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**NEWSLETTER**

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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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| Fri 19 June | P&C Winter Disco - Prep to Yr 3  
              |                 Years 4 to 6  
              |                 6.00pm – 7.15pm  
              |                 7.30pm – 8.45pm |
| Mon 22 & Tues 23 June | Athletics Carnival – 10 to 12 Years |
| Tues 23 June | P&C Canteen Meal Deal                                      |
| Wed 24 June | Athletics Carnival – Prep/Year 1                           |
| Thurs 25 June | Athletics Carnival – Years 2/3                            |
| Fri 26 June | Final Day of Term 2                                        |
| Mon 29 June – Fri 10 July | WINTER VACATION                                             |
| Mon 13 July | School Resumes – Term 3                                    |
| Tues 21 July | Gold Rush Excursion – Year 5                              |
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Dear Parents,

**Hitting the High Notes with Music**

Last Wednesday evening, the school held a “Gala Evening” in the auditorium. Our music groups performed during the evening, showcasing their progress at this stage of the year.

Almost a full auditorium of parents and family members enjoyed the presentations of the Junior and Senior Choir, the Junior and Senior Strings groups and the Junior and Senior Instrumental Groups. Students are obviously enjoying their commitment to the program as is clearly evident in their performances. At this stage of the year, the overall standard of presentation by our groups is very impressive. As they develop further throughout the year, further growth will be evident. This will be wonderful to see.

Our music teachers promote positive engagement in the program, but at the same time engender a shared commitment to achieving high standards. Mrs Gordon and Mrs Lanham-Sawyer (Choirs), Ms Martin (Woodwind), Ms Marshall (Instrumental) and Mr Thompson (Strings) are thanked for their commitment to the program and to our students. Our thanks are extended to all members of staff who attended the evening to assist with the various groups to be prepared to perform.

All groups are missing the leadership previously shown by our more experienced Year 7’s. The instrumental group have both the Year 4’s and the Year 5’s in their first year of instruction. Participation in the music program does require a high level of commitment from students and their families. Attending practices early in the morning and at lunchtimes is not always easy. However, what students get out of school is directly proportional to what they put in to school. Their efforts are being well rewarded. Music will stay with students for the rest of their live and it is one avenue that they can continue in secondary school and beyond.

Information will be provided to parents of students in Year 2 (Strings) and Year 3 (Instrumental) later in the year regarding enrolment into these programs for 2016.

**Student Attendance / Exemption from Compulsory Attendance**

Student attendance at school is compulsory. It is a legal requirement for parents, as the responsible persons, to ensure students are attending school daily. Maximising a student’s attendance significantly increases a child’s capability to learn and experience success at school and indeed later life.

Parents should avoid making decisions which result in students being unnecessarily absent from school. This includes family holidays, which should be planned to occur during school vacations. When it is necessary and unavoidable for a student to be absent from school for a period of 10 consecutive days or greater, the Principal has the authority to approve an “exemption” which excuses parents from their legal obligation to ensure that their child is actually attending a school. Situations when an exemption may be approved include illness, family reasons and cultural or religious reasons. “Family reasons” does not include a 2 week holiday at the beach but may apply if the family was to visit an ill grandparent interstate or overseas.

When parents are advising the school office that a student is to be absent for 10 consecutive days or more, this may be done by providing a letter which details the intended dates of absence, reasons for absence and intended date of return or by completing a designated form available at the front desk.

Please contact the front office if you are unsure about any matter related to this issue. If an “exemption” is approved, your child is not recorded as being officially absent.

**Qld Day Presentations**

On Friday this week i.e. 5th June, our local member of state parliament, Ms Leeanne Enoch is scheduled to visit the school. Ms Enoch will be presenting certificates to two students from classes from Year 3 to 6, in association with Qld Day (officially June 6th). Each class teacher has identified two students, 1 boy and 1 girl, from their class who would be worthy of a certificate. The criteria to guide selection of these students is as follows:
1. Consistently striving to do their best
2. Contributing towards the class community – cohesiveness, spirit, morale.
3. Treating adults and peers with dignity and respect.

These criteria are consistent with our school values. Parents of students who are to receive certificates will be advised prior to Friday.

**Reconciliation Week**

This week is Reconciliation Week. Teachers will conduct a conversation in classes with students about the importance of reconciliation.

Year 4 to 6 classes may have used the following video as a good discussion starter. [http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s4239944.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s4239944.htm)

Prep & Year 1 were read a story about Reconciliation on assembly this week.

**National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All State Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection. The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Parents can be assured that Education Qld will not provide to another organisation, any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Parents would be aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child, as developed through the Individual Support Plan development process. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of Education Qld, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please advise Ms Miranda, our HOSES.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

**Dogs in School Grounds**

Dogs are not permitted to be brought into the school grounds. This is not a direction against dog owners but necessary in the usually rare chance that a dog may be upset and cause concerns for students. School yards, particularly entry/exit gates are busy places, increasing the chance that a friendly family pet could become upset. It is requested that dog owners who have brought their dog to collect students, locate themselves some way away from busy areas.

**Car Park Etiquette**

Parents should have received a letter last week in relation to safety around the school for pedestrians and for drivers. Your attention is also brought to the following:

- The drop off / collection zone on Centennial Way must be used appropriately. Drivers are to drop off or collect students here. The time a vehicle should be within this designated zone should not be longer than approx. 2 minutes. Drivers must not leave their vehicle. (Last week several parents parked their car in this zone and walked into the school, inconveniencing dozens of other parents who use it as a stop/drop/go. Police are aware of this behaviour.
The council is considering the repainting of the crossings immediately outside the gates in the front car park.

Parents are discouraged from dropping their child at school while in the central passage of the front car park – it is much safer if parents park and then allow their children to leave the car.

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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<th>Uniform Shop</th>
<th>3879 8695 <a href="mailto:gasspandc@hotmail.com">gasspandc@hotmail.com</a></th>
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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.
INFLUENZA (FLU) SEASON


Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.

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Thank you to the families who participated in the National Walk to School Day. A small and hearty crew left Woogaroo Street aboard the Pirate Ship with sails set and pirates at the helm. We picked up some more crew at the corner near the bakery. Thank you Mr Quinn for meeting us at our destination. Stickers and balloons were given to all participants - a fine reward for a big day out at sea ......RRRRrrrrrrr.

Captain Vellnagel reporting.
Approximately 30 students took part in a free Brisbane City Council Scooter Skills Training program last Thursday!

WELL DONE TRYathletes!

Congratulations to TRYathletes from Grand Avenue State School!

5 students from Grand Avenue State School (Forest Lake) took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at the Sleeman Sports Complex, Chandler on 17th May, 2015.

These TRYathletes from Grand Avenue State School (Forest Lake) are:

- Ella Bradshaw
- Sonny-Jae Downer
- Brooke Dunstan
- Praya Lio
- Leone Solomona

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon will be returning once again in 2016 and we hope to see you then.

Brett Lee
National Ambassador
Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

For more information on the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon visit try.weetbix.com.au

Please note: these names are students who registered online before the registration close date and may not include those who registered after the registration close date, on the day of the event or whose school name may have been entered incorrectly at the time of registration.
I was fully overwhelmed with the fantastic level of support that families gave for the students at our recent Gala Evening. The students performed excellently and were a credit to themselves, the performance groups, their families and the school. Thank you to all who made the evening a success including families, instrumental support group, students, supervising staff and the entire Music Department.

Our beginner strings students also took part in the beginner strings camp with Forest Lake students at Grand Avenue last Friday which on all accounts was a wonderful success. Thanks to Mr Thompson and Mrs Hemmings for providing this opportunity.

Craig Thorne
DP – Music Department

**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.*
Jail for Bail

To celebrate Chappy Week, we held “Jail for Bail” at Forest Lake Village on Saturday 23 May. THANK YOU to Deputy Principal, Mrs Sharyn Brown, Bernie Ripoll MP, Rev Russell Reynoldson and the other volunteers who agreed to be ‘locked up’ for the morning. Thank you to all who came to visit, and donated money to help Mrs Brown get out of jail. Donations collected on the day are going to support Chaplaincy at Grand Avenue State School.

Thank you to everyone who currently supports the chaplaincy service (by giving their time or money) government funding only covers two days a week for our school. If you would like to help, please contact Chaplain Erin or see www.suqld.org.au for information about how to donate.

Forest Lake Day Camp

The Uniting Church are running a children’s day camp from the 7th-10th July, for children in Grades 1-6. For Registration and information go online to forestlakeuca.org.au/daycamp, or ring Rev Russell on 0429 472 567. Cost of camp is $75.

Footy Camp

Here’s a great holiday camp option for boys (Grade 6, 8 and 9) who love the rough and tumble! Footy Camp! And it’s not just footy (Rugby League). There’s dragon boating, beach games, Zorb Ball games, The Footy Camp Show and much more! See Chappy Erin or www.sucamps.org.au/footycamp for more details.

Erin Mawhinney
Chaplain
Grand Avenue State School
07 3372 0555
chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
Hi everyone

We have had a few enquires about paying by cash for our upcoming Meal Deal at the canteen. I am pleased to say you can now pay by cash at the canteen up to the cut-off date on the note sent home, ie. Tuesday 16th June. We hope all our families at the school can now support our fundraising event.

We are still seeking volunteers for our big EKKA Fun Day coming up in around two months. Please fill out the form below.

We had some feedback from a Year 5 class last year and have made the changes the children wanted to see. This year we have 2 more rides (1 major and 1 junior), so 10 in total. They are:

1/ Dodgem cars
2/ Paratrooper (new)
3/ Miami trip (new) - Platform ride that swings high in the air
4/ Super Slide
5/ Mega Chairs
6/ Tiger castle
7/ Ferris wheel (new)
8/ Jungle castle
9/ Trackless train (new)
10/ Mini golf

Pre-ordered armbands will be $30 or $35 if purchased on the day (unlimited rides). They will be available to order on www.flexischools.com.au soon and will also be available at the Uniform Shop. Single tickets are $7 per ride on the day.

In the next newsletter I will let you all know about the new side shows, new food vendors and the favourites from last year returning, plus the extra stuff we have...

Thank you all for your support.

Regards,
Gavin Rook
HELP NEEDED FOR THE STALLS

During this major fundraising event we need help for as little as an hour before and on the day. If you can help set up or tidy up afterwards your help would be gratefully appreciated.

Below is a list of the stalls and a timetable against which to place your preferred availability.

If you are unavailable on the day please help in other ways by helping with the preparations, eg wrapping prizes. If you have any questions please contact Gavin Rook or Donna Clark at gassfundraising@gmail.com

Thanks in anticipation of a great day!

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☐ I am available to help before the day.

YES, I would like to offer my help with the Ekka Fun Day!

Name: ___________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: _____________________________________________________

Contact number: _________________________________________________

Child’s Class: __________

Email address: ___________________________________________________
UNIFORM SHOP

Winter is HERE! ..........

Don’t get caught in the cold, visit the Uniform Shop for all your student’s winter needs. We have a good stock of all sizes.

**Remember uniform rules apply in winter too:**- Maroon fleecy jacket, or jumper, navy and sky microfibre jacket (No hoodies and logos) and navy track pants. For girls either navy track pants or navy tights with feet, or full length leggings with socks.

We have navy tights at the uniform shop $10 per pair from size 4 upwards.

Please note in line with supplied goods it has been necessary to increase the price on some of our winter items.

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](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

We look forward to helping you with your uniform needs.

Tracy and Nikki
FOREST LAKE STATE HIGH SCHOOL - 16 HIGH ST FOREST LAKE - PH 3714 2333

FREE
‘TRY’ RUGBY LEAGUE DAY

PRIZES AND GIVE-AWAYS ON THE DAY

Forest Lake State High School in conjunction with the FLSHS Rugby League Signature Program and South’s Logan Magpies would like to invite you to our FREE TRY RUGBY LEAGUE COACHING DAY. The day will take place on the Forest Lake SHS oval on the Monday, 29th of June, 2015. Sessions will start at 9:00am and conclude at 12:30pm. Fruit provided for morning tea.

The day is open to all students, male and female aged from 4–12 years of age. The focus of the day is to provide an opportunity for children in the local community to potentially try rugby league for the first time or develop skills they may have already developed.

The specialist coaches on the day will include, Josh Hanay current Intrust Cup South’s Logan Coach, Mark Beaumont South’s Logan Magpies / Brisbane Broncos Development Manager, Cameron Webb current Forest Lake Rugby League coordinator, current South’s Logan Intrust Cup players and ARL Development Officers

What: Free “Try” Rugby League Day

When: Monday 29th June, 2015

Time: 9:00 – 12:30pm

Where: Forest Lake SHS Oval - High Street, Forest Lake, 4078

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Open Day
Wednesday 17 June

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If you are a clever, creative learner who thrives on working with like minded people in areas like Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, Design Technology, and Film then come along to our Open Day.

Think Clever, Creative, Global, Think QACI.

Register for more information (07) 33760366 or visit qaci.sqa.edu.au