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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Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

**World Teachers’ Day**

Friday 30th October is designated as World Teachers’ Day. On this day, all in our community are asked to reflect on the important role that teachers perform. The work of teachers has broad boundaries and their work in developing our students as learners and as young people, is playing a strong role in the future of our families, our community and our state. Adults can look back and always identify at least one teacher who had a significant positive impact on their lives.

At Grand Avenue, we are fortunate to have such a cohesive, skilled and committed teaching staff. I am very proud of the way our teachers work with our students and the positive way they strive to improve every student.

I encourage parents and students to convey your thanks to our teachers, even if in some small way. A polite “thank you” from students is always highly valued.

**Student Safety Day**

Also, next Friday, (30th October) has been designated as *Student Safety Day by our school*. On this day, students are invited to wear a **red** item of clothing (eg shirt, ribbon, sock/s) to school and to bring a gold coin donation to go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Teachers will be conducting a safety lesson with their class. The main resource will be a DVD developed through the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, under the guidance of Education Qld. The topics to be covered will be as follows:

- **Prep & Year 1 – Why Obeying Rules are Important**
  (rules at home, on computer at the beach (safe swimming, sun safety), crossing the road; emergency plans: family discussions re safety)

- **Year 2 – Creating a family Password**
  (people to trust, what to do when feeling unsafe, the value of a family password, It’s OK to say NO)

- **Years 3,4,5 – Safety Strategies**
  (safety in numbers, walking to/from school/shops, making a safety network, making a report, recognising your body clues)

- **Year 6 – Safe Internet Usage**
  (benefits of internet, responsible use, privacy, social media – 13 years+, safe online behaviour, reporting anything suspicious)

**All videos reinforce the slogan – Recognise, React, Report**

Class discussions will be focussed on these topics and other topics raised by students. It may be a good idea for parents to use these lessons as a discussion starter to follow up with students – personalising the lessons to your family context is highly valuable.

Highlighting personal safety for our students is an important initiative but to be fully effective, there needs to be a partnership between home and school.

**Pupil Free Day**

On the Pupil Free Day on Monday, all teachers and teacher aides attended a whole day presentation by Jo Lange, a nationally recognised presenter on children and managing children positively, to build independence, resilience and skills in our children to enable them to build better lives as they progress into adulthood.
The messages are many but put simply, we want our students to be not only well managed while here at primary school, but importantly growing as young people. There is a balance between tough discipline, strict demands (traditional approaches) and an approach where we place responsibility back onto students to solve problems, to communicate their concerns, to seek help – with a view to developing students who can better manage themselves in the more complex environment they will enter in high school and beyond.

This presentation was excellent and appreciated by all in attendance.

**Earn & Learn**

GASS accumulated over 65,000 points in this activity. The school has been able to order a significant number of resources for our literacy, numeracy and music programs. Our thanks are extended to our whole community for your support and to Mrs Veronica Stickley for collating the points on a very regular basis. This program does save the school a considerable sum of money to acquire resources, to benefit students.

**Canberra Excursion**

The Year 6 excursion to Canberra is highly organised and progressing well. Currently there are 107 students attending. Mr Thorne and teachers have worked diligently with this complex excursion. The experience will be thoroughly enjoyable and educational. Students fly to/from Canberra where they visit Parliament House, the War Memorial and other venues of interest to young Australians. All Year 6 teachers are attending the excursion, which is sincerely appreciated.

In the coming weeks, the parents of current Year 5 students will be contacted and asked to provide an indication of their interest for their child to participate in the Canberra excursion in 2016. This allows initial planning to proceed and advance bookings for accommodation and travel.

**Prep Enrolments 2016**

Currently there are over 150 students enrolled into Prep for 2016. This is very healthy as we know there are eligible children within our community who at this stage, have not yet enrolled. Parents within our catchment area are asked to remind friends and neighbours, to come forward to enrol as soon as is possible. Early enrolment allows us to be more prepared for a smooth start for all students in the new year.

Our Deputy Principal, Sharyn Brown, has been working closely with a number of local childcare centres, to build common understanding and language around the Early Start material being used to monitor children’s development and to ensure the transition of students to school is as smooth as possible.

In addition, there are discussions currently being held around the possibility of establishing playgroup for children of below-school age, in 2016. There is much work to be done here, but it looks encouraging at this stage.

**Uniforms for 2016**

Parents are advised that uniforms for 2016 will be on sale continually into the new year. Should your child require a replacement uniform, it may be worth making this purchase before the end of year/new year rush period. The uniform shop is open from 8:15 to 9:30am daily.

Advice has been received that there are businesses in the local area who are endeavouring to sell uniforms for students – the uniforms, their design and logo are the property of the school and for a business to promote their product as a Grand Avenue SS uniform is illegal.

Parents are also strongly encouraged to check their children’s footwear. In 2016, there is an expectation that students will wear shoes/sandshoes which are predominantly black or predominantly white. Fluoro and multi coloured shoes are not within the policy of the school.
Playground Supervision Outside of School Hours

Before school
Parents and caregivers are advised that supervision is provided before school from 8.00am-8.15am in the covered area near the administration building. The school cannot accept responsibility for students who are sent to school before the supervised time of 8.00am. Please note that an Outside School Hours Care service is available for Grand Avenue families.

After school
Parents and caregivers are advised that there is no supervision of students after school concludes at 2.45pm. Parents and caregivers are responsible for supervising their children on school grounds and on playground equipment in particular. The school cannot accept responsibility for students after school hours. Parents are required to ensure that children are collected as soon as possible after the end of the school day.

Use of Oval outside school hours
Unfortunately, the school oval is not available to students or their families before or after school. The Outside School Hours Care facility has exclusive use as part of their Hire Agreement with the school. A local cricket club also has exclusive use during the summer cricket season.

Notification of Transfer or Late Return
Families of students who will be extending their Christmas holidays and returning late for the resumption of the 2016 school year are requested to notify the school in writing ASAP of their intentions. The school is staffed on the beginning of year Day 8 enrolment numbers. It is vital that the school has written advice of late return students in the New Year. I appreciate all parents’ cooperation and understanding with regard to this matter.

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.
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[www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au](http://www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au)

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Ashton Scholastic Book Fair**  
Starts 2nd November  
Library

**Book Fair is COMING!**

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

Book Fair opens on 2nd November.

Books generally cost between $10.00 and $15.00; posters are $5.00; there are novelty items such as diaries, and notebooks, and all sorts of stationery items ranging from $1.00 for an eraser, $2.00 for a Clickit pen, or a lunch box of erasers, to fibre optic pens for $4.00.

The children will be able to fill in a Wish List to give you an idea of what they would like.....

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

Children and parents are welcome to visit the Library from -

- Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November
- at any time between 8.15am and 3.30pm.

**Parents and carers are very welcome to visit during class time, to avoid the mayhem.**

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

We would be very grateful for your support of this venture.
Book Week 2015

Every year, for the last 70 years, schools and public libraries across Australia have spent a week celebrating children’s books and Australian authors and illustrators.

Class teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians around the country develop displays and activities, and organise competitions, relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading in our homes and schools.

This year’s theme was Books Light up our World. The titles of the winners can be found at the Children’s Book Council of Australia website.

We have multiple copies of all of the winning titles in the Library. Parents are welcome to come by and borrow any of these titles.

Defence News

Our school was invited by DCO Amberley to contribute pages to the Book of Appreciation, which will be sent to Defence Personnel for Remembrance Day. Julie Watson, our Defence School Transition Aide, invited classes with Defence students in them to contribute a page.

In the last two weeks, classes and year level groups have been creating scrap book pages for the Book of Appreciation. These have started coming in and Julie couldn’t leave them sit on her desk until they are collected on Friday, because they are so wonderful and really reflect how supportive and great this school is.

Julie made up a display in the library and asks students and others to please feel free on your way into the library this week to pause and see the great scrap book pages.

Enjoy! Thank you to all who have been involved in this project!

Regards,

Helen Mackintosh
Teacher-Librarian
Senior Choir Workshop

Thank you to the GASS P&C for providing the funds for the fabulous workshop last Wednesday run by Mrs Julee-anne Bell. Mrs Bell worked with the Senior Choir on their pieces for the Silkstone Eisteddfod and commented on the wonderful advances that the choir had made since her last workshop earlier this year.

Datiwuy Dreaming Performance

Year 3 and Year 5 students attend the most incredible performance yesterday when four indigenous performers displayed songs, dances and traditions of the Elcho Island people.

Thank you to our GASS Year 6 Indigenous students who presented the Welcome to our visitors.
Brisbane Schools Music Festival - Ensembles

All Grand Avenue State School Ensembles will perform in the Brisbane Schools Music Festival at Centenary State High School (1 Moolanda Street, Jindalee QLD 4074) this Saturday 24 October. Parking is best found in the car park off Yallambie Road.

**Junior String Ensemble**: arrive at 11:20am, perform 12:20pm  
**Senior String Ensemble**: arrive at 1:00pm, perform 2:00pm  
**Concert Band**: arrive at 5.30pm, perform 6.40pm (please note change of performance time)

Please ensure that your child has the correct Music Uniform for their performance and that it currently fits comfortably when playing their instrument. Performance Vests will be distributed at the event.

**Gala Concert**

All Ensembles and Choirs will be performing at the Grand Avenue Gala Concert on Wednesday 4 November at 6.30pm in the Auditorium.

Students arrive at school - **6.00pm** for tuning and warm up.  
Concert Commences – 6.30pm  

**GASS Music Uniform** – Required by all students in the **Senior Choir, Concert Band, Junior and Senior Strings** with black socks and black shoes. Please ensure your child’s uniform fits comfortably now!

**Junior Choir** students need to wear their Checked Formal School Uniform with black shoes. All hair longer than the collar must be neatly tied up, preferably with a blue ribbon.

**Ensemble Photos – Advanced Life Photographers**

On Thursday 5 November Advanced Life Photographers will come to Grand Avenue to photograph the five GASS Ensembles – Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Senior Choir, Junior Choir and Concert Band. Students will require their instruments and Music Uniform for these photographs.

Parents/Carers will be able to purchase the Ensemble Photos online at the Advanced Life website. Further details will be provided shortly.

**Instrumental Music Program 2016 - Recruitment Process for Year 2 & 3 Students**

First Round New Offers have now been sent home to Year 2 & 3 Students for the 2016 Instrumental Music Program. Parents/Caregivers are reminded that there are strict due dates that must be observed to secure their child’s place in the program. There may be opportunities for other students to be offered an instrument at a later date if not in the first round of offers.

Parents/carers are asked to please contact Mr Craig Thorne (Deputy – Music) if they have any questions regarding the recruiting process.

The 2016 Instrumental Music Handbook is now available on the school website.

**Instrumental Music Program 2016 – Continuing Students**

Re-enrolment Forms and 2016 Invoices have been sent home this week to all Instrumental Music students in Year 3 – 5 continuing in the Instrumental Music Program in 2016. Parents/Carers are reminded that payment for the 2016 program will be required by the due date on the invoice to secure their child’s place in the IM program.

Parents/careers are asked to please contact Mr Craig Thorne (Deputy – Music) if they have any questions regarding the continuing process.

The 2016 Instrumental Music Handbook is now available on the school website.
Year 4, 5, 6 Assembly Wednesday 28 October

Next week at the Year 4, 5, 6 Assembly on Wednesday 28 October, Grand Avenue SS students will celebrate the wonderful music that they create in the Classroom Music and Instrument Music Programs of our school by singing the 2015 Music Count Us In song – “Gold”. All classes in Year 4 have been displaying their Recorder skills playing along with the song while Year 5 students have learnt the four chords required to accompany on Ukulele. In Year 6 we have been studying the AUSLAN Choir version of the song, appreciating and experiencing the world of sign language.

Parents and friends are welcome to come to the Assembly commencing at 1.50pm in the Auditorium and hear/see all three year levels come together, united in singing and playing the one song.

Silkstone Eisteddfod Success!

BREAKING NEWS!! Congratulations to both the Senior and Junior Choirs on receiving Silver Awards at yesterday’s Silkstone Eisteddfod! Both groups performed beautifully. Special thanks to Mrs Gordon and Mrs Lanham-Sawyer for all their hard work in preparing the students for this event. Well done!

Instrumental Ensemble Last Rehearsal dates for Term 4

Please note the final dates of rehearsals for the following ensembles this term:

Senior String Ensemble last rehearsal – Week 7, Tuesday 17 November 7.30am
Concert Band last rehearsal – Week 7, Thursday 19 November 7.30am
Junior String Ensemble last rehearsal – Week 8, Friday 27 November 7.30am

Senior Choir, Senior Band & String Ensemble Rehearsals

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Former Grand Avenue student, Balaram Ramagiri graduated from Year 7 in 2009. After receiving awards in Academic Achievement and Performing Arts, he continued his studies at Brisbane State High School, where he was awarded the 2014 ‘Dux of the School’.

Balaram has been awarded a scholarship to the University of Queensland, and is studying Medicine, while also pursuing research in the Advanced Studies Program in Science.

Congratulations to our former student, Balaram Ramagiri, on his outstanding achievements!

There’s some great work going on in the classrooms!
Hi everyone,

Thank you to all those people who attended Tuesday night’s P&C meeting. I am pleased to announce approval was given to build a multi-purpose court. This will be built near the cricket nets. There will be tennis and netball markings but I’m sure it’s going to be used mostly for the kid’s handball games. We also hope to bring tennis lessons back to the school next year. The budget for this project is $90,000.

As our school numbers begin to rise again with new enrolments our OSHC is nearly full. To accommodate for the increase of children needing this service we have decided to increase our covered area. We will be building onto the side of the existing OSHC where the water tank is. It’s a long process but it is hoped it will be ready for the start of Term 1, 2016. The cost is projected to be around $100,000.

Regards,
Gavin Rook
P&C President

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP...

Time to start thinking of uniforms for next year; Prep students will require navy hats and formal check items. Purchasing before the end of term will avoid the back to school rush.

The uniform shop is open for extended hours for students starting Prep next year:-

We will be open until 11.00am on Monday 26th October to Thursday 29th October and again on Monday 23rd November to Thursday 26th.

We look forward to helping you with your uniform needs.

Nikki and Tracy
Uniform Shop Convenors
Family Portrait Fundraiser
Sunday 22nd November

Border Studios will be sending a professional photographer to our school to photograph your family. For only $25 you will receive a 10"x13" canvas portrait, and our school keeps the full $25! There are more packages available to order on the day. Please visit www.BorderStudios.com.au to make your booking or for more information.

BOOK NOW

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Sunday 22nd November

Grand Avenue State School

Family Portrait Fundraiser with Border Studios

Only $25 for 10"x13" canvas. More packages available.

For more information or to make a booking, please visit www.BorderStudios.com.au
Forest Lake State High
School Enrolment Day

Have you enrolled for Year Seven 2016?

Enrolments for students intending to commence Year 7, 2016 at Forest Lake State High School are well underway. Forest Lake State High School is conducting its main enrolment interview day on Saturday 31st October from 9.00am until 2.30 pm. It is anticipated that the enrolment of all students currently residing in the FLSHS catchment and wishing to commence Year 7 at FLSHS in 2016, would be finalised on this day.

What do I need to do?

Enrolment packs were distributed to your child’s primary school earlier this year. You need to bring the completed enrolment forms together with the documentation listed below to Administration at FLSHS by Thursday 29th October. When you return your forms an enrolment interview will be booked. Please contact Ms Linda Jeanneret (phone 3714 2309) for further information.

What documents do I need?

- All completed documents from the enrolment package
- Proof of residence in FLSHS catchment:
  - Rates notice or current tenancy agreement
  - Recent utilities account
- Child’s birth certificate
- Parent’s photo identification
- Most recent school report card

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 31st October to enrol your Year 7 2016 student.
Come and Celebrate

A celebration of good things on Oct 31st that’s fun and safe!

Where? Grand Ave State School, Cnr of Centennial Way & Grand Ave, Forest Lake
When? Saturday, 31st October 4.30-6.30pm
What? Free - Rides, candy floss, face painting, party food, live band +more
Cost? Entry by gold coin donation.

Remember - dress up as something positive (strictly no witches, ghosts or monsters please)
Children under 18 MUST be supervised at all times by parents/guardian/carer
This is solely organised and run by ELEVATE CHURCH and is not a Grand Ave School event.

“Whatsoever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things” - PHIL 4:8

Ph: 0418745179

Sunday 1st Nov
Club Oxley, Englefield Rd

$20 Pre-Paid

Karen Anderson & the Fortunate Sinners
Join Karen Anderson and her high steppin’, hot blowin’ band for some sweet jazz, soul and blues.

Jazz and Blues

Flat Shoes

BOOK NOW
fsjb.com.au

Superb Jazz & Blues on the green!

This event is possible thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, please support them.

Dan’s Hot Five
The ‘Jazz Age’... when it didn’t matter how down you were the music would always make you feel good about life.