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

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE PH: 3372 0560

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From the Principal
Man of Steel – a wonderful success!

Our school musical, Man of Steel, was a triumph for all concerned. Students and staff worked very hard for 20 weeks preparing and rehearsing for the musical which had two shows on Wednesday and Thursday evenings last week. Mr Gary Rule, Musical Director, is to be congratulated for creating such a professional and entertaining production. It was at times difficult to believe that this was a primary school performance. As principal of Grand Avenue, I couldn’t have been prouder of everyone involved. What a credit to all.

Of course there were the stars of the show and many others behind the scenes who contributed huge amounts of time and energy to ensure a fabulous production. It was also great to have so many parents and friends of our school attending on both evenings. I believe that all up we had approximately 650 people made up our combined audience. Performing a large and complex production in our new auditorium made it all the sweeter as well. Our investment in high tech audio-visual equipment has been well worth it.

A huge thank you to the following staff members who contributed their personal time and expertise:

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2013 Class Consideration Parent Requests
During the early half of Term #4, the school will undertake a complex process to allocate students to classes for the 2011 school year. This task involves many hours of deliberation between class teachers, learning support staff and administration to form comparable, balanced classes where all students’ learning needs are respected and optimised.

As Grand Avenue has a strong parent partnership philosophy, the importance of inviting parents to contribute to the class allocation process is acknowledged. Parents are therefore invited to submit in writing to Ms Tobin, Mrs O’Brien, Ms Almond, Mr Thorne, or myself, any special considerations you may wish brought to the school’s attention to encourage the smooth transition of your child from one year level to the next. Special consideration may involve the separation of students whose behaviour is detrimental to another’s learning.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE WILL THE SCHOOL ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WHERE PARENTS MAKE A REQUEST FOR THEIR CHILD TO BE INCLUDED IN OR EXCLUDED FROM AN INDIVIDUAL TEACHER’S CLASS. ANY LETTERS WHERE A TEACHER’S NAME IS MENTIONED WILL BE DISGARDED AND NOT CONSIDERED IN THE ALLOCATION PROCESS.

In the last fortnight of the school year, after teachers are assigned to classes, students will be advised of their 2013 teachers. After class allocations are made, no changes will be considered. I have the greatest respect and confidence in the professional abilities of our entire teaching team. Mindful that every teacher has individual strengths and weaknesses, if a difficulty arises between a child and teacher the issue will be resolved collaboratively at a professional level that maintains the dignity of all parties.

With parental input (if you feel it is necessary) combined with the school’s comprehensive internal placement processes, the allocation of pupils to classes for next year will be smooth and thoughtful ensuring that the success of all students is maximised.

THE DEADLINE FOR PARENT REQUESTS IS FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Please note: - A request for special consideration must be submitted every year. Previous requests do not automatically carry over.

Grand Avenue State School’s Student Council
By Mya-Darly Ngwe (School vice Captain)

As most of you know, the Student Council is a committee of student councillors, school captains and school vice captains. Previously we raised over $1000 for the Red shield Appeal and this money Grand Avenue state School has earned benefited the Salvation Army who are supporting those in need.
Last term, the Student Council agreed on repainting the handball courts. The senior grades (6-7) have more handball courts and benefit from this. We'd also like to thank Mr Walter, without his efforts of repainting these courts we wouldn't have achieved this goal.

Student Councillors still have a large sum of money to spend in our school’s community. So, we have decided to purchase a clock that is going to be placed in the auditorium. Not only will the clock be placed in the auditorium, it will include a plague engraved possibly with the words: *Donated by the Student Council 2012.*

This term, Term 3, the Student Councillors and Chaplain Kathy are running *Operation Christmas Child.* Some of you may know of *Operation Christmas Child* as we have it every year. For those who do not know, *Operation Christmas Child* is an aid that will give children from another country a chance to receive a present for the first time. We will be donating things such as personal toiletry items, toys and stationery. *Operation Christmas Child* has its boundaries and unfortunately we cannot send food, water or battery operation toys. *Operation Christmas Child* will only last until the 20th of September.

Next term, Grand Avenue will be having a *Free Dress* day. The Student Council thought we might have a bit of fun and include an optional theme to this day. The theme is: Supporters day where children can wear their favourite team’s jersey. Since there will be different events in this last term, *Free Dress* day is set for November 23rd.

Thanks

The Student Council

**Attendance is important in the last week of term**

As we reach the end of Term 3, parents are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness.

Visiting family, being tired, or starting holidays early are not good reasons to be away from school.


**School Vacation**

Parents are advised that Friday 21st September is the final day of Term #3. All students and staff will then enjoy a fortnight’s vacation. School resumes for Term #4 on Monday 8th October.

The Term #4 pupil free day will be held on Monday 22 October.

I wish all of our Grand Avenue families a safe and happy Spring holiday.

Warm Regards

Desley Brassington
Principal

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**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.
PRINCIPAL AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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Chaplain’s Corner

Greetings All,

S.U. Christian Holiday Camp

There is a great camp being planned for students in our region in Years 5 to 7, from 24th to 28th September
Plenty of vacancies
Cost is $250
Email: loopwest@sucamps.org.au

Girls in the Media – Challenging current images

Another chance to hear this!
For anyone who missed the evening presentation at Grand Avenue, Melinda will present it again at Kenmore South S.S., 16 Kersley Rd, Kenmore, on Monday, 17th September. Cost is $15/person. Timing is 6.30pm for 7.00pm till 9.00pm. (Girls need to be 15 years or over.) To attend, please RSVP Julie at julieh1@chappy.org.au

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2012

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the Student Council is making this their fund-raising focus for Term 3. The finish date is Thursday, 20th September. Each class is being encouraged to do one box.

For any families wishing to do their own box -
You will need a shoe box, around 20cm by 30cm.
Cover the top and the box separately in Christmas paper.
Decide whether your box is for a boy or girl and which age group - 2–4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years.
You will need a label (available at the Office) to stick on top to display this information.
You will also need to put a large rubber band around the finished box.
It is permissible to put a card with a personal note (and/or photo) in the box.

Collect at least 1 item from each group to put in the box. Here are some ideas -
Something to love – soft toy, teddy, doll, ...
Something for school – pencils, pens, paper, sharpener...
Something to wear – T-shirt, shorts, cap, underwear, ...
Something to play with – tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, slinky, … NO BATTERY OPERATED ITEMS, PLEASE.
Something for personal hygiene – soap, face washer, comb, hair-clips, toothbrush,… NO TOOTHPASTE, PLEASE
Something special – carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers,…
If possible, $9 is needed to help with transporting the box. Please put all money in an envelope marked Operation Christmas Child and hand it in at the Office before 20th Sept.

Finished boxes need to be taken to the Full School Parade on Thursday, 20th September, 2012.

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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Enrolments for Prep 2013 Open
Grand Avenue State School

ENROL NOW
FOR
Prep 2013

Children born between
1\textsuperscript{st} July 2007 and 30\textsuperscript{th} 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/
My name is Tania Colvin and I am the Prep A Teacher at Grand Avenue State School.

I have worked at Grand Avenue State School since 2005, originally as a teacher in the upper school, but moved to the lower school after having my children (who are now four and two). Whilst I can’t say that I have a preference between teaching older and younger children (as each has its own challenges and rewards), I am constantly amazed at the rate of growth that can be seen in a year teaching Prep and I find this very rewarding.

Before teaching, I spent seven years working with unemployed and disadvantaged people from our community and was frustrated at not being able to make a ‘big enough’ difference in their lives. Today, this motivates me to do all that I can to have a positive impact on the life of every child I teach.

My approach to teaching is to provide the children with a strong sense of routine and structure, to set high expectations and to provide a safe environment for all children to ‘have a go’. I love seeing children discover that they can do something they thought impossible.

Outside of work, I spend as much time as possible doing things with my family, who are just becoming old enough to appreciate the good things in life such as camping, boating and 4W Driving.

I consider myself very lucky to work at Grand Avenue State School. I think it would be very difficult to find another school with such great staff and such lovely students.

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Peanut Allergies

Peanuts are a common allergen that can cause severe reactions when people who are allergic to peanuts come into contact with them. We have a number of students in the school who are allergic to peanuts and can experience a life threatening anaphylactic reaction.

In order to prevent any incidences that might threaten the lives of these students, could you please not include peanuts, peanut butter and nutella in your children’s lunches.

There are many other products that contain peanut extracts in small amounts. Many are everyday items. The students who are severely allergic to peanuts and peanut products are aware of these products and will not knowingly eat them.
We are asking for your cooperation in this matter to ensure the safety of all students in our school.

**Are Your Contact Details Correct?**

It is **very important** that your contact details, i.e. phone numbers, address, email address, are kept up to date. We have had situations where students have fallen ill at school and are left waiting for long periods in the sick bay. Please notify the office as a matter of urgency if any of your contact information has changed.

**P & C**

**School Banking**

We now have two new banking co-ordinator's Rachel and Jane.

We have opened an email address to be contacted on.

GASSschoolbanking@yahoo.com.au

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.


**Community News**

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

Western Spirit indoor futsal competition season will be 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
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

JOIN THE FALCONS NEST AND SOAR ABOVE THE REST!!!

If you are interested in playing for West Brisbane Falcons Basketball Club in the Summer Season for 2012, please visit our website and download & complete the Player Nomination Form. Existing West Brisbane players will only pay $50 (no additional costs) and new players $60 for the season. **PLEASE NOTE** that new players are required to pay a Brisbane Basketball Inc (BBI) Registration Fee, these details are available from the BBI office at the Auchenflower Stadium.

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY NOMINATIONS AFTER SUNDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2012

A Summer Season Player Nomination Form & Further Information can be found on our website.

www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au
westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com

CLUB NOTE:
All players MUST be registered with Brisbane Basketball before playing their first game. The BBI Registration Fee is different to the West Brisbane fees you pay.

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

2012 WEST BRISBANE FALCONS BASKETBALL CLUB SUMMER SEASON
(Season dates 12/13 October – 09/10 November – 5 weeks)

West Brisbane Falcons Basketball Club
www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au

FOREST LAKE LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

For Family, Fun, and Fitness

ATHLETES 5 YEARS Upwards
Boys & Girls

A Family Club in Forest Lake, here for the enjoyment and development of our children.

SIGN ON DAYS - 4.30pm to 6pm
FRI 7th & 14th September
Bring Proof of birth to Sign On
Forest Lake Car Park opposite the lake on boulevard
Or
Contact Melissa
forestlakelittleathletics@gmail.com

“Western Districts Baseball Club Sign-on and Car Boot Sale
Saturday 15 September 8am-2pm at
Atthows Park, Westcombe Street
Darra

Boys, Girls and adults of all ages welcome. Secondhand baseball equipment and clothing will also be available to purchase at sign-on

For further information please contact Nicki on 0409 811 704 or visit our website www.wests.baseball.com.au