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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**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE PH: 3372 0560**

Email - studentabsence@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

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1. **Exciting New Developments in Reading at GASS**

As many of you are aware we now have full implementation of our GASS Phonogram Program Prep-Year 2 and including Year 3 where relevant. The phonogram program is a comprehensive, literacy development program incorporating reading, sight words, phonics, writing, spelling and phonemic awareness.

Whilst this program is a wonderful addition to our school curriculum program this year we have now turned our attention to the teaching of reading from Years 4-7. Late last year we trialled a new program called Accelerated Reader in selected classes to gauge the appropriateness of the program for our older students. Our literacy coach, Mrs Tami Stibbe, worked with teachers to mesh the Accelerated Reader program with explicit guided reading lessons and to build reading stamina. Current research confirms that students who have strong reading stamina ie. the capacity to sustain reading and effectively comprehend text will be most successful at high school.

Throughout the trial, students and teachers responded very positively to the new program and on the basis of this we have committed to introducing Accelerated Reader to all years 4-7 classes during 2014. This is quite an undertaking and we have chosen to place our Year 7 students on the program first. All year 7 classes are now up and running with the program. Teachers are learning not only how to administer it but can also access valuable data on each student which provides targeted information on student progress and reading levels. This program not only supports students with reading challenges but also offers the opportunity to really stretch and challenge our confident readers.

2. **Student Leader Induction Ceremony**

Congratulations to all student leaders who were inducted into their leadership positions on Wednesday 5 March. I was very proud of the student leaders and indeed all students who attended, as their behaviour was exemplary. Our senior choir, under the guidance of our music teacher, Mrs Karen Gordon, provided a wonderful performance of “Accentuate the Positive”. I have included some of the comments from those who stayed for morning tea as they demonstrate the high regard in which the school is held in the community –

"this is the cleanest school I have ever seen” x 2

"student behaviour was perfect”

"this school has a very professional feel”

"the ceremony was excellent and a reflection of an excellent school”

These and similar comments reflect very positively on our school and are well deserved! Parents can be confident that Grand Avenue sets and adheres to high standards of student behaviour in both the classroom and the playground.

3. **Upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews**

One on one parent teacher interviews are normally conducted towards the end of term 1 however due to a number of unusual circumstances staff have agreed to move the parent teacher interviews to early next term.

Parents will receive information and booking schedules later this term so that allotted times can be sorted before the Easter holiday break.
4. Clarification - Tiggy at School

There has been some confusion around the policy in relation to playing Tiggy at school. Tiggy is not banned at GASS. However Tiggy can only be played on the oval and the grassed area in front of the administration building at second break. Due to the possibility of injury, Tiggy is banned around school buildings, cemented areas and out of bounds areas.

5. Staff Photo – Monday 24 March

Please be advised that due to the staff photo being taken on Monday 24 March, the office will not open until 8.30am. Thank you for your understanding.

6. Clean up Australia Day

Thank you to the Elevate Church members who cleaned up our school grounds recently as part of Clean Up Australia Day. Your efforts were much appreciated. Some photos provided.

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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<th>Main Administration</th>
<th>3372 0555 <a href="mailto:enquiries@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au">enquiries@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au</a></th>
<th>Uniform Shop</th>
<th>3879 8695 <a href="mailto:gasspandc@hotmail.com">gasspandc@hotmail.com</a></th>
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Please check our website regularly – www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
Parents are asked to assist the school by reminding children that all playground equipment is **out of bounds** before and after school.

In the interest of safety, the playgrounds can only be used under the supervision of staff during the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

**STUDENT LEADER INDUCTION CEREMONY – 5 MARCH**

*Congratulations to all School Leaders*

2014 School Captains
Nathan Singam, Samantha McKay, Joseph Hooper, Mia Uden, Nina Sandic, Monique Cleveland

*Congratulations to all School Leaders*
Dear Parents,

We will be photographing your school on **Monday 24th March & Wednesday 26th March 2014.**

You should have received a flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available and how they may be ordered. This year we have introduced **online ordering** for your convenience and the convenience of your school. Spare envelopes are available at the main office.

**Ordering Online:** Should you wish to order online you will find detailed instructions on how to go about this on the back of your order flyer, or you can order using your payment envelope in the same way you always have.

*Please note: envelopes are not required to be handed in if ordering online.*

**If Not Ordering Online:** Payments can be made by cash, cheque or money order. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope, even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. It is important that envelopes are not placed inside other envelopes.

**Students not ordering online are to bring their envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.**

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Your team at **advancedlife Photography**

*Ph: 3216 8280  |  Fax: 3216 8850  |  Email: michelle.m@advancedlife.com.au*

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### 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.

Thank you to families who have paid $50 for the Student Resource Scheme. If you have not yet paid, it is requested that this be done by **Friday 28 March.** If you elect to **not** participate in the Scheme, please contact your child’s Deputy Principal for a list of resources you are required to purchase.

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### SPARE UNIFORMS URGENTLY NEEDED

Do you have any old uniforms at home that are in good condition? We would love to take them off your hands! Quite regularly we need to loan uniform items to students and unfortunately not all come back. Lately, parents have had to take time off work to come and attend to a situation which could have been dealt with quickly had we had some spare clothes. It would be greatly appreciated if you are able to donate any items (particularly boys shorts). Also, if your child comes home in a loaned item, please wash and return to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Office Staff
P&C EASTER DISCO
FRIDAY 21st MARCH
IN KAUMA HALL

Prizes on the night for the best dancers and the best dressed.

- JUNIOR DISCO - PREP – Yr 3  6:00PM – 7:15PM
- SENIOR DISCO - Yr 4 – Yr 7   7:30PM – 8:45PM
- ENTRY $3 EACH SCHOOL AGE CHILD
- PRE-SCHOOLERS AND ADULTS FREE OF CHARGE.
- EASTER RAFFLE ON SALE $1 TICKET.
- DRAWN AT THE EASTER MARKET - SUNDAY 13th APRIL
- “LUCKY DIP” ALSO AVAILABLE $2 EACH.
- FOOD PLUS REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE.
- Volunteers needed for the canteen and for supervision. All proceeds benefit the school community.

*Please note that no child will be allowed to leave without an adult. Therefore please ensure prompt collection from the door of Kauma Hall, after the end of the relevant disco.
FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP....

Winter Uniforms - are available throughout the year. These items include:

- Microfibre Jackets $32.00 sz4 to sz16 (sz35 sz 18 to sz 20) navy
- Microfibre Pants $25.00 sz4 to sz16 navy
- Fleecy Zip Jackets $18.00 sz4 to sz16 maroon
- Fleecy Jumpers $15.00 sz4 to sz16 maroon

Purchases can be made either online via www.flexischools.com.au or via the uniform shop. All online orders are delivered to staffroom class pigeon holes on the selected purchase day.

In previous years separate order forms for winter items were given to Prep families. This will no longer be occurring, as items are available throughout the year.

Year 6/7 Polo's - are currently in production and we hope to have these by the end of term.

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**GASS MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP**

The Music Support Group is having an Easter Raffle. We would appreciate donations of Easter eggs from students in the instrumental music program or choir. Please send donations to the music room by Tuesday 1 April.

The raffle will be drawn at the juniors Easter Hat Parade on Friday 4 April with 3 chocolate prizes up for grabs. To be in the running to win, see a music student for tickets or buy them at the Easter Parade. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5.

Thank you for your support!

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**ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL HITS PRIMETIME**

Active School Travel (AST) is off to a flying start this year. The program has just been featured on Channel 7 news with the Lord Mayor praising the program’s great results: http://au.news.yahoo.com/qld/video/watch/21695983/kids-hold-key-to-drop-in-peak-hour-traffic/

Council’s Active School Travel (AST) website is also worth a visit and provides some great information for parents.

Don’t forget to walk, cycle, scooter, carpool or catch the bus to and from school this week and reap the rewards of being more active and reducing traffic congestion around our school gates.

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**SCHOOL DENTAL VAN**

Staff at the school dental van have commenced examinations for students who have returned their paperwork.

If you have any queries, please phone 1300 658 549.
Music and Wellbeing

Research by the Australian Music Therapy Association provides some fascinating insight into the impact of music on the human body, as it looks at the links between music-making and physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing, from womb to tomb.

Did you know?

- A baby’s brain is wired for music while in the womb. The musicality of the mother’s voice creates an immediate and powerful bond and is pivotal to the infant’s survival.
- Learning a musical instrument impacts positively across most aspects of a child’s development.

CLASSROOM MUSIC PROGRAM

With the wonderful new carpet and freshly painted walls Mrs Sawyer and Mrs Gordon have reset the Class Music Room and commenced the year with fresh exciting learning activities in Classroom Music.

Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! Year 5 are listening to, singing and walking the folksongs of the early settlers to our magnificent nation.

Year 7 students are currently exploring ‘Out of this World’ music including playing the theme from Star Wars on the new music room xylophones.

CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Grand Avenue State School has two choirs spanning year levels from 2 – 7. Students do not have to audition to be a member of a choir and may join at any time during the year. Commitment to a choir is for a minimum of a semester however the year is preferable.

All Choirs have commenced rehearsals. Students are encouraged to come and ‘try’ choir for up to three consecutive rehearsals at any time of the year and then make a commitment for the remainder of the current semester. Many performance opportunities will exist in 2014 for both the Junior and Senior Choirs. Students in the Senior Choir must have attended a minimum of 8 rehearsals (4 weeks) prior to a performance to be a part of that event. Performance commitment dates will be sent home via paper note and be placed on the calendar on the school website. Please be aware of any outside school performances that your child will be required to attend.

Currently, Grand Avenue State School Choirs rehearse:

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

(WOODWIND, PERCUSSION, BRASS, STRINGS)

Instrumental Music lessons for all students who wish to learn a musical instrument are underway. Specialist Teachers come in to the school on an allocated day and withdraw students for their 30 min lesson. Lessons are on a rotational basis.

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Senior Band & String Ensembles - Rehearsals

- **Senior Band** - 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium
- **String Ensemble** - 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium
- **Junior Strings** - 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

Grand Avenue State School celebrates...

**Harmony Day**

“Everyone Belongs”

Friday 21 March

Check with your child’s teacher regarding activities for the day.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – CASUAL SCHOOL CLEANER**

Grand Avenue State School is seeking people who are interested in working in a casual capacity as a school cleaner to replace permanent staff when they are absent.

- **Morning Shift** – 5.00am to 8.00am;
- **Afternoon Shift** – 2.30pm to 5.30pm.

The current rate of pay for a casual cleaner is $26.49 per hour. Applicants would be required to hold or apply for a “Blue Card” – A Working with Children Check. A letter outlining your expressions of interest can be handed in to the school office.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Corinda State High School
OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014
10am - 2pm
On top of the world
46 Pratten St Corinda 4075  www.corinda.shs.eq.edu.au

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