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Vision: Grand Avenue State School community strives to be a learning environment where students can achieve their potential and become valued members of society.

Key Values: These key values are the foundations that drive the Grand Avenue State School vision. They underpin the relationships between students, staff, parents and the community.

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PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

1. Parent Teacher Meetings

Next term, invitations will be extended to all parents to attend conferences with their child’s/ren’s teachers. Highly effective learning is dependent upon a strong parent/teacher/student relationship. The parent-teacher conferences are an important sharing time when teachers and parents can engage in focused dialogue on student progress and performance. Strong collaboration between teachers and parents maximises student learning opportunities.

In order that productive conversations can evolve from the parent-teacher conference, parents are encouraged to prepare for the meetings by considering:-

- Asking your child if there is anything he/she would like discussed with their teacher.
- Are there any questions you would like to ask the teacher? It’s a good idea to write them down.

The teacher would like to know a little about your child’s family life, hobbies, feelings and interest. Knowing such things is usually helpful in the teaching process. So, be ready to tell the teacher something about your child’s out-of-school life.

Take a few notes during the meeting. Review them when you get home and start right away on the action steps that you and the teacher have agreed upon.

Are you concerned about something your child has told you about the class, the school or the teacher? It’s best to ask your teacher rather than another parent or child.

Be reasonable about what you expect from your child’s teacher and the amount of special attention he/she can give in a class of twenty-
five to thirty. Ask how you can help the teacher by assisting your child at home.

This meeting need not be your only contact with your child’s teacher. Please feel free to make other mutually-convenient appointments. Our school values the interest and views of parents.

The conferences enable parents and teachers to develop a common focus on student’s learning. Please take an active role in the conference process. I look forward to as many parents as possible meeting with their child’s class teacher to improve their learning capacity and strengthen the home-school partnership.

2. P & C 2013 Executive

At a very positive Annual General Meeting of the Grand Avenue Parents and Citizens Association the following executive was elected for 2013.

President - Gavin Rook
Vice President - Donna Clark
Secretary - Not yet filled
Assistant Secretary - Not yet filled
Treasurer - Ian Watson
Assistant Treasurer - Maree Simmich

Grand Avenue is blessed with a core group of parents who are dedicated to the school and its ongoing development. Due to their enthusiasm it is with great delight and anticipation that I look forward to working with the executive and P & C as a whole.

3. National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

The Grand Avenue State School Community endorse a stand against Bullying and Violence.

We fully endorse the Queensland State Schools Declaration against bullying and violence. (The declaration is on display in the main foyer.)

The Grand Avenue State School Responsible Behaviour Plan for students is designed to facilitate high standards of behaviour so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school community.

All students are aware and use the Hi Five to deal with any bullying type behaviour at school. Our Spotlight for 2013 is on Bystander behaviour. Bullying is a difficult problem that only gets worse when it is ignored. Research has demonstrated that bystanders play a significant role in bullying.

Bystanders are present most of the time (85%) where adults are present. Most young people feel uncomfortable but very few know what to do to stop it happening.

Bullying behaviour is reinforced where people watch but do nothing. When bystanders do intervene, the bullying is more likely to stop quickly most of the time.

The solutions involve not only school staff and parents. Members of the whole school community can be involved in no bullying or by knowing that the bullying is happening. We can each be part of the problem or part of the solution.

It’s up to everyone to create a safe school environment and we can all help. Motivating bystanders to act is now being promoted as a major positive response, not just for schools, but in communities and workplaces.

4. Every Day Counts

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

I would like to wish staff, students and their families a happy and festive Easter holiday break.

Kind Regards

Desley Brassington
Principal
Many of these children are in temporary affected by flooding in East Bundaberg.

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion please come to the office to identify the ring.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

It is time to go shopping!

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion starts on Monday April 8, 2013. Last year we were very fortunate to be able to purchase many fabulous new resources for Science, Maths, Prep and the Special Education Unit. So please remember to collect your points from the checkout operator, place them on a Points Sheet and put them in the collection box outside Woolworths or bring them into school.

RING FOUND

We have been handed a gold coloured ring with diamond like stones. If anyone is missing a ring, please come to the office to identify the ring.

We would love to find its owner
The Ladies In The Office

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Greetings All,

Wow!!!

Well done to our Grand Avenue school community in raising money for children affected by flooding in East Bundaberg. (Half the school families had water in their homes. Many of these children are in temporary accommodation still.) We raised $1150 last Friday with our Rainbow Free Dress Day!!! My husband has kindly offered to drive me up to the school to present the cheque in person early next term. Some of the school leaders from the two schools are also writing letters to each other.

Special Thanks go also to the Forest Lake Westpac Branch for counting the money and processing the cheque.

PRIORITY ONE - Friday Night Christian Youth Program for Years 6 and 7

Forest Lake Uniting Church invites boys and girls in Grades 6 and 7 to Priority One – a fortnightly program, on Friday nights during school terms, 7pm - 9pm, from 19th April. The evenings will include games and activities, plus a time of devotions and supper.

Venue is 528 Waterford Rd, Ellen Grove
Contact Rev Russell Reynoldson (0429472567) or Erin Mawhinney (0417791021) for further details.

Parenting Seminar with Prof Paula Barrett – author of the Fun Friends program

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY –
Paula has been booked to speak at Pallara State School on Tuesday evening, May 28th. More details will be available next term.

Christian Lunchtime Program:
The weekly Christian lunchtime clubs for Year 2 and Year 3 have begun this term, with the Prep/Year 1 club now starting in Term 2. Membership is with mandatory parent/caregiver permission. If you would like your child to receive a permission note, please contact me (see below).

Blessings,
Kathy Williams
School Chaplain
Email: chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
Mobile: 0419 342 055

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Congratulations to all our parents and students who are leaving the car at home every week on Walking Wheeling Wednesday and actively travelling instead. Don’t forget that as parents, we need to know what your views are on travelling to and from school. Please show your support for your school and click on the link below to complete a quick survey about your family’s journey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ASTparentsurveys2013
Please complete the survey before Monday, 1 April and the class with the most responses will WIN a $50 tuckshop voucher!

“Don’t forget every Wednesday will be Walking Wheeling Wednesday next term.”

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country will be held in the first week back of Term 2.

**Wednesday 17 April – Years 4 to 7**

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**Thursday 18 April – Prep to Year 3**

(Train in Year Levels)

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Please remember to:-

* Wear house coloured shirt
* Bring a hat
* Bring a water bottle
* Wear appropriate running shoes

Grand Avenue Students Excel

Recently a number of Grand Avenue students from the Forest Lake Little Athletics Club competed in the Little Athletics State Championships held at QE11. The following students demonstrated high levels of achievement at the Little Athletics State level and we are very proud of them.

Aleksandar Nedimovic (under 11 boys) - 4th place in high jump and 8th place in 400m

Sandali Haputhantri (under 10 girls) - 10th place in 100m sprint

Julian Hughes (under 10 boys) - 20th place in discus

Lucas Josefsen (under 10 boys) - 21st place in high jump and 20th place in shot put

Jake Fennelly (under 10 boys) - was accepted to compete for the 200m sprint race but unfortunately could not make the championship on the week end.

ANZAC Day Commemoration Services

Wednesday 24th April 2013

In the Auditorium

Years 4 – 7 at 9.00am
Prep to Year 3 at 11.45am

Parents Welcome.

Families are asked to donate flowers to the class the day before so they can be used to make wreaths for laying at the service.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WEST BRISBANE FALCONS U10 BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

Are you a boy turning 8 or 9 in 2013 and would like to play basketball but haven’t joined a team yet? West Brisbane Falcons are looking for some more boys for their U10 Boys program for 2013.

If you are interested in playing please contact the club at 0450 105 252 or westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com
THE ALGESTER ARROWS SOFTBALL CLUB IS SEEKING NEW PLAYERS FOR THE UPCOMING 2013 SEASON.

THEY ARE KEEN TO BUILD ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL 2012 SEASON, WHEN THEY WERE THE TOP JUNIOR CLUB AT THEIR ASSOCIATION.

BOYS AND GIRLS AGED FROM 9 TO 17 (PLUS ADULTS) WISHING TO JOIN A TEAM AT THE ARROWS, ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE CLUB SECRETARY ON 32732075 OR EMAIL arrows_softball@gotalk.net.au FOR MORE DETAILS

Centenary Stormers Soccer Club

Atthows Park, Monier Road, Darra

It’s not too late to register for the 2013 season. Come down to Atthows Park on 16 March from 9.00 – 11.00am to register in a team.

Players still wanted:
Prep Ball: 3 – 5 years
Small Sided Games: 6 – 12 years

Season starts Saturday 20 April. To register please visit our website www.centenarystormers.org.au OR contact Alan Wilkins on 0407 038565 or email secretary@centenarystormers.org.au for more information.

GET ACTIVE AND FEEL THE EXCITEMENT OF DANCE!
Jazz, Hip Hop and Cheerleading Classes!
FORESTLAKE DANCE STUDIO – MONDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

BRAND NEW HIP HOP AND MINI CHEERLEADING CLASSES

Grand Ave Primary School, SEU Room.
Forest Lake Community house, Alpine St & Forest Lake Bv Forest Lake
Ages 3 years and up
Classes $9.50 each, Pay as you Go!
The FAD dance program has a focus on fun and fitness through dance

New Students always welcome for enquires phone 3273 6367
www.fitnessanddance.com.au

Is your child a star in the making?
Brimming with confidence?
Full of energy?

Network Ten’s national Preschool show, Wurrawhy, is looking for bright, outgoing children aged 5 – 11, who are interested in appearing on camera.

Wurrawhy airs weekdays at 7.00am. Each episode follows Wubbleyoo (an inquisitive computer mouse), Lauren (a helpful human) and KB (a computer cat) as they set out to explore the world around them by asking “Who, What, When, Where and Why”.

Questions are answered through short video segments, which are shot on location and include children in presenting or action-based roles.

If you think your child would be interested in this amazing opportunity, please email your contact details to Wurrawhy’s Production Co-Ordinator, Jordi Fanning.
jfanning@networkten.com.au
Play AFL with the Dragons

Come and Try Days

Every Thursday evening 5.30-6.30pm and Saturday morning 8-9am at CJ Greenfields playing grounds, Freeman Road, Richlands.

- All age groups - from six to 12 years old
  - Friendly family environment
- Fees from $88 for the season (10% discount for two or more children)
  - Government fee incentives
- Opportunity to play at the Gabba
  - AFL skills
  - Team building

For more information contact:

Annette Densham 0418 780 978 or Steve Kennedy 0438 191 847

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HAPPY EASTER