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Vision: The Grand Avenue State School community strives to be a learning environment where students can achieve their potential and become valued members of society.

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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PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

1. PRINCIPAL’S PRIDE

Impressive student behaviour and interactions greeted me on my walks around the school last week. Any visitor would have been impressed with how well the students were playing together. I had a number of students approach me in conversation and all of them were courteous, well-spoken and happy. It reminded me of how privileged I feel to be a part of this wonderful school. I was able to interact with some year five students investigating mirrors and reflections in science – all of whom were able to clearly say what they were investigating and how they were going about it.
2. SHARPENING OUR MATHS FOCUS

Along with their regular year level meetings with supervisors, teachers have recently undertaken training after school in the area of mathematical problem solving. While excellent methods are already being used, we are looking to aim for better consistency of practice across the school. Work will continue with this during the remainder of this year and into 2014. This strategy builds on the work done so far this year with students on automaticity in maths. Automaticity is a process of using repetitive and immediate recall of facts and information to embed this information in such a way that children don’t need to think about their response – like the rote learning of tables that us grown-ups did when we were at school (especially those of my age!).

3. SEP DRIVEWAY

Thank you to those who have refrained from using the SEP drive way as a collection point (for non-SEP students). Unfortunately some unauthorised people are still using this area and some continue to drive at unsafe speeds. Steps are being taken to address this by way of new signs and other traffic calming devices. In the meantime, continued patrols by admin staff will monitor the situation. Please note that the SEP driveway is not for pedestrian access. The safety of our children, staff, parents and visitors remains paramount.

4. UNIFORM POLICY

While we have seen some remarkably warm weather of late, the cold spell is sure to return. When it does, I would remind parents of the need to adhere to our uniform policy. Non uniform jumpers/cardigans etc. really do detract from the otherwise very impressive uniform status of Grand Avenue. Please also ensure clothes are named – especially when mornings are cool and afternoons warm is the time most garments go missing.

5. EKKA HOLIDAY

The EKKA holiday is on Wednesday 14 August. This is a public holiday (for people working in Brisbane City) and as such there will be no staff at school on this day. This includes OSHC staff. Do not send or allow your children to come to school on this day.

Warm regards,

Craig Thorne
Acting Principal

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

Inala District Athletics

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, students from Grand Avenue State School represented our school at the Inala District Athletics Carnival which was held at Glenala State High School. Students competed in a range of athletics events including 100m, 200m, 800m, shot put, high jump, long jump, relays and discus.
All of the students competed extremely well over the two days and certainly displayed tremendous pride in our school. There were some marvellous performances by our students and leading into the relays on the second day, we trailed St John Anglican College by a mere 12 points. The students did tremendously well in the relays and once again Grand Avenue won A Division as the school achieving the leading points. When I say, once again, that’s because since 2002 Grand Avenue has won the overall title every year. That’s incredible!!

I have to commend all of the students for their wonderful behaviour, commitment and sportsmanship at the Athletics carnival. It was my pleasure to manage such an awesome team. Thank you to Mr Thorne and Ms Tobin for the great deal of work you put into the organisation and running of the carnival. The carnival ran extremely smoothly which is a credit to both of you. Thanks also to Mr Opstelten for all your work in selecting the students and support at the carnival. I’d also like to give Ms Tobin another big thumbs up! Our athletes looked very professional in their Grand Avenue singlets. Thanks so much for organising these.

The following students achieved exceptional results and will represent Inala District at the Regional Athletics Carnival at QEII on 27-29 August. Christine Okesene was named Age Champion for the 11 year old girls. Well done, Christine!

RESULTS:

Baylee Mills
Chantelle Yadon
Kaya Beddie
Christine Okesene
Neferatali Notoa
Zsaskia Nanai
Amber King
John Yadon
Max Tamamasui
Fonua Matangi
Jake Fennelly
Aleksandar Nedimovic
Cheyenne Croucher
Isobel Hartog
Tyrah Tuala
Lucas Josefsen
Naomi Solomona
Mason Koka

Relays -

1st 800m (11 year old girls)
1st Long jump, 2nd High Jump (12 year old girls)
2nd Discus (11 year old boys)
1st Discus, 2nd Sot Put, 3rd 200m, 3rd 100m (11 year old girls)
2nd High Jump, 3rd Long Jump (11 year old girls)
1st Shot Put (12 year old girls)
1st 100m, 2nd 200m, 3rd 800m (13 year old girls)
1st 80m (9 year old boys)
1st Discus, 3rd Shot Put (11 year old boys)
1st Shot Put (12 year old boys)
1st 800m, 2nd High Jump, 1st Multi (10 year old boys)
2nd High Jump, 2nd Multi, 3rd 800m, 3rd Long Jump (12 year old boys)
2nd 200m (12 year old girls)
3rd 800m (12 year old girls)
1st Shot Put, 2nd Discus (11 year old girls)
1st High Jump (10 year old boys)
2nd Discus (10 year old girls)
1st Shot Put (10 year old boys)
2nd 11 year old girls, 12 year old girls, 9 year old boys

Mr Richardson

WELL DONE!
PREP ENROLMENT MORNING

Monday 12 August
9.30am - Auditorium

An information session for parents to find out more about our school and lodge their enrolment forms.

RECRUITEMNT FOR THE 2014 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

In the week beginning September 2, 2013 students in Years 2, 3 and 4 will complete the Selmer Music Test during their Music Lesson. Students who show a good aptitude for music will undertake further assessments to see if they might be suitable to play an instrument in either the Strings or Band program. Classroom teachers will also provide information to the Music teachers on the students’ organisation, focus, effort and overall academic performance. Successful students will then be offered a place in the 2014 program. There will be an information session for successful students later in Term 4. As places are limited, we can only accept students into the program if they are prepared to commit to it for the rest of their primary schooling. We are looking forward to building a strong Instrumental Music Program at Grand Avenue in 2014.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS’ CHOIR VISIT

Representatives from the Australian Girls’ Choir will be visiting the school this term to hold an assessment workshop for interested girls in Years 1 to 7.

When: Tuesday, 20 August

Where: Years 1 – 3 – 11.00 in the Auditorium
Years 4 – 7 – 10.30 in the Auditorium
(bring your lunches)

Fliers were distributed earlier in the week. Girls who wish to attend the workshop/audition need to bring back a permission slip. Additional forms are available at the office.

INCURSION/EXCURSION DUE DATES

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

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

*NB: Year 7 students who have indicated their intention to attend the Canberra Tour have been given their medical/consent forms.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.
Some of you may be wondering who the new face at the School Office Accounts window is or the unfamiliar voice on the other end of the Admin phone?? Well this is my story…….

My name is Rosemary Goode. For the past 8½ years I have spent my time at Collingwood Park State School as Teacher Aide, Acting Business Services Manager and more recently Administration Officer. I am married with two sons, Daniel 18 and Alex 16.

I started working at Grand Avenue State School in early May in the role of Finance Officer and to date must say I am very happy I made the decision. Whilst I do miss my “old” school, I can honestly say that the Grand Avenue School Community from staff, teachers, parents and students have all made me feel extremely welcome and at home. Thank you.

P & C NEWS

Stay cool at school this summer by saving in Term 3 of School Banking!

Win a CommBank Marquee for our school or an iPad mini for yourself just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking Account.

The School with the highest percentage of active students making at least one school banking deposit in term 3 will win a marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of one school banking deposit in term 3 will be in the running to win a cool iPad mini or a Dollarmite Backpack!

For your chance to win, students need to simply make one or more School Banking deposits during Term 3. To find out more, contact the School Banking Co-ordinator on studentbanking@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au or visit your local branch.

Things to know before you Can enter: Competition opens 08/07/13 and closes 27/09/13. Competition is open to all Queensland School Banking Schools. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Full terms and conditions available in Branch.

Please note - due to the Ekka public holiday, school banking will be on Tuesday 13th August.

GRAND* FETE* BAZAAR!
Sunday, 15 September

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

MARKETS ON GRAND - THIS SUNDAY
11 AUG - 8.00am to 1.00pm

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU TO VOLUNTEER!
Contact: P&C Letterbox in the School Office or at pandc@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
The Best Teacher In The World

By Alex Lirio

The best teacher in the world is the marvellous Mrs Green
I think she is funnier than the great Mr Bean.
She’s Funny, she’s Sunny,
She’s Sweet like honey!

She’s also very calm even if we aren’t quiet
Especially in the morning when we are a big riot
Did I mention my teacher is super smart?
She also has a very big heart.
So this is why my teacher is the best
I think she’s better than all the rest.
This free workshop is presented by Bazil Grumble for the Brisbane City Council as part of their Active Parks program.

The Amazing Art Race
Sunday 18 August 2013 - 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Forest Lake Parklands – Forest Lake Boulevard
Work against the clock in the amazing art race. Just like the TV show only it’s a race around your local park. Have fun as you work in a team to navigate through the park in order to fulfil creative and physical challenges and be in the running to win some cool prizes.
Hurry! Limited places! Registration is essential at www.bazilgrumble.com.au

We look forward to seeing you there, Fiona Bazley Hodges, Artistic Director

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Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Club
Sign On / Open Day

Venue: Wolfston Park Clubhouse (Turf Wicket), Orford Drive, Wacol.

Time: Saturday 17 August 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Boys and Girls aged 5 to 16
• 'In2Cricket' skills program available for children aged 5 to 8 years
• Teams also available for older boys and parents
• Positive, nurturing Club environment
• Great facilities - some of the best in the competition
• Team kits available for juniors
• Low cost fun

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

For further details: www.wpccc.com.au or
Secretary WPCCC Ellen Ferris 3376 9545 or 0414 871 461