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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**From the Principal**

**Anzac Day Commemoration**

On Monday 23 April, I accompanied the school captains, Vidal Corte-Real and Chloe Allen and the vice captains, Michael Fortuin and Mya-Darly Ngwe along with our defence force teacher aide Mrs Luci Kleineberg to the Students’ ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony in Anzac Square in the city. This ceremony is conducted specifically for school students and has been designed to encourage the highest level of student participation.

The efforts of Australia’s Defence Forces throughout the world in areas of combat, in peace keeping exercises and particularly in providing assistance to areas devastated by natural disasters was clearly evident during 2012 and they are once again assisting with the devastating floods in central and south-western Australia.
The Anzac Day Students’ Commemoration gave our students an opportunity to honour our current defence forces while showing respect and gratitude for all men and women who have served our country throughout the years.

Our students participated fully in the service and laid a wreath at the Eternal Flame on behalf of the school community. They conducted themselves with dignity and represented the school with honour and exemplary behaviour. It was a privilege to accompany them.

**BER Ceremony**

On Thursday 29 March we celebrated the official opening of our new Auditorium and Resource Centre upgrade. Federal MP, Mr Bernie Ripoll, did the honours on behalf of the Commonwealth and was ably supported by a group of special guests including staff and P&C representatives. I would like to acknowledge the tireless work of school staff including Mrs Julie Downes, Ms Janeen Almond, Ms Helen Mackintosh and Mr Elliot Walter who, along with many others, spent a great deal of time and energy on this project. Their efforts have ensured an outcome of high quality which will serve our students and community for many years to come. The formal ceremony was a fitting acknowledgement of a long and at times demanding journey. Our year 6 and 7 students were exemplary along with the music students who performed on the day. I was also very proud of our school captains. A number of the special guests commented on their poise and maturity.

**P&C AGM**

A new P&C executive was elected at the AGM in March. Our outgoing President, Mrs Karen Pike, has been at the helm for 3 years and I would like to publicly acknowledge the wonderful leadership and support she has provided to the school community during that time. She has worked tirelessly on behalf of the school and has overseen a number of major improvements, the most significant being the funding of electronic smart boards for every classroom. Her leadership of the P&C Executive team has ensured clear direction and focus, resulting in many benefits for the children at Grand Avenue. Thank you Karen it has been a pleasure to work with you.

I also welcome Mr Gavin Rook, our new P&C President. Gavin has taken over the reins with enthusiasm and has a strong vision for our school. I am keen to work with Gavin and am confident that his leadership will build on the partnership so well established by Karen. Grand Avenue State School is very fortunate to have an active and committed P&C. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Special Presentation**

After the April P&C meeting, our Head of Curriculum, Ms Leanda Norman, gave a short presentation on the new National Curriculum and its’ progress at Grand Avenue State School. A number of interested parents were in attendance and asked some quite challenging questions. We are keen to share with parents and given the strong response to the evening session we are now considering a day time information session later this year.

**Acting Principal**

I will be on long service leave for the next 6 weeks. Mr Hugh Goodfellow has been nominated as Acting Principal for Grand Avenue State School whilst I am on leave. I am sure that you will all make Hugh welcome during this time.

**Adjustments to Semester 1 Report Cards**

As you would be aware, this year the Australian Curriculum is being implemented in the subject areas of English, Mathematics and Science. Semester 1 reports for English and Mathematics will have minor adjustments made to the reporting template to accommodate the changes being made in these subject areas.

Past report cards, at Grand Avenue State School, have included ratings for each individual strand in English and Mathematics as well as the inclusion of an overall rating. Advice received from Education Queensland has outlined that ratings for the individual strands, such as reading & writing in English or measurement and number in Mathematics, will not have an individual rating in this Semester’s report.

Teachers’ comments will provide you with information regarding your child’s progress in the strands taught in addition to the overall rating for the subject area.
When report cards are received you are most welcome to make an appointment to see your child’s teacher should you have any questions. This is the most effective way of gaining an insight into your child’s progress.

Warmest regards
Desley Brassington
Principal

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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Spotlight On – Rachel Sweetnam

My name is Rachel Sweetnam and I’ve been at Grand Avenue since 2009. I’ve taught for nearly 16yrs across all states but my biggest stint was in New Zealand, on the North Island, where I taught for 6.5yrs in a country town called Taumarunui. I’m originally from Queensland, a country town called Toogoolawah, & I come from a farming background. I’ve been travelling and moving around for work over the years and this is the first time I’ve taught in QLD.

Currently I’m on a beautiful Yr 2 class & I’m also the Year Level Co-ordinator which is a busy role but am enjoying the extra responsibility. I’m also involved in the Sustainability committee which started last year & we’ve proudly been able to implement some big changes to the school like the composting garden & recycling. I’ve recently just been made permanent so I’m really chuffed to finally be in the system now.

What do I enjoy?
Hanging out with my 2 adorable kids, they’re awesome;
State of Origins; bike riding; Connect Four;
Dinner & movies with friends; cooking; .....eating CHOCOLATE!!

Ms Rachel Sweetnam
Teacher
Year 6 Author Visit: Deborah Abela, Tuesday 1 May, 2012

Deborah Abela has been invited back this year to talk to Year 6 students about her writing. She was one of our guest speakers in 2011, and her books have never been back on the shelves since… To find out why, visit her website

And this is from the blurb of Grimsdon, her most popular book to date

"Grimsdon is in ruins. Three years ago a giant wave broke its barriers and the sea flooded this grand city. Most were saved, some were lost – and some were left behind.

Isabella and her best friend Griffin live with three other children in the top of an opulent mansion. They’ve survived with the help of Griffin’s brilliant inventions, Isabella’s fighting skills, and their vow to look after each other.

But what will happen when a newcomer arrives in his flying machine….

Watch the book trailer at this site:
http://deborahabela.com/site/Grimsdon_Preview.html

Year 6 students are in for a treat, as Deborah’s presentation in 2011 was wonderfully entertaining.

Parents are cordially invited to attend the sessions in the library, starting from 9.30am.

Students are welcome to bring money on the day if they would like to buy a book from Deb ($15.00 - $18.00 depending on the title) and Deb will sign the book for them.

Chaplain’s Corner

Greetings All,

Professor Paula Barrett is one of the world’s leaders in the promotion of resilience in families and communities, as well as in the treatment and prevention of anxiety and depression in children and youth.

Paula is the author of the Fun Friends and Friends for Life programs, which are run at our school.

Join Paula as she speaks to our school community on:

Ways to maximise positive learning
Methods of dealing with parental split
Being cohesive and consistent in your child’s upbringing
How to deal with anxiety and fears surrounding step-parents and step-siblings
How to form realistic and developmentally appropriate expectations

When: Tuesday, 1st May, 2012, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Where: Grand Avenue State School Auditorium

Gold coin donation, please.
I may be contacted by mobile or email 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

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LOTE Lucky Tickets

Three new tickets have been drawn for the LOTE Lucky Tickets.

They are:
Red F100
Orange F44
Blue B29

If you have one of those tickets you can claim your prize by presenting the winning ticket to me.

Be sure to keep your tickets (glue them into the back page of your book). They show how you go the extra mile in class.

Mr Winchester

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ウィンチェスター先生

Queensland Ready Reader

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARENT READY READER PROGRAM TO GIVE YOUR CHILD “A FLYING START WITH READING AT HOME”

The Parent Program recognises parents as important partners in their child’s education. As a parent/caregiver, you bring unique experiences that can help your child to learn.

The Parent Ready Reader Program explores:
• the wide range of literacy experiences that happen daily and how these can provide opportunities for learning in natural and exciting ways.
• the knowledge that effective readers draw upon when reading
• ways to engage your child with reading
• strategies for supporting reading

Dates:-
Tuesday 24 April  Ashgrove Library  12.30- 2.15pm
Thursday 26 April  State Library Southbank  10.30 – 12.30pm
Tuesday 8 May  Garden City Library Mt Gravatt  11.30 – 1.30pm
Thursday 17 May  Manly West State School 9.15 – 11.15am
Friday 25 May  Nashville State School Brighton  9.15 – 11.15am
Tuesday 29 May  State Library Southbank 10.30 – 12.30pm
Tuesday 19 June  Craigslea State School  9.15 – 11.15am
Tuesday 26 June  State Library Southbank  10.30 – 12.30pm
Friday 29 June  Carindale Library 10.00 – 12noon

If your would like to attend please RSVP to sharlene.emanuel@deta.qld.gov.au or phone 3350 7821  You may attend any venue which is most convenient to you.
COME ALONG TO THIS RELAXED AND FUN SESSION TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD ENJOY READING!

Audience: Parents and carers of young children particularly to Year 3
This free presentation is for 2 hours and you will receive a workbook, magnet and bookmark.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sharlene Emanuel
Regional Coordinator
Department of Education and Training

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.

Information and Training is now available around Brisbane. Come along and help support a young reader! Free training usually 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 Minister 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@deta.qld.gov.au for registration if there is a suitable date below.

Training to be held at:-
Ferny Grove State School  Wednesday 18 April 9.15 – 2.15pm
Manly West State School  Friday 27 April 9.15 – 2.15pm
Albany Creek State School  Wednesday 2 May  9.15 – 2.15pm
Amberley District State School  Tuesday 8 May 9 – 2.15pm
West End State School  Friday 18 May  9.15 – 2.15pm
Tingalpa State School Wednesday 30 May 9.15 – 2.15pm
Eight Mile Plains State School  Thursday 31 May  9.15 – 2.15pm
Yeronga State School Wednesday 13 June 9.15 – 2.15pm
The Gap State School  Tuesday 5 June 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.
This week I have had the great privilege to attend not one but three moving ANZAC Services and I feel extremely proud to be an Aussie and a member of a Military family.

On Monday the school leaders, Mrs Brassington and I represented Grand Avenue for the first time at the annual ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony for Students in ANZAC Square in Brisbane, which we plan to make an annual event.

On Tuesday, I was so thankful to see so many of our wonderful Defence Parents in uniform at our School ANZAC Ceremony. The sound of the bugle and the parents saluting always gives me goose bumps. My thoughts are with the five parents who are currently serving our great country on deployment. We now have 58 students of Defence families at Grand Avenue from all 3 forces.

On Wednesday, my family and I watched on in awe as all the Veterans marched passed to the beat of the Marching bands. But the proudest moment of all was to see the look on my kids faces when their Daddy marched passed. The turn out was amazing and I am so glad we all keep to the promise of...

‘Lest we forget’

Luci Kleineberg
Defence School Transition Aide

FLEXISCHOOLS NOW HAS AN APP ON THE IPHONES, SO PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER FROM FLEXISCHOOLS THROUGH THEIR IPHONES.

RED DAY IS COMING TO THE CANTEEN

1ST JUNE 2012

WE WILL BE SELLING ALL "RED" GOODIES AT BOTH FIRST AND SECOND BREAK. THERE WILL BE LOLLIES, ICEBLOCKS AND MANY OTHER THINGS ON SALE THAT ARE NORMALLY NOT IN OUR CANTEEN
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY CHESS

Chess, first mentioned in *The Republic* (Plato...), has fascinated people from all walks of life for almost two and a half thousand years. The benefits of Chess as an effective educational tool (especially in the areas of reading, problem solving, spatial and numerical skills) have been proven by a number of independent studies in several countries.

There are more books written about chess than any other sport. It is a game that has intrigued millions of players for over 2000 years. It has been played competitively via the telephone (before the internet), by post, under water, in space and on a chess board the size of a very, very small potato.

Often referred to as Gymnastics of the Mind, chess is a mandatory subject in over 30 countries world-wide. Contrary to belief Chess is not just for brighter students - it is for everyone! Chess is one of the few activities which allow boys and girls to compete without the constraints of physical size.

Throughout history many prominent people have been serious players and supporters of chess including Napoleon Bonaparte, Winston Churchill, Sir Frances Bacon, Charlemagne, Abraham Lincoln and children’s author Enid Blyton. Catherine the Great of Russia loved chess so much that visiting dignitaries requesting a meeting were required to play against her as she rode side-saddle. She had a chess board specifically crafted which she clipped onto her saddle.

Chess lessons at Grand Avenue for Term 2 will commence on 16 April, the first Monday back. All lessons will be conducted in 2C (Mrs Jansz’ room).

All students from Prep to Year 7 are invited to attend as lessons are suited to all levels of play.

Cost for the term is $64 which must be paid by week 2 of lessons. Please sign the permission form below and return with payment to Mrs Pizzato.

Mrs Pizzato may be contacted on 0409794745 if you would like to discuss the program with her.
Brisbane City Council in conjunction with CoolSports are running free programs in Osypa Park, Cnr Kathmaur Avenue, & Ronald Street, Ellen Grove on Thursdays from 10 May to 14 June. 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Adventure Kids (Ages 5 - 12)

This program is guaranteed to keep the kids active with lots of action in the outdoors. Activities include putting up tents, orienteering, parachute games, super rockets, bush walking, water squirting challenges, obstacle courses and treasure hunts! Parents are encouraged to participate. Bookings are not required.

Come and join the fun! Meet at the Playground, Bookings not required. If you have any queries, call John on 0412 004 603.

DISCOUNT VOUCHERS FOR THEME PARKS

If you would like vouchers to the theme parks please pick up from reception desk at office.
"FREE FUN DAY"
26th, 27th, 28th 29th April 2012
CALL NOW TO BOOK A PLACE!
3201 2368 or 0404 807 130

Fun filled non-competitive soccer programs for boys and girls aged 2 to 12 years old

TERM 2 PROGRAM - 8 WEEKS

Mite-E Soccer (2-3yo)
A great introduction to soccer. Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills, and develop their motor skills. Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment.
35 minute class
$100 for 8 weeks

Pint Size Soccer (4-5yo)
Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill-based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to the Pint Size 1x1 Big Game.
50 minute class $120 for 8 weeks

Intro to Micro (5-6yo)
Micro (6-8yo)
The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper-Soccer Big Game and develop their skills of passing, dribbling, shooting and more.
Intro - 60 min class, Micro - 75 min class
Intro - $135 incl. shin pads for 8 weeks
Micro - $140 incl. shin pads for 8 weeks

Micro Plus (9-12yo)
This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all their favorite soccer-based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game.
75 minute class
$140 incl. shin pads for 8 weeks

Venue Information:
Woodcrest College (Springfield)
Woodcrest Way, Springfield (UBD - 237 D14)
Junior School Oval

Our Lady of the Rosary School (Kenmore)
1 Kenmore Rd, Kenmore (UBD - 177 L10)

Ipswich Central State School
2A Griffiths Rd, Ipswich (UBD - 213 J18)
Opposite PCYC

Facebook - Like Us!
Join our online community and stay up-to-date with all things Grasshopper Soccer!

www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au

All programs conducted on the school oval - Please remember to bring a Hat & Water Bottle