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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Email - studentabsence@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

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A VERY ‘PREPPY’ CHRISTMAS!

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Dear Parents, Students and Community Members,

This is the final newsletter for 2015. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work and commitment shown by both staff and students throughout the year. We are very fortunate to have highly skilled teachers and staff coupled with Grand Avenue students who are diligent, respectful and motivated to do their very best. Importantly, our teachers and admin team work in a very collaborative manner, supporting each other and demonstrating a shared commitment to maximising the outcomes for our students.

Our students, as they leave Grand Avenue, are highly sought after by secondary schools, not only for the standard of their work but also for their high standard of behaviour, manners and respect. This reflects positively on our families and our school. I expect that, as our students grow, they will fondly recall their days here at GASS.

Our school will lose some respected members of our staff for 2016 but will gain others. Mrs Amprimo has decided to retire from teaching. On behalf of all in our community, I thank Mrs Amprimo for her excellent work with our students and wish her good health and happiness for the future. Mrs Rebecca Solomon will be taking up duties at Stretton College as leader of their Prep to Year 1 cohort. Miss Sheree Oliver will be on leave for 2016. I also extend thanks and best wishes to Mr Oisin Grennan, Mrs Danielle Kennedy and Mrs Kathryn Farr who will be moving on next year.

GASS will gain the services of Mrs Jess Woodyard, Ms Rachel Sweetnam, Mr Hermann Tuia-Thomsen and Mr Mike Van Barneveld as new class teachers and Mr Michael Duce who will be a new PE teacher.

**Staffing / Students’ classes for 2016**

This process is now complete. Students had the chance to meet their new teacher on Transition Day today.

**Reports**

Semester 2 reports will be issued to students on Tuesday 8th December. It is important to remember that these documents represent the culmination of assessments that have been carried out over the whole semester by your child’s teachers. I believe that these reports represent the sincere efforts of the great majority of our students and I commend them for that. Please take the time to discuss with students their areas of strength and those areas which might improve with a bit more effort or focus.

**Year 6 Graduation**

The Year 6 Graduation will be held on Wednesday 9th December in the auditorium. Parents are reminded that entry is by ticket only. These should have been arranged by now. Only those family members who have tickets are to attend. This ensures that no family misses out on a seat.

There will be morning tea held afterwards, to which everyone in attendance is invited.

**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.

**Clean Up Day**

Friday 11th December is the final day of school. This is a regular school day. Students and teachers will, for a period of the day, be engaged in tidying and cleaning up their rooms. Otherwise, students will be supervised and engaged in activities with their class and their class teacher, within usual school routine.

I am aware that some parents choose to keep their children at home on this day, having enjoyed their class parties on the Thursday. This is a parent’s choice, not an expectation of the school.
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

School Watch
Community members are requested to keep a watchful eye on the school these holidays. Please report any illegal activity to the Inala Police on 3737 5555 or School Watch on 13 17 88.

Thanking the P&C
The P&C has provided excellent support for the school during this year. Led by Gavin Rook and the executive, the P&C has added much towards the life of students and families in our school community. This school is fortunate to have such an active and effective P&C. It consists of a group of very dedicated parents who give a significant amount of their own time, for the betterment of the school. Your students are essentially the main beneficiaries of their efforts.

Some examples of the effectiveness of the P&C include the Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day stalls, the discos, air-conditioned classrooms, new tennis courts, support for interactive whiteboards in classrooms and providing the uniform shop and canteen to assist families, in addition to be a voice for parents in school decision making.

Our President, Gavin, will be retiring from his role in the new year. On behalf of all in our community, I convey our thanks to Gavin for his dedication to Grand Avenue and the special spirit he has engendered within the P&C.

All parents are strongly encouraged to become active members of the P&C in 2016.

I would like to thank all members of the school community for your support throughout 2015. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year at Grand Avenue. I anticipate that your support, cooperation and commitment to our school will continue in the new year.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Mick Quinn
Principal

The new school year for students begins on Wednesday 27th January, 2016.

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

A VERY ‘PREPPY’ CHRISTMAS!

THE PREP CHRISTMAS INCURSION AND WONDERFUL ARTWORK FROM PREP A!
What a quick and amazing year!

The Defence students have had a lot of fun in Defence Club over the course of the year, taking home many different craft creations we have made. The children bring a friend, have lunch and then do craft or play a board game.

The year saw us Commemorate Anzac Day with very moving Commemorations for the Prep – Year 3 and also Year 4-6. There was a good sized group who participated in the March and Commemoration with Forest Lake RSL. The senior Defence Student’s and School Captains joined in the Anzac Day Commemoration for schools in Anzac square.

For Remembrance Day the school participated in creating scrap book pages which were put into 5 scrapbooks which have been sent by Amberley DCO to Amberley personnel who have been deployed overseas. The books are called the “Book of Appreciation”. Classes with a Defence student/s were invited to participate; it was overwhelming their response and the amazing and different creations that came back. At a celebration of the completion of the Book, the school was presented with a lovely framed certificate which is now on display in the school reception area.

This last term has been busy with our preparations to farewell Defence students who are leaving due to a family posting to another base or for the year 6’s finishing their time at GASS. We celebrated the year, said goodbye to our families who are leaving and welcomed some new families who are joining us in 2016 with a sausage sizzle and games evening on Friday on the grassy triangle.

It has been a busy and great 2015.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing school holiday.

Kind regards,

Julie Watson
DSTA
Instrumental Music Program 2016

There are a few positions available in the 2016 Brass Program for 2016 Year 4 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.

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

Instrumental Music Holiday Fun & Preparation for 2016

Continuing students are reminded to check that their instrument is serviced and in good working order before school resumes on Wed 27 January. Parents are advised that good Music Retailers will have easy holiday songs and fun books that can be purchased for each individual instrument, that are a great way to keep students playing over the long break.

Ensemble Photos – Advanced Life Photographers

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


It is expected that the photos ordered now will be delivered to the school next year.

Grand Avenue Carol Choir

Choir members are reminded that **Formal Checked School Uniform with Black Shoes and White Socks** must be worn at the performance on **Sunday 6 December**.

Students are to meet Mrs Gordon at **5.45pm at the side of the stage on the Oval at St Johns Anglican College Senior School**.

*Parents are to collect students from the same location straight after they have sung.* Students will not be allowed to leave the area without a responsible adult.

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

Metropolitan Choral Honours Program – Nominations are now open for Primary students in Years 5 & 6 (in 2016) from Metropolitan Region Schools for this popular program for advanced choral students in upper Primary schools. Information for parents, plus the Information Letter and Nomination acceptance forms can be obtained from Mrs Karen Gordon in 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

Christmas Carols

Forest Lake Community Christmas Carols are happening this Sunday 6 December, starting from 5pm. Performances will begin at 6pm, including the Grand Avenue State School Carols Choir. Come down to the St John’s Anglican College Secondary campus oval (College Avenue) and join in the fun! Santa will be dropping in, and the evening will conclude with fireworks at 8.15pm. A gold coin donation will be taken to support school chaplaincy in our local area.

Holiday camps

SU Qld offer a number of holiday camps over the Christmas break. Details are at http://sucamps.org.au, or see Chappy Erin for more info.

Camp Capers is one of the camps on offer, for students who will be in year 5, 6 or 7 in 2016.

Mon 4 Jan 2016 - Fri 8 Jan 2016 - $275 + $30 Transport (optional).
Hi everyone,

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2015. It's been a big year for our school and the P&C. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved this year - from those who helped out for an hour or two to those whose efforts was amazing. A special mention goes to Donna Clark who has driven our fundraising business to new heights.

Thank you too, to our business unit teams in the Uniform Shop, Canteen and OSHC. All lead by Sue, Nikki and Anita. Thanks to you and your teams.

To our Exec Team, it’s been a pleasure to work with you all this year - Ian, Maree (banking magic lady), Kylie and Naomi - I think it’s all been worth it! Thank you.

Here is a rundown of what we have achieved this year.

1. Paid $100,000 towards new prep playground (February).
2. Spent $10,000 on painting and new equipment at OSHC (March).
3. Constructed a storage shed for P&C/OSHC costing $15,000.
4. New Year 1 playground plus upgrade on old playground including sandpit costing $40,000.
5. Donated $8,000 to replace old whiteboards.
6. Donated to the school $20,500.
7. Paid the school $20,000 rent for OSHC.
8. Donated $5,000 to our Chaplaincy program.
9. Fundraised almost $75,000 from events like discos, EKKA Day, Mother and Father’s Day stalls, 5 cent drive, portrait shots.
10. Tennis court on our oval - $76,000.

Overall we have delivered over $264,000 to our school directly. A fantastic result. Please come and support our last events for this year, the disco/twilight markets this Friday night. Come down for dinner at the markets. We have steak burgers, sausage sizzle and pizza! Food is from 5pm.

Thanks again everyone, hope to see you Friday night. Have a great holiday!

Regards,

Gavin Rook
P&C President

REMINDER! 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.

• Come dressed in Christmas themed clothes if you wish!

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

UNIFORM SHOP

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 stock take.

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 with deliveries being made to 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.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Tracy and Nikki
Uniform Shop Convenors
FOREST LAKE STATE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS FOR JANUARY 2016 – Repeat Notice

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th – 9.00am to 12.00pm
Thursday 21st – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday 22nd – 9.00am to 12.00pm
Saturday 23rd – 8.30am to 11.30am
Monday 25th (pupil free day) – 7.30am to 10.30am
Tuesday 26th – Closed
Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th – 7.30am to 10.30am

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 High School
PO BOX 4053 Forest Lake, QLD 4078
16 High Street Forest Lake QLD 4078 | Ph: 07 3714 2333 | Fax: 07 3714 2390
forestlakeshs@eq.edu.au | office@forestlakeshs.eq.edu.au | www.forestlakeshs.eq.edu.au

Dear Parents
Has your child had a free healthy mouth check-up this year, especially those children starting or finishing school?

Metro South Oral Health is committed to improving the oral health of our children.

Simply call 1300 300 850, Tue-Fri 7:30-4:00pm to arrange a free dental appointment.

Our dental clinics are open over the school holidays so call to arrange a dental appointment today.

Who is eligible for free dental care?

- All children age 4 through to grade 10
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule
- Adults & children who hold a current:
  - Centrelink Card
  - Health Care Card
  - Pension Concession Card
  - Seniors card

1. Time for a dental checkup?

2. Telephone 1300 300 850

3. Attend the appointment with your child

The University of Queensland Hockey Club

COME & TRY DAY

Hockey is fun, fast & exciting. Come down and give it a go for free!

WHEN & WHERE
29th Nov - St John’s Anglican College (Secondary School), College Ave, Forest Lake
6th Dec - Oval 5A (Athletics Track), The University of Queensland, St Lucia
TIME | 9:30am - 11:00am
WHAT TO BRING | Joggers, all other equipment provided

For more information or to register your interest, contact:
juniors@uqhockey.com.au
or Neil Shewry 0485 588 374
Brett Holland (Jnr boys) 0478 215 628
David Herman (Jnr girls) 0418 889 924
www.uqhockey.com.au
This is the final newsletter for the year!

The entire school community thanks Mr Mick Quinn for his wonderful contribution to Grand Avenue throughout 2015. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well for the future.

To our students who are moving on to high school or transferring - all the best!

To all returning next year, see you Wednesday, 27th January 2016!

Have a safe and happy holiday!!