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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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Dear Parents,

Naplan

Schools received their Naplan results last week. These tests were conducted in May and included students from Years 3 and 5 in primary as well as Year 7 and 9 at secondary school.

The Naplan tests are conducted in Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation, Writing and Numeracy. Individual reports were sent to each participating student last week. Parents and students are encouraged to check through the reports – confirm positive achievement and if necessary, identify a few areas for continued focus by the student.

As a school, our results are again very pleasing. We know that we have students who achieve across the full range of results – including students whose results are of the highest possible level. Despite this, school results are provided as a mean – an average score for each student cohort.

School results are compared to the state and national mean. Our goal is to equal or better the national mean, a standard far higher than the state means. To equal or better a national mean is a very positive result. Our achievement in comparison to national means is as follows:

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The National Minimum Standard is a measure viewed as the minimum achievement level required by students for the year level. It is a real indicator as to how well our school is supporting the full range of students, especially those who require special assistance.

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Percent of GASS students achieving equal to or above the National Minimum Standard

Our Naplan results are very pleasing but it is critical that our analysis identifies strengths (what’s working well) as well as areas in which our programs need to be improved.

The Naplan Reports provided to parents are the only paper copy produced. Parents are encouraged to store this report securely.

The most current and accurate report of a child’s progress at school is the end-of-semester report that is prepared by class teachers. This data on a child’s achievement is as a direct result of his/her work within the classroom program. If a parent has questions about their child’s Naplan report, please see your child’s teacher.

Attendance / Late Arrival

The attendance of students is being monitored closely. There is a close correlation between maximising attendance and student achievement. Naturally, in cases where genuine illness exists, it is best for the student if he/she remains at home to recover.

In all instances where a child is absent, the parent is required by law to advise the school of the absence and the reason for the absence. Where no advice is received, the absence is recorded as “unexplained”. This data is displayed on students’ report cards.

In June, there were 125 cases where an absence was “unexplained.” This large number does not assist the school to account for every child. Parents are encouraged to take their responsibilities seriously and ensure the school is aware of a student’s absence and the appropriate reason for the absence.
There remain too many “late arrivals” on a daily basis. Please note the following:

- The days when there are the lowest number of late arrivals are Thursday and Friday.
- The days when there are most late arrivals are Monday and Wednesday.
- For week 3 (27/07 to 31/07) the year levels with the least number of late arrivals was Yr 6, with 6 only and Prep with 16 only.

As one community, let’s address these absence and late arrival issues!

Prep 2016

Enrolments for Prep in 2016 are steadily being lodged at the school office. Early enrolment is important. All families are encouraged to either enrol their own child for 2016 and/or encourage friends and neighbours to also enrol their child as soon as possible.

The importance of early enrolment lies with assisting the school to plan ahead, in readiness for an organised, smooth beginning to 2016. We anticipate approx. 7 classes of prep students in 2016. This requires considerable planning and organisation, working with families to ensure everyone is ready for the most positive beginning possible, in January 2016.

There are Open Days, Information Sessions and testing days planned – see later in this newsletter. Your support is essential.

Positive Conduct in the Carpark

Within the carparks around the school, there will be many incidents where a parent has to be patient, wait a few seconds or give someone else right-of-way. This is essential in not only ensuring the orderly flow of traffic but to contribute towards a safer environment for our students.

I have received reports recently where the behaviour of a few parents is clearly inappropriate. The standard of behaviour of parents in the carparks around the school must always of a standard which is “good modelling” for our students.

We can only encourage parents to be patient, tolerant and extend kindness towards others – the decision to act appropriately relies with the individual.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Promotion 2015

Thanks to the many parents who have collected and sent in their stickers as part of this promotion. There are hundreds of stickers being delivered to the collection boxes in the office foyer. Stickers should be placed on the sticker sheets (available at the checkout). The more stickers we can collect the more resources we will be able to claim from Woolworths and their sponsor Modern Teaching Aids.

The promotion continues until Tuesday 8th September.

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 at the checkouts.

Book Week Lapathon

The Chaplaincy Committee is conducting a Lapathon in association with Bookweek celebrations on Monday 24th August. Information is as follows:

- Students have been issued with sponsorship sheets, to gain sponsors for the Lapathon. Sponsors are asked to donate to support a student to participate in the Lapathon activity which will be to run laps of the oval with the class.
- Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.
- Students will have a 20 minute window to complete laps of the oval during the school day.
- There are great prizes available for students who raise the most sponsorship money as well as for completing the most number of laps of the oval.

See flier under Chaplaincy News.
Great Ekka Day!

What a wonderful Ekka Day was held at Grand Avenue yesterday! Congratulations to the P&C for the planning, preparation and operation of the day. This was a great day within our community. Students enjoyed the rides, food and especially activities such as the animal farm, pony rides and the army tanks.

Behind the success of the Ekka Day was a very high level of generous support from sponsors within our community. These are acknowledged by the P&C later in the newsletter. Thanks also to all P&C members, parents and members of staff who assisted with the day in any way.

Also, we would like to thank our families and the wider community for supporting the day, making it the success that it was. Well done Grand Avenue!

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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<td>Student Absence Line</td>
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Please check our website regularly – www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

Free Dental Treatment

Metro South Oral Health provides free dental treatment to all school students up to Year 10. As well as to those 0-4 yr olds, and Year 11 &12 students who hold a Health Care Card or receive the Child Dental Benefits Scheme.

Call 1300 300 850 to book an appointment at a clinic near you.
PREP OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 19th August OR Saturday 22nd August
9.00am – 11.00am

Come and discover what Grand Avenue has in store for Prep 2016!

Grand Avenue State School
Now taking enrolments for Prep 2016

- Australian Curriculum programs
- Leading programs in phonics and sight words
- Caring staff
- Air conditioned classrooms
- Imaginative and creative learning experiences

Enrol online at: www.grandavenueeq.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/Enrolments.aspx
or Call 3372 0555
Quality Education for your child is our priority.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Prep Open Days - Wednesday 19th August – 9.00am – 11.00am OR
- Saturday 22nd August – 9.00am – 11.00am

Prep 2016 Information Session - Tuesday 8th September – 9.00am OR 6.00pm

Brigance Testing Days - Wednesday 9th September to Tuesday 15th September • BOOK NOW!

*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.
During the past fortnight students in Prep have enjoyed their very first school excursion. As part of their current Science unit ‘Our Living World’, students visited the wonderful Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre where they experienced lots of exciting hands-on opportunities to observe and learn more about living things.

**Music Notes**

**Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsals and School Sport Training**

Parents and Guardians please note that Year 4 – 6 students have been informed by Mr Thorne (Deputy Principal: Music & Sport Coordinator) that currently their yearlong commitment to their Instrumental Ensemble (Band) is to take precedence over school sport training. All Instrumental students who registered with a school team that trains during their ensemble rehearsal before school have been accepted into their team of choice and will play for Grand Avenue SS in the School Competition.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that your child attends their weekly Ensemble rehearsal as we continue to build quality in the Grand Avenue IM Program.

**Senior Choir – Singfest (next week)**

The Senior Choir are busy memorising pieces to perform in this year’s SINGFEST at the Old Museum Building on **Wednesday 19 August**. Please ensure your child’s payment has been made for this day and that the school has a current contact phone number for your child’s responsible guardian on this day.
Is your Email Address Current, Correct & Checked Regularly?

Communication to you from Instrumental Music and Ensemble Teachers, regarding your child, is necessary via email!

Parents & Guardians please confirm that your child’s Instrumental and Ensemble Teacher has your current and correct email address so that they can efficiently distribute essential information to all families. These teachers visit Grand Avenue once a week and unfortunately are unable to always get hard copy letters of important details home with every student.

Notification from parents/guardians via email or written note to the relevant conductor is also required for all students who do not attend a scheduled rehearsal.

Band & Ensemble Folders

Folders for Instrumental Music students in Concert Band and String Ensemble are now available for $12 each from the GASS Uniform Shop.

All Instrumental Music students require a Band/Ensemble Folder as per the 2015 Instrumental Music Handbook, please purchase yours now.

Name Your Music Property

Please parents and carers could you ensure that your child’s personal Instrument, Music and Music/Choir/Band Folder are clearly marked with a Family name.

All school owned property has a school logo key tag, EDQUIP number or identifying sticker which enables staff to match the property with the current student to which it is on loan and does not require additional labelling. All private property must be clearly marked with at least the surname of the student to which it belongs. This is to ensure that any misplaced items can be returned to their rightful owner.

Thank you for your attention to this vital task.

Senior Choir, Senior Band & String Ensemble Rehearsals

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PLEASE ensure that you contact the relevant conductor if your child is unable to attend a rehearsal.
Hi everyone,

What a great Ekka fun day we had at the school yesterday! I think everyone had a great day and enjoyed the sunshine (mostly!) We don’t have a final figure on the profit but it’s looking good!

I just want to thank the army of helpers we had to set up and pack down, all done by 5pm. So many people helped on the day and it was great to see so many families helping everywhere. Also to the teachers and office staff who attended, a big thank you.

I hope all the kids enjoyed the new rides and had fun at the sideshows. I saw a lot of kids with chocolate, sorry Mums and Dads! The feedback from you all on Facebook has been amazing. I want to thank Debbie Hughes for coming and singing for us all, it was great. Look her up on her Facebook - Cest La Vie - as she is available to perform live at most events.

Thanks again to the Grand Avenue community for all your support!

Regards,

Gavin Rook
P&C President
AVAILABLE NOW AT THE CANTEEN THROUGH FLEXISCHOOLS IS OUR NEW....

**QUICK SANDWICH DEAL!**

**Includes:-**
1 X cheese sandwich
popper drink
popcorn
cookie

ALL FOR ONLY $5.00

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.
This bike was supplied by:

**STUDIO de VELO**

Grand Avenue Shopping Centre
Forest Lake
Now open for Sales and Repairs
Ekka Day 2015

With thanks to our major supporter
Live music throughout the day.

C'est La Vie
Solo Artist

COMMUNITY NEWS

How many loops can you do?

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 crestied team

Kids dash age category winners
Biggest corporate group
MTR School Challenge Trophy

FOREST LAKE’S VERY OWN FAMILY FUN RUN

Sunday, August 23 2015

For more information and entry details at
www.run4kids.com.au
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