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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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PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

1. Welcome back

Welcome back to all members of the Grand Avenue State School family for the final term of 2013. I hope that everyone is ready for another busy term and all the excitement that term 4 will no doubt bring. It is a great pleasure to return to our wonderful school. Hearty congratulations go to Mr Craig Thorne, who was Acting Principal, the administration team and all on staff who have ensured that the school has continued to run so effectively during my absence.
2. Getting ready for 2014

During this term we commence preparations for next year. Teachers are currently considering their teaching preferences for 2014 and we will soon begin the process to consider classes for 2014. 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. Every student will be given the opportunity to nominate 2-3 friends that they would like to be with next year and parents also have the option of contacting the school if they believe special consideration is required.

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 Mrs Colvin, Ms Tobin, 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 DISCARDED 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 2014 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, 25TH OCTOBER.

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

3. Excellent Naplan results

The 2013 Naplan results are excellent and I am absolutely thrilled for both students and staff. This is the first time that the school has scored at or above the National Minimum Standard in every year level and for every learning strand. In other words of the possible 15 areas, our school has scored statistically at or above the Nation in every strand and for every year level.

I will share the results in more detail in the next newsletter but it is very satisfying to note that in 2013 in Year 5 Reading, 100% of our students have scored at the National Minimum Standard or above, a lift of 10% on 2012. 31% of our Year 5 students are also in the top 2 bands for reading this year as opposed to 19% last year.

Every year we have improved our Naplan results and this year we have seen that trend continue with even more impressive results. I am exceptionally proud of our teachers and support staff as well as the commitment our students have demonstrated in working hard at school every day.

4. School fete a resounding success!

Well done to our wonderful P&C and all the parent and staff helpers on fete day. A great deal of preparatory work was undertaken by the Fete Committee and Ms Janeen Almond, Deputy Principal and fete liaison officer. Without their efforts the big day would not have gone so smoothly and professionally. It was a lovely community day and I am thankful for the huge effort and participation of all concerned.
5. **Pride in school uniform**

Grand Avenue has a strong tradition of school uniform compliance. Our students look terrific when wearing full school uniform and I expect that all students will be wearing their summer uniform appropriately. I thank all those parents who ensure that their children attend school fully decked out in the correct attire and ask that everyone continue to support our school right up to the last school day.

Warm regards,

Desley Brassington  
Principal

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**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.*

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**PREP 2014 INFORMATION SESSIONS AND OPEN DAYS**

For those families with children joining us in Prep in 2014, there are information sessions being held in the Auditorium on Wednesday October 23 at 9.00am and 6.00pm. There is a lot of very important (and new) information for families in regards to Prep 2014 and you are strongly encouraged to attend. This information session is designed for parents and if possible, we ask that the children do not attend.

We will also be holding Prep Open Days for parents and children on Thursday November 7 and Saturday November 9. We look forward to meeting our newest Prep students at these events. More information will be provided at the Information Sessions.
Term 4 has just started and while it seems a long time ago, I’d like to cast everyone’s minds back to just before the holidays. It was the last Wednesday of term 3 (September 18, to be precise). There was a buzz of excitement in Kauma Hall as fifty dedicated young scientists eagerly prepared equipment and materials for their experiments. Any second now, an equal number of enthusiastic year 4 students were about to converge on our super-sized laboratory. What was to follow, turned out to be, one of the highlights of year 7 for our fabulous 2013 group.

During term 3, the students in year 7 learned about science experiments, particularly in the area of chemistry. They were given the task of organising and preparing a stimulating science experiment to be run at the Science Fair. The students worked collaboratively with a partner to ensure that what they presented was something pretty special. The goal was always to facilitate the experiments for younger students to excite them about the wonderful world of science. The day was organised into three sessions, one in the morning and two in the middle session. Every year 7 student came prepared on the day to run their spectacular science experiment, which was a real credit to them.

This year, for the Science Fair, all of the year 4 classes participated, with a sprinkle of year 5s. We also had Mrs Mellor’s beautiful year 1s. Including the year 7s, an incredible 300 students actively engaged in science, all on the one day. From a teacher’s perspective, it was wonderful to see so many children interested in science and learning so much. The year 7s did an absolutely terrific job organising their experiments and guiding the younger students. They really stepped up for the occasion and it certainly showed what this group of Grand Avenue students are capable of. During the course of the day over 200 experiments were conducted including Elephant’s Toothpaste, Fake Snow, Mentos and Coke, Oobleck and other types of goo, Lava Lamps, Egg in the Bottle, Exploding Lunch bag, Canister Rockets and Tornado in a Bottle. The list goes on and on but needless to say, there was a huge array of science experiments to be experienced.

Before I leave you with some reflections from students who participated in the Science Fair, I’d like to thank all of the year 7 teachers for supporting the event and encouraging the students. Thank you also to Sue Booth for taking some awesome photos, Trish for compiling the booklets and our ever sympathetic cleaners (Karen and Wendy) for helping me out.

**Student Reflections:**

*It was amazing and I won’t forget it. *(Elise- Year 4)*

*I was very excited and a bit nervous at the same time.* *(Sophia- Year 4)*

*I felt excited to participate because it was something new.* *(Aliza- Year 4)*

*I think the Science Fair was awesome because the experiments made me want to do it at home. It was a TEN OUT OF TEN.* *(Luke- Year 4)*

*The year sevens were very helpful and fun to do it with.* *(Josie- Year 4)*

*I think the Science Fair was GREAT because I really want to do it right now but I can’t because I need to do work. What a great idea. I thought it was cooooooooooooooooooool!* *(Caleb- Year 4)*

*I think it was amazing and that the year 7s put a lot of effort into it for us to have a go. I really liked sparkly explosion. It was definitely my favourite experiment because the girls were funny. They helped me a lot and when I put the vinegar in the whole thing came exploding out and it was colourful and sparkly. It was awesome!* *(Georgia- Year 4)*

*I saw three experiments, Sherbet, Fake Snow and Elephant’s Toothpaste. My favourite experiment was Sherbet. I could taste it and it was sweet and yummy.* *(Shehan- Year 1)*

*My favourite experiment was Coke and Mentos. I saw a coke bottle and put mentos in and the coke rose up and came out over the bottle.* *(Bella- Year 1)*

*My favourite experiment was Canister Rockets. I saw a girl put antacids in a little cup with vinegar and it went up. It exploded.* *(Joan – Year 1)*

Mr Richardson (Year 7 Teacher)
Greetings All,

I hope you all had a welcome break after a longish term 3.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2013:**

Once again our Student Council is conducting Operation Christmas Child where students are encouraged to help bring Christmas surprises to children in less fortunate circumstances than we enjoy here in Brisbane.

The finish date is **Friday, 8th November**.

Next week each class will receive a poster and an empty shoebox, as we aim to have one box from each class. It is great if any families are able to do their own box – the information needed follows:

- **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 8th November.*

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

**Chaplaincy Lapathon**

On Wednesday October 23, 2013 we are holding a Lapathon Fundraiser to support Chaplaincy Services at Grand Avenue State School. Fundraising for Chaplaincy enables Chaplain Kathy to work extra days on top of the Federal Grant that the school receives. Kathy’s support and services at Grand Avenue are in high demand and every minute of her time here is spent working with the students for their increased social and emotional well-being.

The Lapathon will run from 2.45pm – 3.45pm with afternoon tea provided at 2.45pm. Students who normally attend After School Care can still participate in the Lapathon and we are working with the OSHC staff to provide supervision of the students during this time.
As this event is being run after school, we need parental permission for your child to attend. As soon as this permission form is returned, we will issue a sponsorship form for your child to start collecting sponsors. Sponsorship can either be in the form of a ‘per lap’ amount or overall amount. If you need another permission form, they are available at the office.

Students will need to be collected from the oval at 3.45pm by a responsible adult. They will not be allowed to walk home from the lapathon, even if this is their normal way of going home.

The lapathon will be a fun event, with some participants dressing up, making box cars to walk in and music to walk to. We hope to see many students supporting our Chaplain at the Lapathon.

**BAND WORKSHOP**

On Wednesday October 16, students in both Junior and Senior Bands will be participating in a day-long band workshop to refine their performance skills before the upcoming competitions. Students will be working with four specialist music teachers and will also rehearse as an ensemble. Students are to wear their uniform as usual and bring a packed lunch. The workshop will culminate in a short performance from 2.15pm – 2.45pm in the Auditorium and parents are warmly invited to attend this performance.

**PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY 21 OCTOBER**

Please be aware that Monday 21 October is a Pupil Free Day where students **do not attend school**. Teachers on that day will be introduced to the C2C Curriculum for Geography which will begin in classrooms in 2014.

C2C Curriculum is currently being taught at Grand Avenue in Numeracy, Literacy, Science and History. History and Geography will replace SOSE (Studies of the Society and Environment).

In 2016, C2C will include The Arts, Health & Physical Education, Civics and Citizenship, Technologies and Languages. This will complete all learning areas using the new C2C Curriculum.

To find out more please go to – [http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/)

**NUMBER SHOOTOUT!**

The annual Number Shootout for all year levels will be happening again in the week beginning 4 November. Students are asked to practise automaticity of their number facts. Each year level will end up with a Class Champion and an overall Year Level Champion! The event is run during the children’s lunch breaks over 2 weeks. Parents are most welcome to attend any of these sessions.

**CONGRATULATIONS JESSIKAH AND CHRISTINE!**

Congratulations to Jessikah Reeves and Christine Okesene on being selected to play in the State School Girls Rugby League Carnival. Jessikah and Christine represented Met West playing against regions such as Darling Downs, Wide Bay, Gold Coast and Capricornia in Hervey Bay on September 21-23. The Met West side made the Grand Final after being undefeated throughout the carnival. Unfortunately they lost to Capricornia in a great final.

Well done to Jessikah and Christine on their selection to the team and their fantastic efforts!
A big thank you to everyone involved in this year’s fete, from all of our sponsors and suppliers to the teachers and parents who gave their time to make such a grand day. Having the markets on the same day was a great success along with the fete entertainment. I hope you all had a great day. The final amount raised is not completed yet, but we will let you know.

The money raised from this event is going towards building a shade structure on the oval complete with water bubblers and power. There will also be seating. This will be a great asset for the school and community for sports days and daily events. This project will be built over the Christmas holidays.

Thank you all again.

Regards,
Gavin Rook
P&C President

Grand Avenue State School Parents & Citizen’s Association

MARKETS ON GRAND
THIS SUNDAY, 13TH OCTOBER
8.00AM – 1.00PM

IMPORTANT REMINDER....
Canteen News

WEDNESDAY to FRIDAY – ON-LINE ORDERING ONLY

From the commencement of this 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.

www.flexischools.com.au
Arriving late for school, leaving early .... Just a little bit doesn’t seem much but ....

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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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Forest Lake State High School
Staff Visit to Grand Avenue State School

The Junior Secondary Head of Department and I are looking forward to regularly visiting Grand Avenue State School during play breaks to get to know students and discuss with them activities that they enjoy during this time. This will commence on Friday the 18\textsuperscript{th} of October. We shall also be meeting Year 7 teachers and visiting classrooms as part of our process to connect with our feeder schools to help us prepare for year 7’s moving into high school in 2015. As a former primary school teacher myself I shall very much enjoy engaging more with the primary school.

Parents, please ring Forest Lake SHS on 3714 2333 if you wish to do a school and class visit or to arrange a meeting with myself to discuss any concerns that you may have about your child transitioning into high school.

Our enrolment day for 2014 is on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} November. I shall hopefully meet many of you on this day. More information will be provided to the school prior to this day.

Cheryl Harvey
Deputy Principal - Junior Secondary

Forest Lake State High School
Uniform Information

We have put together a starter pack for new students which contains all the basics a year 8 student may need. You may find once your student has their timetable (which they will get on their first day) that you need to add items but as the name suggests it is only a starter pack.

The girls starter pack consists of -
1 blouse, 1 skirt, 1 sports polo, 1 pair sports shorts, a hat, 1 pair ankle socks and 1 pair of crew socks (free). \textbf{Total cost $144.50}.

The boys starter pack consists of –
1 shirt, 1 pair formal shorts, 1 sports polo, 1 pair sports shorts, a hat, 1 pair ankle socks and 1 pair of crew socks (free). \textbf{Total cost $137.50}.

These packs are subject to stock availability.

The uniform shop is open from 8am to 10am each school day and will close on December 13, 2013 and will not reopen until January 20, 2014. We will be open on Enrolment day on Saturday November 2, 2013 from 9am to 2.30pm. This is the only Saturday we are open. We accept eftpos, Mastercard, Visa and cash. You can also Lay-by.

If you decide to get your uniforms next year you will need to allow most of the morning as we are usually extremely busy at that time of the year. Opening hours for January 2014 are:

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  \item \textbf{Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} to Friday 24\textsuperscript{th}} 9am to 12pm each day
  \item \textbf{Monday 27\textsuperscript{th} – closed}
  \item \textbf{Tuesday 28\textsuperscript{th} to Friday 31\textsuperscript{st}} 8am to 11am each day
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HAVEN’T DOWNLOADED THE QSCHOOLS APP YET?
YOU’RE MISSING OUT ON LIVE INFORMATION DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR SMARTPHONE FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.
KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRAND AVENUE AND DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP TODAY!

Assessment and Treatment of Fears and Anxiety in Children Griffith University

Parents, is your child fearful of certain situations or do they seem to experience ongoing feelings of anxiety? At Griffith University, we are conducting a large-scale study for children (7 to 13 years of age) with anxiety that includes a thorough assessment and a novel, home-based treatment using computers and telephone contact from a trained clinician. We are providing this service at no cost to families.

To find out more about this project, please contact our team on 07-3735 3418, cadrp@griffith.edu.au.