Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3 and hope everyone is keeping warm during this cold spell.

The following reflection is worth reading and gives us an insight into the wonderful way children think. Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. Below are three of the finalists.

1) Teacher Debbie Moon’s first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair colour than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, “I know all about Adoption, I was adopted.” “What does it mean to be adopted?” asked another child. “It means”, said the girl, “that you grew in your mummy’s heart instead of her tummy!”

2) Whenever I’m disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he’d set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. “Guess what, Mum,” he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me….”I’ve been chosen to clap and cheer.”

3) An eye witness account from New York City, on a cold day in December, some years ago:
A little boy, about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the young boy and said, “My, but you’re in such deep thought staring in that window!” “I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,” was the boy’s reply. The lady took him by the hand, went into the store and asked the shop keeper to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back of the store and removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet and dried them with the towel. By this time, the shop keeper had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy’s feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, “No doubt, you will be more comfortable now”. As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her:

“Are you God’s wife?”

Grandparent’s Day Liturgy – To celebrate Grandparent’s Day, Grade One Blue will be presenting a liturgy at 11.30am on Friday 24th July. All grandparents are invited. Following the One Blue Liturgy there will be morning tea for the grandparents followed by a visit to their grandchildren’s classrooms.

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.

Term Letters – Parents will receive their child’s classroom term letter this week. If you have any questions or queries regarding the information in the letter please contact your child’s class teacher.

Year 1 Prayer Night – Will be on Wednesday 29th July at 6.30pm.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - For parents of children in Year 2 Blue will take place in Meeting Room 1 in the administration area. This is for parents who have interviews on Monday 20th July. If parents in Year 2 Blue have not made an appointment and would like an interview please go to the school website and register online before 1.30pm on Monday 20th July.

2016 Prep Enrolment – If there are any current families who still have not submitted an application form for Prep 2016, please do so as soon as possible as we need to finalize our enrolment list. Late enrolments after this week may not be accepted.

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.

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 3 Weeks 2 & 3

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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.

The Good Manners Award goes to Luke Blasi (6B) and Uniform Award goes to Allison Grasso (5Y). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

ACCOUNTS WILL BE SENT HOME SOON - FINAL TUITION FEE DUE FRIDAY 31ST JULY

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

During mass the young boy was very restless and his dad had a lot of trouble keeping him still. The lad was intrigued by the red sanctuary lamp and, after a time, he clutched his father's arm.

"Dad! Dad! When it turns green can we go?"

ART NEWS

WE NEED USED LIGHT GLOBES - IF ANYONE OWNS A LIGHTING BUSINESS OR IS AN ELECTRICIAN OR IF ANYONE HAS ANY OLD LIGHT GLOBES THE ART ROOM NEEDS DONATIONS!!

This year is the United Nations International Year focusing on the topic of light science and its applications, the UN has recognized the importance of raising global awareness about how light-based technologies promote sustainable development and provide solutions to global challenges in energy, education, agriculture and health. Light plays a vital role in our daily lives and is an imperative cross-cutting discipline of science in the 21st century. It has revolutionized medicine, opened up international communication via the Internet, and continues to be central to linking cultural, economic and political aspects of the global society.

As part of the Art program at St Simons I would like to ask for donations of any size or shape of used light globes as an activity I would like to do with the children. All donations can be dropped off at the office or sent down to the Art room throughout Term 3.

Many thanks for your co-operation regarding this matter and I am looking forward to using them for a great activity.

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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following students a very happy birthday.

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WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN: This year we are again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. If you or anyone else in the family shops at Woolworths, for every $10 spent you’ll get a sticker, these are then placed on a sheet. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or at your local Woolworths and our school receives points which we can redeem for educational aids. A copy of the sticker sheet will be sent home to all families today. This promotion runs from Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September.

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 85: The deadline for the return of orders and payment is Friday 24th July. Please ensure your child’s name and grade is on the order. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

CANTEEN ROSTER: CANTEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO RENOVATIONS

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER: Tuesday 21/07 Sue, Teresa, Sylvia 2.30pm to 3pm

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Parents Association is excited to announce our first major fundraiser of 2015. We have 500 boxes of Cadbury Chocolate Fun Pack to sell and your involvement is vital so we can raise the $10,000 we need to help fund our second shade sail.

Your children will be bringing your purchased Fun Pack (s) home, tomorrow Friday 17th July. You need to make your payment of $50 for your box online at www.trybooking.com/1F1G or the tub system no later than Friday 17th August.

WE WILL NOT BE BUYING ANY UN SOLD CHOCOLATES BACK FROM YOU. ALL SALES ARE FINAL.

Early Bird: Pay before 7th August to go into the draw to win 1 of 10 family slushie vouchers + your children will each receive an individual prize. Pay online and receive 2 entries to win the slushie vouchers.

2 Or More Boxes: Buy 2 or more boxes and go into the draw to win a $50 gift voucher.

Highest Number of Boxes: The family who buys the most boxes of chocolates will win a $99 family (2 Adults + 4 children) Puffing Billy Voucher.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS


Avila College would like to invite prospective students and their parents to our next Open School Morning on Wednesday, August 12th. The morning commences at 9am with a College tour followed by a presentation by the Principal, Ms Louise Gunther and the College Leadership Team. Our final Open Morning for 2015 will be in Term 4 – on Tuesday, October 27.

Online registration is now available by visiting www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au clicking on Quick Links and then Open Mornings. Phone 9831 9600. Parking is limited, so please allow time for parking in nearby streets.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE: Members of the St. Simon’s community are warmly invited to attend the upcoming Mater Christi School Tour on Sunday 9th August 10.00am to 11.00am. For more details contact 9754 6611.

MAZENOD COLLEGE: Tuesday 13th October from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Tours commence 9.30am, 10.30am & 11.30am.

NAZARETH COLLEGE: School Tour Friday 18th July & 15th August from 9.30am to 10.30am. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9795 8100.

ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Tuesday 21st July 9.30am & Monday 24th August at 9.30am.

MAZENOD SECOND HAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Please check out our Community Notice Board in the Office if interested.


RUN MELBOURNE FUNDRAISING EVENT CATHOLICARE: This is a fundraiser event for CatholicCare’s Refugee and Settlement Program. See flyer attached. For more details on how you can support us in our run for refugees at Run Melbourne on 26th July visit www.ccam.org.au/runmelbourne

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.


EILDON PARK CRICKET CLUB: www.eldonpark.vic.cricket.com.au Junior Registration Day – Saturday 8th August at Eildon Park oval 9 - 12pm, cnr Eildon Parade and Tyres Crescent, Rowville. Contact eildonpk@club.cricketvictoria.com.au. Friday nights Under 10s, 11s,12s, 13s, Saturday morning Under 14s & 16s. Wed. evenings T20BLAST- boys and girls who have outgrown MilloIn2Cricket Program but not ready for competitive sport. MILO IN2CRICKET Registration Saturday 17th October 9-11am at Eildon Park Oval boys and girls 5-9 years old. Further information please email our junior co-ordinator Andrew Gill gillj1272911@gmail.com
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Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

- Cadbury Freddo and Friends Fun Pack of 50 assorted chocolates for $50.
- First time ever, convenience of paying for your chocolate online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just visit www.trybooking.com/FIG

WIN PRIZES:
Pay your $50 via trybooking* or the tub before 7th August to go into the draw to win:

- 1 of 10 family slushie vouchers *
  AND
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Buy 2 or more boxes and go into the draw to win:
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Buy the most boxes and win:
- Puffing Billy Family Voucher for 2 Adults & 4 Children.

* all chocolates paid for online will get 2 entries into the draw to win family slushie vouchers
* one slushie per child in each winning family, per week for a month during term 4, redeemable at the school canteen.

PURCHASE TERMS:
1. This fundraiser will run from 17th July - 17th August.
2. Payment terms are strictly 30 days from delivery of the chocolates. All money is due and payable on or before 17th August.
3. Since you did not opt out by the 15th July and a box was delivered to you, you are deemed to have agreed to the above purchase terms and payment of $50 is due on or before 17th August.
4. We will not be buying any of your unsold chocolates back from you. All box sales are final.
Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance;
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at [www.acara.edu.au](http://www.acara.edu.au).
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
RUN with me

Say YES to refugees ...
join Team CatholicCare at
Run Melbourne 2015
Sunday 26 July
Federation Square

All proceeds raised will go to our Refugee and Settlement programs
to assist newly-arrived refugees to settle well in Australia.

To find out more, register or donate
visit www.ccam.org.au/runmelbourne or call 9287 5517
NAZARETH COLLEGE
Celebrating 30 years of Catholic Co-Education!

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2015

11.00am - 1.00pm: Open School and Arts & Technology Exhibition

2.00pm - 2.30pm: Opening and Blessing of the Wheeler Auditorium and Gymnasium
by Bishop Peter Elliott DD MA STD VG EV

2.30pm - 4.30pm: Alumni Reunion - Past Students & Staff
The afternoon will provide an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and take a tour of the College
facilities. Please register your attendance for catering purposes with Ms Sue Formanek
via email: forms@nazareth.vic.edu.au by Tuesday 1 September 2015
# TERM 3 CALENDAR

## JULY
- **Friday 17th**  
  Cadbury Chocolate Drive
- **Saturday 18th**  
  Parish Dinner Dance 7pm
- **Monday 20th**  
  Parent/teacher meeting (2 Blue)
- **Wednesday 22nd**  
  Year 6 Boys Football (11am - 3pm)
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  Australian Mathematics Competition for Years 3 - 6

## AUGUST
- **Sat 1st /Sun 2nd**  
  Eucharist Commitment Mass - 6pm Sat. 8am, 9.30am, 11am Sunday
- **Wednesday 5th**  
  Parent Eucharist Program (1) 2pm or 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 5th**  
  School Advisory Board Meeting 7pm
- **Thursday 6th**  
  Prep 100 days of school Celebration
- **Thursday 6th**  
  School Assembly/ Liturgy 2.30pm (Prep)
- **Friday 7th**  
  Parish Anointing Mass 9.15am
- **Friday 7th**  
  Feast of St. Dominic
- **Friday 7th**  
  Year 6 Boys Soccer & Girls’ Netball – Rowville Sports Academy
- **Saturday 8th**  
  Feast of Mary McKillop
- **Monday 10th**  
  School Nurse begins visit
- **Tuesday 11th**  
  Family Life Night Years 5 & 6 (7pm – 9pm)
- **Wednesday 12th**  
  Junior Hooptime 9.30 – 2pm
- **Wednesday 12th**  
  Parent Eucharist Program (2) 2pm or 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 12th**  
  Parish Pastoral Team Meeting 7.30pm
- **Friday 14th**  
  School Closure Day
- **Monday 17th**  
  Science Week
- **Wednesday 19th**  
  Parent Eucharist Program (3) 2pm or 7.30pm
- **Thursday 20th**  
  Kids View Social Justice Conference
- **Thursday 20th**  
  Feast of the Assumption Liturgy 2.30pm (1Y)
- **Friday 21st**  
  District Sports Day
- **Monday 24th**  
  Book Week
- **Monday 24th**  
  Parents’ Association Meeting 7pm
- **Wednesday 26th**  
  Parent Eucharist Program (4) 2pm or 7.30pm

## SEPTEMBER
- **Wednesday 2nd**  
  School Advisory Board Meeting 7pm
- **Wednesday 2nd**  
  Parent Eucharist Program (5) 2pm or 7.30pm
- **Thursday 3rd**  
  Senior Hooptime (10am - 2.30pm)
- **Thursday 3rd**  
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- **Thursday 3rd**  
  School Assembly Father’s Day 2.30pm (1R)
- **Friday 4th**  
  Parish Anointing Mass 9.15am
- **Sunday 6th**  
  Father’s Day
- **Wednesday 9th**  
  Parish Pastoral Team Meeting 7.30pm
- **Friday 11th**  
  Year 6 Summer Sports
- **Friday 11th**  
  International Day of Peace Liturgy 11.30am (3B)
- **Tuesday 15th**  
  Curriculum Night 6.30pm – 8pm
- **Friday 18th**  
  End of Term 3 Liturgy 11.30am (3G)
- **Friday 18th**  
  Term 3 ends early dismissal 1.15pm

## OCTOBER
- **Saturday 3rd**  
  AFL Grand Final
- **Sunday 4th**  
  Daylight Savings begins
- **Monday 5th**  
  Term 4 begins
- **Monday 5th**  
  World Teacher’s Day
- **Wednesday 7th**  
  Division Athletics Day
- **Wednesday 7th**  
  Eucharist Reflection Night 6.30pm – 8pm
- **Thursday 8th**  
  Stand Up Day Assembly Liturgy 2.30pm (5R)
- **Friday 9th**  
  School Disco – Parents’ Association- 6pm to 10pm