It takes a Village to raise a child.

16 – 17 May 2015
Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour

11th Catholic Schools Parent Conference
“It Takes a Village to Raise a Child”
Hosted by the Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly & the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT

For bookings and more information
www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au

Diocese of Lismore
Catholic Schools Parent Assembly
Parents in Partnership
Who is the conference for?
Parents, school staff, school executives!
Schools are encouraged to publicise the conference widely, throughout school newsletters, staff and parent meetings and local websites.
School parent associations, including P&Fs and school boards, are encouraged to sponsor parents to attend and then to report back to the parent associations or board to share their learnings from the conference.
All parents and staff are welcome.

Why should you attend?
The 2015 Catholic Schools Parent Conference is an opportunity to acknowledge, support and celebrate parent involvement in education.
It provides a wonderful opportunity to talk with other parents and educators, to share stories, gain new skills and understand what is happening in our Catholic schools and education today.
Come and meet other parents, parent educators and other specialists shaping 21st Century thinking about parenting, education and faith formation.

What will the conference involve?
The conference has a number of keynote sessions and a wide range of workshops and interactive networking sessions.
The conference runs over two days: Saturday 16th May 8.45am to 4.30pm and Sunday 17th May 9am to 1.30pm. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday evening and will be followed by the conference dinner.

Where will it be held?
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A Conference for Parents and School Staff

Michael Grose
Australia’s No.1 Parenting Educator
A popular media commentator, Michael is the author of 8 parenting books, a columnist and parenting educator to over 1,500 Australian schools. He is also the first person to conduct a parenting seminar in Parliament House Canberra.

What really matters as a parent!
“|I’ll help clear away the clutter that surrounds parenting so you can focus on what’s really important on the home front again. You’ll leave the seminar energised, inspired and on a natural high.”

Bruce Sullivan
Relationship-specialist
Former Australian Speaker of the Year, Bruce Sullivan will draw on over 28 years of experience to guide you on an educational and entertaining journey. He will provide you with practical insights that can help you to build resilience and rediscover how to keep yourself focussed and energised to do what really counts!

How to be the Best YOU as a Parent
“I will help by inspiring you! I will talk about maintaining your energy and motivation, so you can be the best parent you can be. My challenge is to make you look at yourself and your parenting differently......but in a nice way! This is a one-off opportunity to give your parenting a lasting boost of inspiration and wisdom.”
**Village Hall - Fr Elio Capra - What does it mean to be a Catholic in the 21st Century?**

This key note presentation will explore the complexities of living a life of faith within the challenging modern world of secularism and individualism. Fr Elio has a special gift of both welcoming and including everyone and his presentation will be both informative and very entertaining. Rev. Dr Elio Capra is a member of the Department of Systematic Theology and Department of Pastoral and General Studies at the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne. He lectures in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology. He is a priest of the Salesians of Don Bosco (sdb).

**Village Hall - Graeme Mundine - Made Not to Be Alone**

Some 60,000 years ago, Indigenous Australians arrived into this land knowing the importance of being well-connected as a group for their survival. This knowledge fostered strong connections and responsibilities to one another, and allowed them to grow and learn so much about this land they now call home. Humankind was not made to be alone and it is important that everyone plays their part in fostering good communal relationships. In this modern world where individualism is so strong, it has been hard to maintain these close kinship models and new ways of being 'in community' have to be created for our survival. We cannot do this alone. Yes, we can start with ourselves but church, politics, sport and culture all play an important role in the new village we must create together.

**Village Hall - Brett Lee - Internet Safety & Cyberbullying**

This presentation has been developed by international keynote speaker, Brett Lee who has vast experience as an undercover internet detective. You will be presented with engaging and powerful information in a way that will bring to life the possible online dangers which are a part of your child’s digital world. You will leave armed with strategies of protection and prevention that will empower you to reduce online risks within your home. You will be amazed at how simple and effective these strategies can be.

**Village School - John Freebody- Connect two important places in your child’s village**

Research shows that the home environment, parent involvement and the student’s attitude to school combine to impact significantly on children's learning at school. This can all be supported with stronger school/parent partnerships. Come along and be fitted with a multitude of strategies and tools to develop stronger partnerships between yourself and your school. In this energetic workshop, principal and father of five John Freebody will outline the key research on school-community partnerships and share with you his experience on how to build better support structures for your children.

**Village Chapel- Denise Flocchini – A Contemplative Prayer Experience**

The world we live in is fast-paced and high-stress. We barely have time to take a moment to breathe deeply, but this session will provide you with an opportunity to stop and focus on what is most important. Contemplative prayer will lead you into a silent place within where you can be with God in an intimate and personal way. Taking part in this workshop will be a gift, a gift that if continually practised, will provide you with a lifetime of blessings. Denise Flocchini will lead you in this prayer experience. She is an experienced leader of prayer and a founding member of the Angelus Group which is a Bishop-approved society within the Catholic Church.

**Village Skate Park - Robert Falzon - Raising Sons & Daughters - The critical challenge**

This workshop is based on Robert Falzon’s extensive research and writing into the critical nature of parent-child relationships with a particular focus on the value of the father’s role. He will provide strategies for parents to help navigate the challenging journey of parenthood. Robert is a Catholic lay man with a passion for finding effective and powerful ways to bring the message of the Good News to the good people in the parish pews and the street. He is a powerful speaker and a preacher with a compelling, cogent message. He has the ability to encourage a call to action from all who hear him.

**Village Wellbeing Centre - Karen Evans & Melissa McGrath - Behaviour Iceberg**

Delve below the surface in three short workshops on behaviour and explore what your child's behaviour is communicating. This session relates to both primary and secondary children. This workshop will also discuss how the village can support the challenging behaviour of other students. Karen and Melissa work for the Catholic Schools Office in the field of special needs.

**Village Parish - Janita Thomson & Sarah Flocchini - Overflowing Schools & Empty Churches**

We all know there are no magic bullets in parish life. We want there to be more young families in our churches and we know that it is part of our mission to connect schools to parishes but the question always remains – how do we do it? In this workshop, two pastoral associates will share the initiatives that have worked to encourage school families back into parish life. Janita and Sarah will present an interactive workshop and provide you with the resources to reach out to families through their children.

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REGISTRATION
Registration for the Conference is through the secure ticket booking site Trybooking. Follow the link on the CCSP website http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/about-the-conference.
Accommodation needs to be booked and paid for separately. Contact Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour on 02 6651 0510.

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- Saturday and Sunday daily rates and the full conference rate include conference satchel, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (Saturday only).
- If you wish to attend Saturday or Sunday only and would like to attend the dinner you will need to add the dinner cost to the applicable daily rate.
- Cancellations involving refunds will not be accepted after 30 April and all cancellations must be requested in writing.

GETTING THERE...
This popular northern New South Wales destination is located 554kms north of Sydney and 427kms south of Brisbane making it the perfect base from which to explore the region’s natural beauty and many local attractions.

Opal Cove Resort Coffs Harbour is located on absolute beach front in Korora Bay, 5 minutes north of Coffs Harbour and is easily accessed by all forms of transport being only 15 kms from the airport and 7kms from bus, coach and rail terminals.

ACCOMMODATION...
Book directly with Opal Cove Resort and quote conference code ‘It Takes a Village’ for special rate.

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