



## **8 May 2020 ST AUGUSTINE'S MOTHER'S DAY EDITION**

### **Happy Mother's Day!**

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day and like everyone else I reflect on all the wonderful things my mother has done for me and the things my wife does for our children. Somewhere in my travels I collected this reflection on mothers. Unfortunately, I don't know the author but I love the sentiment it illustrates and thought I might share it with you.

*When the good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day When the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."*

*And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order?"*

*She has to be completely washable, but not plastic;*

*Have 180 moveable parts..... all- replaceable.*

*Run on black coffee and leftovers;*

*Have a lap that disappears when she stands up;*

*A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointing love affair*

*And six pairs of hands;*

*The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands ..... no way."*

*"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."*

*"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.*

*The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'what are you kids doing in there?' When she already knows.*

*Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know*

*And of course the ones at the front that can look at a child when they mess up and say,*

*'I understand and I love You' without so much as uttering a word."*

*"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Come to bed. Tomorrow ....."*

*"I can't," said the Lord, I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick....."*

*Can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger mince....."*

*and can get a nine- year- old to stand under a shower."*

*The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.*

*"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."*

*"Can it think?"*

*"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.*

*Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the check. "There's a leak," she pronounced.*

*"I told You, You were trying to put too much into this model."*

*"It's not a leak," said the Lord, "it's a tear."*

*"What's it for?"*

*"Its for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."*

*"You are a genius," said the angel.*

*The Lord looked sombre. "I didn't put it there."*



### **P & F MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE ~ Congratulations!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Mia and Max's Mum
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Daniel's mum from PP
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Liam C's mum from Year 5

Thank you to our P & F for organising this lovely surprise!

### **MAY ~ THE MONTH OF OUR LADY**

Devotion to Mary is one important part of our Catholic identity. In May, we focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

### **Covid-19 News**

Many thanks for the support and co-operation we have received in making the best of the situation we find ourselves in. Many families have returned to school and while our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of staff and students, we are keen to get them all back as soon as possible so we can resume normal daily routines. Teachers are preparing for students return with well over 70% of students having returned by today and the prospect of even greater numbers next week with the relaxing of measures put in place by government.

### **Hygiene**

We would like you to be assured that staff at St Augustine's have been busy enforcing strict hygiene practises with the students. There is hand sanitiser in all classrooms and at other points around the school, students are instructed to wash hands frequently, and much time and effort is being put into regularly cleaning surfaces and places of high hand contact.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the excellent work and enormous effort of our staff. They have worked tirelessly in order to keep our students engaged whether at home or at school while juggling their own lives at home and have done so with grace and humour.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming back to school even more students next week.