

5 March 2021

Dear Colleague,

Re: Family Week 10-15 May 2021: "Our Family, Our Story, Our Future"

I am delighted to partner with CatholicCare Victoria once again in inviting all schools in the Diocese of Sale to come together this May to celebrate **Family Week 2021**.

As we are all aware, strong family relationships in all their diversities are vital to a child's development. As educators we work in many ways to nourish and foster students to build strong and fulfilling relationships, knowing this will sustain them in the future.

Family Week is a great opportunity for students, teachers and your school community to reflect on the vital role family plays in enriching and supporting personal growth, strengthening relationships within the school and beyond to the wider community.

CatholicCare has produced a variety of classroom activities for your school community to help explore this year's theme "**Our Family, Our Story, Our Future**". The resources offered by CatholicCare, combined with your own ingenuity and care will ensure celebrations, reflections and discussions about the meaning of family and key social justice issues being faced by members of our community.

To register your school to take part in this year's Family Week visit www.ccam.org.au/familyweek. CatholicCare Victoria's mission is rooted in Jesus' vision of "life to the full". A hallmark of his ministry, one that sought to bring about God's desire for profound personal and social transformation. CatholicCare delivers programs and services to strengthen families and empower communities to thrive by responding to the changing needs of the community with a commitment to addressing social disadvantage.

Family week is also an opportunity for your school to put faith into action and positively impact the lives of those in need. Pope Francis in 2014 tweeted "*It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.*" I encourage you to take up the act of fundraising this Family Week. Your school's support will help CatholicCare touch the lives of even more vulnerable and marginalised Victorians.

In this spirit, please pass this information to the appropriate staff in your school and support their involvement in Family Week 2021.

Yours sincerely,



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