Dear Parents,

At the recent Confirmation Masses Bishop Mark Edwards mentioned to the children the need to pray whenever they felt they were in a "confronting situation". He stated that he occasionally would find himself in a situation in which he felt uncomfortable/ challenged and would pray to the Holy Spirit for help. Last Sunday’s Gospel was centred around the story of “Jesus Calming the Storm”.

**Jesus Calms the Storm**

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side”. Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Mark 4:35-41

The disciples needed help and through Jesus were given the help they required. This is something we should consider when we are faced with challenging situations.

**Reflection**

Dear Lord,

I recognize that I cannot control all of my life circumstances, let alone the power of nature.

Help me to experience your presence and power and embrace the fact that you are more concerned with calming the storms within me than the storms outside.

When I am anxious, give me your calm. When I am restless, give me your peace. When I am lonely, give me yourself. I also pray for those who are living in the midst of life’s storms right now....those actual and those metaphorical.

And for those truly in harm’s way, I ask for protection. In the precious name of Jesus, I pray.

Amen.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews** – Tonight is the last evening for parent/teacher interviews and I would like to thank all parents for participating in these interviews. Communication between teachers and parents is essential for the growth of learning in children to occur. If you felt the interview time was not adequate and would like to discuss a few more areas with the teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher and make an appointment.

**Arts Leader** – At the commencement of this term one of the school’s Art Leaders’, Lucas Davey, left St. Simon’s. I am pleased to inform families that our new leader on the Arts Action Team is Gerard Nitioli (6 Blue). We would like to thank Lucas for his contribution to the Arts Action Team and congratulate Gerard on becoming a member of the Arts Action Team. Gerard has shown that he has outstanding leadership skills and these skills will be put to good use as a member of the Arts Action Team.

**Year 6 Parents Graduation Meeting** – Will be on Wednesday 29th July at 2.30pm. This will be a short meeting to form a committee and plan the meetings leading into the year 6 graduation.

**School Closure Day** – Term 3 commences for children on Tuesday 14th July. Monday 13th July is a professional development day for staff. The focus for this professional development day will be Mathletics, Evernote (IT), Maths P-6 using the Australian Curriculum and I.T. Online CEOF Course.

**Term 2** concludes tomorrow at 1.15pm. The school office closes at 2.00pm.

**School Start** Parents are reminded that any child who arrives at school before 8.20am must attend the Out of School Hours Program. Teacher supervision does not commence until 8.20am and children are legally required to be supervised.

**Prep 2016 Enrolment** – Reminder that the closing date for applications for Prep 2016 was last Friday 19th June. If you wish to enrol your child for Prep next year please send in your application as soon as possible as we need to finalise our numbers. If you are waiting on documents send in your application without the documents which can be sent through later. Enrolment for existing families is not automatic - application forms are required.

**Collecting of Children** – If parents choose to collect their children from school early (before the bell), a note must be given to the teacher on the day, otherwise an early dismissal form needs to be completed at the office and parents to collect their child from the classroom. This is a legal requirement.

Please try to avoid collecting children during recess and lunch times as it may be difficult to locate children in the school grounds. If possible try to collect children during “teaching times” to avoid being kept waiting while we locate your child in the playground.

**Extra Curricula Activities Term 2 Week 11**

| Thursday 25th June | Parent/ Teacher Interviews 3.30pm – 8pm |
| Thursday 25th June | Paul Howard’s Music School Concert 5.30pm |
| Friday 26th June  | Liturgy – Refugees 11.30am (3R) |
| Friday 26th June  | End of Term 2 – Dismissal 1.15pm |
School Improvement Survey - In the coming weeks we will be seeking your participation in School Improvement Surveys to help shape the ongoing improvement of our school for the students in our care. The survey will be available from Monday 20th July 2015 to Friday 7th August 2015. Catholic Education Melbourne co-ordinates this process to support us in the collection of useful staff, student and parent opinion data. Our School Improvement Survey Report is an invaluable resource in our ongoing pursuit of improvement. This will help us identify what is going well and not so well and the ways in which we can improve and further develop our school. We would therefore greatly appreciate your continued support by completing the survey this year. Thank you in advance for your participation.

School Crossing - Over the past two months Mr Regan and myself have been talking to the Knox Council regarding the flow of traffic on Taylor’s Lane and our carpark area. We are looking at various options to allow for a better flow of traffic and to increase the safety of children and parents. The School Advisory Board will be involved in these discussions/decisions and the parent community will be informed and involved in feedback.

While talking to the council it was disappointing to hear that a recent audit of traffic on Taylor’s Lane revealed that across a 13 families cross Taylor’s Lane near the old fire station in the morning while 62 families cross at the same place in the evening. I would ask parents to “please use the school crossing”. It may take an extra 5 minutes but could stop an accident to one of our children or parents. I cannot stress enough how dangerous this procedure of crossing Taylors Lane near the old fire station is to our children and parents.

Well Done - To Fletcher Crellin (4G) on handing in some money he found in the school playground. His honesty is a credit to him.

Long Service Leave - Mrs Karen Bland (Classroom Support) will be on leave for the first week of Term 3 and Mrs Modie Wesley (Classroom Support) will be away for the whole of term 3. We wish both Karen and Modie all the very best for their well deserved leave.

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 is the responsibility of the parents.

Prayers - Families are asked to keep the Coad Family in your prayers and thoughts. Lauren’s (1G) Father died last week.

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

The Good Manners Award goes to Phoenix Whitty (4R) and Uniform Award goes to Nicholas McClellan (4R). Well done to these children.

I’d like to wish all families a happy holiday as children, staff and many parents enjoy a much deserved rest. We look forward to next term and all the challenges and excitement that it will bring.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

TERM 2 ENDS TOMORROW - FRIDAY 26TH JUNE AT 1.15PM
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY TERM 3 - MONDAY 13TH JULY
TERM 3 COMMENCES TUESDAY 14TH JULY

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

A young lady was a theatre major applying for autumn semester classes.

At the end of the busy day she goes back to her dorm and enters in a huff of anger.

"What's wrong, Shelly?" Asks her roommate.

"Well, all the acting classes are filled. I couldn't even get into Mime class."

"Why not?"

"How should I know? You can't get a word out of those people!"

ART NEWS: Kitchen clean up. If anyone would like to donate any kitchen utensils to the art room for the kitchen garden area. It would be greatly appreciated. Please send to art room or leave at office labelled ‘art’. Many thanks Mel Wharton.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Lily Bowyer-Smith (2G), Julian Hau (1B), Max Bucci (1R), Evan Hart (2R), Sofia Blangiardo (1G) & Christian Barthelot (2R) for creating fantastic animals.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Dean Portelli (3G) & Roshan Joby (4R).
LOST POKEMON CARDS: About 1 month ago a set of Pokemon Cards went missing from the Year 3/4 area. They are A4 size folders with plastic pockets to store the cards in. The tin is also the size of a standard lunch box. If found please return to school office. Thanks.

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday over the holidays.

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MUSIC NEWS: Well done to Chloe Francis (4G), Chloe King (4G) on receiving their Orange Belt.
To Kathleen Fagan (4G), Nicholas McClellan (4R) for receiving their Yellow Belt.

A HUGE congratulations to Lachie Mc Carthy (4R) on working so hard at home. He is now the first student to receive his BLUE BELT.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Matthew Carey (Prep Y) on being a great listener during music.

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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CAIENTE ROSTER: CANTEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO RENOVATIONS

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER: Tuesday 14/07 Felicia, Kathy W, Angela 2.30pm to 3pm
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

On behalf of the St Simons Parents Association I would like to thank you for your support of our social events/fundraisers during this term. We would like to especially single out all the families who donated their time helping us bring these events to the school. Please see the attached Thank you flyer.

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER will be delivered on Friday 17th July and will run until Monday 17th August. For the first time ever, we are offering you the convenience of paying for your chocolates online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via Trybooking.

Help us reach our target of $10,000 and you can win some great prizes for your family.

1. Pre-purchase your chocolates online during the school holidays you will qualify to win for your family:
   - Village Cinema Family tickets PLUS Family Slushie Vouchers for a month AND Receive individual prizes for each of your children.

   Go to www.trybooking.com/FIG and buy your chocolates or simply give a donation of $25 towards our shade sail and you can win. Don’t pass up on this offer. Get in early over the school holidays and you can win BIG. This offer ends on Friday 17th July at 9 a.m.

2. After our launch date (17th July) we are also going to be offering Early Bird Prizes and Individual Top Seller prizes. More details next term. Everybody who participates will win and most importantly all money raised from the chocolate fundraiser will help pay for our second shade sail over the oval playground.

   Please see the attached flyer for more detailed information and contact Betty Chmielowski on 0431 374 744. We hope you all have a wonderful school holiday, see you next term.

SECURE PARKING: Thank you to the families who have been booking with Secure Parking as St. Simon’s has been sent a donation recently. This school holidays book your parking online with Secure Parking and save! Simply head to www.secureparking.com.au and use Secure-A-Spot to book your parking in advance! You can enjoy $2 evening & weekend parking using the promo code: SCHOOLHOLS2 and 50% off off casual weekday parking using the promo code: SCHOOLHOLS50

RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT: Are you or a friend thinking of becoming a Catholic? Adults entering the Catholic Church or just thinking about it, follow a process called RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. At St. Simon’s new sessions begin with an information night on Tuesday 7th July 2015 from 8pm in the parish house. Ring the Parish Office on 9764 4058 or Reg on 9790 5616 or just come along on the night. Come and see.

POW PERSONAL TRAINING: Group training sessions are continuing in Term 3. A personal fitness solution for busy mums in Knox. Designed by a mother of 3 primary school aged children. POW P/T is for time challenged mums with a real desire to lose weight and be healthy, who find it impossible to exercise before and after school. Fun and functional group training session with your girlfriends. Losing weight permanently and looking and feeling wonderful is now in your control with POW P/T. Outdoor sessions – Tuesday & Thursday at 9.30am, for as little as $10 per session, for 45 minutes. Get your body back, in your time with POW P/T. The best time to get ready for Summer is in Winter. Contact Luisa for further details on 0400 712 242.

MAZENOD SECOND HAND UNIFORM FOR SALE: College Blazer (year 7-10) & 2 pairs grey shorts in excellent, as brand new condition. Call Anna if interested 0433 102 602.


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 email to info@superspeak.com.au call 9572 5249 for more information.

KNOX GYMNASTICS CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: Knox Gymnastics Centre, 4 Messfield 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 track pants & tshirt; bare footed.

JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS: The Eastern Ranges School Holiday Training Camp will give all junior players aged 12 to 15 a taste of AFL style training. The program will include:
- AFL Draft Combine style testing including AFL agility, 20m sprints, vertical leap and more
- Skill development session with Eastern Ranges coaches
- Individualised detailed fitness testing report
- Certificate of completion
- High performance nutrition advice
- Injury prevention & recovery session with Eastern Ranges High Performance team member
- Talent pathways to the AFL discussed with Eastern Ranges Talent Manager, Len Villani
- Lunch, snacks and drinks provided


HOOK IN2 HOCKEY: Get Hooked in2 Hockey at Knox Hockey Club. For boys and girls aged 5-12. For more information head to www.knothockeyclub.com.au or contact Jim Bell on 0401 135 318. 8 week program for only $80 FREE Starter Kit for your 1st term!! Kit includes Stick, Shin Guards, Mouth Guard, Ball & Replica Australia Singlet.
To our families who helped at Parent Association events this term:

Allen, Appleton, Barta, Bayliss, Cardamone, Chmielewski, De Rose, DiScala, Dobson, Doran, Drake, Esposito, Francis, Freeman, Gomatos, Halim, Harman, Hinkley, Howell, Jayasuriya, Kok, Lim, Mathes, McClellan, Padua, Paduano, Ricaud, Saldutto, Spiering, Stanic, Stanbury, Stevenson, Stibilj, Tanti, West, Wood,

St Simon’s Parents Association
Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL:

❖ Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser is launching Friday 17th July.

❖ For sale: Cadbury Freddo and Friends Fun Pack of 50 chocolates at only $1 each.

❖ First time ever, convenience of paying for your chocolate online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just visit www.trybooking.com/1FlG

WIN PRIZES:
Pre-purchase your chocolates or donate $25 via trybooking during the school holidays and qualify to win*:

❖ Village Cinema Family Tickets PLUS
❖ Family Slushie Vouchers PLUS
❖ Receive individual prizes for each child.

Still to come next term: Early Bird Prizes and Individual Top Sellers Prizes.

*Above prizes only for purchases and donations done online from Thursday 25th June until Friday 17th July at 9am.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP VIA THE TUB NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 2015

Family Name: ____________________________ Eldest Child’s Grade: ____________________________

☐ I do not wish to purchase a box.
☐ I do not wish to purchase a box. I would like to donate $_______ (please specify)
☐ I wish to purchase a total of ___________ boxes. Please specify 2 or more, each family will get 1 box unless they opt out above.

*** If you do not opt out of this fundraiser by the due date then a box will be given to you on Friday 17th July and a payment of $50 is due on or before 17th August.
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
Taking responsibility - the mark of leadership!  

Michael Grose

Personal responsibility is the mark of true leadership. However, shirking responsibility or shifting the blame to others is a national sport in many western countries.

"It's not my fault" can be heard in courtrooms, political rallies and in sporting tribunals everywhere as blame for a transgression is shifted away from the individual and placed on a scapegoat. It is little wonder that many children are experts at shirking personal responsibility.

Lack of personal responsibility is shown when children find excuses or blame others for their misbehaviour. It is shown when siblings are blamed for starting fights, parents for children's school lateness, and classmates for misbehaving at school. Anything or anyone but themselves is to blame!

"It's not my turn" is another way of shirking responsibility.

Most parents want their children to be responsible for their actions. Taking responsibility means that a child sees a problem and fixes it. A child who takes responsibility helps out regardless of how many times they have helped before or who causes a situation.

When a child complains that the toilet roll is empty then he or she can be invited to take responsibility for it. Similarly, if the bread bin is empty, the fire is out or the living room floor is a mess, the message could be that they should do something about these situations.

When a child is late for school, forgets to hand in homework or deliberately hurts a classmate even though some teasing occurred then he or she needs to shoulder the blame and take responsibility for their actions.

Sounds tough but this is the approach to take if we are to promote a true sense of responsibility, initiative and accountability.

In families some children become adept at ducking their responsibilities. It is smart management to share the load using rosters and other organisational strategies.

But in the myriad of informal situations around the house where someone needs to take responsibility then it is helpful to take the "don't tell me, please fix it" approach.

Next time a child responds to your request for help with that classic line "but it's not my turn" look them straight in the eye and say, "You know, you may be right but isn't it lucky that you are so willing to help" and simply walk away. No more, no arguments.

Try This . . .

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

To promote personal responsibility in your child:

1. Help them identify BUT NUTS and BLAME GAMERS
   - BUT NUTS look for excuses such as tiredness, mood or other people when things go wrong. "But I'm too tired to help."
   - BLAME GAMERS blame others when things go wrong. "It's not my fault. Sarah started it."

2. Make sure they have some jobs at home so that others rely on them.

3. Use a roster for jobs and place responsibility on children to do tasks without being reminded.

Action Plan

First Step . . . .

Next Step . . . .

For more ideas about promoting responsibility and accountability in children visit www.parentingideas.com.au

What's your child like?

Does your child take responsibility?

Does he:

1. Usually help at home without being reminded?  
   Yes 2 No 0

2. Take the initiative and fix things or help even if he won't receive recognition?  
   Yes 2 No 0

3. Blame others when things go wrong?  
   Yes 0 No 2

4. Own up straight away if he has done the wrong thing?  
   Yes 2 No 0

5. Start games and initiate activities at home or at school?  
   Yes 2 No 0

Score:

10: What a responsible child! Leadership potential.
6-8: Knows about taking responsibility but needs an occasional reminder!
0-4: Needs someone on his shoulder all the time! May need to be given more responsibility.

Quote

'The reason people blame things on the previous generation is that there is one other choice.' Doug Larson

parentingideas.com.au