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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.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE PH: 3372 0560
Email - studentabsence@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

PrINCIPAL’S COLUMN

It is that very exciting time when many of our students (Years 4 & 5) experience what may be their first school camp. School camps can improve social skills, build character and lead to more community-mindedness. I know our students are very excited, as are our teachers. Parents, rest assured your children will be well looked after and I’m positive will come back full of exciting tales to share with you. Thank you in advance to the teachers and members of our Leadership Team who will be escorting the students and providing them with this fantastic learning experience.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 11 Sept – Fri 12 Sept Year 4 Camp Warrawee
Sun 14 Sept P&C Markets on Grand
Tues 16 Sept P&C Meeting – 7.30pm in Staffroom
Wed 17 Sept Cross Country – Prep to Year 3
Wed 17 Sept – Fri 19 Sept Year 5 Camp Goodenough
Fri 19 Sept Last Day of Term
Mon 6 Oct LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Sun 12 Oct P&C Markets on Grand
Wed 15 Oct Hands on History Incursion – Year 3
Mon 20 Oct PUPIL FREE DAY - NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND
Tues 21 Oct Prep Information Session – 9.00am or 6.00pm in Auditorium
Tues 21 Oct Silkstone Eisteddfod – Jnr & Snr Choirs
Sat 25 Oct Brisbane Bands Festival – Junior and Senior Strings
Tues 28 Oct Music Gala Night
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 – *Systematic Curriculum Delivery*.

- The school has a clearly documented whole school plan for curriculum delivery. This plan is aligned with the Australian Curriculum and the Queensland Curriculum Assessment and Reporting (QCAR) framework and makes explicit what (and when) teachers should teach and students should learn. The curriculum delivery plan is being implemented throughout the school.

- A strong alignment has been achieved between the overall curriculum delivery plan, term and unit plans, classroom teaching and the regular assessment of student progress in relation to curriculum expectations.

- The school curriculum plan and curriculum delivery (including the time allocated to particular learning) balances the system requirements to address all KLAs in the QCAR Essential Learnings, to give priority to English, mathematics and science and to embed the fundamental skills of literacy.

- The school leadership team ensures that the enacted curriculum remains a focus for discussion among, and collaboration between teachers and that the curriculum plan is the reference against which flexible delivery (to meet the needs of the range of students within each year level) is designed, assessment tasks are developed and student learning is reported.

Mrs Brassington is looking forward to return to her role as Principal in Term 4. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have assisted me to fulfil this role in Term 3. You truly do have a great school and this is evident in and around all of our learning spaces. I would like to acknowledge our staff for their hard work, high quality teaching and professionalism. It is evident that our staff have a true passion for learning and teaching and that they go above and beyond to ensure your children can reach their potential. A special acknowledgement must also be given to the dedicated P & C of Grand Avenue State School. As a direct result of their vision and determination, the students and community of Grand Avenue State School have benefited in ways that most schools in Queensland would be envious. Thank you again for welcoming me as your Acting Principal and having had the opportunity to lead such the school leaves me with an overwhelming sense of pride for which I am truly grateful. I hope students will come back in Term 4 well-rested and looking forward to all that Term 4 will bring. Please stay safe over the school holidays.

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.*
CHANGES TO SCHOOL CROSSING ON GRAND AVENUE

Brisbane City Council has approved 2014/15 Safe School Travel funding for improvements to the school crossing on Grand Avenue. This work has been scheduled for during the upcoming school holidays.

These changes are to ensure the safety of our students and other local pedestrians. Kerb build-outs were recommended and will be installed. The crossing improvements will enhance pedestrian safety by reducing the crossing distance and time, improving the crossing’s visibility to drivers and assisting in promoting a lower speed environment.

To provide a full-time pedestrian crossing facility the existing timed (7-9am & 2-4pm School Days) “No Stopping” signs will be replaced with yellow “No Stopping” lines. In order to provide adequate sight distance for both pedestrians and motorists the improvements require the removal of one informal parking bay in Council’s road reserve (both sides of Grand Avenue).

HERITAGE DELIVERS

At this week’s assembly, Mr Mark Newman, manager of Heritage Bank Forest Lake Community Branch, officially handed over a cheque for the school’s new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

The $2,785 grant was accepted by Acting Principal, Mrs Kym Amor who thanked Mr Newman for providing the AED and for the work the bank does in giving back to the community. Mr Newman said that even though Heritage Bank Community branches give back 50% of their profits to the community, and that they love to help facilities like ours purchase new equipment, he hoped that our new defibrillator never needs to be used. After the presentation, Mr Newman was joined by some members of the WH&S committee and School Captains to enjoy an afternoon tea in the staffroom. Thank you to the school’s Health & Safety Advisor, Mr Dean Winchester, for preparing the application for the grant.
Children born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are eligible.

Prep 2015
Parent Information Sessions
To be held in the School Auditorium

Tuesday 21st October
Session 1: 9.00am – 10.00am or
Session 2: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Any queries to the school office – 3372 0555

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.

A reminder that the final payment for the Canberra Tour is due by next Thursday, 18th September.

All other payments are due by the last day of term (Friday 19th).

Many thanks.
State schools across Queensland celebrated Support Staff week from 1-5 September.

Grand Avenue would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Business Services Manager, Mrs Julie Downes, along with her team of dedicated support staff including the administration and schools officers, teacher aides and cleaners who all play important roles in the smooth running and safe operation of our school. Their work means teachers, students and school leaders can better focus on class lessons and improving the school’s performance.

You may not be aware but without these fantastic support staff, the school would not open! There would be no enrolments, no phones answered, no excursions organised, no play areas or ovals freshly mown and safe, things would stay broken, computers would no longer be networked or effective educational tools, no clean facilities and literally no lights on if the bills weren’t paid!

A morning tea was held last Friday to acknowledge and celebrate their superb contributions.

Also, as part of our celebration morning tea, we recognised sixteen (16) education support staff (teacher aides) who took advantage of a DETE professional learning opportunity with the Digital Practice Guide. The elements of the guide enabled support staff to reflect on how their digital practice contributes to teaching and learning experiences while assisting students in the classroom on a daily basis. These teacher aides were awarded a Certificate of Digital Practice in recognition of their professional learning. Congratulations ladies.
Students from 2E with some fantastic art work!

Channel 10 Weather Presenter Josh Holt talks weather with Year 6 students.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
Music Notes

**Instrumental Music Program 2015 Recruitment**

Next week (Week 10) Mr Matthew Hoey will commence String Instrument Suitability Assessments with some of the Year Two students for next year’s Beginner String Program intake.

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

Mrs Katherine Zorzetto & Ms Leonie Marshall will continue Band Instrument Suitability Assessments next term (Term 4 Week 5) with some of the Year Three and Four students for next year’s Beginner Band Program intake.

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

**A Parent Information Evening for the 2015 Instrumental Music Program will be held on Thursday 27th November (Week 8) @ 6pm in the School Auditorium for parents of successful Year 2, 3 & 4 students.**

Check the school website for updates in the 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:

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

**SILKSTONE EISTEDDFOD**

The Junior and Senior Choirs will be performing next term in the annual Silkstone Eisteddfod. On Tuesday 21st October, students in both choirs will travel to the Glebe Road Uniting Church, Silkstone. The Junior Choir will perform at 10.15am and the Senior Choir at 11.00am. Admission for adults to the performances is $2.50.

Further information and Consent forms will be sent home next week and will then be able to be accessed in the Music Tab of the school website. Please direct any further enquiries to the appropriate Choir Conductor-

Junior Choir (Yr 2, 3) – Mrs Louise Sawyer: **llanh8@eq.edu.au**  
Senior Choir (Yr 4,5,6,7) – Mrs Karen Gordon: **klgor1@eq.edu.au**

**BRISBANE BANDS FESTIVAL**

Students in Junior and Senior Instrumental Ensembles at Grand Avenue are working diligently to prepare for the Brisbane Bands Festival at the end of week 3, next term. The Festival is held at the Centenary High School, Yallambee Road, Jindalee on the weekend of 25th & 26th October. All ensembles will be performing however as yet we have no exact day or time for our performances. Further information will be sent home as soon as possible.

All String Ensemble enquiries should be directly addressed to Mr Matthew Hoey: **mhoey1@eq.edu.au**  
All Senior Band enquiries should be directly addressed to Mrs Katherine Zorzetto: **kzorz1@eq.edu.au**  
All Junior Band enquiries should be directly addressed to Ms Leonie Marshall: **lstil4@eq.edu.au**
INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

Do you have a musical instrument sitting lonely in a corner of the house? Maybe a once loved Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet or Trombone? Would you like to pass it on to an eager, enthusiastic, beginner student at Grand Avenue State School?

At the commencement of 2015 a large number of Band students will require their own instrument. If you have an instrument that you would like to donate or sell, please email the details (Type of Instrument, Brand, How Old, Price) to the relevant Instrumental teacher and they may be able to put you in contact with a family that is looking to purchase.

All String Instrument enquiries should be directly addressed to Mr Matthew Hoey mhoey1@eq.edu.au
All Woodwind Instrument enquiries should be directly addressed to Mrs Katherine Zorzetto kzorz1@eq.edu.au
All Brass and Percussion Instrument enquiries should be directly addressed to Ms Leonie Marshall lstil4@eq.edu.au

Please join us for the Grand Avenue State School Music Gala Evening

Tuesday 28th October - 6.30pm
(students to arrive by 6pm)
In the School Auditorium

Gold Coin Entry Prize Raffle

Choirs Bands String Ensembles
Hi all,

A big thank you to all those who helped with the Father’s Day stall last week. Without their help running these events for our kids they would not happen. The kids had a lot of fun choosing gifts for Dad!

The disco on Friday night went really well. I hope everyone really enjoyed it. Thank you to all the teachers who came along.

I am pleased to announce Anita as our new OSHC coordinator. Anita comes with a long history of service to this school and is really excited to be back. Welcome Anita! Thank you to Tracey, who left us last month, for all her hard work over the past few years, you will be missed.

This is the last newsletter this term and when we all come back our school will be fully air conditioned. Nearly $200,000 will have been spent completing this. I really feel the benefit to our children will be worth it. I will have more details next term on the final costs.

Don’t forget the markets this Sunday. I will be there on the P&C BBQ if you want to come for a chat. Speaking of BBQs we are having a last day of term breakfast BBQ starting at 8.00am outside the canteen.

Regards,
Gavin Rook

END OF TERM
Breakfast Sausage Sizzle!
$2.00 each
or 3 for $5

Friday 19th September
(Last day of Term)
8.00am
MPA outside the Canteen

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
On **31st October** Elevate Church are holding a Light Party, at Grand Avenue State School. This is a community event, all are welcome.

**Venue:** Grand Avenue State School  
**Time:** 4.30pm - 6.30pm  
**Cost:** Gold coin  
**Costume:** Strictly no ghoulish or scary costumes. Only positive costumes allowed. Games, rides, craft, food.

This is not a school event, it is being provided for the community by Elevate Church. Children under 18 must be strictly supervised by parents/guardian/carer.

Child minding is not provided.

For more details contact- 0418745179  
rajmavisforjesus@yahoo.com.au

Parents, please contact Pastor Mavis if you are available to help before or during the event.

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**Forest Lake State High School – Now Enrolling for 2015**

We are offering two more 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:

**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.
As with most schools, school uniforms are compulsory at Forest Lake State High School and we try very hard to have uniforms to fit all our students. We have ordered smaller uniforms for our year 7s for next year.

We have put together a starter pack for new students which contains all the basics a year 7 or 8 student may need. You may find once your student has their timetable (which they will get on their first day) that you need to add items but as the name suggests it is only a starter pack.

The girls starter pack consists of –
1 blouse, 1 skirt, 1 sports polo, 1 pair sports shorts, a hat, 3 pairs ankle socks (1 free). Total cost $151.50

The boys starter pack consists of –
1 shirt, 1 pair formal shorts, 1 sports polo, 1 pair sports shorts, a hat, 3 pairs ankle socks (1 free). Total cost $144.50

The uniform shop is open from 8am to 10am each school day and will close on December 12, 2014 and will not reopen until January 19, 2015. We will be open on Enrolment day on Saturday November 1, 2014 from 9am to 2.30pm. This is the only Saturday we are open. We accept eftpos, Mastercard, Visa and cash. You can also Lay-by.

In an effort to alleviate the waiting times we are introducing a booking system for the week of January 19 to 23, 2015.
Please contact the uniform shop either by phone on 3714 2341 during uniform shop hours or email uniformshop@forestlakeshs.eq.edu.au.
You can also turn up during that week and either pick an available time or take a number and wait.

Opening hours for January 2015

Monday 19th 9am to 3pm
Tuesday 20th 9am to 12pm
Wednesday 21st 9am to 3pm
Thursday 22nd 9am to 12pm
Friday 23rd 9am to 12pm

Monday 26th—Closed

Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th
8am to 11am

Then back to normal hours - 8am to 10am each school day

Fran Santin
Uniform Shop Manager
FOREST LAKE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Jamboree Heights Swimming Club

Sign-on Dates for Upcoming 2014/15 Season
Is your family looking for a swim club that offers a warm, welcoming and friendly atmosphere? A fantastic coach who supports and encourages each and every member of the club?

Jamboree Heights Swimming Club is for you!
We would love to have you join us in 2014-15.

Sign-on dates are:

Friday 12th September - 3:15pm to 5:15pm

For children seeking a learn-to-swim program, our Mini Squad sign-on is also on:

Friday 12th September - 3:15pm to 5:15pm.

See you at the pool!
35 Beanland Street, Jamboree Heights
Registration enquiries to secretary@jhswmclub.com
Or visit the website www.jhswmclub.com

Free children’s dental program

Metro South Health provides free dental care to children throughout our region.

Who is eligible?

- All children aged 4 through to year 6
- Students in years 1 and 2 who have a current Child Care, Child Health Care Card or PwS Card
- 0-3 year olds who have a current Child Care, Child Health Care Care or PwS Card
- 0-7 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Who needs to attend the appointment?

A parent or legal guardian is required to attend every dental appointment.

How do I make an appointment?

You can now book an appointment for you and your child at a time and location convenient for you. For all appointments, please telephone:

1300 300 850

Metro South Oral Health Hub

Queensland Government

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THE TERM.
HAVE A RELAXING AND SAFE SPRING VACATION!

SCHOOL RESUMES
TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER