1. **CALLING FOR PREP 2014 ENROLMENTS**

I would encourage all of those who know of (2014) prep-aged students to remind their parents that enrolments are open. It is critical that enrolment documents and processes are completed before enrolments can be confirmed. Only after these confirmations can we effectively plan to have enough teachers assigned to prep in 2014. Therefore, the more we have now, then the better the preparations for 2014 can be. Please be aware that there will be enrolment sessions offered soon for families wishing to enrol. If families know they will be enrolling their child at a different school next year (moving house, transferring jobs etc.), I would also ask if they could advise our enrolment officer at their earliest convenience.
2. EARLY ARRIVALS – SAFETY ISSUE

May I remind families that children should arrive at school in the morning not long before the formal start of school? Regarding a number of reports I have had about some students arriving as early as 7.00am, may I remind all families that there is no supervision at this time and it is an exceedingly early time to leave a child unsupervised. If parents are needing early drop offs (or after 3.00pm pick-ups) they should make alternate arrangements such as enrolling in the P&C run Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) program.

3. SEMESTER 1 REPORT CARD DATA

I have also chosen to publish today the overall behaviour and effort results aggregated from last semester’s student reports (Year 1 to Year 7). While the Behaviour Breakdown graph represents one result per student, the Effort Breakdown includes the overall effort result with the effort results from each subject area – hence the large number of results (3391 “A”s for effort). I continue to believe that it would be difficult to find many schools with results as good as this. Congratulations to teachers, students and parents for their ongoing partnership which contributes so heavily to these results.

4. EVACUATION / LOCKDOWN PRACTICES

Schools run evacuation and lockdown practices regularly during the year. We try to arrange these practices at different times of the school day so children become comfortable with the practice. Any parents and volunteers on site at the time of one of these practices are required to follow the instructions of staff as if it were “the real thing”.

5. DISTRICT ATHLETICS

We wish our representative athletic students the best as they compete (weather permitting) at the District Athletics at Glenala SHS on Monday and Tuesday next week. These students should have returned permission slips to the manager, Mr Richardson, by Friday of this week. The bus transporting athletes will depart Grand Avenue State School at 8.15am.

6. CANTEEN WEEK LAUNCH CELEBRATIONS

Education Minister Langbroek and Olympic gold medallist Natalie Cook both indicated how impressed they were with our school when they visited to launch the Celebrate Canteen Week last Wednesday. Students’ good behaviour was again complemented by the immaculate-looking school.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play volleyball with Natalie and many had the opportunity to hold her gold medal!

Warm regards,

Craig Thorne
Acting Principal
Olympic Gold Medallist, Natalie Cook, celebrating the launch of Canteen Week with Year 7 students!
SCHOOL SECURITY

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.

EXCELLENCE IN SPORT

Congratulations Age Champions!

Champion House
Champion Sports Houses
4/5 Sports Day - Firetail
6/7 Sports Day - Lorikeet
OVERALL - FIRETAIL

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

The annual School Opinion Survey has been occurring in our school this week. The Parent/Caregiver Survey has been sent home to families, and can be completed either online or using the paper form provided. Selected students have completed their survey online at school and all school staff have been provided with access details to complete their survey online. A big thank you to those who have already completed their survey, and a reminder to other survey participants to please complete their survey to ensure that their opinion is included in our schools’ reports, which we will receive later this year. Survey queries can be directed to the school office on 3372 0555 or email enquiries@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL – PARK’N’STRIDE MORNING

The next Park’n’Stride morning on Wednesday 31 July and creatively named "Wally Walkers Winter Walk", will see children meeting at the same designated meeting places as the last time at 8.05am for an 8.15am departure for school. We encourage as many participants as possible in this activity. Supervisors will be distributing raffle tickets which, when handed to their class teacher, will entitle them to two stamps in their passports.
CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISING

It has been a busy couple of months for Chaplaincy Fundraising at Grand Avenue State School. In order to have our very busy Chaplain on staff three days per week, we are required to do some fundraising.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the families who purchased sausages at the recent sports days and to the school staff and families who supported our Bail for Jail day at Forest Lake Shopping Centre on Saturday June 15. A big 'Thank You' must also be extended to the local 'celebrities' who gave up their time on the Saturday in support of Grand Avenue State School Chaplaincy. These included State Member for Algester Anthony Shorten MP, Opposition Leader Annastacia Palaszczuk MP (who spent an hour in our temporary jail together), Chaplain Kathy, Mrs Colvin, Brendan from the Salvation Army and other prominent Forest Lake business people.

’SPOUTLIGHT ON’ – SHARON SMITH

SPOTLIGHT ON...  
SHARON SMITH

Hi my name is Sharon Smith and I am a full time Teacher Aide in Prep. This is my 13th year at Grand Avenue, first as a Mum of three and for the past 10 years as an employee. I have seen the school grow in numbers as well as achievements and am always proud to be associated with the school.

I have been privileged to work with a number of fantastic teachers and Deputies over the years and it is through their encouragement I am now enrolled at the University of Southern Queensland and am undertaking my Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood.

I look forward to the possibility of perhaps being a teacher to one of your children in the future.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Greetings All,

A Resource for Parents/Caregivers and Youth

I have recently become aware of the existence of The Australian Lions Drug Awareness Foundation (ALDAF) through their July 2013 Newsletter. I am passing on the following information about this organisation as it may be of benefit to some members of our school community.

The Foundation has available for purchase, quite an extensive range of resources in a variety of forms (for both home and school use) including DVDs, booklets, brochures and games. Information on these may be viewed on their website by clicking on Resources, and an order form may be found there as well.

Here are their Aims and Objectives from the website:
The AIM of the Foundation is to promote awareness and prevention of abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

The OBJECTIVES of the Foundation are to:-

- Promote awareness of alcohol and other drug abuse especially the factors predisposing it;
- Develop education and prevention activities, especially in local communities;
- Participate in campaigns in line with the aim of the Foundation;
- Actively promote and support counselling and rehabilitation programmes.

**ALDAF contact details are as follows:**

Phone – (07) 3341 3900  
Email – aldaf@bigpond.net.au  

Blessings,  
*Kathy Williams, School Chaplain.*  
Email: chaplain@grandavenues.eq.edu.au  
Mobile: 0419 342 055

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

Grand Avenue State School acknowledges that student medication is often required during school hours. Whilst it is the parents’/caregivers’ ultimate responsibility, we can assist during these times.

Please note that correct procedures must be in place before staff are permitted to administer any type of medication including Panadol, cough medicines, cold & flu medications etc.

**Expectation of Parent/Caregiver**

Inform the school office as soon as possible, of ALL health/medical conditions relating to your child by:

- Complete a *Student Medical Details form* (including an *Action Plan* for all moderate to severe conditions). A separate form is required for each condition.

- **If medication is required** during school hours, complete a *Request to Administer Medication form*. Please note this *MUST be COMPLETED & SIGNED by a Medical Practitioner before staff can administer any form of medication*. It must clearly state the student’s name, date of birth, medication, time to be taken & dosage.

- The medication provided must be in the original container, clearly labelled by a health-care professional or Pharmacist. The label should also include the student’s name, date of birth, medication, time to be taken, dosage and the use by date.

- Please do not send medication to school with your child. An adult must be responsible for delivering all medication to the school office.

- Medication is to be collected when no longer required or on the final day of the school year. Please note that new medical forms are required at the commencement of every school year.

- Please ensure that we are kept informed of all updates with regard to all health & medical conditions, medications & parent contact details.

If you have questions, please phone the school office on 3372 0555.
It is important that parents adhere to the due dates for incursions and excursions. Please find below the list of upcoming events and due dates.

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**Final Canberra Tour Parent Information Evening - Thursday 1st August, 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the Auditorium**

The final payment date for students attending the Canberra Tour is 19th September 2013.

*Canberra Tour information is available on the school website - [https://grandavenuess.eq.edu.au](https://grandavenuess.eq.edu.au)*

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

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**P & C NEWS**

**Canteen Ice Block Red Day**

TOMORROW!

**Friday 26th July**
First and Second Breaks

Magnums, Cornettos, Gaytimes, Cyclones and many more!

$2 - $4

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**GRAND* FETE* BAZAAR!**

Sunday, 15 September

Rides from 9.30am – 2.30pm
Markets from 8.00am – 3.00pm

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**USED MUSIC STANDS**

We have about 15 Instrumental Music stands available for parents. In return, we are asking for a $5 donation to Music Parents Supporters Group. They will be available before school on Wednesdays in the Auditorium or Music Room.

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**ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT??**

Please advise the office as a matter of urgency if any of your details have changed!
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### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Fitness and Dance**

Get active and feel the excitement of dance! Jazz, Hip Hop and Cheerleading Classes!

**Forest Lake Dance Studio**

Monday & Thursday Afternoons

**Brand New Hip Hop and Mini Cheerleading Classes**

Grand Avenue State School, SEU Room.

Forest Lake Community House,

Alpine St & Forest Lake Blvd, Forest Lake

Ages 3 years and up

Classes $9.50 each, Pay as you Go!

The FAD dance program has a focus on fun and fitness through dance!

New Students always welcome for enquiries phone 3273 6367
There are some excellent writers at Grand Avenue. The Australian literacy Educators Association Writer’s Camp offers excellent opportunities for students to develop their writing skills. This year’s camp is in the September school holidays – 26th and 27th September at the State Library, South Bank. Information with regard to the workshop are outlined below.

http://www.alea.edu.au/events/event/33rd-annual-meanjin-writers-camp

The Brisbane Meanjin Local Council of the Australian Literacy Educators’ Association (ALEA) conducts an annual camp to encourage and develop talented young writers. Students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 from both state and non-state schools are invited to attend and have the opportunity to work with well-known and established authors. We are able to accept 100 participants on a first-come-first-served basis. In a break with tradition, this year's 'camp' will be held over two days in the Queensland State Library at Southbank with no overnight stay.

WHEN: Thursday 26 September and Friday 27 September 2013
WHERE: Queensland State Library, Southbank, Brisbane
AUTHORS: Narelle Oliver, James Moloney, Pat Flynn, Melaina Faranda and Terry O'Connor

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:
Meeting the invited authors and working with two of them in workshops over the two days
Some shorter afternoon workshops to continue your writing, learn cartooning and visit the adjacent Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) for inspiration
Exploring writing, talking about writing, sharing writing ... and writing!
Finding out from authors how books get to print
Social activities with new friends

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS:
GOMA visit with Colleen McCarthy
Technology workshop
Cartooning workshop with Brian Doyle
Quiet writing time

COST: $150 per child or $200 per family. For families, each child will need to be registered and fully paid for individually. Parent/Carer can then apply to Meanjin for a $100 refund for the additional child.

SELECTION: Selection will be on a first-come-first-served basis. If your children love writing or want to get better at it – we need them! Any Year 5, 6, 7 or 8 child may attend. We are able to cater for 100 students so they can bring their friends.

WHAT TO BRING: Writing paper, Pens; pencils; eraser; Laptop or tablet if you use these to write (please have them fully charged each day); Lunch each day (please note morning tea will be provided); imagination.

CONTACTS: For more information about the camp contact:
Anita Macknish (M) 0418 526 091 (E) amacknish@bne.catholic.edu.au or
Georgina Barton (P) (07) 3735 3457 (E) g.barton@griffith.edu.au
For issues with the registration process, email admin@meanjin.edu.au

REGISTRATION: Registrations close Friday 30 August 2013 or earlier if places are filled. Additional information will be sent after the closing date.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS/CARER - PLEASE READ
While this registration and payment system is not specifically designed for Writers' Camps, we are trialling it for the first time to register children for the 2013 Meanjin Writers’ Camp.

You need to begin by choosing the 'Register myself' option below and following the steps. While it is 'you' who registers, information about your child is collected during the process.
The system will register 'you' as an account holder and 'place your order' with ALEA. You will receive three emails:
- one confirming that you now have an account with ALEA
- a second with an invoice attached and payment instructions
- a third confirming that you (i.e. your child) are registered for Writers' Camp.
Registration is not complete until payment (Card, EFT or Cheque) has been made.
To continue, select 'Register myself' now and press 'Submit' ...

Event Location: Queensland State Library
Registrations Open: 20 Jun 2013
Registrations Close: 30 Aug 2013
Price: AU $ 150.00
Places Available: 98