Vision: The 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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**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE PH: 3372 0560**

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**PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN**

1. WELCOME BACK

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for the start of term three. Unfortunately, I need to advise that Mrs Brassington is needing to extend her leave for the whole of this term. I have been asked to continue in the role of Principal for this time. To maximise stability and continuity, Mr Paul Clarke and Ms George will also be continuing in their respective roles of Year 6/7 Deputy Principal and 7D Class Teacher. (Further details have also been provided to families of 7D students under separate cover).
We also welcome Ms Toni Fox back to Grand Avenue as the teacher on 1F after her time working in Central Office. Toni features this week in our “Spotlight On” section.

2. SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS
During the coming weeks, school opinion surveys will be conducted for staff, and randomly selected parents and students. The random sample is generated according to a formula provided by the department. Historically, Grand Avenue’s survey results have been very positive and the process continues to provide a valuable opportunity for participants to provide their feedback on the operations of the school. If you receive a parent survey, I would ask that you complete and return it sealed in the envelope provided to the school office by the date indicated on the survey.

3. REPORT CARDS FOR NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS
Student report cards were distributed during the last week of term two. On request, the school can generate copies of report cards for non-custodial parents. To facilitate this, we need to keep an accurate “non-custodial” list and I encourage parents to keep us aware of custody arrangements so this report card list can be effectively maintained. Please contact the enrolment officer if you would like further information about this.

4. PARENTS DRIVING IN SCHOOL GROUNDS – SAFETY ISSUE
We have received a number of alarming reports about parents driving in the school grounds where the safety of children and staff is being compromised especially in terms of the SEP and OSHC. The SEP drive-through bus shelter area and drive ways are only for access by parents and transport providers who have SEP students and have legitimate cause to be dropping off and collecting in that area (eg. wheelchairs). A small number of parents collecting their children from OSHC have been driving at excessive speeds on the grounds. In the interests of maintaining a safe environment, I would ask this minority to slow down. Thank you to all who are mindful of safe driving and parking as it not only sets a great example for others, it contributes to an environment where people can feel safer.

5. SCOOTER SKILLS TRAINING
As a part of the Active School Travel initiative promoted by the Brisbane City Council, an opportunity is being provided for students in Prep to year three to attend a “Scooter Skills Training” session on Wednesday 31 July between 3.00pm and 4.30pm. A flyer, being distributed to students in these year levels, needs to be completed and returned to your child’s class teacher no later than Thursday 18 July. Places are limited. Parents are requested to be in attendance for the session. (If this is not possible, children must be collected by a responsible adult at 4.30pm – they will NOT be permitted to leave unaccompanied). Students will need to have a helmet and of course a scooter. (Limited scooters may be available from the organisers of this activity.) Apart from this sanctioned activity, please remind your children that the riding of scooters/bikes is not permitted on school grounds.

Warm regards,

Craig Thorne
Acting Principal

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**SCHOOL SECURITY**

If you suspect trespassers or persons are deliberately attempting to damage school property, please phone either:

- School Watch Program..... 13 1788
- Crime Stoppers................. 1800 333 000
- Forest Lake Police Beat..... 3372 5834
- State Govt Security Service... 3224 6666
- Forest Lake Rangers.......... 1300 731 735

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**PLEASE NOTE**

*It is school policy that any person on school grounds during the school day MUST first report to the school administration office and be issued with a school badge for security and safety purposes.*
**GREAT TEACHERS = GREAT RESULTS**

*Great teachers = Great results* is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $537 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better.

It will:
- support teachers with mentoring, training and resources
- reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships
- strengthen state school discipline
- allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids.

The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live.

There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performances among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions.

Find out more about the plan: [www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers](http://www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers)

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**PREP 2014**

Do you have a child age appropriate for Prep 2014?

Do you know someone who does?

**ENROL NOW!**

*Children born 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 who reside in Grand Avenue’s catchment area are eligible.*

So we can plan classes for next year, please enrol *as soon as possible*!

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**OUR TOP MATHLETICS STUDENTS!**

- **Haran Anandakumar 3A** has mastered 131 activities!
- **Rory Duncan 4E** has mastered 100 activities!
- **Nikola Anicic 3A** has mastered 86 activities!

To master an activity, students must achieve a score equal to or greater than 85%. These results reflect student achievements for this academic year to 2 June, 2013. The students each received special certificates from Mathletics in recognition of their great efforts!

**WELL DONE!**
TK TO REPRESENT QUEENSLAND IN RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to Year 7 student Te-Raukura Heremaia who has been selected to represent Queensland in the 12 years Rugby League team. TK has been a member of the Grand Avenue, Inala District and Met West Rugby League teams. This year the Queensland team will be travelling to Port Kennedy, south of Perth. The school wishes TK every success!

A sausage sizzle will be held next Thursday morning 18th July in the MPA. Cost $2. All monies raised will assist with TK’s travelling costs.

MET WEST REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Met West in their chosen sport –

12 yrs & Under Football
Nathan Singam   Year 6
Keaton Harrison Year 7

12 yrs & Under Hockey
Caleb Simpson   Year 6

12 yrs & Under Rugby Union
Fonua Matangi   Year 7
TK Heremaia     Year 7

12 yrs & Under Rugby League
Jessikah Reeves Year 7
Christine Okesene Year 6

CONGRATULATIONS!!

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Greetings All,

I hope you all had a refreshing break in the recent holidays. It is good to have a change of pace and routine.

TRIPLE P starting soon - some places still available

This well-known and highly respected program is starting on 24 July in Ellen Grove, with 5 X 2-hour Wednesday evening group sessions, for parents/caregivers of children from birth to 12 years. Thanks to sponsorship by the local branch of the Heritage Bank, the total cost per place is only $20 which covers a workbook and supper each night.

Expressions of interest go to rev.russell@bigpond.com or call 0429 472 567.

Sports Days’ SAUSAGE SIZZLES – Thank You!

Thank you very much to all who supported the Sports Days’ sausage sizzles, which made a significant contribution to the funding for the school’s Chaplaincy Service.

Blessings,
Kathy Williams, School Chaplain.
Email: chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
Mobile: 0419 342 055
INCURSION/EXCURSION DUE DATES

It is important that parents adhere to the due dates for incursions and excursions. Please find below the list of upcoming events and due dates.

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**Final Canberra Tour Parent Information Evening - Thursday 1st August, 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the Auditorium**

The final payment date for students attending the Canberra Tour is 19th September 2013.

*Canberra Tour information is available on the school website - https://grandavenues.eq.edu.au*

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

'SPOTLIGHT ON’ – TONI FOX

**SPOTLIGHT ON...**

**TONI FOX**

Hi, my name is Toni Fox and I am excited to return to Grand Avenue State School following 3 years away working on projects within Education Queensland. I have nearly 25 years teaching experience, ranging from Prep to year 7, and I am very lucky to be teaching 1F for the second half of 2013.

My first experience at Grand Avenue State School was in 2003, teaching Year 4. The following year, I was fortunate to extend my experience and skills through teaching science across a range of year levels (Years 1 to 4). At the same time I was also working as a Reading Recovery teacher working with students in Years 1 & 2. In those various roles, and further classroom teaching in Year 1, I was privileged to get to know many wonderful students and their families throughout Grand Avenue State School.

In 2010, I was seconded to work for Education Queensland supporting the delivery of inquiry-based science in Queensland primary schools. In 2011, I was appointed to a project called C2C, to deliver support materials for implementing the Australian Curriculum: Science in Queensland state schools. Both of these experiences have provided a positive, yet different, view of working in education in Queensland.

I am eager to apply my experiences and skills back into the classroom setting and I feel confident that the teaching and learning journey with the students at Grand Avenue State School will provide the greatest reward.
Annual Review of School Chaplaincy Program

At the July P&C Meeting, on Tuesday 16 July, we will be undertaking our annual review of the School Chaplaincy Program at Grand Avenue State School and discussing funding plans for 2014. Please ensure you attend this meeting if you would like to contribute to these discussions. If you would like more information about the Chaplaincy program at school, Kathy contributes a progress report at each P&C meeting.

REMEMBER - CELEBRATE CANTEEN WEEK

The ASCA (Australian Schools Canteen Association) has decided to highlight the important part canteens play in the school environment and promote the smart choices strategy which was put into place by the government to give school children a healthier choice option in their canteens.

Come join us for canteen week from Monday 22 July to Friday 26 July to celebrate the role our canteen and the wonderful staff and volunteers play in making our canteen so very special.

It will be a fun and exciting week, so come and say hello to us in the canteen and join us for the special events. This will be happening throughout south east Queensland with about 300 schools participating.

Grand Avenue State School was chosen to kick off canteen week for south east Queensland and so on Wednesday 17 July, Education Minister, the Hon. John-Paul Langbroek and five time Olympian and gold medallist Natalie Cook will be coming to our school for the official launch. They will be interacting with the children and Natalie will be playing some volleyball.

We are very pleased to have been given this honour for both the canteen and Grand Avenue State School.

Canteen Ice Block Red Day
Friday 26th July
First and Second Breaks
Magnums, Cornettos, Gaytimes, Cyclones and many more!
$2 - $4

GRAND* FETE*
BAZAAR!
Sunday, 15 September
Rides from 9.30am – 2.30pm
Markets from 8.00am – 3.00pm
**TERM 3 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSON AND ENSEMBLE TIMES (INCLUDING CHOIR)**

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

**OPEN DAY**

**FOREST LAKE STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**SATURDAY 13TH JULY 9AM – 12 NOON**

Our Open Day offers you the opportunity to see our award winning facilities and to speak with our staff and students.

**Date:** Saturday 13th July, 9am – 12 noon

**Tours:** 9.15am – 11.30am

**Venue:** Forest Lake State High School, High Street, Forest Lake

**Meeting Point:** Enter at main gate

**Parking:** Available at High St, opposite gym
Why drink water?

Interesting Water Facts:

- Water is the best way to quench a thirst, it has no added sugars, flavours, colours or kilojoules.
- Children living in hot climates are especially susceptible to developing voluntary dehydration.
- Children often do not recognise the signals of thirst as readily as adults.
- High or frequent intake of foods and drinks containing added sugars can lead to tooth decay.
- Almost 60% of boys and 40% of girls have more than one high sugar drink every day i.e. soft-drinks, fruit drinks and energy drinks.
- 20% of children drink fruit juice every day and 40% drink fruit juice at least four times per week.
- Sweet drinks, cordial, fruit juice, flavoured mineral water, flavoured milk, sports drinks and soft drinks are usually high in some form of sugar (glucose, fructose, lactose etc).
  - A 250 ml glass of apple juice contains 6 teaspoons of sugar.
  - A 250ml glass of cola also contains 6 teaspoons of sugar.
  - Even a glass of unsweetened orange juice contains 4 teaspoons of sugar.
  - Artificially sweetened soft drinks are acidic and may erode tooth enamel.
- Therefore, consuming just one can of soft-drink per day adds up to a whopping 18 kilograms of sugar in a year.
- The intake of sugar sweetened drinks can increase the risk of excessive weight gain.
- The Australian Dietary Guidelines recommends, it is preferable to meet most fluid needs by drinking plain water.

Ensure your child has a water bottle filled with tap water every day at school!

Contact
Telephone: (07) 3249 1165
Email: Leigh_Harrison-Barry@health.qld.gov.au