



## ***International Day of Families 2019***

27th May, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are invited to celebrate a liturgy in honour of families this Thursday, 30th May at 9am.

We will have a short liturgy under the COLA on the Mercy playground. The students will then create a family portrait in their learning spaces.

All students are asked to bring a gold coin donation which will go to CatholicCare. This is a wonderful service that provides support for families in need within the Parramatta Diocese.

I apologise for the short notice, but we would be delighted if you would join us! We look forward to seeing you on Thursday morning.

*Amanda Gierek*

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

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Families*



25 March 2019  
*The Annunciation of the Lord*

Dear Students

Last year your school and all the Catholic schools in our Diocese held their first fundraiser for CatholicCare to help families in our local communities. You did a great job and many families, including families who live on your street, were helped, so thank you!

This year we want to focus on mums, dads and children who are having a hard time. Sometimes mums and dads decide that they need to live separately and that is very hard for children and sometimes makes them feel sad, so they need someone to talk to.

This is where CatholicCare comes in. Counsellors help children talk about how they feel about what's happened and how they can continue to love and be loved by both parents. Sometimes talking in groups with other children can be good as CatholicCare runs groups too.

CatholicCare also run groups for mums and dads to help them put the children first. After doing a CatholicCare course, called 'Keeping Kids in Mind' one dad wrote, 'it hit me like a bus that I wasn't thinking of all the small things I could do to put my daughter first.'

We want to help more and more families and we need you to join in.

Remembering all families in my prayers, I remain yours in Christ

+ *Vincent Long*

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