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Dear Principal

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK 15 - 21 MAY 2017 – Making Moments Matter

On behalf of Bishop Peter Ingham, Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong is proud to partner with CatholicCare for National Families Week 2017. I call on all systemic and congregational Catholic schools across the Diocese to actively participate.

As a partner agency with us in the local Catholic church, CatholicCare works to support people who are vulnerable and marginalised; seeking to address social disadvantage through a wide range of programs that aim to strengthen families and communities.

I personally endorse the valuable service that CatholicCare offers to the local and wider community, and stress the important role that Catholic schools should play by participating in National Families Week and supporting CatholicCare's programs.

National Families Week encourages students and parents to reflect on their own families, the role that families play in enriching and supporting us in our personal growth and goals, and what it means to be part of a caring, nurturing community.

The theme CatholicCare has adopted this year is ***Making Moments Matter***. We recognise that finding time to spend with family is becoming increasingly difficult, so to help generate family based discussions in the classroom and home, CatholicCare has produced a variety of classroom and home-based activities for your school and community to participate in.

These are all available in an online toolkit which can be downloaded at [Families Week 2017](#) or simply go to catholiccare.dow.org.au and click on the Families Week banner.

National Families Week is an opportunity for Catholic schools to demonstrate their commitment to, and solidarity with, the families that make up our school and local communities.

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As this is the first year that National Families Week is being celebrated in the Diocese of Wollongong, it is my hope that all schools will engage with the toolkit as far as possible to demonstrate their shared commitment to the mission of building stronger families and stronger communities.

Yours sincerely



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