Dear parents and caregivers,

It is wonderful to be back at Grand Avenue for Term 4. My sincere thanks to Acting Principal Mrs Kym Amor, the administration team and all staff who continued to do an excellent job in my absence. As I have said many times, in spite of our size, Grand Avenue is a very well run school with a strong family ethos and we are committed to keeping it that way.

I hope you are all ready for the Term 4 blitz. There are many activities throughout the term and you will need to keep your eye on the school calendar for upcoming events. I also encourage you to get behind the 2014 Spellathon, a major fundraiser for our school.
Getting ready for 2015

During this term we commence preparations for next year. Teachers are currently considering their teaching preferences for 2015 and we will soon begin the process to consider classes for 2015. This task involves many hours of deliberation between class teachers, learning support staff and administration to form comparable, balanced classes where all students’ learning needs are respected and optimised. Every student will be given the opportunity to nominate 2-3 friends that they would like to be with next year and parents also have the option of contacting the school if they believe special consideration is required.

As Grand Avenue has a strong parent partnership philosophy, the importance of inviting parents to contribute to the class allocation process is acknowledged.

Parents are therefore invited to submit in writing to Mrs Brown, Ms Tobin, Ms Almond, Mr Thorne or myself, any special considerations you may wish brought to the school’s attention to encourage the smooth transition of your child from one year level to the next. Special consideration may involve the separation of students whose behaviour is detrimental to another’s learning.

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE WILL THE SCHOOL ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WHERE PARENTS MAKE A REQUEST FOR THEIR CHILD TO BE INCLUDED IN OR EXCLUDED FROM AN INDIVIDUAL TEACHER’S CLASS. ANY LETTERS WHERE A TEACHER’S NAME IS MENTIONED WILL BE DISCARDED AND NOT CONSIDERED IN THE ALLOCATION PROCESS.**

In the last fortnight of the school year, after teachers are assigned to classes, students will be advised of their 2015 teachers. After class allocations are made, no changes will be considered. I have the greatest respect and confidence in the professional abilities of our entire teaching team. Please be mindful that every teacher has individual strengths and weaknesses. If a difficulty arises between a child and teacher the issue will be resolved collaboratively at a professional level that maintains the dignity of all parties.

With parental input (if you feel it is necessary) combined with the school’s comprehensive internal placement processes, the allocation of pupils to classes for next year will be smooth and thoughtful ensuring that the success of all students is maximised.

**THE DEADLINE FOR PARENT REQUESTS IS FRIDAY, 24TH OCTOBER.**

Please note: - A request for special consideration must be submitted every year. Previous requests do not automatically carry over.

Pride in school uniform

Grand Avenue has a strong tradition of school uniform compliance. Our students look terrific when wearing full school uniform and I expect that all students will be wearing their summer uniform appropriately. I thank all those parents who ensure that their children attend school fully decked out in the correct attire and ask that everyone continue to support our school right up to the last school day.

Warm regards,
Desley Brassington
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.

Useful Contacts

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

MIND BLOWING PERFORMANCE!

Tournament of Minds is an interschool problem solving event. Through participation students develop enterprise, critical and creative thinking skills, cooperative problem solving, time and budget management, communication skills and responsibility.

The seven member team participated in the Applied Technology challenge where they had six weeks to solve a challenge and write their answer as an entertaining, 10 minute play and make props, sets and costumes. The team were required to create a new wearable technology device. Part of the challenge involved creating a short television infomercial to demonstrate the practicality of the new technology, which involved researching, scripting, organising, filming, editing, and publishing. What resulted on the day of competition was an entertaining performance which had the judges thoroughly entertained.

Students involved:

Aleksandar Nedimovic – Year 7
Justin Greenland – Year 6
Andrew Kleineberg – Year 6
Julian Hughes – Year 5
Jared Gluch – Year 4
Zeek Solomona – Year 4
Kahlia Lynam – Year 4

On the day of competition teams are also given a Spontaneous Challenge from a panel of judges, in which they had four minutes to come up with a creative answer to a problem.

The team have spent many hours of their own time learning how to create an infomercial, develop high level group thinking processes and strategies and creative thinking skills as well as how to work cohesively as a team.

In September, the team represented the Brisbane region admirably, answering a difficult challenge and performing a play with only three hours to prepare, while winning best team photograph on the day.
A huge thank you must go to the parents and family of the team members, who supported the team throughout all the after school and weekend training sessions and came out in force at both the regional and state events to cheer on the team.

Annette Smith
4/5J Teacher & Team Facilitator

A FLYING START

This year will mark the final year that Year 7 will be a part of primary school in Queensland. At the end of the school year, we will say farewell to both our Year 6 and Year 7 students as they join approximately 100,000 students who will enter high schools across Queensland.

For the past three years, 20 state schools have been piloting the move of Year 7 students to high school. These pilot schools have generously shared their learning and insights with all schools in Queensland. A review of the pilot program was recently completed and four key insights have emerged: **focus on transition, invest in your people, understand the adolescent learner and seek regular feedback.**

Pilot schools have emphasised the importance of a strong relationship with their primary affiliate schools.

To provide a smooth transition we are supporting students and parents, and working with our local high schools to ensure the move is a great success.

If you have any specific questions or concerns related to the transition of Year 7 to high school, please contact us or the high school where you are planning to send your child.

PREP 2015 INFORMATION SESSIONS AND OPEN DAYS

For those families with children starting Prep in 2015, we are hosting information sessions in the school Auditorium on Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} October at 9.00am and another one at 6.00pm. You are required to attend one session. The session is to provide valuable information to parents about the school and how to assist your child prepare for Prep. An invitation was sent to those parents who have already enrolled in our school. If you, or someone you know, have not enrolled for Prep 2015, please contact the office to collect an enrolment pack and return **as soon as possible**.

An interview booking form accompanied the invitation that was sent home to parents. If you have not received one please contact the office this week so that you can book your one-on-one interview time in the week starting Monday 3\textsuperscript{rd} November – Friday 7\textsuperscript{th} November. It is really important that you and your child attend this meeting so that we can gain valuable information about your child to ensure that we best cater for them in Prep. Please return your interview booking forms to the school office or alternatively bring along to the Parent Information Session where they will be collected. A letter confirming your interview time will be sent shortly after the parent information sessions.

We will be holding Open Days on Wednesday 5\textsuperscript{th} November and Saturday 8\textsuperscript{th} November from 9.00am – 11.00am. This is a time for parents to bring their children into the Prep area and allow them an opportunity to familiarise themselves with our school for 2015. At this stage we will not know who your child’s teacher will be. However, we will be holding a “Meet the Teacher” session on the pupil free day in January. Half the class will attend with their parents on the Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} January 2015 from 3.00pm – 4.00pm and the other half of the class will be invited to meet their teacher on the Friday 23\textsuperscript{rd} January from 9.00am – 10.00am.

We endeavour to provide a smooth and positive experience for you and your child entering Prep and look forward to welcoming new families to Grand Avenue State School.

Kind Regards,
Sharyn Brown
Deputy Principal
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

Arriving late for school, leaving early .... Just a little bit doesn’t seem much but ....

| He/She is only missing just... | That equals... | Which is..... | & over 13 yrs of schooling that’s...
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 10 minutes per day            | 50 minutes per week | Nearly 1.5 weeks per year | Nearly ½ year
| 20 minutes per day            | 1 hour 40 minutes per week | Over 2.5 weeks per year | Nearly 1 year
| Half hour per day             | Half a day per week | 4 wks per year | Nearly 1½ years
| 1 hour per day                | 1 day per week    | 8 weeks per year | Over 2½ years

Please ensure your child is on time and stays all day, every day.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!
Music Notes

Upcoming events:
Tuesday 21 October – Silkstone Eisteddfod – (Jnr & Snr Choirs)
Saturday 25 October – Brisbane Bands Competition – (Jnr & Snr Strings)
Sunday 26 October – Brisbane Bands Competition – (Jnr & Snr Band)
Held at Centenary State High School

Refer to notes for arrival times and further information.

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
CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Operation Christmas Child

During the next few weeks, we will be filling shoeboxes with Christmas gifts for children in Papua New Guinea and South East Asia, who may not get to experience receiving gifts otherwise. Each class at Grand Avenue State School will get a shoebox, which the students can gift wrap. We are asking classes to pick whether they would like to give a gift to a boy or girl, and select an age group. If families wish to contribute gift items, please send them into your child’s classroom. Recommended gift contributions include stationery, new clothes, toys, toiletry items, personal notes/cards or other special items. Food, breakables or items that leak or melt are not advised. The filled shoeboxes will be delivered to the warehouse for shipping in week 4. For further gift ideas or information on this project, see www.operationchristmaschild.org.au

Gardening Club

Exciting news! Forest Lake Heritage Bank has approved a grant application for our school to purchase some gardening supplies and equipment! We will be setting up a gardening group for interested students this term, so look out for more news on this. Parents if you would be interested in helping with this project we would love to hear from you. Please contact Chaplain Erin for further details.

Erin Mawhinney
Chaplain
07 3372 0555
chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

school hours Monday to Thursday 9.15am – 2.30pm

P&C NEWS

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT....

Hi everyone,

I am very happy to announce that all of our school is now air conditioned. Thank you to everyone who has helped over the past year and a half to complete this project. The final cost is not yet known but will be around the $220,000 mark. That’s a lot of fundraising by many great people. I am sure our kids will enjoy.

We can now turn our focus to funding the new prep playground. We have a P&C meeting on October 21st at 7.00pm (staffroom) to discuss this and start suggesting projects the school would like us to help with next year. Please come and have a say.

Don’t forget our markets at the school this Sunday from 8.00am to 1.00pm. Come down to the P&C bbq for breakfast and a coffee. We are also holding a Movie Night coming up on November 1st (see flyer below for details).

I would also like to welcome Desley back this term, great to have you back!

Hope to see you at the markets.

Regards,
Gavin Rook
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

MARKETS ON GRAND

THIS SUNDAY, 12TH OCTOBER

Dozens of vendors with vintage items, art, handmade items, homewares, clothes & plants!

8am - 1pm

Support Foodbank QLD

Be a Fan
BRING IN A CAN

Help feed the needy and inspire the community.
13th - 17th October 2014

Excellence In Care FDC, supported by Grand Avenue State School P&C

Needs your help!

Bring in your canned goods between 13th - 17th October 2014

Donations should be placed in the donation bin in the covered area behind the school office each morning before school during 13th-17th October from 8:20 am.

Movie night!

THE LEGO MOVIE

Saturday, 1st November
5.00pm
(Movie starts once it’s dark.)
School Oval

• Bring a chair and a blanket.
• There will be a P&C BBQ with sausages & steak burgers.
• Popcorn/lollies, ice creams & coffee.

FREE ADMISSION!
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 remaining 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
ACTivate Children’s Club
(after school club) –
BRAND NEW PROGRAM!

Come and get healthy and active, meet new friends and develop a new skill each week. Using balls, hoops, parachutes, tunnels, jumping sacks, puppets, storybooks, costumes and music, participants will explore all the different ways their growing bodies can move. These sessions will ACT-ivate the children and their caregivers and have a focus on creativity and fun in a safe, relaxed and energetic environment.

Held at:
The Lakes Parklands, Forest Lake: every Friday from 17 October to 12 December (except 14 November due to G20) from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.

Please note that this workshop is FREE.

There will be two sessions running simultaneously at the workshops – one for children from three to five years of age, and one for children from six to 10 years of age. Children register just once for the full eight week program.

Bookings are essential and can be made by visiting www.bazilgrumble.com.au

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 10
- Students in years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Medicare Card, or Pension Card
- 0-3 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Schedule
- 2-5 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefit 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

Goto’s tip: Call, cuts time wasted, please may be charged at high rate, please check with your provider before proceeding.