Dear Parents,

This Friday we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Ignatius Loyola who founded the Jesuit Order of Priests and Brothers. Our present Pope Francis is a member of the Jesuit Order.

St Ignatius of Loyola was founder of the Society of Jesus (SJ). St Ignatius was born on 24 December 1491, the year before Columbus discovered the New World. His birthplace was the great castle of Loyola in Guipuzcoa, in the Basque country of northwest Spain. There were three daughters and eight sons in the family and he was the youngest. Ignatius led a very worldly life during the first thirty years of his life as a nobleman. When he was 25 he enlisted in the army and saw service in border warfare against the French.

A Changed Life

In 1521 when defending the Spanish fortress of Pamplona, Ignatius’ right leg was shattered by a cannon ball. His French captors, impressed by his courage, carried him across Spain to his family home, where he began a long period of recovery. During his convalescence, he experienced the gift of God's consolation in such a way that his life changed forever and after a long, serious reflection, he decided to devote the rest of his life to outstanding service of God. In 1534 after finishing his studies he was ordained to the priesthood.

Society of Jesus: Then and Now

During his studies in Paris, Ignatius was able to attract six university students, all guided by him through prayer and spiritual exercises. They became the first members of the Society of Jesus which is known today as the Jesuits. In 1540 Pope Paul III formally approved the Jesuits a religious order. St. Ignatius died on 31st July, 1556.

The prayer below is the Prayer for Jesuits and the prayer that Pope Francis lives by.

Dearest Lord,

Teach me to be generous:

teach me to serve you as you deserve:
to give,
and not to count the cost,
to fight,
and not to heed the wounds,
to toil,
and not to seek for rest,
to labour,
and not to ask reward,
excepting that of knowing that
I do your holy will.

Insight SRC – All parents would have received their Insight SRC survey forms. I would ask all parents to complete these survey forms as they help us to make plans for the future and we to know what needs improving and where we are achieving success.

Government Funding – At last Monday night’s Parents’ Association meeting, a number of parents asked about the breakup of Government Funding and Independent funding for Catholic Schools. Please find attached to this issue of Contact the official breakdown of funding for Catholic Schools.

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.

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.

Re-enrolment 2016 School Year Re-enrolment forms for 2016 are being sent home today and are due back by Friday 7th August 2015. These require your URGENT AND PROMPT ATTENTION as class groupings for 2016 are based on these returns – therefore it is essential we have accurate figures in order to complete arrangements for 2016. The highlighted sections are the most important. Obviously Grade 6s are not included. Also take note if there are any updates that are required to the Contact information please feel free to make the necessary changes on the form.
Extra Curricula Activities Term 3 Weeks 4 & 5

Thursday 30th July  
Australian Mathematics Competition for Years 3-6  

Sat. 1st/ Sun. 2nd August  
Eucharist Commitment Masses 6pm Sat, 8am, 9.30am, 11am Sunday  

Thursday 6th August  
Prep 100 days of school Celebration  

Thursday 6th August  
School Assembly/ Liturgy 2.30pm (Prep)  

Friday 7th August  
Parish Anointing Mass 5.15am  

Friday 7th August  
Year 6 Boys Soccer & Girls Netball – Rowville Sports Academy  

Friday 7th August  
Year 4 Science Incursion (Hall)  

Tuesday 11th August  
Family Life Night Years 5 & 6 (7pm – 9pm)  

Wednesday 12th August  
Junior Hoop Time 9.30am – 2pm  

Friday 14th August  
School Closure Day  

The Good Manners Award goes to Rory Dal Ben (1 Red) and Uniform Award goes to Elsie Charlton (2Y). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hessy
Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL FEES: Accounts have been sent home. Unless you have arranged in place, parents are reminded that all fees except for Years 3 & 4 camps and swimming are now due and payable by TOMORROW, Friday 31st July 2015. Prompt payment would be appreciated.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Watching her young son busy drawing, his mother asked:
“What are you drawing, darling?”
“I’m drawing God”.
“But nobody knows what God looks like”.
“They will when I’ve finished drawing”.

ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

Would like the whole school to participate in a RUBBISH FREE lunchbox (no wrappers) every FRIDAY!

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!!

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.
ROTARY SPEECH CONTEST

Last week Mr Hesse and I had the pleasure of listening to 13 of our Yr 6 students who presented a speech on their chosen topic, in order to be selected as the school’s representatives at the Rowville Lysterfield Speech Contest to be held next Tuesday at Heany Park Primary School at 7pm. All welcome and we would love to see some members of our community come along to support our representatives.

The standard of presentation by our students was outstanding, both Phil and I were very impressed by their ability to present an argument on a given topic in a clear, well researched, creative and confident manner. We thank all thirteen who presented and especially acknowledge Grace Dobson, Ben Noonan and Shana Murphy who we selected as our top three in a very, very close decision. Grace and Ben will now be our school’s representatives next Tuesday evening.

Thank you to all who participated and good luck to Grace and Ben.

REWARDS PROGRAMS

We are currently participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program where schools are able to select teaching resources based on every $10 spent at a Woolworths store. Each child has received one of the sheets that can be used to put the stickers on. When you have filled a sheet you can return it to school via your child. There is also a box near the exit of the Stud Park Woolworths store with our school’s name on it, you can also place stickers and sheets straight into this box. We also have a rewards program running through Rebel Sport whereby your purchases give credits to our school which in turn allows us to purchase additional sports equipment. If you shop at any Rebel store let them know that you would like your purchase to support our school.

With both of these Rewards Programs please don’t feel that you have to shop at these stores but if you do your purchase may be able to assist the school. Mr Shane Regan, Deputy Principal.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following students a very happy birthday.

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<td>Lily Alwis (Prep B)</td>
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Peter Giuliano (5G), Eumir Alpay (5Y) and Sarah Bosquet (5B) for awesome cylinder art.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR JAPANESE: This week’s award goes to Daniel Morgan (1B) & Kiara Martenstyn (2G).

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 04/08 Cathy S, Ida, Angela 2.30pm – 3pm

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

CADBURY CHOCOLATE: Thank you to all the families who have returned their $50. Incentive prizes for returning your money before the 7th August have been distributed to your children via the office tub. Your family’s name has also been entered into our draw to win 1 of 10 slushie vouchers. If you believe your child missed out please check with your teachers first and then come and see me in the meeting room closest to the uniform shop.

Thank you to the families who have decided to buy another box of chocolates, we really appreciate your generosity. We still have 60 boxes of chocolates we need to sell for us to reach our goal of $10,000 for our shade sails. You can order a box online, order one via the office tubs using the slip in contact/flyer or come and see us outside the church most days around pick up time. WE NEED YOU!!!!

Need more information call Betty on 0431 374 744.

FUNDE: For sale a great value booklet with offers for sporting events, entertainment, food/beverages and attractions. Save up to $800. Only $20. See flyer for more information and also how to order. For more information call Sue on 0409 530 920.

FATHER’S DAY STALL: We will be holding our annual Father’s Stall on Wednesday 2nd of September 2015. We have a great range of gifts for Dad ranging from $2 to $5. This year we have a LUCKY DIP! For $2 per dip every child will receive a surprise for Dad!

If you are able to help run our stall on the day, please fill out the return slip and return ASAP to the Parents Association. Morning Tea and a light lunch will be provided. If you have any queries please contact Tracy on 0400 129 728.
SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM - SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Kelly Fitzgerald, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school during term three to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 955 128. Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed referral form needs to be returned to the school office.

PARISH NEWS

EUCARIST PROGRAM COMMITMENT MASSES: Families attend one Mass either Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am, 9.30am, 11am to sign up their child for Program in foyer and their child makes commitment during Mass.

EUCARIST PARENT MEETINGS: Parent attends each session either 2-3pm or 7.30-8.30pm each week on the following dates – Wednesdays 5th August, 12th, 19th, 26th & 2nd September.

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 Tours Thursday 6th, 13th & Friday 21st August from 9.00am to 10.30am. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9795 8100.

ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Monday 24th August at 9.30am.

ST. JOHN'S NETBALL CLUB: Come and join us this Spring Season! New players welcome, Under 11 Modified to Open. To register visit our webpage www.stjohnsnetworkclub.wordpress.com/registration/ or contact us on stjohnsnetworkftg@gmail.com. Registrations close 15th August.


ELDOR PARK CRICKET CLUB: www.eldorpark.vic.cricket.com.au Junior Registration Day – Saturday 7th August at Eldon Park oval 9 -12pm, cnr Eldon Parade and Tyres Crescent, Rowville. Contact eldorpk@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 Milon2Cricket Program but not ready for competitive sport. MILO IN2CRICKET Registration Saturday 17th October 9-11am at Eldon Park Oval boys and girls 5-9 years old. Further information please email our junior co-ordinator Andrew Gill gilly1272911@gmail.com

MINI MATILDA'S WEVERLEY VICTORY F.C.: Waverley Victory Mini Matildas is a 6 week skills based Soccer program for Girls with the goal of acquainting girls with the game of soccer in a non-competitive and fun environment. Open to all girls 7-12 years old including current Waverley Victory girls. The program will be run by Debbie Yu, who is a Women’s league player and FFV referee. Debbie is passionate about football and the development of players. She aims to make soccer a fun environment to be in, a game where everyone can play. Mini Matildas will be run over 6 consecutive weeks on Friday nights from 5-6pm starting 24th July 2015.

Come along and have a try... the first session is FREE. Venue: Waverley Victory home ground, Brandon Park Reserve, Ferntree Gully Rd, Glen Waverley. Cost: $25 for 2015 registered players, $45 for new players. Each Mini Matilda will receive – a Waverley Victory top, socks, mini soccer ball, drink bottle and $25 off voucher for the 2016 Waverley Victory registration. All Mini Matilda’s must wear shin guards. For more information please contact Sonja Cuce on email girls@waverleyvictory.com.au or telephone 0417 128 304.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

ELDEST CHILD’S NAME: ___________________________ GRADE: ___________________________
Hi Everyone,

St Simon’s Year 5 and 6 students are participating in Jump Rope for Heart program to raise money for the Heart Foundation research.

Scan the code above with your smart phone, tap on ‘Sponsor a Friend’, and search for your Year 5 or 6 friend so that you can sponsor them.

Or visit

click on ‘Sponsor a Friend’ and find your friend that way. It’s really easy.

Thanks for your support!

Congratulations to this week’s top 5 fundraisers:

Cassidy Germano $569.37
Jakson Smart $113
Jessica Silva $102.50
Hayley Sargeant $84
Leanne Wood $68.25
Allocation of Government funding for Victorian Catholic schools

Both the Australian and Victorian governments are important providers of funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising. The breakdown of total income by source for Victorian Catholic schools was as follows:

- Australian Government – 55.2%
- Victorian Government – 16.3%
- Private sources (mainly school fees) – 28.4%.

Source: DEECD share, CECV census.

When expenditure per student is considered, school fees paid by parents make up about 28% of the spending per student in Victorian Catholic schools (Figure Total per student: $10,366

Source: National report on schooling in Australia,
While mechanisms determining Australia’s school funding system are complex, the basic facts are as follows:

- The Australian Government provides most of the government funding for non-government schools, including Catholic schools. State governments also provide funding to non-government schools but at much lower levels per student.

- Federal recurrent funding for Catholic schools is based on the cost of education in government schools. This is determined using an index known as the *Average Government School Recurrent Costs (AGSRC)* index. Each year state and territory governments calculate the cost increases in government schools. The average per student cost of education in a government school becomes the new cost benchmark - the AGSRC. The AGSRC is also used to index the federal funding to state government schools.

Non-government schools, including Catholic schools, receive funding calculated as a percentage of AGSRC according to the background of students. Student background is measured based on student addresses and census data. The socioeconomic status (or SES) funding model links students’ residential addresses to Australian Bureau of Statistics census data to obtain a socio-economic profile of a school community and measure its capacity to support the school. Low SES schools attract more funds. Catholic schools and some non-government schools receive funding above the theoretical SES funding model. This funding level is based on the percentage of AGSRC these systems and schools received before the theoretical SES funding model commenced. The funding received above the theoretical SES funding model is referred to as funding maintained.

Recurrent funding is used by schools for the day-to-day running costs of schools, such as salaries for teachers and other staff. In the Catholic education system funding is allocated to schools where funding is most needed. For example, staff-related costs in Victorian Catholic schools are approximately 73% of annual recurrent expenditure.

In addition to recurrent funds, the Australian Government allocates targeted grants, that is, monies allocated for a specific purpose, such as improving literacy or numeracy learning outcomes. Targeted grants are generally increased annually by movements in the AGSRC index.

The Australian Government provides some capital funds to non-government schools for the capital infrastructure in schools. Most capital works in Catholic schools is paid for by school communities.
Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

DON'T MISS OUT! 1 WEEK LEFT TO WIN PRIZES:

Pay your $50 at www.trybooking.com/IFIG or via the office tub before 7th August to go into the draw to win:

❖ 1 of 10 family slushie vouchers

AND

❖ Receive individual prizes for each child

HELP US REACH $10,000 FOR THE SHADE SAILS:

Buy 2 or more boxes and go into the draw to win:

❖ $50 gift voucher

Buy the most boxes and win:

❖ Puffing Billy Family Voucher

60 BOXES LEFT TO SELL. WE CAN DO THIS ST SIMONS!

________________________________________________________

PLEASE RETURN TO THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

ELDEST CHILD'S NAME: __________________________ GRADE: ___________

The __________________ family would like to order ________ extra boxes of chocolates @$50 each.
St Simon’s Parent’s Association is happy to provide a new and exciting way to save money - Funde!

This great value booklet includes 2 for 1 offers for Sporting events, Entertainment, Food & Beverages and Attractions from many popular and family friendly places.

The booklet is small enough to fit in your handbag so you have it with you all the time.

Some of the places you can use this booklet are listed below and examples of the vouchers are on the right of this page.

If you have any questions regarding this you can contact Sue on 0409 530 920.

To order a booklet just send this reply slip marked “Attention St Simon’s PA – Funde”

I would like to receive _____ x Funde booklets for $20 each.
My cash/cheque is enclosed
Name ___________________ Contact number __________________
Name & grade of eldest child __________________
Wednesday 2nd September
Father's Day Stall
Gifts for $2, $3 $4 and $5
Lots of presents to choose from including:

- Mugs
- Photo frames
- Multifunction Tool
- Socks
- Cooler Bag
- Can/Bottle Cooler
- Clock Man
- Playing Cards
- Executive Pen

Remember to bring your money and a plastic bag to take your presents home in.

This year we have a LUCKY DIP!
For $2 per dip, every child will receive a surprise for Dad!
St Simons OSHC
A.B.N 49 100 425 367
2 Taylors Lane,
Rowville VIC 3178

School Closure Day
Friday 14th August 2015

Ever Popular
Soccer Tournament
Plus
Active Games the Hall

Winter Warmers
Arcade Games
Cubby Building
Jewelry Craft
Fish and Chips
Lunch
BYO $5.00

Paper Planes
The Movie
FUN activities for all ages
Inspired by an
Australian Boys
Passion for flying

Program Hours: 8.00 am – 6.00pm
Venue: OSHC Rooms, St Simons PS
Bookings Commence: Monday 20th July 2015
Early bird cost: $45.00 per child. Payment required before Friday 7th Aug 2015 to secure a booking
Full Fee cost: $50.00 per child

CCB and CCR discounted fees are from $6.70 to $27.50 per child per day

Required:
2. Lots of *healthy lunch and snacks* to last the day and drink bottles essential.
3. Closed in shoes and indoor slippers

Booking:
2. Enrolment form below. Please note - no verbal bookings accepted.

*Cancellations made after Friday 7th Aug 2015 incurs a $20.00 cancellation fee. No Cancellations accepted on the day.*

Inquiries:
2. Administration - 9763 0136
3. OSHC Service – 9764 4101

------------------- PERMISSION/BOOKING FORM -------------------

Further details as per 2015 Primary Enrolment form. Please ensure that all details are current, especially health details, contact details and custody details.

**A full enrolment is required if this is the first time your child will be using the Service in 2015.**

I would like to book my child/ren __________________________

into the School Closure Day Program on: Friday 14th Aug 2015

Date: __________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________

**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.*
2015 Family Trivia Night

☆ Date & Time: Saturday 8th August 2015 at 6.30pm
☆ Venue: St Simons Primary School Hall
        2 Taylors Lane, Rowville
☆ Cost: $20 adults, $8 kids
☆ What to bring: BYO Drinks (food provided - included in ticket price)
☆ Who can come: Family and Friends
☆ RSVP: 1st August 2015 to Wayne Pieterse
        0418 454 742 or Wayne_Pieterse@rams.com.au

☆ How to secure your place: This is strictly a ticketed event so to secure your seat please
deposit payment to the below account and include your
Name, number of adult tickets (i.e. A x 2) and how many kids
tickets (i.e. K x 2).  St Simons Auskick
        BSB: 633-000 Acc: 140026212

Proudly Sponsored by
RAMS Outer Eastern

What’s happening on the night?
☆ Trivia and games for the whole family (test your skill & knowledge to win
great prizes!)
☆ Sporting Memorabilia to be Auctioned
☆ Raffle with great prizes to be won
☆ Special guest appearances by some famous personalities
☆ Live entertainment, featuring Melbourne’s Classic Rock Band, SCAT

All proceeds go to St Simons Auskick Centre
Nazareth College
Manning Drive, Noble Park North, 3174

* Single Gender Classes in Years 7 - 9 in selected subjects
* Innovative eLearning iPad Program
* Accelerated Learning Laurel Program

Open School Morning
9am - 10:30am
Thursday 6 August
Thursday 13 August
Friday 21 August

To arrange a personalised tour at a different time, please call the College Registrar on 9795-8100

www.nazareth.vic.edu.au
Free, unrestricted play is the prerogative of childhood. Children these days live highly organised, structured lives so that the notion of free play is foreign to many of them.

The importance of play for children is often underestimated. It impacts on all aspects of child development. Outside games develop balance, coordination and fitness. Singing and rhyming games promote language development. Board games and puzzles help intellectual development.

Free play at home is therapeutic for children. Play is an important way that children can express and work through their feelings.

When children are young dress-up boxes, art boxes and other objects and spaces encourage children to use their imaginations and initiative when they play. Older children still enjoy these things but usually they like board games and outside games and sports that challenge them and maintain their interest.

Left to their own devices children generally attend to about the right ratio of work, rest and play - that is, play comes before work and just after rest in most children’s scheme of things (just like dictionary order).

However, parents may need to be proactive and insist that televisions, computers and electronic games be turned off and direct children to more active, creative or interactive pursuits.

Playing with children
Children generally enjoy playing with their parents as long as they don’t always turn play into lessons. The key is for parents to be lead by children and to allow enough time to play on their terms.

The last decade has seen almost universal acceptance by parents and caregivers of the place of self-esteem in a child’s development. But we need to be careful not to over-organise and over-complicate children’s lives at the expense of free, unstructured play for the sake of promoting healthy self-esteem.

Try This . . .
PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

1. Place a limit on the number of extracurricular activities that children are involved in. Alternatively, place a reasonable limit on the days that they have extracurricular activities. When a child wishes to exceed that limit then it may be reasonable to ask what he wishes to omit from his current schedule.

2. Resist giving children too many complicated gadgets and electronic toys. Children need simple objects, toys, books, rhymes and puzzles so they can interact with and manipulate them.

3. Have a Technology-free day once a week. This is the day that the only technology used in the house is for cooking, transport or communication. Games and entertainment must be found in simpler pursuits.

4. Play with children yourself for enjoyment. Be patient if your child wants to repeat the same game or activity over and over.

Action Plan
First Step . . .

Next Step . . .

For more ideas about play and other positive free time activities for children visit www.parentingideas.com.au

What’s your child like?

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<td>Constantly rush from one after-school leisure activity to another during the week?</td>
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<td>Spend more time in front of the TV and computer than reading, playing and other active pursuits?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Know how to keep himself occupied rather than depend on others or technology to occupy or stimulate him?</td>
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<td>Enjoy playing games and joining in fun activities with you?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Use a mixture of play involving others and also alone?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Score: 10/10 - Plenty of healthy play! Keep it up! 6-7 - Likes to play but may need some direction from you. 0-4 - Needs to loosen up or lighten up on activities that take him away from free play.

Quote

“A father is someone who plays with you even though he has friends his own age to play with.” Six year old boy

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