

## Chaplain's Spot

### 'Family Peace'



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Decades ago, there was a saying 'Children should be seen, and not heard'. How disempowering that attitude was for children. They need to be nurtured in families that encourage growth, not restricted and ignored. My childhood was thankfully mostly peaceful, with some challenges along the way.

Why is family harmony important? Knowing the values that a **family** cherishes helps increase peace among **family** members. An essential part of **family** life is to reflect on what is valued in the **family**.



You may have heard the recent radio ads promoting "Family Peace – do it for your kids".

**The Vision of Family Peace Foundations is:**

**'Peaceful upbringings for every Australian child'**

**The Mission is:**

- 1] Core belief: Every Australian child has a basic human right to a peaceful upbringing, receiving a loving, caring and well-balanced childhood.**
- 2] The issue: Over 1 million children are raised in family violence, with many more regularly exposed to family conflict, often leading to depression.**
- 3] The purpose: To give children a voice, in the hope that parents will listen and respond appropriately, providing the peaceful and positive upbringing they deserve.**

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**Supporting the School community in emotional, social, spiritual and practical wellbeing.** The Chaplaincy program is funded through Federal Government & Community support including; "Inspire! School Chaplaincy Network", CCCVaT, Great Ryrie Primary School Council and local private and community donations.

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**Advance notice of coming Chaplaincy events:**

**Thurs 5 September - Remember & Celebrate Day, for students and parents to reflect on those who have died. Come and create some special memories, peruse resources, books, posters etc.**

**Thurs 12 September - Meat Tasting event. We will confirm details soon. You just need an hour to eat and provide feedback for us to receive \$1000. You will also enjoy some delicious sorbet.**

**Sat 5 October – Bendigo Bank BBQ @ Ringwood East market. If you can help on the day for an hour or so, please contact the Chaplain.**

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