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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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Meaningful Communication
• Understanding and Inclusion
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Quality Relationships
• Respect
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High Achievement
• Doing your best
• Responsibility for learning
1. Community Confidence is High!

Our school opinion data reflects very high confidence amongst staff, students and parents. Grand Avenue State School has focused on traditional values with a significant emphasis on respect – respect for learning, respect for all adults at school, respect for fellow students. I am very proud of our children and have been encouraged by their good manners and beautiful behaviour in many instances during Term 2.

It is also wonderful when members of the community acknowledge our wonderful school. I would like to share with you a Letter to the Editor published in the Satellite newspaper 18 June, 2014.

2. Grand Avenue State School is tops

“A hearty congratulations to the wonderful principal and staff of the Grand Avenue State School, who in their recent audit (inspector’s visits, for us oldies), were rated in the top 3% of all state schools in Queensland.

The attitude, performance, and constant dedication of all the staff, who continually work over and above the call of duty, is phenomenal and has built an exceptionally happy educational environment in which our children can thrive.

Thanks and gratitude to each and every staff member.
You really are the greatest.”
Felicity Glasson, Forest Lake.

3. Teaching and Learning Audit

As per previous newsletters I am continuing to share the formal comments made in each of the eight domains of the Teaching and Learning Audit. This week I am including the material for the fourth domain – A Culture That Promotes Learning.

• 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 and interruptions to teaching time are kept to a minimum. There are no obvious behavioural problems and staff morale is high. There is a happy, optimistic feel to the school.
• There is a strong focus on quality learning and on the creation of a culture in which all students are expected to learn successfully, in their own ways and at their own pace. Individual talents are valued. Class ‘busy work’ is kept to a minimum, and an attempt is made to ensure that all students are engaged in challenging, meaningful learning.
• Parents, school leaders and teachers work together in a mutually supportive way and there is a strong sense of belonging and pride in the school.
• A strong collegial culture has been established. Teachers have an overt and shared commitment to the improvement of teaching, and openness to critique by colleagues. This is reflected in the fact that teachers regularly invite colleagues to visit their classrooms to observe their teaching.

4. Sports Days

Well done to all students who participated in our annual Sports Days and congratulations to those who competed and achieved a place in their events. This year we trialled the new two day Sports Carnival for years 4-7. We were very pleased with the level of student engagement and excitement as the interim scores were posted over the two days. Student behaviour and participation was excellent and I was very happy to see such strong sportsmanship at the carnival as well.
A big thank you to organisers, Mr Craig Thorne and Mr Mike Opstelten, as well as Miss Vanette Tobin and all teachers and teacher aides. It was terrific to see so many supportive parents and other family members here as well.

5. **After school supervision to cease**

Please be aware that from the beginning of Term 3 our *courtesy supervision* at the rear of the administration building will no longer be provided for parents who are late to collect their children. Firm arrangements must be in place for your child at the end of each school day at 2.45pm. Only in extreme circumstances will your child be supervised by a Deputy Principal. Please be aware that you are required to notify the school by telephone in this situation.

6. **Free Dress Day tomorrow**

Please note that it is Free Dress Day tomorrow. If your child is participating please send a gold coin donation. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of prizes for the side show alley stalls as part of the Ekka Fun Day. This is our really big fund raiser to help complete the air conditioning project for the entire school. We are hoping that all members of our school community will support this special day as proceeds raised will benefit every child at school.

7. **Acting Principal for Term 3**

I will be on leave for all of Term 3. Whilst I am away the school will be in the capable hands of Mrs Kym Amor, (Head of Junior School at Stretton State College) who will be acting principal for the entire term. I will be back for the start of Term 4 and look forward to seeing you all then.

In the meantime, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday break.

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*
AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT ONLINE BEHAVIOUR / SOCIAL MEDIA

Dear Parents / Caregivers

At Grand Avenue State School we take our responsibility to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff very seriously. This responsibility includes considering issues related to behaviours online.

Behaviours in the online environment can cover a broad range of issues including online privacy and information protection, good and bad manners, digital citizenship and knowing how to get help to deal with online issues.

As you may be aware, comments posted online about people and organisations may impact permanently on their digital reputation. This includes teachers, other staff and students and the school. There can be very real negative consequences from online posts – relationships between school staff, students and parents can be permanently changed for the worse.

Facebook and other social networking sites are generally not private communities and, depending on an individual’s security settings, comments can be read by many people and remain online indefinitely.

If you or your child/ren are posting information online about the school, staff or students, I ask that you consider the ramifications of these comments on the school and any individuals in the school community concerned. As a rule of thumb:
• Public discussion is most effective when it is conducted in a polite and respectful manner;
• Before posting, consider whether those people you are posting about want information, including photos and comments regarding them and their children, posted on Facebook or on other sites. Perhaps ask them before you do it;
• Rather than airing complaints or grievances in a public forum like Facebook, come and talk to the school first about how to resolve your concerns;
• Remember that as a parent you have a responsibility to supervise and regulate your own children’s online activities at home and their impact on the reputation and privacy of others.

For further information on managing cybersafety, please go to http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/info-parents.html

If you have any concerns and would like to discuss further I invite you to make an appointment with me.

Desley Brassington
Principal

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Neferatali Notoa who has been selected to represent Queensland in the 12 years & under Basketball team to compete in the National carnival in Townsville in August.

Congratulations to Meika Cooley on being selected in the Met West 10-19 years & under Golf team to participate in the Queensland School Sport State Championships in July.

Ardyn McCance-Bishop is to be congratulated on being selected for the Metropolitan West 12 years & under Rugby Union team to compete in the Queensland championships in August.

Grand Avenue State School wishes these students all the best!
ATHLETICS DAYS

ATHLETICS DAYS 2014
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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.

**BOOK FAIR – MAY 2014**

Major thanks go out to family and friends - and the students - for your support during Book Fair. We sold $11,844 worth at the Book Fair. This meant we were able to take $4,145 in Ashton Scholastic books as commission.

This whole trolley load (pictured) is what we were able to select from the Fair.

Your support is much appreciated.

Helen Mackintosh
Teacher-Librarian

**MEMORABLE NIGHT FOR LEWIS!**

Grand Avenue student Lewis Puddiford is pictured here with some of the 10 amazing chefs who donated their time to the Variety of Chefs Ball held on 14th June 2014 at the Hilton Hotel, Brisbane. Lewis was a guest at the Ball and his story was shared to an audience of 500 people to help raise money and awareness of the assistance dog program. Lewis is in the process of getting an assistance dog and the dog trainers are looking for the right candidate. Lewis was fantastic on stage and thoroughly enjoyed the night. The event raised a record $345,000. These photos were used in the promotional lead up and were displayed in the lobby on the night.
Children born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are eligible.

**Holiday Reminders...**

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the **School Watch** number – **13 17 88**.

**School holiday fire safety campaign**
These school holidays are a perfect time for parents to teach their children about fire safety. A Queensland Fire and Emergency Services campaign will roll out from 23 June asking families to nominate “junior fire fighters” in their home. The **Blazers’ Brigade campaign** is designed to assist children’s learning about fire safety around the home with fire safety koala, Blazer.

**Children’s festival offers learning fun**
Families with children aged eight and under are invited to attend Brisbane children’s festival **Out of the Box** this June/July. The festival, hosted by Queensland Performing Arts Centre, provides a range of cultural activities designed to support children’s learning, play, curiosity and discovery. Kindy ambassador and children’s entertainer Jay Laga’aia will be performing at the festival.

**And for next semester...**

**Make every day count – will your children be in school?**
Make the next half of the year the semester when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new **Every Day Counts videos** live on DETE TV.

[http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland](http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland)

It’s almost time for the school holidays to mark the end of Term 2. Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of children attending school every day. For more information visit the [Every Day Counts webpage](http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland).
SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY 2014

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 21 July and 3 August 2014. All families (previously a sample of families), school staff, and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. More information about the survey will be provided closer to the survey.

A FLYING START FOR QUEENSLAND CHILDREN

Exciting changes await our Year 6 and 7 students this year, as 2014 marks the final year that Year 7 will be a part of primary school in Queensland. Next year, our current Year 6 students will become the first group of Year 7 students in high school.

To provide a smooth transition we are supporting students and parents, and working with our local high school[s] to ensure the move is a great success.

As a result of the introduction of the Prep year, almost half of our current Year 6 students will turn 13 in 2015 and will be in their eighth year of school, which is traditionally the right time to start high school. Our students will have greater access to specialist teachers and resources in high school, such as science teachers and labs, which will open up new and exciting educational opportunities.

Over the coming weeks and months we’ll be sharing more information with you, to help you and your child prepare for the move to high school.

We are confident that all of our students will experience a smooth and successful transition to high school. If you would like more information on the move of Year 7 to high school, you can also visit www.flyingstart.qld.gov.au

MUSIC NOTES

Music Notes

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. With the new semester about to commence now is the perfect time to talk to your child about the benefits of joining a choir.

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 still exist in 2014 for both the Junior and Senior Choirs. Students in the Senior Choir must have attended a minimum of 6 rehearsals (3 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:

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

**Senior Choir (Yr 4-7)**  
Mrs Gordon (Conductor)  
Monday 10.45am – 11.15am  
Class Music Room  
Wednesday 1.15pm – 1.45pm  
Class Music Room
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
(WOODWIND, PERCUSSION, BRASS, STRINGS)

Forest Lake State High School - Music Day of Excellence

On Monday 23 June, Instrumental Music students from Grand Ave SS, Pallara SS, Forest Lake SS and Forest Lake SHS, attended a music workshop day called the Music Day of Excellence. There were two different ensembles for the band and strings. Mr Ralph Hultgren and Mr Antoni Bonetti were guest conductors for the day, and the school teachers helped by playing in the ensembles. The band played Simple Song, Gone Troppo, Grand March: the Australian Land, and Beyond the Frontier. The string orchestra played Hiawatha, Playground Antics, and Iron Horse Express. The students had lots of fun rehearsing the new pieces and performing them in a concert that night. They had lots of fun and learnt more about playing slow and fast music, and different string techniques.

Written by Ashley Mykoo, Saray Freeman and Lynn Tran

Junior Band (new for Sem 2)

Junior Band with Miss Marshall is starting in Week 1, Term 3 (after the holidays), for all Year 5 students who started learning a band instrument this year (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba & Percussion). Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 7:30am in the Auditorium.

Instrumental Music Timetable Semester 2, 2014

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**Band & String Ensembles**

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

- **Junior Band**  
  **Wednesday**  
  7.30am – 8.30am  
  Auditorium

- **Senior Strings**  
  **Thursday**  
  7.30am – 8.30am  
  Auditorium

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

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**P&C NEWS**

**FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT...**

Hi everyone,

The fundraising for the school air conditioning is going really well, with the final push to be our EKKA fun day on August 13th (Brisbane Show day). The P&C really needs your help in the set up and pack up on the day. If you can spare just 1 hour before or after the event we would love to hear from you - just 10 people in total. Please email me at pandc@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au, thank you.


Regards,
Gavin Rook
P&C President

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The Grand Avenue State School P&C Association is seeking a Co-ordinator to manage its Outside School Hours Care Centre.

The position is 32 hours per rostered week, up to a maximum of 38 hours. You must have experience in this area and the necessary qualifications. If you would like to apply or know more information, please contact pandc@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

Entertainment Books are once again for sale through the Parents & Citizen’s Association.

This year there are 2 options –

- The traditional Entertainment Book that comes with the Gold Card and Vouchers, OR-
- The new Entertainment Digital Membership that puts the value of the Entertainment Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

The books are $65 and are available through the Uniform Shop or online via [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/221x424](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/221x424).

COMMUNITY NEWS

EKKA FUN DAY
13th August 2014
10 am - 3 pm

- Rides
- Showbags
- Animal Farm
- Food
- Side Shows

Grand Avenue State School
Grand Ave, Forest Lake

ARMBANDS $25 PRE-ORDERED
THROUGH FLEXISCHOOLS OR UNIFORM SHOP

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLIDAY SPORTS AND GAMES ACTION
JUST FOR KIDS!
30th June - 4th July 2014

Join the fun with storytelling, Woodwork and free play activities and much more.

For children in primary school.
Programs delivered by local churches.
Special KidsGames usted in some venues.

Opening Discussions in some venues on Tuesday - 29th June.
Details from your local church.

Forest Lake State High School

Enrol now for years 7 & 8 In 2015

- Exemplary differentiation-catering for the needs of EVERY child
- Established student support processes
- Collaborative teaching teams
- High valuing of parental involvement
- A belief that learning is EXCITING!
- Curriculum link to real world experiences

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES
Ph: 3714 2333
www.forestatheiseq.edu
GIRLS PLAY TOO!
The Forest Lake Dragons want you to be a part of our first ever UB girls team!!

Please contact us on forestlakejuniors@alfbj.com or 0481 104 487 with your expression of interest!

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Free Support at Inala for Grandparents and Kinship Carers who are the full time carers of children aged up to 18 years

Are you looking after your grandchildren and need some support?

MyTime for Grandparents and kinship carers is a place to meet other grandparents who are the full-time carers (formally or informally) of their grandchildren. At the group sessions, you can find out about available community support, discuss issues that affect you, socialise, have fun, share experiences and hear from others who understand the challenges and issues of your caring role.

We would like you to join us for a light lunch to learn about support for grandparents and Kinship Carers and how we can help you.

First meeting: 19th June 10.00am - 12noon

Venue: HUB Neighbourhood Centre 76 Corsair Avenue Inala

Contact for more details: Terri Hill, Email: terrihill@gmail.com

Mobile: 0422 782 537

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Have a safe and enjoyable winter vacation!

School resumes Monday 14th July.