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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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PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

1. Welcome Back

It is lovely to see all of our students excited to be back for Term 2. Now that the weather is cooling, everyone should be able to enjoy the more comfortable learning environment. Please also ensure your child has the correct winter uniform and be sure to name every item.

A reminder that school newsletters are distributed via email on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and are also published on the school website.
2. Cross Country

On the 1st April, Year 4 to 7 students participated in the annual Grand Avenue State School Cross Country. This year the event has been broken up with the Prep to year 3 events being held in the last week of term 3 to allow more time for preparation and, hopefully, cooler weather. Each session was well attended and thank-you to Mr Opstelten and for his organisation. Thank you also to our groundsmen, Mr Walter and Mr Bright for their assistance with setting up the oval.

It was a great spectacle and everyone did a great job. Congratulations to all students in the upper school who were selected to represent Grand Avenue in the Inala District Championships on Thursday, 24th April at St Mark’s.

The sport house points competition ended up with Lorikeet gaining a strong lead as we wait for the Prep to year 3 component to be completed.

**House Points**

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Individual results were:

**2014 YEAR 4-7 AGE CHAMPIONS**

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3. Grand Avenue Anzac Day Commemoration Services

The Grand Avenue Sate School commemoration services were held today in the auditorium. We made the decision to conduct two services so that the younger students, Prep-Year 3 could attend a shorter, more age appropriate event.

The Years 4-7 students attended a full service which included a speech by Captain Patrick Benson, poems and relevant information from our school captains, last post and a minute’s silence along with wreath-laying on behalf of each year level. Many thanks to all families who provided floral tributes on the day.

The Prep-3 cohort heard from Squadron Leader Kelly Taggart Wilson and Deputy Principal Ms Brown read the story “My Grandad marches on Anzac Day”.

The students were respectful and observant and their behaviour was exemplary. It is important for our children to not only understand the importance of Anzac Day but to also appreciate the solemnity and seriousness of the service as a mark of respect. There are few opportunities in our busy lives for reflection and our school values this occasion as a National day to be fully observed at school.
Families are reminded that the Forest Lake Anzac Day march and Commemoration service will be held **tomorrow**, 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 Sandra Bourke, Year 5 teacher and Julie Watson, the school’s Defence School Transition Aide at the start point of the march. **Meet Mrs Bourke and Julie between 8.15am and 8.30am behind the Salvation Army Community Centre, High St.** The march will set off promptly 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. The service usually finishes between 10.30am and 11.00am.

### 4. Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews with your child’s/ren’s classroom teachers will take place from next Monday 28 April until Thursday 8 May. Appointment times will have been confirmed by your teacher.

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.

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.

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.*

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**Useful Contacts**

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**Please check our website regularly –**

[www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au](http://www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au)
NAPLAN INFORMATION

NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 13–15 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website. http://www.nap.edu.au/)

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.

** All activities above were included in the bulk offer.

Thank you again to families who have paid $50 for the Student Resource Scheme. If you have not yet paid or you elect to not participate in the Scheme, a letter outlining the list of resources you are required to purchase will be sent home next week.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT?? ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT?? ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT?? ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT??

Please advise the office as a matter of urgency if any of your details, have changed, ie. phone numbers, address, emergency contacts!

CONGRATULATIONS TIRTHA!

Congratulations to Tirtha Sarker from Year 4 on being selected to be a part of the 612 ABC Brisbane Community Correspondent team! He was successful after he submitted an audition tape and is the youngest correspondent!

This program is a new and exciting opportunity for young people to be heard and for them to represent the local community at a grass roots level.

Tirtha will attend a training day next month to tour the 612 ABC Brisbane studio, meet the Community Correspondent team, and learn some handy tips from those in the know about how to approach the project. Well done, Tirtha!
The State Little Athletics Championships were held in Cairns on the 21st – 23rd March. For those that don’t know, Little Athletics is a uniquely Australian modified athletics program for children from 5 to 16 years. Around 100,000 Little Athletes participate at almost 500 centres across the country.

One of our Year 6 students, Jake Fennelly, who competes for the Forest Lake Little Athletics Club, successfully qualified for these championships by making it through the Regional trials. In Cairns, he competed in the 400m and 800m.

Heats for the 400 metres were held on the Saturday morning and despite injuring his Achilles tendon in the race, Jake successfully made it through to the final. That’s the final of the State Championships! After receiving a massage during the day to alleviate some of the discomfort, Jake produced a great performance in the final to place fifth. That was a tremendous result for Jake and a just reward for someone who trained extremely hard throughout the whole season. The following day, Jake also finished a very creditable 14th in the 800 metres.

During the weekend, the level of competition, as you’d expect, was fierce! Numerous personal bests were shattered and dreams were realised. Jake represented himself, his family and his school extremely well and I for one, was very impressed with his tremendous effort and achievements over the weekend. Well done, Jake!!!

Mr Richardson

Grand Avenue wishes him all the best for his future.
Music Notes

Music and Wellbeing - Did you know?

- Music-making – and listening choices! - are powerful forms of positive expression for adolescents.
- Learning a musical instrument impacts positively across most aspects of a child’s development
- It can also be particularly helpful in remedial learning for dyslexic children and, in the case of wind instruments, in breath control for children with asthma.
**CLASSROOM MUSIC PROGRAM**

**Year 4 students** are about to embark on an exciting journey exploring their music making on the Recorder. Students who have a Recorder already are encouraged to bring their instrument to school for their weekly Classroom Music lesson starting next week.

Mrs Gordon does have a class set of recorders at school for use in lessons for those students who do not currently own one. Students are not required to have their own instrument or complete home practice to attain successful results. If your child shows an interest and you would like to purchase a Recorder for them, ‘Yamaha’ brand recorders are the most melodious (and correctly tuned) and retail for approx. $15 at any Music shop or sometimes larger Newsagents. Please be aware that ‘Sovereign’ brand Recorders are unfortunately not aligned in their tuning and are therefore not suitable for use in class, but can be used at home for personal performances.

**Year 6 Classroom Music lessons** will soon be filled with the sounds of many orchestral and classroom instruments as we create Class Bands. Each student has either nominated an instrument that they have lessons on or are confident playing, or has been allocated an instrument from the Music Room that they will play in class lessons commencing in week 4. Students will be given music appropriate to their instrument next week which they will need to practice at home ready to start class rehearsals the following fortnight. 6A, B, C, & D will need their instruments on a Monday from week 4 – week 8. 6E will need their instruments every Tuesday from week 4 – week 8 this term.

**CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

**Thank you to the Senior Choir** who performed very reverently at the two Anzac Day Services today. Students who have returned their Participation Notes and paid the $10 levy will receive their official Choir Folders in the next few weeks. We are now busily preparing new arrangements for more Assembly performances and most importantly the Gala Concert on **Wednesday 11 June**! Please note that Music Uniforms will now be worn at all performances for the remainder of the year.

**The Junior Choir** is currently preparing for its first public performance at the Principals Assembly on **Monday 5 May @ 1.45pm**. The students sang beautifully with Mrs Sawyer in their rehearsal this week.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
(WOODWIND, PERCUSSION, BRASS, STRINGS)

Thank you to the Senior Band and Mrs Zorzetto for their respectful contribution to the Anzac Day Service this morning.

FANFARE MUSIC FESTIVAL – Senior Band and Senior String students are working well in their preparation for this year’s state wide Fanfare Festival with our regional heat on Wednesday 21 May @ Forest Lake State School. Parents please ensure that your child has returned the Education Department Project Consent Form and the GASS Permission & Transport Advice Form as soon as possible (Friday 2 May at the latest!).

West Centenary Suburbs District Music Camps – Congratulations to Joseph Hooper 6C, Gabrielle Dinh 7A, and Sarah Friesen 7C who have successfully attained a position at the WestCent Honours Music Camp (residential) and Ella Duncan 7C, Samantha McKay 7A, Alexander Stuart 7B and Casey Smith 7A who have been awarded a place at the WestCent Intermediate Music Camp (day camp) to be held in June.

Instrumental Music Lesson Days

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Senior Band & String Ensembles

Senior Band    Tuesday  7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium
Senior Strings Thursday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium
Junior Strings Friday  7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

Grand Avenue State School Music Uniform

All students in Senior Ensembles, Bands and Choirs at Grand Avenue State School require a Music Uniform for all performance events. The school Uniform Shop stocks the shirt and trousers as listed below.

White collared, button up, long sleeved, cuffed shirt
Black dress trousers
Black socks
Black leather shoes
Hair longer than the collar is asked to be tied up preferably with a Navy ribbon attached.

The Music Parent Support Group has generously provided the embroidered vests that are distributed to students prior to each performance.
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 27th April 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

Test Ride an Electric Bike!

What’s that you say? A vehicle that takes no petrol or diesel, but has cruise control? Impossible, you say? A vehicle that costs less than $3k? Preposterous! A vehicle that requires minimal servicing and you can get some mild exercise whilst you use it? Incredible!

It’s true! It’s an Electric Bike! If you haven’t seen the modern electric bikes, here is your chance. Bicycle Queensland will be here with bikes for you to look at and try on Thursday the 15th May. You will be able to take one for a test ride in the closed Admin car park and see for yourself how you could be leaving the car at home and be saving yourself thousands per year AND get just a little bit of extra exercise to boot.

The afternoon session will be open to the whole school community from 3.15pm until 4.30pm. It is open to 18yrs old plus, fully insured and helmets will be provided for those who don't have their own.

There should be a coffee van in attendance for those who need caffeine with their cycling experience. So please come along and have a look. To find out more please visit this website:

Mr Winchester
HAVEN'T DOWNLOADED THE QSCHOOLS APP YET?
YOU'RE MISSING OUT ON LIVE INFORMATION DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR SMARTPHONE FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.
KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRAND AVENUE AND DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP TODAY!
Food for a Happy and Calm Household

Are some of the chemicals put into everyday foods and drinks causing temper tantrums, sleep disturbance and disruptive behaviour in your child?

Join us for a fun and informative seminar to discover which food additives in everyday healthy food choices are linked to health, learning and behaviour problems (including asthma and hyperactivity).

You’ll learn:
- Which additives to avoid
- How to read food labels
- How to shop smarter
- Where and how to get started

All attendees receive a handy Additives to Avoid wallet card.

This session is presented by Queensland’s only Additive Alert Community Talks Presenter - Louise D’Alurra from Meal Planning Your Way and hosted by St John’s Anglican College for parents, friends and members of our community.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Thursday 22 May, 2014
6:30 – 8:30 pm
St John’s Anglican College – Alpine Place
Forest Lake

Tickets: Gold coin donation
Bookings are essential!
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To learn more visit www.MealPlanningYourWay.com or www.AdditiveAlert.com.au

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