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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Mon 30 March Year 1 Swimming #6
Dear Parents,

My thanks to all families for supporting students, and consequently the school, to have such a settled beginning to the school year. Further, our staff members have shown their commitment to our school through their work during this very busy time of the school year.

Clear expectations and high standards in terms of personal behaviour and learning activity are critical in this school. This ensures that students are in classes where all students are work oriented and the class is a respectful, cohesive, supportive group.

Visits to many classes so far indicates our students are settled, positive and engaged in their learning. Students are demonstrating high levels of respect towards each other and teachers.

Additional Class
The Day 8 enrolments of state schools play an important role in determining the staffing and resource level of each school. Our enrolments as at Day 8 are slightly higher than predicted. This has allowed the formation of an additional class. As the numbers of students in Years 4 and 5 were beyond the recommended class size, an additional class will be formed here. Students from the Year 4/5 class will form the basis of a Year 4 and a Year 5 class. Some students from other classes have been identified to move into the new class. Parents of these students have been contacted in relation to this change. The end result will be lower class sizes, which benefits the learning of all students.

Parent – Teacher Meetings
Congratulations to the many parents who attended the recent round of Parent–Teacher meetings. These meetings are integral in forming a supportive partnership between teachers and parents, to benefit our students. Attendance across the school is quite high which is exceptionally positive.

Parents are encouraged to sustain communication with their class teacher, through their student or personally. It is quite powerful when there is a consistent, supportive framework between home and school, to support our students and their learning.

Assemblies and Awards
During the term, there are assemblies held in the auditorium. These events aim to provide opportunities to communicate with students about school happenings and events. Students attend Year Level Assemblies at least two times each term. At these assemblies, a small number of students may receive awards, determined by their class teacher. Parents will be advised if their child is receiving an award, so that they can attend if possible.

Towards the end of each term, classes will attend a Principal’s Award Assembly. At these assemblies there will be much to celebrate from the term and Principal’s Awards are issued to nominated students from each class. The awards are intended to recognise excellence and personal commitment by students.

Tennis Lessons Cease
Sadly, the regular tennis lessons held at the school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings are no longer possible. This is regrettable, especially since Guse’s Tennis has conducted lessons at the school for many years. The reason for this change is due to the increasing Before School Hours Care Program and the need for these students to have access to adequate play space in accordance to regulations. The increasing number of students has meant that it is not practical or safe for the BSHC program to share the hall with the tennis program.

This matter has been a concern since last year and the P&C and the administration have discussed a range of possible options at the school to accommodate both BSHC and tennis.

Other alternatives are not seen as suitable for either party. Parents who wish for their child to receive tennis coaching can still access the quality program at Guse’s Tennis by phoning 32713852
Kids Club

Kids Club is a lunch time program available to support students. It is a safe, indoor play environment where students can participate in a range of activities aimed at increasing their social skills and awareness of social conventions, rules and boundaries. The playground can be a complex place with many levels of interaction causing challenges for some students. Students can only access the Kids Club through their teacher. This strategy is a supportive strategy aimed at building confidence and capability of students.

Traffic – care required

Parents are reminded of the following:
- The access road to the SEP and OSHC requires all vehicles to travel at 10kph maximum.
- Parents should check signage around the school, especially when parking. Some signage has been changed by the council over the holidays.
- The council traffic officers are visiting schools to check the compliance of parents. Council fines are greater than those issued by the police.
- Patience, tolerance of others and co-operation are the real measures which will contribute towards a safer school traffic environment.

Everyday counts

"Everyday Counts" is an ongoing initiative of the Queensland Government.

Everyday counts...because children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day
Everyday counts...because going to school means getting a better chance at life
Everyday counts...because school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience
Everyday counts...because going to school is a legal requirement

What the law says:

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless you have a reasonable excuse. Parents must not keep your child away from school for minor reasons.

Students are expected to attend school every day. Absences should be only for genuine reasons eg. illness, serious family circumstances, unavoidable appointments etc. Taking a day off for birthdays, to go shopping, because visitors are arriving etc are not reasonable reasons. Absence interrupts students’ learning and often restricts the progressive learning of other students.

Let’s make every day really count!

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. While this payment will be phased out by the federal government, it is still continuing for this year.

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

Parents can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus or contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

GETTING in the GAME

The state government is making available up to $6 million to support children to participate in sport through the Get Started strategy. It will issue vouchers of up to $150 per child, to help pay club registration fees for kids wishing to play weekend sport with a registered junior club.

Eligibility – students from 5 to 18 years old, parent holds a Centrelink Health care card or pensioner Concession Card. Your club has to be registered for your application to be successful.


Also, there is funding available to sporting clubs to access for equipment etc.
BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURE
Students who arrive at school before 8.15am are to assemble in the Junior Court which is located in the area in front of the admin block. This applies to all students including those who are accompanied by their parents.

At 8.15am, a bell will ring, students are permitted to play. Students must be prepared for the 8.40am bell after which they must promptly line up outside their classroom, ready to enter their classroom.

Regards,
Mick Quinn
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.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION - OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
Before School: Supervision in Junior Court, Monday to Friday from 8.00am – 8.15am
After School: NO Supervision Provided

Parents/guardians/caregivers are responsible for supervising their children at all times except between Monday to Friday from 8.00am – 8.15am in Junior Court. The school cannot accept responsibility for students during unsupervised times before and/or after school.

NB. The collection of students at the end of the school day by parents/guardians/caregivers will result in those parents/guardians/caregivers assuming responsibility for those students while on school premises or while using the playground equipment.

Useful Contacts

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Please check our website regularly – www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

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WHAT’S NEW IN THE CURRICULUM AT GRAND AVENUE STATE SCHOOL IN 2015

This year, we add two new subjects to our Social Science and Humanities curriculum. Over the past two years we have introduced History and Geography from Prep to Year 6. This year, Civics and Citizenship come on board for Years 3 to 6 and Economics and Business for Years 5 and 6. These two remaining subjects complete the Social Science and Humanities portfolio. As with all new Australian Curriculum subjects, Curriculum into the Classroom (C2C) have developed, as a guide, overviews that support teachers in lesson development and assessment.

You can have a look at some of the concepts being covered in these subject areas by accessing the Australian Curriculum website.

http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/Home

INFORMATION FROM THE BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

1. Student Resource Scheme

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 2015 will be $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.

Full payment for the SRS is due 28 February 2015.
Students who participate in the school’s instrumental Music Program are required to pay a levy of $75 per year to cover costs incurred in running this program. In addition, a hire fee of $75 is also charged to those students who use school purchased instruments.

Choir

Students who participate in the school’s instrumental Music Program are required to pay a levy of $10 per year to cover costs incurred in running this extracurricular activity.

2. **Parent Funded Extra Curricular Activities**

At Grand Avenue we endeavour to add value to students’ class learning experiences through participation in extra curricular activities. It is only after a great deal of careful planning and discussion that teachers select parent funded activities to complement classroom programs and enhance students’ learning outcomes.

The school recognises that there is an organisational efficiency for parents in making a one off bulk payment instead of many individual payments. The school would like to alert parents to the bulk payment option and recommend your support of the payment method. By making a one-off payment, you can be assured that your child is not included in any activity offered due to the final due date for payments being missed.

*Alternatively, parents will be advised at least five weeks in advance of upcoming activities that require payment. Payments close one full week before the activity and it is the school’s policy that we do not accept any late payments.*

Parents have now been invoiced for these activities. A Statement will be sent home each month to alert parents to unpaid invoices.

Invoices have been raised for all activities for Prep, Year 1, 2, and 3. Year 4 invoices have been raised with the exception of the Day Camp which will be held in September and invoiced when pricing have been finalised. Likewise, Year 5 activities have also been invoiced with the exception of Year 5 Camp (September) and Gold Rush Excursion.

Year 6 students will be invoiced for Canberra in the near future and payment will need to be finalised by the end of term 3. Graduation and the End of Year Theme Park invoices will be raised at the beginning of term 4.

**REFUND POLICY**

Please note the school’s refund policy as per DETE guidelines. The full *Refund Guidelines for Excursions and Camps* is available on the school website.

- All applications for refunds must be made on the Application for Refund Form available at the administration office.
- 10% administrative fee is held on all refunds.
- If payment in advance is made by the school to a venue, or is conditional on the cost of transport then no refund will be made.
- Cancellation Fees charged by venues will be passed on to the parent.

This policy was supported and approved after consultation with the Parents and Citizens Association at the meeting on Tuesday 20 October 2008.

**CREDIT POLICY**

*Should financial hardship exist parents are asked to contact the office so that special arrangements can be made for the payment of activities. Please note that all discussions will be held in confidence.*

When these arrangements have been made, regular payments or payment by the agreed date is expected. Should this not occur, students then become ineligible to participate in future parent-funded activities for this year and future years, or until outstanding debts have been cleared.
CASH COLLECTION DAYS
The school accepts payment for excursions, incursions etc each day. The payment window is open from 8.15 – 11.15 am. Parents and students may make payment either via the payment window or by students handing payment envelopes to their teacher each morning. A receipt will be issued for all payments over $10. Your assistance is appreciated by ensuring all payments for extra curricular activities are made prior to the advertised due date. Parents will receive the notification from teachers re excursions at least four weeks prior to the event. Payment envelopes will be provided with most notifications. Payment may be made by cash, cheque and if over $10 by EFTPOS and credit card. Also for Direct Debits to the school account please use the details contained on the bottom of the invoice received. Final payment deadlines will be enforced.

Audit requirements state that a receipt will be issued for all events over $10. Each time when money is sent to the school a receipt is issued, usually through the classroom teacher. This receipt may cover several activities. Please ask your child for his/her receipt.

EVACUATIONS AND LOCKDOWNS
Due to a range of potential risks from within and outside our school, it is necessary for the protection and safety of students that Grand Avenue has a well advertised and rehearsed Lockdown and Evacuation Procedures. Although the purpose of the procedures are shared and practiced with students regularly, it is important that parents are aware of, and also discuss the procedures with their children. For your information, details of the procedures are:-

Lockdown – students are to be seated on the floor under their desks while windows and doors are secured. Students and staff need to be protected from aggressive intruders (eg: estranged adult, large dogs etc) and environmental mishaps (eg: dangerous chemical spill). A broken siren wail signals lockdown.

Evacuation – students and staff must be able to evacuate buildings quickly in the case of fire or bomb threat. A continuous siren signals evacuations.

During the next two weeks students will be briefed on lockdown or evacuation procedures. Practices occur at least once per term.

Should parents arrive at school during an evacuation or lockdown procedure, they should proceed to the nearest student assembly area (ie: oval or area adjacent to staff car park).

Thank you for your interest and co-operation.

SCHOOL CROSSING – OPERATIONAL TIMES
For the continued safety of students travelling to and from school, please note that these are the only times that the two crossings are supervised.

Centennial Way   morning   8.05 – 8.50 am   afternoon   2.40 – 3.10 pm
Grand Avenue   morning   8.00 – 9.00 am   afternoon   2.40 – 3.10 pm.

UPDATING STUDENT DETAILS
We are currently updating school records, therefore we are asking parents to please update their student and their own personal details that may have changed. Please pay particular attention to any changes of:

- Current Address
- Contact telephone Numbers
- Emergency Contacts, and
- Medical Conditions

If changes are required please contact the school office at your earliest convenience – email: office@grandavenueeq.edu.au. Alternatively you may phone 3372 0555.
SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos for 2015 have been booked for Monday 23 March and Wednesday 25 March. Please note these dates on your calendar.

Please dress your children in their formal school uniform on these days.

Advanced Life has asked that all photographs are prepaid. They have a guaranteed refund if you are not satisfied with your photo. Online Ordering is preferred but prepaid envelopes have been sent home today. See advancedlife notice below.

COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES 2015

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Regards,
Julie Downes
Business Services Manager

School photos will be taken on the 23rd & 25th March 2015

For the convenience of our school community advancedlife have now introduced Online Ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure online Web Portal. Please note: Photos can still be purchased using the envelope.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made through the Web Portal as this reduces the administration and associated order issues related to the return of cash & envelopes during the lead up to and on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code - C8T 4XQ JP2. A full set of instructions on how to order can be found on the back of the order flyer enclosed in the envelopes supplied by advancedlife. The order code can also be found printed on the envelopes supplied by advancedlife. Please be aware that-

1. All Online Orders should be placed on or before our day of photography. Please Note: Once orders are closed a LATE FEE will apply.

2. The Online code above Web Portal may also be used to order previous years’ sports and other group photos at any time.

All Online Orders placed through the Web Portal will be returned to school for collection.

Please direct ordering/payment enquiries to advancedlife on 1300 728 972.
Our newest Prep students have settled well into their new classes and school. We welcome our new and returning families warmly and hope that you and your child enjoy everything that we have to offer at Grand Avenue. With learning well and truly underway the children are very excited with all the new things there are to learn and do at Grand Avenue. One of the most exciting of which is the construction of our brand new playground in the Prep precinct. The children have eagerly watched through the fence as our new fixed obstacle course and pirate ship adventure playground were built. The new equipment was opened on Monday. It looks fantastic and there are some very enthusiastic little people at play time!

Bec Solomon
Acting Deputy Principal

As part of Prep stationery supplies for 2015, students require a pack of high frequency words. Due to circumstances beyond the school’s control, these were not included in some of the student book packs that were ordered from OfficeMax.

These word packs are currently available and can be purchased from the GASS uniform shop. As the packs will be used this term, it would be greatly appreciated by your student’s teacher, if you could arrange of the purchase of a word pack and send it along to class with your child. You can buy additional packs for home use if you wish. Any new students in Years 1 and 2 will also require a pack.

We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you in advance for your assistance.
Hello everyone!

It has been wonderful to see everyone back at school. I have enjoyed meeting lots of new families in the Prep classes, and I am looking forward to getting to know as many of you as I can throughout the year.

The Chaplaincy service is just one part of Grand Avenue State School’s support network. The Chaplain can provide social, emotional and spiritual support, and is available for all students, parents, staff and their families, regardless of religion or beliefs. A student’s involvement with the Chaplaincy service, or any groups that the Chaplain co-ordinates, is voluntary, and requires parental permission. Please contact the school if you have any questions about the Chaplaincy service or would like to discuss possible support for your child.

At this time of year when some of our students are starting or getting back into the routine of school and homework, here is a Kids Matter newsletter article to remind us of how screen time can affect sleep.


Erin Mawhinney
Chaplain
Grand Avenue State School
Monday – Thursday
07 3372 0555
chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
Each Queensland State School offers a study in a language other than English as part of its mandatory curriculum. At Grand Avenue State School, Japanese is the language of study that our students work with.

As a result of Year 7 moving to High School in 2015, the school is able to introduce this language study to two additional year levels. This year, Japanese will be taught in from Years 4 to 6 for an hour lesson each week.

Learning another language has many benefits for students. It develops a cultural and social understanding which is a benefit in today’s society where a wide range of languages are spoken. In learning another language, students are able to consolidate their understanding of how different languages work grammatically and this often improves their ability to apply these understanding and analysis to their study of the English language.

It will be exciting to see, throughout the school year, how well our younger students apply their Japanese language skills.

Music and Wellbeing

Research by the Australian Music Therapy Association provides some fascinating insight into the impact of music on the human body, as it looks at the links between music-making and physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing, from womb to tomb.

Did you know?

- Learning a musical instrument impacts positively across most aspects of a child’s development

Instrumental Music Program

(WOODWIND, PERCUSSION, BRASS, STRINGS)

Instrumental Music lessons for all students who were offered a position in the 2015 Instrumental Music Program are underway. Specialist Instrumental Teachers come to the school on an allocated day and withdraw students for their 30 min lesson. Lessons are on a rotational basis.

This year we welcome two new Specialist Instrumental Teachers to Grand Avenue – Mr Richard Thompson and Mrs Della Martin, joining the continuing Miss Leonie Marshall.
Please see the table below for the days allocated to each teacher and ensemble.

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**Senior Band & String Ensembles**

- Senior String Ensemble  Tuesday  7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium
- Senior Concert Band  Wednesday  7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium
- Junior String Ensemble  Friday  7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

PLEASE ensure that your child is on time and comes prepared for their weekly Ensemble Rehearsal and Instrumental Lesson.

**CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

Grand Avenue State School has two choirs spanning year levels from 2 – 6. 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.

All Choirs have commenced rehearsals 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. There is a levy of $10 for students in the Grand Avenue Choirs which covers the cost of new repertoire, a rehearsal CD and the hire of a Choir Folder with all music included for the year.

We are very privileged this year to hold our rehearsals in the school auditorium and to have the services of an accompanist, playing the piano, for the choirs at each Wednesday rehearsal and performances. This will certainly assist and enhance the beautiful voices of the Grand Avenue students.

Many performance opportunities will exist in 2015 for both the Junior and Senior Choirs. Students in the Senior Choir must have attended a minimum of 4 rehearsals (2 weeks) prior to a performance to be a part of that event. Performance commitment dates will be sent home via paper note and email. Dates will also 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.

Commencing week 4, Grand Avenue State School Choirs will rehearse:

- **Junior Choir (Yr 2-3)**  Mrs Louise Sawyer  Wednesday  11.15am – 11.45am Auditorium
- **Senior Choir (Yr 4-6)**  Mrs Karen Gordon  Monday  7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium  Wednesday  10.45pm – 11.15pm Auditorium
Hi everyone and welcome to our new and existing families to Grand Avenue.

Our first P&C meeting is next Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} February at 7.00pm in the main admin block. Even if you are not a member yet, please feel free to come along to help us plan what we can do for our children this year. A copy of the events calendar is available from the school office and I have included it here - https://grandavenue.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/pca_calendar_2015.pdf. It shows what fundraising we have planned this year - we may add more! We have our Annual General Meeting on March 17\textsuperscript{th} (along with P&C meeting). If you would like to join the executive team, all positions become vacant on the night and elections are held. Nomination forms will be available at February’s P&C meeting. If you have any questions please email me.

The new Prep playground is open! It sure looks like fun for our Prep students. This was the last project the P&C helped fund last year for $100,000. We sold a lot of sausages! Please look at the events we have this year and see where you think you can help. We have a great fundraising coordinator in Donna Clark. Please support our events this year.

The final classroom (new Prep) was air conditioned over the Christmas break. Total cost for this project was $250,000, fully paid for by the P&C. Enjoy.

Regards,
Gavin Rook

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**Calamvale Carnival 2015**

Grand Avenue is lucky enough to be a partner in this year’s carnival to be held July 25\textsuperscript{th} 11am -9pm.

This means that we are able to offer the tickets to this event to our families at pre-purchase prices before they are available to the general public.

There is a special event at this year’s carnival! ........ Justice Crew live in concert.

Tickets for this event are strictly limited so get them before they go on general sale, and don’t miss out on seeing this amazing group live on stage for the amazing price of $20 each.

Combined armbands and entertainment zone tickets are also available through our Flexischools online purchasing app. So support our school, get tickets for an amazing event before they sell out and have a great day at a discounted rate.

Further information will be coming home soon. Tickets available on Flexischools until March 2015 so get in now.

# Tickets distributed closer to the date of the event.

Thank you.
Donna Clark
P&C Fundraising Co-ordinator
NOTICE TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Parents and teachers are asked to encourage their children to use the supervised crossings and to set a good example themselves by obeying the School Crossing Supervisor's directions whenever they use the crossing.

Stop when the STOP sign is displayed

When the School Crossing Supervisor holds up the STOP sign all road users must stop their vehicles, clear of the crossing. Road users must not begin to accelerate until all pedestrians including the School Crossing Supervisor are safely on the footpath on either side of the road. If a vehicle has stopped to give way to the pedestrians at a crossing facility, do not overtake the vehicle while it is stationary.

Failure to comply is an offence that will be reported to the Police.

No Stopping Zones

The ‘No Stopping’ zones delineate the School Crossing Supervisor’s workplace and serves to protect an area on either side of a crossing facility. It is important to the safety of pedestrians who use the crossing facility that this road rule is followed. If this is ignored the enforcement agencies will be contacted. The design of a crossing facility is a standard layout described in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices to allow School Crossing Supervisors/ pedestrians to have a clear view of approaching vehicles and vice versa.

School Crossing Supervisors have the authority to report any incidents that affect their personal safety and the safety of pedestrians. They will record registration numbers and details of offending vehicles and report them. There are no circumstances where a driver can stop in the crossing zone, drivers delivering or waiting for children are no exception and are not exempt.

Supervised crossing procedure

The School Crossing Supervisor will ask all pedestrians, both children and adults, to wait on the footpath. When a suitable gap appears in the traffic from both directions, the supervisor will extend the STOP sign to face the traffic and when it is safe to do so proceed to the centre of the road with the STOP sign displayed. The supervisor will blow two blasts of the whistle to indicate that it is safe for pedestrians to cross. When all pedestrians have cleared the crossing, the School Crossing Supervisor then returns to the footpath.

All cyclists, skateboarders, children wearing roller blades or with scooters will be asked to dismount and walk their 'wheels' over the crossing.

Please assist your School Crossing Supervisors – they are here to protect your children.

For the continued safety of students travelling to and from school, please note that these are the only times that the two crossings are supervised.

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LOOKING FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE?

Family Day Care offers parents the peace of mind knowing that their child is being cared for in a safe, fun, stable and nurturing environment. While offering the flexibility and family values that are synonymous with family day care.

Cheaper family levy than most schemes & no enrolment fee’s for children

Call 3381 8399
After school Kids Club

Every Friday 2.45pm - 4.00pm

Kids aged between Prep and Year 7 can come along and enjoy a fun afternoon with afternoon tea included.

Make sure you register and bring your hat and shoes so you don’t miss out on our fun activities including:

- Sports/physical activities
- Games
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Craft

Where:
Early Parent Centre,
105 Poinsettia Street, Inala

Term 1 dates 2015:
Every Friday commencing
13 February

1300 114 397
anglicaresq.org.au

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Forest Lake
Junior Rugby League

SIGN-ON
2015

Did you miss our sign on weekend?
It's not too late to sign on!!

Sign on during training on Tuesday and Thursday nights
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Under 6 to Under 16
Warren Ritchie Complex - 1449 Boundary Rd, Ellen Grove

For more information contact Club President, Dave - 0427 147 885 or email forestlakemagpiesjr@yahoo.com or visit our website:

www.magpies.leaguenet.com.au
Refresh your stash Mega Craft Garage Sale –
21st February, 2015

Renew, reduce, or replenish your craft stash at Refresh Your Stash - sewing, quilting, scrapbooking, cardmaking, vintage, retro (and more) craft supplies will be on sale.

Where: Sherwood Uniting Church, cnr Thallon St and Sherwood Rd.

When: 8 am – 1 pm, Saturday 21st February 2015

Sellers: Get in fast to book your space. To enquire about booking, email: refreshyourstash@gmail.com and one of our team will get back to you with more details. Table spaces are $20 (you supply the table); the venue is under cover so the event will proceed rain, hail or shine.

Wanting to help on the day, donate craft materials, or advertise your local craft group or upcoming event – we’d love to hear from you. Proceeds from the event will be used to empower communities in Australia and overseas through Act for Peace.

Find out the latest on our Facebook page, which we will be updating with more information about the event and a taster of some of the great supplies on sale.

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It's not too late to sign up!

Be apart of the TEAM! Sign up here

Centenary
Junior Rugby League

Come down to the club Tuesday or Thursday night between 5:30 & 7:00pm
221 Grindle Road Wacol
All ages welcome – BOYS & GIRLS

All new players to the club will need either passport or birth certificate
Dear Sir/Madam

Do you have runners interested in winning $500 for their favourite charity (or your school/Little Athletics Club) by participating in a Charity Fun Run?

AND at the same time all schools and/or Little Athletics groups entering teams will be presented with a rebate cheque for $5 per runner. (Enter 50 runners and receive a cheque for $250)

The Rotary Clubs of Sunnybank Hills & Forest Lake are hosting a Charity Fun Run on Sunday 25th March, 2015 commencing at 9.30am at Calamvale District Park.

- Registrations can be made online either individually or as a team. [Teams must register under the same team name (for example your school name or Little Athletics Club name), to qualify as a team and a team must have 6 or more runners]. The school or Little Athletics Club with the most runners (minimum of 6) automatically wins $500.
- March 25, 2015 will see the 11th year of this event, the walk/run will be 5 Km, and include a special 2 Km run for children (12yrs & under). (Every child will receive recognition.)
- We would appreciate it if you could promote the run in your school or club newsletter.
- Note that the event is fully supervised by Rotary and school or club supervisors are not required.
- The event commences at Calamvale District Park, Fortmby Street, Calamvale and takes walkers & runners on bitumen paths through and around the park on a safe, secure and well-marshalled path.
- Marshals are placed along the route along with water stations. St John’s Ambulance will be in attendance.
- Please see website www.rotaryfunrun.org or Facebook or the attached flyer for categories & further details of the run.
- Entries are best completed online at www.rotaryfunrun.org and the site will be available for entries from December 1, 2014.

A member of our Fun Run Committee will contact you shortly to discuss the run and answer any of your queries.

Kind Regards

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