  - $35 value
- **Portsea Hotel**
  - $40 value
- **City Wines**
  - $35 value
- **The Groove Train**
  - $50 value
- **Morris Jones!**
  - $50 value

### 220+ Offers!
- **McDonald’s**
  - 2 for 1
- **AFL**
  - 2 for 1
- **Event Cinemas**
  - 25% off
- **Sealife Melbourne**
  - 2 for 1
- **Mt Buller**
  - 2 for 1
- **Schnitz**
  - 25% off

### 1,600+ Offers!

Up to 50% off Retail, Travel, Leisure and Accommodation

We receive $13 from every Membership sold, so order yours today!

**St Simons Parents Association**

Contact: Lisa Allen  Phone: 0418108988  Email: lisa-brett@bigpond.com


Alternatively, please clearly complete your details:

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Geelong Edition $55 including GST:
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TOTAL ENCLOSED $_____

Payment type: ___ Cash  ___ Mastercard  ___ Visa

Credit Card number: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____  Expiry date: ____ / ____  CVV*:

Cardholder's name: ___________________________  Signature: ___________________________

Thanks for your support! 20% from each Book sold contributes to our fundraising

*CVV is the 3 digits on the back of your credit card
ST SIMON'S PARISH

Invites you to attend a

BLACK AND WHITE

DINNER DANCE

FUNDRAISING EVENT

St Simons Parish Hall

18th July 2015

7.00 pm

$65 per person

Ticket price includes a fabulous 3 course meal with a bottle of white and red wine per table, entertainment, music and a blind auction.

Plenty of prizes!

BYO

Book Now

Limited Seats Available

Bookings by 29/06/2015

Purchase tickets at the Help Desk after mass

Or contact St Simon's Parish office on 9764 4058

Dress: Semi Formal
Teach children to persist

Michael Grose

The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success skills that you can teach a child.

There are numerous times every day when children must persist rather than give in. A toddler learning to tie shoelaces must persist. A primary aged student must show determination to finish tasks and a secondary student needs to work through difficulties, particularly those he doesn’t understand or complete right away.

They need to be able to persist when work gets hard or life gets tough. They need the ‘stickability’ to work through difficulties and hang in there when things don’t go their way.

Some children are more naturally predisposed to persist than others. They have a determined, even competitive streak in their temperament that doesn’t allow them to give in. These children and young people can drive themselves very hard to succeed.

Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children. Research suggests that persistence is a temperamental factor that can be improved over time.

Just as adults can promote persistence they can also impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don’t have opportunities to persist or hang in there.

Parents who allow children to stop work when it gets too hard, stay home from school for a minor reason or give up on a sport because they are not succeeding straight away are not doing their children any favours. They are depriving children of opportunities to develop persistence.

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

Parents can be a sounding board for children’s gripes but they should show confidence in their ability to cope and get through their difficulties. “You can do it” is far more powerful in terms of promoting an attitude of persistence than “If it is a little too hard then try something else.”

Let children know that there is a correlation between effort and success. In fact, they need to learn that by GIVING EFFORT they will more than likely experience more success.

The ability to persist in the face of difficulties maybe an old-fashioned quality but it is one of the best success attributes that children will ever develop.

Try This . . . .

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

To promote persistence in your children try the following four strategies:

1. Develop a vocabulary for persistence. Terms like Hang Tough, Work Hard and Hang In There need to be part of their every day vocabulary.

2. Point out to children when they stick at a task. Let them see when they have been persistent and that persistence generally pays off.

3. Help children to remember times when they experienced success by HANGING IN when they were younger.

4. Talk about HARD WORK with your children. They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are NOT fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun, in reality, this is not always the case.

Action Plan

First Step . . . .

Next Step . . . .

For more ideas about promoting persistence in children visit www.parentingideas.com.au

What’s your child like?

How persistent is your child?

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<td>3. Complete lengthy assignments on time?</td>
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<td>4. Make excuses for difficult situations rather than face challenges?</td>
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<td>5. Never give in when playing a game or sport?</td>
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SCORE:

10: A tough type. You have a terrier on your hands. Can be hard on himself.
6-8: Hangs in there. Maybe he has a balanced attitude.
0-4: Gives in easily. Needs to be reminded to hang in there.

Quote

‘Persistence and patience have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.’

John Quincy Adams

parentingideas.com.au