FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all staff to thank you all for your support throughout the year. In particular, we thank the many parents and community members who have given up their time to volunteer in our classrooms and as part of our P&C and Tuckshop.

Staffing for 2015

Staffing arrangements for 2015 are currently based on a ‘predicted’ enrolment with the information we have to date.

Our staffing structure for 2015 is as follows:

Prep Ms Carolyn Cartmill
Prep Mrs Trina Savio
Prep Ms Andrea Watson

Year 1 Ms Rachael La Franchi
Year 1 Mrs Michelle Lee / Ms Gretchen Graf
Year 1 Mrs Donna Parker / Mrs Wendy Peckham
Year 2 Mrs Vanessa Gordon
Year 2 Ms Renee Locke
Year 2 Mrs Jennifer Rahder
Year 3 Mr Glen Hanssen
Year 3 Ms Janet Morgan
Year 4 Mrs Marion Elvery
Year 4 Mrs Sam Ritchie
Year 5 Mrs Sue Coleman
Year 5 Mr Scott McGovern
Year 6 Mrs Julie Locke
Year 6 Mr Glen Whisson

Special Education 2014:
Miss Liz Connell (HOSES)
Ms Alternate Class
Mrs Marg Innes (Alternate Class)
Mrs Rae Ahern (Class Based Support)

Specialist Staff 2014:
Mrs Julie O’Reilly (Support Teacher Literacy & Numeracy)
Mr Anthony Seng (Librarian)
Mr Russell Toleman (Physical Education)
Mr Dan Wu (LOTE)
Mr Brett Gredig (Music)
Mr John Clyde (Instrumental Music)
Mr Michael Stockwell (Instrumental Music)

Please note that Staffing arrangements will be confirmed after Day 8, 2014, pending confirmation of student enrolments. If any class changes are necessary we will communicate these to all parents early in the new school year. Draft Class Lists have been placed on classroom doors and in the front office; these will also be confirmed after Day 8. Draft class list are on display in the front office and on classroom doors till this Friday. Please note these are subject to change pending Day 8.

It is with mixed feelings, that we farewell Mrs Bron Blinco, Mrs Toni Warfield, from our school staff. On behalf of staff and students I thank them for their commitment and dedication to ensuring the best learning opportunities for our students in their time here and wish them all the success in their new schools.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Bev Guffin, Mrs Jane Thomas, Mrs Sandra Wilson, Ms Di Robertson and Mrs Julie Pushman who have completed their contracts with us and look forward to the opportunity to working with them again in the future.

We congratulate Mrs Sharon Brand who has been appointed as a Master Teacher for the Escarpment Cluster of school (Middle Ridge, Rangeville and Toowoomba East State Schools) for the next few Years.
The position of Master Teacher is part of the Great teachers = Great results is the Queensland Government's five-year, $537 million action plan for all Queensland schools which focuses on directing funding and resources where they are needed most.

A Master Teacher is an additional classified teacher position provided to select Queensland State Schools that fall within the measures determined by the department. The measures used were

- The comparison of NAPLAN means scales score for similar Queensland State Schools across years 3, 5 and 7 and 9 Reading and Numeracy.
- A comparison on NAPLAN relative gain thresholds for Queensland State Schools of Year 3 and 5 combined across Numeracy and Literacy.

At Gabbinbar State School we did not receive a Master Teacher and our recent data highlights that our students relative gain is better thanks that of Similar Queensland State School.

I would like to thank all of our staff for their commitment and dedication to ensure that all of our students have access to a variety of quality learning experiences throughout the year. I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break and look forward to working with you all in 2015.

Report Cards
Report Cards have been sent home today. Parents who wish to discuss their child’s progress are asked to contact the class teacher as soon as possible to organize a mutually convenient time to meet. If your child was not at school today their Report Card can be collected from the Office.

Year 7 Graduation
Congratulations to the Year 7 students who will receive their Graduation Certificates and Medallions as a reminder of their years spent at Gabbinbar tonight. As part of this Graduation Ceremony we will recognized the achievements, efforts and contributions our Senior students have made throughout 2014

On behalf of staff, I am proud of the achievements of our Senior Students, congratulate them on their success and wish them all the best in with their secondary schooling.

End of Year Concert
Congratulations to all students and their teachers for their outstanding performances on Monday night. In particular I thank MR G for coordinating the evening’s performances and program. It was great to see students writing their own Rap and performing as a group to a huge appreciative audience.

Not Returning to Gabbinbar in 2015?
If you know that your child/children will not be returning to Gabbinbar in 2015, I ask that you contact the school to let us know. This is very important to ensure that the numbers we provide to Regional Office are as accurate as possible, to obtain our correct entitlement of staffing and to enable us to accurately assess our capacity for out of catchment enrolments.

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**Student Banking**

Thank you to those who were a part of the Student Banking Program this year. With your contributions it has made the banking program a real success in 2014. The following students have made a massive effort by banking every week (40 deposits), Lachlan (PC), Kya (3M), Chase (PC), Sienna (3P), Joel (PS), Harry (6W), Ethan (4R), and Ella (6W) – WELL DONE!! Another 10 students had only missed 1 to 5 banking days which is a fantastic effort made by all.

Remember over the school holidays, if you are not part of the student banking program, go to your nearest Commonwealth Bank branch and sign up. You can also do it online, however you will need to attend a CBA branch anyway. It’s a great way to learn how to save your money as well as being rewarded for it. Each deposit also contributes to a commission that Gabbinbar will receive from Commonwealth Bank.

Next year there will be all new reward items. At this stage I am unaware of the theme CBA has in store for us, but I’m sure it will be just as awesome as every year has been.

To all Year 6 and 7 students - please return your unused tokens to the P&C slot in the office. A list of names was placed in the classroom this week which shows how many tokens you should have. Even though you can still bank through Gabbinbar next year, unfortunately you will not be a part of the rewards program.

Banking will commence again in 2015 on THE FIRST DAY BACK (Tuesday, 27th Jan).

Thank you all again for your wonderful support in the Student Banking Program. Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas break and will see you around in 2015.

Amy Manthey
manthey_crew@hotmail.com / 0429 597 093

**Chappy Chatter**

_The theme is about New Year_

As we look forward to the beginning of next year, although it is true to say that there are some things in life that we have no control over, it can also be said that the amount of effort we put into having a good year will have a marked effect on how much success, satisfaction and enjoyment we will actually experience.

Regardless of whether you are an adult or a young person, adopt a positive attitude and when you get up each morning make a commitment to get the most out of your day. Do your very best at every task that is set before you, and refuse to allow unimportant things to upset you or to steal your happiness.

I would therefore like to encourage you to work hard at making 2015 your best year yet. Don’t just hope that you will have a good year, be determined that you will.

Take care

Chappy Carmen

**P & C News**

As the P&C President for 2014, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with the P&C activities. This year my job was made extremely easy with the great executive and the very able committee members. Thank you to everyone on the executive and the committees for all your hard work throughout the year.

Thank you also to Mr Larry, the volunteers in the tuckshop and the homebakers.

The fundraising committee have run many successful events this year including a jog-a-thon, pie drive, hair scrunchie sales, Bookclub, Mothers and Fathers day stalls and of course our sausage sizzles. Profits raised from all these events totalled over $10,000.00. Thanks to Dennielle, Amy and Sonny for all their hard work this year.

I’d also like to make a special mention to Davina and her staff for their awesome effort in our schools OSHC for this year. This year we have been able to purchase more performance uniforms which means both the junior, senior choir and instrumentalists will all have uniforms.

In 2014 the P&C have contributed over $10,000.00 to the school for the provision of comprehension and literacy resources, home readers, student IT resources, the life education program and the hire of the hall for the end of year concert.

Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. Great results can be achieved for your children and our school when we work together. All P&C positions will be vacant in 2015, so please consider joining the P&C next year. You get to meet a great group of parents and make new friends.

**Second Hand Uniform Sales**

Second Hand Uniforms are for sale on the 19, 20, 21 January from 10am until 12 noon. Sales also on 28 and 29 from 9-10am. All items including dresses, shorts, skirts, hats and jumpers are available in most sizes. If you have any unwanted uniforms either to donate or for sale please leave at the school office. Please phone Sharon on 0423 654 259 for further enquiries.

**Uniform Shop**

Uniforms can be purchased in January 19th – 21st, 9.00am – 1.00pm. Parents can place a uniform order for collection at this time.

**OSHC**

ONLY 3 DAYS until the December holidays! The program and booking sheet is out NOW!! We will be trialling a 7AM opening time, please email OSHC if you would like to book, or pop in for the program.

We are needing donations of Christmas resources for our craft area. Any old cards, paper, decorations etc you no longer need would be most appreciated.

Unfortunately, our Annual Family Christmas BBQ will not be held this year. However, children have been writing letters to Santa, and some lucky quick off the mark enthusiasts have already received their reply! We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Families a Happy Christmas and Safe New Year.

We are also taking bookings for 2015, and preference will be given to siblings of current families attending. If you leave your booking until school starts you may be put on our waiting list. All families need to complete a NEW enrolment package when booking new children in. There is a $100 refundable BOND payment required with all new and returning families.

Davina Quinn
OSHC Coordinator

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Gabbinbar Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) provides services including out of school hours care (OSHC) programs, tuckshop, second-hand uniform shop and the student banking program. P&C meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Email: pandc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au
Web: gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au/OurCommunity/PamC
OSHC Phone: 07 4631 5266
Tuckshop Phone: 07 4631 5215 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

C&K Gabbinbar Community Kindergarten operates on our school site.

Email: gabbinbar@candk.asn.au
Web: www.candk.asn.au/gabbinbar
Phone: 07 4613 6205
Fax: 07 4613 6209

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