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Children at Maryborough Family Day Care celebrate Grandparents Week and learn from local seniors

Last Friday the Maryborough Family Day Care play session visited Fair Haven Maryborough Aged Care Services to celebrate Grandparents Week.

Staff and children travelled from the family day care service to the aged care facility where they entertained the residents with song, dance and laughter.

"This was a fantastic morning for everyone involved," Maryborough Family Day Care coordinator Nancy Hammond said.

"It was wonderful for all the children to celebrate Grandparents Week at the service, and just as fun for the residents there.

"I'm sure everyone would agree it is important for all children to have access to mature and experienced people in their lives.

"Children without grandparents could only benefit from having a role model from an older generation to form a close relationship with and learn from."

Ms Hammond said the highlight of the morning was a sing-a-long with the residents, when many old songs were sang and performed by educators, staff and children, a few of which brought back memories for the residents.

"Young children certainly benefit from learning from and communicating with mature and experienced senior role models," she said.

"In addition, the 'grand friends' benefit from being in a nurturing environment, with a sense of added purpose and perhaps feel less isolated from their community."

Other highlights from the morning included educator Lee Bate making a yellow submarine which was used by the children and staff to play and dance around, while educator Pilar Wyatt performed as Dear Liza along with Nancy Hammond in their version of *Hole in the bucket*.

"These are shining examples of the excellent care provided to children by educators in our service," Ms Hammond said.

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Photos attached:

Maryborough Family Day Care child Alla Waye dancing with Fair Haven Maryborough Aged Care Services resident.

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Staff and children from Maryborough Family Day Care outside Fair Haven Maryborough
Aged Care Services

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