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.

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**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE PH:** 3372 0560

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**From the Principal**

Dear Parents

I am very pleased with the way our students have embraced the new Bookwork and Handwriting standards. I have been looking at every student’s work in each class that I visit and I must say that every child is working hard to meet our high expectations this year. Teachers and deputy principals have also been checking student work and there is already a clear lift in bookwork.
In teaching our students to take pride in their handwriting and bookwork presentation we are also sending strong messages that they should also take pride in their class, their teacher and most importantly their learning. The children are enjoying the sense of success and achievement that comes from doing their work well and I can see a big improvement across the board. I am confident that we can meet our next challenge which is to keep these high standards up all year.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

It is with great pleasure that I announce the names of our new student leaders for 2012. They are as follows:

**Captains** – Vidal Corte-Real and Chloe Allen

**Vice Captains** – Michael Fortuin and Darly Ngwe

After a thorough selection process the students from years 4-7 voted for their new school leaders. I have met with these talented young people and we have talked about their roles and responsibilities. I would also like to congratulate each of the year 7 student leader nominees and the short listed candidates, all of whom were high quality applicants.

We will be celebrating the appointment of our full complement of student leaders including sports captains and student councillors at the Student Investiture ceremony on March 15th. All parents are most welcome to attend.

**‘YOU CAN DO IT’ PROGRAM**

Grand Avenue’s school rules are based on the foundations of the “You Can Do It” program. It is a whole school program that has been developed between the Forest Lake cluster of state schools and provides a rich framework for the social and emotional development of students. All year levels teach a 30 minute lesson weekly. The five foundation concepts are:

- Getting Along
- Persistence
- Confidence
- Organisation
- Resilience

It is expected that all members of the school community are familiar with these rules and why they are important to the school.

**EVACUATION/LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES**

Due to a range of potential risks from within and outside our school, it is necessary for the protection and safety of students and staff that Grand Avenue has well-advertised and rehearsed Lockdown and Evacuation procedures. Although the purposes of the procedures are
shared and practiced with students regularly, it is important that parents are aware of, and also discuss these procedures with their children.

**Lockdown** – students are to be seated on the floor under their desks while windows and doors are secured. Students and staff need to be protected from aggressive intruders (eg. estranged adult, large dogs etc) and environmental mishaps (eg. dangerous chemical spill). A broken siren wall signals a lock down.

**Evacuation** – students and staff must be able to evacuate buildings quickly in the case of fire or bomb threat. A continuous siren signals evacuation procedures. Practices occur at least once a term. Should parents arrive at school during an evacuation or lockdown they should proceed to the nearest student assembly point (ie. oval or area adjacent to staff car park).

**PARKING IN CHILD CARE CENTRE**
Unfortunately, it has come to my attention that some parents are parking in the child care centre car park on Centennial Way. This is creating a very difficult situation for the child care staff. I would ask that Grand Avenue families do not park in this area as it is privately owned and not available for our use. The Child Care staff have advised that they will call the police if this practice continues.

It is crucial that all Grand Avenue State School parents utilise the drop-off zones appropriately. Under no circumstances should parents leave their cars unattended in the drop-off zone.

Warmest regards

Desley Brassington
Principal

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**NO TRESPASSING**

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.

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**PAYMENTS DUE**

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Throughout the year, parents are required to contribute financially to curricular and extra curricular activities. This includes excursions, incursions, camps and the parent voluntary contribution. The school recognises that there is an organisational efficiency for parents in making a one off bulk payment instead of many individual payments.

**2012 PARENT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION - $40 (Years Prep - 7; SEP)**

State Schools provide free instruction, administration and facilities to students of Australian citizens or permanent residents. However, in conjunction with their Parents and Citizens Associations (PCA), schools are able to ask parents for a voluntary contribution to provide extra resources.

At Grand Avenue, the school strives to provide the best possible educational opportunities for all students. In doing so, it is challenged constantly to justify the worthiness of learning programs against recurring resourcing costs. The reality is that unless parents provide supplementary
funds, the school cannot sustain the current full range of education experiences that students enjoy.

Please complete the Voluntary Financial Contribution Agreement form when making payment for this contribution.

2012 INSCHOOL INCURSIONS/PERFORMANCES/PARENT FUNDED ACTIVITIES

In-school performances/incursions have been booked by the school this year. Not all performances will apply to each year level. As the school is not required to issue a receipt for amounts less than $10 and in order to assist parents by paying for incursions to teachers, these incursions have been combined in order for parents to pay a “one off” amount. Parents will be advised of other excursions and incursions over $10 at least five weeks prior to the excursion date.

Mathletics is a web-based learning program which integrates home and school learning via the internet. Mathletics covers the Prep – Year 12 Australian Maths Curriculum and is currently used in over 1300 Australian schools, with more than 100,000 students accessing the site every day! It is the next generation in learning, helping students enjoy maths and improve their results. We believe that this is a beneficial program for less than $1 per month.

After many requests by parents for a one-off payment for these activities, the school has now invoiced each Year Level for these bulk offers.

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The advantages of paying a one off payment are that you will not need to find change each time a performance is scheduled and also that your child will not miss out on any activity due to late payment for the activity.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

(Students selected to participate in the Instrumental Program Only)

Students who participate in the school’s instrumental Music Program are required to pay a levy of $25 per year to cover costs incurred in running this program. In addition, a hire fee of $50 is also charged to those students who use school purchased instruments.

The payment window is open to receive payments from 8.15am – 11.15am each day. Payment can be made by cash, cheque and if over $10 by EFTPOS and credit card. Alternatively, your child can hand payment envelopes to their teacher or you can pay by credit card over the phone. A receipt will be issued for all amounts over $10 and returned to teachers to hand to students to bring home.

You would be aware that Instalment Payment Plans can be negotiated for families who experience financial difficulties. Please contact the school office if financial hardship exists so that special arrangements can be made. All discussions will be held in confidence.

Ashton Scholastic Book Fair
14th March - 26th March
Library
**Book Fair is coming!**

Books generally cost between $10.00 and $15.00; posters are $5.00; there are novelty items such as diaries, and notebooks, and all sorts of stationery items ranging from $1.00 for an eraser, $2.00 for a Clickit pen, or a lunch box of erasers, to fibre optic pens for $4.00.

The children will be able to fill in a Wish List to give you an idea of what they would like.....

**PREVIEW: Wednesday 14th March – Friday 16th March and Pre-Orders**

Children and parents are welcome to visit the Library from Wednesday 14th March to Friday 16th March at any time between 8.00am and 3.30 pm to see what is available from Book Fair.

There will be no sales in these preview periods, but parents are encouraged to place orders using the handy Visa/ MasterCard slips.

This preview period allows more of the children to see what is available before the items disappear off the shelves when they are purchased.

With pre-ordered items, we are able to deliver purchases to your child in their classrooms.

**BUYING: Monday 19th March to Monday 26th March**

In the second week, Monday 19th March to the following Monday 26th March, items that are on the shelves can be bought, orders can left for us to deal with.

Re-orders are usually available if we run out of stock of popular titles.

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**Chaplain’s Corner**

Greetings All,

**Relaxation is for Everyone:** Prep children are learning about relaxation this week in Fun Friends, but I believe everyone needs to consider making time each day just to relax and unwind. You could spend some time enjoying a favourite, quiet activity or give yourself permission to just do nothing for a while. (I am actually talking to myself here too, as I know I should do this but don’t always!)

Prof Paula Barrett says it is really important for children to have such quiet time straight after school every day. Her suggestions include spending some time outdoors, even if the little ones are active there, it is beneficial. This can actually be simply walking home from school where this is a possibility. Going to a busy shopping centre with them is not recommended.

**Prep and Years 1 & 2 notice:** Christian lunchtime clubs will be starting soon for students in Prep and Years 1 and 2 at first break on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. The Prep and Year 1 students will be combined but Year 2 will be separate. Membership is strictly by parent/carer consent only. Interested parents/carers may contact me (by mobile or email or through a note at the office) to request a permission note to be given to your child to take home. Students in the Prep and Year 1 group last year will automatically be given new notes to take home.

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

Blessings,

Kathy Williams
School Chaplain
(0419 342 055)
kwill454@eq.edu.au
This year is an exciting year for all students with the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. As part of this, the children in Prep, Year One and Two at Grand Avenue are participating in a new Phonogram and Sight Word Program which we are looking forward to sharing with you. The students are learning the sounds that correspond with each letter of the alphabet and in turn learning how to use these sounds in word making and spelling.

We are holding an information session for parents on:

Tuesday 13th March
9:00 – 10:30 am
Grand Avenue Auditorium

ALL WELCOME

HELP NEEDED WITH SCHOOL BANKING

Help is needed for the school banking for this term. If you are interested please leave your name and contact details with the ladies at the office and they will pass on to the P&C.

SCHOOL DISCO

To celebrate the start of 2012 we are holding a Disco. Please Come along and support our School. We need help from more parents please anytime from 5:30pm if you can help for 30 minutes or more. If you require further info or want to book in to lend a hand please email:-

pandcpresident@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

School Disco
Friday 2nd March
Cost $3 per child

GENERAL

The P & C need helpers to do photocopying and occasional assistance throughout the year with some fundraising. If you are able to assist in any way please contact:-

pandcpresident@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

AGM will be held Tuesday 20th March in the Staff Room.