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.

Quality Relationships  
- Respect  
- Care and Compassion

High Achievement  
- Doing your best  
- Responsibility for learning

Meaningful Communication  
- Understanding and Inclusion  
- Honesty and Integrity

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From the Principal

Principal for the Day
This morning Grand Avenue welcomed Mr Anthony Shorten, State member for Algester, to the school as “Principal for the Day”. This initiative forms part of our Education Week celebrations. I have invited Mr Shorten to add his own “Principal's Report” to this edition of the newsletter.

In recognition of State Education Week 2012, I was most fortunate and proud to participate with Grand Avenue State School as Acting Principal for a Day. State Education Week is an opportunity to recognise State School students for their many talents and achievements and to appreciate teachers and staff for providing quality education for Queensland students.

I was afforded the opportunity to accompany the school’s choir and strings orchestra to a public musical recital at Forest Lake Shopping Centre as well as a visit to the Special Ed Unit and various classrooms. I am committed in supporting local schools in our community and I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Grand Avenue State School on affording me an insight into what is clearly a school that has a lot to be proud of, efficiently staffed by those that have a passion for excellent education.

Anthony Shorten MP - Acting Principal for a Day
Staff Professional Development
On Thursday evening this week the school teaching staff will be participating in a three hour professional development program. Three rotational sessions will be held for one hour each -
- Using ‘One-School’ to record Educational Adjustments
- Australian Curriculum unit planning
- Roll-making using ‘One-School’

School ICT Upgrade
I would like to acknowledge the contribution from the P&C that has funded the recent installation of Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs) in many classrooms in the school. 18 IWBs have been installed in classrooms across the school over the past fortnight. Also another 38 PCs have been received as part of the maintenance/replacement of older machines through school funding. It is also hoped to broaden the iPad Special Education Program to offer a small number of key staff access to iPads to trial.

School Tuckshop Procedures
Please be aware that all orders for the tuckshop on Fridays must be completed ‘online’ through the Flexischool website www.flexischools.com.au. This process was introduced last year due to the high volume of orders experienced by the tuckshop each week on that day. There is a designated computer in the library, available for use by parents who may not be able to access a computer at home. There is also an app available for various brands of smart phones. While parents are encouraged to use this system for all orders during the week it is the only system available on Fridays.

Semester 1 Reporting
I have invited our Head of Curriculum, Leanda Norman, to write a short article regarding the reporting of student progress under the new Australian Curriculum. There have been recent reports in the media outlining some changes, including reports for prep students. I will clarify that there are no plans for prep reports to be issued this semester. Leanda’s information is below.

As you would be aware, this year is the introduction of a new Australian Curriculum and in Queensland state schools, this is being interpreted through Curriculum into the Classroom (C2C) resources. Whilst the Australian Curriculum is similar in many respects to the previous Queensland curriculum, there are some differences in the expectations of the new content descriptors and achievement standards for each year level.

Semester One reporting results will be reflective of the Australian Curriculum achievement standards in English, Mathematics & Science. These results incorporate year level assessment tasks based on C2C resources, diagnostic & standardised assessments and daily class work. Year level teams have been involved in year level meetings moderating student work to ensure consistency of standards across the year levels.

As is the same with your receipt of any report card, you are invited to make an appointment with your class teacher to discuss your child’s progress. For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards visit the online curriculum at http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au
Have you visited the library lately?
2012 is the ‘Year of Reading’ and there is no better place to excite your child’s reading imagination than visiting our school library and borrowing from our wide selection of children’s books. School librarian, Helen Mackintosh, keeps the library open for about 30 minutes after school each afternoon so please take advantage of this great resource. The books are free!

Warmest regards
Hugh Goodfellow
Acting 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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Library – Deborah Abela

During April at Grand Avenue State School we had the author Deborah Abela visit our class and she talked about the books she had written. She has written many books and she spoke to us about her Max Remy Superspy series and the Jasper Zammit Soccer Legend series. One of my favourite books is Grimsdon which we are now reading in class and it is exciting. Deborah also told us about a competition we could enter for a signed copy of Ghost Club. I was so excited I went home and created an invention and entered the competition.

By Megan Helwig – 6D
Deborah Abela – Yr 6 Author Visit

When I heard that Deborah Abela was coming to the school, I was pretty excited knowing that I have read some of her books and I was fascinated how she could write the way that she does.

When we first met Deborah she started talking about her first series of books ‘Max the Agent’. She was telling us about how she got her ideas and how she got her career of writing the art of begging.

Deborah was saying that most of her books relate to how she was feeling at the time or what she was doing at the time, like in her book Grimsdon. She got her ideas from how she was feeling over global warming.

After she told us more about herself we started to create a next story in her Max spy series. She started telling us about how she would make a problem for every problem. We started off with the problem of some buildings collapsing, then it went on to the next problem of spy force building starting to collapse.

It was really awesome how I could give some of my ideas to one of the most famous authors. It really was a great visit and I learnt a lot from Deborah coming to our school.

Thank you, Deborah.

Jayden Fewster 6D.

Author visit!!!!!!!

This term, our year 6 students had the privilege to meet the wonderful Deborah Abela. She talked to us about how she became a writer and why she chose to write for children. After that she had a talk to us about some of her books such as Grimsdon, The Jasper Zammit soccer books etc. At the very end of the session we helped her with ideas for a new book and made a whole scene for it. She gave all the students a bookmark to remember her visit and I am using it for one of her books which I am now reading. She has inspired me to keep reading and maybe one day become a writer!

Cheyenne Croucher – 6D
Greetings All,

**REMINDER - 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.*

**KIDS GAMES – Christian holiday program**
This program is running again (organised as before by Forest Lake Uniting Church) in the first week of the coming holidays: 25th to 29th June, 9.00am till 12.30pm.
Cost is $45 and the venue is the Lake Community Church, High St.
Bookings may be made through the website, www.brisbanekidsgames.org.au or by calling Debbie on 3271-1531.

**Christian Camps**
Scripture Union is running a variety of camps these holidays. Interested people can check out their website: www.sucamps.org.au. There is a Creative Arts camp for Years 5 to 7, which sounds rather good.

**Year 6 Christian Lunchtime Program – hurry to register interest**
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.*
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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### School Banking

**Calling for volunteers - we need your help!**

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program includes an exciting new Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time students make a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmite token which can be redeemed for a range of exciting reward items in recognition of their regular savings. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool gifts.

Our school participates in this program that teaches our children how to save regularly - an important habit to get into! It is so successful at our school that now we **really need more volunteer parents to assist our School Banking Co-ordinator**. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

The Commonwealth Bank provides support to our School Banking Co-ordinators with the running of the program.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by dropping your details into the school office.

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**School Banking Competition!!!**

At Commonwealth Bank, we’re determined to help young people understand the importance of saving for the future through our School Banking program. The School Banking Program has been operating for over 80 years, so it’s fitting that in our centenary year we’ve created one of the most exciting competitions ever for our young savers.

We’re giving one lucky School Banking student the chance to be the face and name of a completely new Dollarmite character. What’s more, the new character will live in COINLAND for a whole year. Plus, there are some fantastic prizes for the student’s class and your school.

**Here’s how they can win.**

To be in the running, students simply need to make a minimum of 5 deposits into their Youthsaver account through your school between 16 April and 30 June.
2012 and give us their best savings tips in 25 words or less at commbank.com.au/beadollarmite

If the winning entry comes from your school, the school will benefit too.

That’s because the first prize package includes 25 brilliant Apple iPads, along with $1,500 towards a school excursion. Here’s a rundown of the prizes.

1st Prize:
For the school student: Dollarmized as a new Dollarmite character
For their family: Annual movie pass
For the school: 25 Apple iPads
For the class: $1,500 towards a school excursion
For School Banking Co-ordinators: $200 Spa treatment (or gift voucher to the same value).

50 amazing runners up packs.
The prizes for you and your students don’t end there. We’ve also got 50 runners up packs to give away, including magazine subscriptions for you, 10 Apple iPads for the school, and special school excursions.

Plus we have 10,000 exclusive Dollarmite figurine sets available too.

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FRIDAY IS ONLINE ORDERING ON FLEXISCHOOLS ONLY. WE DO NOT ACCEPT ORDERS OVER THE COUNTER AT ALL.

WE ARE OPEN BOTH BREAKS AS USUAL TO SELL SNACKS BUT NO HOT FOOD OR SANDWICHES.

Registration is easy and free!
Using any PC, go to www.flexischools.com.au
Click Register Now! And enter your email
You are emailed a link to the online form. Choose your own username and password and enter your contact details.
For each child, click “Add a student” and follow the prompts to place an order
You will be required to top-up your pre-paid account. VISA or MasterCard preferred. Standard order fee is 20c per order.

If you need help, please contact flexischools.com.au or Call 1300 361 769

Entertainment books for 2012/2013 are 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.
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.
DISCOUNT VOUCHERS FOR THEME PARKS

If you would like vouchers to the theme parks please pick up from reception desk at office.
BRISBANE KIDS GAMES @ FOREST LAKE

School Holiday Programme
25 – 29 June 2012
9:00am – 12:30pm

Make new friends and have fun through
Games, Crafts, Stories
Songs and More!

Only $45.00 per child
For children in Prep to grade 7
Run by the Forest Lake Uniting Church
Venue: Lake Community Church
25 High Street
Forest Lake

Registration Forms
Available Soon

For more info and on line registrations go to
www.brisbanekidsgames.org.au
click the ‘For Parents’ icon
or Phone Debbie 3271 1531