Dear Parents,

Four weeks ago at our Parents' Association meeting the following reflection was read to commence our meeting. The reflection was written by one of our parents, Leanne Wood, who has a daughter Sienna in Year 5B. At a time when we need to look closely at our world environment and how we care for the future of our children this reflection summarises everything so distinctly. As I read this I thought I could see Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens) singing this reflection.

_This World is Mine, This World is Ours_  
When I wake in the morning I thank the world for being created for me,  
As I saunter into life the sun shines its brilliant rays only on me,  
The colours of the vibrant spring flowers brighter than the rainbow bloom just for me,  
The sweet smell of the lightly damp grass reaches my senses to awaken hope for me.  
The world spins on its axis, but isn’t that axis me?  
Why else would it spin if not for me?  
Isn’t the sun’s purpose to impart its warmth for growth, the growth of me?

But those shadows cast by my shape not those around me of light.  
Is it right for the world to be only for me?  
Can I share the light and warmth?  
I look at the man beyond covered in darkness.  
My shadow covers his face, while the sun brightly shines upon me.  
No flowers bloom near him, no aroma awakens his senses.  
No smile reaches his face.

I walk towards this shrouded figure, my sun follows me.  
I reach for his hand and the world consumed him with warmth.  
Light is everywhere, we see no shadows.  
We smell the sweet scent of life; we feel the love of togetherness.  
We feel the world is for us.  
As we rush towards life,  
Share our warmth  
His smile lights my face as mine does his.  
Our happiness combined  
Our force combined  
Our world combined  
Cannot be stopped  
As the axis, are all of us together.  

Can the world exist for one?  
Can this world for all equally, not owned, not taken but cherished.  
No man can own the land, as the land owns us,  
We exist for each other, never separate, never apart.  
I cannot exist without you and cannot survive without you.  
Together we can meet our destiny  
And be great together, this world is for all,  
Any today I welcome my life with you.

By Leanne Wood

**Childrens’ Christmas Carols** – The school in conjunction with the parish invites children to be part of our school/parish Christmas Carol evening on Sunday, 20th December at 7.00pm. If you would like your children to be part of this event please read the information sheet attached to this issue of contact. Our School Choir will be performing and children can be involved in our Nativity Play. All children in the school are invited to participate.

**Year 3 Sleepover** – The Year 3 sleepover was enjoyed by all the children and teachers. I would like to thank Mr Nick Frederiksen, the Year 3 teachers and the staff who assisted. I would also like to comment on the outstanding behaviour of the children. They were a credit to their parents and teachers.
Parish Fun Day – Saturday 21st November from 4pm – 9pm. Craft Activities, hot chips, donuts, rides and Movie Night. See flyer attached.

School Uniform – All children must be in full summer uniform. Children must wear St Simon the Apostle School hats and correct shoes. Black Nike, Adidas or Brook runners are NOT acceptable if the runner symbol is not completely black.

Tim’s Day On Wednesday 11th November we remember and celebrate the lives of five members of St. Simon’s School Community and at the same time remember the soldiers who gave their lives in war (Remembrance Day). This day at St. Simon’s is known as Tim’s Day and was introduced at St. Simon’s when Tim Vieregger, a grade 2 student died of leukemia on 22nd January 2003. It was decided by Mrs Judith Frood (previous principal) to dedicate a day to remember past pupils and teachers and so we remember Tim Vieregger, Danielle and Chantal Meredith and our former teachers Beng Koo and Kevin Bryden on this day each year. In order to remember our students and teachers the school has a fund raising activity to raise money for the cancer support group, “Challenge”. Children will be permitted to wear something yellow on Wednesday 11th November and bring a gold coin to mark Tim’s Day. A paraliturgy will be held at 10.15am in the Church. All parents are invited.

Annual Remembrance Day Appeal Our SRC leaders will be selling Poppies, Wristbands and badges for the Annual Remembrance Day Appeal. All funds raised go to the RSL to support their work with veterans. Prices of items are – Poppies $2 and $5; Wristbands $3; Keytag / Bagtag $4. If you would like your child to purchase one of these items please send the money along with them and they can purchase from the SRC Leaders who will come around to the rooms.

Graduation Meeting – Next Graduation Meeting is at 2.15pm on Thursday 12th November in the staff room. Contact Amelia Guerra on 0416 027 708 and Marita Nittoli on 0418 144 113 for more details.

Year 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 Year 6 Graduation, parents of Grade 6 students are invited to attend the next meeting on Thursday 12th November at 2.15pm.

School Education Advisory AGM - Will be on Wednesday 25th November at 7.00pm. At the AGM the Annual report to the school community will be presented to the school community. All parents are invited.

Prep 2016 Transition Sessions - The next Prep Transition Session will be held Tuesday 17th November from 11.30am to 1pm.

Outstanding Fees – Parents who have outstanding fees are requested to finalize all fees by tomorrow, Friday 6th November. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties please contact the school in order to arrange a meeting to discuss these difficulties.

Year 5 Students - All parents of children in Grade 5 are reminded that Catholic Secondary College’s applications for Year 7, 2017 close on Friday 26th February 2016. If you have not decided on a specific Catholic Secondary College to send your child to, you should start considering the various options available to you by attending the Open Days.

The Sacrament of First Communion 2016 – Will be celebrated next year on Sunday 29th May and Saturday 4th June at 2 & 4 pm on both days.

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

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.

Extra Curricular Activities Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8

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Parish Raffle Tickets Reminder that all raffle tickets should be returned asap sold or unsold. There are still many families who have not returned their tickets.

November Birthdays – November is a special month for birthdays here at St. Simon’s as we have three sets of twins all celebrating their birthdays this month – Christian & James Di Cesare, Anthony & Sienna Rowe and Grace & Nathaniel Louey.

Prep Music Christmas Concert Will be held in the hall at 2.15pm on Tuesday 8th December for Prep R & Prep Y and Wednesday 9th December at 2.15pm for Prep B & Prep G. Parents are welcome to attend.

The Good Manners Award goes to Cooper Dwyer (Prep R) and Uniform Award goes to Mia Matta (4R). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

**PREP 2016 INFORMATION EVENING – THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM**
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SCHOOL FEES

IT IS NOW A MATTER OF URGENCY THAT ALL SCHOOL FEES ARE PAID AS WE ARE REQUIRED TO FINALISE ALL OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS FOR 2015. This includes all special arrangements unless you have an automatic monthly credit card deduction arrangement.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

After a long day on the course the exasperated golfer turned to his caddy and said, “You must be the absolute worst caddy in the world”. “No, I don’t think so,” said the caddy. “That would be too much of a coincidence”.

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](http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/parent-resources-1/newsletters) and enter your details.
- To view the Term dates for the next few years go to [http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/parent-resources-1/term-dates](http://www.ssrowville.catholic.edu.au/parent-resources-1/term-dates)

2016 BOOKLISTS

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED ONLINE ONLY at [www.lamontbooks.com.au](http://www.lamontbooks.com.au)

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

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.

HEAD LICE: There has been a report of head lice in Grade 3 Green this week. Parents please check your child/ren’s hair. Thank you.

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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ART NEWS – YEAR 6 LEGACY PIECE

The Year 6 children have been creating their Legacy Piece for the school grounds. We will be placing fourteen vertical sleeper posts into the ground near the prep sandpit area and was just wondering if anyone in the areas of landscaping or fencing could possibly dig out these holes within the next couple of weeks after school. Please contact the school office if you can assist us with this project.

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 Nittoli 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 was Friday 30th October 2015.
PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the walkathon, it was a very successful day. Thank you once again to all our volunteers who helped make it such a successful event. The class winners for the greatest class participation are:

Grade Prep Green from the prep, ones and twos, Grade 4 Yellow from the threes and fours, and Grade 5 Yellow from the fives and sixes.

The individual prizes go to: Ethan Taggert (1G) from the junior school, Joshua Quinn (4Y) for the middle school and Tanya Stibl (5B) from the senior school. Congratulations to these classes and children for their wonderful efforts!

PARISH NEWS

November is a time to Remember: The Church has always set aside the month of November as a special time for remembering all who have died. We invite you and your family and friends to attend any of the following Masses during November where we will pray for your family and eternal rest awaits for your loved one.

- Mass for those who have died during the past 12 months - Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm
- Mass for those who grieve the loss of a child – Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm

FIRST COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION IN 2016: Registration & Reflection Evening on Wednesday 11th November or Thursday 12th November 2015 7.00pm – 8.00pm at St. Simon’s Church.

We are offering a special night for Grade 2 families, parent and child, to gather and engage together. It will not only provide the opportunity to enrol your child to celebrate their sacraments next year but will also guide you through the “Getting to know Jesus” booklet. This booklet must be completed before your child can prepare for these Sacraments. If you have any queries, please call me at the parish office on 9764 4058, Tuesdays or Wednesdays. We will also have a question time on the evening. Jacqui Giuliano (Parish Sacrament Coordinator)

UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM: 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.sarrowville.catholic.edu.au/uniform

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER: Tuesday 10/11 Cathy S, Ida, Natasha 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.sarrowville.catholic.edu.au/parent-resources-1/canteen or from the school office.

CANTEEN ROSTER:
- Friday 06/11 Anne M, Linda H, Betty C, Sarah S, Anne-Marie M, Narelle S
- Monday 09/11 Leonie G, Maria A, Rebecca C, Lien H

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR 1 BLUE, 1 GREEN, 4 RED AND 4 YELLOW DURING THE 2 WEEK SWIMMING PROGRAM FROM MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER.

CANTEEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Friday 4th December this year. Please return orders directly to the individual students’ teacher. Orders will not be accepted at the office. Closing date for orders is Monday 23rd November. No late orders will be accepted. No other canteen service is available on Friday 4th December except for the Christmas lunch. See order form below.

Tamara Dell’Aquila, Canteen Co-ordinator.

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)

DANDENONG SHOW: Where the city meets the country, the Dandenong Show has lots to offer – farm animals, dogs, arts and crafts, amusement rides, show bags and fireworks. Don’t forget to visit the animal nursery and look out for the free entertainment. There is something for everyone! Dandenong Show Grounds – Greaves Reserve, Bennet Street Dandenong. For further info please visit www.dandyshow.com.au

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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 GRADE: ____________________________

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CANTEEN CHRISTMAS LUNCH ORDER FOR FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Please return by Monday 23rd November with payment to Students Class.

Do not return orders to the office.

No LATE ORDERS accepted.

Please note there is no other Canteen service on this day. Christmas Lunch only.

COST $6.00

FULL NAME: ____________________________________________ GRADE: ____________________________

□ Roast Chicken Roll □ Mayo □ Ham & Cheese Roll □ Ham Roll (Please tick one)
□ Apple Juice □ Orange Juice □ Water □ Lemonade (Please Tick one)

(Includes icy pole - Icy Twist)
Dear Parents,

The annual water safety and swimming program will operate from **Monday 16th of November – Friday 27th November**. We will be attending the Dandenong Oasis Swimming Centre, where qualified swimming instructors will take responsibility for students grouped according to their ability levels based on last years level and further improvement due to outside involvement in swimming lessons. The children will be involved in many enjoyable activities and games that will emphasise and reinforce water safety as well as further develop their swimming skills.

I would encourage children to participate in bathers, rather than board shorts and t-shirts as the weight of the wet clothing can be a hindrance and prevent children swimming to their full ability. The wearing of swimming caps is also an excellent idea as it keeps their hair out of their eyes.

Parents are most welcome to view their child’s lesson but must enter the centre with the children through the group entry door. Parents who arrive at other times and enter through the main reception area will be charged the normal spectator fee. **No photos are to be taken.** If your child has experienced any previous aquatic trauma please let me know. The swimming program is part of St Simon’s Physical Education Program and as such is compulsory. If your child cannot take part due to medical reasons please state in writing marked ‘**Attention – Mr. Nick Frederiksen.**’

Parents who have any queries during the program are asked to contact me rather than classroom teachers or Swimming School Staff. This will ensure that your query is addressed promptly. I can be contacted via email at **nfrederiksen@ssrowville.catholic.edu.au** or in room D9 after school between Wednesday and Friday.

Past experience has shown that participation in the program provides the children with the opportunity to foster greater responsibility of their own belongings and for younger children to develop independence with regard to dressing themselves following their lessons. **Permission slips are to be returned by Friday 30th October.**

Many Thanks

Nick Frederiksen

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St. Simon's Family Fun Day

Saturday 21st November
4pm - 9pm

Craft Activities
Hot Chips
Sausages & Drinks
Donuts
Cakes & Crafts

RIDE ALL DAY WITH A WRISTBAND
ONLY $25 PREBOOKED
$20

Zorb Balls
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And many inflatables

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Based on an incredible true story
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