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**

**Super Student Council**
On Tuesday I met with the full Student Council for the first time. They are an enthusiastic and dedicated group of children. I will be working with them for the remainder of 2012 and look forward to sharing their achievements with you.

I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic work that Deputy Principal Ms Janeen Almond has undertaken with our student councillors over recent years. She has overseen a number of successful initiatives and ensured that our student leaders have developed a strong sense of responsibility and community leadership.

**Smartboard tour**
I had the pleasure of escorting a group of interested parents on a classroom tour to see our Smartboards in action.

**Below are some sites which parents can also access:**
Create your own interactive games
http://resources.oswego.org/games/
Curriculum Bits
http://www.curriculumbits.com/resources/
Recently our wonderful P&C donated over $100 000 to ensure that every classroom was fitted with a smartboard.

This is a terrific initiative and our P&C continue to work hard. Wednesday's breakfast sausage sizzle was very well supported by our community. Thank you also to staff, Gavin Rook our P&C president and parent helpers who cooked and served over 400 sausages on the morning.

**Late Arrivals to School**

It is always difficult to get children moving during these cold winter mornings. Consequently, there has been a significant increase in the number of students arriving late for school this term. Students miss out on valuable learning time in the morning as this is prime learning time. This situation is compounded when students are late on a regular basis. Please make every effort to ensure your children are at school on time and ready to learn every day. We want to make sure that every day counts in their learning journey.

(Parents are reminded that a late arrival or early departure by more than half an hour constitutes a half day absence on student’s attendance records).

**Students attending school unwell**

Over the last few weeks, we have seen an increased number of students being sent to school when they are quite clearly unwell. Where a child is legitimately “off colour” in the morning, it is in the best interest of all that they be kept at home for the day to recover, rather than attending school where their condition may worsen or be passed on to others.

**PLEASE ALSO ENSURE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE.** In some cases where a child needs to be sent home, the office staff are spending a significant amount of time trying to contact parents/caregivers due to out of date details. It is important that our information is correct, not only to save time but more importantly to reduce the waiting time for your child when feeling unwell.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Unfortunately, a large number of lost property has accumulated at the MPA. In particular - jumpers and jackets! As the weather begins to warm up, the number of items being taken off and left in the playground has increased.

Please talk to your children about taking responsibility for their property and ensure that all items are named.

A wonderful parent volunteer, kindly sorts through the ‘mountain’ and returns named items to students through their teacher’s pigeon hole. Un-named items are sent to a local charity. Let's all work together to try and reduce the school's enormous amount of lost property.

Warm Regards

Desley Brassington
Principal

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Parents, carers and our school community are welcome to take part in the upcoming National Biennial Education Forum on Thursday 2 August. Education Ministers and leading educators will discuss how well Australian schools are achieving equity and excellence and showcase innovative programs including several from Queensland. This is a unique chance for the community to hear from highly regarded national and international education experts, and contribute to education conversations via Twitter and text. Our school will participate to share ideas and learn from others, as part of our strong commitment to achieving the best possible outcomes for our students.

To download the program and for information about how you may take part, please visit [www.innovation.esa.edu.au](http://www.innovation.esa.edu.au).

The Department of Education, Training and Employment's new Policy and Procedure Register is now available at online at [http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/Pages/](http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/Pages/). This user-friendly source provides up-to-date access to all of the department's policies and procedures for parents, P&C representatives and the wider community. For further information about the register email ppr@dete.qld.gov.au

Each year, an awareness guide book for children and parents is provided for year seven students. This is put together by Queensland Police Legacy and is free to students. This book is currently being distributed to our year seven students.

Greetings All,

**Girls in the Media – Challenging current images**

This is the topic of the coming presentations by Melinda Tankard Reist. Melinda (www.melindatankardreist.com) is a well-known author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for women and girls.

Over two days in August, Melinda will be speaking at all three state schools in Forest Lake. Her six presentations will include an evening one for parents (and other interested people) on **Tuesday, 28th August** in our Auditorium. The aim of this event is to help our girls withstand the unrealistic pressures in today’s media, and to see themselves as valuable and acceptable as they are.

Taking us on a visual ‘tour’ of almost 200 images from popular culture, Melinda will explore the way these messages shape and mould young women’s ideas of themselves, their bodies, and their relationships. Her presentation will provide strategies to help girls rise above the airheaded cult of celebrity, fashion and outward appearance and discover their true value and worth.

The P. & C. received funds for this evening presentation from the Councillor for Parkinson Ward and the Lord Mayor’s Suburban Initiative Fund. Thanks to this significant sponsorship, parents can attend **free of charge**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** bookings are essential and can be made either by emailing to bookings@girlsinthemedia.com or by sms to 0467 449 679.

**Timing is 7.00pm for 7.15pm till 8.30pm.**

Priority One is a group that has commenced for students in Grades 6 & 7 and is run by the Forest Lake Uniting Church every 2nd Friday. The venue is St. Johns Anglican College chapel. The group meets from 7.00p.m-9.00p.m. The aims of Priority One are to:

- Help young people discover their own understanding of God
- Help young people discover something about themselves
- Help young people have fun amongst their peers
- Help young people be involved in community service projects.
To receive a term program email Priority One at rev.russell@bigpond.com or ring Rev Russell on 0429472567
More information can be obtained by visiting the website http://www.forestlakeuca.org.au/ and follow the links.

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
SPOTLIGHT ON MIKE VAN BARNEVELD

Grand Avenue has been my home for the last thirteen and a half years. I was a founding member of staff and have watched Grand Avenue grow into the wonderful school it is today. My years here have seen me teaching many different year levels from grade one, up to where I am currently teaching in grade six.

In our grade six middle school program I teach Art and design technology, two areas I am passionate about. I enjoy teaching knowledge and skills to the students.

Other activities I am involved in are interschool sport, musicals, sustainability, various art projects, and assisting the Cultural group.

Outside of school I am involved in Interior and landscape design, and am currently learning French.

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.

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,
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

Queensland Ready Reader

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.

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

Training to be held at

Manly State School Tuesday 17 July 9.15 – 2.15pm
McDowall State School Friday 27 July 9.15 – 2.15pm
Sacred Heart School – Sandgate Tuesday 31 July 9.15 – 2.15pm
Warrigal Road State School – Eight Mile Plains Thursday 2 August 9.15 – 2.15pm
Moorooka State School Thursday 9 August 9.15 – 2.15pm
Aspley State School Friday 24 August 9.15 – 2.15pm
Redbank Plains State School Tuesday 28 August 9.15 – 2.15pm
Manly West State School Wednesday 5 September 9.15 – 2.15pm
Ferny Grove State School Friday 14 September 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.
Term 3 Hip Hop Dance Classes

Kids Dance Classes Start Tuesday 24th July at Inala PCYC!
Teens & Adults Must Register for further details!
Come Join our fun, energetic dance classes in Term 3!!!
We run weekly classes during the school term, facilitate holiday workshops & provide performance opportunities!!!
Parents can’t make our Senior Kids Tuesday class... A second seniors kids class may be coming to Inala PCYC soon... Please Register via email for a Wednesday or Thursday class.

JUNIOR KIDS
$5
Ages 4 to 7 years old
TUESDAY
4:30pm to 5:10pm

SENIOR KIDS
$5
Ages 8 to 14 years old
TUESDAY
5:30pm to 6:30pm

TEEN & ADULT CLASSES
Will Be Held on Tuesday Nights.
Register before Friday 20th July via Email!!!

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL or GROUP SESSIONS AVAILABLE!!
Contact Jaz For Details!!

For More Information Contact Jaz:
Mobile: 0433 386 821
Inala PCYC Phone: 3372 2222
Email: inalapcyccdance@gmail.com

Keep Updated Add Us on Facebook: Inala Pcych Hip Hop-Dance
Location: Inala PCYC – 37 Swallow Street, Inala
Website: www.inalapyc.org.au
CENTREPIECE OF THE OLYMPICS ... TRACK & FIELD ATHLETICS ... IN THE WESTERN SUBURBS SEPTEMBER 2012 – MARCH 2013. AGES 5 - 16

WHAT DO WE DO?
SPRINTS HURDLES RELAYS DISTANCE WALKS JUMPS THROWS

Under 6’s do 70m, 100m Runs, Shuttle Relay, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put and Games to develop skills. The range is extended progressively by age group such that Under 13 and up may cover 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 80-100m Hurdles, 200m Hurdles, 4x100m Relay, Mixed Distance Relay, 1500m Walk, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Long Jump, High Jump and Triple Jump. We encourage all round participation, and try to provide specialist coaching in each discipline.

WHY LITTLE ATHLETICS?
Advantages of our sport include:
- Low cost – good value for money
- Safety – comparatively excellent record
- Family involvement – parents help to run each meet
- Variety – range of activities suiting different physiques
- Measurement – personal achievement and improvement recognised and rewarded
- Fun – new friends, new skills
- Fitness – develop strength, skill, flexibility; good base for other sports

WHO, WHERE & WHEN?

CENTENARY (competition on Friday evenings):
www.clac.coolrunning.com.au

KENMORE (competition on Saturday afternoons):
www.kenmorelittleathletics.org.au

TOOWONG HARRIERS (competition alternating between Saturday afternoons and Friday evenings):
www.toowong.littleathletics.org.au

*VISIT OUR WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION*

For Centres in other parts of Brisbane, call Little Athletics Queensland (3255 9436) or visit their site: www.qlaa.asn.au

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT US TOO
Child’s Car Seat Found

Several weeks ago a child’s car seat was left in the office for collection.

If you are the owner, please collect immediately.

Thank you