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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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More information following soon.

PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

1. New Year’s Welcome

Dear parents and caregivers,

Grand Avenue has a strong reputation as an excellent school and we are fortunate to have a vibrant team of people who continue to ensure that the school is running smoothly and efficiently.

To all new and returning parents I welcome you to another exciting and challenging year of learning at our wonderful school. Our students are bursting with energy and enthusiasm and their teachers are keen to get an early start to build on this optimism.

Clear expectations and high standards in terms of personal behaviour and learning activity are the hallmarks of classrooms at this school.
2. **Updating Student Details**

It is very important that we have current student records; therefore we are asking parents to please update their student and their own personal details that may have changed. Please pay particular attention to any changes of:

- current address
- contact telephone numbers
- emergency contacts, and
- medical conditions.

If changes are required please contact the school office at your earliest convenience – email: office@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au. Alternatively you may phone 3372 0555.

3. **School Crossings**

Parents and teachers are asked to encourage their children to use the supervised crossings and to set a good example themselves by obeying the School Crossing Supervisor's directions whenever they use the crossing.

**Stop when the STOP sign is displayed**

When the School Crossing Supervisor holds up the STOP sign all road users must stop their vehicles, clear of the crossing. Road users must not begin to accelerate until all pedestrians including the School Crossing Supervisor are safely on the footpath on either side of the road. If a vehicle has stopped to give way to the pedestrians at a crossing facility, do not overtake the vehicle while it is stationary.

Failure to comply is an offence that will be reported to the Police.

**No Stopping Zones**

The 'No Stopping' zones delineate the School Crossing Supervisor’s workplace and serves to protect an area on either side of a crossing facility. It is important to the safety of pedestrians who use the crossing facility that this road rule is followed. If this is ignored the enforcement agencies will be contacted. The design of a crossing facility is a standard layout described in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices to allow School Crossing Supervisors/ pedestrians to have a clear view of approaching vehicles and vice versa.

School Crossing Supervisors have the authority to report any incidents that affect their personal safety and the safety of pedestrians. They will record registration numbers and details of offending vehicles and report them. There are no circumstances where a driver can stop in the crossing zone, drivers delivering or waiting for children are no exception and are not exempt.

**Supervised crossing procedure**

The School Crossing Supervisor will ask all pedestrians, both children and adults, to wait on the footpath. When a suitable gap appears in the traffic from both directions, the supervisor will extend the STOP sign to face the traffic and when it is safe to do so proceed to the centre of the road with the STOP sign displayed. The supervisor will blow two blasts of the whistle to indicate that it is safe for pedestrians to cross. When all pedestrians have cleared the crossing, the School Crossing Supervisor then returns to the footpath.

All cyclists, skateboarders, children wearing roller blades or with scooters will be asked to dismount and walk their 'wheels' over the crossing.

Please assist your School Crossing Supervisors – they are here to protect your children.

For the continued safety of students travelling to and from school, please note that these are the **only** times that the two crossings are supervised.

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4. **Beginning of Year Parent-Teacher Meetings**

Grand Avenue is committed to involving parents in their children’s learning at every stage. To formally commence parents’ relationship with their child’s new teacher, you are invited to attend the school’s beginning of year parent-teacher meetings. Some meetings have already taken place and were well attended.

Topics shared and discussed at the meetings will include:

- Curriculum overview (includes YCDI outcomes)
- Reporting and assessment
- Parent funded activities
- Behaviour management/dress code/homework
- Classroom management issues
- Standards expectations

**The meeting dates still to be held and times are:**

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Our teachers have arranged these meetings outside business hours in the hope that as many parents as possible will attend. I strongly encourage all parents to take advantage of the information sharing sessions to meet your child’s new teacher and gain insights into the learning challenges and opportunities for the coming year.

**NB.** As there is no child minding available during the Parent Teacher Meetings parents are requested to make their own supervision arrangements.

5. **Gentle Reminders**

Please follow the link to the Gentle Reminders document outlining certain school rules and policies. - [https://grandavenuess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/gentlereminders.pdf](https://grandavenuess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/gentlereminders.pdf)

Warm regards,

Desley Brassington
Principal

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**Useful Contacts**

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<th>Main Administration Office</th>
<th>3372 0555 <a href="mailto:enquiries@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au">enquiries@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au</a></th>
<th>Uniform Shop</th>
<th>3879 8695 <a href="mailto:gasspandc@hotmail.com">gasspandc@hotmail.com</a></th>
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**Please check our website regularly –** [www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au](http://www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au)
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.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome a number of new staff to Grand Avenue State School in 2014.

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<td>Ms Natasha Jones</td>
<td>Prep B</td>
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<td>Miss Violet Hari</td>
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<td>Ms Nicole Rafton</td>
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<td>Miss Elizabeth Shield</td>
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<td>Miss Caitlin McKauge</td>
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<td>Mr Kieran Doherty</td>
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<td>Mrs Karen Gordon</td>
<td>Music Specialist</td>
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<td>Ms Stephanie Gorrie</td>
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<td>Mrs Julie Watson</td>
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We now have over 150 staff at Grand Avenue and we are always happy to welcome new members.

If you need to contact any of the staff please try to make an appointment before or after school. This is the best time to see your child’s teacher as many of them have other duties and meetings daily and it is not always possible to discuss matters at any time without prior notice.

Welcome back to our current staff and we are sure our new staff will enjoy their time here at Grand Avenue.

2014 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

On Friday 21st February, our school will be taking a stand together on the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This day is supposed to be in March however the date chosen is also the day we are celebrating Harmony day. Therefore, here at Grand Avenue we are going to mark the day early. To do this I encourage all students to wear something **orange**, this could be an **orange** ribbon or **orange** socks. **Orange shirts ONLY** are also acceptable worn with the school uniform, providing that it is “school appropriate” ie – sun safe. Our teachers will be handing out High 5 cards on how to deal with bullying. On the reverse of the cards is a reminder of our whole school social skills program “You can do it”. I encourage you to spend some time talking with your children about these concepts as teachers will also be reinforcing these messages.

For further information and support, please see the “Bullying.No-Way!” website at [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au). Thank you for your support.

Sharyn Brown
Deputy Principal
A MESSAGE FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT....

I welcome everyone back to school for 2014! Also, a special welcome to the many new families at our school.

Over the school holidays the P&C completed a large shade structure on the oval. This will give our kids seating, shade and water fountains. We have coloured the concrete into house groups for use on sports days. This will be open for use on Monday 24th February. The total cost for this project was $71,000.

We have our first P&C meeting next Tuesday 18th February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. At this meeting we will be discussing air conditioning for the rest of our school. Please come and have your say. With the fundraising projections listed below we can make it happen this year if this is what we want. That said, we still need more helpers at our events, even if you can only help at one, it’s a big help. I have attached a calendar with those events on them. – LINK TO CALENDAR

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The canteen is now all online for ordering lunch - that does not mean you cannot purchase at the window for snacks etc. during school breaks. Check out the menu on the Flexischools website – www.flexischools.com.au.

Just a reminder to parents who use our OSHC that our opening time is 6.30am. We cannot let your children in before that time. We are at risk of losing our licence to operate if we do this. Please be mindful of this.

Our markets started last week with a bang! It looked fantastic and everyone had a great time. Thank you to Nikki and Cheryl.

Thank you everyone for your support last year. It was a great year for our school and the P&C. In the March P&C meeting there will be the Annual General Meeting to elect the Executive. Thank you.

Gavin Rook
P&C President
FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP....

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Monday to Friday
8.15am – 9.30am

FROM THE CANTEEN....

We now have a gluten free food option available in the canteen. It is a pasta bolognaise meal which costs $4.50.

As more products become available, we hope to be able to add them to the menu. Please feel free to come and see us if you have any questions.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE

Hi, my name is Julie Watson and I feel very fortunate to be the new DSTA at Grand Avenue State School. At the end of 2013 we sadly said goodbye to Cathy Davis when her family transferred to NSW.

I provide support to the children and families of Australian Defence Force members, particularly when the family moves in or out of the school on postings or when a parent is absent from the home.

I can be contacted on jwats208@eq.edu.au or call 3372 0555.

‘SPOTLIGHT ON’...

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ERIN MAWHINNEY
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Hello everyone! My name is Erin and I have just started work at Grand Avenue as the School Chaplain. I am not brand new to the school, as I was here one day a week as part of my chaplaincy training last year.

I’ve had my first two (nearly three) weeks of work here as the Chaplain and I have had such a good time. The staff, students and parents that I have met have been really welcoming and friendly. I think it is fantastic that a school as big as Grand Avenue has such a strong community feeling about it. Wonderful.

I have four children. The oldest is in Grade 10 this year, and the youngest has just started prep. We live in Forest Lake, and our favourite things to do on the weekends are camping and going to the beach! Before coming to Grand Avenue, I worked in research science, as a microbiology/molecular biology laboratory technician. Yes, it has been a BIG change for me!

As the Chaplain, I am here to provide pastoral care to students, parents and staff. Anybody in the school, especially those who might be going through family separation, moving house, losing a loved one, or just having trouble settling in to the new school year, is welcome to come and see me. Please feel free to come and have a chat.

I am really looking forward to becoming a part of the Grand Avenue State School community, and getting to know lots of you this year!
Want to know the secret to Resilience? Do you want your kids to know how to cope with life’s challenges?

Find out the secret to building resilience in your family and yourself in several simple steps!

**When:** Wed. 26th of February 6:45pm for 7pm start. 9pm finish.

**Where:** Pallara State School Library (282 Ritchie Rd, Pallara)

**Cost:** $10 donation that will be given to ‘The Pathways Resilience Trust’

**RSVP:** with your name to 0468571237 or astridh@chappy.org.au by the 12th of February

**Free Tea and Coffee will be supplied!**

Professor Paula Barrett is internationally recognised as a prominent scholar and groundbreaking researcher in the field of child psychology.

For over two decades Paula has authored and evaluated the well-known FRIENDS Resilience Programs recognized in an evidence-based review conducted by the World Health Organization for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety and depression.

Paula’s programs are run in many schools across the state. Many chaplains use this program to support the social and emotional welfare of students.

In February, Paula will be delivering a detailed talk covering the topic of ‘Resilience’ within children, families and school communities. This talk runs for 2 hours. “21st Century Schools: Where Resilience Matters” will be held on Wednesday the 26th of February. RSVP is essential.

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Dear Parents,

We will be photographing your school on **Monday 24th March & Wednesday 26th March 2014**.

You will receive a flyer/envelope **next week** for each of your students explaining the products available and how they may be ordered. This year we have introduced **online ordering** for your convenience and the convenience of your school.

**Ordering Online:** Should you wish to order online you will find detailed instructions on how to go about this on the back of your order flyer, or you can order using your payment envelope in the same way you always have.

*Please note: envelopes are not required to be handed in if ordering online.*
If Not Ordering Online: Payments can be made by cash, cheque or money order. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope, even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. It is important that envelopes are not placed inside other envelopes.

Students not ordering online are to bring their envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Your team at advancedlife Photography

Ph: 3216 8280  |  Fax: 3216 8850  |  Email:  michelle.m@advancedlife.com.au

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Boys and girls are invited to try out for the ARROWS SOFTBALL CLUB for the upcoming 2014 season. Trials will be held during February, and teams will be selected at the end of the month.

The club is able to accept “Get Started” vouchers which enable free registration for the year. For all details, please contact the club secretary by email – arrows_softball@gotalk.net.au or by phone at 3273 2075.

Queensland Cheer Elite offers American-style cheerleading and dance classes for ages 5 to adult. Learn to dance, jump, cartwheel and flip with the best in Brisbane at our new location at Sumner Park!

We promote the values of team work, hard work and fun whilst developing coordination, strength, flexibility and friendships.

For your Information Pack, email us at qce.west@gmail.com or call our office on 3161 5069. We accept members all year around and no experience is required!

www.queenslandcheerelite.com.au
WEST BRISBANE FALCONS BASKETBALL CLUB

DID YOU MISS OUR SIGN ON DAY???

If you missed our Sign On Day, you still have an opportunity to sign up to play junior basketball (U8-U18).

Please contact the club on 0450 105 252, westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com or www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au ASAP to become a basketballer at Falcons.

JOIN THE FALCONS NEST AND SOAR ABOVE THE REST!!!

Forest Lake Junior Footy Club is having an AFL come and try morning for all junior players on **1 March at 10am to 11am**. The come and try will be held at CJ Greenfields Sports Ground, Freeman Road, Richlands. Enjoy a sausage sizzle after signing to play with the Dragons for 2014. Fees for the year are $150 with a 10% discount for two or more children. Subsidies available through State Governments’ Get Started grant for $150 per child (opens 10 Feb). We are also holding Auskick from 1 March at same fields.


For info call 0401 109 679.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE QSCHOOLS APP?

THE QSCHOOLS APP LINKS DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND DELIVERS LIVE INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO YOUR SMARTPHONE.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT’S GOING ON AT GRAND AVENUE AND DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP TODAY!