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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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PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

1. Excelling in and around our City

In the past weeks our students and staff have once again showcased the breadth of talent that we have here at Grand Avenue State School.

Our talented musicians shone at the SingFest event held in Brisbane with glowing reviews of the quality of our Senior Choir and also the proud and respectful way that they represented themselves...
and our school. Congratulations to these students and to Mrs Gordon who does a fantastic job at conducting this choir.

We also have had great success at the recent Tournament of Minds competition with our team being successful in making the State Finals on September 14th. The judges said after the team presented, "that presentation was just what we needed at this time of the day, better than a coffee!" Congratulations to the team and their leading teacher, Miss Annette Smith, and a huge thank you to the parents for their ongoing commitment in supporting their children in their extra-curricular endeavours of excellence.

On the sporting track we continue to excel with 51 of our students representing Grand Avenue State School at the District Athletics carnival. We are very proud of our students as they won the Inala District Athletics title for 2014. This is a great achievement. All the best to our exceptional athletes who have been chosen to go on to State and/or National competitions.

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 – An Expert Teaching Team.

- There is evidence that the principal and other school leaders see the development of staff into an expert and coherent school-wide teaching team as central to improving outcomes for all students.
- There is a documented professional learning plan and the school has arrangements in place for mentoring and coaching (with teacher agreement). Teachers visit each other’s classrooms and discuss their work with them. In team meetings there is an emphasis on the joint analysis of student work and on teaching strategies for improving student learning. Teachers collaboratively plan, deliver and review the effectiveness of lessons.
- Attention is paid to strengths and weaknesses in the school-wide team, with strategies in place, to train staff to address particular needs.
- The school is implementing the Department’s Developing Performance Framework as the basis for professional discussions with staff.
- The school provides opportunities for teachers to take on leadership roles outside the classroom.

3. NAPLAN 2014

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, with tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students sat these tests in May and the outcomes of these tests are now available. Individual Reports were sent home this week with students and I encourage parents/carers to find time to discuss and celebrate the achievements of their child in these tests. We should remember that NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. Should parents/carers have any questions about the Individual Reports they should first discuss this with the classroom teacher. Overall Grand Avenue has achieved pleasing results in the 2014 NAPLAN tests and is achieving similar to, or in many areas, above QSS (Queensland State Schools) and the Nation.

4. Parking in school grounds

Parent parking within the school grounds or in the staff car park is not permitted. The dropping off and picking up of children within the school grounds creates a host of obvious safety issues. Also with a number of wheelchair students attending Grand Avenue, disabled parking is a premium. Please respect our physically impaired students’ right to access disabled parking at all times.

I ask that parents/carers do not put the safety of our children at risk by driving into the school grounds – AT ANY TIME (except where granted permission by the Principal or Head of Special Education Services).

Kind regards,

Mrs Kym Amor
Acting 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.

Useful Contacts

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Please check our website regularly – www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

EXCELLENCE IN SPORT!

Inala District Athletics

On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th August, 51 students represented our school at the Inala District Athletics Carnival which was held at Glenala State High School. Students competed in a range of athletics events including 100m, 200m, 800m, shot put, high jump, long jump, relays and discus. The students competed extremely well over the two days and displayed tremendous pride in their school. Many of the students excelled in their events and achieved personal bests. Grand Avenue was successful in winning the A Division shield.

Congratulations to Inala District Individual Age Champions:

- 9 Year Old Female - Patricia
- 10 Year Old Male - John Yadon
- 11 Year Old Female - Naomi Solomona
- 12 Year Old Female - Christine Okesene
- 13 Year Old Male - Aleksandar Nedimovic

Special mention should go to the school’s Team Manager, Mr Richardson, for the extra work and commitment he gave in training the students prior to their departure and for his support on the day of the carnival. Also thank you to other staff members who gave of their time to train the students prior to the competition. We would also like to thank all parents who attended the District Carnival to encourage the students to do their best.

Fifteen of the students have been selected to represent Inala District at the Met West Regional Carnival.
Below is a list of students who attended the Carnival:-

Patricia
Nakitta
Georgia
Jasmine
Ti-En
Isaac
Ky
Hau
Ella
Rory
Amy
Anneliese
Ryan
Jaycie
Luke
Warren
Julian
Nick
Charlie
Lucas
Toby
Piper
Mason
Daniica
Mia
Johnny

Chrizialyn
Baylee
Isaac
Belle
Zhenturi
Sarah
Aleksandar
Neferatali
Hayden
Christine
Kate
Benina
Denzel
Lolomanaia
Lasender
Amber
Naomi
Charlene
Max
Jazmin
Georgia
Carson
Tyrah
Jaaziah
John

Manguhig
Mills
Isaac
Belle
Sarah
Nedimovic
Nanai
Nanai
Navin
Okesene
Parsons
Pope
Samoa
Sekona
Sheriff
Smallbon
Solomon
Su'A
Tamamasui
Tempelmeier
Tofilau
Tuala
Tuala
Tupuse
Yadon

Congratulations to all students …… a great achievement!

CAMPS/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.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT??

Please advise the office as a matter of urgency if any of your details, have changed, ie. phone numbers, address, emergency contacts!
**Children born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are eligible.**

**LOST PROPERTY – NEW LOCATION!**

We constantly have a significant amount of lost property items. At the last P & C Meeting discussions were held as how to manage this and parents who were at the meeting offered to assist with this. A big thank you to these ladies.

With the change in seasons, many students arrive at school in the morning wearing a few layers of school uniform, which they then remove during the day – sometimes during a lunch break. Fortunately, many of our students place the item of clothing in their school bag to return home. Sadly, not all items make it home and are sent to “lost property” if they are not named.

**Please assist the school in this process by naming ALL of your child’s belongings.**

As from next Monday 1 September, the lost property will be relocated to the undercover veranda outside a classroom in our Special Education Unit. There will also be a tub outside of the school office which will be cleared each day and sent over to the SEP.

In an endeavour to keep the area tidy and so items can be quickly identified there will be four separate coloured tubs for the lost property:-

- **Hats** / **Jumpers and Jackets** / **Other Clothing & Items** / **Lunch Boxes and Drink Bottles**

Please note that due to WHS & pest management lunch boxes will be disposed of after one week.

Our volunteers will go through the tubs each week and will return via the classroom any uniform item that is named.

All unnamed items will be kept until the end of each term, when it will be laundered and given to the school chaplain.
Music Notes

SINGFEST 2014

Instrumental Music Program 2015 Recruitment

This term will see the commencement of testing of all Year Two, Year Three and Year Four students for next year’s Beginner Instrumental Music Program intake.

Year 2 students who test successfully in 2014 are eligible to join the Strings Program in 2015.

Year 3 and Year 4 students who test successfully in 2014 are eligible to join the Band Program in 2015.

Check the school website for a timeline of testing and the events that follow.

If you have any questions regarding the recruiting process, please feel free to contact us at the following email addresses:

Mrs Sharyn Brown (Deputy Principal): sbrow534@eq.edu.au
Mrs Katherine Zorzetto (Woodwind teacher): kzorz1@eq.edu.au
Ms Leonie Marshall (Brass & Percussion teacher): lstil4@eq.edu.au
Mr Matthew Hoey (String teacher): mhoey1@eq.edu.au
Hello all,

Well, what an EKKA fun day we had! The feedback has been fantastic from our community and the kids. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the set up before and on the day. There are so many to thank but I would like to mention Donna Clark, Louise Gordon, Amanda Philp (ticket booth) and the executive team (Kylie, Ian, Maree) for all their effort. I hope everyone had a great day and had fun. The final profit was $20,100!

The installation of air conditioning in S,W,Y blocks has now started over the weekends and our school will be fully air conditioned by the start of Term 4. This has been made possible by all the P&C events and by the support given to them by the parents of this school. Well done everyone!

We still have a few more events this year and hope for your continued support. Recently our school canteen offered a free kids meal to those parents who helped in the canteen. Under our P&C guidelines we are no longer able to do this, but we would still like parents to help out when they can! Please pop down and see Sue.

Thank you to all those we attended our P&C meeting last week, it was a great turnout.

Finally, the Father’s Day stall will be held on Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th September – timetable below. Also a Silly September Disco will be held on Friday the 5th, please see the flier for times. We are looking for parent helpers for both the Father’s Day stall and disco so if you can help, please contact Donna Clark on 0451 484 349.

Regards,
Gavin Rook
Parents must pick up children from the Disco promptly and from the hall door. Thank you for your co-operation.

FROM OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE...

Bookings and Cancellation Policy – please be advised that we will be enforcing this policy on all bookings for September Vacation Care and BSC/ASC in Term 4.

The Policy states cancellation of bookings for before and/or after school care must be made prior to the session starting or a fee, equal to the fee for that session will be charged. For Vacation Care 2 days’ notice of cancellation is required.

If you no longer require a permanent booking or would like to check your current bookings, please contact the OSHC office on 3278 9830.

Karen Brown / Anita Noiesen
OSHC Coordinators

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,
- 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.
As we reach the end of Term 3, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Please be aware that the school requires explanatory notes/phone call advising of reasons for children’s absence. It is currently school policy that after three days of unexplained absences, parents/caregivers will be rung by the school for details. Commencing immediately, at the end of each calendar month a letter to parents of students who have unexplained absences will be generated and posted home. Parents who receive these letters are asked to send a written response to explain the absences.

Starting Time – The first bell is rung at 8.40am so classes can commence at 8.45am SHARP. Student punctuality is essential to ensure a smooth start to the school day for all classes.

Students Early Departures – Parents wishing to take their children early from school early must firstly come to the office to obtain an early departure slip to show to their child’s class teacher.

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Forest Lake State High School – Now Enrolling for 2015

We are offering four new opportunities to enrol your child into Forest Lake State High School for 2015. It is extremely important to enrol early so we can ensure we have the support and resources in place for your child. We understand Saturdays are not always convenient for you and your child to attend an enrolment interview so we have opened up week time interviews as well.

The enrolment days are:

- **Tuesday 9th September**: 8:00am – 5.30pm
- **Monday 20th October**: 8.30am – 3.30pm
- **Saturday 1st November**: 9.00am – 2:30pm.

Please bring your enrolment pack into Forest Lake State High School with all your documentation to make an interview.
LAKE’S SWIMMING CLUB SIGN-ON
September 6th

First 50 approved & financial applicants will receive a McDonald’s Voucher

Our Sign-On Day for the 2014/2015 season will be held on the 6th of September from 7.00 am to 11.00 am with a ‘Gold Coin Donation Sausage Sizzle’, in the Sam Riley Swim School car park at High Street Forest Lake. Come and meet the members and join the club, old and new members are all welcome (and don’t forget to bring your birth certificate).

The first 50 approved and financial applicants will receive a McDonald’s voucher. Membership will be capped at 60 members. First memberships to be submitted will be processed for approval on a first-in-rule basis. The new season begins on Friday the 10th of October 5.50 pm – 8.00 pm and our swimming club meet every Friday night in school terms 4 and 1.

It’s not about how well you can swim; it’s about how much fun you can have doing it! The Lake’s Swimming Club provides opportunities for swimmers from the age of 3 years to 17 years of age who are able to swim at least 12.5m of any stroke. Swimmers can put into practice skills learnt during their swimming lessons while having fun making new friends, catching up with old friends and increasing their confidence when in the water.

As the club is run by volunteers, parents and carers are actively involved and enjoy the experience along with their child, whether participating with time-keeping or fund-raising activities. Our social club is a great way to promote swimming as a healthy and fun past-time, and also to increase water confidence through ongoing skill development and reinforcement of pool safety.

The club is based at the Sam Riley Swim School, corner of Forest Lake Blvd and High St, Forest Lake 4078. For more info visit the website: www.lakesswimclub.blogspot.com.au, or email lakesswimming@ymail.com or call Penni Devenish 0438 728 357.

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Or Phone: 0402 627 750
FREE Food and Behaviour Workshop presented by NAQ Nutrition!

Are you a parent or educator working with children 0-5 years?

Are you interested to know:

- How foods can cause certain behavioural traits in children?
- How the food and eating behaviours children have at certain stage of their development can affect their eating patterns for life?
- Where to get credible information about food allergies, sensitivities and intolerances?

Please note that this workshop does not specifically address nutrition for ADHD and Autism – contact us for more information.

Come to NAQ Nutrition’s Food and Behaviour workshop and have our dietitians and nutritionists give you the latest information and advice on managing common behavioural problems in children!

**DATE:** 2nd September 2014

**VENUE:** Anglicare Southern Qld – Early Parent Centre, 105 Poinsettia Street, Inala

**TIME:** 6.30pm – 8pm

**COST:** FREE!

**WORKSHOP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

Together, we can help raise awareness of healthy eating and support parents and educators with information, tips and resources.