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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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PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

1. Winter school uniform changes

At the P&C meeting on Tuesday night a number of school uniform changes were discussed and agreed upon. Parents should note that the current acceptance of a range of leggings/tights will only be in place for 2014 as we transition to the additional winter uniform items. The new and revised expectations listed below, will be fully implemented in 2015. I am mindful that parents have already purchased items for this year however I ask that you support our uniform standards wherever possible.
Girls winter uniform:
- Plain navy tights/leggings. Full length (feet in). Socks must cover ankle length.
- Only to be worn under dress uniform or skort.

Boys uniform:
- Navy drill long leg shorts. (no jeans/cargo shorts/boardies etc)

All students:
- Navy or maroon fleecy jumper
- White socks or GASS socks (available at the uniform shop)

We pride ourselves on being a school of “High Expectations” and that standard includes wearing the GASS school uniform correctly. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who support our high standards and ensure that your children have all necessary items for school.

2. Teaching and Learning Audit

As previously reported, our results in recent Audit were excellent. In sharing these results I am including the comments for the first of the eight domains of the audit as follows:

An Explicit Improvement Agenda

- The principal and other school leaders have developed and are driving an explicit and detailed local school improvement agenda. This agenda is couched in terms of specific improvements sought in student performances, is aligned with state-wide improvement priorities and includes clear targets with accompanying timelines, which are rigorously actioned.

- Teachers take responsibility for the changes in their practice required to achieve school targets and are using data on a regular basis to monitor the effectiveness of their own efforts to meet those targets.

- The school leadership team is clearly committed to finding ways to improve on current student outcomes. This is reflected in an eagerness to learn from research evidence, international experience and from other schools that have achieved significant improvements.

- There is evidence of a schoolwide commitment to every student’s success and staff of the school tells stories of significant student improvement.

3. Congratulations are in order!

Yesterday I attended Fanfare and am pleased to say that our students performed magnificently. The results are as follows:

Senior Band – GOLD
Senior Strings – SILVER
Junior Strings – SILVER

Earlier in the day I also had the pleasure of watching our Culture Group perform at the Forest Lake Shopping Centre as part of Education Week. Their performance was also wonderful.

Well done and thank you to the music teachers who rehearsed and prepared the children for the Fanfare performances and to Ms Evans who works with the Culture group. Our students conducted themselves with dignity and demonstrated the very high standards of good manners and excellent behaviour that we have come to expect from Grand Avenue students. They are a credit to the school and their families.

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

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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.

PREP PIRATE FUN!

Students in Prep had a great time last Friday at the Pirate Incursion! Arrrrrghhh!
Ashton Scholastic Book Fair
Starts 21st May
Library

Book Fair is HERE!

Once again, we are working on our major fundraising effort in the Library.

Book Fair arrived on May 20th.

Books generally cost between $10.00 and $15.00; posters are $5.00; there are novelty items such as diaries, and notebooks, and all sorts of stationery items ranging from $1.00 for an eraser, $2.00 for a Clickit pen, or a lunch box of erasers, to fibre optic pens for $4.00. The children will be able to fill in a Wish List to give you an idea of what they would like…..

If you would like your child to buy “something” from Book Fair, they need to have at least $1.00 to spend.

And now you have the option to place phone orders with Scholastic, or to complete an online order (this saves you giving out credit card details).

Children and parents are welcome to visit the Library to make purchases from -

**Wednesday 21st May to Friday 30th May**
*at any time* between 8.00 am and 3.30 pm

(remember that during class time is less fraught for parents)

Orders (with payment) will be taken for items that are sold out, and these orders will be delivered to your child’s classroom within a week of the Book Fair.

We would be very grateful for your support of this venture.

Sincerely,

Helen Mackintosh
Teacher-Librarian
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.

Actively travel to Under 8’s Day on Tuesday 27th May and you will receive an extra point on your rewards card or passport! Walk, car pool, take the bus or ride your scooter or bike. Try travelling with a buddy!

The latest updates (Parent Notice #4) was distributed on Monday this week to students. Blank copies of letters sent home can be found on the website at https://grandavenuess.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Pages/Canberra-Tour.aspx

Final payments due Thursday 18th September.

Please advise the office as a matter of urgency if any of your details, have changed, ie. phone numbers, address, emergency contacts!
Congratulations to the Grand Avenue State School Senior Band who were awarded a Gold adjudication at the FANFARE heats held at Forest Lake State School yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Katherine Zorzetto, students and parents for their excellent preparation for this event.
PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Once again, parents are reminded that parking on the school grounds is not permitted. An incident occurred this week that could have been avoided had a parent not entered the grounds in their vehicle by the SEP. It is very important that parents are aware that driving and/or parking on school grounds presents an unnecessary risk to our students. This includes the staff car park.

LOST PROPERTY

With the change in the weather, cool mornings and warm days we are finding that the lost property containers are filling fast. There are also many jumpers which are being left overnight in classrooms, outdoor areas and the oval. Many of these items of clothing are not named. As these items of clothing are expensive to replace, please ensure that your child’s name is on his/her clothing in order to have them returned.

P&C NEWS

SCHOOL BANKING- Volunteers Needed

The school banking team is in need of a parent helper to join the team. If anyone is able to help on a Thursday morning to count and help organize the return of the banking books please contact the P&C at pandc@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au. Thank you.

SCHOOL BANKING

GOING FORWARD SCHOOL BANKING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THURSDAYS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD/REN’S BANK BOOKS AND MONEY WITH THEM ON THURSDAY MORNINGS.

EKKA FUNDAY

13th August 2014
10 am - 3 pm

• Rides
• Showbags
• Animal Farm
• Food
• Side Shows

Grand Avenue State School
Grand Ave, Forest Lake
Forest Lake Girl Guides would like to welcome girls aged between 5 and 18 years to come along for a 4 week free trial.

Forest Lake Girl Guides meet on Tuesday nights (Group Leader: Fiona Percy 0439 333 285 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm) and Saturday mornings (Group Leader: Jo Volk 0400 019 984 from 9:30am to 11:30am). Please go to the website for more information www.forestlakeguides.org.au.

Forest Lake Girl Guides have two Units especially for 5 to 12 year old girls and Units for 13 to 18 years old girls and there are vacancies in this group for more young girls to join. Guiding provides a non-formal educational program that is a dynamic, flexible and values based training in life skills, decision making and leadership.

Trained volunteer leaders are committed to helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members in a co-operative, noncompetitive and safe environment. The program has an integrated approach through teamwork, commitment to the Promise and Law, exploring the outdoors, community service, learning by doing and progressive self-development.

Girls and women have fantastic opportunities to develop new skills, gain confidence to think and act for themselves, make new friends and experience a sense of community and belonging while having fun. Each unit has a program appropriate for the age group through outdoor activities, playing games and doing activities suitable to their age group.
Proudly hosted by the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce QLD Inc

QLD DAY 2014

Formal opening & flag raising ceremony
Cannon firings
Stage performances
Demonstrations and displays

1st June 2014
2pm—5:30pm

St Stephen’s School
156 Ridgewood Road
ALGESTER

Liz Corde
Cathy Spaulding
Community & Food Staff
Zula & Euahlayi

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A Battery Parade & Firing 3 Pound Cannons
Master of Ceremony for the day
Anthony Shorten MP * State Member for Algester

HEARING CLINIC

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hearing Health Clinic (Monthly)

- 28th January 2014
- 24th February 2014
- 31st March 2014
- 22nd April 2014
- 20th May 2014
- 30th June 2014
- 28th July 2014
- 25th August 2014
- 29th September 2014
- 27th October 2014
- 24th November 2014
- 8th December 2014

Aboriginal Hearing Health Worker: Whitney Tatten (Deadly Ears Program) will be performing ear and hearing checks on children from 0-14 years old.

The hearing clinics will run between 8.30am to 11.45am, at 64 Wirraway Parade Inala. The clinic dates are below. Please call Vikki Hall on 07 3275 5333 to make an appointment.