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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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| Fri 28 Mar | Interschool Sport #2          |
| Mon 31 Mar | Final Swimming – Year 1       |
| Tues 1 Apr | Cross Country – Years 4-7     |
| Thurs 3 Apr | FREE DRESS DAY               |
| Thurs 3 Apr | Religious Instruction Seminar – Years 4-7 |
| Fri 4 Apr  | Easter Hat Parade – Prep/Year 1 – 9.00am in Kauma Hall |
| Fri 4 Apr  | Easter Sing-a-long – Years 2/3 – 2.00pm in Auditorium |

Mon 7 Apr – Thurs 17 Apr

EASTER VACATION (During holidays – P&C Markets on Grand, Sunday 13 April)

| Fri 18 Apr | GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY    |
| Mon 21 Apr | EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY  |
| Tues 22 Apr | BACK TO SCHOOL               |
| Tues 22 – Wed 23 Apr | Teaching & Learning Audit   |
| Thurs 24 Apr | Anzac Day Commemorations – Senior at 9.15am in the Auditorium |
|             | – Junior at 12.00pm in the Auditorium |

Fri 25 Apr

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

| Mon 28 Apr – Thurs 9 May | Parent Teacher Conferences |

Email - studentabsence@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
1. **PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS**

Invitations have been extended to all parents to attend conferences with their child/ren’s teachers. Highly effective learning is dependent upon a strong parent/teacher/student relationship. The parent/teacher conferences are an important sharing time when teachers and parents can engage in focused dialogue on student progress and performance. Strong collaboration between teachers and parents maximises student learning opportunities.

In order that productive conversations can evolve from the parent-teacher conference, parents are encouraged to prepare for the meetings by considering:-

- Asking your child if there is anything he/she would like discussed with their teacher.
- Are there any questions you would like to ask the teacher? It’s a good idea to write them down.

The teacher would like to know a little about your child’s family life, hobbies, feelings and interest. Knowing such things is usually helpful in the teaching process. So, be ready to tell the teacher something about your child’s out-of-school life.

Take a few notes during the meeting. Review them when you get home and start right away on the action steps that you and the teacher have agreed upon.

Are you concerned about something your child has told you about the class, the school or the teacher? It’s best to ask your teacher rather than another parent or child.

Be reasonable about what you expect from your child’s teacher and the amount of special attention he/she can give in a class of twenty-five to thirty. Ask how you can help the teacher by assisting your child at home.

This meeting need not be your only contact with your child’s teacher. Please feel free to make other mutually-convenient appointments. Our school values the interest and views of parents.

The conferences enable parents and teachers to develop a common focus on student’s learning. Please take an active role in the conference process. I look forward to as many parents as possible meeting with their child’s class teacher to improve their learning capacity and strengthen the home-school partnership.

2. **P&C 2014 EXECUTIVE**

At a very positive Annual General Meeting of the Grand Avenue Parents and Citizens Association the following executive was elected for 2014.

President   - Gavin Rook  
Vice President - Donna Clark  
Secretary - Kylie Gates  
Treasurer - Ian Watson  
Assistant Treasurer - Maree Simmich

Grand Avenue is blessed with a core group of parents who are dedicated to the school and its ongoing development. Due to their enthusiasm it is with great delight and anticipation that I look forward to working with the executive and P & C as a whole.

3. **ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL**

Congratulations to our school community for your continuing support of Active School Travel. Last year our data showed that we increased our Active Travel from 43% to 59%, that’s a 16% increase and a very good result for our school. This year we are aiming for an overall result of 70%. This is a stretch target but the Active School Travel committee is working hard to keep our students involved
and reward students and classes that demonstrate a consistent commitment to coming to school safely. Please support our school this year, particularly on Wednesdays which is the Active Travel day at GASS.

4. GRAND AVENUE ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

This year the school will be holding two Anzac Day Commemorations on Thursday 24 April. The ceremony is an important way in which our school community commemorates Anzac Day and the service of our Defence Forces both in the past and present. You are welcome to join our school community at either or both services.

**Years 4 – 7**  
Anzac Day Commemoration ceremony will be held in the Auditorium at 9.00am for a 9.15am start.

**Prep – 3**  
Anzac Day Commemoration ceremony will be held in the auditorium at 11.45am for a 12 noon start.

**Flowers for Anzac Day Wreaths**

At the Commemoration ceremony’s each grade level will lay a wreath. We would ask if you could assist the people who make the wreaths by providing some **flowers to your child’s classroom teacher by Wednesday the 23rd or 8.15 am on Thursday 24th April for Years 4-7, and 8.40am for Prep–3.**

If you are able to assist with making the wreaths, that too would be greatly appreciated, see your class teacher. Thank you for your assistance, it is greatly appreciated.

**Forest Lake Anzac Day March and Commemoration Service**

The Forest Lake March and Commemoration service will be held on Friday April 25th at the lake amphitheatre. Grand Avenue will be taking part in the march and if you would like to represent the school you are invited to meet Julie Watson, the school’s Defence School Transition Aide at the start point of the march. **Meet Julie at 8.45am behind the Salvation Army Community Centre, High St.** The march will set off at 9.00am. Students are to wear full school uniform. Parents and non GASS siblings are welcome to walk alongside our school group. The March will finish at the lake amphitheatre for the 9.30am Commemoration service.

**Sale of Anzac Day Ribbons**

Anzac Day ribbons will be on sale for $1 on Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, and Thursday 24th of April. They can be purchased from the MPA before first bell or the Student Council will be coming to the classrooms. Please support the Forest Lake RSL.

5. TEACHING AND LEARNING AUDIT

On the first two days of next term Grand Avenue State School will be participating in a Teaching and Learning Audit and a Discipline Audit. In 2011, our school received very good results and we are expecting even better outcomes this year. There will be three auditors, Mr Glen McGowan, Ms Berte Barb and Mr Chris Capra. They will be examining a wide range of school activities including school curriculum, teaching practice, data analysis and differentiation to name a few areas. I look forward to sharing the results with our school community.

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>3372 0555 <a href="mailto:enquiries@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au">enquiries@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au</a></th>
<th>Uniform Shop</th>
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HARMONY DAY

Students from Prep G celebrating Harmony Day!
Recently, flashing light school zone signs were installed on Grand Avenue.

Grand Avenue State School was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a $10 million Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety.

You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the important addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down.

So next time you’re dropping off or picking up your child keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.

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 precinct creates a host of obvious safety issues. Also with a number of wheelchair students attending Grand Avenue, disabled parking is at a premium. Please respect our physically impaired students’ right to access disabled parking at all times.

Parents who access Outside School Hours Care are reminded that the speed limit down to the centre is 10kms per hour. A number of cars have been recorded doing in excess of 30kms per hour. Future infringements may be reported to the Police.

Anzac Day is a significant event in the School and Defence community’s calendar. At Grand Avenue, we are commemorating this important day in a number of ways. Please see the Principal’s address for the details of the two Anzac Day Commemoration services and our participation in the Forest Lake Anzac Day March and Commemoration Service.

Everyone is welcome to join with us for our Anzac Day Commemoration services on the 24th. Defence families are invited to join us as guests, wear uniform and to join me for a cup of coffee following each commemoration service.

Everyone’s assistance, from providing flowers, joining us for our Anzac Day commemoration to supporting our Forest Lake community at their March and Commemoration service is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,

Julie Watson
Defence School Transition Aide

We need your help! In a school of 1250 students it is inevitable that lost property will be an issue. We are currently seeking a volunteer who will assist in the management of lost property by sorting and returning named items to students.

If you can spare some time once a fortnight, please contact the office.
**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.

**Student Resource Scheme (Repeat Notice)**

As per Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) a parent is directly responsible for providing textbooks and other resources for a student’s use while attending school.

The objective of the Student Resource Scheme is to offer parents an economic alternative to the purchase of school resources and textbooks and to enhance and maximise resources available for student learning. While membership of this Scheme is not compulsory, the school strongly encourages your participation.

The Student Resource Scheme for 2014 is $50.00. **This is approximately $1.25 per week.**

**Major Benefits Enjoyed by joining the Scheme**

- Classroom consumables and reference materials for core curriculum
- Individually issued and class sets books/novels
- Reproduced class workbooks and worksheets
- Specialist materials & consumables for practical studies eg science
- Equipment hire to students (eg digital cameras, mobile laptops, bee-bots)
- Student reference material
- Student material used for classroom projects
- Pastoral care program consumables
- Administration of Scheme

**Conditions of the Resource Scheme**

- Students will supply their own personal requirements – as outlined in the Stationery List
- Books issued to students are to be kept in good condition
- Students are responsible for up to the full cost of books that are negligently damaged or lost before any further issues can be made
- All resources provided under the Scheme remain the property of the Scheme and must be returned when a student leaves or at the end of the school year
- If a student enrolls during the year, the fee is calculated on a pro-rata basis
- If a student leaves during the year, a pro-rata refund will be made. The refund is based on the parent/caregiver charge, less the cost of consumed materials and/or the cost of replacing lost or damaged resources
- Books and resources provided under the Scheme cannot be issued to students whose parents/caregivers choose not to participate

This scheme does not cover items listed on the stationery list, excursions/incursions or camps.

Thank you to families who have paid $50 for the Student Resource Scheme. If you have not yet paid, the cut off day has been extended to **Monday 31 March**. If you elect to **not** participate in the Scheme, you will receive a letter next week including a list of resources you are required to purchase. Please contact your child’s Deputy Principal if you have any queries.

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**Attention: Year 1 Parents**

**Swimming Dates:**

- Monday 24 February
- Monday 3 March
- Monday 10 March

- Monday 17 March
- Monday 24 March
- Monday 31 March

**One to go! Don’t forget to send your child with their togs and towel in a waterproof bag.**
A MESSAGE FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT....

AGM Presidents Report
18 March 2014

Throughout the last year I have seen many dedicated P&C members, parents as well as members of the school contributing to making Grand Avenue State School a better place for our children.

The P&C achieved the milestone of having over $1 million in turnover for the year through the hard work of those involved in the business units as well as the fundraising efforts of many, along with the support of their families.

The Canteen has moved to full online ordering and continues to do great work in providing relevant and popular red days throughout the year. This is a great service for many busy parents and is a testament to Sue and her team’s hard work.

The Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) facilities have had a much needed facelift and purchase of new equipment making it a more professional and fun place for the many children who attend throughout the year. This was facilitated by Karen, Tracey and their dedicated team of workers, thank you.

The Uniform Shop has continued to provide exceptional service to our parents and student body. This is a great effort, with over 1200 students at the school, and our thanks must go to Nikki & Tracy for managing this so efficiently.

In addition to the great work in the business units the P&C has managed to raise approximately $61,000 over the year. A big ‘thank you’ to Louise and her team for the fundraising activities they have organised throughout the year, including Mother’s & Father’s day stalls, Spell-a-thon, Cookie dough drives and who could forget the fantastic Fete last year.

Supporting all of this activity we continue to run the markets and BBQ once a month which is significantly adding to the fundraising. A special thanks to Nikki and Cheryl for the organisation of the stall holders and everyone else who contributes their time to the BBQ. This is also adding to the sense of community and we are getting a lot of positive comments from locals reinforcing the benefits to the wider community.

All of this activity and the combined efforts from previous years has allowed us to commence the installation of air-conditioning in the school. We now have 12 classrooms with air-conditioners installed. The feedback from parents and teachers alike is overwhelmingly positive and confirms the benefits to the students in increasing their attention span and ability to cope on those hotter days. This year we will continue to install air-conditioners in the remaining classrooms throughout the school. The total cost will be around $200,000, representing a large investment it the education of our students, everyone who has contributed should be very proud.

We have also seen the shade structure erected on the Oval. The provision of seating, shade, an electrical outlet and drinking water will make this an invaluable asset to the school during regular class sports, sports days, and for events such as the bi-annual Fete.

I would also like to thank the school staff for their continued support and for working together when dealing with the issues facing our school. Desley and her team should be commended for their efforts in providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all of our children within the school.

Lastly I would like to thank the members of the P&C for your time at our meetings, involved in fundraising activities and the many other things you do for the school and P&C. A special thanks to the executive who have done so much and trusted in me over the past year to make these achievements possible – Donna, Ian, Maree and Kylie, you are a fantastic group to work with.

Gavin Rook
DISCO – Thank you!
Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped make Last Friday’s disco a fantastic event. Along with ‘Red Day’ Canteen sales, we made a profit of $4,800, a record. Thank you all! This money is being set aside to complete our air-conditioning program.

Next P&C event is our April 13th markets. See you there.

Gavin

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.

Please return all sold and unsold tickets by Thursday 3rd April.

Thank you for your support!

EASTER HAT PARADE
PREP / YEAR 1
Thursday 4 April
9.00am
Kauma Hall
Parents Welcome!

EASTER SING-A-LONG
YEARS 2/3
Thursday 4 April
2.00pm
Auditorium
Parents Welcome!
**MUSIC GROUPS - LESSON & REHEARSAL TIMES**

### Instrumental Lessons:

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### Band/Ensembles Rehearsals:

- **Senior Band**
  - Tuesday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

- **String Ensemble**
  - Thursday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

- **Junior Strings**
  - Friday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

### Choir Rehearsals:

- **Junior Choir (Yrs 2-3)**
  - Mrs Sawyer (Conductor)
  - Wednesday 11.15am – 11.45am Class Music Room

- **Senior Choir (Yrs 4-7)**
  - Mrs Gordon (Conductor)
  - Monday 10.45am – 11.15am Class Music Room
  - Wednesday 1.15pm – 1.45pm Class Music Room

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**Corinda State High School**

**OPEN DAY**

**SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014**

**10am - 2pm**

**On top of the world**

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**Anthony Shorten MP**

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Do you love mega garage sales, trash and treasure delight, then this is recycle central! This event features a wide range of stalls offering arts and crafts products, trash and treasure, antiques, collectables, plants, fruit and veg, new and used toys, books, clothes and lots more.

OXLEY STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION’S CRAFT MARKET AND CARBOOT SALE

Sunday 30th March 2014
7AM – 12NOON

Oxley State School Oval, Oxley Rd.
(Gates open 5:45am for stallholder setup, $20 a site) BBQ and cold drinks available.
FREE ENTRY FOR SHOPPERS
MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A SITE CALL NARELLE - 0412 240 503

Preparation Catholic Children for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

An invitation is extended to Catholic children who are 8 years old and above. Enrolment forms can be obtained by contacting the parish office by phone 3372 5658 or by email at stmarks@bne.catholic.net.au. Enrolment forms are due by Monday 5th May.

Grand Avenue State School Parents & Citizen’s Association

MARKETS ON GRAND
SUNDAY 13TH APRIL
8.00AM – 1.00PM

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 1.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY EASTER VACATION.

SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY 22 APRIL.