Vision and Values

Vision: Grand Avenue State School – A school of High Expectations.

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.

Quality Relationships
- Respect
- Care and Compassion

High Achievement
- Doing your best
- Responsibility for learning

Meaningful Communication
- Understanding and Inclusion
- Honesty and Integrity

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE PH: 3372 0560

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From the Principal

National Curriculum maintains High Expectations at GASS
On Thursday 16 August, teaching staff at Grand Avenue continued to build their expertise in the new National Curriculum. Staff attended a professional development ‘twilight session’ from 3-5pm. The focus of their work was in building a deeper understanding of the upcoming units of work in Mathematics and English across all year levels.

Parents can be confident that their children are receiving a high standard of education at Grand Avenue State School. Not all schools have taken up the new curriculum and many that have are still examining the basics. Because our teachers started their preparation in 2011 and embraced the new curriculum and its more demanding standards right from the beginning of this year we can say with confidence that our students are covering all the necessary curriculum material as they move through their respective year levels.

I am proud of our teaching staff, all of whom have worked very hard to undertake the demands of the new curriculum. Every one of them has had to attend many meetings and conferences outside of school hours to ensure that they are well prepared to not only deliver their lessons but
also to follow up and support all students. They will continue this process throughout the year to ensure that Grand Avenue children are ready to go for the new school year in 2013.

**Winter School Uniform**

Grand Avenue has always had a strong tradition in relation to the wearing of our school uniform. As part of the high standards we maintain at this school it is imperative that all children attend school in the correct uniform. I have noticed a small number of students wearing inappropriate winter jumpers and coloured tights. Students are required to wear a navy or maroon jumper or winter top. If you wish to purchase a less expensive item than is offered at our uniform shop I ask that you ensure it is a plain sweater in school colours. Navy tights are the only acceptable colour for girls to wear with the school uniform. Shoes should be plain black or predominately white - runners or leather school shoes. Coloured shoes are not acceptable.

All families are required to uphold the uniform standards at our school. It is an important part of our school culture and part of our High Expectations agenda. Thank you to the many parents who do support us by ensuring that your children attend school in the correct uniform.

Warm Regards

Desley Brassington
Principal

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**Year 5 Vegetable Patch**

Year 5C’s Vegetable Patch
Reporters - Ella Duncan and Nina Sandic

For the past six weeks 5C have been growing vegetables at the side of their classroom. Mrs Martin planted radishes, baby carrots, snow peas and sugar snap peas. The students in our class have been taking turns to water the garden every morning and afternoon. So far we have only been able to harvest and taste the radishes. Unfortunately, the radishes weren’t popular. They were a mild radish too! The carrots and snap peas will be ready to harvest in September before we go to camp, followed by the snow peas after Term 3 holidays. Also some strawberry plants will be planted shortly.

Comments from students in Year 5C about their garden:-

“The radishes were mild, some of us hated the taste but I loved it. We all love our garden and sure enough we will be farmers. We have our green thumbs ready to water.” Uyen Bui

“Our garden might be small, but just remember that no garden is too small or too big – a garden is a garden.” Blake Hanley

“Creating a garden is a great thing children can do to keep themselves occupied. Children feel very proud of themselves. It also gives them
experience in digging up the soil, putting the seed s in, watching the plants grow and eating the vegetables.” Lia Cripps

“While we have grown our vegetable patch, we have learnt a lot of things:–
  • Working together to get our garden complete
  • Treat people nicely like we have to treat our garden
  • How to grow a garden

Jazmine Hope

“The radishes grew fast and we ate them first. The snow peas did not grow until we replanted them. Now they are growing and will be ready in a few weeks.” Baylee Mills

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Chaplain’s Corner
Greetings All,

SPIN OFF! – Exciting fund-raiser for Grand Avenue School Chaplaincy

Team members are needed, please, to join The Grand Team for this event. We need one (or more) team/s, of from 5 to 10 people (at least 50% students, Years 5 to 7) to take turns pedalling a stationary gym bike, from 9am on Sat 8th Sept.

Venue (to be confirmed) is probably the Sleeman Sports Complex Theatre at Chandler. The team will have one bike to share for 30 mins to “travel” as far as possible. Team members will be given booklets to collect donations before the day. Prizes will be awarded for team performance on the day and also for the amounts raised.

More information is available on the website – www.spinoff.org.au Please contact Chaplain Kathy (see below) if you would like to be involved.

Girls in the Media – Challenging current images

This is the topic of the coming presentations by Melinda Tankard Reist. Melinda (www.melindatankardreist.com) is a well-known author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls. More information in previous newsletters and on Page 15 in the August edition of The Lake News.

PLEASE NOTE: the evening presentation is not suitable for girls under 15 years.

The P & C received funds for this community presentation from the Councillor for Parkinson Ward and the Lord Mayor’s Suburban Initiative Fund. Thanks to this significant sponsorship, attendance is free of charge.

PLEASE NOTE: bookings are essential and can be made either by emailing to bookings@girlsinthemedia.com or by sms to 0467 449 679.

Tuesday, 28th August, 7.00pm for 7.15pm till 8.30pm, in our Auditorium
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2012

The Student Council is making this their fund-raising focus for Term 3. More info will be in the next newsletter. The finish date is Thursday, 20th September, with the boxes being brought to the Kauma Hall for the full school parade at 1:45pm on that day.

I may be contacted by mobile or email and welcome ideas for my column – Chaplain’s Corner – or queries about my work.

Kathy Williams
School Chaplain
(0419 342 055)
kwill454@eq.edu.au

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Enrolments for Prep 2013 Open

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Grand Avenue State School

ENROL NOW
FOR
Prep 2013

Children born between 1st July 2007 and 30th June 2008 are eligible.

Collect your Enrolment Package from the
My name is Samantha Lovett and I am currently teaching Year 4. I have been at Grand Avenue State School for three years and have enjoyed every moment. My first year of teaching was in 2009 at Indooroopilly State School. I have taught grades 4, 5 and 6.

I have three children ages 15, 12 and 9. When my youngest child was 12 months old, I decided to enrol at university and study to become a teacher. Raising my own children and watching them grow both socially and academically had an immense influence on my decision to become a teacher.

I have a passion for all areas of learning but my favourite subject to teach is maths. My teaching philosophy is based around being a firm, fun, fair and flexible teacher. I aim to make a positive difference to all students I teach.

Out of school, I love spending time with my family and friends. I try to keep fit by running (with my dog!) and I love reading a good novel on the rare occasions when I have ‘me’ time.

Year 5 Author Visit – CANCELLED

Due to personal family issues, the author that had been organised to speak with the Year 5 students has cancelled and cannot be rescheduled during this school year.

The school will be refunding $5.00 in cash to each student that has paid for this incursion. Parents can expect this refund to be sent home the week beginning 27 August.
It is **very important** that your contact details, i.e. phone numbers, address, email address, are kept up to date. We have had situations where students have fallen ill at school and are left waiting for long periods in the sick bay. Please notify the office as a matter of urgency if any of your contact information has changed.

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**P & C**

**School Banking**

We now have two new banking co-ordinator’s Rachel and Jane.

We have opened an email address to be contacted on.

GASSschoolbanking@yahoo.com.au

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Entertainment books for 2012/2013 are still available - $65

Look on [www.entertainmentbook.com.au](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au) to see the great value.

Use the link below to pay for your book and pick up from the uniform shop, or go to the uniform shop and purchase.


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**Community News**

Call for volunteers for Queensland Ready Readers Program – come and help in our schools! A great opportunity to be involved in your local community.

Registrations have again opened for volunteers to take part in the ‘Queensland Ready Readers’ program to read with children in classrooms across the state.

The program is part of the education reform *A Flying Start for Queensland Children*.

The program has been developed based on national and international research that has proven that well-trained and supported community volunteers can make a big difference to children’s learning.

All volunteers will be trained in the “support a reader” process and will be required to go through the standard checks for working with children.

Training is now available around Brisbane. Come along and help support a young reader! Free training takes place over one day between 9.15 and 2.15pm. It is a very relaxed and interesting day.

After training you may select any school (public or private) to volunteer in.
This is a great opportunity for you to gain new skills that can be used in the home or school. You will also receive a completion Certificate from the Department of Education together with a badge and bookmark. There is no cost for this program.

Parents, carers and the wider community can find more information and register their interest on the Volunteering Queensland website or email sharlene.emanuel@dete.qld.gov.au for registration if there is a suitable date below.

Training to be held at:-

Manly State School Tuesday 17 July 9.15 – 2.15pm
McDowall State School Friday 27 July 9.15 – 2.15pm
Sacred Heart School – Sandgate Tuesday 31 July 9.15 – 2.15pm
Warrigal Road State School – Eight Mile Plains Thursday 2 August 9.15 – 2.15pm
Moorooka State School Thursday 9 August 9.15 – 2.15pm
Aspley State School Friday 24 August 9.15 – 2.15pm
Redbank Plains State School Tuesday 28 August 9.15 – 2.15pm
Manly West State School Wednesday 5 September 9.15 – 2.15pm
Ferny Grove State School Friday 14 September 9.15 – 2.15pm

You are most welcome to train at any venue and then select the school you wish to volunteer in. Please contact Sharlene for any further information.

CENTREPIECE OF THE OLYMPICS ... TRACK & FIELD ATHLETICS
... IN THE WESTERN SUBURBS SEPTEMBER 2012 – MARCH 2013. AGES 5 - 16

WHAT DO WE DO?

SPRINTS HURDLES RELAYS DISTANCE WALKS JUMPS THROWS

Under 6’s do 70m, 100m Runs, Shuttle Relay, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put and Games to develop skills. The range is extended progressively by age group such that Under 13 and up may cover 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 80-100m Hurdles, 200m Hurdles, 4x100m Relay, Mixed Distance Relay, 1500m Walk, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Long Jump, High Jump and Triple Jump. We encourage all round participation, and try to provide specialist coaching in each discipline.

WHY LITTLE ATHLETICS?

Advantages of our sport include:
- Low cost – good value for money
- Safety – comparatively excellent record
- Family involvement – parents help to run each meet
- Variety – range of activities suiting different physiques
- Measurement – personal achievement and improvement recognised and rewarded
- Fun – new friends, new skills
- Fitness – develop strength, skill, flexibility; good base for other sports

WHO, WHERE & WHEN?
CENTENARY (competition on Friday evenings): www.clac.coolrunning.com.au

KENMORE (competition on Saturday afternoons): www.kenmorelittleathletics.org.au

TOOWONG HARRIERS (competition alternating between Saturday afternoons and Friday evenings): www.toowong.littleathletics.org.au

*VISIT OUR WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION*
For Centres in other parts of Brisbane, call Little Athletics Queensland (3255 9436) or visit their site: www.qlaa.asn.au

Forest Lake group of little athletics website is:-
https://sitedesq.imgstg.com/clubdirectory/index.cfm

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT US TOO
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**Western Spirit Futsal Summer Comp Season 2012/2013**

Western Spirit indoor futsal competition season will be commence on Thursday 13 September.
The venue is the Redbank Indoor Sports Centre 1 Chalk Street Redbank - opposite Redbank Plaza

Competition days will be Thursday and Sunday for U6 to U16 teams
Senior Mens and Women's comp available
All Welcome
Get a team together now!

**Futsal Sign on Nights**
Sign on nights for this season's competition will be held on
Wednesday 22 August and Wednesday 29 August 2012
6.00pm to 8.00pm on both nights
At the Western Spirit junior clubhouse located at Camira Recreation Reserve
Dale Road Camira

For further information contact Jan on 0414 661 911 or enquiries@spiritfc.com.au

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**Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Club Sign On**

Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Club is seeking boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 16 to sign on for the season that is due to commence on 13 October 2012. There are also senior teams for older boys or parents. For children aged 5 to 8 years the In2Cricket skills training program is available.

Sign on will be at:-
Wolston Park Clubhouse (Turf Wicket)
Orford Drive
Wacol

- Saturday 18 August  10 a.m. to 2 pm
- Sunday 19 August     12 noon to 2 pm

The season runs for all of 4th term and then 1st term

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JOIN THE FALCONS NEST AND SOAR ABOVE THE REST!!!

If you are interested in playing for West Brisbane Falcons Basketball Club in the Summer Season for 2012, please visit our website and download & complete the Player Nomination Form. Existing West Brisbane players will only pay $50 (no additional costs) and new players $60 for the season. PLEASE NOTE that new players are required to pay a Brisbane Basketball Inc (BBI) Registration Fee, these details are available from the BBI office at the Auchenflower Stadium.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY NOMINATIONS AFTER SUNDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2012

A Summer Season Player Nomination Form & Further Information can be found on our website.

www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au
westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com

CLUB NOTE:

2012 SIGN ON DAY INFORMATION CLICK HERE

Positive or It’s Pointless Campaign Information Click HERE

All players MUST be registered with Brisbane Basketball before playing their first game.

The BBI Registration Fee is different to the West Brisbane fees you pay.

For further details:

www.wpccc.com.au  or
contact Andrew Williams  0400 727 501
2012 WEST BRISBANE FALCONS BASKETBALL CLUB SUMMER SEASON
(Season dates 12/13 October – 09/10 November – 5 weeks)

West Brisbane Falcons Basketball Club
www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au