Grandparents and their reading hour

St Joseph's College held a special afternoon on March 23, for the Year Two and Three classes and their grandparents in the library as part of a program encouraging all Australians to read.

The purpose was to encourage other people in a child's life to read as much as possible to them.

The grandparents were then invited back to the classes for afternoon tea and to discuss their family history, which is part of the National Curriculum History program.

The National Year of Reading 2012 is a campaign to help turn Australia into a nation of readers by supporting an appreciation of the benefits of reading and promoting the idea of a reading culture in every home, school and community.

There's a serious message behind the Year of Reading, but that doesn't mean it will be heavy going.

The college has embraced this by providing a monthly challenge to family and friends, with plenty of fun activities for readers and non-readers, so people of all ages can discover and re-discover the joy of reading.

INTEREST: Grandparents are helping children to read in school.