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**

**Positive First Impressions**

I certainly consider it a great honour to be acting as principal of Grand Avenue during Mrs Brassington’s six weeks absence from the school. Substantively I am principal of Craigslea SS on the north-side of Brisbane, where I have been for the last six years.

First impressions are very powerful observations and I have certainly seen many strengths in my first week at the school, during which I managed to visit every class at least once. Students’ personal pride and respect for staff is of a very high standard. Pride in the school is also displayed through the care taken with the school grounds and the wearing of the school uniform. Please ensure that your child has the correct winter uniform so that the current high standard continues through the cooler months.

I can immediately see the school’s strong focus on teaching and learning. I have been very impressed with the Phonogram program being implemented in the Prep to Year 2 classes. The importance of children learning the relationship between printed letters and the sounds they make is well documented. Thank you to Mrs Broad and Mr Franssen for modelling short lessons for me last week.

The use of Pat Edgar as a consultant in the school is also incredibly powerful. Teachers will often go to workshops outside of school to learn new ideas. The model adopted by Grand Avenue of having teachers present a lesson in front of an expert and then participate in a
feedback conversation has far greater impact. Well done to Ms Sweetnam who ended up with four adults watching her lesson last week and did not miss a beat!

School parking
A few concerns were raised last week of parents parking inappropriately while waiting for children in the afternoon. Parking on footpaths and grass verges is dangerous as it may force children to walk on the road and block vision for other drivers.

2:45pm is the most congested time so please exercise patience in the carpark. I would also strongly encourage parents to use the 2 minute drop-off zone as an efficient collection point. Please do not use this zone as a parking space. Delaying collection by 5 or 10 minutes will make it easier to find a carpark while still ensuring that children have left school by 3pm as expected.

NAPLAN testing time again
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing next month, to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 15–17 May 2012. NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in the key curriculum areas. An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for every child later this year. Further information is available on the ACARA website. If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN testing, please contact the school.

Warmest regards
Hugh Goodfellow
Acting Principal

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Mathletics

Mathletics was developed in Australia. Mathletics is used around the world by schools in New Zealand, Uk and Europe, USA and Canada, South Africa, China and other Asian countries.
Mathletics captivates and challenges students in a stimulating, interactive environment.

- Used by hundreds of thousands of students each day
- Students are motivated and engaged
- Students are able to work through the curriculum at their own pace
- Students are assisted by an on-line support centre
- Live Mathletics fosters a stimulating and exciting on-line learning community
- Hall of Fame and certificates recognise and reward participation and achievement

Mathletics Improves Results

Mathletics motivates students to strive for better results.

- Using Mathletics increases average marks in Maths
- Is fully aligned to Syllabus Outcomes
- Is adaptive, it tailors questions based on the ability of individual students
- Provides immediate feedback to students, teachers and parents
- Visually supports every curriculum concept
- 24 hour access at both home and school

If you have not already paid for Mathletics in 2012, can I please encourage you to do so before May 31.

This program is a valued support for all students to help improve their numeracy skills.

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Chaplain’s Corner

Greetings All,

RED SHIELD APPEAL  at  Grand Avenue State School

On Friday, 25th May, our school will be participating in the Salvo’s Red Shield Appeal, assisted by the Student Council. Students are encouraged to wear something red with their uniform on that day (e.g. hat, socks, ribbon etc.) and to bring a GOLD COIN donation, please.
It is good to support the Salvos as they do so much for people in need in our country.

Year 6 Christian Lunchtime Program
Later this month, Rev Russell Reynoldson, the local Uniting Church minister, will be starting a weekly program (about 3 months duration) to disciple Christian students in Year 6. The program, The Daniel Quest, is provided by S.U. Qld. Parental consent is mandatory. Expressions of interest are now being sought. Please contact Chaplain Kathy as soon as possible, by phone, email or note through the Office.
Prof Paula Barrett
Prof Paula Barrett’s recent parenting seminar was very well received and appreciated by those who attended. However, it was disappointing that there were not more people taking advantage of such a high quality speaker for such a low cost. For any future visits, we will need to ask people to book in, and unless a minimum number is reached the event will not go ahead.

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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**Education Week**

**Education Week 21 – 25 May 2012**

**Music Performance – Forest Lake Shopping Village**

- Tuesday 22 May
- Senior and Junior Choir
- Senior Band
- Senior Strings

Will be performing between 9 and 11 o’clock at the Forest Lake Shopping Village

**Under 8’s Day**

- Celebration activities
- Between 9:15 – 10:45
- Friday 25 May
- In the Junior Playground
- Prep, Year 1 & Year 2 Students

**Chaplaincy Week**

Chaplaincy week is between Monday 21 – Friday 25 May and will be held at the Forest Lake Shopping Village where a static display will be held by the money spinner. A Chaplaincy committee advocate will be in attendance 3 - 4:30 each afternoon. **Sponsorship forms for our Chaplain will be available at this display.**

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**Inala District Cross Country**

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Inala District Cross Country:-
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**Lost Property**

As of Monday 7 May Lost Property has been relocated to the MPA.

**School Playground Equipment**

Student Playground Equipment is out of bounds before and after school. Please ensure your children are not playing on this equipment at these times.

**P & C**

**COMING SOON**

Cookie Dough fundraiser
look out for your order forms in your child’s bag!

**Great new flavours!**
Entertainment books still available $65
Look on www.entertainmentbook.com.au to see the great value.

Use the link below to pay for your book and pick up from the uniform shop,
Or go to the uniform shop and purchase.


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

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the cooler weather is now upon us, students will need to wear warmer clothing.

For your information, the following is an excerpt from the school's Student Dress Code –

The Grand Avenue State School Student Dress Code was developed to-
promote a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school.

promote an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school.

promote a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging, and

foster mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising evidence of economics, class or social differences.

It is expected that all students wear the appropriate uniform at all times. The Grand Avenue School Uniform for winter is:

- Microfibre Zip Jacket
- Microfibre Track Pant
- Maroon Fleecy Jacket
- Maroon V neck jumper

All items can be purchased at the Uniform Shop. Operating hours are Monday – Friday, 8:15am – 9:30am.

Plain navy blue and maroon jumpers/track pants available from department stores and are also considered to be acceptable. If you have any queries, please phone the office on 3372 0555.

Top Community News

Did you know that Forest Lake Girl Guides has been up and running for 10 years now.

We have done a lot of great things over the past decade and are still excited about our future in Forest Lake.

At Guides, girls and women have fantastic opportunities to develop new skills, try cool activities, gain confidence, to think and act for themselves, make new friends, acquire a greater respect for the environment and experience a sense of community while having fun. Guides also presents opportunities to attend state, national and international camps and events.

Membership of Girl Guides is open to girls from 5 to 17 years of age, and women 18 years and over. Each girl and adult member makes a promise which shows their commitment to the principles of Guiding and is her link with the 10 million other Guides world wide.

Guides provides a unique girl only space. International research has shown that boys and girls learn very differently. Guides are encouraged by Leaders and peers to explore their personal boundaries, in a safe and secure atmosphere. By this, Guides learn they can do anything.

Guide Leaders consistently report a special feeling about Guide meetings. It’s an energy the girls generate because they want to be there, where they:

• have a direct say in what they do
• learn to plan, action, and evaluate their activities
• can discover what kind of person, and girl, they are

Forest Lake Girl Guides meet on Monday nights from 6.30-8.00pm for girls aged 5-15 and Saturday mornings from 9.30-11.00am for girls aged 5-15. Both units do varying activities and it is up to you which day you prefer. Girls are welcome to come along for a 4 week FREE TRIAL simply by calling our District Leader, Lisa, on 0412 767 708 or sending an email to info@forestlakeguides.org.au. Check out our website for more information www.forestlakeguides.org.au
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

Adventur 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.