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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DATES TO REMEMBER
Fri 25 Oct
Deadline for Parent Requests re: Class Allocation
Mon 4 Nov – Tue 5 Nov
Bugs Ed Incursion – Year 1
Tues 5 – Wed 6 Nov
Indigenous Artist Visit – Year 5
Fri 8 Nov
Hands on History Incursion – Year 3
Sat 9 Nov – Fri 15 Nov
Prep 2014 Class Placement Interviews
Mon 25 Nov – Fri 29 Nov
Canberra Tour – Year 7
Fri 6 Dec
Christmas Show Incursion - Prep
Wed 11 Dec
Year 7 Graduation Ceremony
Thurs 12 Dec
White Water World – Year 7

PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

1. Term 4 in Full Swing

It is pleasing to see that our classes are working very hard at the moment to complete all work for 2014. The children are generally very settled and focused on doing their best. It is critical that every student attends school every day as we are still teaching new work and assessing material for semester 2 report cards. I have reminded students that as a school with high expectations it is very important that they keep striving to do their best and that they maintain high standards of behaviour both in class and out in the playground.
2. **Grand Avenue Choirs are Top Notch!**

Congratulations to both the Junior and Senior choirs. Both choirs successfully competed in the Silkstone Eisteddfod earlier this week. The Junior choir won the Bronze award and the Senior Choir came home with the Silver award. Well done to all students involved and a big thank you to our teachers, Mrs Louise Lanham- Sawyer and Ms Jackie Short who prepared and accompanied the students on the day.

3. **World School Staff Day**

Traditionally World Teacher’s Day is celebrated on the last Friday in October. At Grand Avenue, we celebrated World School Staff Day on Monday 22 October in order to recognise and say thanks to all the wonderful people who work in our school. A big thank you to the P&C who sponsored the before school breakfast for staff.

Every day our staff is making a positive difference to students at Grand Avenue. This special day is an opportunity to draw attention to the important role that each member of staff plays in our school community.

It is this combined effort of all members of staff that maintains the strong family ethos and caring environment which is so much a part of who we are at Grand Avenue.

4. **Severe Weather Events**

Your child’s safety must be our first priority. If severe bad weather hits just before the 2.45pm bell it is our responsibility to keep students safe indoors. Should parents be waiting outside the classroom before the bell, teachers will be informed if they can release students directly to their parents early due to impending bad weather.

Teachers will then continue to supervise remaining students and you can collect your child from their classroom up until 3pm.

If the extreme weather continues after 3pm, all remaining students will be supervised at the covered area outside the school office until they have been collected by a responsible adult. Students who normally ride or walk home will be supervised until it is safe to leave.

5. **Notification of student’s late return for 2014 school year**

Families of students’ who will be extending their Christmas holidays and returning late for the resumption of the 2014 school year are requested to notify the school in writing ASAP of their intentions. The school is staffed on the beginning of year Day 8 enrolment numbers. It is vital that the school have written advice of late return of students in the New Year. I appreciate all parents’ co-operation and understanding with regard to this matter.

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.

Prep Open Days

We welcome all of our 2014 Prep students to our Prep Open Days – Thursday November 7 and Saturday November 9 from 9.00am – 11.00am. Come and have a play in our Prep area, see what a Prep Classroom looks like and meet some of our Prep Teachers.

Don’t forget your hat! We look forward to meeting you all.

The Prep 2014 Information Sessions were held yesterday and were well attended by many excited families. They were a great opportunity to hear about the exciting things their children will do in Prep!
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 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 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 TOMORROW, 25TH OCTOBER.

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

SUCCESS AT SILKSTONE CHOIR COMPETITION

On Tuesday October 22, 63 girls in the Junior and Senior Choirs competed in the Silkstone Choral Eisteddfod.

The Junior Choir (Years 2 and 3) were by far the youngest competitors competing in the same category as students up to year 7. They were commended for their “nice, energetic sound” and were awarded a Bronze Award.

The Senior Choir (Years 4 to 7) were commended for their “beautiful, clear singing” and were awarded a Silver Award.

Well done to everyone in our choirs and Mrs Lanham-Sawyer and Miss Short.
Greetings All,

**LAPATHON FOR CHAPLAINCY:**

What a wonderful sight it was on Wednesday afternoon, to see about 70 students (big and small) plus some pre-schoolers and parents, running, walking or driving their box cars around the oval, all to support Chaplaincy at Grand Avenue S.S. The total number of all the laps was over 500, with some students doing 14 or more.

I would like to say a GREAT BIG Thank-you to every one of them, and also to their families for their support too!

Sponsorship money and forms should be handed in at Reception in the school office by Friday, 1st November please, so prizes can be awarded.

**INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S DAY CELEBRATION:**

Rev Russell Reynoldson and Forest Lake Uniting Church are inviting families to a time of free fun activities for children at the Lake Stage at Forest Lake from 11.30am till 1.30pm on Sunday, 27th October.

There will be a sausage sizzle, jumping castle, face painting, craft table, buns on a string, apple bobbing and much more.

**LIGHT PARTY:**

A fun and safe celebration of **good** things on **Thursday, 31 October**, at Richlands East State School (BIG HALL), 91 Poinsettia St, Inala.

Time: **4.30pm – 6.30pm.** Entry by gold coin donation.

**Free** – jumping castle, candy floss, face painting, party food, live band plus more!

For more information, contact the Elevate Church, 0418 745 179.

**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**.

Each class should now have 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 detailed information needed can be found in the previous newsletter and is also available at Reception.

Blessings,

*Kathy Williams, School Chaplain.*

Email: chaplain@grandavenuress.eq.edu.au

Mobile: 0419 342 055

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**UNCLAIMED SCOOTERS**

Once again we have a number of unclaimed scooters that have been left in the bike lock-ups. If your child is missing a scooter, please come to the office and offer a description. We would love to reunite them with their owners. In a few weeks, any that remain unclaimed will be taken to the Inala police station.
Arriving late for school, leaving early …. Just a little bit doesn’t seem much but ….

| He/ She is only missing just…. | That equals…. | Which is….. | & over 13 yrs of schooling that’s….
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10 minutes per day              | 50 minutes per week | Nearly 1.5 weeks per year | Nearly ½ year
| 20 minutes per day              | 1 hour 40 minutes per week | Over 2.5 weeks per year | Nearly 1 year
| Half hour per day               | Half a day per week | 4 wks per year | Nearly 1½ years
| 1 hour per day                  | 1 day per week | 8 weeks per year | Over 2½ years

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!

### Instrumental Lessons

| Woodwind Lessons | Instrumental Room (L Block) | Mrs Zorzetto | Tuesdays
|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Brass/Percussion Lessons | Instrumental Room (MPA) | Mrs Stiller | Wednesdays
| Strings Lessons (Senior/Intermediate) | Instrumental Room (L Block) | Mr Hoey | Wednesdays
| Strings Lessons (Junior) | Instrumental Room (L Block) | Mr Hoey | Fridays

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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). **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). **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:

**Monday 20th to Friday 24th** – 9am to 12pm each day

*Monday 27th – closed*

**Tuesday 28th** to Friday **31st** – 8am to 11am each day