

Grandparents Day



Welcome from our Principal, Mrs Long





ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Gamilaroi people, traditional custodians of this land upon which our school is built, where we learn, work and play.

We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

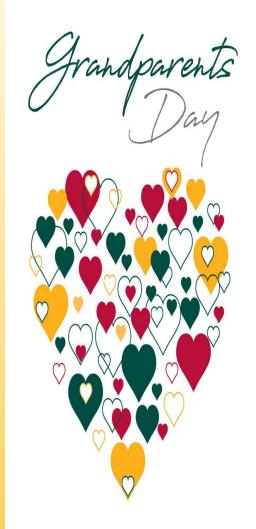






Let us create a sacred space in honour of our grandparents

"Grandparents are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are there."



"Grandparents always have time for you when everyone else is too busy."



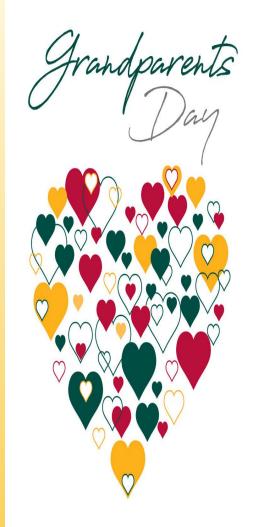
"Grandparents are like magicians. They can create wonderful memories for their grandchildren out of thin air."



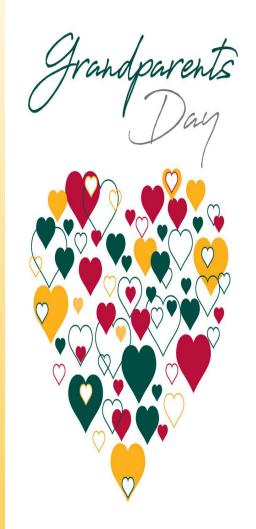
"Grandfathers are for loving and fixing things."



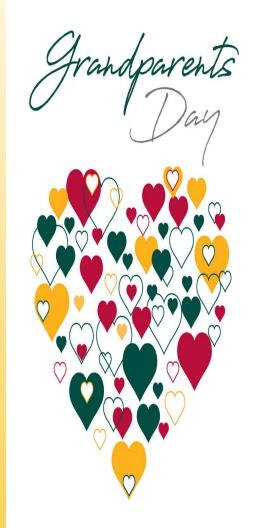
"A grandmother is a safe haven."



"Grandparents serve kisses, cuddles and biscuits daily."



"Parents know a lot, but grandparents know everything."



"Blessed are those who spoil and snuggle, hug and hope, pray and pamper, for they shall be called grandparents."



WE GATHER

Today is the Feast Day of St Anne and St Joachim, the parents of Mary, our mother in heaven. This makes them the grandparents of Jesus.

We pause today to celebrate the gift of grandparents. These ancestors have given us the gift of life. They continue to give us the gift of love.

Sometimes we may not be able to visit our grandparents as often as we might like, and this makes us sad. But we can still pray for them.



We remember grandparents who love us, encourage us, spoil us and teach us. We remember grandparents for their attention, their knowledge, their patience and their wisdom.

We also remember the grandparents who live far away, those who are sick, and sadly, those who have died and are now residing with God in heaven.

They are all in our thoughts wherever they are. We remember all grandparents in our liturgy here today.



WE LISTEN

Long, long ago not far from the great city of Jerusalem there lived two people. They were called Anne and Joachim and had been married for many, many, many years. Anne and Joachim had always wanted to be parents more than anything else.

Years went by and still they did not have any children.

One day Anne was in her garden feeling very sad. She prayed her special prayer to God again, "Please let me have a child."

As she prayed and cried an extraordinary thing happened. One of God's messengers spoke to her.

The angel said, "Anne, God has heard your prayers and you will have a child. A child who will be famous throughout the world."



At the same time another angel visited Joachim with the same message while he was looking after his sheep. Anne and Joachim left their work and rushed to find each other and share the blessing that God had sent to them. They were filled with joy!

Anne and Joachim had a baby girl, just as the angel had said. They called her Mary.





WE RESPOND

Psalm 103

Response: Bless the LORD, O My Soul

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Response

He forgives all our sins, heals our sickness, and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy. Response

The LORD is merciful and kind, slow to anger and abounding in love. Response

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who love him. Response

As for us, our days are like grass; for the wind passes over it and it is gone. But the love of the LORD is everlasting. Response



10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

MATT REDMAN

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We Pray:

Leader: God has made a covenant of everlasting love. Let us pray with trust in his love.

- 1. For all grandparents: that their presence be a sign of God's love for their grandchildren and that their memories help younger generations to connect with their origins. We pray to the Lord. R: Lord hear our prayer.
- 2. For grandparents: may they continue to pass on to future generations their faith and their mature human and spiritual experience. We pray to the Lord. *R: Lord hear our prayer*.
- 3. For grandparents raising children: that their selfless love and commitment be recognised and supported by those around them. We pray to the Lord. R: Lord hear our prayer.



- 4. For grandparents: that they may be blessed in the affection and gratitude of their grandchildren. May they always encounter respect and love. We pray to the Lord. R: Lord hear our prayer.
- 5. For children who have no grandparents: that they may find encouragement in the friendship and support of faith-filled seniors. We pray to the Lord. R: Lord hear our prayer.
- 6. For grandparents who have died: that their families will be consoled in their loss of one so precious to them. We pray to the Lord. R: Lord hear our prayer.



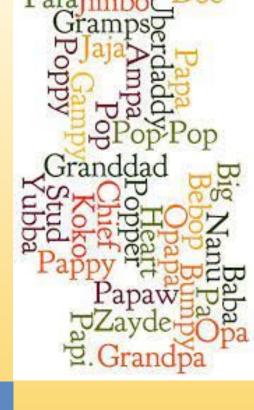


WE GO FORTH:

God Bless all the Grandparents of our school.

You are loved. You are appreciated.

St Joachim and St Anne -Pray for us.





Feast of St. Anne & St. Joachim







In our classrooms for some special activities...