Dear Parents,

As some of our students have just celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last weekend it is important to emphasise with children that we receive Christ’s Body to become Christ’s body. We are called to bring the presence of Christ into every aspect of our lives, then we really become a sign of communion. This is what the great St Teresa of Avila wrote about in her famous poem:

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Johnny Ciampoli R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that I inform families of the death of Johnny Ciampoli. Johnny has two boys at St. Simon’s, Trent (3R) and Jake (4G) and a daughter Jemma who will be commencing school in 2016.

I would ask families to remember Johnny and his wife Carolyn in your prayers and thoughts. Johnny with great assistance from Carolyn, put up a courageous and inspirational fight against cancer. He was always positive and was an example to all of us on how to face adversities in life.

Johnny’s funeral service will be tomorrow, Friday at 11.00am at St. Simon’s.

SHANE REGAN

I would like to inform all families that Mr Shane Regan has been appointed Principal at St. John Vianney’s Parkdale. This appointment to St. John Vianney’s is for twelve months and Shane will be returning to St. Simon’s in 2017.

On behalf of the school community I would like to congratulate Shane on his appointment and wish him all the very best for 2016. St. John Vianney’s is very fortunate to have a leader of Shane’s calibre. Shane is an outstanding person both in character and as an educationalist. He always puts the needs of children first.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion – Last Saturday was the last of the three Masses celebrating the Sacrament of First Communion. The children were a credit to their families. I would like to thank Mrs Jacqui Giuliano (Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator), Maree Fatouros (R.E.C) and the Year 3 Teachers for their work in preparing the children for this very special Sacrament in their lives.

School Choir - Congratulations to our school choir on their performance at the Stringybark Festival and a special thank you to our Music Teacher Laura Nackashian on co-ordinating the event.

Walkathon - Thank you to the Parents’ Association for organising the successful walkathon last Tuesday. A special thank you to Ida Padua on co-ordinating the event. The children, parents and teachers had a most enjoyable walk as well as raising money for our new shade sails.

Graduation Meeting – Next Graduation Meeting is at 2.15pm on Thursday 12th November in the staff room. Contact Amelia Guerra on 0416 027 808 and Marita Nittoli on 0418 144 113 for more details.
**Grade 6 Graduation** - Will be on Friday 11th December, commencing with Mass at 6.00pm. Please note that Grade 6 students are expected to attend school until Wednesday 16th December when the school will be dismissed early at 1.15pm. In order to organize the Grade 6 Graduation, parents of Grade 6 students are invited to attend the next meeting on Wednesday 14th October at 2.15pm.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation 2016** – Will be celebrated next year on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th August.

**St. Simon’s Day Liturgy** – As a school community we will be celebrating the feast of our patron saint in a range of ways. Each level of the school will participate in activities during the course of the day. We will gather as a school community in a Liturgy at 9.15am. See flyer attached.

**Year 4 School Camp** - The children will return from camp tomorrow at 5pm.

**Year 3 School Camp** - The Year 3 camp will be on Thursday, 29th October and Friday, 30th October.

**Working – Bee** - The next working bee will be this Saturday, 24th October commencing at 9.00am and concluding with a BBQ at 12pm. All parents are welcome. See reply slip below.

**School Uniform** - Children must wear a St. Simon’s School hat during terms 1 and 4. Any child not wearing a hat will have to sit in the shaded area near the library during recess and lunchtime.

**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.

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

**Outstanding Fees** – Parents who have outstanding fees are requested to finalize all fees by tomorrow, Friday 23rd October. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties please contact the school in order to arrange a meeting to discuss these difficulties.

**Extra Curricular Activities Term 4 Weeks 5 & 6**

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**Principal’s Award** – Congratulations to Phoenix Whitty (4R) and Emmerson Dior-Drake (2G) for their honesty in handing money they found to the office. Setting a great example.

The Good Manners Award goes to Cassandra Richardson (4G) and Uniform Award goes to Juwan Joseph (4B). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**

**CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

**NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN ON BOTH THESE DAYS**

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**OFFICE NEWS**

SCHOOL FEES: Accounts for any outstanding fees, Year 3 Camp, Year 4 Camp and Swimming Fees have been sent out via the tub system this week. Prompt payment of these fees appreciated by tomorrow Friday 23rd October, 2015.
JOKE OF THE WEEK

A month after Donald MacDonald started at Harvard, his mother called from Scotland. "And how are the American students, Donald?" she asked.
"They're so noisy," he complained. "One neighbour endlessly bangs his head against the wall, while another screams all night."
"How do you put up with it?"
"I just ignore them and play my bagpipes."

SCHOOL WEBSITE NEWS

www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au

As we are migrating to a new Google environment this week we have had to copy across the Newsletter mailing list. If you don't get your Contact by email this week, go to the website and add your details as per the instructions below and we will add your email address to the list again. Apologies for any inconvenience.

DID YOU KNOW?
• To be added to the mailing list to receive weekly Newsletters go to http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/parent-resources-1/newsletters and enter your details.

2016 BOOKLISTS

Lamont Books will be our official supplier of school books for 2016. ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED ONLINE ONLY at www.lamontbooks.com.au

To avoid home delivery charges you need to place your order before Sunday 15th November 2015.

Booklists have been sent home with every child this week. Please read the instructions carefully on the list as they clearly outline the process required and the payment options and timeframes. Collection Day for ordered books will be Wednesday 2nd December between 8.30am to 6pm in the Lower Common Area (Years 1 to 2 Area).

To download Booklists from the school website go to PARENTS/BOOKLISTS.
Families with Prep children in 2016 will receive their booklists via the mail in the next few days.

MARATHON CLUB: Every Tuesday & Thursday from 8.20am to 8.40am on the oval. Certificates & rewards, a great way to start the day!

MUSIC NEWS

On Sunday 18th October, the choir performed to a packed crowd at the Stringybark Festival. They all did an amazing job, conquering their fears of singing in front of a large group. I’m very proud of them.

Well done to Dianne Mendis (3G) & Julian Pawlowski (3R) who have received their Yellow Belt.

The following students are now on their Orange Belts: Andrew Samuel (3G), Miguel Prado (3G), Kayne White (3G), Alexia Diakokolios (3R), Cayenne Rabot (4B) and Fletcher Crellin (4G). Amazing work by Mai-Ly Pham (3B) and Sarah Abraham (3R) who are now on their reen Belt and onto their Blue Book!

Laura Nackashian, Music Teacher

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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<td>Jacinta Mudie (6B)</td>
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Jaime Hiho (1R), Xavier Aguirre (1B) & Ava O’Sullivan (1Y) for awesome flower creations.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Justin Nguyen (1R) & Bella Prado (1R).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Charlie Dobson (3B) on his persistence and effort he is putting into his recorder playing in class. Keep it up!!
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

WALKATHON: Thank you to everyone who assisted with our walkathon on Tuesday. Without your assistance we could not have a successful walkathon. Thank you also to Ida who co-ordinated this event and to the Year 6 SRC students who helped on the day.

Now that walkathon has been walked it is time to collect your sponsorships and return money. Just a reminder that the first grade from each group to return as many Sponsorship Forms together with their money by Tuesday 27th October will win $50 cash for their class. In addition, the student that has raised the most money from each group will also receive an award in the form of a fantastic mystery prize. If you have any questions please contact Ida on 0439 864 546 or Sue on 0409 530 920.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION 2015

NEXT MEETING – Thursday 12th November at 2.15pm in the staff room. If you have any queries please contact Amelia Guerra on 0416 027 808 or Marita Nittioli on 0418 144 113.

GRADE 6 REMINDER – A reminder to send in photos for inclusion in the Graduation DVD. RSVP for attending Graduation Night and purchasing of Bears/ Balls deadline is Friday 30th October 2015.


Please ensure all tub orders have the updated and correct order form as of 19th October. This will enable quick and efficient processing of orders. Incorrect/incomplete orders will be returned. Updated order form available on school website at http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/uniform

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER: Tuesday 27/10 Sue, Teresa, Sylvia 2.30pm – 3pm

CANTEEN 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 http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/parent-resources-1/canteen or from the school office.

CANTEEN ROSTER: Monday 26/10 Lucy I, Lori M, Lien H

CANTEEN – HELP NEEDED: Helpers are needed to assist in the running of the canteen in 2016. If you are able to help, please complete the return slip below and return by Friday 27th November, 2015 so I can draw up a roster for the year. Existing helpers must return a reply slip also. Although toddlers cannot be permitted to come with you to canteen, you may decide to share with a friend and mind each other’s children when you are on canteen duty. We also have a lot of fun and it is a great way to meet other parents. Tamara Dell’Aquila (Canteen Co-ordinator)

ST. SIMON’S PARISH FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA: ‘SPICES OF THE ORIENT’. Come and enjoy food from The Orient and dance the night away. Date – Saturday 24th October at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Donation $25 per person or $70 per family (2 Adults & 2 Children). Dress: Casual, BYO. Tickets available from the parish office or 9764 4058. See flyer attached.

GIRLS TO THE FRONT: Train with our team of expert Circus Trainers at our customised space The Drill Hall, located next to Whitten Oval in Footscray. Mondays from 4.30pm – 6.30pm October 19th until December 7th, 8 weeks of classes.

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CANTEEN HELPERS REPLY SLIP (Please return to Canteen by Friday 27th November, 2015)

NAME: __________________________ PHONE: __________________________ MOBILE: __________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: __________________________

GRADE: __________________________

Tick day preferred: ☐ MONDAY ☐ FRIDAY

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WORKING BEE REPLY

The ___________ Family will be attending the Working Bee on Saturday 24th October.
St Simon’s Day

As a school community we are celebrating the Feast of our patron saint, St Simon in a range of ways on Wednesday, the 28th October.

We commence our special day by joining the 9:15 am Parish Mass with Father Jim. This special St Simon’s Day Mass is prepared by Grade 5/6 Purple, Mrs Rochecouste.

After the Mass the children will participate in a fun filled day of educational and exciting activities, sharing and learning together with specifically planned activities set to challenge and enthuse.

The theme for the day is one of Carnival to assist the children to enjoy the mood of the day. The students are invited to get into the mood of the day by dressing in a Carnival outfit if they would like to. There is no charge for casual dress as this is a fun day for all to celebrate the feast of St. Simon.

Each level has a special theme or activity to challenge students.

Each grade has put together special activities for their Level and Buddies.

Activities for the day are as follows:

Grade 6 – Juggling & Buddy Activity
Grade 5 – Cup Stacking & Buddy Activity
Grade 4 – Flinging, Flopping & Flouncing & Buddy Activity
Grade 3 – Fun in the Sun & Buddy Activity
Grade 2 – Mystery Behind the Mask & Buddy Activity
Grade 1 – Side Show Games & Buddy Activity
Prep – Bubbles and Wands & Buddy Activity
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

Tickets available from the Parish Office
PH: 9764 4058