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,

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

This week, an invitation has been forwarded to parents to attend meetings with their child/ren’s teachers. These meetings will be held in the first two weeks after holidays. The parent/teacher meetings are an important sharing time when teachers and parents can engage in focused dialogue on student progress and performance. Strong collaboration between teachers and parents maximises student learning opportunities.

In order that productive conversations can evolve from the parent-teacher conference, parents are encouraged to prepare for the meetings by considering:-

- Asking your child if there is anything he/she would like discussed with their teacher.
- Are there any questions you would like to ask the teacher? It’s a good idea to write them down.

The teacher would like to know a little about your child’s family life, hobbies, feelings and interest. Knowing such things is usually helpful in the teaching process. Take a few notes during the meeting. Review them when you get home and start right away on the action steps that you and the teacher have agreed upon. It is powerful when parents and teachers work cohesively to support students.

Are you concerned about something your child has told you about the class, the school or the teacher? It’s best to ask your teacher rather than another parent or child. Be reasonable about what you expect from your child’s teacher and the amount of special attention he/she can give in a class of twenty-five to twenty-eight. Ask how you can help the teacher by assisting your child at home.

These meetings enable parents and teachers to develop a common focus on student’s learning. This meeting need not be your only contact with your child’s teacher. Please feel free to make other mutually-convenient appointments. Our school values the interest and views of parents. Please take an active role in the meeting process. I look forward to as many parents as possible meeting with their child’s class teacher to improve their learning capacity and strengthen the home-school partnership.

The invitation documentation requires parents to nominate some preferred times for interviews and to return a form to the class teacher. A schedule of appointments will be collated, as close to the nominated times submitted by parents. Teachers will then provide a slip to parents to confirm a meeting time.

The Parent-teacher meetings scheduled for Tuesday 21st April from 3pm onwards, will be held in the auditorium. All other meetings will be held in students’ classrooms.

**Parents in School**

Our school welcomes parents into the school. However, it must be clear that our students are our priority and their welfare and privacy must be protected.

In recent weeks, there have been incidents when a parent has taken it upon himself/herself to chastise a student for their involvement in an incident with their own child. This choice is inappropriate.

At our school, any issues that a parent may have about a child other than their own child, must be reported to a staff member. Staff members can then investigate and address the incident in a fair, reasonable, balanced manner. Staff members can deal with the incident effectively and ensure fairness, respect and privacy are respected. This also allows consequences to be applied in a fair way. In most cases, despite a parent having the best of intentions, their involvement in such incidents raises the point of bias – of the issue not being dealt with fairly.

All parents are asked to observe the above policy of our school, within the school and while students are travelling to/from school.
P&C 2015 Executive

At a very positive Annual General Meeting of the Grand Avenue Parents and Citizens Association the following executive was elected for 2015.

President – Gavin Rook
Vice President – Maree Simmich
Secretary – Kylie Gates
Treasurer – Ian Watson
Assistant Treasurer – Naomi Henry

Congratulations to these parents for stepping forward to be the leaders of our parent body at the school. I look forward to working with the executive and the P&C throughout 2015. I believe it is the responsibility of all parents to step forward and support the P&C in the best way you are able.

Grand Avenue Anzac Day Commemoration

This year the school will be holding two Anzac Day Commemorations on Friday the 24th of April. The ceremony is an important way our school community commemorates Anzac Day and the service of our Defence Forces both in the past and present. Family and friends of students are welcome to join our school community at either or both services. Defence members are welcome to attend in uniform.

Years 4-6 Anzac Day Commemoration ceremony will be held in the Auditorium at 9.00am.
Prep – Year 3 Anzac Day Commemoration ceremony will be held in the Auditorium at 11.45am.

Sale of Anzac Day badges

Grand Avenue will be selling Anzac Day badges for the Forest Lake RSL at school in the first week of term two.

Flowers for Anzac Day Wreaths

At the Commemoration ceremonies each grade level will lay a wreath. We would ask if you could assist the teachers who make the wreaths by providing some flowers to your child’s classroom teacher on Thursday 23/4 or by 8.15am on Friday 24/4 for Year 4-7, and 8.40am for Prep-3. If you are able to assist with making the wreaths, that too would be greatly appreciated, see your class teacher. Thank you for your assistance, it is greatly appreciated.

Forest Lake Anzac Day March and Commemoration Service

The Forest Lake March and Commemoration service will be held on Saturday 25th April at the Lake Amphitheatre. The school will be taking part in the march and if you would like to represent the school you are invited to meet at the start point of the march. Meet at 8.15am behind the Salvation Army Community Centre, High St. The march will set off at 9.00am. Please wear full school uniform, parents and non GASS siblings are welcome to walk alongside our school group. The March will finish at the Lake Amphitheatre for the 9.30am Commemoration service.

Cross Country 2015

The cross country events for students who turn 9, 10 11 or 12 by 31st Dec 2015, will be held on Wednesday 1st April on the school oval.

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The school team for District Cross Country will be the first six place-getters in 10 years and 11 years, boys and girls separate.
QSchools Push Update

Since the last newsletter, unfortunately we have had no additional downloads of the QSchools app. I ask everyone to encourage other families to take up the opportunity to have important information sent directly to a mobile device. We have over 850 families at the school so it would be great to see an increase next term.

Easter Holidays

School breaks next Thursday for the Easter holidays. I extend my best wishes to all families for an enjoyable Easter and the following holidays. I hope you enjoy the change to routine of not having to get up and get going each morning.

School returns on Monday 20th April. There will be some teachers, office staff, cleaners and grounds staff at the school during the holidays as well as the OSHC vacation program. If anyone witnesses any persons on the school premises who are not engaged in an official capacity, please ring School Watch on 13 17 88.

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

Preps to Walk and Talk to School

Wednesday 1st April

8:20am depart

Park and meet on Woogaroo Street between Grand Avenue and Johnson Road

Please park on the school side of Woogaroo Street

By walking together we will create a walking bus!

Children must be accompanied by an adult

PARENTS on your way back gather at the Grand Bakery for a coffee and chat.

This is an activity coordinated by the Active Travel Team at GASS.
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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.

The $50 Student Resource Scheme payment is now overdue. Please finalise payment ASAP if you have not already done so. The Parent Voluntary Contribution of $40 per student is also payable now and is greatly appreciated.

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**Attention: Year 1 Parents**

**Swimming Dates:**

- Monday 23 February
- Monday 2 March
- Monday 9 March
- Monday 16 March
- Monday 23 March
- Monday 30 March

If you would like to assist with these lessons please see your child’s teacher directly.

Please ensure that each item of your child’s uniform and swimming gear is clearly labelled with their name.

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**UNCLAIMED SCOOTERS**

Once again we have a number of unclaimed scooters that have been left in the bike lock-ups. If your child is missing a scooter, please come to the office and offer a description. We would love to reunite them with their owners. In a few weeks, any that remain unclaimed will be taken to the Inala police station.
Music and Wellbeing - Did you know?

Music makes a contribution to kids’ development that no other subject can match
“Music education uniquely contributes to the emotional, physical, social and cognitive growth of all students.” National Review of School Music Education, Australia, 2005

Learning music is good for Australia’s social and economic growth
The Australian business community wants kids to learn music at school. The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) delivered its ‘Skills for a Nation: A Blueprint for Improving Training and Education Policy 2007 – 2017’. Among its fifteen recommendations for improving children’s education in the primary years was: ‘There should be an opportunity for all students to learn a musical instrument in primary school.’

P & C Easter Raffle

The Music Support Group is generously running a raffle to benefit the Instrumental Music Program at Grand Avenue. Thank you to the parents and students who have so far donated Easter goodies to create the raffle prizes. Donations are still being collected in the Instrumental Music Room.

Students in each Choir & Instrumental Ensemble have been given a small number of raffle tickets to sell to family, friends and neighbours. There are still tickets available to be sold if you are able. Please collect more from the Classroom Music Room

All ticket stubs and money need to be returned before WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL to the collection box in the Classroom Music Room please.
Assembly Performances
Grand Avenue Ensembles having been presenting their talent and persistent effort this semester to the school community during this last week. Congratulations to the Senior Band and Miss Marshall who performed ‘Bunyip Blues’ with a jaunty swing at the Yr 4-6 Principal Assembly last Wednesday.

Thank you to Mrs Sawyer and the Junior Choir who sang beautifully ‘Que Sera Sera’ for the Prep/Yr 1 Principal Assembly on Monday and yesterday the Senior String Ensemble (photo) impressed the Yr 2/3 Principal Assembly with their mesmerising performance.

Lesson Preparation
Students and parents are reminded that for improvement and progress to be made on any musical instrument, attention to correct equipment and supplies for their instrument is of the same importance as home practice and on time attendance to lessons. Please use the Easter break to restock reeds, rosin and valve oil as well as ensuring you have a working instrument and the correct books ready to commence Term 2. Lists of requirements and names of Instrument repairers can be obtained from the Instrumental Music Teachers.

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.

Prep/Yr 1 Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 2nd April at 9.00am in Kauma Hall, the students from Prep and Year 1 will be participating in an Easter Hat Parade.
We would like you to join us as our students showcase their hats for families and friends. They are currently learning many Easter songs in classroom music lessons to sing on the day. For Year 1 parents, please help your child to create and prepare a special Easter Hat to wear for the parade. The Prep students are making their Easter hats in class. Please bring your money to buy an Easter Raffle ticket. All welcome!!

_We look forward to seeing you there!_
**YEAR 2 & 3**

**EASTER CELEBRATION**

On **Thursday 2nd April** the Year 2 & 3’s will be having a special Assembly. This will be a final Assembly before the holidays. During the afternoon the children will be singing some Easter Songs that they have been learning over the past few weeks during their Music Lessons.

We would love parents/ grandparents etc. to attend and join in the afternoon’s singing. There will be no requirements for an Easter hat.

The Assembly will begin at **2:00pm** and will probably go until **2:45pm**. We hope to see you there!

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**YEAR 5 HANDS ON HISTORY**

19 March 2015
FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT....

AGM President’s Report
17 March 2015

Throughout the last year I have seen many dedicated P&C members, parents as well as members of the school contributing to making Grand Avenue State School a better place for our children. This included finishing the air-conditioning and the Prep playground.

The P&C contributed nearly $200,000 to the school through the hard work of those involved in the business units as well as the fundraising efforts of many, along with the support of their families.

The canteen continues to do great work in providing an online ordering canteen and popular red days throughout the year. This is a great service for many busy parents and is a testament to Sue and her team’s hard work.

The P&C welcomed Anita as our new coordinator to Outside School Hours Care (OSHC). The facilities have had a much needed facelift and purchase of new equipment making it a more professional and fun place for the many children who attend throughout the year. Thank you to the dedicated team.

The uniform shop has continued to provide exceptional service to our parents and student body. This is a great effort, with over 1200 students at the school, and our thanks must go to Nikki & Tracy for managing this so efficiently.

In addition to the great work in the business units the P&C has managed to raise approximately $70,000 over the year. A big ‘thank you’ to Louise and Donna and the team for the fundraising activities they have organised throughout the year, including Discos, Mother’s & Father’s Day stalls, Spell-a-thon, Cookie dough drives and who could forget the fantastic EKKA day last year.

Supporting all of this activity we continue to run the markets and BBQ once a month which is significantly adding to the fundraising.

All of this activity and the combined efforts from previous years has allowed us to finalise the installation of air-conditioning in the school. The feedback from parents and teachers alike is overwhelmingly positive and confirms the benefits to the students in increasing their attention span and ability to cope on those hotter days.

I would also like to thank the school staff for their continued support and for working together when dealing with the issues facing our school.

Lastly I would like to thank the members of the P&C for your time at our meetings, involved in fundraising activities and the many other things you do for the school and P&C. A special thanks to the executive who have done so much – Donna, Ian, Maree and Kylie, you are a fantastic group to work with.

Regards,
Gavin Rook

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P&C CANTEEN RED DAY - TOMORROW!
SWEETS & TREATS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT 1ST & 2ND BREAK PLAY TIMES.
FLEXISCHOOLS ONLY AS NORMAL FOR LUNCH ORDERS.

Easter Egg giveaways!

P&C Easter Disco!
27 March

Junior Disco (Prep—Yr 3)
6.00pm—7.15pm

Senior Disco (Yr 4-6)
7.30pm—8.45pm

$3 each school age child

#Food & refreshments available
#All proceeds benefit the school community
#Volunteers needed for the canteen and supervision

Please note that no child will be allowed to leave without an adult. Therefore please ensure prompt collection from the door of Kama Hall
KID’S CLUB FOR GRADES 5 & 6

“Priority One” exists to work with young people in the 10-12 year old age range (Grades 5-6).

Where: Priority One meets Friday fortnightly from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

Venue: 528 Waterford Road Ellen Grove.

The Aims are:
1. Help young people discover their own understanding of God.
2. Help young people discover something about themselves.
3. Help young people have fun amongst their peers.
4. Help young people be involved in community service projects.

Contact Rev Russell on 0429 472567 or email on rev.russell@bigpond.com if your child is interested in joining the group or if you need more details.

The group meets fortnightly

Commences 24th April 2015
Changes to the School Dental Program

Good dental health begins at home. That’s why we’re making changes to our school dental program to give all parents the opportunity to be involved in their children’s dental care.

What’s changing?

We now ask that a parent or legal guardian attends every dental appointment with their child. To fit in with busy families, we’re offering free treatment at any of Metro South Health’s public clinics across the region.

That means you will now need to book an appointment for you and your child; we will no longer arrange appointments through your child’s school.

When you attend the appointment, you will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns and receive expert advice from our oral health professionals about your child’s dental care. Research shows that children have better long-term dental health if their parents understand their unique dental needs.

How can I make an appointment?

Simply call our new telephone line – 1300 300 850 – to arrange an appointment at a time and location convenient for you.

Who is eligible?

- All children 4 years old through to year 10 students
- Students in years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrlink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 0-3 year olds who have a current Centrlink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

For more information, visit health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth