**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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**Top from the Principal**

**Student Leadership Initiative**

Our wonderful year 4 teacher, Mrs Nikki Raatz, has introduced the ‘ilead’ project to Grand Avenue and is currently working with twelve of our senior student leaders. The aims of the project are as follows:-

- To provide students with an opportunity to develop their leadership skills
- To develop student’s general capabilities as described in the Australian Curriculum including – critical and creative thinking, personal and social competence and ICT competence.
- To engage parents in supporting their child’s participation and progress in the project
- To provide teachers and school leaders from participating schools with professional development opportunities.

Students participate in one web conference per week and then complete follow up activities in their Virtual Classroom. These activities are usually completed at home and take approximately 30 minutes on average.

Our students have planned lunchtime social games and activities for Year One classes. These include ball games, parachute games, skipping, cocker, art and craft and hopscotch. The year Ones are learning team skills, co-operation, listening skills, problem-solving behaviours in the playground, patience and turn-taking. It is great to see our senior students being strong role models and taking sustained responsibility as leaders.

Congratulations to the senior student leaders involved:-
Sporting Achievements

Inala District Team Members
- Rohan Steger – AFL
- Mitchell Long – AFL
- Rhys Severn – Basketball
- Baylee Mills – Cross Country
- Hannan Golder-Bruce – Cross Country
- Cheyenne Croucher – Cross Country
- Aleksander Nedimovic – Cross Country
- Casey Smith – Hockey
- Caleb Simpson – Hockey
- Isobel Hartog – Hockey
- Tasmin Thorpe – Netball
- Jenna Blacklock – Netball
- Caitlin Kindness – Netball
- Briana Hura – Netball
- Liam Portelli – Rugby League
- Tristan Hunt – Rugby League
- Kyle Jones – Rugby League
- Tate Jensen – Rugby League
- Ephiraim Lavatai – Rugby League
- Zhaysha Walker – Rugby League
- Jessikah Reeves – Rugby League
- Jude Gentles – Rugby League
- Trakese Knox – Rugby League
- Alex Drew – Rugby League
- Thuaya Ngwe – Rugby League
- Te-Raukura Heremaia – Rugby Union
- Yashua Singh – Rugby Union
- Liam Portelli – Rugby Union
- Enelaki Faataape – Rugby Union
- Nathan Bruins – Rugby Union
- Rylan Cheatham – Rugby Union
- Thomas Kennedy – Rugby Union
- Talijah Blackman-Corowa – Girls Soccer
- Isobel Hartog – Girls Soccer
- Brooke Cavanough – Girls Soccer
- Tracey Nguyen – Girls Soccer
- Amber King – Girls Soccer
- Lily Blanch – Girls Soccer
- Melissa Duong – Girls Soccer
- Mikayla Cristiano – Girls Soccer
- Dylan Zappala – Boys Soccer
- Rhys Webster – Boys Soccer
Adam Teale – Boys Soccer
Robele Woldu – Boys Soccer
Nathan Singham – Boys Soccer
Keaton Harrison – Boys Soccer
Christine Okesene – Softball
Zoe Rogerson – Softball
Jordan Strik – Softball

Adam Teale – Tennis
Aleksandar Nedimovic – Tennis

Anita Peti – Girls Touch
Marion Parai – Girls Touch

Alex Drewe – Boys Touch
Enelaki Faataape – Boys Touch

METROPOLITAN WEST TEAMS
Robele Woldu – Soccer
Mitchell Long - Soccer

Principal Award Recipients
Congratulations to the following students who are the recipients of Principal Awards:-

Ryan Djohanli Prep A
Grace Dixon Prep A
Sahanam Sathananhan Prep B
Paramjot Parpotra Prep B
Johnson Namana Prep C
Elloise Hansen Prep C
Alannah Buckingham Prep D
Jacob Rizk Prep D
Liam Korver Prep E
Mia Christian Prep E
Pypah Reeves Prep F
William Belousov Prep F
Kruz Labori 1A
Lillie Hamilton 1A
Navaya Shine 1B
Kyle Long 1B
Connor Ralph 1C
Hayley Hoang 1C
Louise Parsons 1D
Maeve Fray 1D
Zalen Cox 1E
Angela Dadswell 1E
Naveen Kotalawala 1F
Connor O’Beirne 1F
Milli Gornik 1G
Tom Smith 1G
Chaplain's Corner

Greetings All,

Here is the information again re our important up-coming presentations.

It would be very much appreciated if you could help spread the word amongst your friends, please, about the evening presentation at our school.

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

I may be contacted by mobile or email and welcome ideas for my column – Chaplain's Corner – or queries about my work.
Enrolments for Prep 2013 Open

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
My name is Robyn Martin and I am currently teaching Year 5C at Grand Avenue State School. My teaching career began ‘way back’ in 1978 with a posting to Monto. After Monto I taught in several country/regional schools before being transferred to Richlands East SS, Inala in Brisbane. I taught there for some 20 years, and then transferred to Grand Avenue, where I have been happily teaching for 7 years.

I have taught most year levels in my long teaching career but predominantly Years 7 and 5. I love my job and try to make a difference in the lives of my students. I challenge my students to take on board different activities. For example; many city children are far removed from nature and I encourage them to be involved in our class garden project, where they plant, water, weed and sample the fruits of (and vegies) of their efforts.

I also have a passion for sport and have been involved in school sport for as long as I can remember. I have encouraged my students to participate in and enjoy playing sport. I have coached and managed many sporting teams at school, district and regional levels and have also convened carnivals at school, district, regional and state levels. Netball has been my number one sport, but I have also had involvement in basketball, soccer, softball, teeball, cricket, touch and athletics.

There have been two very proud moments in my teaching/sporting career: Firstly receiving Life Membership for West Moreton State Primary Schools Sports Association (now Met West) in 1991, and secondly receiving Life Membership for Inala District Primary Schools Sporting Association 2011.

As the march of time has caught up with me, I have handed the baton to younger teachers who also generously volunteer their time to mentor/coach students in their sporting interests.

During the past 34 years of my teaching career, I have been ‘astounded’ by the number of changes that have had to be implemented. And, I am looking forward to the challenge of the next 34 years! (Maybe?)

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

**Pirate Show**
On Friday the 27 July Prep had there Pirate Show. All of the children enjoyed helping Captain Jellybean find Blackbeard's treasure.

The children had a great time being involved aboard the Pirate ship on there Aarr-venture on the high seas. There were lots of laughs and scary bits to, through Deadman's Cave to find the treasure.

The reward was a Jellybean for everyone who helped solve the mystery. A great time was had by all.

London, Bryce, Dominic, Lily and Grace

**Aarragh me Mateys....**

**Education and Training information now live on Queensland Government website**

Information about the state’s education and training services has now been added to the revamped Queensland Government website. The website is a 'one-stop shop' making it easier to find information about Queensland Government services.

While our existing school and TAFE websites will continue to provide individual and specific content, the Queensland Government website provides a single access point for broader education and training information.

Research has been undertaken to find out what information Queenslanders need most and how to provide that information in a way that it is easier for people to understand and use.
Look at the first letters of each line, they spell Olympics

On the streets of London cyclists ride their bikes,
Long legs jump over hurdles,
Yellow and green are our colours,
Many people get a medal, Hooray!
Practice is the best for winning,
Inspiring a generation is their great motto,
Cross country is what the horses do,
Sport is the best!

By Sierra Reza

Olympics are in different countries every 4 years,
Long Jump is one of the sports they do,
Yelling crowds, it's so loud I can barely hear,
Medals gold, silver, bronze as I was told,
Practice, they have to do a lot of,
International crowds so loud,
Cars come from everywhere just to see the Olympics,
Silver medals are for second place.

By Georgia Arthur-Wornham

Olympic rings, colours blue, yellow, black, green and red,
London long jumping,
Yellow ring for Asia,
Medals, mascots, motto,
Practice the Pentathlon,
Inspiring a generation, IOC,
Cycling, Ceremony, Cadel Evans,
Silver medals, sculls, shooting.

By Leynora Vui.
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.

School Banking
We now have two new banking co-ordinator’s Rachel and Jane.

We have opened a email address to be contacted on.
GASSschoolbanking@yahoo.com.au

Due to the Ekka public holiday next week (Wednesday 15 August) we will be doing the school banking on Tuesday 14th August.

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.
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.emanuel@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.

**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**

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**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

**Western Spirit Futsal Summer Comp Season 2012/2013**

Western Spirit indoor futsal competition season will commence on Thursday 13 September.

The venue is the Redbank Indoor Sports Centre 1 Chalk Street Redbank - opposite Redbank Plaza

Competition days will be Thursday and Sunday for U6 to U16 teams
Senior Mens and Women’s comp available
All Welcome
Get a team together now!
Futsal Sign on Nights
Sign on nights for this season's competition will be held on
Wednesday 22 August and Wednesday 29 August 2012
6.00pm to 8.00pm on both nights
At the Western Spirit junior clubhouse located at Camira Recreation Reserve
Dale Road Camira

For further information contact Jan on 0414 661 911 or enquiries@spiritfc.com.au

Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Club Sign On

Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Club is seeking boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 16 to sign on for the season that is due to commence on 13 October 2012. There are also senior teams for older boys or parents. For children aged 5 to 8 years the In2Cricket skills training program is available.

Sign on will be at:-
Wolston Park Clubhouse (Turf Wicket), Orford Drive, Wacol.

• Saturday 18 August  10 a.m. to 2 pm
• Sunday 19 August  12 noon to 2 pm

The season runs for all of 4th term and then 1st term.

For further details: www.wpccc.com.au  or  
contact Andrew Williams  0400 727 501