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,

Welcome
A warm welcome to parents, students and staff to the new term. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

The new term will again be very busy. Critical within this term is our teaching and learning program culminating in assessment and reporting to parents. Every child will receive a written report at the end of the term. This will be an account of the student's progress and achievements in class.

Naplan will be important for Years 3 and 5 students. The best preparation for Naplan is the teaching and learning that occurs within the class program, with some “test awareness”. The work undertaken across all year levels in recent years gives us confidence that our Naplan results will continue to grow.

There are many activities this term, including Under 8’s Day, the “Jail for Bail” promotion to support the Chaplaincy program, a Book Fair and a Gala Concert to showcase the achievements of our music program, as well as a range of year level activities.

Parents are encouraged to stay up to date with school activities, especially through this newsletter which is available each fortnight. Please ensure payment is made by the due dates. Parents will receive considerable advance notice of due payments. Late payment cannot be accepted.

Maximum Attendance
Research clearly shows that full attendance at school translates to each child being better placed to achieve their maximum individual potential in his/her studies. The “Every Day Counts” strategy, promoted by Education Qld, clearly places full attendance as a major priority. To maximise attendance, parents are encouraged to communicate the importance of full attendance to their children, assist by organising activities and appointments before/after school and to report any absences to the class teacher.

Late Arrival at School
The first bell rings at 8:40am each day. At this time, students line up, ready to enter their classroom. Our expectation is that students are beginning learning at 8:45am. When students are on time to begin the day immediately upon entering the classroom, they receive information about the day, are able to begin working immediately and other students are not distracted. Late arrival can be overcome, as long as all families assist. I am aware that before school is busy in every household but by establishing set routines and ensuring the students are contributing towards getting ready to go to school, it can be easier. An arrival at approximately 8:30am is ideal.

To make most benefit from a prompt start to the school day, teachers are instructed to mark the roll immediately after entering their classroom in the morning. This means that students who arrive at school after the 8:45am bell, are to report to the school office to gain a "late slip". This change is from the previous cut-off time of 9:00am, in recognition of the importance of the prime learning time that is being wasted each morning.

Grand Avenue Anzac Day Commemorations
This year the school will again be holding two Anzac Day Commemorations, tomorrow, Friday the 24th of April. These ceremonies are 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.

The Years 4 – 6 ceremony will be held in the Auditorium at 9:00am.

The Prep – Year 3 ceremony will be held in the Auditorium at 11:45am.
**Anzac Day Badges**
Unfortunately, the Forest Lake RSL was not able to supply the school with Anzac Day Badges this year due to a lack of supply so sadly we will not be selling them at the school this week.

Forest Lake RSL will be selling Anzac Day badges at Forest Lake Shopping Centre this week.

**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 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 Community 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.

**Senior Cross Country**
The cross country for Years 4 to 6 was held on Tuesday, after having been postponed from before Easter. There were some students from Year 3 participate due to the fact that the majority of students in a year level are not all of the same age.

Congratulations to all students who participated in their respective events. Participation was the overall aim of the events and a high level was achieved.

The age champions for the events are as follows:

9 yrs Boy: Allister Hughes  
9 yrs Girl: Saarah Dewhurst-Wode  
10 yrs Boy: Ethan White  
10 yrs Girl: Ella Bradshaw  
11 yrs Boy: Toby Josefsen  
11 yrs Girl: Madeline Rushmore  
12/13 yrs Boy: Cameron Randolph  
12/13 yrs Girl: Georgia Arthur-Wornham

*Pictured L-R: Madeline, Toby, Georgia and Cameron*
The overall house results were –

1st – Kingfisher  3rd – Sunbird  2nd – Lorikeet  4th – Firetail

Congratulations to Kingfisher house for your collective efforts.

The school team will be composed of students from each event in the 10 to 12 years age groups. 13 year old students must finish ahead of the sixth placed 12 year old to be considered. Students eligible to attend the district cross country tomorrow, Friday 24th April, have been advised. Best wishes to these students tomorrow.

Thanks to Mr Walter and Mr Bright for their assistance in setting up the oval and to all members of staff for performing their various roles to ensure the events are conducted safely and successfully.

Cross country events for Prep to Year 3 students will be held on 16th September.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews with your child’s/ren’s classroom teachers began on Monday and will continue until Thursday 30th April. Appointment times will have been confirmed by your child’s teacher. The conferences enable parents and teachers to develop a common focus on students’ learning. Please take an active role in the conference 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. If you have not yet confirmed a meeting with your child’s teacher, please make contact with the teacher to do so.

On Tuesday afternoon/evening, the school trialled holding all parent-teacher meetings in the auditorium/library until 8:00pm. The process was very successful and well received by parents and teachers.

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.

NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 3 and 5 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 12-14 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas. Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing.

Further information is available on the ACARA website, http://www.nap.edu.au/.

Winter Uniforms

Parents are reminded that all students are required to wear the full school uniform. During the cooler weather, students are required to wear either navy or maroon coloured track suits and jumpers. Full navy tights/stockings under the dress uniform are currently acceptable. It is not acceptable to wear tights/leggings with only a school shirt. Black school shoes or sports joggers are essential footwear.

The uniform shop is open from 8:15am to 9:30am Monday to Friday and orders can also be placed through the Flexischools website – www.flexischools.com.au.

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 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.
3 Things Parents Must Tell Their Children When They Begin a Musical Instrument

Anthony Mazzocchi

Hopefully your child will begin a musical instrument through their school music program. If so, when they bring home their instrument for the first time, it is more than just an exciting day...

...It is an opportunity...

...Perhaps one of the greatest opportunities in your child’s life thus far.

Here are three things parents need to know and be able to express to their child as soon as they begin learning to play a musical instrument:

1. **“You are allowed to fail, and you will become better because of your failures.”** There are no red pen marks for missed notes in music the way there are on tests — there is nothing to feel bad about when you play something “wrong” in music. To become skilled at a musical instrument — and to become great at anything — one needs to struggle a little. In your child’s case, they need to sound bad before they sound good; they need to work on things just beyond what they are capable of in order to get better and smarter, and that means they need to make mistakes. There is a small gap between what we all are able to do and where we want to be, and focusing on that gap makes us better learners and better people. Learning a musical instrument allows us to grow from our mistakes.

2. **“Hard works trumps talent every single time.”** Practicing a skill over and over, the right way, fires circuits in our brains that solidify that skill. Sure, some people find some skills easier at first than others, but the people who practice that skill daily in order to “burn it” into their brain will always far surpass people who don’t practice enough. Practicing a musical instrument helps children learn the universal truth that hard work trumps talent.

3. **“This is a long-term commitment, and we are going to stick with it.”** Studies have shown that students who identified that they would play their instrument for longer than one year outperformed students who only committed to one year of playing by up to 400% – practicing the same amount of time if not less! The ideas and mindsets students bring to their musical instrument study have a direct effect on their success, and it’s the parents’ role to set the tone on the first day by not giving their child an “easy out” to quit. Make the decision to invest in your child’s music education for at least a few years of their schooling and you will see results.
ANZAC Day Services

Students in the Senior String Ensemble and Senior Choir are to come to school tomorrow (Friday 25 April) in their Music Uniform ready for the Senior ANZAC Day Service at 9am in the Auditorium. Please remember shoes must be black and preferably leather like, black socks are also to be worn. Hair that is below the collar of the white shirt is to be tied up with a Navy ribbon, scrunchie or like to cover the hair band please. Remember to pack a normal school uniform to change into after the service.

The Senior Choir will also be singing at the Junior ANZAC Day Service at 12 noon in the Auditorium.

Gala Concert

Students and parents are advised that the Gala Concert for Semester 1 will be held in Week 6 of this term on Wednesday 27 May at 6.30pm in the school Auditorium. Students performing in this first concert for the year include the Junior and Senior String Ensembles, the Senior Band and the Junior and Senior Choirs. These students will be required at school from 6pm. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for their ensemble. Further information will be sent home shortly.

All students and their families interested in the Instrumental Music Program at Grand Avenue are cordially invited to attend this concert.

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 ensure that your child has the correct reeds, rosin and valve oil as well as 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.

Instrumental Music Reports

A reminder to students that your Instrumental Music Teacher is starting to prepare a written Semester 1 Report that is sent home with your Academic Report at the end of this term. Attention to music assessment dates and requirements for assessment, is highly recommended.

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 all,

I hope everyone had a great Easter holiday!

One of the events that I attended during the holidays reminded me of how grateful I am for the community of people that are part of my life. That is not only my family, and friends that I have had for years, but also the people that I see every day here at school. Our school staff put so much time and effort into preparing our children to be adults one day, but parents, carers and other trusted adults are also very important in the lives of our young people.

I saw some great examples of how encouraging and supportive we can be of each other last Tuesday... We had some great weather for the senior students’ Cross Country event. As well as the beautiful weather, it was great to see such a positive atmosphere from the school community. Some of the students showed amazing athletic ability, but it was so good to see all competitors trying to achieve their best, and everyone, parents and teachers and students, encouraging each other on the way.

Holiday Camps!

For info about camps (for primary and high school aged children) that are planned for the June-July holidays, please contact Chappy Erin on 3372 0555 or chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au.

What does a School Chaplain do?

A School Chaplain is a safe person for young people to connect with at school and provides a listening ear, caring presence, and a message of hope. Chaplains run positive, fun activities for students and assist in fostering supportive, caring school communities. Working with other members of the school’s support team, the Chaplain cares for students struggling with issues such as difficult relationships with other children or family members, poor self-esteem, family breakdown, and depression. Our school Chaplain is available to provide pastoral care to students, and to provide support to parents and staff as needed.

Erin Mawhinney
School Chaplain
Email: chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
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Entertainment Books are also available to purchase from the uniform shop, or contact Donna Clark at gassfundraising@gmail.com.

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- Gifts available $1 - $15
- Venue - Auditorium
- All profits to P&C Fundraising Committee.

On Friday morning, the Stall will be open from 8:15am

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**SUNDAY 10TH MAY!**
PRIORITY ONE- A Kids Club

is an activity of the Forest Lake Uniting Church.

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

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).

When: 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.

Commences 24th April 2015