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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, Students and Community Members,

Preparing for Next Year

As the school year comes towards an end, parents are reminded that there is benefit in being well prepared for the new year, in advance. There is much to consider:

- Students need their books in readiness for Week 1. The school has provided lists (available on the website) which may be bulk purchased, or parents may choose to purchase individual items themselves.
- Many students have uniforms that require updating. It is recommended that this takes place as soon as is practical, thus avoiding the uniform shop being snowed under in the new year.
- The expectation for the next year in relation to footwear is that students wear shoes or sandshoes that are predominantly black or white. This means that fluoro and multi-coloured shoes and laces are not acceptable. Students must wear shoes that are lace ups or secured by Velcro. “Slip ons” are not acceptable as they are unsafe for PE lessons and sports activities.

Home Holiday Reading Plan

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children continue to read during the upcoming holidays. Providing a range of materials for children to read, in a less structured manner, will ensure that they at least maintain their current achievement level. Newspapers, comics, short stories, magazines etc all contain material which students can find interesting. This should be fun and enjoyable and not strictly to a routine.

Severe Weather Events

Your child’s safety must be our first priority.

- If severe bad weather hits just before the 2.45pm bell it is our responsibility to keep students safe. In such a case, a decision may be made not to release students from their classroom, into the inclement weather.
- Should there be impending bad weather, and parents are waiting outside the classroom before the bell, teachers will be informed if they can release students directly to their parents early. Teachers will continue to supervise remaining students and you can collect them from their classroom up until 3pm.
- If extreme weather continues after 3pm, all remaining students will be supervised at the covered area outside the school office until they have been collected by a responsible adult. Students who normally walk or ride home will be supervised until it is safe to leave.

If time permits, the above information will be made available to parents on the school website, through a “push” notification. In the next week or so, we envisage our texting system to be completed, allowing a broadcast to all parents re emergent notices.

Notification of Student Transfer / Late Return - 2016

If you have not already done so, please advise the school as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to Grand Avenue State School in 2016 OR if your child will be late to return due to an extended holiday. (NB. Return date is Wed, 27th January 2016.)

It is very important that we have this information in writing as our staffing levels are determined by our Day 8 enrolment numbers and one or two students can make the difference between gaining or losing a class teacher. I appreciate all parents’ co-operation and understanding of this matter. Form available here – Notification of Student Transfer or Late Return.pdf

Year 2 iPad Program

In 2016, the Year 2 iPad program will be introduced. The overall aim is to use the iPad to improve our teaching and therefore students’ learning. The iPads have great capacity to engage students, to extend students and to broaden teachers’ repertoire of teaching approaches, using a range of selected apps.
There will be 8 x Year 2 classes in 2016. There will be a bank of 30 iPads for each four classes. Scheduling will allow for 7/8 iPads to be used in each class during the morning and classes can then book the whole set for the class in the afternoon session.

The reason why we are introducing this program in one year level is due to cost and to allow the school to develop efficient management processes – recharging, downloading apps, storage etc and teacher training. Once the school has a clear understanding of efficient processes, the plan can then be rolled out to other year levels.

This is an exciting program and it has great potential to improve our students’ learning.

**Dancing Day**

This Friday, Mrs Farinazzo will be released from class to teach all year levels a number of dances in the lead up to the school disco on Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} December. Each year level is scheduled to spend approx. 45 minutes with Mrs Farinazzo to learn a number of dances.

It is anticipated that students will then be able to join in at the disco more often and enjoy themselves.

**Weekend Visitors to School**

Our school has received reports of several people in the school grounds over the weekend. These (mostly teenagers) do not have consent to be on school premises. The only regular visitors are the Elevate Church and a cricket game on the oval.

Community members are asked to call the Inala Police on 3737 5555 or School Watch on 13 17 88 to report these intruders.

Regards,

Mick Quinn
Principal

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**SCHOOL SECURITY**

If you suspect trespassers or persons are deliberately attempting to damage school property, please phone either:

- School Watch Program..... .....13 1788
- Crime Stoppers................. .....1800 333 000
- Forest Lake Police Beat..... .....3372 5834
- State Govt Security Service....3224 6666
- Forest Lake Rangers.............1300 731 735

**PLEASE NOTE**

*It is school policy that any person on school grounds during the school day MUST first report to the school administration office and be issued with a school badge for security and safety purposes.*

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

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**CANBERRA TOUR / GRADUATION / END OF YEAR EXCURSION**

### Canberra Tour

Students attending the Canberra Tour are well and truly immersed in all that needs to be done during the lead up. This includes reading and placing the reminder card they were given at the final briefing session today (Thursday) which outlines the last minute tasks they will need to attend to - including arrival at school at 4.15am on Monday 23rd November. This card also has details about the anticipated arrival times at school on Friday (between 3.30 & 4.15pm). The school is currently working with a company that can send bulk texts. While in its infancy, there is the possibility that updates around arrival times and other tour updates may be sent via SMS. Please keep an eye out for these.

Families looking for the "what to bring" list can find these on the letter attached to the consent forms as well as on a number of documents that can be found on the Canberra Tour page on the school website.

We have been alerted to a number of changes to the itinerary including that the CSIRO hands on visit has been replaced with a visit to the National Arboretum because of building issues at the CSIRO (possibly due to asbestos concerns).

Students may, with the consent of parents, hold all pocket money rather than handing in for chaperones to hold. This is entirely up to parents to decide and as long as students bring no more than: $20 first day lunch money, $40 souvenir money and optional $3 (3 x $1 coins) for purchase of minted $2 coin at the Royal Australian Mint, we will look at continuing this elevated level of responsibility for students in future years. The sending of extra money would see this option withdrawn for future tours. Parents can still hand spending money to chaperones at check in for safe keeping (named click seal bag with spending money in $10 denominations). Spending money is primarily for the purchase of souvenirs, not food. Please also remember the expectations around dress code, jewellery, hair colour etc.

I would like to thank all assisting parents and staff attending for their work in making this a successful tour for the students and in particular, the tour leaders for this year: Mr Doherty and Miss Jennings. We would also thank the Australian Government for the PACER (Parliamentary and Civics Education Rebate) of $60 per student which has already been applied to the cost of the tour.

In the near future, we are hoping to gauge interest from year five families for the 2016 Canberra Tour.

### Graduation and End of Year Excursion

Invitations and ticketing information was sent home at the end of week six. Requests for tickets/RSVPs are due by Friday 20th November. It is anticipated that sufficient seating will be available if families abide the instructions and advice contained in the letter home. The Graduation Ceremony will be held in the Auditorium at 9.00am on Wednesday 9 December 2015 with refreshments afterwards. An Auslan interpreter will be attending.

Students who have not paid for the end of year excursion to Wet’n’Wild cannot simply present at the theme park and join the Grand Avenue group - they are expected to attend school as usual.

**Craig Thorne**  
**Deputy Principal**
Instrumental Music Program 2016 - Year 2 & 3 Students

The 2016 String Program is now full and further offers have closed for current Year 2 students.

There are a few positions available in the 2016 Brass Program for Year 3 students who are interested in learning the Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium or Tuba. Any parent/carer who is interested in their child being trialled on a Brass instrument is asked to email Mrs Karen Gordon: klgor1@eq.edu.au as soon as possible.

Parents/Carers are reminded that all Instrumental Music Offers require a written reply, preferably on the Enrolment Form provided. All new offer payments for the 2016 Instrumental Program will be dated for a January 2016 payment.

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

Instrumental Music Program 2016 – Continuing Students

Re-enrolment Forms and 2016 Invoices have been sent home to all Instrumental Music students in Year 3 – 5 continuing in the Instrumental Music Program in 2016.

ALL Instrumental Music Continuing Offers require a written reply, preferably on the Enrolment Form provided.

Final numbers for the 2016 Instrumental Music Program are currently being collated for the allocation of Instrumental Music Staff to Grand Avenue SS for 2016 by the Education Qld Metropolitan Regional Office. Please assist us in being allocated the correct number of teaching hours for each instrument and student by returning the form.

Parents/Carers are also reminded that unpaid Participation Levies for the 2016 IM Program are now overdue. Please contact Mrs Rosemary Goode at the Payments window at the school office as soon as possible if you have not yet arranged payment for your child’s levy. Instrument Hire payments will be invoiced and due for payment in January 2016.

Parents/Carers are asked to please contact Mr Craig Thorne (Deputy – Music) if they have any questions regarding the continuing process or 2016 IM Program.

Ensemble Photos – Advanced Life Photographers

Advanced Life Photographers came to Grand Avenue on Thursday 5 November and photographed the five Ensembles – Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Senior Choir, Junior Choir and Concert Band.

Parents/Carers are now able to order the Ensemble Photos online at the Advanced Life website: www.advancedlife.com.au using the code – C8T 4XQ JP2 – then click on Group Photos. The photos can be viewed in the Music Room or at the office.

To enable delivery by the end of the school year, parents are asked to place online orders by Tuesday 24 November. Late orders will be delivered to the school next year.
Grand Avenue Carol Choir

The Grand Avenue Carol Choir for 2015 is now full. Unfortunately no more students can join this year however we hope to be asked to perform again in the future when a new choir will be formed. Current Choir members are reminded that Formal Checked School Uniform with black shoes and white socks will be required at the performance on Sunday 6 December.

Please note that students must attend all rehearsals to be eligible to sing at the Community Carols performance.

Senior, Junior & Carol CHOIR, Concert BAND & STRING Ensemble REHEARSAL times

Senior Choir
Mrs Karen Gordon
There are no more Senior Choir rehearsals for 2015

Senior String Ensemble
Mr Richard Thompson
There are no more Senior String rehearsals for 2015

Junior Choir
Mrs Louise Sawyer
There are no more Junior Choir rehearsals for 2015

Concert Band
Mrs Karen Gordon
There are no more Concert Band rehearsals for 2015

Junior String Ensemble
Friday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium
Mr Richard Thompson
last rehearsal tomorrow – Week 7 Friday 20 November

Carol Choir
Friday 1.45pm – 2.45pm Music Room
Mrs Karen Gordon
last rehearsal – Week 9 Friday 4 December

ALL Choir, Band and String Ensemble MUSIC plus ALL school owned FOLDERS must now be returned to the Music Room.

Clarinet for Sale
Bond brand, bought new for $450
Comes with case, cleaning cloth, lots of spare reeds, cork grease, cigarette papers
In good condition Sell for $220
Please contact Lisa Allen on 0433 673 567

Half Size Violin for Sale
Purchased brand new Arco student violin, with new shoulder rest from Animato Strings.
12 months old, used for less than 6 months, is in exceptional condition.
$250 negotiable.
Please contact Hayley Lindsay on 0418 151 020
(Daughter goes to Grand Avenue SS, I am available to bring the violin to the school to meet and view if required.)

Full Size Violin for Sale
Includes shoulder rest, rosin, music stand.
Recently restrung.
Sell for $150
Please contact Sue on 0434 856 779
Yesterday morning there was a buzz of excitement in Kauma Hall as fifty dedicated young scientists eagerly prepared equipment and materials for their experiments. Any second now, a group of enthusiastic year 4 students would converge on our super-sized laboratory. What was to follow, turned out to be, one of the highlights of year 6 for our fabulous 2015 group.

Students in year six were given the task of organising and preparing a stimulating science experiment to be run at the Science Fair. The students worked collaboratively with a partner to ensure that what they presented was something pretty special. The goal was always to facilitate the experiments for younger students to excite them about the wonderful world of Science. The day was organised into three sessions, one in the morning and two in the middle session. Every year 6 student came prepared on the day to run their spectacular science experiment, which was a real credit to them.

During the course of the day, over 200 experiments were conducted and nearly 350 students, from years 4 and 6, actively engaged in Science learning. From a teacher’s perspective, it was wonderful to see so many children interested in Science and learning so much. The year 6s did an absolutely terrific job organising their experiments and guiding the younger students. As the day went on, the compliments continued to flow from our visiting teachers and administration team about the preparation and knowledge displayed by our year six students. They really stepped up for the occasion, and it certainly showed what this group of Grand Avenue students are capable of.

On display, there was a vast array of intriguing Science experiments including Elephant’s Toothpaste, Coke and Mentos, Oobleck, Lava Lamps, Egg in the Bottle, Exploding Lunch bag and Canister Rockets to name just a few. The list goes on and on but needless to say, there was a huge collection of Science experiments to be experienced.

Most of our year six students participated in the Science Fair when they were in year four. I think that made it extra special. In a couple of years, the year four will be in charge, just like our sixes. This was our eighth Science Fair at Grand Avenue and arguably our best. Get excited year fives. You’re next.

Before I leave you with some reflections from students who participated in the Science Fair, I’d like to thank all of the year 6 teachers for supporting the event and encouraging the students, the year 4s and their teachers for their important role in the Science Fair, Mrs Villetri and Mrs Walters for their help on the day and all the special photographers. Thank you also to the prep teachers and Mrs Watt for graciously having the company of my class throughout the day.

**Student Reflections:**

"I felt excited because I was about to be doing a whole lot of experiments which is so fun." - Renee 4E

"I thought it was great. It was so much fun. It didn't even feel like an hour."- Callum 4E

"I felt happy because there were amazing reactions that were Science." - Emily 4E

"I enjoyed it very much because it was very fun to watch and the year 6s helped us and let us do some steps.” - Avanthika 4A

"I thought the Science Fair was amazing!! The activities were so cool to watch."-Kayley 4C

"I felt very good participating at the Science Fair because I got taught how to make ice cream.” – Denvar 4C

"I felt great about it because Science is my favourite subject.” – Rhys 4C

"It was really fun. I got to try a lot of experiments.” - Humza 4A
On Friday 13th November, Anthony J. Richardson, Mr Geoff Richardson’s brother, came to our wonderful school to give the Year 6 students a talk in the library. The CSIRO employee and UQ Associate Professor specialises in climate, marine biology and mathematics. He gave the students an interesting talk about these topics and spoke of his experiences as an Associate Professor at UQ.

by Paulina and Kavya – 6B

Hi everyone,

This year is fast coming to an end. It’s been a great year for the P&C and next year will even be better! Plans are underway for our OSHC extension to go ahead early next year. This will allow an extra 25 children to attend. The school has presented a wishlist for 2016 which includes a Year 3 playground area with a stage. We are also looking to fund additional iPads for the school. At the last P&C meeting a budget was presented and next year’s events calendar. Copies are available from the office.

The tennis courts are almost finished - painting tomorrow ready for next week. The 12 new handball courts should be able to be used mid next week.

Our last fundraising event is coming up on 4th December - the last disco and twilight markets. It’s a big night for our community. Please come along and support this event. The P&C will be having a BBQ with steak burgers and sausages and there will also be a pizza van. We are in need of helpers at the canteen disco and our BBQ. If you can help out please reply to the request on the P&C Facebook page. The money raised will be going towards the school wishlist.

Regards,
Gavin Rook
P&C President

The canteen will be closed on the last day of school, Friday 11th December for cleaning and again on the first day of school, Wednesday 27th January for restocking. There will be no Flexischools operating these days or over the counter sales either.

Many thanks,
Sue Meiring
Canteen
P&C Christmas Disco  
Friday 4th December

- Junior Disco (Prep-Yr3)  6:00pm -7:15pm  
- Senior Disco (Yr4 - Yr6)  7:30pm-8:45pm  
- Entry Is $3 Per School Age Child  
- Food And Refreshments Available  
- Help Needed To Supervise The Children And in The Canteen  
- Please ensure prompt collection of children from the disco door as no children will be allowed to leave without an adult.

Thank you for your family’s support this year and have a wonderful summer holiday.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP (repeat notice)...

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 23rd November to Thursday 26th.

BACK TO SCHOOL 2016

Open dates for end of school and back to school 2016 are as follows:

Usual trading up to Thursday 10th December 2015  - 8:15am to 9:30am

Friday 11th December 2015 - closed for stocktake.

JANUARY 2015  
Thursday 21st Jan  9:00am to 2:00pm  
Friday 22nd Jan  9:00am to 2:00pm  
Saturday 23rd Jan  9:00am to 12noon  
Monday 25th Jan  8:30am to 11:30am

January is typically a very busy time of year and very long waiting times may be experienced. Orders can be placed on www.flexischools.com.au for pick up at back to school times, and online ordering is available all year round once your child is allocated a class. Orders will then be distributed through the teacher’s pigeon hole for distribution.

We also have a limited range of second hand uniforms available – stock varies throughout the year depending on supply.

We look forward to helping you with your uniform needs.

Nikki and Tracy  
Uniform Convenors
We have opened up extra times for the photo shoot on 22nd November -
8:00am – 9:00am
and
3:00 – 4:00pm
due to high demand
and also
an additional day -
Thursday 19th November
from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOREST LAKE STATE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS FOR JANUARY 2016

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The uniform shop is open for the remainder of this school year from 8am to 10.00am each school day. We accept EFTPOS, Mastercard, Visa and cash. You can also layby. An updated price list is available on the school website.

In an effort to alleviate the waiting times in January we have a booking system for the week before school starts. Please contact the uniform shop either by phone on 3714 2393 during uniform shop hours or email uniformshop@forestlakeshs.eq.edu.au. You will need to do this BEFORE December 11th as emails will not be received during the holidays. You can also just turn up and either pick an available time or take a number and wait. We highly recommend you book an appointment.

Thank you.
Fran Santin
Uniform Shop
Forest Lake State School
PO BOX 4063 Forest Lake, QLD 4078
18 High Street Forest Lake QLD 4078 | Ph: 07 3171 2333 | Fax: 07 3171 2300.
fsantG@eq.edu.au | office@forestlakeshs.eq.edu.au | www.forestlakeshs.eq.edu.au

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Richlands Scout Group

Come try Scouting

Saturday 23 January 2016
from 10am to 2pm
The Lake, Forest Lake

Scouting
- Joey—6 - 7.5 years
- Cub—7.5 - 10.5 years
- Scouts—10.5 - 14.5 years
- Venturers—14.5 - 17 years

BBQ and drinks available

Scout activities

Information

Scout display
Multi-draw raffle

For more information please contact Leader-in-charge Tania on 0402 308 182

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Healthy Families

Want to get your kids active and eating well?

The FREE PEACH™ program can help.

PEACH will be running in your local community in Term 1 - 2016.

The program covers:

- Nutrition – lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters and tips on planning ahead.
- Physical activity – the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children and how to reduce screen time.
- Parenting – setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, role modelling and how to be balanced and consistent.

PEACH runs weekly within a school term and after school hours.

Sessions are 90 minutes. Parents meet with a trained parent facilitator to discuss topics while children enjoy fun active play run by a trained child facilitator.

ENROL NOW - BY PHONE OR ONLINE.

Free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

Healthier. Happier.