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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.

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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Mon 21 July – Sun 3 Aug  School Opinion Survey
Fri 25 July  Nudgee Beach Excursion – Prep G/H
Fri 25 July  Tooth Fairy Incursion – Year 1
Tues 29 July  International Schools Competition – English (for students who have already paid)
Wed 6 Aug – Thurs 7 Aug  Inala District Athletics
Sun 10 Aug  P&C Markets on Grand
Mon 11 Aug  Firefighter Visit – Year 1 (free activity)
Tues 12 Aug  Ngutana-Lui Indigenous Incursion – Year 3
Tues 12 Aug  International Schools Competition – Maths (for students who have already paid)
Wed 13 Aug  EKKA SHOW HOLIDAY
P&C EKKA FUN DAY – 10.00am to 3.00pm
Mon 18 Aug  Singfest – Senior Choir
Fri 22 Aug  Strings Beginners Workshop
Mon 25 Aug  Author Visit – Years 4 & 6
Thurs 28 Aug  Author Visit – Year 5
Mon 1 Sept  Author Visit – Year 3
Thurs 4 Sept  Religious Instruction Seminar – Years 4-7
Thurs 11 Sept – Fri 12 Sept  Year 4 Camp Warrawee
Wed 17 Sept  Cross Country – Prep to Year 3
Wed 17 Sept – Fri 19 Sept  Year 5 Camp Goodenough
1. Welcome to Term 3

As Mrs Brassington advised in the previous newsletter, she will be on leave for Term 3 and I have the honour of being your Acting Principal during this time. I would like to thank the students, parents and carers, and staff for the warm welcome that I have received since I arrived. Grand Avenue State School is a school of excellence and this is evident in the teaching and learning in classrooms, the behaviour of students in and out of classrooms, and the many extra-curricular opportunities that the students are involved in. I am sure that you are very proud of the school community that you are a part of. As I have introduced myself to each of the students in our school, I have set them one significant challenge and that is to ensure that they are the best that they can be, by always putting in 100% effort to their learning, both in class and at home. I look forward to meeting many of our parents and carers over the coming weeks, and I invite and encourage you to take time to introduce yourself when you see me around the school.

2. Teaching and Learning Audit

As per previous newsletters I am continuing to share the formal comments made in each of the eight domains of the Teaching and Learning Audit. This week I am including the material for the domain – Targeted Use of School Resources.

- The Principal and other school leaders have introduced programs and strategies to identify and address the needs of students in the school and are sourcing and applying available resources to meet those needs.
- A school-wide process has been established for identifying specific student learning needs. This process includes systematic testing to establish learning gaps and special needs. Records of individual student needs, achievements and progress are maintained centrally and shared across year levels.
- Programs to meet individual learning needs (eg, programs for gifted students, students with learning difficulties, students for whom English is a second language, Indigenous students, and refugees) are prioritised, where possible, in the school budget.
- Physical spaces and technology are used effectively to maximise student learning. Learning spaces are organised for whole group work, small group work and individual work.

3. Semester 1 Report Card Data

I have also chosen to publish the overall behaviour and effort results aggregated from last semester’s student reports. While the Behaviour Breakdown graph represents one result per semester, the Effort Breakdown includes the overall effort result with the effort results from each subject are – hence the large number of results (3220 “A”s for effort). I was impressed by this data and believe that it would be difficult to find many schools with results as good as this. Congratulations to teachers, students and parents for your ongoing partnership which contributes so heavily to these results.
4. Excellence in Teaching Awards

Here at Grand Avenue State School we are fortunate to have a wealth of outstanding teachers. We regularly acknowledge the work that they do to provide our students with the very best educational opportunities. Another opportunity to acknowledge our teachers or school leaders is to nominate them for one of the 2014 Excellence in Teaching Awards. Professional development grants from $500 up to a value of $5,000 will be presented to finalists for excellence in beginning to teach, excellence in teaching and excellent leadership in teaching and learning. The prestigious Emeritus Professor Betty Watts Medal will be awarded for an outstanding contribution to teaching.

Nominating a teacher for an award is a great way to show appreciation and recognise the significant achievements of our outstanding teachers. Nominations are now open for the 2014 Queensland College of Teachers Excellence in Teaching Awards with nominations closing on 23 July. Download a nomination form at www.qct.edu.au/excellence.

5. Revised Enrolment Catchment Map

After the recent finalisation of state-wide changes to catchment boundaries and the EdMap, I need to advise our school community that there have been some changes to the current catchment area for Grand Avenue State School. For your background, a catchment area is the geographical area from which a state school is to have its core intake of students. The equidistant catchment boundaries are determined by the Government Statistician with reviews of existing boundaries occurring annually to take account of any changes to road networks.

Students already enrolled at Grand Avenue State School, and in most cases their siblings, are permitted to continue their enrolment even if their current address is no longer in-catchment. All enrolling students however must reside in the school’s catchment area, apart from some exceptions as outlined in the Grand Avenue Enrolment Management Plan https://grandavenues.eq.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/Enrolments.aspx. Should you wish to view the updated catchment map, click on http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/.

6. Calling for Prep 2015 enrolments

I invite families in our school and local community who have or know of eligible (see Enrolment Management Plan) (2015) prep-aged students to contact our school to begin the enrolment process, as enrolments are now open. It is critical that enrolment documents and processes are completed before enrolments can be confirmed. To enable the best planning for Prep 2015 we ask that you endeavour to complete your enrolment application as soon as possible. Please be aware that there will be Prep Enrolment and Orientation sessions occurring over the coming months and we will keep you informed of these via the newsletter and website. We look forward to welcoming our new preps to our school community.

If families know they will be enrolling their child at a different school next year (moving house, transferring jobs etc.), I would ask if you could advise our enrolment officer at their earliest convenience.

7. Keep warm in winter

As the temperature is much chillier this term, I would like to remind parents of the Grand Avenue State School winter uniform expectations.

Girls winter uniform:
- Plain navy tights/leggings. Full length (feet in). Socks must cover ankle length.
- Only to be worn under dress uniform or skort.

Boys uniform:
- Navy drill long leg shorts. (no jeans/cargo shorts/boardies etc.)
**All students:**
- Navy or maroon fleecy jumper
- White socks or GASS socks (available at the uniform shop)

We pride ourselves on being a school of “High Expectations” and that standard includes wearing our school uniform correctly. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who support our high standards and ensure that your children have all necessary items for school.

8. **Staffing Update**

As a result of my pre-arranged leave, Mr Craig Thorne will be the Acting Principal during Weeks 4 and 5 of this term. Ms Julie-Anne Jennings will be the Acting Deputy Principal for the Year 6/7 sector and Mrs Di Buchan-Swanson will be the 6B classroom teacher. We also wish Miss McKauge and Mr Doherty the very best for their upcoming nuptials.

Kind regards,
**Mrs Kym Amor**
**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

**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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**Useful Contacts**

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**Please check our website regularly – [www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au](http://www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au)**

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**SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY 2014**

Parents/Caregivers, school staff and the representative sample of students are encouraged to take part in this year’s *School Opinion Survey* and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* have been sent home with students this week—these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available in the library before and after school. The survey will remain open until 3 August 2014.

If you haven’t received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact Julie Downes on telephone 3372 0510 or email [jdown24@eq.edu.au](mailto:jdown24@eq.edu.au).
A four week (plus one “wet weather catch up”) interschool sport program is being offered by the District Association running from week five (15 August). Students nominating to take part and who are selected are required to make payments and return consent forms by the due dates (TBA) prior to week five. (Consent forms will be provided after children have been selected.) The cost is yet to be finalised but as a guide, last semester cost was $45. Students will be departing Grand Avenue at 11.00am on these sports days with anticipated return by 2.45pm. Training times will vary depending on the sport but may be after school or before school.

Trial times/sessions will be advised to students by coaches and will cover the following sports:

- AFL (1 x mixed yr 6 team, 1 x mixed yr 7 team)
- Basketball (1 x mixed yr 6 team, 1 x mixed yr 7 team)
- Touch Football Boys (1 x yr 6 team, 1 x yr 7 team)
- Touch Football Girls (1 x yr 6 team, 1 x yr 7 team)

If there is found to be insufficient demand across the district (or from within the school) for any of the sports on offer, the sport may need to be withdrawn.

**INCURSION/EXCURSION DUE DATES**

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* Please note - cut-off dates are strictly enforced. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the Business Services Manager at least one week prior to the cut-off date.
Author Visit

Queensland author Peter Carnavas delighted Year 1 students with his recent presentation about the writing and illustration of picture books. Peter talked about the “Five wonders of Books” by producing illustrations on the whiteboard that demonstrated that through reading -

1. you can become someone else
2. you never know what might happen
3. you can become smarter
4. strange things can happen
5. you can imagine anything

He encouraged the children to come up with ideas for a story on the basis that every story needs a character, and a problem, and he involved the children in the reading of one of his stories “Johnathon”.

Peter then explained the difference between drawing a picture and producing an illustration - which tells a story! And the children created their own illustrations.

The Year 1’s were captivated.

Thank you, parents, for supporting your children in these activities to promote reading and writing at Grand Avenue.

Firefighter Visit

Recount by Alex Wilson 1C

21.7.14

Last Thursday the fireman came to see us. First they put on their suit. Next they put on their boots. Next they put on their air tank. After that they put on their mask. Soon they showed us good fire and bad fire. And if there’s smoke get down low and go, go, go and if your clothes are on fire stop drop roll. Get out and stay out and don’t play with fire. I like their helmet.

Mrs Sonter dressed as a firefighter!
FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT...

Hi everyone,

It’s only 3 weeks to go until our EKKA Fun Day. Remember to pre-purchase your children’s armbands online at www.flexischools.com.au or from the Uniform Shop. Armbands will be available for collection on the day from the Eating Area on the oval. (Refer map). This event will help our kids to have a fully air conditioned school by this summer. There’s no entry fee and great value rides and food. There will be a meal deal at the P&C BBQ - 2 steak burger, 2 sausage’n’bread plus 4 drinks for only $20!

We still need a few helpers to set up on the day. Please contact me on 0404 792 385 or email.

The canteen is really in need of helpers on Mondays to Thursdays. If you can spare a few hours (3) we will pay for your child’s tuckshop (up to $10) for that time (must be within a week). Also those hours can be counted by Centrelink as Volunteer hours. Please come and see Sue at the canteen.

Finally, thank you to the helpers who have volunteered to continue the student banking program. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Remember that student banking day is now Thursday.

See you all soon.

Regards,
Gavin Rook
P&C President
Entertainment Books are once again for sale through the Parents & Citizen’s Association.

This year there are 2 options –

• The traditional Entertainment Book that comes with the Gold Card and Vouchers,
  -OR-
• The new Entertainment Digital Membership that puts the value of the Entertainment Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

The books are $65 and are available through the Uniform Shop or online via https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/221x424.

For more information on the Entertainment Digital Membership, please follow this link – Entertainment™ Digital Membership

There is also a number of second hand uniform items for sale.

Come in and grab a bargain!

New to Grand Avenue ~ School Socks

Available in sizes: 8-12 junior, 13-3 and 3-7. - All sizes $8 pair

Winter Stock Available Now

Maroon Fleece Jumpers $15
Maroon Fleece Zip Up Jackets $18
Navy Microfibre Zip Up Jackets from $32
Navy Microfibre Track Pants $25
Girls Navy School Tights $10

Available from the uniform shop each school day from 8.15am to 9.30am or order online at www.flexischools.com.au and your order will be delivered to the teacher’s pigeon hole for distribution to the student.

Tracy Taylor & Nikki Dunstan
Uniform Shop Convenors
Major fundraising initiative on behalf of the GASS P & C Association

We are conducting a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. Family support is most appreciated.

**Funds raised will provide additional resources for the students such as air conditioning.**

There are new exciting flavours in 2014 which include Gluten Free Choc Chunk, Lower sugar/fat/salt Choc Chunk, Caramel Fudge, Triple and wait for it..... Doggie Dough!!

An individual prize program has been included for every student/family that sells one or more tubs. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! There is a selection of over 55 prizes to choose from such as Britz ‘n’ Pieces, Wahoo, Kazoom and much, much, more. If you have misplaced your order form, please see the staff at the school office.

Please take the order form to your family, friends and work colleagues and even take the order form to your child’s sporting activities. Students who sell one or more tubs will be entitled to a prize of their choice.

**WIN A FAMILY HOLIDAY!** - You also have the chance to win a 7 night family holiday for 2 adults and 2 children, staying at either the Gold Coast or Hamilton Island or Fiji including a Virgin Australia airfare voucher and $1,000 spending money. So don’t forget to enter. For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view the inside of the order form.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please detach the order form with your orders and don’t forget to select a prize! Please return the order form along with your monies to the office on or before the 1st August 2014. Approximate date for delivery will be 20th August. We will advise a date when the prizes will be delivered to the school. Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your cookie dough order on the day of delivery as the product is frozen and we do not have enough storage to store your order when the cookie dough arrives.

The colour order form for our Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser will be given to the oldest child of each family. If you need another one please photocopy the form for each additional child, or download a copy at [http://www.australianfundraising.com.au/assets/pdf/AF-Billy-G-Cookie-Dough.pdf](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au/assets/pdf/AF-Billy-G-Cookie-Dough.pdf)

**HAPPY Fundraising !!!!!**
He/ She is only missing just...

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EVERY DAY COUNTS! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

COMMUNITY NEWS

OXLEY STATE SCHOOL
P & C ASSOCIATION'S
CRAFT MARKET
AND CARBOOT SALE

Sunday 27th July 2014
7AM – 12NOON
Oxley State School Oval, Oxley Rd.

(Gates open 5:30am for stallholder setup, $20 a site)

Do you love mega garage sales, trash and treasure delightful, then this is recycle central. This event features a wide range of stalls offering arts and crafts products, trash and treasure, antiques, collectables, plants, fruit and veg, new and used toys, books, clothes and lots more.

Coffee, cold drinks and food available.

For more information or bookings
Narelle 0412 240 503.