Dear Parents,

The following prayer was used to introduce a recent staff meeting. It is very similar to the St. Frances of Assisi Peace Prayer but gives a little variation. It is worth reading and reflecting upon as it highlights how we can deal with various obstacles that we may come across.

Don't let your character be shaped by the attitude of others around you.
If someone is unkind, respond with kindness.
If someone is getting on your nerves be patient.
There are times when we must draw healthy boundaries, but let us pray that we use wisdom in doing so.
Don't give up on people too quickly.
Keep your eyes on Christ at all times.
He is the one leading the dance.
He's the one we take our cue from.

- Darlene Schacht

Curriculum Evening – This year's Curriculum Night will be on Tuesday 13th September commencing at 6.30pm and concluding at 8pm. The focus will be Literacy in Religious Education.

School Walkathon – Last week's school's walkathon was a resounding success and I would like to thank the Parents’ Association on co-ordinating this event. I would also like to thank all the families who contributed financially to the walkathon. The final amount raised will be given to parents when all the final contributions arrive.

Extra Curricula Activities Term 3 Weeks 8 & 9

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School Start/ Finish - 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. Children who are not collected by 3.50pm will also be sent to Out of School Hours Program.

Year 6 Parents Graduation Meeting – Will be on Friday 2nd September at 2.30pm. All Year 6 parents are invited

Year 1 Prayer Night – Will be on Tuesday 6th September at 6.30pm. Please note the new date.

School Advisory Board Meeting – The next School Advisory Board Meeting will be on Wednesday 26th October at 7.00pm.

Long Service Leave – Mrs Sallie Dunstan and Mr Andrew Miller will be taking leave from Monday 29th August until Friday 16th September. We wish Sallie and Andrew all the best for a well deserved leave.

The Good Manners Award goes to Olivia Giuliano (Prep G) and Uniform Award goes to Peter Diamantopoulos (3B). Well done to these children.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hesse
Principal

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE
DATES TO REMEMBER

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OFFICE NEWS

SCHOOL FEES: Unless you have an arrangement in place, parents are reminded that all fees except Years 3 & 4 camps and swimming are now overdue. Prompt payment is appreciated.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

St. Peter was sitting at the Pearly Gates when two blokes wearing hoodies arrived. St Peter looked out and said: "Wait here, I shall be right back." St Peter went over to God's chambers and told him who was waiting to come in. God said to Peter: "How many times do I have to tell you, you can't be judgmental here. This is Heaven. All are loved. All are brothers. Go back and let them in." St Peter went back to the gates, looked around, and let out a heavy sigh. He returned to God's chambers. "Well, they're gone." "The blokes wearing hoodies?" asked God. "No. The Pearly Gates."

HEAD LICE: There has been a report of head lice in Prep Yellow this week. Parents please check your child/ren's hair. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Wishing the following staff and students a very happy birthday.

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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:

- Prep B – Emma Costanzo
  - Lachlan Chang
- Prep G – Charlotte Boey
- Prep R – Jemma Ciampoli
- Prep Y – Maxwell Watson

MUSIC NEWS: Well done to Hugh Fagan (3B) and Eoin Lacey (3B) for receiving their Yellow Belt. Julian Pawlowski (4B), Ashley Sikla (4B) and Cassandra Lim (3G) are now on their Orange Belt and Cindy Lam (4B) has now started her Blue Book on her Green Belt. A huge Congratulations to Daniel Nittoli (4G) who has now completed the entire recorder program!! What an achievement!!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR ART: This week’s award goes to Alessia Blasi (3Y), Christian Barthelot (3R) and William Guarinaccia (3B) for constructing a fantastic athlete from the Rio Olympics.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR MUSIC: This week’s award goes to Joseph Blagnardo (Prep G) for being a great conductor of his class.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK FOR LIBRARY: This week’s award goes to Annie Shi (5G) & Jemmath Bryant (4B).

CANTEEN ROSTER:
- Friday: 26/08 Linda H, Sarah S, Anne-Marie M, Antoinette G, Marisa B
- Monday: 29/08 Maria A, Leonie G, Tanya B, Amalia L

UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM: Order form available on school website at http://www.sscrowville.catholic.edu.au/uniform

UNIFORM SHOP:
- Tuesday: 30/08 Lisa, Felicia, Angela
  - 2.30pm – 3pm
CATHOLIC SECONDARY COLLEGES OPEN DAYS

Key Enrolment Dates for 2017 – The following dates will be used by Catholic secondary schools for Year 6 students in 2017 who will be enrolling in Year 7 for 2018. These are:

Friday 17th February 2017 Date by which all applications to colleges close.
Thursday 27th April 2017 Date on which offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are to be posted.
Thursday 11th May 2017 Final date for acceptance by parents of offers made.

Key Enrolment Dates for 2017 – The following dates will be used by Catholic secondary schools for Year 5 students in 2017 who will be enrolling in Year 7 for 2019. These are:

Friday 25th August 2017 Date by which all applications to colleges close.
Friday 13th October 2017 Date on which offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are to be posted.
Friday 27th October 2017 Final date for acceptance by parents of offers made.

AVILA COLLEGE ‘OPEN SCHOOL’ MORNING – Our final Open Morning for 2016 will be in Term 4 – on Thursday 20th October. Online registration is now available by visiting www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au clicking on Enrolment and then Open Mornings. Phone 9831 9600. Parking is limited, so please allow time for parking in nearby streets.

MAZENOD COLLEGE: Tuesday 11th October from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Tours commence 9.30am, 10.30am & 11.30am.

NAZARETH COLLEGE: School Tours - Wednesday 31st August and Tuesday 13th September from 9.00am. Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist on 9795 8100.

ST. JOSEPHS COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Sunday 23rd October at 9.30am.

MAZENOD OLD COLLEGNIANS CRICKET CLUB: Are you looking at playing Cricket for the first time or looking at getting back into the game after a break? Why not give us a try at Mazenod Cricket Club. We are looking for Junior and Senior players for the upcoming 2016/17 Cricket Season. We have fantastic facilities and a state of art Turf Wicket and Oval. Come down and have a look at our facilities and see for yourself. Junior fees for the 2016/17 season – if you register and pay before 31st August, you will receive a 10% discount. Family discount 1 child $160, 2nd child $140, 3rd child $120. Contacts President John 0422 812 274, Junior co-ordinator Allan 0411 722 552 Mazenod Secretary moccsec@gmail.com, www.mocce.com.au

MAZENOD UNITED FC: Advanced technical clinics – 8 week program for 8-16 year old boys and girls conducted by FFA-accredited coaches in small groups of 5-6 players per coach. Each player attends 2 sessions per week (Monday & Wednesday). Focus areas include Ball Skills, passing in sequence, vision & Ball distribution, 1 v 1. Registrations close 15th September 2016. Registration and payment online at https://www. trybooking.com/MPEV https://www. trybooking.com/221177 Commencing 17th October 2016 8-11yrs: Mon & Wed 5.30pm to 7.00pm, 12-16 yrs: Mon & Wed 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Enquiries David Bortoli 0412 657 046 dbortoli@huntingtongard.vic.edu.au Total cost $295 includes training top.

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE BELGRAVE REUNION: Former students and staff of Mater Christi are warmly invited to join our 10, 20, 30 and 40 year reunions. Reunion Sunday 16th October 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Former students whose cohorts graduated in 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2006 are welcome to take a tour, reminisce, marvel at the changes, enjoy refreshments and catch up with old friends during Reunion Sunday. Refreshments will be available from 2.30pm. After some brief formalities, tours of the College will commence around 3.15pm. We ask for a donation of $20 to support the ongoing work of the Good Sams in East Timor. Please RSVP via TryBooking to assist with catering and extend this invitation to your friends.

SACRED HEART GIRLS COLLEGE OAKLEIGH: Students and Staff of the classes of 1966, 1976, 1986, 2006 are warmly invited to our College Reunion Day, 113 Warrigal Rd Hughesdale on Sunday 11th September from 2pm to 4.30pm, including afternoon tea and a tour of the College. Please come and share your memories and all the latest news. Spread the word amongst your friends and acquaintances so that as many as possible of your classmates know about this special afternoon. RSVP Friday 2nd September 2016, Lynne Evans at SHGC 9568 5488 or levans@shgc.vic.edu.au

CYBERSAFETY PROGRAM: What parents, carers and teachers need to know about Cybersafety. FREE EVENT. ThinkUknow Australia’s Cybersafety program educates parents, carers and teachers about the way young people use technology. Thursday 22nd September 6.30pm at the Rowville Library, Stud Park Shopping Centre Rowville. Bookings – 9800 6443.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

YMCA KNOX LEISUREWORKS: Splashdown will be running between 12.30pm and 2.30pm on these dates: Monday 19th September – Friday 23rd September and Monday 26th September – Friday 30th September. The program includes unlimited access to the Giant Aquatic Inflatable, 80m Waterslide and pool for the day!

ROWVILLE SPORTS ACADEMY MULTI SPORTS PROGRAM: is offering boys and girls aged 4-15 the opportunity to participate in a Multi Sports Camp. The day will commence at 9am and finish at 3pm and the sports will include AFL, basketball, soccer and netball with RSA head Coaches on hand to teach skills in a fun environment. The cost for the day is $65 and includes lunch. Date – Thursday 22nd September from 9am to 3pm at Rowville Sports Precinct, Humphreys Way Rowville. For more information contact Alex Palazzolo 9755 4563 palazzolo.alex.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

KNOX GYMNASTICS CLUB: School holiday fun! Gymnastic skills, Games and Circuits, no experience necessary! Days & Times – Wednesday 21st & 28th September from 10 – 12pm, cost $16 per session (GST Inc.) or $30 for both sessions. Age – attending primary school. Closing date Monday prior to each session or when maximum numbers are reached. Enrolment forms available from the Gymnastics office or online at www.knoxygymnastics.org.au. Attire – shorts or track suit pants & tshirt (no denim, zips, belts, buckles) long hair to be tied up. Bring a drink bottle!
EXCITING NEWS

We have been lucky enough to engage the services of Georgina Manning the director of Wellbeing for Kids, to facilitate some sessions with our parents on topics that we know are of interest to them. Georgina will speak on resilience, developing confidence, anxiety and healthy friendships.

Put these dates on your calendar

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Each night will begin at 7pm and finish at 8:30.

You are welcome to attend one, two or all three.

More information to follow in the coming weeks

Looking forward to seeing you there

Lis Thompson

Student Wellbeing Leader.
Father's Day Stall: We will be holding our annual Father's Day Stall next Thursday 1st September. We have a great range of gifts for Dad ranging from $2 to $5. We will also be running the ever popular lucky dip. Please see the attached flyer. We are still in need of helpers, so if you are able to help run our stall on the day, please fill out the helpers slip and return to the Parents' Association ASAP. Morning Tea and a light lunch provided. If you have any queries please contact Tracy on 0400 129 728.

Walkathon: The annual school walkathon was held last Thursday. We were blessed with wonderful weather. It was a wonderful day filled with lots of excitement. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and siblings who gave up their time today to walk with the children. Without your assistance we would be unable to run such events.

The Gold Medal for the class that returned the most sponsorship money on the day was 2 Red. They returned over $500 on the day. What an AWESOME effort! 2 Red and Mrs Boer have now been awarded with the Gold Medal prize of $150 to spend as a class.

We are still collecting and counting walkathon sponsorship money so please feel free to send any money through the office tub to the Parents' Association.

Remember: All PA flyers are available at the School office

Special Note: All PA return slips (this includes Pizza day orders, and any future events) will no longer be accepted at the Office. All PA run events return slips will be required to go through the classroom tub system.

ATTN: St. Simon's Parents' Association

FATHER'S DAY STALL - HELPER SLIP

Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

Eldest child's grade ___________________ Child's name: _________________________

☐ I am able to help at the Father's Day stall on Thursday 1st of September 2016.
FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thursday 1st September

Gifts for $2, $3, $4 and $5
Lots of presents to choose from including:

- Gift Bags
- Photo frames
- Trophies
- Money boxes
- Light up key rings
- Boxer shorts
- Talking bottle openers
- #1 Dad glass

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

And don’t forget the LUCKY DIP! For $2 per dip, every child will receive a surprise for Dad!
**Join us for High Tea**

For one afternoon only, St Simon’s hall will be transformed into the home of the best value High Tea in town. Join us at one of two sessions for tea, coffee, sandwiches, scones, dainty savouries, treats and sweet music. Treat yourself, your wife, husband or family. Generous discounts for families and groups of 8 or more. Places are limited so you will need to book. Look out for the flyer to come with prices and booking form or enquire at the Parish Office.

*Date:* Sunday 11th September 2016

*Venue:* St Simon’s Hall, Rowville

2 Sessions 12 30pm & 3.30pm

*Cost:* $20 for one

$35 for two

$50 family

(2 adults + 2 children)

Group of 8

or 10 - $15 per head

*Enquiries:* Imelda Evans, 0438 534 290.

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**Finding the Face of God’s Mercy**

- **Facilitator:** Fr. Ray Sanchez (CP)
- **VENUE:** St Simon’s Church
- **DATE:** Saturday, September 3rd
- **TIME:** 10.00am – 4.00pm
- **Cost:** $10.00 (includes Lunch)

Pick up a flyer from the parish office.

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**Monday Night Prayer Group**

All Welcome to come along.

Monday 29th August at 7.30pm in the Meeting Place. A chance to gather, pray, reflect and share on the Sunday Gospel. Enquiries please phone Margaret on 0418 533 168.

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**MEDITATION “Come aside and rest awhile”**

You are invited to join us for gentle, guided meditation and reflection as we take time out to experience God’s presence. Wonderful health benefits for those who practice meditation regularly.

*Day/Time:* Wednesdays 10am – 11am

*Place:* Meeting Place (behind Parish Office).
WOOL URGENTLY NEEDED
Prayer Shawl Ministry is in urgent need of wool donations. Please kindly drop off at Help Desk or into the Parish Office. We meet at 2pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All welcome.

Support for Asylum Seekers
Your continued practical support through the provision of toiletries and cleaning products can make life on the margins of the Australian community a little easier.
Goods can be left in the shopping trolley near the Help Desk. Thank you to the generous parishioners who continually leave goods, they are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

Fulfilling International Mission for skilled Volunteers
Communities in East Timor, PNG Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. They believe this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer. Want to know more? Call 02 9518 9551.

St Simon’s Youth Group Next Activity
Where:- St Simon’s Church
Time:- 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Date:- 28th August 2016
Cost:- $5.00
Theme:- “Mini Golf”
Who:- Year 7 -10 students
Reminder: Parents are required to sign your child in and out.

SACRED HEART GIRLS’ COLLEGE
CLASS OF 2015 Students of the VCE class of 2015 and Members of Staff are invited to a reunion at the College 113 Warrigal Rd Hughesdale on Tuesday, 30 August 2016 5:00pm to 7:00pm Refreshments will be provided RSVP: Tuesday, 23 August 2016 Enquiries: Lynne Evans at SHGC 9568 5488 or levans@shgc.vic.edu.au.

Thinking about becoming a catholic?
This month five new enquirers began their RCIA journey to become Catholics. Please pray for these courageous people. Anyone can join them to enquire about adult Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Come and see. Please ring the parish office 9764 4058 or Reg 9790 5616 or email rlemons1@bigpond.com.