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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.

Quality Relationships • Respect • Care and Compassion
High Achievement • Doing your best • Responsibility for learning
Meaningful Communication • Understanding and Inclusion • Honesty and Integrity

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PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

1. SAFETY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED

Please be advised that the recent safety measures spoken about in earlier newsletters are currently being installed along the SEP driveway. These include cautionary signs and speed bumps. The SEP driveway and entrance are not for pedestrian access and only vehicles on SEP business (eg: transporting SEP students) are permitted in this area before, during and immediately after school. Your co-operation with this is appreciated and helps to keep our children safer.
2. CURRENT AND UPCOMING CAMPS AND CANBERRA TOUR

Our year four students embarked on their annual camp this week and on all reports are enjoying their program at Camp Warrawee. I would thank staff and families for their respective work in organising this opportunity for our students. The year five camp is scheduled for the last three days of term and parents of year seven students attending the Canberra Tour should also be mindful of the looming deadline for payment – 19th September. Updates and information about these activities can be found on our website.

3. MAXIMISING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Important support and other learning programs continue throughout the school day and sometimes in areas outside classrooms. I would ask that parents arriving just before the final bell for the day be mindful of these programs – some of which require active listening by children to speech sounds – and that children be given every opportunity to engage with their teacher or aide without the distraction of loud noise and conversations.

4. STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A number of staff will be undergoing three-day training courses in Autistic Spectrum Disorder and support strategies. Regular and familiar supply teachers are being engaged to replace our teachers while they undertake this valuable training. All year level staff are continuing to meet in year level teams with administration and curriculum staff to deliver effective and consistent curriculum for the current C2C (“Curriculum into the Classroom”) Units. This will involve clarifying expectations around assessment tasks as well as moderating previously completed tasks.

5. ARD VISITS GRAND AVENUE

Mr Mike Kelly, Assistant Regional Director, visited a number of classes at Grand Avenue this week and spoke with administrators about our programs and results. Mr Kelly continues to enjoy his visits to our school to see the excellent opportunities that take place in our rooms. He made comment about how engaged the children are when undertaking the phonograms program. Of course we are always pleased to pass on feedback such as this!

Warm regards,

Craig Thorne
Acting Principal

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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. Medical/Consent Forms must also be returned on or before this date.

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

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.
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.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Greetings All,

Professor Paula Barrett – Parenting Seminar

**Topic** - Strong Not Tough: Building Resilience in Families

**Date** - Tuesday, 17th September, 2013

**Timing** – Start: 7.00pm for 7.15pm. Finish: 9.15pm

**Venue** – Pallara State School, 282 Ritchie Road, Pallara.

**Cost** – a donation of $5, please, which Paula will pass on to the charity, Furry Friends.

**RSVP** – by Friday, 13th Sept to Chaplain Kathy: chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

Light refreshments will be provided.

Professor Paula Barrett, B.Sc (Hons), M.Clin.Psych., MAPS, PhD, is internationally recognized as a leader in the field of resilience and child development. Paula is an acclaimed and engaging speaker in both international and national forums, having delivered numerous keynote addresses worldwide and has been published widely in the area of prevention and treatment of anxiety and depression and the promotion of resilience.

Paula is also the author of the FRIENDS Resilience Programs, which are endorsed by the World Health Organisation. At Grand Avenue State School, we run Fun Friends every year for a term in all Prep classes.

The relaxation, positive thinking, and behavioural skills learned prevent bullying, promote positive peer-teacher relationships and optimise academic and sporting performance. The skills bring great benefits to families independent of their background.

Paula founded Pathways Health and Research Centre in West End, which empowers families with a positive psychology approach. For more information on Resilience Programs, please call Pathways Health and Research Centre on 3391 6866 or email programs@pathwayshrc.com.au

Put this date in your diary and plan to bring along family and friends for this valuable evening of learning.

Blessings,
Kathy Williams, School Chaplain.
Email: chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
Mobile: 0419 342 055
Gosh! 5A’s Garden has grown

It all started when a caring teacher Mrs Martin decided that it was time. Time to do our part towards Mother Nature. And that was have a class garden.

Since then our garden has grown heaps. Our teacher tells us that the best way to treat plants is with love and care. We believe that love and care will ensure our plants to grow beautifully as well as taste lip-smacking good. At first when we thought of the idea, everyone was very enthusiastic about it. Our class had high hopes for our first class garden. We planted the snow peas and the sugar snap peas first. They were only tiny little seeds. They took a certain period of time to grow but our awfully patient class was very tolerant in waiting. At the end we made a very wise decision to take them out and .......... eat them. Since then, everyone has commented on our yummy vegetables. Even Mrs Almond thought they were delicious.

We have planted other fruit and vegetables including tomatoes, strawberries, mini capsicum and radishes. The radishes have turned out a reasonably good size. Not everyone liked their taste though?

Many of our class members have spent their lunch and free time helping out in the garden. This shows the dedication that’s going into our treasured vegetable garden.

We strongly appreciate what this class and teacher have done to the environment as well as the school and how everyone has supported to make our school a better place. If you want to taste these mouth-watering vegetables please ask our teacher Mrs Martin.

By Diniti Perera 5A

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DEFENCE STUDENT TRANSITION AIDE

Grand Avenue has a long standing tradition of excellent DSTAs and that is sure to continue with the appointment of Cathy Davis to the position. Cathy will replace Luci Kleineberg who has done a fantastic job in the role for the last 5 years. Luci’s smiling face will still be around the school as she is extending her hours in the office.

The DSTA program provides support to the children and families of Australian Defence Force members, particularly when moving in and out of school on postings or when a parent is absent from home.

We welcome Cathy to the team and thank Luci for all her hard work.
Our Trip to Paradise Farm

Grade 2 went to Paradise Farm on Wednesday to look at animals. Firstly we caught the bus. I sat next to my friend Rojheen and I was asleep on the bus. Next we went to sheep shearing. I touched the sheep and they felt soft. Then we had lunch. I saw some dingoes hiding. After that we fed the baby animals. We fed the pigs, lambs, goats and more. I touched some animals and they nearly bit me. Then we saw a bike and horse race. I wanted to hold a flag that is red and it was funny because they did tricks. After that we watched a farm show and the sheep round up was fun because we saw the sheep go in. The boomerangs were cool and the whips were noisy and the cow milking was funny. I liked the whips more because it was fun and cool. Finally the bus drove back to school. I was so happy when I saw my dad and my mum. When we went to the farm I had a lot of fun. When I saw the shows they scared me. My favourite part was when I saw the dingoes and I felt happy.

By Emily 2D

Our trip to Paradise Farm

On Wednesday grade 2 went to Paradise Farm and looked at animals. Firstly we caught the bus to Paradise Farm. I sat next to Steve and Kaitlyn. Next we saw the sheep shearing and I saw the sheep poo. Then I had pizza for lunch. I watched Jack fall down. After that we went to the nursery to feed the baby animals. We fed goats, lambs, and pigs. I was disgusted because it was smelly. Then we saw a horse and ute race. I thought it was funny because the horse won. After that we saw the farm show and we saw a sheep round up whips and cow milking. I saw the cow pee. Lastly we took the bus back to school. I sat next to Kaitlyn. We went to the farm and we saw 2 shows and animals. I felt excited and surprised. My favourite was feeding the baby animals because it was messy, ridiculous and fun!

By Louise 2D
## FATHER’S DAY STALL - 2013

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- **Gifts available $1 - $15**
- **Venue - Auditorium**
- **All profits to P&C Fundraising Committee.**

**On Friday morning, the Stall will be open from 8:30am.**

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## Canteen News

**WEDNESDAY to FRIDAY – ON-LINE ORDERING ONLY**

**From the beginning of next term**, the canteen will be accepting **on-line orders only** on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays using the Flexischools website.

There will be no over the counter sales on those days.

**Attention: Year 1 Parents**

**Swimming Dates:**
- Monday 19 August
- Monday 26 August
- Monday 2 September
- Friday 23 August
- Friday 30 August
- Friday 6 September

**DON’T FORGET TO SEND YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR TOGS AND TOWEL IN A WATERPROOF BAG!**

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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, ie. phone numbers, address, emergency contacts!

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Kimberley Takes on Guide Challenge!

Guides all over Queensland were challenged to knit bonnets and booties for premature babies. All guides were asked to set their own targets. Forest Lake Girl Guide Kimberley Montgomery decided that she would set her target for 200 sets and to have them all done by the beginning of winter.

Kimberley, a member of the Forest Lake Girl Guides for the past 8 years, organised various accomplished knitters to help her achieve this task and especially wished to thank her nanna, grandmother, her little brothers Kindergarten and her mum for their part in reaching her goal. Kimberley was also trying to knit herself and had managed one set so far. Kimberley stated “it’s hard work but I enjoy doing it. This is just a few of the challenges that Guides Queensland offers Guides throughout Queensland and its lots of fun”. Kimberley handed over her very needed stockpile of 200 sets of knitted items to the Neonatal Critical Care Unit at the Mater Mothers hospital.

Forest Lake Girl Guides have two Units especially for 5 to 12 year old girls and Units for 13 to 18 years old girls and there are vacancies in this group for more young girls to join. Guiding provides a non-formal educational program that is a dynamic, flexible and values based training in life skills, decision making and leadership.

Trained volunteer leaders are committed to helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members in a co-operative, non-competitive and safe environment. The program has an integrated approach through teamwork, commitment to the Promise and Law, exploring the outdoors, community service, learning by doing and progressive self-development.

Girls and women have fantastic opportunities to develop new skills, gain confidence to think and act for themselves, make new friends and experience a sense of community and belonging while having fun. Each unit has a program appropriate for the age group through outdoor activities, playing games and doing activities suitable to their age group.

Forest Lake Girl Guides would like to welcome girls between 5 and 18 years of age to come along for a 4 week free trial. Forest Lake Girl Guides meet on Tuesday nights (Group Leader: Fiona Percy 0439 333 285 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm) and Saturday mornings (Group Leader: Kemy Montgomery 0415 875 207 from 9:30am to 11:30am) at St John’s Anglican College Forest Lake. Please go to the website for more information www.forestlakeguides.org.au.
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 enquires phone 3273 6367