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# Family Group Goss



## Fr Peter's Corner

Chaos. You would have to call it chaos. People everywhere in all directions all shapes & sizes, ages & races, all milling around in the Shopping Centre, especially at the supermarket check-out counters.

Amid all of this hub-bub and confusion, a tiny little girl is seen bending over the display of roses -red, white and golden, - slowly and carefully smelling each one with delight.

Jesus tells us, "*Unless you*

*become as a little child, you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven*".

That's the very essence of our Family Groups - to take time out from the madness of modern living, its artificial communication, its insatiable thirst for money and fame. Our Family Group gives us the time to smell the roses and to listen to each other from our hearts.

## Taking The Movement into the Future

At the beginning of May a collective of delegates from Queensland and NSW came together to brainstorm ideas and look at how we see Family Groups moving forward in the future. It was a wonderful collective of people ranging in ages as

well as in their experiences of being involved in Family Groups. During the weekend we realised the importance of stepping out of our everyday busy lives to spend time with one another and share our experiences, our lives and faith. One of the out-

comes from the weekend was to form a Facebook group page and a newsletter to build connectedness between all those involved in Family Groups worldwide. The Facebook page is entitled PFGM International.

## St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Family Group Unite Day

Our family groups came together on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June to celebrate the joy and friendships that Family Groups have brought to our Parish. We started at Church for Mass and then drove to Bargoed House, Swansea. The private park at Swansea overlooks beautiful Lake Macquarie. We started with grace and then shared lunch which was a variety of foods of which everyone had brought along. It was

lovely to see everyone interacting and meeting other people and the food was delicious. A family group from St Brendan's also joined us for the day. There was a good mix of people and children of varying ages. After lunch families enjoyed playing a variety of games together including: volleyball, putt putt golf, soccer, tennis, canoeing and having fun playing on

the three different play-



grounds. It was wonderful to see our Parish Priests join in the fun. A wonderful day had by everyone and we look forward to our next one.—Leanne & Shane Hyland.



Delegates to the Queensland workshop "A Family Group for the Future?" at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston Qld.

## Upcoming Events:

**International Family Group Day—First Sunday in May**



If you would like to contribute to the newsletter with either an editorial or photos please forward to Rebecca Sheerin at [bjsheerin@hotmail.com](mailto:bjsheerin@hotmail.com). The newsletter will be published bi monthly.

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