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**

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**From the Principal**

**It’s great to be back!**

Whilst I had a wonderful leave break with my family it is really great to be back at Grand Avenue State School. On my return, the Acting Principal, Mr Hugh Goodfellow, did say that he had ‘a fantastic time at Grand Avenue’. He spoke very highly of the students and noted the strong positive tone of good behaviour, manners and respect for adults. He also commented on the high standard of classroom learning and bookwork as well as the excellent work of teachers and staff in general.

**Athletics Days**

Last week we had all four rounds of athletics for P/1, 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7. Each day was very successful with children participating enthusiastically in events and supporting their teams wholeheartedly. It was pleasing to note that in general student behaviour was very good and that sportsmanship was just as evident as the desire to win. Well done to all of our sports captains who assisted teachers and were excellent role models during the week.

Thank you to those parents who attended to cheer on their children, your support is always valued.
Cleaners recognised for hard work

Our hardworking cleaners have been recognised for the role they play in maintaining a safe, clean and healthy environment for our schools on last Friday June 15. Cleaners Day was an opportunity to thank our cleaners for making students and teachers’ lives easier.

Thank you from all of us!

Semester #1 Reporting

On Tuesday 19 June, Year 1-7 students will receive their Semester #1 report cards containing a summary of your child’s achievements for the year to date. Parents are reminded that although no formal interviews have been arranged, you are invited to meet with your child’s teacher should the need exist. Significant effort has been expended by our teachers to provide comprehensive reporting to parents. Please take the time to discuss your child’s report with them and set new and achievable goals for next semester.

End of Term

As the term draws to a close, I would like to wish all staff, students and their families a restful and safe winter holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound at the start of the new term.

Warm 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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LOTE - Haiku

As most of you know, Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry with a particular shape of 5, 7 then 5 syllables, spread over three lines. However, as we have been discovering in Years 6 and 7, there is much more to Haiku than a short poem.

Traditional Haiku, as we have been working with, gives the reader a focus point for meditation. The first line sets the scene, like a still photograph for your imagination, without telling you too much. That allows your mind to create the scene as you like. The second line tells of an action using the general form of the verb so that it did not happen, it is not happening, but it happens. The third line tells of the legacy of the action. The whole lot should be a natural focus and not include the author or the reader. It captures a moment in time, a “did you see that” moment, if you like.
There have been many good Haiku poems written by our students over the last week and you will be able to see some of them on the school website soon, but here is one that is particularly good.

A cold night
A dog barks
Echoing sirens

By Trey Dodd 6E

I hope you can enjoy that moment, as much as I did.

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Mr Winchester

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Chaplain’s Corner

Greetings All,

Well done to all the students who tried their best at the recent Sports Days and a big Thank You to all who supported the fund-raising sausage sizzles for our School Chaplaincy Service.

The over-all profit was a fantastic $1753. Special Thanks go to the teams who gave up their time, working hard to cook and serve the sausages. They came from four of our local churches – Elevate Church, Lake Salvos, Baptist and Uniting Churches.

KIDS GAMES – Christian holiday program

It is not too late to book your children in for Kids Games 2012. 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. Bookings can be made up till Sunday, 24th June.

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

Blessings for a safe and refreshing mid-year holiday!

Kathy Williams
School Chaplain
(0419 342 055)
kwill454@eq.edu.au

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Enrolments for Prep 2013 Open

Grand Avenue
Grow - Achieve - Succeed
ENROL NOW
FOR
Prep 2013

Children born between 1st July 2007 and 30th June 2008 are eligible.

Collect your Enrolment Package from the Grand Avenue State School Administration Office.

Grand Avenue State School
Cnr Grand Avenue & Centennial Way
FOREST LAKE QLD 4078
Ph: 3372 0555 Fax: 3372 0500
Website: www.grandavenue.eq.edu.au
http://www.grandavenue.eq.edu.au/

Last Date for Payment

BULK BILL OFFERS DUE NOW

Prep  Bulk Offer $37  Now
Year 1  Bulk Offer $20  Now
Year 2  Bulk Offer $40  Now
Year 3  Bulk Offer $12  Now
Year 4  Bulk Offer Nil  Now
Year 5  Bulk Offer $5   Now
Year 6  Bulk Offer $25  Now
Year 7  Bulk Offer $5   Now
Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to assist with sorting lost property. If you are interested in donating a few hours a fortnight please contact the office.

Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc

Dear fellow parents and community members,

The Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) is the peak public school parent organisation in Australia. Like you, we want to see a fairer funding model for young people in our public schools.

In February, the findings of the Gonski review were handed to the Federal Government. This review was the most comprehensive investigation of school funding our nation has conducted in almost 40 years. The findings clearly revealed that as a nation, Australia invests far too little in our schools, particularly our public schools; the current funding model is not transparent and it is in great need of repair. We urgently need a new funding model if all young people are to receive the high quality of education they deserve.

The current lack of funding is having significant consequences for students. There is a substantial gap between what students achieve in disadvantaged areas compared to those in more affluent areas. The gap is widening.

The exact amount of additional funding your school would receive is still to be finalised. It is estimated though that increase the Gonski panel suggests translates to an average of $1,500 per student extra per year in public schools.

Imagine what your school could do if you were to receive that sort of additional money into your school budget. It could be spent in the areas that make a real difference for students such as smaller class sizes, more individual assistance for students with particular needs and additional staff or increased access to technology.

We need commitment from the Federal Government and the Opposition to a new funding model.

As partners in the education of young people in Australia, ACSSO supports the national campaign run by the Australian Education Union (representing teachers and principals). This campaign aims to get a commitment to the funding and legislation based on the Gonski recommendations before the end of 2012. It is imperative that we act now.

We are asking you to please support this campaign. You can register your support at the campaign website igiveagonski.com.au. It is quick and easy but vitally important for the future of our nation.

We would also encourage you to contact your federal MP directly. Send them an email, text, tweet or put a message on their Facebook page.

If you would like more information about the Gonski review you can find it at the Federal Government’s website http://www.schoolfunding.gov.au/.

Our public school students need everyone to take action; we encourage you to giveagonski; and join us in this campaign.

Regards

Peter Garrigan - President
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 www.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.


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 online registrations go to
www.brisbanekidsgames.org.au
click the ‘For Parents’ icon
or Phone Debbie 3271 1531