Dear Parents,

As we head towards the end of term 3 there is something special about this time of the year. We are now in the season of Spring with the weather improving each day, the football Grand Final is around the corner and we have a new prime minister.

The following reflection is worth reading as it looks at the positive aspects of this time of the year.

May today there be peace within
May you trust God
That you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities
That are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received
And pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let his presence settle into your bones.
And allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of us.

May God bless you and strengthen you. Amen.

Curriculum Evening – Last Tuesday the school celebrated it’s annual Curriculum Night. I would like to thank all the families who attended. It was pleasing to see so many families supporting this activity. A special thank you to the children, staff and the co-ordinator of the evening, Carmelina Corio.

Administration of Medication – If your child needs to have medication during the day when they’re at school it would be very helpful to have the correct dose measured and put in a syringe ready to be dispensed. This can be brought to school each day. The medication still needs to be brought to the office along with the medication administration form. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Commencement Time – Please note that children are not to be at school before 8.20am as there are no teachers on duty. Any child that is at school before 8.20am must attend the before school care program. This is a legal responsibility that the school must enforce.

The Sacrament of First Communion – Will be held on Sunday 11th October at 3pm and Saturday 17th October at 2pm and 4pm.

Drug Education Talk – On Tuesday 6th October, St. Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a Drug Awareness Talk for St. Simon’s Parents and Parishioners in the Church Chapel commencing at 8.00pm. More information will be sent home closer to the event.

School Camps - The Year 4 school camp will be on Thursday 22nd October and Friday 23rd October. The Year 3 camp will be on Thursday, 29th October and Friday 30th October. More information will be sent home as we get closer to the school camps. The cost of the camp must be paid before the students leave on camp.

Working – Bee – The next working bee will be on Saturday, 24th October commencing at 9.00am and concluding with a BBQ at 12pm.

After School Pickup of children – If children haven’t been collected by 3.45pm, the parent will receive a phone call. School ends at 3.15pm and if parents are unable to collect their children within half hour they should make alternative arrangements. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

School Uniform – Children are to wear their winter uniform until the end of Term 3. As from the commencement of Term 4 all children must be in full summer uniform. Children must wear a St Simon’s school hat during Terms 1 and 4 and only wear runners on days in which they have PE.

Swimming Program - The school swimming program will commence on Monday 16th November to Friday 27th November. Swimming is part of the school curriculum and therefore all children in Prep to Year 4 are expected to attend unless there is a medical reason. A medical certificate must be provided.

Term 3 Concludes at 1.15pm tomorrow. The End of Term Liturgy will be presented by Year 3 Green at 11.30am The school office will close at 2pm.

Professional Development Day – The next school closure day will be Monday 2nd November.

Long Service Leave – From Monday 5th October until Friday 6th November Helen Tracey (Reading recovery Teacher) will be on leave. We wish Helen all the best for a well deserved leave.

The Good Manners Award goes to Zach Pascu (5G) and Uniform Award goes to Brianna Stanbury (5B). Well done to these children.
We hope all families have a most enjoyable school holiday and look forward to coming back to school in fourth term.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

TERM 3 CONCLUDES TOMORROW AT 1.15PM
TERM 4 RESUMES MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER
‘NO HAT, NO PLAY’ POLICY WILL COMMENCE NEXT TERM

DATES TO REMEMBER

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JOKE OF THE WEEK


Q: Why did the car get a puncture? A: There was a fork in the road.

Q: My sister just married an Irishman. ‘Oh, really.’ ‘No, O’Reilly’.

Footy Finals The following football followers are still in the running to predict the winner of the 2015 Grand Final.

| Shane Regan - Hawthorn | Nick Frederiksen - North Melbourne | Fr. Jim Clarke – Hawthorn |
| Carmelina Corio - Hawthorn | Fr. Twigg - Fremantle | Daniel Bau - Hawthorn |
| Lis Thompson - Adelaide | Emma Spierings - Hawthorn | Pat Healy - North Melbourne |
| Archbishop Hart - Hawthorn |                                |                               |

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE IS LIVE! www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au

Each week we will list some useful tips to help you navigate the new website.

DID YOU KNOW?

• You can access Skoolbag App from the website, go to CONTACT Button on the homepage, scroll down to Skoolbag App and select eforms. You can log your children’s absentees and let us know of any change of details.

• To renew your Working With Children Check, go to PARENTS button on the homepage then choose USEFUL LINKS.

We would love to have feedback on our new website - go to CONTACT on the Home Page and fill in the form under Email Us.

2015 WINTER ROUND ROBIN GIRL’S NETBALL TEAM!

The St. Simon Girls’ Netball team used their skills and encouragement for each other to achieve great results this Winter Round Robin season. After two days of tough competition playing at the Knox Regional Netball Centre and winning all their games bar two, the girls emerged as the District victors after winning the District Grand Final! This advanced them to the next level of Regional competition. After much skill, grit and determination, the girls unfortunately finished their 2015 Winter Round Robin Netball journey here, unable to proceed to the finals. What was particularly impressive about this team was their strong sportsmanship and encouragement of each other, particularly so because only 5 of the 9 players play Netball outside of school. Their lunchtime practice sessions greatly enabled this team to progress to the level they achieved. Sincere gratitude needs to be given to the dedicated parents and teachers who supported the girls along their journey. Well done St. Simon’s 2015 Winter Round Robin Girl’s Netball Team! Helen Rocheauaste

MUSIC NEWS

Wow! An amazing achievement for Erika Ellis (3G) and Ava Goldenberg (3G) who have both received their Blue Belts in Recorder!!!

Congratulations to Hannah Pedlar (3B) and Isabelle Smith (3B) on receiving their Orange Belt and Tyler Walther (3R), Dean Portelli (3G) and Kayd Pieterse (3G) on achieving their Yellow Belt. Make sure you keep up the practice during the holidays!

The choir had a brilliant performance on Tuesday night at the Curriculum Evening. They all conducted themselves professionally and were praised hundreds times over by those that were in attendance. I’m very proud of you all.

Laura Nackashian, Music Teacher
BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Brendon Roy (5B), Thomas Hatton (5G) & Nikki Stanic (5Y) for creating an awesome Mona Lisa.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Matthew Rowe (Prep G).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Ava Goldenberg (3G) & Erika Ellis (3G) for their hard work and dedication put into their Recorder playing!

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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PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thank you everyone for your support during term 3. You helped us raise the most money we have ever raised from our Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser. Thank you also for your support of the Father’s Day Stall and pizza day. Have a wonderful holiday and see you next term to finish off the year with a bang. Betty Chmielewski.

SCHOOL DISCO: The date for the school disco is Friday 9th October (first week after school holidays) in the school hall. We will be having a CRAZY OUTFIT competition with prizes for the best boy and girl entrant for each session. Entry to the disco will be $2 per child, payable on the night. Grades Prep, 1 & 2 6.00-7.00pm Grades 3 & 4 from 7.15 to 8.15, Grades 5 & 6 from 8.30-10pm. We require helpers for this event. Flyer attached to this week’s contact. If you are able to assist at any or all session please contact Sue on 0409 530 920 or fill out the parent helper slip below.

WALK-A-THON: This year Walkathon is occurring in spring, hopefully we will have some great weather. The event is scheduled for Tuesday 20th October, so note it in your diaries now. You will have received the flyer already, sponsorship forms will be coming home this week. Any further details or question please call Ida on 0439 864 546.

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER: Tuesday 06/10 Narelle, Lisa, Angela 2.30pm – 3pm

CAANTEEN NEWS: Reminder to parents to ensure they are using the current price list for Canteen otherwise the lunch order will be adjusted accordingly and your child may not get what they have ordered. Canteen price list can be obtained by visiting the school website www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au under PARENTS or from the school office.

CAANTEEN ROSTER: Friday 18/09 LAST DAY TERM 3 – NO CAANTEEN
| Monday 05/10 | To be advised |

Due to the large volume of lunch orders since re-opening (which is incredible) I am looking for more parents that would be available to do Canteen on Mondays next term. Please contact me as soon as possible as I will be doing rosters next week.

Thanks to everyone for the amazing support in the last 2 and half weeks. Tamara 0414 606 048 clubsporty@optusnet.com.au
SENIOR MIXED FOOTBALL TEAM 2015

As Term Three draws to a close it also signals the conclusion of the AFL season. So what does it take for a team to ensure they are still playing in September? Is it a side that’s not afraid to take the game on and consistently scores over 100 points like Luke Beveridge’s Western Bulldogs? Or is it a team that can shut down their opposition and keep them to less than 50 points like Ross Lyon’s Fremantle? And how important is support and unity, which the Adelaide Crows have been able to demonstrate after the tragic loss of their coach Phil Walsh? Well, the Senior Mixed Football Team from St Simon the Apostle Primary School will not be competing in this year’s AFL Finals race, but they were able to display many of the same characteristics in their own quest for football glory earlier this term.

After limited training sessions in the lead up to our first day of the Winter Round Robin I was unsure about how the team would perform. Coupled with the fact that the players were coming from various junior football clubs on the weekend or had not played before, it was always going to be a challenge for the team to quickly gel if they were to be successful. However, from the very first game it appeared that this team had been training and playing together since Under 9’s. No team got within six goals of us on our first day at Kings Park Reserve in Upper Ferntree Gully. Playing on smaller grounds with fifteen aside, the team was able to link up in attack to score incredible goals and then form a defensive wall that professional sides would be proud of. Spirits were high at the conclusion of day one with a jovial bus journey back to school. The team strode back into Building D with an element of swagger thinking that we had the district pennant in the bag.

A few weeks passed by and we made our return to Kings Park Reserve full of confidence. Whilst day one had been very successful, it did not count for anything just yet. Day two included our final two group games and then finals. Our first game of the day was against Templeton, the other big winner from day one. The teamwork and spirit that was evident a few weeks earlier went missing for these twenty minutes of football. Quickly being brought back to Earth, the team needed to regroup to ensure the effort on day one didn’t go unrewarded. We then played Park Ridge in another close game to finish off the group games. Winning by a couple of kicks we concluded the group games on top of the ladder. With Park Ridge finishing in fourth place we were scheduled to then play them again straight away in a semi-final. It was once again a terrific battle between both schools and we were good enough to be in front when the final whistle blew. We then had a short break before the final against Karoo, who seemed a much improved team since day one. Looking at the results from day two thus far, we saw that no one had been within eight goals of Karoo that day. The stage was set, the team had received their final instructions and the ball was bounced (thrown up). After a gripping first half we had our noses in front. With fantastic defensive efforts all across the ground the team was inspired to continue on to achieve a hard fought victory. It continued to be a tense game during the final fifteen minutes of the District Round Robin with our team coming out as eventual champions.

Being crowned football champions of the Rowville District was a tremendous achievement but the team didn’t rest on their laurels and still felt they could progress further. We arrived at Windermere Reserve in Ferntree Gully for the Division stage with a mixture of excitement and trepidation. How good must these other teams be to have won their own District Round Robin? The format of Division was quite different to our District tournament. This time there were only four teams, meaning we had to win every game, and the ground size and number of players increased. The arena was now a full size AFL pitch and 18 players per side. With the step up we were able to recruit a number of handy players from the netball and volleyball teams and they were able to fit into our team structure perfectly. Our first game was a comfortable victory and the team was pleasantly surprised by how well they had performed. Just like that we found ourselves in the Division Final. We came up against a fellow Catholic Primary School in St. Bernadette’s. With plenty of support on the sidelines, including Mr Hesse and Mr Regan, the team was able to get across the line in an extremely close
victory. Both teams kicked one goal each in the first quarter and that would be all for the remainder of the game. In another strong defensive effort we held on to win by three points. There was great comradery between the schools at the conclusion of such a tight contest. Both teams sat down on the field and congratulated one another for playing so well and to come so far. This was a great testament of the character of both schools and their approach to school sport.

We then progressed to the Regional finals at Koonung Reserve in Blackburn North. Coming up against champions from eight different districts we knew it was going to be extremely difficult to keep the journey going. We were placed into a pool with three other teams and played each of them. Two close defeats meant that we were not going to making it to the State Quarter Finals but the teams’ spirit never wavered. The players continued to support and commend one another for their efforts and no doubt this helped us to win our final game in stunning fashion. With a point to prove and not wanting to return to school without registering a win, the team competed with great vigour and enthusiasm. With no pressure to progress and playing with freedom, the team kicked great team goals to finish their footballing journey with a savouring victory.

All of this could not have been possible without the wonderful assistance we received from parents. Whether it was in a coaching, goal umpiring or supporting capacity, we are incredibly grateful for the help we received. I could not have been prouder of the team for the way in which they represented our school on this final day, and during every day they competed. They showed great spirit and respect for one another and their opposition throughout all stages and always gave their best effort, which is all a coach can ask of his players. The team was always humble in victory and gracious when defeat finally came. In comparison to other schools where it would appear that winning is all that mattered, our students showcased mateship, respect and teamwork. I thank this group of 23 Year 5 and 6 students for allowing me to witness firsthand the fantastic qualities that our students at St. Simons possess. This journey was never about becoming champions of Victoria, but if we look at a quote from American Football star Tino Ellis, we may just well have.

“A Champion, is one who will accept a defeat graciously, and a victory with humility.”

— Tino Ellis

By Mr Daniel Bau.
To our families who helped at Parent Association events this term:

Appleton, Arezzolo, Au, Berry, Chmielewski, Cook, Di Scala, Esposito, Fernandes, Francis, Freeman, Gigis, Harman, Hogan, Howell, Iannetta, Johnston, Jury/Wood, Le, Liang, Lim, Lisk, Mathes, Mikolajewski, Padua, Paduano, Rowe, Samuel, Stanbury, Stevenson, West and Wood

St Simon’s Parents Association
Cadbury  CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

RESULTS ARE IN:

- All 500 boxes have been sold.
- $10,000 goal have been surpassed. Final figures will be available as soon as all payments are in.
- Thank you St Simons; we now have half of the money we need to install our shade sail.
- Thank you especially to our families who took more than one box. We could not have achieved this goal without your extra support.
- Amazing effort by the Jury family who sold an incredible 20 boxes of chocolates. They have won for themselves the Puffing Billy voucher.
- All prizes attached to this fundraiser have now been distributed. Congratulations to our winners.
- THANK YOU All
2015 School Disco

Friday 9th October 2015

Come wearing your most **CRAZY OUTFIT** and win a prize (1 boy & 1 girl prize per session)!

Please don’t buy anything new – just wear something you already have or re-vamp something using re-cycled materials!

St. Simon’s Parish Hall

$2 entry fee per child

– to be paid on the night please

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Session times are for the stated class groups only.
- Payment and entry will occur via the rear entry of the hall. Children can be picked up in the front foyer of the hall.
- Only parent helpers rostered on will be allowed in the hall during the sessions.

For your convenience, the Prep common area will be made available as a waiting area. Parents and siblings are more than welcome to utilise this room during disco session times. **Children in the waiting room must be supervised by an adult at all times.**

Tea/Coffee and water will be provided.

Please note that there will be no food/drink available for purchase on the night. Water will be made available to the children as required.
The School Disco Needs Your Help!

Dear Adults

We are in need of helpers (male and female) for every session of our school disco on Friday 9th October.

If you are available please complete the details below and return this form A.S.A.P.

I can help with the following sessions:-

☐ Grades, Prep 1 + 2
   6.00-7.00pm

☐ Grades 3 + 4
   7.15-8.15pm

☐ Grades 5 + 6
   8.30-10.00pm

☐ I am available all night

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Helpers name:..........................................................................................................................

Eldest child name & grade:........................................................................................................

Contact phone number: ...........................................................................................................

E-mail address...........................................................................................................................

Thank you for your help.
Parent’s Association
St Simons Parish Rowville Presents

Spices of the Orient

Food Extravaganza

Come and enjoy food from the Orient and dance the night away

Date: 24th October 2015
Time: 7.00pm
Donation: $25.00 per person or $70.00 per family (2 Adults & 2 Children)
Venue: Parish Hall
2 Taylors Lane Rowville
Dress: Casual
BYO

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- Season starts Saturday 26th September 2015
- Visit us on Facebook/Rowville Little Athletics Club
- Register online soon at www.knxc.org.au/register
- For enquiries please call Club Chair on 0421 300 467

FREE 2 Week Trial
Season starts 1st October 2015
Kings Park UFS - Saturdays 4:45am - 11:45am
Join us at Shepprock Little Athlies in Fernmere Cricket
Try to beat your personal best!
Compete in up to 7 events each week
Fun, family environment for 5 - 15 year olds

10:30am to 12 noon
Information day at the Knox Little Athletics Centre on Saturday 19th September from
10:30am to 12 noon.
If you are thinking about joining, we would love for you to come to our tryout day.

At Little Athletics we provide a variety of track and field events for children aged from 5 - 15 years.
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