23 February 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week
Grandparents and Friends Day Thursday 12 March 2015

One of the most significant events of the school year is Catholic Schools Week when we celebrate the ethos and spirit of Catholic schools throughout Australia. The values based education received at a Catholic school ensures that a child’s spiritual, academic, social and physical enrichment is front and centre in daily school practice.

Again this year at St Joseph’s, as part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration, we are having a Grandparents and Friends Day to showcase the exciting things that are happening at our school. The aim of the day is for each student to invite a grandparent or older relative/family friend to visit the school and participate in some simple classroom activities that are guided by the students themselves. In that way it can build the student’s confidence at the same time that the older generation can get an interesting insight into 21st Century education. The classroom activities will be followed by the opportunity for a picnic lunch on the school lawns, weather permitting. For those students who don’t have grandparent/s available, they might like to invite an older relative or family friend to join in the celebration. Whereas parents are usually very familiar with classroom routines, the format of this day allows for other older family members to experience what happens in a Catholic school.

Details of the day are as follows:

**Date:** Thursday 12th March 2015

**Time/s:** 12 noon to 1.30 pm (Lunch will commence at 1.05 pm). Classroom activities start at 12 noon.

**What to bring:** A picnic lunch to share with your student grandchild or family friend in the school grounds

In order to determine numbers attending on the day could you please complete and return the attached reply slip to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 6th March. Please contact the school if you would like to clarify anything about this exciting proposal.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Phil Stubbs
Acting Principal
Grandparents and Friends Day - celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2015

As part of the St Joseph’s celebration of Catholic Schools Week I would like to indicate that the following person/s will be attending St Joseph’s on Thursday 12th March from 12 noon to 1.30 pm:

Student Name

Grandparent/friend name/s

Please return this slip to your class teacher by Friday 6th March. Thank You.