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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**

**Welcome Return to Semester #2**

It is difficult to believe that already half a year has past as we resume school for Semester #2. I trust that all families had a restful and trouble free holiday and all students are refreshed to undertake the challenges ahead. As well as the significant learning that is anticipated from within our classrooms, the school has a very full program for the coming months. Some of the projects and activities to look forward to are:-

District Sport
Our School Musical – ‘Man of Steel’
The school’s sixth Year 7 Canberra Tour

Combining these activities with the day to day busyness of our school program makes Semester #2 a highly productive and exciting time for our community.

**New School Website Goes Live**

I am pleased to inform our school community that our new Grand Avenue State School website is now ‘live’. Whilst it is a work in progress we hope to provide many useful additions during Semester Two. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of our Deputy, Mr Craig Thorne, as the lead person in this work. Craig has undertaken extra IT training to enable him to design and create the new website. As we train other staff we will be able to enhance the material on offer.
Please note that the school newsletter will be uploaded every second and fourth Thursday of the month for easy access.

**Whole School Assemblies**
Traditionally the whole school assemblies have been held in Kauma Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm. Due to the demands of the new National Curriculum it has been decided to cut back on these as they take a full session of class teaching time. The next full school assembly will be held on the last Thursday of the term, September 20th at 2pm in the Hall.

The Term 4 whole school assembly will occur on Thursday 6th December.

Students continue to attend their P/1, 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7 year level assemblies in the new Auditorium on a regular basis. These are designed to convey important messages and to acknowledge excellent student work. Parents are more then welcome to attend.

**SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD IN EARLY CHILDHOOD**
Here are some fun, everyday activities you can do with your child to help develop their literacy and numeracy skills:

- Play word games when out together, such as playing “I spy” in the car. For young children, you can use colours such as ‘I spy something that is red’.
- Sing songs or nursery rhymes while taking a walk, packing away toys or in the car.
- Play outdoors – pouring water or sand into containers, scales and measuring containers allows your child to explore numeracy concepts.
- Paint and draw – art allows children to express themselves. As your child learns more words you may notice their paintings or drawings become more detailed.
- Dress up – children can practise their language and communication skills by playing ‘make believe.’
- Do a puzzle – puzzles are a great way for children to learn about sizes, shapes and colour.
- Play with blocks – concepts of size, numbers, patterns and problem-solving can be explored by playing with blocks. You can help extend your child’s mathematical and spatial concepts by giving them paper, pencil and a ruler for drawing their block buildings.
- Think out loud – so your child can learn about how you solve problems.
- Ask your child open-ended questions – this encourages them to practise expressing themselves and lets them know you value their thoughts.
- Read books – reading together can be a special and relaxing time. It can help your child enjoy reading from a young age and give them a head start at school

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**
Parents are reminded that playground equipment is out of bounds for all students before and after school. I would ask that parents do not allow their children, Either school-age or Below, to use the equipment as the equipment is not supervised by staff at these times.

**DON’T FORGET TO CLAIM YOUR EDUCATION TAX REFUND**
With the start of a new financial year it’s time to start thinking about whether your family is eligible for an education tax refund.

The Education Tax refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children.

If you eligible, you can back up to $397 for each primary student and end up to $794 for each secondary students.

Refunds can be claimed on a range of school items including computers equipment and textbooks. From 1 July this year, the Education Tax Refund will be extended to include school uniforms.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

To check your eligibility and the full list of what can be claimed visit.
www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au or Phone 13 28 61.
TERM #3 STAFFING

Please find an updated list of staffing changes.

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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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Chaplain’s Corner

Greetings All,

I hope the holidays were a refreshing break for our school community.

Just a quick note re some special presentations at Grand Avenue State School on Tuesday, 28th August, 2012. There will be more information in the next newsletter, but parents and caregivers may like to keep the evening of this Tuesday free. Our interstate guest speaker has an important message for us all, especially concerning our girls.

In case you did not hear the latest developments re the High Court and the School Chaplaincy program, Federal Parliament recently passed a bill, with much support on all sides, to validate the way the program is funded. It will be continuing.

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

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

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.grandavenueeq.edu.au
http://www.grandavenueeq.edu.au/

Last Date for Payment
BULK BILL OFFERS DUE NOW

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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.

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P & C

School Banking Delays

The P&C would like to apologise for the delay in processing last term’s school banking. All of the deposits have now been processed and your children’s accounts are up to date. We have discussed the issue with the Commonwealth Bank and they will be conducting a full audit over the coming weeks to ensure that nothing has been missed.

In light of these delays we have two new school banking co-ordinators starting this week, ensuring that there is always someone available to process the school banking. If anyone has any concerns about their children’s account, please email the P&C on pandc@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

Electronic Whiteboard Demonstration & Breakfast BBQ

A BBQ will be held for parents and students in the multipurpose area (MPA) on Wednesday, 25 July 2012, 8-8.30am. We will be selling sausages in bread for $2.00 each. There will be an opportunity to see a demonstration of the new electronic whiteboards following the BBQ.

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.

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Community News

If you would like vouchers to the theme parks please pick up from reception desk at office.

Live the Olympic Dream right here in South-West Brisbane
PLAY HOCKEY!

Your local club, South West United, are running an 8-week program for kids aged 4 – 9 years to get involved in this great sport, which is expected to bring home medals from the 2012 London Olympics.

For parents: we’ve designed a program with minimal cost, travel and time commitment that’s focussed on fun, fitness and participation in a team.

For kids: why not put together a team from your local school or class? Otherwise, just bring yourself and we’ll help you meet some new mates

Where: Graceville Memorial Oval
Oxley Road, Graceville
Time: Saturdays, 8.30 – 10.00 am
Dates: July 14 to September 1, ending with an inter-club Carnival Day at the
State Hockey Centre, Colmslie
Cost: $65 for the whole program
Equipment: Kids get a voucher for a stick, ball and shin pads
They’ll need a mouthguard, water-bottle, sneakers and a smile!
(SWU also welcomes junior players aged 10 -17 – contact us for details)
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:**
McDowall State School  Thursday 19 July 9.15 – 10.45am
West End State School Tuesday 24 July  9.15 – 10.45am
Sacred Heart School – Sandgate  Tuesday 24 July  6 – 7.30pm
Manly West State School Wednesday 1 August 9.15 – 10.45am
The Gap State School Tuesday 7 August 9.15 – 10.45am
Grand Ave State School  - Forest Lake  Thursday 23 August 9.15 – 10.45am
Inala State School Friday 31 August 9.15 – 10.45am
Everton Park State School  Friday 7 September 9.15 – 10.45am
Silky Oaks Function Centre Manly West  Monday 10 September  7 – 8.30pm
Ashgrove Library Thursday 27 September 10 – 11.30am

If you 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 1½ hours and you will receive a workbook, magnet/ bookmark.
CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY PARENTS.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sharlene Emanuel
Regional Coordinator
Department of Education, Training and Employment