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PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Hi Everyone, It’s the start of a new year and its all go, with two fundraising events already this term, the BBQ at Woolworths and our first Sunday Market for the year, raising around $2250 in total. For those wanting to keep up to date with our monthly Sunday Markets you can find us on Facebook, just look up ‘Markets on Grand’.

This is a very exciting year for the school with two major projects planned. The first project is to air condition the classrooms. The plan is to start with Prep and Grade 1 this year and then the remaining year levels over the next couple of years. This has been talked about for several years and is finally coming to fruition.

The second project is to build a shade structure on the oval that will house bubblers and electrical outlets making it easier to host events like sports days as well as the Fete. It will also make it easier for the children during breaks to stay hydrated and cool while on the oval.

In order to make this possible we have a very big year of fundraising ahead which our recently formed fundraising committee will oversee. In addition we host a Fete in September this year and planning is already well underway. The Fete is held every two years and is one of our key fundraising events, so it is vital to our projects.

For anyone interested in wanting to find out more about what’s happening at the school, we have our first P&C Meeting on Tuesday, 19 February 2013, in the administration block. We welcome new parents to these meetings and look forward to working together to make this the very best school for our children. See you there!

Gavin Rook
P & C President
pandcpresident@grandavenues.eq.edu.au

AGM
19th March
7pm - Staffroom

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GRAND AVENUE STATE SCHOOL P&C NEWSLETTER

P&C Phone Number
0427 067 179
This is a dedicated P&C contact number made available to remove the need to contact the school directly.

UNIFORM SHOP

Regular Shop Hours:
Monday  8.15 - 9.30 am
Tuesday  8.15 - 9.30 am
Wednesday  8.15 - 9.30 am
Thursday  8.15 - 9.30 am
Friday  8.15 - 9.30 am

Online orders
If you are a regular user of online ordering for the canteen you may have noticed that all uniform stock lines are now available at www.flexischools.com.au

It’s been a busy start to the back to school year and we would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation awaiting sometimes long queues for uniforms.

The uniform shop still has stock of:
Text books covering all year levels. Stock is limited so grab any text books you may need for the 2013 year.
Heavy duty chair bags.
High Frequency Word Packs.
Re-useable A4 book covers.

We are out of stock of Firetail reversible hats, however the alternative stock has now arrived and ready for sale.
Production of Year 7 shirt orders is underway, and we hope to have delivery of these by the end of Term 1.

Tracy & Nikki
Uniform Shop Convenors
uniforms@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

CANTOEN

We would like to welcome everyone back to school.
Just a reminder that Friday’s are online ordering only through flexischools which is available for ordering everyday of the week.
It is www.flexischools.com.au and you can order from your pc at home, your iphone or we have a computer available in the library for your use.
If you have any questions, please come see one of the ladies in the canteen where we are happy to help.
We also have our red day and disco this term which are our big fundraisers for the P&C Association, so please support.
We have a fantastic team in the canteen which includes myself Sue, Lee, Jacky, Tracey and Pam who are all staff members and will answer any questions you may have.

Sue Meiring
Canteen Convenor

FUNDRAISING

Our third fundraising venture for the year is Billy Gs Gourmet cookie dough. Sell to your neighbours, family and work colleagues.
The order forms have gone home, return date for the forms and money is the 8th March and approx. delivery date is 26th March.
If you anybody can help sorting orders on delivery day, please contact me.
We are looking at family portraits with Advanced life Photography next term.
Our big fundraiser will be the fete on the 15th September, it will be an exciting year!
Look out for any fundraising information in your children's bags.

Louise Gordon
Fundraising Co-ordinator

MARKETS

Next Market
10th March 2013

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has commenced for 2013, banking day is Wednesdays. If you would like your child/ren to be part of school banking it is as easy as opening a dollarmite account with the Commonwealth Bank.
Then hand the banking into your child/ren teacher every Wednesday. Don’t forget for every 10 tokens your child can receive a reward, just place token and which reward wanted into the school banking.
Rewards available now:- Wallet, knuckles game, handball, spen moneybox, cred moneybox, pat and dog money box, addy money box and pru money box.
Please feel free to email us with any questions.
Thank you

Rachel and Jane
School Banking Co-ordinators
GASSschoolbanking@yahoo.com.au

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Greetings Everyone from Chaplain Kathy Williams.
I hope the start of the new school year has been as smooth as possible for you all.

For those new to our school community, I would like to introduce myself and list some of the ways I contribute to our school.
I have been in this role since October, 2007. Prior to this I was a secondary school Mathematics teacher for 25 years, living and working in several states and P.N.G. I completed a Diploma in Youth Work in 2008 and I am really enjoying this career change. I live in Forest Lake with my husband of 44 years and we have two adult sons in NSW.

As the school chaplain at Grand Avenue State School, I offer social, emotional and spiritual support to students and other members of the school community. I usually see about 20 students on a regular basis, weekly or fortnightly. I coordinate a variety of programs designed to build emotional resilience and improve social skills, and I organise parenting seminars. I coordinate the Religious Education program and run some
lunchtime Christian clubs, catering for students from Prep to Year 3, this year. (N.B. If you would like a permission form for one of these clubs for your child/children, please contact me – see below.)

In April, 2010, I introduced a very successful mentoring program, Partnering with Purpose, where individual students (18 at present) are linked with a suitable adult. This program is available to those children who are finding the school environment challenging for various reasons. I am always looking for new applicants to join our team – if you would like more information, I would love to hear from you! (See below)

In Term 1 each year I organise a program by Professor Paula Barrett - Fun Friends - in all Prep classes. This program teaches children a number of important life-skills, e.g. learning to change negative thoughts into positive ones, using a step-by-step plan to achieve a goal, and helps improve social skills.

I write a regular column in the fortnightly school newsletters, attend P&C meetings and work with the Student Council to co-ordinate events such as the Red Shield Appeal and Operation Christmas Child.

Contact details: mobile (voice mail and sms may be done 24/7) - 0419 342 055.
Email – NEW ADDRESS: chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
My office is in H block.

Blessings,
Chaplain Kathy.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

The Grand Ave State School Music Support Group consists of parents of students involved in the school’s fantastic Music Programme. This group functions to support the students involved in the Music program, the Music Staff and fellow parents. Involvement with the Music Support Group provides parents not only with an opportunity to support and contribute to the Music Programme, but also an opportunity to be socially involved with other families in the school community.

Through the Music Support Group, parents are able to contribute to the success of the school’s Music Programme through activities such as assisting Music Staff with performances, fundraising to support Music programmes, and promoting music events within the school community. Regular emails are sent out to keep parents informed about school musical activities and to allow parents opportunities to support these activities. If you would like to be added to the list please email a request to veronicastickley@hotmail.com.

In the past three years the Music Support Group has purchased school banners, performance vests, music folders and a piano and microphones for the auditorium. The wish list for 2013 includes new music stands and participation awards for the music students.

The Music Support Group has had a great start to the year having already completed our first fundraiser of the year, a BBQ at the Markets on Grand held at the school on the 10 February. Thank you to the parents and teachers who helped by either donating items or volunteering their time. The next fundraising event will be an Easter Raffle to be drawn on the 28 March. We are seeking donations of Easter eggs for the raffle which can be taken to the music room.

The major fundraiser of the year will be a Bunnings BBQ at Oxley on Saturday 27 April. Last year this event raised $2020 which we hope to repeat this year. Please make a note of this date and consider giving an hour or two of your time to help on the day. Further details will be sent home soon.

Veronica Stickley
Parent Co-ordinator GASS Music Support Group