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PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

Hi everyone, we have had a lot happen since my past report, so where to begin...
The Annual General Meeting was held on March 19th. With some new parents joining the existing team we are stronger than ever heading into 2013. This is also when we have the elections for the executive. Your new executive members are:

President Gavin Rook
Vice President Donna Clark
Treasurer Ian Watson
Assistant Treasurer Maree Simmich
Secretary Vacant
Assistant Secretary Vacant

The executive team are honoured to be elected and look forward to another fantastic year. We would like to see if there is anyone else who would like to join the executive team as Secretary or Assistant Secretary. Please contact Donna if you would like more information, it is really a lot of fun and very rewarding.

I would like to thank Melanie Aavik, who has chosen to leave the executive after 5 years of fantastic service, to take up the role of Market Co-ordinator. Mel will be working with Nikki on this excellent ongoing fundraising event. She is still working hard for our children, thanks Mel for all the hard work.

Our big news is that we have agreed to install air conditioning in 4 blocks of the school this year, Prep and most of year 1. We have made the decision to start with an affordable option, which means there will be no need for any additional levy for parents. The P&C will, however, need to increase their yearly contribution to the school by $5000 to cover the ongoing costs. It is anticipated that this work will take place over the June/July school holidays.

We have many events happening this term to raise funds for the school. We have included a fundraising calendar in this newsletter for your information. Please help where you can so we can make this a great school for our children.

It has also been agreed that we will reduce the number of P&C meetings to 2 per term. This will not affect our ability to make key decisions and should make it easier for the P&C members to attend the meetings. The next P&C meeting will be on the 18th June.

I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work over the past year, it’s been fun. Thank you once again, for electing me as your president.

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

VICE PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

First of all I would like to introduce myself. My name is Donna Clark and I have previously been the P&C Secretary and before that the Minutes Secretary. I have been involved with the Grand Avenue State School P&C since my son first came to the school in Prep, 4 years ago, working alongside Louise...
Donna Clark  
P & C Vice President

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

All Prep winter orders are available for collection from the Uniform Shop. Winter uniforms are also available for purchase with the cooler mornings upon us.

Notice Regarding Second Hand Uniforms
Due to a high supply of second hand uniforms and limited display space, no second hand uniforms will be accepted for re-sale from the 1st June until the end of Term 3 – or until current stock is depleted. If you are looking for a spare set of uniforms, come in and take a look – there is plenty.

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

CANTEEN

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 have our red day and disco this term which are our big fundraisers for the P&C Association, so please support.

Sue Meiring  
Canteen Convenor

FUNDRAISING

This is a big year for fundraising ….

FETE - 15 September

Keep an eye out for the Fete newsletters they will start soon.

Have you seen the new Entertainment Book. Entertainment books are available now in the uniform shop for $65. It is full of great savings while supporting the schools fundraising.

Use this link to buy online then your book can be collected from uniform shop.  

Sample book available in uniform shop and school office and a flipbook is available online at www.entertainmentbook.com.au

Mother’s Day Stall  
Mother’s day stall will be held 8th, 9th and 10th May, in the foyer of the Auditorium. Great gifts ranging from $1-$15.

Cookie Dough  
If you missed out on cookie dough, we still have some left over tubs for sale  
If you are interested. $16 a tub. Phone Louise 0403733280

Louise Gordon  
Fundraising Co-ordinator
School 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
GASSchoolbanking@yahoo.com.au

**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

Greetings Everyone,

**Parenting Seminar – Prof Paula Barrett in May**

In Term 1 this year I ran 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.

Paula is an acclaimed and engaging speaker. On **Tuesday evening, 28th May** she will be presenting a parenting seminar organised jointly by myself and two other school chaplains.

**Topic** - *Strong Not Tough: Building Resilience in Families.*

**MARKETS**

**NEXT MARKET**

**12TH MAY 2013**

**FETE**

**15TH SEPTEMBER 2013**

Planning is well underway. If you would like to be involved please contact Gavin Rook on pandcpresident@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

**SCHOOL BANKING**

**FUTURE MARKET**

**26TH MAY 2013**

Funds are being raised for the South African and flood relief. **Next Market** on 12th May, the school raffle and Bunnings BBQ on 15th September.

**MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP**

Thank you to all the parents who supported the Easter Raffle and the Bunnings BBQ. Together these events raised $3060 which is a fantastic

**Encouraging our students to help others**

In Term 1, with the help of the Student Council, we held a free dress day with a gold coin donation request and raised $1200 for flood relief for students at Bundaberg East State School. My husband and I are making a personal visit to the school to make the presentation at an assembly on the 6th of May.

This term, the Red Shield Appeal is our focus. Students will be encouraged to wear an item of red clothing with their uniform and to bring a gold coin again. The day is **Friday, 31st May**.

**My role at Grand Avenue S.S.**

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 co-ordinate a variety of programs designed to build emotional resilience and improve social skills, and I organise parenting seminars. I co-ordinate 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.)

I also co-ordinate 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)

Contact details: mobile (voice mail and sms may be done 24/7) - 0419 342 055. My office is in H block.

**Blessings,**

Chaplain Kathy.
chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
result. This has enabled the Music Support Group to purchase 25 music stands and a storage cart to replace some older broken stands. A big thank you must go to Matthew Hoey (Strings Teacher) who has volunteered to assemble the stands. The next event on the calendar is the Performing Arts Concert which will be held on Thursday 30th May from 7pm in the auditorium. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to see their children perform. Further information will come home about this night shortly. Lastly a reminder that the uniform shop stocks the black pants and white shirt worn at performances, including second hand items. If you have items that you wish to sell now would be a perfect time to take them to the uniform shop.

Veronica Stickley
Parent Co-ordinator GASS Music Support Group
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