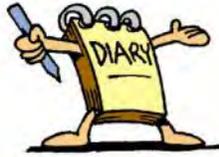


More Information

We at Maroubra Baptist love being in community with God and in community with each other. Our monthly calendar can be found on our website www.maroubrabaptist.net. If you are interested in getting involved, or need some information, please speak to one of our greeters and they can point you in the right direction about who to speak to. We would love you to join us.



Quote of the week

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

Anonymous

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Welcome to Maroubra Baptist

A Church for the Community

Welcome

If you are looking for a church, a regular attender or visiting, we would like to extend a huge, warm welcome. We are a church for the community, and we enjoy a range of social activities during the week, starting with tea/coffee on the lawn after church. We would love you to remain after the service to enjoy refreshments with us.

Upcoming Events

In addition to our regular programs, such as Playtime, Kids Club, Youth Group, Home Groups and Bible Studies, the following is a list of events we are currently running here at Maroubra Baptist Church.

- **Alpha Course** - 12 noon to 1pm Sunday 3 September (Fellowship Room)
- **Evolution's Achilles Heels** - 7.30pm to 9pm Tuesdays from 5 September for 8 weeks (Conrad's Home Group at Little Bay)
- **Discipleship Training** - 7 to 8.30pm Thursdays (Neil's office)
- **Girls Group** - 12 noon to 2pm 13 September and monthly (Deb's House)
- **Family Camp** - 20-22 October (Long Point)

If you are interested in finding out anything about any of the above, please speak to Jaxon about Alpha, Conrad about the evolution course, Vlad about the Discipleship Training, Deb about the Girls Group and Dawn about Family Camp. Alternatively, call the office any time during the week. There is an appropriate group for everyone.

Gingerbread Event

Every year for over 20 years, we have hosted a Gingerbread Night for the purpose of Outreach and Community. Average attendance is 100 people. We have a well established and committed team which organizes the event each year. However, circumstances and other involvements dictate that Dawn, who has lead the team for the last ten years, is not able to do so this year.



If you feel led to consider taking on this role, please see Dawn to discover what is involved. As none of the other team members are in a position to take on the leadership, if no leader comes forward, we must necessarily conclude that the ministry has run its course. The current team is Yvette, Alison, Jenny, Nicole, Di.

Fathers' Day

We asked Alan, one of our fathers with younger children, the following questions about Fathers' Day.



What do you see as the most important aspect of being a father?

To teach, encourage and model to my children how to live a good life. The first aspect of that is to help them understand what a 'good' life looks like. As a Christian, that simply means helping them to understand what God is like and what His values are. The second aspect is for me to live and behave in that same way.

What did you learn from your father that you want to or have passed onto your children?

The importance of family. His family seemingly couldn't provide him with much and in fact relied heavily on him for support. Yet he never complained and in fact constantly reminded my brother and me in word and deeds how being part of a family is a very special thing that should be cherished.

Have you learnt anything from parenting your children?

That I'm not in control. I can strongly influence but ultimately cannot control all of the choices, thinking and life circumstance of my children. So it can cause me to worry that they will go down the 'wrong' path. Fortunately, I'm also learning that I don't need to be in control because I have One who will look out for my children more perfectly and powerfully than I ever could. I just need to entrust them to Him (which I do constantly!).

What is your ideal way to spend Fathers' Day?

The truth is I don't place a great importance on that day. I'm happy for it to be a normal day where I'm with my family and everyone is happy and healthy. Well, I do look forward to the 'beautiful' artworks and other thoughtful presents from the kids.

Do you have any bad 'dad jokes'?

No, I don't. But I have some good ones. Enjoy!
Which is faster, hot or cold?

Answer: Hot, because you can catch a cold.