Dear Parents and Carers,

**You are invited to join us in**

**Celebrating Grandparent's Day and our Champions Read Parade**

On **Tuesday 31st July** we will be celebrating **Grandparents' Day** and the National Year of Reading with the theme: “Champions Read”.

We have a wonderful morning planned. Everyone is welcome to join us.

10.30 am - Grandparents Liturgy

11.00 am - Grandparents, parents and visitors join the students for lunch. Please bring along a picnic lunch!

12.00pm - Champions Read Parade followed by

- Grandparents and parents, sharing their favourite books with the children.

Grandparents and parents are invited to bring along and share a favourite book with your children and/or the children will share a favourite book that they love with you!

During our Liturgy, led by our Year 1 students, we celebrate all grandparents and particularly remember Jesus’ grandparents, St Joachim and St Anne whose joint feast day is July 26. Their love for one another and their family is an example for us to follow. They also remind us to honor our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us.

**Library activities**

Over the coming weeks the students will have the opportunity to engage in reading activities during their lunch time. Some of these activities include:

**Reading Marathon, Reading Relay, Word Gymnastics, Readers Theatre and Swimming Relay.**

We pray this week for our grandparents….

> God of love, help us always to appreciate the gift of our grandparents.

> May we listen to them and learn from them, love them and care for them. Amen

Looking forward to seeing you on Grandparent’s day.

Regards,

Marina Hardy
Principal

---

John XXIII Mass Times

- Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
- Sunday Masses: 8.30am, 10.30am, 6.00pm
- Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Sat at 9.00am

---

**Address:**

49 Meurants Lane
GLENWOOD NSW 2768

**Postal Address:**

PO Box KL 927
KINGS LANGLEY NSW 2147

**Phone:** 9629 8742

**Fax:** 9629 8745
Parish News

Any young person 16-32yrs wishing to attend *World Youth Day in Rio*, please contact Josh Testa littlenosh9@hotmail.com for a package that details the information needed. Get in early!

I thank those people who generously gave their time to *clean the inside of our church*. It has made a noticeable difference. The pews were wiped down, floors cleaned, windows washed and cleaned, cobwebs disappeared and a job well done by all. Thanks to Ray Mandla for his work in cleaning outside of the church and installing safety buttons on the top step of the sanctuary.

Please think about *praying the rosary* and if it is not possible to say the whole rosary, a decade is better than nothing. If you cannot pray the rosary as a family every night then why not once or twice a week.

In our parish bulletin this week you will find a helpful pamphlet to guide you in praying the rosary. Rosary beads are on sale in our Piety Stall in the parish kitchen.

I have had some positive feedback with the proposal to consecrate our parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I will soon be calling a meeting to decide on how we will do this. Please keep this intention in your prayers.

Thanks to those who have taken up the challenge to look after a *church garden*. God bless you in your good work. If there are people willing to join a group and go on a roster to *clean our church* then please phone Tanya at the Parish Office.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever Father Dave

---

**SPECIAL CANTEEN DAY WED 8th AUGUST**

Cheese Burger & Juice or Cheese Burger & Milk. GLUTEN FREE option available.

Online orders only. Order under SCHOOL SHOP.

No other hot options on this day. All other menu items available.

ORDERS CLOSE Friday 3rd August at 11.45am. No late order will be accepted.

---

**Farewell and Welcome**

This week we wish Mrs Grace Pielago in Year 2 all the very best as she awaits the birth of her baby. Mrs Pielago will be taking leave from Monday 30th July (Week 3, Term 3) until the end of the year.

We welcome Mrs Dianne Khalifeh who will join the Year 2 teaching team for the remainder of the year. Mrs Khalifeh comes to Holy Cross having had teaching experience in many of our Parramatta Diocese Schools.

We also warmly welcome two new families to our school community this term.

---

**NSW Health advice - Measles**

NSW Health recently advised all schools that several cases of measles have been diagnosed in the Sydney area. If your child shows any of the following symptoms you may want to consult your doctor:

- Feels unwell, has a cough, runny nose, or sore eyes and a fever followed by a rash.

Website for further information:


---

**Saint Joachim and St Anne Feast Day Thurs 26th July – Grandparents of Jesus**

We will be celebrating a special liturgy to honour all grandparents, including St. Anne and St Joachim, on Tues 31st as part of a special day of celebration at school.

---

**Champions Read Parade**

As you read the newsletter today you will see the notice about the parade that is part of Grandparents Day. As the children parade they will carry their favourite book or a book by their favourite author. Children may also bring a prop to carry or something that illustrates their character. Here are a few examples that might be appropriate:

- a wand, a wig, an eye patch, a hat, a moustache, a magnifying glass, a soft toy, funny glasses, sports equipment, a cloak or another piece of clothing.

We are not asking parents to spend money on buying full costumes. Classroom teachers will be talking to the children about the parade during the week and children will have the opportunity to ask any questions and share ideas.

---

**Second hand Uniform Shop**

The second hand uniform shop will be open tomorrow Wednesday 25th July at 2.30pm

---

**Happy Birthday to all students who have celebrated their Birthday**

Jayden Jones, Joel Finlay, Gurnoor Singh, Jason Stephens, Jo Salame, Ava Pelaez, Elisha M. Tomy, Caitlyn Plummer & Leah Prasad

---

**NSW Health advice - Measles**

NSW Health recently advised all schools that several cases of measles have been diagnosed in the Sydney area. If your child shows any of the following symptoms you may want to consult your doctor:

- Feels unwell, has a cough, runny nose, or sore eyes and a fever followed by a rash.

Website for further information:


---

**Upcoming Events**

- **Tuesday 31st July** Grandparent’s Day
- **Tuesday 7th August** Year 2 Excursion
- **Wednesday 8th August** Special Canteen Day
- **Friday 10th August** Staff Development Day
- **Tuesday 14th August** Zone Athletics Carnival

---

**Netball Gala Day**

Due to wet weather the Netball Gala Day has been postponed until further notice

---

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 10th AUGUST 2012**

This is a pupil free day. OOSH

Mini Miracles will be open on this day. Please contact Kylie on 0412 835 284 if you require childcare