To celebrate Grandparents’ day, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Gladstone held a Grandparents morning tea at school. It is something the school community has held now for a few years but this year was the most successful year with around 140 grandparents turning up. Children whose grandparents had come, stayed with them after parade as they entertained them firstly with a performance by Year 3L of the musical ‘Matilda’, some songs sung by the school choir and a performance of ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas’ by our school drama group. Many of the grandparents commented on how much they enjoyed these acts.

The children then escorted their grandparents on a tour around their school, showing them what St John the Baptist school has to offer and then took them to their classrooms where they stayed a while to either play a game with their grandchild, read a book or sit in on the lesson. The grandchildren then escorted them to the Chavoin Centre where the children said their goodbyes and returned to class, and the grandparents were served tea, coffee and some snacks.

All were very happy with the morning’s itinerary and enjoyed themselves, including meeting and chatting with other grandparents at the morning tea. It was great to see so many come so that the school community could let them know what a key part in the lives of their families they play and how thankful the school community is for their support. They are a vital part of the St John’s School Community. What a great social event it turned out to be!

The school also hosted a morning tea for school volunteers to say thank you to them for their contributions to the school over the year. A total of 27 people attended (with many volunteer working day shifts and unable to attend). It was a chance for us to say thank you to them for the invaluable work they each have done and continue doing within the school. Those who attended included some elderly residents from a retirement / nursing home nearby who visit weekly to hear children read and then help teach a large group knitting in the lunch hours. Volunteers such as these people offer their talent and time to help children, teachers and our school community and for this we are most thankful. It was a great social morning, enjoyed by all in attendance.