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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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Email - studentabsence@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au

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Dear Parents,

**Report Cards**

On Tuesday next week, every student will be issued with his/her report card. The report is a written account of students’ achievement within Semester 1. Reports are a personal document. Every child has a different learning pathway, a fact that is universally recognised. This means comparisons with other children are of little benefit.

The report focuses on each student’s achievement standard in each subject area at this point in time. Parents are encouraged to read through the report with students and in the first instance ensure that due recognition is provided to students for their achievements. Confirmation by a parent, confirming a student’s achievement is quite powerful.

Following this, jointly discuss some aspects of the report that students could identify for further improvement. Forming some goals around these areas is highly productive for the new term. Discussing a focus area and strategies to use to support improvement are essential. This approach promotes in students the need to strive for continued growth, in a positive, supportive manner. Should parents wish to discuss any aspect of their child’s report, please contact the class teacher.

**School Opinion Surveys**

The youngest student in each family will have an information sheet included with his/her student report card, issued next week. This information sheet is encouraging every family to participate in the Annual School Opinion Survey. This online survey seeks feedback from parents about key issues relating to our school – its management, teaching and learning and work with the community generally. The more parents who complete this survey, the more accurate is the resultant data. The survey is open for completion from **29 June 2015 to 31 July 2015**.

A random selection of Years 5 and 6 students will complete the online Student Opinion Survey at school after the holidays. Staff are also required to complete the survey.

The data and feedback received from the surveys assist our school to examine how well we are doing and to take steps to improve our performance and service to our community, as a learning organisation. Thank you, in advance, for completing this survey.

**DISCO – Friday 19th**

There will be Junior and Senior Discos held on Friday 19th June in Kauma Hall.

- **Juniors** – Prep to Year 3  6:00pm to 7:15pm
- **Seniors** – Year 4 to Year 6  7:30pm to 8:45pm

Cost is $3 per child.

Parents are to drop students at the hall (welcome to stay) and collect from within the hall promptly at the designated finish time.

**Junior Disco** – only P to 3 students are to attend. Older siblings who are caring for a younger child (in the place of a parent) are welcome to stay and watch.

**Senior Disco** – only Yr 4 to 6 students are to attend. Older siblings who are caring for a younger child (in the place of a parent) are welcome to stay to watch.

Only older students/teenagers who are caring for a younger sibling, will be permitted to be on school premises.

Hot food, snacks, sweets and drinks will be on sale.

**eLibrary**

This online library is currently being introduced to the school. eLibrary is an online library in which students can download books to read. There is a full range of books, suitable for all ages. Students can download a book at no cost while at home.
An information flier was sent to every student this week, detailing processes regarding the downloading of books. Please follow these instructions carefully.

This is a very positive initiative which has the potential to make a wonderful impact on our students.

**Late arrivals**

The number of late arrivals recorded last week was 193 students across the four days ie. 48 per day. This is 4% of the school each day, which is high. Of the 193 late arrivals across last week, 50 identified “slept in” and 16 gave “traffic” as their reason for being late.

Parents are asked to ensure every student is at school at school by **8:40am** every day.

**Holidays**

School breaks for the winter holidays next Friday 26th June and resumes on Monday 13th July. I hope all families enjoy the break, the change to our busy routine and the wonderful weather. Students should return to school well rested and batteries charged for another productive term in Term 3.

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.**

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**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.

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### QSchools Update – Push Notifications

**QSchools push notifications are now fully up and running.**

Push notifications will allow our school to push important information directly to your device, including notifications of upcoming events, emergency alerts and important updates.

To receive push notifications, download the QSchools mobile app or ensure the app is up to date if you already have it.

**QSchools dashboard**

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users have added your school to their QSchools favourites users have subscribed to receive push notifications from your school

... out of approximately **850 families**.

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**Grand Avenue State School**

*Now taking enrolments for Prep 2016*

- Australian Curriculum programs
- Leading programs in phonics and sight words
- Caring staff
- Air conditioned classrooms
- Imaginative and creative learning experiences

Enrol online at: [www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/Enrolments.aspx](http://www.grandavenuess.eq.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/Enrolments.aspx)

or Call 3372 0555

Quality Education for your child is our priority.
So this was something completely different!

Brian Falkner’s dream day was to have three sessions with the students from Year 6.

He started with a 1½ hour presentation with a huge audience- as in the whole Year 6 cohort- crammed into the open area of the Library. (Thankfully the new furniture is on wheels!) In this session he talked about the components of a story- the Setting, the Characters, the Goals, the Obstacles- using his own books as examples.

Then he organised a competition to find contestants for his Taste Test- based on his book The Real Thing. Contestants had to identify all six varieties of Cola in a blind test - was it Coke from a Can? Coke from a bottle? Pepsi? Diet Coke???

And the winner of the book, signed by the author, was - Vivian Ly of 6D.

The Second Session involved two groups in an activity called Story Sports. One group was working in teams, using Brian Falkner’s template for ‘Whose line is it anyway?’ (the opening line of a novel) What comes next? Who am I? Fear Factor! And Rap Attack. The writers were given three minutes to come up with a written response to each section of the process, and then one member from each team had to present to the whole group. Their efforts were scored by our judges, with the prize a hard cover copy of a Brian Falkner novel for each member of the team.

Those not participating in the writing teams were tested on their knowledge of children's books, (while the teams were writing) with chocolates awarded to the winners.

The final session of the day was for a group of keen writers to have some personal attention in the writing process.

Brain Falkner was wonderfully generous with his time, and had the Year 6 children engaged for the whole day.

Thank you to the teachers who allowed time out of regular class to participate in this very worthwhile activity.

And congratulations to our 5 winners!

Helen Mackintosh
Teacher- Librarian

Our next two author visits will be for Year 1 with Peter Carnavas on 21 July, and for Year 2 with Narelle Oliver on 27th July.
Music Notes

**Choir & Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsals**
*Week 9, 10 & Term 3*

**Junior String Ensemble** – Please note that there is no before school rehearsal tomorrow Friday 19 June.

**Term 2 Week 10 – All Choirs and Ensembles** will have normal before school and lunchtime rehearsals this week (even on Athletics Carnival days). New pieces and important information regarding performances, competitions and excursions for Semester 2 will be distributed. Please ensure your child attends their rehearsal.

**Term 3 Week 1 – All Choirs and Ensembles** will commence scheduled before school and lunchtime rehearsals this week (including Senior Choir on Monday 13 July). Please ensure your child attends their rehearsal.

**Senior Choir – Open Rehearsal**

Next **Wednesday 24 June** the Senior Choir will be holding an Open Rehearsal in the **Auditorium at 10.45am** for any interested students in Year 4 – 6 to come and ‘Have-a-go’. If your child has expressed an interest in singing with the school choir please remind and encourage them to come along and obtain the relevant information for next semesters Senior Choir activities.

**Lesson & Ensemble Preparation for Semester 2**

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 school holidays to restock, reeds, rosin and valve oil as well as ensuring you have a working instrument and the correct books ready to commence Semester 2. Lists of requirements and names of Instrument repairers can be obtained from the Instrumental Music Teachers.

Please parents and carers could you ensure that your child is not only regularly attending their rehearsal (as listed below) but they are also ready and prepared for the rehearsal with the correct equipment and home practice.

Notification via email or written note to the relevant conductor is required for all students who do not attend a scheduled rehearsal.

**Name Your Music Property**

*Please parents and carers could you ensure that your child’s personal Instrument, Music and Music/Choir/Band Folder are clearly marked with a Family name.***

All school owned property has either a school logo key tag, EDQUIP number or identifying sticker which enables staff to match the property with the current student to which it is on loan and does not require additional labelling. All private property must be clearly marked with at least the surname of the student to which it belongs. This is to ensure that any misplaced items can be returned to their rightful owner. Thank you for your attention to this vital task.
Senior Choir, Senior Band & String Ensemble Rehearsals

**Senior Choir**
Mrs Karen Gordon

- **Monday**: 7.30am – 8.30am  
  Auditorium
- **Wednesday**: 10.45am – 11.10am  
  Auditorium

**Senior String Ensemble**
Mr Richard Thompson

- **Tuesday**: 7.30am – 8.30am  
  Auditorium

**Senior Concert Band**
Miss Leonie Marshall

- **Wednesday**: 7.30am – 8.30am  
  Auditorium

**Junior String Ensemble**
Mr Richard Thompson

- **Friday**: 7.30am – 8.30am  
  Auditorium

*PLEASE ensure that you contact the relevant conductor if your child is unable to attend a rehearsal.*

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**Sports Days sausage sizzle**

During all of the sports days next week, the Chaplaincy committee will be running the barbecue and selling sausages in bread for $2. Funds raised go to supporting Chaplaincy service at Grand Avenue State School. Please email Chaplain Erin at chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au if you can spare some time to help on any of the mornings Monday to Thursday next week!

**NAIDOC week** is coming up.

Theme: We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate

**July 5 – 12 2015**

There are several events around Brisbane happening during NAIDOC week –

Inala Elders will be hosting the **17th Annual Urban Dreaming Art Exhibition** at Inala Art Gallery, opening on Friday 3 July 2015 at 11am. Some of our Grand Avenue State School students have contributed artwork to this exhibition. For further info about this exhibition and associated workshops please call Terri at Inala Elders 3372 6925.

There will be a Family Fun Day on Wednesday 8 July 10am at West Inala JRLFC, Freeman Road Inala, and a Family Fun Day at Musgrave Park Friday 10 July 8am – 5pm.

**Multicultural Youth Day at Inala PCYC**

On Tuesday 30th June 2015 the PCYC will be hosting a Multicultural Youth Day at Swallow St, Inala.

There will be free rides – Giant slide, quad bikes, giant swing, rock wall, jumping castles, CAMEL rides, and ‘The Sizzler’.

Activities include Police and Fire displays, hip hop dancers, circus performers, Bollywood dancers, Animal Farm and more.

See flier below or call Inala PCYC for more info – 3372 2222.
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 see 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 sucamps.org.au/footycamp for more details.

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

P&C NEWS

Hi everyone,

I would like to tell you more about our EKKA Fun Day on Wednesday 12th August. The funds raised by this event are going towards a multipurpose court on the oval near the sand pit. It will have 8 handball courts and a block wall to hit against! It’s a great project and will benefit so many kids. It will even have a fence to stop the balls going too far!

Last newsletter I spoke of the rides (10) that we are having. This time I would like to tell you about our side shows and entertainment. Our school stalls are –

1/ Lob a Choc
2/ Shoot for Goal
3/ Spin the Wheel
4/ Cent Auction (bikes to be won!)
5/ Cake Stall
6/ Book Stall

and our other vendors are –

1/ Balloon Man
2/ Tattoo Stall
3/ Face painting
4/ SHOWBAGS

There will also be a large animal farm with pony rides (not included in armband price). At the eating area there will be a singer on all day for parents’ entertainment. We also have some community clubs coming on the day.

UNLIMITED RIDE ARMBANDS ARE NOW ON SALE AT FLEXISCHOOLS AND THE UNIFORM SHOP – $30 each, SAVE $5 from on day price ($35).

On another note the Uniform Shop will be closed on the last two days of this term, 25th and 26th June. Sorry for any inconvenience.

DONT FORGET THE DISCOS TOMORROW NIGHT! THERE WILL BE HOT FOOD AND HEAPS OF TREATS!
Thanks everyone,
Gavin Rook

Winter Disco
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE
Tomorrow Night!

Prep to Yr 3  6.00pm – 7.15pm
Years 4 to 6  7.30pm – 8.45pm
$3.00 each school age child

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Please note that no child will be allowed to leave without an adult.
Please ensure prompt collection from the door of Kauma Hall.

The winners of the 5c piece fundraiser were....

1C!
They collected $154.75!!!

Overall the total collected across the school was $2,730!

Fantastic effort from everyone! The money raised will go towards a new multipurpose court on the oval at the end of the year.

Congratulations to Mrs Watt, Mrs Whitehead and students. Their pizza party will be on Friday the last day of the term.

The following classes were the runners up with the most 5c pieces from each grade. They will also get a small surprise on the last day of term.

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Fundraiser!
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 Hannay current Intrust Cup South’s Logan Coach, Mark Beaumont Souths Logan Magpies / Brisbane Broncos Development Manager, Cameron Webb current Forest Lake Rugby League coordinator, current Souths 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

Proudly Supported by....
This is the last newsletter for the term.

Last day of term is next Friday, 26 June.

Have a safe and enjoyable winter vacation!

School resumes Monday, 13 July – 8.40am