



Operations & Wellbeing Update

FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Grandparents Day 2018

It is always a special time to see Grandparents and Friends share their day with students in a celebration of their learning. There was a moment of trepidation before school on Friday morning as we waited to see if the weather would hold off or whether we would all be caught in a downpour during the assembly. We decided in the moment to step out in faith and went ahead with the assembly and we were blessed with an enjoyable outdoor celebration.

The day also saw Grandparents and Friends invited into classrooms to see what the school day is like for their grandchildren on a day to day basis. One of the common remarks made by the grandparents were the differences between school-life in 2018 compared with their experience when they went to school. Of particular interest is the student's use of technology in classroom as part of their education. With all students in years P-6 having access to electronic devices, they are able to engage in a variety of learning activities and experiences that were not even dreamed of as little as 10 years ago.

There were many highlights during the assembly including some of our Year 1 and 2 students violinists, and Years 5 and 6 putting on an excellent item incorporating impressive dancing and singing. You can check out a video in another article in this edition of The Way.

One of the highlights was a grandparent's day song with the words as follows.

- to the tune of Waltzing Matilda

Verse 1

When Mum and Dad don't give me what I really want
I know there's someone who'll never say no
If I give them a smile and a kiss and a great big hug
They'll give me treats and tell stories they know

Chorus

Grandparents are awesome, Grandparents are wonderful
They play and give us chocolates all the time
And they sit and they watch us running all around the place
Grandparents are awesome and Grandparents are great.

Verse 2

In the school holidays when Mum and Dad can take no more
Time for a visit to my patient Nan and Pop
Movies and daytrips, sleepovers and special treats
Anything I want from my favourite shop

Chorus

Grandparents are awesome, Grandparents are wonderful
They play and give us chocolates all the time
And they sit and they watch us running all around the place
Grandparents are awesome and Grandparents are great.

Verse 3

When we were born our grandparents were really thrilled
They started counting 1, 2, 3, 4.
They could have fun with us but then they could just give us back
They really love us, but we love them more!

My thanks to all the grandparents and Friends who were able to attend and support students in their learning. I hope that you enjoyed your day with us.

God bless



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