



Saint Joachim &  
Saint Anne, Parents  
of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary



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Wednesday 6th October

# Good Shepherd Primary School News Update

Term 3

Week 3

Tuesday, 27th July, 2021

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

Normally on this week we would be celebrating Grandparents day. Yesterday was the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne. They were the parents of Mary and the Grandparents of Jesus.

The role of Grandparents is very special and in our community we have many families where the grandparents live with our children. We also have many grandparents who are guardians of the children and are raising the children.

Grandparents are all very much loved and respected members of our community.

Besides being the keepers of family traditions and history, grandparents provide grandchildren with examples of hard work and family loyalty. Grandparents' stories contribute to family identity by sharing knowledge about relatives, important events, family traditions, the grandparent's childhood and the childhood of the grandchild's parent.

As these stories are passed on, the grandchild can gain a positive image of their place within the family and a positive image of ageing. When we become parents, we automatically give our parents a new position in life, that of being grandparents. At the same time, we give our child the added security of belonging to an extended family.

The relationship between grandchild and grandparent can be very life-enhancing: a grandchild can bring love, energy, optimism, laughter, youthfulness and sometimes purpose to the life of their grandparent. At the same time, a grandparent can provide maturity, knowledge, stability, a wise ear and unconditional love to a grandchild. Nowadays, being a grandparent might not be as simple as you would like due to divorce, remarriage or geographic distance. However, whether you are a grandparent, step-grandparent or even a grandparent raising a grandchild, you are a most important person in your grandchild's life.

***“God, Father of us all, we are thankful for our life and for the privilege to be parents and grandparents. We pray for patience, guidance and wisdom to use our life's role, for our own benefit and the benefit and enjoyment of our extended family. Amen.”***

Tricia Carr  
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