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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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Please note: Commencing next term, Mrs Zorzetto’s instrumental students will now have their lesson on Tuesdays.

Senior Band rehearsal will also move to Tuesday mornings at 7.45am.
Friends of Grand Avenue,

Positive feedback about our students and supporters is always a great way to start our newsletter. I received an email from the Coach of the Inala District Girls Touch Football Team, in which we had a number of students, and he said: “I would like to congratulate your girls on their sportsmanship, sporting ability, listening skills & for making the day an enjoyable one, thanks very much girls for making it easy. I would also like to make mention of the parents who came along & supported their kids, it was very much appreciated.” This was wonderful feedback. Thank you to all who contributed.

Recently, the Minister released the QSchools smartphone app, which integrates with our Websites for Schools school website. The app allows parents, teachers and students to have instant access to live school updates and information, connecting the school community. The app will display school location, contact information, news, calendar events and newsletters. This information will feed directly from our school website. When content is updated and published on our website, the app will also be automatically updated. Further information on how to download the app is detailed in this newsletter.

Our annual athletics days will now begin next week due to the recent rain. Please refer to the newsflash below. The emphasis for these days is on participation and team spirit. Of course there are representative selection considerations for our older children and I’m sure we will again see a great sense of supportive competitiveness. I would thank all staff who contribute so well to the running of these events each year. These days are very complex to organise and I would ask that spectators and visitors follow any directions that staff may provide. By doing so, the days should flow better and we are able to better fulfil our duty of care obligations.

With school report cards being distributed next Tuesday and as a follow up to parent-teacher interviews held recently, parents will have a great opportunity to discuss their children’s progress with them. Teachers have worked during the term to develop refined report card comments which better reflect the intention of the C2C curriculum and students’ progress within it.

Some may have noticed a Japanese national flag flying on Wednesday. This was to recognise the visit to the school by the Japanese Consul-General, Mr Junzo Fujita, accompanied by our state member Mr Shorten. Please watch our webpages for further information.

I would like to acknowledge our team of cleaners for the work that they do. They start and finish at times that many of us don’t in our jobs and do a wonderful job to prepare your child’s learning areas each day. Thanks – School Cleaners’ Day is Friday, 14 June 2013.

For those travelling during the school vacation, please take care. We look forward to seeing all students on Monday 8th July for the start of term three.

Regards for now.

Craig Thorne
Acting 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.**
NEWSFLASH!

As previously advised, due to recent and possible future wet weather conditions, the Prep/Year 1 and Year 2/3 Sports Days have been postponed.

The dates for all year levels are now as follows:-

- Monday 17th June - Yrs 4 & 5
- Wednesday 19th June - Yrs 6 & 7
- Thursday 20th June - Yrs 2 & 3
- Tuesday 9th July - Prep & Yr 1

(WEATHER PERMITTING)

QSchools Smartphone App Now Available

Queensland school communities now have a new way to interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools. The app is designed to integrate with a new type of school website, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app.

**Downloading app:** The QSchools app is available for parents to download free via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play. For more information view the [DETE site](https://www.deet.qld.gov.au).

Watch the Channel 7 news story on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

**Requirements:** Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, iPad and Android. Requires iOS 5.0 or later. Requires access to the internet.

BEGINNER STRINGS WORKSHOP

On Friday May 31, over 50 students from Grand Avenue and Forest Lake State Schools came together in our school auditorium to participate in an intensive workshop for Beginning Strings musicians. The Year 3 students have been studying their instruments for two terms and are now ready to join our school ensemble groups. The students spent the day working with one of three instructors from the region and showcased their learning at the end of the day with a short concert for their parents. It was a very rewarding, but exhausting day for participants and their teachers.

Strings teacher, Mr Hoey with excited workshop participants Matilda Saunders and Zoe Lindsay from Year 3.
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 Tour invoices will be cancelled for those with a zero balance. The final payment date for students attending is 19th September 2013.

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

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.
The Consul General of Japan, Mr Fujita, visited Grand Avenue State School with State member Mr Anthony Shorten MP on Wednesday, 12 June. They were welcomed to our school by school leaders Paris Knapp and Thomas Cameron, along with Ms Almond.

Mr Fujita visited Ms Jenning’s 7A classroom where Mr Winchester was teaching a Japanese lesson. He watched the lesson before interacting with the students for some insightful Q&A. Mr Fujita said he very much enjoyed his visit to Grand Avenue, complimenting the students and saying he would like to return in the future.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Greetings All,

Sports Days’ SAUSAGE SIZZLES Reminder -

There will be sausage sizzles this year as usual, as fundraisers for our school’s Chaplaincy Service, at all the Sports Days. The cost will be $2 each.

RED SHIELD APPEAL – great result!

A BIG Thank-you to all who participated, especially the Student Councillors for their efforts in promoting the Appeal. We raised a total of $500. Special thanks also go to our local Westpac Branch and the Manager, Jo Bischa, for help with the cash.

TRIPLE P starting soon -

This well-known and highly respected program is starting on 24 July in Ellen Grove, with 5 X 2-hour Wednesday evening group sessions, for parents/caregivers of children from birth to 12 years. Thanks to sponsorship by the local branch of the Heritage Bank, the total cost per place is only $20 which covers a workbook and supper each night. Only 16 places are available. Expressions of interest go to rev.russell@bigpond.com or call 0429 472 567.

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.

BAIL FOR JAIL

Our school’s very own Mrs Tania Colvin will be jailed on Saturday, 15 June outside Woolworths at Forest Lake Shopping Centre. PLEASE!!! We need your help to release her!

BAIL IS SET AT $500

Please go and see Mrs Colvin from 10.00am – 12.00pm at the shopping centre and help release her from jail.

Thank you for your support towards Chaplaincy at Grand Avenue.

Blessings,
Kathy Williams, School Chaplain.
Email: chaplain@grandavenueyss.eq.edu.au
Mobile: 0419 342 055
Canteen Red Day is TOMORROW! It is a fundraiser organised by the P&C Association and is a chance for students to purchase lollies, cola slushies, ice blocks and other treats over the counter that are not normally stocked.

Please send your child with money tomorrow, Friday 14 June, for either first or second break to support our school. Thank you!

**CELEBRATE CANTEEN WEEK**

The ASCA (Australian Schools Canteen Association) has decided to highlight the important part canteens play in the school environment and promote the smart choices strategy which was put into place by the government to give school children a healthier choice option in their canteens.

Come join us for canteen week from **Monday 22 July to Friday 26 July** to celebrate the role our canteen and the wonderful staff and volunteers play in making our canteen so very special.

It will be a fun and exciting week, so come and say hello to us in the canteen and join us for the special events. This will be happening throughout south east Queensland with about 300 schools participating.

Grand Avenue State School was chosen to kick off canteen week for south east Queensland and so on Wednesday 17 July, Education Minister, the Hon. John-Paul Langbroek and five time Olympian and gold medallist Natalie Cook will be coming to our school for the official launch. They will be interacting with the children and Natalie will be playing some volleyball.

We are very pleased to have been given this honour for both the canteen and Grand Avenue State School.

**Sue Meiring**  
Canteen Convenor

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**GOLD COIN DAY**

**FRIDAY 14 JUNE**

To assist with set up costs involved in staging an event as huge as our school fete, the P&C are asking families to support 3 Gold Coin Donation days to be held over the next few months.

The first day is tomorrow, Friday 14 June.

Students are asked to bring along a gold coin.

A reminder that the fete will be held on **Sunday, 15 September**.  
It will be held in conjunction with the markets. Something for everyone!!

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**WINTER DISCO**

**FRIDAY 14 JUNE**

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**ENTRY IS $3 PER SCHOOL AGE CHILD**

**SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

Volunteers are needed for the canteen and for supervision.  
Contact the P&C if available – 0427 067 179. All proceeds benefit the school community.

Please note that no children will be allowed to leave the disco without an adult. Therefore please ensure prompt collection from the relevant disco. Thank you.
My name is Karen Cera and I have been employed by Education Queensland since 1999. I commenced my role as Administration Officer here at Grand Avenue in 2010. You will find me on the front counter in Administration, assisting and directing the wide variety of people in our school community. My role also includes wiping tears and applying many band aids.

Prior to my position here, I was employed for 11 years as a Teacher Aide at Calamvale Special School. Working with physically & intellectually impaired students was challenging but most of all rewarding. It taught me many valuable lessons about life. Most important of all, is that each of us are unique, special & equal.

On a personal note, my husband and I have been married for 32 years and have 3 sons. I am terrified of flying, I love markets, music & theatre and am most inspired by people who laugh lots and reach out to others. Your children have so much potential, it is a daily privilege for me to watch them learn & grow here at Grand Avenue State School.
This is the last newsletter for Term 2.
Have a safe and happy winter vacation!