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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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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It is with great pleasure and a wonderful sense of anticipation that I write to you for the first time as Principal of Grand Avenue State School. I trust that you have had a safe and enjoyable summer break and that you took the opportunity to rest, relax and recuperate – but most importantly, to enjoy the rewards of unstructured time to be with family and friends and do the things you that we find difficult to do during a busy school year.

A special word of welcome to all of our new families. We look forward to forging strong and lasting relationships with you as together we support your children on their school journey at Grand Avenue State School.

To our existing families, we look forward to welcoming you back to a new chapter in the lives of your children – one in which we trust that your children will continue to grow and achieve their goals.

My transition into the school community over the last two weeks has left me in no doubt that Grand Avenue State School is a great school. The staff are caring, hardworking and have a strong sense of purpose.

I know that as I get to meet you in the weeks ahead that I will see students commit and take responsibility for their learning, and I’m sure I will also feel a strong sense of cooperation and support from parents as the year unfolds.

I believe that it’s critically important for your children’s educational success that they have a sense that there is a positive, healthy relationship between their parents and the school. This provides them with a sense of security, which is a foundation for good learning. If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office.

My Deputy Principals will continue to support you with any school related queries or concerns. Don’t hesitate to contact them if the need arises. Their school responsibilities are as follows:

Mrs Sharyn Brown – Prep & Year 1
Ms Vanette Tobin – Years 2 & 3
Ms Janeen Almond – Years 4 & 5
Mrs Toni Fox – Year 6

I look forward to seeing you around the school in the weeks to come and wish you every success and good fortune in the year ahead.

Keep smiling and be happy.

Tony Maksoud
Principal

At Grand Avenue State School, student attendance is a high priority. We believe that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful at school. Our school attendance policy aims to enhance the process of parents and teachers working as a partnership to support students for future success at school.

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Our three school targets for 2016 are as follows:

1. 95% or higher for overall school attendance
2. 100% of all absenteeism explained
3. No students attending less than 90%
Regular attendance makes a huge difference to your child’s progress and academic achievement.

Section 176 (1) (b) of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, states that, each parent of a child of compulsory school age has the obligation to ensure their child is attending school on every school day, for the educational program in which the child is enrolled.

"Compulsory school age" is defined by section 9 - a child is at least 6 years and 6 months of age and to finish when the child turns 16 years of age or completes Year 10, whichever is sooner.

Key Messages

- Attendance is primarily a parental responsibility.
- Early attendance patterns tend to be maintained over time. Therefore efforts should be made to rectify poor attendance as soon as it becomes apparent.
- There is a correlation between attendance and academic performance.

Exemptions are required for absences longer than 10 consecutive days (contact school office).

Parents may be prosecuted for their children's consistent poor attendance.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future

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 at all times 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. The playground equipment is out of bounds outside of school hours.

Useful Contacts

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

School Calendar 2016

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INFORMATION FROM THE BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

PARENT FUNDED ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

1. Student Resource Scheme

As per Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) a parent is directly responsible for providing textbooks and other resources for a student’s use while attending school.

The objective of the Student Resource Scheme is to offer parents an economic alternative to the purchase of school resources and textbooks and to enhance and maximise resources available for student learning. While membership of this Scheme is not compulsory, the school strongly encourages your participation.

The Student Resource Scheme for 2016 will be $50.00. This is approximately $1.25 per week.
Major Benefits Enjoyed by joining the Scheme

- Classroom consumables and reference materials for core curriculum
- Individually issued and class sets books/novels
- Reproduced class workbooks and worksheets
- Specialist materials & consumables for practical studies eg science
- Equipment hire to students (eg digital cameras, mobile laptops, bee-bots)
- Student reference material
- Student material used for classroom projects
- Pastoral care program consumables
- Administration of Scheme

Conditions of the Resource Scheme

- Students will supply their own personal requirements – as outlined in the Stationery List
- Books issued to students are to be kept in good condition
- Students are responsible for up to the full cost of books that are negligently damaged or lost before any further issues can be made
- All resources provided under the Scheme remain the property of the Scheme and must be returned when a student leaves or at the end of the school year
- If a student enrols during the year, the fee is calculated on a pro-rata basis
- If a student leaves during the year, a pro-rata refund will be made. The refund is based on the parent/caregiver charge, less the cost of consumed materials and/or the cost of replacing lost or damaged resources
- Books and resources provided under the Scheme cannot be issued to students whose parents/caregivers choose not to participate

This scheme does not cover items listed on the stationery list, excursions/incursions or camps.

Full payment for the SRS is due Friday 11 March 2016.

SRS - INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM $75/$75 (Students selected to participate in the Instrumental Program Only)

Students who participate in the school’s Instrumental Music Program are required to pay a levy of $75 per year to cover costs incurred in running this program. In addition, a hire fee of $75 is also charged to those students who use school purchased instruments.

Choir

Students who participate in the school’s Choral Program are required to pay a levy of $10 per year to cover costs incurred in running this extracurricular activity. Students will be invoiced when the Choir participants have been selected.

2. Parent Funded Extra Curricular Activities

At Grand Avenue we endeavour to add value to students’ class learning experiences through participation in extra curricular activities. It is only after a great deal of careful planning and discussion that teachers select parent funded activities to complement classroom programs and enhance students’ learning outcomes

The school recognises that there is an organisational efficiency for parents in making a one off bulk payment instead of many individual payments. The school would like to alert parents to the bulk payment option and recommend your support of the payment method. By making a one-off payment, you can be assured that your child is not included in any activity offered due to the final due date for payments being missed.

Alternatively, parents will be advised at least five weeks in advance of upcoming activities that require payment. Payments close one full week before the activity and it is the school’s policy that we do not accept any late payments.

Parents have now been invoiced for these activities. A Statement will be sent home each month to alert parents to unpaid invoices.
Invoices have been raised for all activities for Prep, Year 1, 2, and 3. Year 4 invoices have been raised with the exception of the Year 4 Camp which will be held in September and invoiced when pricing have been finalised. Likewise, Year 5 activities have also been invoiced with the exception of Year 5 Camp (September) and Gold Rush Excursion.

Year 6 students will be invoiced for Canberra in the near future and payment will need to be finalised by the end of term 3. Graduation and the End of Year Theme Park invoices will be raised at the beginning of term 4.

3. International Competitions and Assessment for Schools - Years 3 – 6 ($8 per competition)

The University of New South Wales sponsors the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools. The competitions play an important role in the assessment programs of many schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific regions. At Grand Avenue, competitions are conducted in the key learning areas of English, Mathematics and Science.

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Families wishing to enter their child in any or all of the competitions should complete the nomination form and return it with the correct entry fee to their class teacher **no later than FRIDAY, 18 MARCH.** (Please complete the individual nomination forms for each child that was sent home on Tuesday 9 February).

**REFUND POLICY**

Please note the school’s refund policy as per DET guidelines. The full *Refund Guidelines for Excursions and Camps* is available on the school website.

As the school budget cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an extra-curricular activity due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an extra-curricular activity may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation.

If a parent wishes to apply for a refund due to their child’s non-participation in an extra-curricular activity, they may do so by completing a **Request for Refund Form** available from the school office. Where possible, the request should include the receipt relating to the payment for which a refund is being sought.

- All applications for refunds must be made on the Application for Refund Form available at the administration office.
- If payment in advance is made by the school to a venue, or is conditional on the cost of transport then no refund will be made.
- Cancellation Fees charged by venues will be passed on to the parent

This policy was supported and approved after consultation with the Parents and Citizens Association at the meeting on Tuesday 20 October 2008.

**CREDIT POLICY**

*Should financial hardship exist parents are asked to contact the office so that special arrangements can be made for the payment of activities. Please note that all discussions will be held in confidence.*

*When these arrangements have been made, regular payments or payment by the agreed date is expected. Should this not occur, students then become ineligible to participate in future parent-funded activities for this year and future years, or until outstanding debts have been cleared.*
SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENTS

Extract from guidelines produced by the Legal and Administrative Law Branch

For parents in dispute over the payment of their child’s school activity fees

- The school should send an invoice for each fee based activity to both parents (note this is an invoice for the entire amount - schools should not enter into part payment or 50/50 invoicing arrangements)
- It is a matter for the parents to determine who pays the invoiced fees. If there is a payment arrangement between the parents that has not been adhered to, that is a matter for the parents to resolve between themselves
- If the fees are not paid in full (e.g. the school receives only part payment from one parent) then the child should not be allowed to participate in the activity, unless the school is willing to absorb the cost

CASH COLLECTION DAYS

DET strongly endorses that payments be made by BPoint. An example on the use of BPoint is located towards the end of this newsletter.

Alternatively student payments can be made either directly through the payment window or via payment envelopes through their classroom teacher.

The school accepts payment for excursions, incursions etc each day. The payment window is open daily from 8.15 – 11.15 am. Parents and students may make payment either via the payment window or by students handing payment envelopes to their teacher each morning. A receipt will be issued for all payments. Your assistance is appreciated by ensuring all payments for extra curricular activities are made prior to the advertised due date. Parents will receive the notification from teachers re excursions at least five weeks prior to the event. Payment envelopes will be provided with most notifications. Payment may be made by cash, cheque and if over $10 by EFTPOS and credit card. Also for Direct Debits to the school account please contact the office for the school’s bank account details. Final payment deadlines will be enforced.

Audit requirements state that a receipt will be issued for all events over $10. Each time when money is sent to the school a receipt is issued, usually through the classroom teacher. This receipt may cover several activities. Please ask your child for his/her receipt.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for 2016 have been booked for Monday 21 March, Wednesday, 23 March and Thursday 24 March. Please note these dates on your calendar.

Please dress your children in their formal school uniform on these days.

Advanced Life has asked that all photographs are prepaid. They have a guaranteed refund if you are not satisfied with your photo. The Prepaid envelopes have been sent home earlier

SCHOOL CROSSING – OPERATIONAL TIMES

For the continued safety of students travelling to and from school, please note that these are the only times that the two crossings are supervised.

Centennial Way morning 8.05 – 8.50 am afternoon 2.40 – 3.10 pm
Grand Avenue morning 8.00 – 9.00 am afternoon 2.40 – 3.10 pm.

UPDATING STUDENT DETAILS

We are currently updating school records, therefore we are asking parents to please update their student and their own personal details that may have changed.. Please pay particular attention to any changes of:

- Current Address
- Contact telephone Numbers
- Emergency Contacts, and
- Medical Conditions
Hello everyone!

It has been wonderful to see everyone back at school. I have enjoyed meeting lots of new families in the prep classes, and I am looking forward to getting to know as many of you as I can throughout the year.

The Chaplaincy service is just one part of Grand Avenue State School’s support network. The Chaplain can provide social, emotional and spiritual support, and is available for all students, parents, staff and their families, regardless of religion or beliefs. A student’s involvement with the Chaplaincy service or any groups that the Chaplain co-ordinates is voluntary, and requires parental permission. Please contact the school if you have any questions about the Chaplaincy service or would like to discuss possible support for your child.

EASTER CAMPS

There are a couple of camps coming up over the Easter holidays, being run by SU Qld. If you would like further information, please see Chappy Erin for a brochure or look at sucamps.org.au.

LOOP EASTER CAMP

This camp is for: Grade 5-6 in 2016 (Co-Ed)

Join us at Loop Easter for an action packed week of fun! There will be Nerf Wars, a visit to Aqua Fun Park, a Dance Party, Movie Night, God stuff and new friends! What are you waiting for? If you are in year 5 or 6 on the South Side of Brisbane, come and join us on the Sunny Coast for Loop Easter 2016!

SUPER HERO CLUB DAY CAMP

This camp is for: Grade 5-6 in 2016 (Co-Ed)

Super Hero Club Day Camp is a three day adventure where children can have fun, dress up as their favourite super hero, participate in awesome activities and games, and discover the greatest superhero of them all - Jesus!

Erin Mawhinney
Chaplain
Grand Avenue State School
Monday – Thursday
07 3372 0555
chaplain@grandavenuess.eq.edu.au
Music Notes

Music and Wellbeing

Research by the Australian Music Therapy Association provides some fascinating insight into the impact of music on the human body, as it looks at the links between music-making and physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing, from womb to tomb.

Did you know?

• A baby’s brain is wired for music while in the womb. The musicality of the mother’s voice creates an immediate and powerful bond and is pivotal to the infant’s survival.
• Learning a musical instrument impacts positively across most aspects of a child’s development.
• It can also be particularly helpful in remedial learning for dyslexic children and in the case of wind instruments, in breath control for children with asthma.

CLASSROOM MUSIC PROGRAM

Year 3, 4 & 5 students have embarked on an exciting journey exploring their music making on the Recorder. Thank you to those students who have brought in their Recorder as listed on the booklist.

For those students who have yet to purchase a Recorder, ‘Yamaha’ brand Recorders are the most melodious (and correctly tuned) and are available at any Music shop or sometimes larger Newsagents. Please be aware that ‘Sovereign’ brand Recorders are unfortunately not aligned in their tuning and are therefore not suitable for use in class, but can be used at home for personal performances. Students are not required to complete home practice at this stage to attain successful results.

Groove E for Year 3 and Recorder Blues Yr 4 & 5 are currently the happening pieces to be heard in and around the Music Room, on Recorder!

The Ukulele is the performance instrument for Year 5 students this semester. Individual strings will be plucked and melodies made, with chord accompaniments to be learnt in the second half of the year. Students are not required to have their own instrument as the GASS Music Department does have a class set of Ukulele’s.

If your child in year 5 has their own Ukulele and would like to bring it to class, Year 5 Classroom Music is on a Tuesday this semester.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM  
(WOODWIND, PERCUSSION, BRASS, STRINGS)

Instrumental Music lessons for all students who were offered a position in the 2016 Instrumental Music Program are underway. Specialist Instrumental Teachers come to the school on an allocated day and withdraw students for their 30 min lesson. Lessons are on a rotational basis. This year we welcome Ms Katrina Mothershaw a Specialist Brass & Percussion Teacher to Grand Avenue joining Mr Richard Thompson (String Specialist) and Mrs Della Martin (Woodwind Specialist).

There are a few vacancies in the Woodwind and Brass Instrumental Music Programs.

If you have a child in Year 4 or 5 who has shown a strong interest in learning a Trumpet, Saxophone, Bass Clarinet or Euphonium please contact Mrs Karen Gordon klgor1@eq.edu.au. Parents are asked to access the 2016 Instrumental Program Handbook on the school website to ensure they understand the commitment required to participate in the Instrumental Music Programs at Grand Avenue State School.

Please see the table below for the days allocated for each teacher and ensemble.

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Concert Bands & String Ensembles

Concert Band
Ms Katrina Mothershaw
Monday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

Senior String Ensemble
Mr Richard Thompson
Tuesday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

Junior Concert Band
Mrs Della Martin (Commencing Term 2)
Thursday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

Junior String Ensemble
Mr Richard Thompson (Commencing in Term 2)
Friday 7.30am – 8.30am Auditorium

PLEASE ensure that your child is on time and comes prepared for their weekly Ensemble Rehearsal and Instrumental Lesson.
CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Grand Avenue State School has two choirs spanning year levels from 2 – 6. Students do not have to audition to be a member of a choir and may join at any time during the year. Commitment to a choir is for a minimum of a semester however the year is preferable.

All Choirs have commenced rehearsals Students are encouraged to come and ‘try’ choir for up to three consecutive rehearsals at any time of the year and then make a commitment for the remainder of the current semester. There is a levy of $10 for students in the Grand Avenue Choirs which covers the cost of new repertoire, a rehearsal CD and the hire of a Choir Folder with all music included for the year.

We are very privileged this year to hold our rehearsals in the school auditorium and to have the services of an accompanist, playing the piano, for the choirs at each Wednesday rehearsal and performances. This will certainly assist and enhance the beautiful voices of the Grand Avenue students.

Many performance opportunities will exist in 2016 for both the Junior and Senior Choirs. Students in the Senior Choir must have attended a minimum of 4 rehearsals (2 weeks) prior to a performance to be a part of that event. Performance commitment dates will be sent home via paper note and email. Dates will also be placed on the calendar on the school website. Please be aware of any outside school performances that your child will be required to attend.

Commencing week 3, Grand Avenue State School Choirs will rehearse:

**Junior Choir (Yr 2-3)**
Mrs Louise Sawyer

**Senior Choir (Yr 4-6)**
Mrs Karen Gordon

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MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

Term 1 is the busiest fundraising term for the Music Support Group this year. Any help at any of the events planned would be greatly appreciated.

We have two BBQs coming up very soon. If you aren't able to help on the day feel free to just pop in and support us by buying a sausage and a drink.

Sunday 14 February - BBQ at Grand Markets Saturday 19 March - BBQ at the school for Election Day

The other activity we will run this term is an Easter raffle. Donations of chocolate can be taken to the Music Room. Raffle tickets will be distributed to students in the instrumental and choir programmes in March and the prizes will be drawn at the junior Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24 March.

Please contact Veronica Stickley (P and C Music Support Group Representative) if you can help or have any questions. veronicastickley@hotmail.com Phone: 0402 826 113
Hi everyone,

Welcome back to school for 2016 and welcome to our new families.

Firstly I would like to welcome our new Principal, Mr Tony Maksoud. We are proud to welcome him to one of the top primary schools in Queensland. Congratulations on your appointment.

The P&C has its first meeting on **Tuesday 16th February at 7.00pm** in the Administration block. We look forward to seeing everyone again plus new parents to our school. Our P&C has one of the largest turnovers in Queensland and returned a profit last year of over $300,000. We have been working with the school on planning for this year and we have heaps to discuss/decide at the meeting, so why not come along and help plan our school’s future.

Our first event for 2016 is our monthly markets happening on **Sunday 14th February from 8.00am to 12.30pm.** It’s held in the school staff parking area. Come down for a great coffee and breakfast at the Music Parent Support Group’s BBQ.

 Regards,

_Gavin Rook_

_P & C President_
NOTICE TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Parents and Teachers are asked to encourage their children to use the supervised crossings and to set a good example themselves by obeying the School Crossing Supervisor’s directions whenever they use the crossing.

**Stop when the STOP sign is displayed**

When the School Crossing Supervisor holds up the STOP sign all road users must stop their vehicles, clear of the crossing. Road users must not begin to accelerate until all pedestrians including the School Crossing Supervisor are safely on the footpath on either side of the road. If a vehicle has stopped to give way to the pedestrians at a crossing facility, do not overtake the vehicle while it is stationary.

Failure to comply is an offence that will be reported to the Police.

**No Stopping Zones**

The ‘No Stopping’ zones delineate the School Crossing Supervisor’s workplace and serves to protect an area on either side of a crossing facility. It is important to the safety of pedestrians who use the crossing facility that this road rule is followed. If this is ignored the enforcement agencies will be contacted. The design of a crossing facility is a standard layout described in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices to allow School Crossing Supervisors/ pedestrians to have a clear view of approaching vehicles and vice versa.

School Crossing Supervisors have the authority to report any incidents that affect their personal safety and the safety of pedestrians. They will record registration numbers and details of offending vehicles and report them. There are no circumstances where a driver can stop in the crossing zone, drivers delivering or waiting for children are no exception and are not exempt.

**Supervised crossing procedure**

The School Crossing Supervisor will ask all pedestrians, both children and adults, to wait on the footpath. When a suitable gap appears in the traffic from both directions, the supervisor will extend the STOP sign to face the traffic and when it is safe to do so proceed to the centre of the road with the STOP sign displayed. The supervisor will blow two blasts of the whistle to indicate that it is safe for pedestrians to cross. When all pedestrians have cleared the crossing, the School Crossing Supervisor then returns to the footpath.

All cyclists, skateboarders, children wearing roller blades or with scooters will be asked to dismount and walk their 'wheels' over the crossing.

Please assist your School Crossing Supervisors – they are here to protect your children.

For the continued safety of students travelling to and from school, please note that these are the only times that the two crossings are supervised.

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SIGN ON DAY
Saturday 30th January 2016
Centenary State High School Sports Centre, Moolanda St, Jindalee.
8.00am - 9.00am U7, U9 & U11 Boys & Girls;
9.00am - 10.00am U13 Boys & Girls;
10.00am - 11.00am U15 Boys & Girls;
11.00am - 12.00pm U17 Boys & Girls, U19 Boys
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Girls - under 6 to under 12
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For more information contact Club President, Farren – 0419 131 896,
e-mail adhun@forestlakegirls.com.au,
Facebook: Forest Lake Magpies Junior Rugby League Football Club,
or visit our website: www.forestlakegirls.com.au
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PEACH™ stands for Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health.

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• Working together as a family
• Empowering parents
• Helping kids gain confidence

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