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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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Fri 24 Oct  Deadline for Parent Requests re: Class Allocation
Sat 25 Oct / Sun 26 Oct  Brisbane Bands Festival – Junior and Senior Strings
Tues 28 Oct  Music Gala Night
Wed 29 Oct – Mon 10 Nov  Book Fair – Resource Centre
Fri 31 Oct  World Teachers’ Day
Sat 1 Nov  P&C Movie Night – The Lego Movie
Mon 3 Nov – Fri 7 Nov  Prep 2015 Interviews
Mon 3 Nov  Science Centre Excursion – Year 1
Wed 5 Nov  Prep Transition/Open Day #1
Sat 8 Nov  Prep Transition/Open Day #2
Sun 9 Nov  P&C Markets on Grand
Fri 14 Nov  **G20 PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Nov  Canberra Tour – Year 6 & 7
Mon 24 Nov  CSIRO Incursion – Year 4 (ABC)
Tues 25 Nov  CSIRO Incursion – Year 4 (DEFJ)
Tues 25 Nov  Christmas Incursion - Prep
Tues 25 Nov  Prep A, B, F and H Christmas concert
Wed 26 Nov  Prep C, D, E and G Christmas concert
Thurs 27 Nov  Instrumental Music Program Parent Information Evening
Thurs 4 Dec  FLSHS Year 6 Transition Day
Fri 5 Dec  FLSHS Year 7 Transition Day
Tues 9 Dec  Graduation Ceremony – Year 6
Wed 10 Dec  Graduation Ceremony – Year 7
Thurs 11 Dec  White Water World – Years 6 & 7
1. Working hard in Term 4
I am pleased to note that our students are continuing to work very hard this term. Under the new National Curriculum it is critical that students attend every day right up until the last day of the year. Teachers are still introducing new work and assessing material for semester 2 report cards. I have reminded students that as a school of high expectations, it is very important that they keep striving to do their best and that they maintain a high standard of behaviour both in class and in the playground.

2. World Teachers’ Day
World Teachers’ Day is traditionally celebrated on the last Friday in October. We will certainly be acknowledging our wonderful teaching staff on this special occasion, 31st October. Every day our teachers make a positive difference to the lives of their students. We are blessed to have a dedicated, caring and highly professional group of teachers here at Grand Avenue and I am proud to be the Principal of such a fantastic school.

3. Choirs
Congratulations to both the Junior and Senior choirs who competed successfully in the Silkstone Eisteddfod on Tuesday. Both were awarded Bronze trophies. Well done to all the students involved and a big thank you to our teachers, Mrs Karen Gordon and Mrs Louise Lanham-Sawyer who prepared and accompanied the students on the day.

4. Playground Supervision outside of school hours

After school
Parents and caregivers are advised that there is no supervision of students after school concludes at 2.45pm. Parents and caregivers are responsible for supervising their children on school grounds and on playground equipment in particular. The school cannot accept responsibility for students after school hours. Parents are required to ensure that children are collected as soon as possible after the end of the school day.

Before school
Parents and caregivers are advised that supervision is provided before school from 8.00am-8.15am in the covered area near the administration building. The school cannot accept responsibility for students who are sent to school before the supervised time of 8.00am.

Please note that an Outside School Hours Care service is available for Grand Avenue families.

Use of Oval outside school hours
Unfortunately, the school oval is not available to students or their families before or after school. The Outside School Hours Care facility has exclusive use as part of their Hire agreement with the school. A local cricket club also has exclusive use during the summer cricket season.

5. Notification of late return
Families of students who will be extending their Christmas holidays and returning late for the resumption of the 2015 school year are requested to notify the school in writing ASAP of their intentions. The school is staffed on the beginning of year Day 8 enrolment numbers. It is vital that the school has written advice of late return students in the New Year. I appreciate all parents’ cooperation and understanding with regard to this matter.

Warm regards,
Desley Brassington
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

PREP 2015 INFORMATION

The Prep 2015 Information Sessions held on Tuesday 21st were well attended by many excited families. All were keen to hear what to expect as their child prepares for the beginning of their educational journey!

Class placement interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday, 3rd November. If you haven’t returned your preference form, please do so as soon as possible.

The Prep Transition/Open Days are on Wednesday 5th November and Saturday 8th November. From 9.00am – 11.00am. Prep 2015 families are welcome to drop in during those times at your convenience to see what a Prep classroom looks like, have a play and meet some of our Prep teachers. Don’t forget your hat! We look forward to meeting you all.

GROW! ACHIEVE! SUCCEED!
Children born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are eligible.

MUSIC NOTES

Music Notes

Students from both the Junior and Senior Choirs represented our school at the Silkstone Eisteddfod on Tuesday 21st October. Both choirs performed well and came away with Bronze trophies.

Well done to all!

Representing the Junior Choir, Camryn Barnard and Sharonrose Matimbe

Choir Captains, Sarah Friesen and Samantha McCarthy

BRISBANE BANDS FESTIVAL – This Weekend!!

All students in Junior and Senior Instrumental Ensembles at Grand Avenue have been polishing their pieces this week for the Brisbane Bands Festival this Saturday and Sunday. The Festival is held at the Centenary State High School, Yallambee Road, Jindalee.

All four ensembles will be performing with the Strings on Saturday and the Bands on Sunday.

Please confirm your time to arrive and uniform below:

Saturday 25 October – Brisbane Schools Band Festival

Junior Strings: Arrive 11:00am (perform 12:00noon) GASS Music Uniform (vests distributed at the event)

Senior Strings: Arrive 11:30am (perform 12:30pm) GASS Music Uniform (vests distributed at the event)
Sunday 26 October – Brisbane Schools Band Festival
Junior Band: Arrive 7:20am (perform 8:20am) GASS Checked Uniform
Senior Band: Arrive 9:40am (perform 10:40am) GASS Music Uniform (vests distributed at the event)

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

SECOND HAND MUSIC UNIFORMS
Has your son or daughter out grown their ‘black & white’ GASS Music Uniform?
There are two wonderful options to move the redundant clothes out of your house...
1. Please consider donating your used white shirts and black trousers to the Music Dpt for loan to students who possibly can’t afford a new one or who for any reason urgently need to borrow one. All donations lovingly cared for and gratefully received.
2. Another option is to take used GASS Music Uniforms into the Uniform Shop (8.15am – 9.00am M – F) and arranging for your items to be resold there.

PIANO ACCOMPANIST URGENTLY NEEDED
The two School Choirs at Grand Avenue SS urgently require the services of a Pianist available on a regular basis for 1 hour, one day a week plus performances during school term time. We would love a member of the community who enjoys working with children and is confident supporting the young voices of our emerging choristers.
If you know of anybody who would willingly fill this rewarding position please ask them to contact the school office, Mrs Louise Sawyer llanh8@eq.edu.au or Mrs Karen Gordon klgor1@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

Instrumental Music Program 2015 Recruitment
All parents and students interested in the Instrumental Music Program at Grand Avenue State School are cordially invited to the Gala Concert next Tuesday 28th October at 6.30pm in the Auditorium.

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.

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
Stationery lists will be distributed to students next week. Please be aware that the cut-off date for online ordering is **Friday 28th November**. Packs will be delivered to your nominated address during the week ending Friday 16th January 2015 via Australia Post.

**Place your order with OfficeMax on or before Friday 28th November and be in the draw to win 1 of 75 $100 Visa® Gift Cards!**

Information on how to order is contained on the lists. All enquiries should be directed to OfficeMax on 1800 004 427.
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.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – TEMPORARY TEACHER AIDES (TA002) – 2015

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
TEMPORARY TEACHER AIDES (TA002) - 2015
(7 POSITIONS)

Grand Avenue State School is seeking people who are interested in working in a temporary capacity in 2015 as a classroom teacher aide. These positions will be to support the school’s literacy focus in early years. Training will be provided for the successful applicants.

If you wish to be considered for one of these positions please address the points listed below (maximum two (2) A4 pages per application) and attach a brief resume including the names of a referee.

Within the context of the role described above, the ideal applicant will be someone who has the following key attributes

1. **Supports strategic direction**
   Knowledge of or ability to learn quickly about classroom activities and procedures, use and maintenance of resources and school policies.

2. **Achieves results**
   Willingness to undertake specific training to enhance student support as necessary.

3. **Supports productive working relationships**
   Basic understanding of occupational health and safety, equal employment opportunity and anti-discriminatory practices and behaviour as applied in a work environment.

4. **Displays personal drive and integrity**
   Knowledge, skills and ability to work as a teacher aide in a responsible way.

5. **Communicates with influence**
   Demonstrated sound personal qualities of tact, reliability and an ability to work with others both individually and as a member of a team.

Applications and enquiries should be directed to:

   Private and Confidential
   The Business Services Manager
   Grand Avenue State School
   PO Box 4126
   FOREST LAKE   Q   4078

The suitable applicant will be required to hold a Blue Card (Working with Children Check) or be eligible to apply for one. A Certificate III in Education Support is preferred but not essential.

All applications will be held on file and a decision regarding the successful applicants will be made in February 2015.
REMINDER

ALL visitors during school hours must first report to the office to sign in and collect a Visitor’s badge.

This badge must be clearly displayed at all times whilst on school grounds and must be returned before departing.
Hi everyone,

It’s movie night time! Our big event is on November 1st, down at the oval. Bring your own chairs and blankets and have dinner with us before the movie starts. There will be steak burgers ($5) and a sausage sizzle ($2.50). We also have fresh popcorn and ice creams for the movies. We will be selling Magnum ice creams for only $2.50 each. There will also be a coffee van there doing coffee and hot chocolate with muffins and biscuits. The LEGO movie will start at dark. Admission is free. A big thank you to Anthony Shorten for making this event possible.

Please don’t forget the Spell-a-thon we have running at the moment. The monies need to be in by November 7th. It’s great fun for the kids and a fundraiser for the P&C.

Finally, the P&C is pleased to announce that it is helping the school fund the new Prep playground for $100,000. This means this essential equipment can be installed over the Christmas holidays and be ready for 2015.

SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES!

Regards,
Gavin Rook
FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP....

BACK TO SCHOOL 2015

Open dates for end of school and back to school 2015 are as follows:

Usual trading up to Thursday 11th December 2014 - 8.15am to 9.30am

Friday 12th December 2014 - closed for stock take.

JANUARY 2015

Thursday 22nd Jan 9am to 2pm
Friday 23rd Jan 9am to 2pm
Saturday 24th Jan 9am to 12noon

January is typically a very busy time of year and very long waiting times may be experienced. Orders can be placed on www.flexischools.com.au for pick up on back to school times, and online ordering is available all year round once your child is allocated a class with deliveries being made to the teacher’s pigeon hole for distribution.

New to Grand Avenue ~ School Socks

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

We also have a limited range of second hand uniforms available – stock varies throughout the year depending on supply.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.
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

**Enrolment day - 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.