



2018

Dates to Remember

Term 3

August

Week 6

Friday 31st	Fathers Day Breakfast
	Fathers Day Mass
	Primary Assembly— Year 4—2.15pm

September

Week 7

Monday 3rd	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Wednesday 5th	Primary Parent Workshop 7pm—School Hall Geometric Reasoning & Multiplicative Thinking
Friday 7th	Year 3 excursion— Featherdale Farm Infants Assembly— Year 1—2.15pm Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Football Gala Day

Week 8

Friday 14th	Year 6—Celebration of Learning—2pm
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Week 9

Thursday 20th	Kinder—Celebration of Learning—2pm
Friday 21st	Stage 3 Boys & Girls Touch Football Gala Day

Week 10

Thursday 27th	World Rosary Day
Friday 28th	LAST DAY OF TERM 3

School resumes for Term 4 on the 15th
October

Happy Holidays!!!!

St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

30th August 2018 Term 3 Week 6

Dear Parents,

Last Friday Night some of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The mass was celebrated by Bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen and was concelebrated by Father Bob, Parish Priest and the Dean of the Cathedral, Assistant Priest Father Michael and Deacon Willy.

In his homily Bishop Vincent reminded the children that as part of this very special sacrament they are now equipped spiritually to follow the footsteps of Christ. He called on the congregation to recall the many scripture stories such as the story of the blind man and the unclean woman, each demonstrating for us that Jesus' mission had a particular focus; the lost and the last. Bishop Vincent reminded the children that through their anointing by the Holy Spirit, their words and deeds will be inspired and guided. They will be Spirit filled and Spirit led.

He asked all of us to lead a life that is a replicate of the life of Christ, one that makes a difference to the lives of others with particular attention and solidarity with the 'down and out' and the poor.

This is indeed a challenge, especially in a world that calls us in the opposite direction. This direction is often about getting whatever we want at the expense of others, to serve our individual rights with no consideration on how this may impact on those around us and one which encourages a sense of self promotion to the extreme.

In a loud and busy world he asked the students to discern the voice of the Spirit through; prayer, receiving the sacraments listening to parents and teachers who can show us how to lead a more loving Christian life.

May I ask you to keep all these children and their parents and sponsors in your prayers over the months to come.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEWLY CONFIRMED MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL AND PARISH

Ella & Liam Abdallah, Mark Abraham, Lacey Bond, Mia Kerr, Mikaela Barrientos Salazar, , Elliana Coles, Ryan Day, Annette Francis, Diana Granados Gavito, Jazmyne Grech, Erica Jurisic, Ivanka Markovic, Sebastian Mayonado, Gabriella Mendoza, Oisin Ryan, Brooklyn Munro, Camran Nasrulla, Daniel Pinto, Brandon Roque, Jacob Tamaro, Christian Stojkovski, Sienna Volante, Kenneth Zhang.

Prayer for Community

God our Maker

We praise you for the gift of community

Thank you for the communities in which we work and live. Thank you for the community that is your Body, the Church.

Fill us with Your Spirit today so that as one, we reflect you light and love to each other to the world.

In Christ we pray,

Amen

<https://ace.nd.edu/resources/catholic-school-prayers-for-communities>

“Confirmation gives you grace, the share in God’s life, to do great things for each other. So Confirmation is big. Confirmation makes a difference: it makes us adult Catholics with a job to do...

[The] Church expects you to stand up for Christ, your faith and ideals. To say in word and deed: I am a Christian; I love God and people and our world and with God I want to make our world [school] a better place for people!”

Archbishop Anthony Fisher – Confirmation Mass, St Patrick’s Cathedral 2014

Reflection

Last Friday the 24th of August, I received the sacrament of Confirmation. The mass was led by Bishop Vincent who shared many inspiring messages about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the importance of our new responsibility as full members of the Catholic Church. It was very similar to being baptised as we renewed our Baptismal promises and were blessed with the oil of chrism. However, this time we answered for ourselves and we chose a saint’s name by which we were addressed on the day. I felt nervous as I was making this commitment to God and the community but also very encouraged to have my sponsor, my family, teachers and other students of the St Patrick’s Primary community present.

Mikaela Barrientos Salazar



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week: Sophia Pagua, Emily Johnson, Karabo Khama, James Kerr, Eddie Batti

St Patrick’s Current Attendance Level = 89.1%

K = 82.4%	2 = 89.3%	4 = 90.0%	6 = 81.7%
1 = 93.2%	3 = 90.3%	5 = 95.0%	

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (Monday 3rd September)

Dear Parents,

On Monday 3rd September the school will be holding a Staff Development Day. On this day the staff will be undertaking professional learning in the area of Religious Education in particular the use of the scriptures to unpack the 3 levels of meaning for Reconciliation. Children do not attend on this day.

Father’s Day Celebrations Tomorrow

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder of the events we will be having here at St Patrick’s Primary, Parramatta tomorrow for the celebration of Father’s Day.

Father’s Day Breakfast at 7.30am followed by a Mass at the Cathedral at 9.15am all are welcome to attend.

Friday, 31 August: “Farmers Day” Raffle will be drawn, following Mass and Morning Tea. Please note this year all funds raised will go towards to St Vincent De Paul Drought Appeal. Raffle tickets will continue to be sold before and after school.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm in sharing this special event with us at

St. Patrick’s Primary, Parramatta.

St Patrick’s Primary Religious Education Team.



Honour Award

The Honour Award is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding behaviour shown in the Student Charter

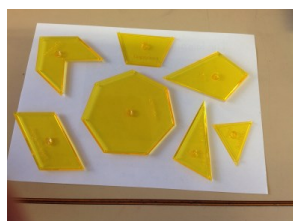
3L	Ethan Xue	Estelle Perrett
3T	Remon Wehbe	James Sitoa
4B	Jerome Santos	Isabella Chivers
4G	Michael Aboumelhem	Liam Jocson
5C	Anthony Khouri	Lucy Parkes
5T	Camran Nasrulla	Jeremy Moussa
6P	Elliana Coles	Isabella Younes
6W	Christian Golossian	Isla Giron



st patrick's award

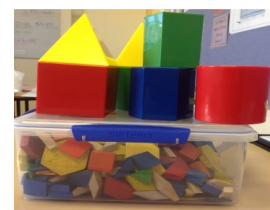
The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action

3L	Matthew Tocher	Amyllia Maneze
3T	Lauren Polintan	Weyata Lamin
4B	Shanelle Wambeek	Christina Elzahoul
4G	Christian Sta Rosa	Talia Lahoud
5C	Kalim Azar	Kiara Haddad
5T	Kenneth Zhang	Emily Hamilton
6P	Matthew Khreich	Gabrielle Sabat
6W	Julian Camenzuli	Caitlin Maroun



PARENT WORKSHOP - GEOMETRIC REASONING AND MULTIPLICATIVE THINKING - PRIMARY

Wednesday the 5th of September at 7pm.



All parents of our Primary students (Years 3 -6) are invited to attend a parent workshop on Mathematics. If you would like to be participate in solving challenging Maths problems that involve thinking multiplicatively and using reasoning skills in Geometry then join with the staff and other parents as we work together on the rich tasks similar to those done by our students. A letter will be sent home next week with more details on the workshop. We hope to see you there!



How would you like to win \$500 and your very own iPad? Keep reading! We have fabulous composers here at St Patrick's, and now we want to show off your talents to the world! The competition is open from Kindergarten all the way to Year 12 and winners can also have their work published in the Write 4 Fun hardcover book that your myriad of fans will be able to purchase!



Here is what you have to do!

1. Compose a poem (16 lines or less) or a short story (500 words or less)
2. Enter online at <https://www.write4fun.net/>
3. Go to: enter competitions > poetry and short story competition > complete your details and submit your entry!

Unsure what to write about? Well, that's easy. Write something you would love to read! There are some great examples on their website if you need some inspiration, or check out the brilliant poems and stories in our library!

The competition is one entry per student and entries close on August 31st.

****NB: All entries are submitted online! If you'd like some help submitting your child's entry, please make an appointment to pop in and see me!**

Happy Writing!

Mrs Stojanovski

Litany for Fathers:

For fathers everywhere, who have given us life, love, protection and wisdom, that we may show them respect and love. **All: Holy God, hear our prayer**

For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them **All: Holy God, hear our prayer**

For men who may or may not have children of their own, but act like a father to someone in need of advice, support, nurturing, and love. **All: Holy God, hear our prayer**

For step-fathers and adoptive fathers who have assumed the role of father with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family. **All: Holy God, hear our prayer**

For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children, and have not sustained their families. **All: Holy God, hear our prayer**

For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed. **All: Holy God, hear our prayer**

For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be. **All: Holy God, hear our prayer**

For all father figures in our lives who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord. **All: Holy God, hear our prayer**

Blessing:

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of our earthly fathers who have been an inspiration through their love and dedication. Just as you sent your son to show the world your love for us as a father, we pray that you will send your spirit upon all fathers so that they may be strengthened as they strive to guide, love and support their children.

Remember Lord, our loving fathers who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, especially for those whom we now pray.....

May they find in your presence light, happiness and peace as we pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving creator.

Amen

I LOVE MY DAD BECAUSE.....

He is always there for me and he respects me and always watches over me when I'm down and when I feel sad.

Matthew 6P

He is funny and always gets me what I want.

Mikayla 6W

He is funny and he always cares for me and goes to work. He is the best because he always tucks me into bed and give me kisses goodnight.

Sienna 6W

I trust him and he is funny and cares for me.

Zoe 6W

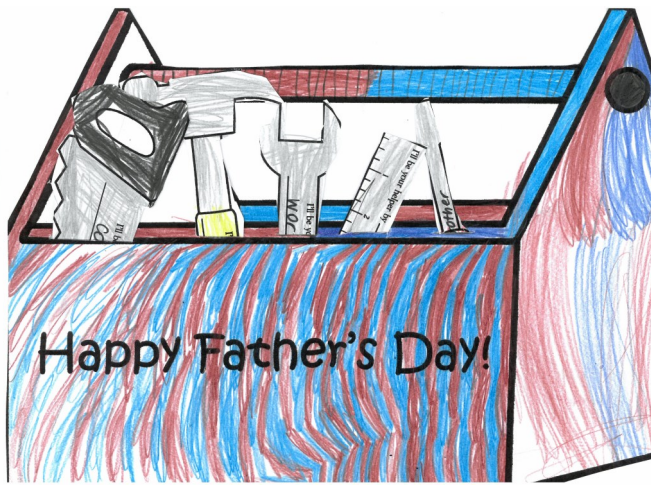
He works hard and he is loving and takes good care of me and my brother.

Darcy 6W

He always helps me when I'm down and he is great to be around. He does lots of fun stuff with me.

Julian 6W

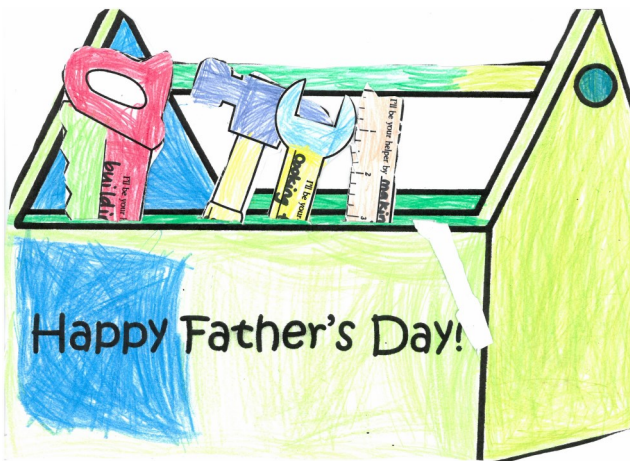




Mariah KA



Dominic KA



Marytiana KA



Grace KA



Logan KA



Jasmine KM



Benji KM



Lara 2Y



Jacinta 2Y



Shavene 2Y



Jazmyne 2Y



Ava 2Y



Gabriel 2Y

HELP REQUIRED - GALA DAYS

Dear Parents,

We are in the process of finalising the details for the current round of GALA day activities (Touch Football). Our school, as with all other schools, is required to provide practical support for the effective running of the day. To date, we have not been able to complete our expected commitment of referees.

As you would appreciate, it is inappropriate for us to continually expect to be able to interrupt the learning of high school students, from our local schools, to fulfil our commitments. The teachers attending these days are required to pay attention to the teams on and off the field and are generally spread between two or more teams on these days.

It falls, therefore, to the parents to take on the roles of referee and team manager. Without the appropriate level of support from parents, in this regard, the future sustainability of our involvement in these events remains in question.

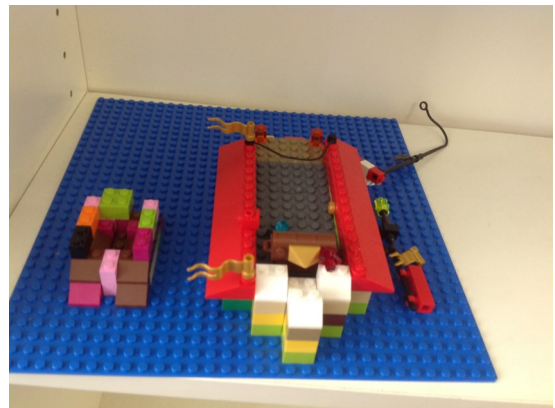
If you are able to assist by either refereeing or managing a team can you please contact the office at your earlier convenience. To date we have a small number of parents attending but we do not have any volunteers for managing or refereeing the Stage 2 or 3 Touch Football Gala days.



Message from our STEM Leaders....

A big thank you to all the great builders from Year 4 who made amazing structures with Lego last week. Our Makerspace is a great place for students to let their imagination run wild! Here are some photos of all their creations.

Liam and Stephanie.



A Day To Remember

Book Week was an entertaining, memorable and joyous day.

I felt my chest lighten as I witnessed several kids sharing their treasures and passions. I deeply enjoyed it myself. Everyone was dressed in costumes of unique, vibrant colours and each person showed their pride, passion and good taste.

Finally, I was anticipating parading with my fellow classmates. The majority of people had nerves jangling as they shyly sauntered around the parade track.

The singing was harmonious. After each grade paraded a deafening cheer rose from the ground like torrential thunder. These outbursts were loud enough to penetrate ears but I still enjoyed myself. The day was exceptional and it will be memorable for many years.

By Jacob Sayegh 5T



SET SAIL FOR BOOK ISLAND!!!!!!

It was a magnificent Monday, and it was Book Week! We all had to dress up as a book character who we treasure.

I came as Harry Potter from the book Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. The playground was a sea of book characters during the book parade.

After year 2 had their turn parading, Miss Fabri asked the characters who live in a castle to come up and dance. I mean, yes, I was a wizard, but I only lived in a castle when we were at school! When it was Year 4's turn, I sort of fumbled around with the words of my reading, but the parade made up for it. It was amazing being up there parading around with the music blaring through the loudspeakers!

The morning of school day was the same as usual, but with a sea of colour in the classroom. Me and Mrs Fardell had a sword fight. Well, I only used my wand. During the afternoon, while we were preparing for the parade, I finally got to see Mrs Fardell with her accessories on. She carried a telescope, wore an eyepatch and pirate hat and carried a sword that could have been used by Thor! She looked great!

At the end of the day, I felt a little shocked it was over that fast, but I was sure my little brother was jealous of me for having more fun than him, but never mind, he's always like that. It was SO fun! I just want to do it again!

During the parade, I had tons of fun, but I'm pretty sure that it was humiliating for some of my friends as one of them was yanked out of the line during our turn and was forced to dance with the teachers! Honestly, it was still tons of fun. A wave of costumed students swept across the school grounds. Kindy, year 1,2,3,4 and five weren't so energetic, compared to year 6, who pranced around the grounds like active racehorses, since it was their last year at this wonderful school (it's pretty obvious for us). It's like we are allowed to wear fancy, creative costumes all day .COOL!! The tension in the air rose as the kids faced the parents as they marched around the playground. LETS DO IT AGAIN!!!

By Brian Chen 4B

The Coming of the Not so Barbaric Pirates!!

Book Week was an amazing experience for me, my classmates and even the teachers! The teachers came into the Book Parade dressed as pirates. YAARGHHHH Matey!!!! Just thinking about the pirate song made my head throb!! It was a really crazy start to an even crazier parade. Then the fun started. The Kindies came in their classy, clammy costumes and superhero suits.

Jerome and I couldn't stand the sound of the music. It nearly blasted our eardrums like a rocket from a bazooka!!!!

The parents were all there, smiling pleasantly and some practically laughed their heads off. My personal favourite thing to do was sing along to the songs. (Especially All Star) I felt like I was in another world. For decoration, there were rusty, metal poles attaching the delicately painted sails to the jungleish bushes. Mr Macintosh was the designer and maker.

I looked down at my sleek, polished waistcoat and looked up again. The speakers were booming and vibrating and the colours of the parade drifted through my eyes. Then Ms Williams shouted, "Get up Year Four!!" (or at least I think she did) I could see an army of pirate hats and a sea of swords. I could see the humiliation in the children's eyes as the teachers grabbed them by the arms and danced with them! Then I was shot back into reality as we paraded around the parents. I tensed when I realised I forgot my book to show the parents who I was and I was officially... A NOBODY!!!!!!

Then the main star of the show, Ms O'Dwyer, said a few announcements and I was so relieved as my nerves were bursting with heat and nervousness. Then it fell silent as the echoing music skidded to a halt. Skadoosh! Suddenly the oasis of happiness disappeared as we went to pack our bags and headed off into the gloominess of the open world. It was an amazing experience and probably won't happen again. **But I have a message to all the pirates out there... AYE AYE CAPTAIN!!!!!!**

Ashintha Joseph 4B

The Treasure That Books Are

Weeks of anxious anticipation, tension being built up among the school grounds. Children confiding amongst each other, nervous of what to dress up as. Tireless work from the committee of teachers, trying their hardest to bring forth a delectable moment to live forever in the students' hearts.

Finally, it came. Book Week 2018. "Find Your Treasure". What do we treasure in books? From wizards to monsters, from archers and knights to Jedi and Sith.

As soon as I walked into the school gates, dressed up as Dr Henry Wu from Jurassic Park, I was greeted with a sight for sore eyes. Broad smiles, joyous squealing and unique yet vivid costumes filled my line of vision. The bubbly atmosphere of the St Patrick's Parramatta consumed all that entered, and let none free. Not once did I see a person sitting down, looking bored out of their minds. No; I only saw students of all ages running around and playing, admiring each other's costumes.

The whole day was filled with pulsing excitement, clearly evident on the students' lit up faces. Balloons bobbed and bopped, shaking with exhilaration as much as the St Patrick's community. Artistic decorations hung around the school, the bathroom gates replaced with a pirate's treasure map.

At the end of the day, the much anticipated book parade took place. With Mrs O'Dwyer as M.C for the afternoon, the teachers kicked off the parade and started parading, dressed up as pirates profoundly. Some students felt uncomfortable, shy and embarrassed at first, but that changed very quickly.

Letting free of all our anxiousness, students danced freely whilst parading along. Unique theme songs for each grade blasted eardrums, making ears ring and throb. After a time that seemed too short, it all ended. This was Book Week 2018, an event to remember forever.

Joshua Lorenzo 6P

Hello Parents,

A big thank you to our St Pats parents and the community for contributing towards the Coles Sports for Schools program.

Below is a photo of some of the equipment delivered to St Patrick's. I am looking forward to using the equipment to develop our students athletic ability in preparation for 2019 Athletics Carnival.

Thank you again

Go St Patrick's Parramatta!
Mr Younis.



sub tuum praesidium

Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –
Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition
Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all Experience belonging.

Opportunity for all

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am (Family) 11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri	6.30am, 12.30pm
Public Hol	8.00am

Pastoral Team

**Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev.
Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV**
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Deacon Willy Limjap
Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)
Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)
Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)
Donna Missio (Receptionist)

World Youth Day 2019 - Our Very Own Pilgrim

Dear Parents,

As part of the WYD 2019 initiative the Diocese holds a number of Fundraising events to support the pilgrims. The main one being the Diocesan Raffle.

DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA
FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019

TICKETS \$2ea

1st Prize: Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered
Supplied by **Parvex/Mazda** (02) 4732 2777

2nd Prize: **COSMOS** \$2000 Gift Card
Donated by Cosmos - can be used on any Cosmos coach tour for travel in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any WYD 2019 pilgrimage. The value cannot be transferred to cash.

3rd Prize: New iPhone X
4th Prize: New iPhone X
5th Prize: New iPhone X
Donated by **SECURE AGILITY** (INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS)

6th Prize: Apple iPad Mini
Donated by Carrington College Australia

7th Prize: \$500 Cash Prize of \$500
Donated by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card
Donated by Automated Control Solutions

9th Prize: Apple Watch
Donated by Catholic Church Insurance

10th Prize: \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card
Donated by The Catholic Foundation

DRAWN at LIFTED LIVE on 27th October 2018

COSMOS GIFT CARD

The tickets and further information please contact Michael Headley (02) 9630 1000 or mheadley@stpatricks.org.au
Privacy: All information collected will be securely stored and protected by the Diocesan Fundraising Office. Your information will not be sold to any third party.

Thank you to the parents who have returned their sold tickets, **all tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to the school by 21st September, 2018.**

If you wish to purchase tickets they are available for sale in the office.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful I am for the support of the St Patrick's community in this Diocesan Fundraiser for World Youth Day in 2019.

Mrs Louisa Daou
Year 1 Teacher

Parish Youth Group Junior Credo: EDGE

- for children in Yrs 4-6

Fortnightly on Fridays - 5pm-6pm (school terms only) at
St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall.

Email Mindy for more info: credo@stpatricks cathedral.com.au

Junior Credo Edge is a Parish based Ministry run by

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Kids need good men in their lives

by Michael Grose



While rummaging through my bookshelves at home recently I stumbled across *Romulus, My Father* by Raimond Gaita, a book that had a huge impact on me as a father.

Romulus, My Father is a lovingly told memoir of a hard-working father who remained faithful to his family and friends despite his wife's affairs, her mental illness and dealing with the hardships of earning a living in 1950s and '60s rural Australia. It's a tale of love, friendship and character.

One line in the book, "*I know what a good man is because I saw it in my father,*" struck an instant chord with me. It was a reminder that kids need to have close experiences with men who have real depth of character and strength if they are to adopt those qualities themselves and also look for them in partners.

Role models of quality

Sadly, children and young people are less likely to see these qualities in many of our current political leaders and other public figures. Self-interest and shallowness of character, at least in a public sense, seems to be standard fare at present.

Like Gaita, I had the good fortune to have a father who was also a good man. He wasn't wealthy, famous or ambitious. Rather he was kind, considerate and generous. He had experienced an unhappy and – I suspect though he never spoke of it – abusive childhood but he was determined that his children would never experience the same treatment that he received.

As a disciplinarian he was soft but that didn't mean he was a pushover. He'd stand his ground with his children over issues that really mattered, such as how we siblings treated each other, displays of dishonesty and disrespect, and taking shortcuts in our studies or with work. He was a community-minded man who, through his example, taught his children the importance of serving and giving to those who didn't have the same serving of luck that we did. He was also an involved father who, despite being busy, always had time to play cricket and football after work with my brother and me. He was never too busy for his children.

A compass and a map

Significantly, my father gave me my moral compass in the form of the value system that he lived by. His many sayings including his most popular mantra: "If you can't say a good word about anyone don't say anything at all". That still rattles around in my head today. Through his active community involvement, his devotion to family and

his propensity to have a good laugh, he gave me a map to follow on how to live a good life.

I don't have a monopoly on being raised by a good man. If you were raised by a good man then count your blessings because you had a wonderful head start in life. Your task is to make sure your father's legacy lives on in your own children. You'll do that by being a man of strength and character, and by being a wise, loving presence in your children's lives whatever their age.

If, through whatever circumstance, you didn't have a good man close to you in your life as a child, then start the process with your own kids. Many men who have gone before you weren't close to their own fathers, or had fathers who were ineffectual, but they became great fathers despite their circumstances.

With public life increasingly producing male role models of dubious quality, it's up to dads and other significant males in the lives of children and young people to be good men, strong men and men of honour.

That's the legacy that we leave.

Happy Father's Day!



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.