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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

Mrs Brassington has needed to take some unexpected sick leave and while she is away for a number of weeks, I will be in the role of Acting Principal. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

It was great to see the numbers of students and parents who defied the weather on Wednesday to continue to support the Walking Wheeling Wednesday – Park and Stride initiative. Thank you to all those who continue to make this a success.
In past newsletters, we have published articles about the importance of being at school every day. Curriculum implications for children who miss days of school compounds very quickly as time away from school mounts. This also includes children who are collected early from school. Medical and other appointments can sometimes be difficult to arrange where there will be no impact on attendance but we would hope that families could minimise or completely avoid the need to collect students early. Every Day Counts – All Day!

Teachers will be undergoing a two hour professional development session on Tuesday afternoon (28 May 2013) where they will be consolidating their knowledge of teaching strategies especially in the area of teaching comprehension. I would ask for your assistance to allow teachers to get to this on time by not seeking after school meetings on this day.

Forest Lake State High School enrolment packs are being distributed to year seven students over the next few days. Some spares are also available from the office. Early enrolment interviews are being scheduled at FLSHS for Saturday 13 July – bookings are being taken at the FLSHS office. Parents need to bring with them a number of documents outlined in the flier found at the end of this newsletter. All contacts for enrolment at FLSHS need to be directed through their office on 3714 2333.

Thank you to all the staff and parents who made Under Eights Day a success this year. It is always a mammoth event and one that children look forward to each year and which celebrates childhood as a critical phase in the development of our youth.

Warm regards,

Craig Thorne
(for) 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

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**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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**REMINDER - UPCOMING MUSIC GALA NIGHT**

A Music Gala Night will be held next Thursday, 30 May in the school auditorium. The evening will commence at 6.30pm. Students need to arrive at 6.00 pm. A gold coin donation will be collected at the door from parents and visitors to help cover expenses for the night.

Students are required to wear the black and white uniform with black shoes. Junior choir students may wear either the black and white uniform or formal school uniform. Parent helpers will be required to help with vest changes.

**ALL WELCOME!**
SPOTLIGHT ON – AMY GRIMSEY

AMY GRIMSEY

My name is Amy Grimsey and this is my second year teaching at Grand Avenue. This year I have the pleasure of teaching 5C.

Prior to beginning my teaching career I trained as an archaeologist specialising in Australian history. Something that still remains a passion of mine, just ask any student who has studied history with me! After working as an archaeologist I began as an officer for the Australian Customs service. My time with customs allowed me to experience the wonder and diversity of the many cultures of our world.

Since joining the teaching profession I have enjoyed the variety of challenges brought by every day. I look forward to many years of teaching and inspiring students to find and follow their passions in life.

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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*Canberra Updates are available on the school website – https://grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

CENTENARY OF ANZAC DAY

A graphic designer from within our school community is being sought who would be able to volunteer their services to produce a concept design (from a brief) for a “Centenary of ANZAC Day” Memorial in the foyer of the school auditorium.

A steering committee is being established to oversee a grant application to Mr Bernie Ripoll, our federal representative, for the establishment of this memorial from funds which federal members have access to for this type of initiative. (The P&C Association has been invited to nominate a parent representative on this steering committee.) Further information is available from http://www.anzaccentenary.gov.au/grants/index.htm.

If you have the “Graphic Designer” expertise and capability to produce a number of concept designs and are happy to volunteer some of your time for this, I invite you to contact me via the office (3372 0555) or through GASSsixsevendey@eq.edu.au by 6 June 2013.

Mr Craig Thorne
Deputy Principal
Greetings All,

**RED SHIELD APPEAL – Friday 31 May**

Once again we will be participating in the Salvation Army’s Red Shield Appeal with the help of the Student Council. Students are encouraged to wear an item of red clothing with their uniform on this day and to bring a gold coin.

**Religious Education – VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED please**

Owing to illness, we have recently lost our Year 1 R.E. teacher. I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who may be able to join the team. See my contact details below.

**Scripture Union HOLIDAY CAMPS**

For all Christian S.U. camps (Year 5 upwards) in the coming holidays you can go to: www.sucamps.org.au or contact me if this is not possible.

There is a Footy Camp planned on the Gold Coast for boys in Years 7 to 9 from 24 to 28 June.

**Parenting Seminar – Prof Paula Barrett - NEW DATE**

Paula Barrett’s Parenting Seminar, which was to have been held at Pallara State School on May 28th, is to be re-scheduled at a later date, possibly Tuesday 17th September. Please accept my apologies if this will inconvenience anyone.

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

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE (DSTA)**

Applications are invited for the temporary transition aide position at Grand Avenue State School. This applicant would be required to work approximately 600 hours over twelve months.

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE (DSTA)

All Applicants must apply in writing and address the relevant selection criteria as listed in the application package which is available from the school office or by emailing admin@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au.

Applications should be forwarded to:

Private and Confidential
Vanette Tobin
Deputy Principal
Grand Avenue State School
PO Box 4126
FOREST LAKE   Q   4078

Applications close on Friday 7th June 2013 at 3.00 pm and remain current for 12 months and may be considered during that period should other vacancies for this position occur.

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

DETE is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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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<td>Wednesday 16 October</td>
<td>9.30am – 11.00am</td>
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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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.
DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT YOUR EARN & LEARN STICKERS!

For more information phone FLSHS on 3714 2333.

Your Heart... Their Home
Become a Foster Carer

Children throughout the Greater Ipswich area, Brisbane, and the Southern Downs need caring adults to give them a nurturing home.

Foster care can be for a few nights, a few weeks or sometimes until a child reaches independence.

Care to join us? Find out more: www.mercyfamilyservices.org.au or Logan and Southern Brisbane - 3340 5600 North Brisbane - 3267 9070 Goodna - 3280 8000

Fitness and Dance
GET ACTIVE AND FEEL THE EXCITMENT 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 enquiries phone 3273 6367 www.fitnessanddance.com.au

Year 8, 2014
Forest Lake State High School
Enrolment Process and Timeline

Early Enrolment on Open Day

- Enrolment packs available at administration of FLSHS, GASS, PPS, & OPSS for all Year 7 students attending these primary schools.
- Enrolment packs are available at FLSHS main office for families who live within the catchment but do not attend the primary schools listed above.

Booking an Early Enrolment Interview

Bookings for Early Enrolment interviews will be taken until Thursday, 4th July. To make an enrolment interview for 12th July, all documents must be presented at the FLSHS main office prior to Thursday 11th July. Documents required:
- all completed documents from the enrolment package
- proof of residence in FLSHS catchment
- child’s birth certificate
- parent identification
- current academic report

Enrolment Day

- Enrolment packs available from Forest Lake SHS administration.

Booking an Enrolment Day Interview

Bookings for Enrolment Day interviews will be taken from Monday 12th August. To make an enrolment interview for 2nd November, all documents must be presented at the FLSHS main office prior to Thursday 2nd October. See above for the documents required. It is in the best interests of your child to enrol at this time. Limited enrolment interview times during school hours will be available after this date.

For more information phone FLSHS on 3714 2333.