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.

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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PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

1. MINISTER LANGBROEK VISITS GRAND AVENUE STATE SCHOOL

On Tuesday 12 March, the Minister for Education, Hon John-Paul Langbroek, visited Grand Avenue State School. After being greeted by our school captains, Paris Knapp and Liam Portelli, the Minister visited a range of classrooms to see our programs first hand. I was extremely proud of our school and the excellent behaviour of our students. I have subsequently received a letter from our local member, Mr Anthony Shorten, who accompanied the Minister during his visit. In the letter he says:

“Minister Langbroek expressed to me how impressed he was with not only the physical appearance of the school, but the standard of dress and behaviour of the Grand Avenue students.”

Further: “I am very proud to hear the Minister speak so glowingly about Grand Avenue.....”

All of our students conducted themselves with pride and respect, as they do every day. Our ‘High Expectations’ agenda is embedded in our school and the results are clear to all, even visitors, such as the Minister for Education.
2. BADGE INVESTITURE CEREMONY

On Thursday 7 March, our new student councillors and student leaders were inducted for 2013. I was very proud of our school and our new student leaders. Thank you to the many parents and family members who attended this special occasion. A special mention too, to Deputies, Mr Craig Thorne and Ms Janeen Almond, who ensured that the ceremony went smoothly and professionally. I am confident that our new group of student leaders will be excellent ambassadors for our school.

3. ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

We had our first Walking Wheeling Wednesday this week. Teachers and student leaders manned the school gates first thing in the morning armed with stickers to present to all participants. It was great to see so many children riding bikes and scooters as well as the walkers.

Every Wednesday from now on will be designated as Walking Wheeling Wednesday. Drivers are encouraged to park just a block or two away to enable students to walk the short distance to school. That way all children can participate and be in the draw for prizes and rewards. Teachers will be stamping student passports every Wednesday so get involved in Active School Travel.

4. STUDENT COUNCIL GETS UNDERWAY

I have now met with our new student council and they already have lots of jobs to do. Two of our councillors have written a short article about the recent Badge Investiture. See below.

Hi as some of you may not already know us, our names are, Shanai and Georgia and we are writing this paragraph to inform you that the day we collected our badges was a really special day for not only the both of us but for the other senior representatives as well.

The badge ceremony was a really special day for all of us because not only were we all excited to receive our badges but this could be a once in a lifetime opportunity to help and represent our wonderful school.

We felt really special because we had chosen to represent our school in as many ways as possible. If any of the senior leaders can help you, your son or your daughter in any way shape or form please don’t hesitate to let us know and we will try to figure out the best outcome. We hope you all enjoyed reading our article about why we thought the 7th March 2013 was so special to us.

Written by
Shanai 6A & Georgia 4/5J
Student Councillors

The Student Council is also hosting a free dress day on Friday 22 March, with funds going to Bundaberg East State School which was badly flooded earlier this year. The theme is Rainbow dressing so any colour is fine. If your child is wearing free dress on that day a gold coin donation is required.

5. SCHOOL RESOURCE HIRE SCHEME

Thank you to the overwhelming number of parents who have chosen to make the $50.00 resource hire scheme payment. Your children will have access to all the resources and texts required under the new National Curriculum.

For those parents who have not made this payment yet, please endeavour to do so by the cut off date, March 30

Kind Regards

Desley Brassington
Principal
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

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.

NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY

The day gives people the opportunity to show their support for closing the 17 year life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and other Australians. It aims to raise awareness of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health crisis.

For more information visit Oxfam Australia


or Australian Indigenous Health Info Net website

http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/closing-the-gap?qclid=Clz2xGc8LMCFY1fpQodNnsZAZ

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Greetings All,

Trainee School Chaplain
On Thursdays, from 14 March till the end of the year, our school will have a Vocational Placement student, Mrs Erin Mawhinney. Erin is currently doing a Certificate 4 in Youth Work and will be working at school under my supervision. She is a member of our Forest Lake community and mum to four children. I would like to welcome her to Grand Avenue S.S.

PRIORITY ONE - Friday Night Christian Youth Program for Years 6 and 7
Rev Russell Reynoldson, Forest Lake Uniting Church, is inviting any interested students in Years 6 and 7 to join the Priority One youth group, at 528 Waterford Rd, Ellen Grove. The Christian program aims at being a fun time in a friendly environment!

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Active School Travel – What Do YOU Think?

Congratulations to all our parents and students who will be leaving the car at home every week on Walking Wheeling Wednesday and actively travelling instead. Active School Travel is all about reducing traffic congestion outside our school gates, improving road safety and increasing the numbers of students who walk, cycle, car pool or use public transport on the journey to and from school. Don’t forget, every Wednesday is now Walking Wheeling Wednesday!

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/ASTparentsurvey2013

Please complete the survey before Wednesday, 20 March and the class with the most responses will WIN a $50 tuckshop voucher!

Active School Travel – What Do YOU Think?
MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

The GASS Music Support Group has been lucky enough to secure a Bunning’s BBQ at the Oxley store on Saturday 27th April.

We need volunteers to help on the day between 7.30 and 4.00pm. A note about the day has been sent home with all music students. If you haven't received one please contact me.

This is our major fundraiser of the year so we would be grateful for any help.

The Music Support Group has just purchased 25 new music stands and a storage cart for the music program which will be used in the auditorium but there are more items on the wish list that we hope to fund this year.

Thank you Veronica Stickley
veronicastickley@hotmail.com.au

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Fitness and Dance

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 Blv 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 enquiries phone 3273 6367
www.fitnessanddance.com.au