**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**

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1. **Grand Ave placed in top 3% QLD schools!**

Results from the Teaching and Learning Audit conducted in the first week of Term 2 have placed our school in the top 3% of schools in the state. Three independent auditors examined our school across eight domains –

- An Explicit Improvement Agenda
- Analysis and Discussion of Data
- A Culture that Promotes Learning
- Targeted use of School Resources
- An Expert Teaching Team
- Systematic Curriculum Delivery
- Differentiated Classroom Learning
- Effective Teaching Practices

The auditors commented that our overall profile was exceptional. The following is quoted from the document – “...the school ethos is built around high expectations and a commitment to academic excellence. There is an expectation that every student will learn and achieve positive outcomes. Classrooms are calm but busy ...there are no obvious behavioural problems and staff morale is high. There is a happy, optimistic feel to the school.”

The audit result has been achieved by a systematic focus on our “High Expectations Agenda” which has driven our work over the last 4 years. We can be very proud of our school and our achievement.

I will continue to share statements from the audit in future newsletters.

2. **NAPLAN Testing**

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website ([http://www.nap.edu.au/](http://www.nap.edu.au/)).

If you have any concerns, please contact your class teacher.

3. **Winter Uniform**

Parents are reminded that all students are required to wear the full school uniform. During the cooler weather I have noticed that some students have been wearing brightly coloured jumpers and track suits. Please ensure that your child is wearing either navy or maroon coloured track suits and jumpers.

Full navy tights/stockings under the dress uniform are currently acceptable. It is not acceptable to wear tights/leggings with only a school shirt. The Dress Code is currently under review and the P&C committee will consider the introduction of wearing navy tights as part of the winter uniform at their meeting on Tuesday 20 May.
4. **Morning Sausage Sizzle**

There will be a sausage sizzle for staff, students and parents next Wednesday 14 May in the covered area near the tuckshop at 8.15am. $2 for one or $5 for three. All welcome for a warming, fun start to the 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

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**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)*

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**CHANGES TO SPORTS DAYS – YEARS 4-7**

We are planning some changes to our Years 4-7 sports days this year. Please note that the days have changed to **Monday 16 & Tuesday 17 June**. This year we are moving from a single day format to a two day carnival. We are hoping that this will enable a more participative event with heightened excitement and interest for our students. We are providing early notification for those parents who wish to attend. Please see the program outline and anticipated approximate times/events for your consideration.

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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 tomorrow. Your final opportunity to take advantage of the discounted amount of $50.00 will end Friday, 16 May.

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**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

We are providing religious instruction (RI) for students in Years 1 – Year 7 in 2014. Our school will offer one seminar each term to our Year 4 to 7 students. Our Year 1 to Year 3 students will be receiving one, half hour lesson per week in Term 3 and Term 4, delivered by qualified religious instructors from local churches under support from The Uniting Church at Forest Lake. The next RI seminar will occur on Thursday 26th June for the Year 4 – 7 students.

Students that do not participate in RI are provided with other instruction.

The information on your child’s enrolment form is used to place them in either RI or in other instruction, unless you have provided additional written advice to the school. If we do not already have clear advice from you about your child’s participation in RI please provide this to the school in writing.

A permission letter was sent home for parents to sign last term for the Year 4 – 7 students to participate in all four religious instruction seminars throughout the year.

Shortly, the Year 1 to Year 3 parents will receive permission forms to sign if you want your child to participate in weekly, ½ hour lessons in Term 3 and Term 4.

Please note that only those children that return permission notes will be participating in Religious instruction.

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Now taking enrolments for Prep 2015

- Australian Curriculum programs
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or
Call 3372 0555

Quality Education for your child is our priority.

*Children born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are eligible.*
PREP PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

We are all very excited that the prep playground has started its upgrade. We will be completing the upgrade in stages. Stage 1 is complete with the installation of a massive sunshade and replacement of the artificial turf. We are now planning stage 2 for next year which will see the replacement of play equipment and installation of brand new sensory and gross motor obstacle courses. As you can see in the photo, our prep students were so excited when they were able to play on the new turf, with a lot of them loving the feel of the turf and laying down waving their hands like angels.

UNDER 8’S CELEBRATION

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will be celebrating Under 8’s Day on Tuesday 27 May, 2014 from 9.00am until 10.30am.

This year’s theme is - Everyone can play!’

Teachers are organising great activities that will be spread throughout the Prep, Junior Court and grass areas. Children will walk around from one activity to the next throughout the morning. We welcome you to join your children and escort them around the activities. Prep students that do not have a parent/grandparent/carer in attendance, will be allocated by their classroom teacher to another staff member/parent to escort them through the activities.

All children taking part are required to bring a gold coin on the day to go towards the cost of the activities. Classroom teachers will be collecting this money, not the office. We will also be having a sausage sizzle that is $2 per sausage wrapped in bread, fresh off the BBQ.
CONGRATULATIONS MET WEST REPRESENTATIVES!

Neferatali Notoa from 7D has been selected to be a member of the Metropolitan West 12 years and under basketball team to compete in the Queensland School Sport State Championships to be held in Townsville from 11 June to 15 June 2014.

Daniica Lam from 7A has been selected to be a member of the Metropolitan West 12 years and under netball team to compete in the Queensland School Sport State Championships to be held in Emerald from 20 June to 24 June 2014.

We wish both girls all the best!
YEAR 6/7 CANBERRA TOUR UPDATE

The $200 non-refundable deposit to guarantee a place is due now. Final date for payment is next Thursday, 15 May.

For any information regarding the Canberra Tour, please refer to the school website - https://grandavenuess.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Pages/Canberra-Tour.aspx

P&C NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT....

Hi everyone,

Just an update on the school air conditioning project. I am pleased to say over the last school holidays, 12 more units where installed into our children’s classrooms. This was on budget and on time. We also installed 12 cages on all Prep and Year 1 classes. Over the next holidays, 16 units will be installed into both double storey buildings.

This year for the first time we will be having a Fun Day at our school on the Ekka show holiday – Wednesday 13th August. Check out the banner below. Rides will be $5 each or $25 armbands. I will be sending out more info later. It will be a great family day.

Don't forget to come to the markets on Mothers’ Day. Our P&C BBQ will be serving bacon and egg burgers for $4.00 and there will be a Merlo coffee van! Hope to see you there.

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!
Hi everyone,

The weather is starting to get cool and it’s nice to get out of my office and into the playground at break times, to catch up with everyone and get warm in the sun!

I have had some requests to get some social groups going at break times. We will organise a time later in the term to gather ideas and consider how we can best meet the needs of students who are keen to be involved!

One of the things we are planning to get going again is JAKs in the next couple of weeks. JAKs is a chance for all students in prep – Year 4 to eat lunch together, have some discussions about life and faith from a Christian perspective, and have some fun. At this stage will have two different groups – a Prep - Year Two group, to meet in Ms V’s room, and a Year Three and Four group. We will meet once a week in break times, to be announced soon. We would like to welcome all students who are interested in a chance to meet some new friends. Parents will need to sign a permission form, so please ask your child, if they are interested in attending, to come and collect a form from the Chaplain’s office in H block, or the prep G classroom. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please call or email chaplain@grandavenues.eq.edu.au.

Chaplain Erin
At School Monday – Thursday, 9am – 2.30pm

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**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
Happy Mother's Day!

Forest Lake State High School

OPEN DAY
31st May
9 am – 12 noon

Highlights:
• Guided Tours
• Information sessions with the Principal
• Enrolment interviews
• Experience our year 7/8 learning spaces
• Meet the teachers
• Join your child in a range of lessons
• Sausage Sizzle

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