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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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DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri 31 July  Nudgee Beach EEC Excursion – Prep D & Prep E
Mon 3 Aug  District Athletics – 800m Finals – Glenala SHS
Wed 5 Aug  District Athletics – Glenala SHS
Thurs 6 Aug  Instrumental Music Parent Information Session – 6.30pm in Auditorium
Fri 7 Aug  Nudgee Beach EEC Excursion – Prep C & Prep F
Tues 11 Aug  ICAS Competition – Maths
Tues 11 Aug  Year 3 Incursion – Ngutana-Lui
Wed 12 Aug  EKKA SHOW HOLIDAY
  P&C EKKA FUN DAY - 10.00am to 3.00pm
Fri 14 Aug  Interschool Sport Season Commences
Mon 17 Aug – Fri 21 Aug  Road Safety Week – Prep & Year 1
Wed 19 Aug  Singfest – Senior Choir
Fri 21 Aug  Interschool Sport – Week 2
Wed 26 Aug  Book Character Lapathon (Supporting Chaplaincy)
Dear Parents,

**Number Facts**

Children have been memorizing Number Facts for generations. Most of us have vivid memories of flashcards, timed drills, or worksheet after worksheet of Number Facts. Some people believe that with calculators and computers at our fingertips, committing Number Facts to memory might be old school. Number Facts ARE important for children to learn without the aid of electronic devices. Having a good mastery of number facts allows students to focus on more complex tasks and solving challenging problems while not having to pause to reflect on a simple addition or multiplication fact.

Students are gradually introduced to Number Facts – addition and subtraction and then multiplication and division, as they progress through the school. If a child can say the answer for a Number Fact within a couple of seconds, this is usually considered mastery of the Fact.

Number Facts are important because they form the building blocks for higher-level Math concepts. Skills such as adding and subtracting larger numbers, telling time, counting money, measurement, long multiplication and division are just a few of the concepts that a child will encounter fairly early in their Math career. A student who is intensively focusing on the basic Number Facts, is more likely to be confused with the overall process and get lost in his/her calculations.

It is important that your child moves from counting strategies to automaticity (rapid recall) of Number Facts. Your child will soon be using Math Facts as a tool to solve more difficult Math questions. If a student has to count to find the answer every time he/she needs to add two numbers, it will take him/her a much longer time to get to the final answer. The student will focus all his/her attention on the basic calculation instead of the higher-level concept that is involved in solving the problem.

Independent research proves the need and importance for students to master their Math Facts. Not only did they discover that mastering the Math Facts aids in higher-level Math, but they also discovered actual shifts in brain patterns as Math Facts were learned! Calculators and computers play an important role in Math education today, but it is still important for a child to know her Math Facts to be able to do mental computation.

Students are taught strategies in class to assist with the orderly introduction and mastery of Number Facts. Practice at home is recommended, but in an enjoyable way. Many small games and friendly challenges can ensure students are reinforcing their Number Facts. The absence of pressure and stress is important as students are practicing their Number Facts.

**Every day counts**

As we progress into Term 3, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.


There is a television advertisement centred on “Every Day Counts”, featuring Johnathon Thurston. He makes the point that not attending school can have lifelong consequences. He says,

“**Missing training can put you on the bench for the next game.**

**Missing school can put you on the bench for the rest of your life.**”

**Watch here** -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9iIBeJS5CUs&list=PLqjv5epyrnQDLNMTmhLA6z-csSrvlycsvN&index=5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9iIBeJS5CUs&list=PLqjv5epyrnQDLNMTmhLA6z-csSrvlycsvN&index=5)
Late Arrivals

As the weather warms, it is anticipated that there will be less students reporting late for school. While it is not the role of the school to tell parents how to organise their homelife, it is a concern when students are regularly arriving late for school.

Students who are late, miss the important early few minutes of the day when there is significant sharing of information and the first lessons begin. Further, late arrival interrupts the first lessons of the day, impacting on all other students.

There is now a second printer to print off late slips. This printer allows students to line up at the rear of the admin block at the student services window, a metre or two from the cash collection window. Please note however, the expectation is that students arrive before the first bell at 8:40am. I look forward to your support with this important matter.

Student Council Market Day

Each class from Year 4 to 6 conducted a successful stall at the Market Day last Friday. Student councillors played a critical role in organising a team of classmates to assist with their stall, under the guidance of their teacher. Our aim to engage students, provide them with a focus to show leadership, organisational ability and to work as a team was well and truly achieved.

The stalls were innovative and well managed. The Market Day raised over $1700 which will assist with a special project under consideration by the Student Council.

1,2,3 Magic

This week, Mrs Brown our Prep/Year 1 Deputy Principal and Mrs Ogilvy, our Guidance Officer attended a 1,2,3 Magic course. 1,2,3 Magic is a parenting course which will be conducted within our school either in Term 4 or early next year. This quality program challenges all parents to reflect on strategies and processes that are used to support and manage students’ general conduct, behaviour and positive development. Our thanks to both Mrs Brown and Mrs Ogilvy for accepting responsibility for this program. It will prove to be very beneficial for our families.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Promotion 2015

Grand Avenue is excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points (in the form of stickers) when you shop at Woolworths up until Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for quality educational resources for our school.

When you purchase goods at Woolworths, the checkout officer will provide shoppers with a sticker for every $10 spent. (upon request) Students are asked to collect these stickers and then to stick them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box located in the office foyer or the library. The points sheets are available from Woolworths, the school office and a small supply will be provided within each classroom.

The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

Families are not being asked to change their shopping patterns. If you shop at Woolworths, we are simply asking you to collect the stickers that are on offer.

Dates for Inala District Athletics

The Inala District Athletics Carnival will be held at Glenala State High School next week. The 800m event is taking place on the afternoon of Monday 3rd August from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. All other events will be held on Wednesday 5th August.

This year we will be sending 44 students who are eagerly looking forward to proudly representing our school. Well done to all students for making the team and for attending before school training sessions. It has been fabulous to see great commitment and effort from our talented athletes. We wish them luck!
Ekka Fun Day
The P&C Ekka Fun Day will be held on Wednesday 12th August, the RNA Show Holiday. Please see the P&C News section of this newsletter for more information.

Thanks to the wonderful efforts of our P&C. I’m sure the day will be a huge success.

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 outside school hours 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. PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL POLICY DICTATES THAT THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IS FOR STAFF SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES ONLY.

Useful Contacts

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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.
Parents of Year Six

On Tuesday this week, consent/dietary/medical forms (on green paper) were distributed to students as Notice #3. It outlined the full balance of payment required for your child (as at Monday 27 July) along with other very important dates and times and was personalised for your child. Please ensure you read this carefully and with your child. If you have evidence that you have paid money towards the Canberra Tour and your child did not have a letter generated for them, please contact me as soon as possible but at the latest by Wednesday 5 August.

A generic version of this form is available on the school website on the right hand side of the Canberra Tour webpage. The final date for full and final payment cannot be emphasised enough – Thursday 17 September 2015, the last Thursday of term three. Due to the need to finalise flight bookings, this deadline cannot be extended and incomplete payment will see forfeiture of place and the non-refundable deposit.

I encourage families to also engage with the website with their child to look at the different venues/attractions and to complete the “Personal Tour Aims” section. This will give supervisors some indication of what is important for your child on the tour so their experiences can be maximised.

It is also recommended that parents download the QSchools application (links via the school home page). Until we set up any other form of bulk texting to families, I plan on using the QShools application to send push notifications especially around the time of return times/delays etc. to school on the Friday.

Parents of Year Five

I hope to send home an expression of interest for the 2016 Canberra Tour in the near future. I would encourage you to consider this valuable experience for your child and to consult the webpage for current information. From year to year, there are generally no significant changes to the overall intent and arrangements for the tour or the itinerary. The Canberra Tour parent information session is usually held around the time of the “Meet the Teacher” evenings early in the new year prior to the deadline for the payment of non-refundable deposits.

Craig Thorne
Deputy Principal / Canberra Tour Leader
On Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} July, students in Year 1 learnt about fire safety thanks to a great presentation by members of the Queensland Fire Service. They came to talk about ringing triple zero and what to do in a fire. Shanelle and Mollie from 1C are practising “Get down low and go, go, go!” and Tiarna from 1A is doing “Stop, drop and roll!”. They are bringing their fire trucks back on August 5th.

**YEAR 5 AFL WORKSHOP**

On Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} July, Nick Robertson and Archie Smith from the Brisbane Lions came to Grand Avenue to conduct an AFL skills workshop for students in Year 5 as part of the Lion Hearted Leaders program. The students had a great afternoon!

**ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT??**

Please advise the office as a matter of urgency if any of your details, have changed, i.e. phone numbers, address, emergency contacts!
A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Grand Avenue State School.

The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor may be up to an hour in the morning and half an hour in the afternoon.

School Crossing Supervisor/s may be required to work five days per week in all weather conditions.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the “Notes for Medical Practitioner” on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme - Health Assessment Form;

- The applicant either holding a current Blue Card or having submitted an application for a Blue Card to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. An applicant will not be employed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads unless they meet this criterion.

Department of Transport of Main Roads will organise and fund both for selected applicant.

If you are interested in applying for this position please contact Elizabeth Vince (Road Safety Officer) on 3813 8607. A copy of the Role Description can be obtained from the school office.

A new way of making payments to the school is now available. The process is called BPOINT. Please click on the following link for information on how use BPOINT.

1. **Online System | Pay School Invoices**
   - Pay School Invoices (SRS; Text Book Fees; Camps; etc.)
   - Access via ANY Computer or Smart Phone

2. **Payments Accepted:**
   - MasterCard | VISA

3. **Secure Payment Method**
BROTHERS’ SPORTING SUCCESS!

Callum, Bryce and Oliver Hodges competed in the State Titles for In-line Hockey from 6th to 9th July for West Logan Rangers Under 9’s. The Under 9’s team came first! Callum, Bryce and Oliver have all been chosen to represent Queensland in the upcoming National Titles from 26th September to 3rd October. Well done, boys!

MUSIC NOTES

Music Notes

Attention Year 2 & 3 Parents interested in the 2016 Instrumental Music Program

Parents, who indicated an interest in the 2016 IM Program from invitations sent home in week 2 of this term, are reminded that the Information Evening for the program is next Thursday 6th August at 6.30pm in the Auditorium.

Senior Choir, Senior Band & String Ensemble Rehearsals

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**Senior String Ensemble**

Mr Richard Thompson

Tuesday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

**Junior Choir**

Mrs Louise Sawyer

Wednesday 11.15am – 11.45am Auditorium

**Concert Band**

Mrs Karen Gordon

Thursday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

**Junior String Ensemble**

Mr Richard Thompson

Friday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

**PLEASE** ensure that you contact the relevant conductor if your child is unable to attend a rehearsal.
EKKA FUN DAY IS NEARLY HERE!!

Hi everyone,

Only 2 weeks to go until our big family EKKA day event. Please remember to pre-purchase your ride armbands either at www.flexischools.com.au or at the Uniform Shop between 8:15am and 9:30am daily. We will also be selling armbands outside the Admin block on Friday 7th August from 8:45am to 9:30am and again on Monday and Tuesday at the same time. If the event is cancelled you will receive a refund so you have nothing to lose! There will be 10 great rides for all the kids! Information has been sent home regarding all the attractions and more will be sent home over the next week.

EXCITING NEWS! - the Defence Force will be bringing 2 ASLAVs (military vehicles) to our event. The kids will be able to explore inside and out! These will be on display near the cricket nets.

Please don’t forget we need your old books for the book stall. Also, plates will be sent home for a reminder to bake for the cake stall and a note with drop off times.

I have included the map of the layout for the day. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Regards,

Gavin Rook
P&C President

The new 2015 | 2016 Entertainment Books are here now!

Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone! Each membership has hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels, shopping, groceries and travel and contain over 2,000 offers that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2016. PLUS Grand Avenue State School retains 20% of the price of every Membership sold which goes towards our fundraising! Cost of each membership is $65.


Entertainment Books are also available to purchase from the uniform shop, or contact Donna Clark at gassfundraising@gmail.com.
**Showbags**
- Ben 10, Hot Wheels, Pokemon, Regular Show, Odonata, Combat, Police
- Wild West, Ninja, Pirate Treasure, Original Kiwi, Shopkins,
  Dora the Explorer, Barbie, Monster High, Paul Frank, Peppa Pig,
  Mister Maker, Hello Kitty, Princess Lil Pony, La La Loops
- Dairy Milk, Curly Wurly, Caramello Koala, Ronco, Rake, Freddy,
  Cherry Ripe, Zappo, Fizzer, Pops and Fizz, Chupa Chups, Trolli
  After Shocks, Warheads, Wicked Ritz, Liquorice Lovers, Zombie
  Chews, Ovaleerries: Get in Quick!

**Grand Avenue**

**2 weeks to go!**

**12th August**

**Look who’s coming to**

**EKKA DAY**

**Australian Defence Force Vehicles Display**

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**Food Stalls**
- P&C BBQ, with sausages on bread, Steak Burgers and drinks.
- Pluto pop and chips van 12! Slushies Popcorn
- Rainbow Floss Sno-cones Coffee Van Ice Cream Pizza Van
- Turkish Food Stall Fresh Fruit Juices

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**Bookstall**
Donations are required for the secondhand bookstall. All books and magazines are welcome. Please leave at the office or contact the P&C at gassfundraising@gmail.com

**Cake Stall**
Please bake a cake or other item for sale at the cake stall. The items should be on a disposable plate and wrapped in clear plastic. Then label the item with a list of ingredients in case of allergy. The items can be donated the day before or on the day. Find inspiration and recipes on our Facebook page:
- Grand Avenue State School P&C

**Cent Auction**
$5 a sheet of twenty tickets or 5 sheets for $20
Awesome prizes to win from a bille to a holiday.

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**Ride Armbands** are available from the Peis school and the Uniform Shop. *Refunds will be made if cancellation occurs.

Pre-purchase $30 cash only will be available outside the office 8:15am – 9:15am and 2:15pm-3:00pm

- Thursday 6th August until Tuesday 11th August am only
- On the day: Armbands $35
  - Single ride $6; Animal Farm $5

10 different rides included (except Animal Farm)
Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Club Sign On

Play Cricket at ‘The Park’!
Season commences 10th October 2015

- Boys and girls aged 5 to 16
- ‘In2Cricket’ skills program available for children aged 5 to 8 years
- Teams also available for older boys and parents
- Positive, nurturing Club environment
- Great facilities - some of the best in the competition
- Team kits available for juniors
- Low cost fun

Sign on will be at:
Wolston Park Clubhouse (Turf Wicket), Orford Drive, Wacol.

- Saturday 15 August 10.00am to 3.00pm
The season runs for all of 4th term and then 1st term in 2016.

For further details: www.wpccc.com.au or contact Ellen Ferris secretary@wpccc.com.au or 3376 9545 or 0414 871 461

Raiders Softball Club
2015/2016 Season

REGISTRATION DAYS

Saturday 1st August
Time: 12pm – 4pm
At: Softball Fields Moreton Avenue
Redbank Plains
(Adjacent Kevin Bull Soccer Fields)

Sunday 2nd August
Time: 10am – 3pm
At: Woolworths Collingwood Park
Children, Women and Men’s Fun and fitness for all ages

Enquires
Mitch – President – 0423 262 906
Miranda – Secretary – 0412 381 876
Rachael – Registrar – 0416 073 211
How many loops can you do?

FOREST LAKE’S VERY OWN FAMILY FUN RUN

Run & Loop the Forest Lake to raise funds for children’s charity

Compete as an individual or as a team of 2, 4 or 6 and ‘Loop the Lake’ as many times as you can within 4 hours

PLUS... the ‘Kids dash’ (1 lap of 2.2k)

Fun for the whole family with loads of prizes on the day

- Most Laps - Man/Woman/Junior
- Most Laps Team
- Best dressed team
- Kids dash age category winners
- Biggest corporate group
- MTR School Challenge Trophy

Sunday, August 23 2015

For more information and entry details at
www.run4kids.com.au find us on facebook