Vision: 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. WELCOME BACK

It is lovely to see all of our students excited to be back for Term 2. Now that the weather is cooling, everyone should be able to enjoy the more comfortable learning environment. Please also ensure your child has the correct winter uniform and be sure to name every item.

A reminder that school newsletters are distributed via email on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and are also published on the website link.

2. CROSS COUNTRY

On the 17th and 18th April, students participated in the annual Grand Avenue State School Cross Country. This year the event was broken up into 4 sessions which allowed the children to easily fit under our new House tents. Each session was well attended and thank you to Mr Opstelten and Miss Douglas for their organisation. Thank you also to our groundsmen, Mr Walter and Mr Bright for setting up the oval.

It was a great spectacle and everyone did a great job. Congratulations to all students in the upper school who were selected to represent Grand Avenue in the Inala District Championships on Thursday, 2nd May at St Mark’s.

The sport house points competition ended up being very close with the result being decided by the placings in the final race! The winning house for 2013 was Firetail!

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3. ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

On Tuesday 23 April, Deputy Principal Mr Thorne, along with our defence force teacher aide Mrs Luci Kleineberg accompanied the school captains, Liam Portelli and Paris Knapp and vice captain Thomas Cameron and our Year 7 defence students to the Students’ ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony in Anzac Square in the city. This ceremony is conducted specifically for school students and has been designed to encourage the highest level of student participation.

The efforts of Australia’s Defence Forces throughout the world in areas of combat, in peace keeping exercises and particularly in providing assistance to areas devastated by natural disasters was clearly evident during 2013.

The Anzac Day Students’ Commemoration gave our students an opportunity to honour our current defence forces while showing respect and gratitude for all men and women who have served our country throughout the years.

Our students participated fully in the service and laid a wreath at the Eternal Flame on behalf of the school community. They conducted themselves with dignity and represented the school with honour and exemplary behaviour.

4. GRAND AVENUE ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICES

This is the first year that we have held our commemoration services in the new auditorium. We made the decision to conduct two services so that the younger students, Prep-Year 3 could attend a shorter, more age appropriate event.

The Years 4-7 students attended a full service which included a speech by Gunner Martin Hughes from 1 Regiment Royal Australian Artillery, poems and relevant information from our school captains, last post and a minute’s silence along with wreath-laying on behalf of each year level. Many thanks to all families who provided floral tributes on the day.
The students were respectful and observant and their behaviour was exemplary. It is important for our children to not only understand the importance of Anzac Day but to also appreciate the solemnity and seriousness of the service as a mark of respect. There are few opportunities in our busy lives for reflection and our school values this occasion as a National day to be fully observed at school.

Proud Darcie with her father
Corporal Glen Wallace

School Captains Paris Knapp & Liam Portelli

5. PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews with your child’s/ren’s classroom teachers will take place from Monday 29 April until Thursday 9 May. Appointment times will have been confirmed by your teacher.

The conferences enable parents and teachers to develop a common focus on student’s learning. Please take an active role in the conference process. I look forward to as many parents as possible meeting with their child’s class teacher to improve their learning capacity and strengthen the home-school partnership.

This meeting need not be your only contact with your child’s teacher. Please feel free to make other mutually-convenient appointments. Our school values the interest and views of parents.

Warm regards,

Desley Brassington
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.
ENROL NOW
FOR
Prep 2014
Children born between
1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009
are eligible.

Collect your Enrolment Package from the administration office.

NAPLAN INFORMATION

NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14–16 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website, http://www.nap.edu.au/)
My name is Samantha Blewitt and I am currently teaching Prep A at Grand Avenue State School. My teaching career began in 2003 at Petrie State School on Year 1. I have predominately taught Prep and Year 1 but have also had the pleasure of teaching Years 6, 7 and P.E. In 2008 I took 12 months leave to work and travel in the UK. This was an amazing experience and I continue to embrace my passion for travel as frequently as possible 😊.

Prior to teaching I was a Youth Worker at the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre. This was an eye opening experience that highlighted to me the strength that we as individuals can possess in difficult times.

I was drawn to teaching as it is a profession that provides both challenging and rewarding experiences. The students I teach always remind me about the importance of being a risk taker in life, to never give up and the value of encouragement and support for ourselves and others.

I believe that as a teacher, just like my students, I never stop learning so I look forward to many more rewarding years of education and fun throughout my teaching journey!

### MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

#### ~ Timetable ~

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*ONLY TIME FOR YRS 5-7 PURCHASES. P-3 MAY USE PLAYTIME FOR PURCHASES.

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It is important that parents adhere to the due dates for incursions and excursions.

Due dates will be strictly enforced and failure to meet a deadline may result in your child missing out on a school activity. We encourage families to pay for their child’s organised activities so that they do not miss out on presenters visiting the school to do performances. Please find below the list of upcoming events and due dates.

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Canberra Tour update - For families of students attending the Year 7 Canberra Tour, the total cost is on our system. (Total cost $795.50). Full or part payments can be made. Please be aware of the following deadlines:

- 30 May – minimum $400 (of the $795.50) to be paid by this date
- 25 July – minimum $600 (of the $795.50) to be paid by this date
- 19 September – final balance of invoice.

If you have not paid the $200 deposit and would like your child to attend, please contact the office as a matter of urgency as places are still available.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

School attendance - Every day counts!

As we are now at the beginning of Term 2, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.


REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER PIANIST

CAN YOU HELP??

We are looking for a volunteer pianist to accompany our choir. Ideally the person would need to be available to rehearse with the choir on Mondays and Tuesdays during lunch breaks and/or in the lead up to key events.

If you are interested and not a parent of the school you will be required to hold a Blue Card (Working with Children Check) or be eligible to apply for one.

For more information please contact Mrs Tania Colvin on 3372 0555.
Greetings All,

**PARENTING SEMINAR – Tuesday 28 May.**

Professor Paula Barrett, author of the *Fun Friends* program, is an acclaimed and engaging speaker. She will be presenting a parenting seminar organised jointly by myself and two other school chaplains.

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

**Timing** – 7.00pm for 7.15pm start and a finish time of 9.15pm.

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

**Cost** - A donation of $5 is requested, please, which Paula will donate to the charity, *Furry Friends*.

**RSVP** is required by 24th May, please, to Alex: addgibb@gmail.com

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**PRIORITY ONE - Friday Night Christian Youth Program for Years 6 and 7**

Forest Lake Uniting Church invites boys and girls in Grades 6 and 7 to **Priority One** – a fortnightly program, on Friday nights during school terms, 7pm - 9pm, from 19th April.

The evenings will include games and activities, plus a time of devotions and supper.

Venue is 528 Waterford Rd, Ellen Grove.
**Contact Rev Russell Reynoldson (0429 472 567) or Erin Mawhinney (0417 791 021) for further details.**

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**Christian Lunchtime Program:**

The weekly Christian lunchtime clubs for Year 2 and Year 3 have begun this term, with the Prep/Year 1 club now starting on 30th April. Membership is with mandatory parent/caregiver permission. If you would like your child to receive a permission note, please contact me (see below).

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

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – CASUAL TEACHER AIDE, SEP**

Grand Avenue State School Special Education Program is seeking people who are interested in working in a casual capacity as a special education teacher aide to replace permanent staff when they are absent.

Expressions of interest are invited for the position of (casual) Teacher Aide. If you wish to be considered for a casual position please provide a current CV (maximum two (2) A4 pages) and attach a brief resume including the names of two referees. Please mark it for the attention of:

Private and Confidential
Head of Special Education Services
Grand Avenue State School
PO Box 4126
FOREST LAKE  Q  4078

The suitable applicant will be required to hold a Blue Card (Working with Children Check) or be eligible to apply for one.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

It is time to go shopping!

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion started on Monday April 8. Last year we were very fortunate to be able to purchase many fabulous new resources for Science, Maths, Prep and the Special Education Unit. So please remember to collect your stickers from the checkout operator, place them on a Earn & Learn Points sheet and put in the collection box outside Woolworths or bring them into school.

READY READER PROGRAM

FREE - “HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD’S READING” WORKSHOP

Education starts at home and parents and families are their children’s first teachers. With this in mind, the free Parent Ready Readers training program provides parents and carers of children in Prep to Year 3 with some key strategies to use at home to support their child’s reading and to develop a love of books prior to developing their reading abilities.

The training runs for approximately 90 minutes and consists of four modules:

- What is literacy?
- Understanding the reading process
- Stages of reading
- Listening to your child read and reading to your child.

Participants receive a Parent Ready Readers booklet with training notes, reading activities and additional resources, which will help to build a lifelong love of reading.

Ready Reader Session Times for 2013 - you may attend any venue that is convenient to you.

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Come along and find out how you can help your child enjoy reading!

Children are welcome to attend with their Parents/Caregivers

To reserve a place please email sharlene.emanuel@dete.qld.gov.au
WEST BRISBANE FALCONS U10 BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

Are you a boy turning 8 or 9 in 2013 and would like to play basketball but haven’t joined a team yet? West Brisbane Falcons are looking for some more boys for their U10 Boys program for 2013. If you are interested in playing please contact the club at 0450 105 252 or westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com.

THE ALGESTER ARROWS SOFTBALL CLUB IS SEEKING NEW PLAYERS FOR THE UPCOMING 2013 SEASON.

THEY ARE KEEN TO BUILD ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL 2012 SEASON, WHEN THEY WERE THE TOP JUNIOR CLUB AT THEIR ASSOCIATION.

BOYS AND GIRLS AGED FROM 9 TO 17 (PLUS ADULTS) WISHING TO JOIN A TEAM AT THE ARROWS, ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE CLUB SECRETARY ON 32732075 OR EMAIL arrows_softball@gotalk.net.au FOR MORE DETAILS

Preparing Catholic Children for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

An invitation is extended to Catholic children who are 8 years old and above. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the parish web page: www.stmarksinala.com or you can contact the parish office by phone on 3372 5658 or by email at stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au. There will be a Parents Information session in Mercy Hall on Wednesday 15th May at 7.00pm.

GET ACTIVE AND FEEL THE EXCITEMENT OF DANCE!

Jazz, Hip Hop and Cheerleading Classes!

FORESTLAKE DANCE STUDIO – MONDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

BRAND NEW HIP HOP AND MINI CHEERLEADING CLASSES

Grand Ave Primary School, SEU Room.
Forest Lake Community house, Alpine St & Forest Lake Blv 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
www.fitnessanddance.com.au
Play AFL with the Dragons

Come and Try Days

Every Thursday evening 5.30-6.30pm and Saturday morning 8-9am at CJ Greenfields playing grounds, Freeman Road, Richlands.

- All age groups - from six to 12 years old
- Friendly family environment
- Fees from $88 for the season (10% discount for two or more children)
- Government fee incentives
- Opportunity to play at the Gabba
  - AFL skills
  - Team building

For more information contact:

Annette Densham 0418 780 978 or Steve Kennedy 0438 191 847

forestlakeafc@gmail.com

Grand Avenue State School Parents & Citizen’s Association

Markets on Grand

SUNDAY, 12TH MAY
8.00AM – 1.00PM