FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Information Nights

Classes will be hosting Parent Information Sessions in Week 4 to discuss classroom routines and practices. This is a good opportunity to familiarise yourself with what is happening in your child’s classroom. Below is a schedule of Information session that will be held over the next two weeks.

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These sessions will be held in your child’s classroom. If you are unable to attend please let us know and we will forward any information that was provided. If you would like to make a time to meet with your child’s teacher please let us know.

Student Leaders

Students in Year 6 have been invited to participate in our 2015 Leadership Program. Participation in our school leadership program is voluntary. Students who participate will be eligible to nominate for the positions of School Captain and House Captain. They will be expected to fulfil certain responsibilities during the year.

Criteria for Selection:
- High level of leadership skills
- Consistent adherence to school and classroom rules
- Very high level of responsibility and a willingness to commit to activities associated with the role
- Well-developed communication and people skills
- High level of personal presentation e.g. always wears school uniform with pride
- Regular attendance at school

I ask that you support our students in completing their application which are due by 10.00am on Tuesday 17th February. Students will be required to present a speech to staff and peers at assembly on Friday 20th February which will be followed by a ballot open to students from Year 5-6 and all staff. House Captain Speeches will be made later that day to students in Year 4-6 in each house with a ballot to follow.

Gazette Distribution

Due to changes in our IT systems and with the development of the QSchools app, we have decided to discontinue the notification via email of our newsletters. We apologise for any inconvenience.

To keep up-to-date with news from Gabbinbar State School you can:
- See our website at gabbinbars.ss.eq.edu.au from 5pm Wednesdays of school weeks for The latest Gabbinbar Gazette (newsletter)
- See our calendar and news at our website
- Install the QSchools app on your smartphone, tablet or PC. Just install then add Gabbinbar as a favourite school and allow push notifications
- Collect a paper copy of the newsletter (or ask your child to) from the office from 3pm Wednesdays
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Date Claimers
09.02.15 – 13.02.15  Year 6 Leadership Camp
16.02.15  Range Zone Swim Carnival
26.02.15  Mothers Morning Tea
09.03.15 – 14.03.15  Book Fair
19.03.15  Show Holiday

Payments Due
11.02.15  Chess - $30

Payments for excursions, performances or student program will not be accepted after the payment due date under any circumstances.

School News

Student of the Week
Jesse (PW), Mila (PC), Savanna (1LG), Ella (1L), Saxon (1L), Jamie (1P), Ella (3M), Alex (4R), Jorja (5C), Riley (5M), Chloe (6W), Ethan (A1), Corey (A2).

Classroom Music Notes
Welcome back everyone to another great year of music at Gabbinbar.

A couple of reminders for families as we start the year:

CHOIRS:
Signup for the choirs will be occurring this week with an Agreement letter sent home to be signed and returned. Both choirs will start rehearsing in week 3, with very good numbers anticipated for the year’s work.

All children interested in singing are invited to become part of the Choral program. Auditions are not held. Junior Choir is drawn from Yrs 3 and 4, while our Senior Choir will come from Yrs 5 and 6.

Rehearsals will continue with Senior Choir on Mondays and Junior Choir on Fridays.

A display folder is required for music / lyrics in which Music and lyrics can be kept for practicing.

RECORDERS:
ALL students in Years 4 – 7 will continue learning recorder lessons with me as part of the Classroom Music Curriculum. ALL are expected to arrive for class lessons with their recorder in the class basket.

If your child will be starting the year without one, I would ask for a note to come to the Office to let us know when this will be rectified.

SEMESTER 1 DATE CLAIMERS:
Performance Dates are still being confirmed, and a DATE CLAIMER note will be coming home as soon as this is done.

Thank you for noting these.

Brett Gredig
Classroom Specialist and Choir Conductor.

Library News

It’s great to have so many children borrowing and enjoying library books. Please remind your child to bring their library bag and books on their lesson day:

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Students can also borrow before school (8:30-8:45), at break times, and after school (3:00-3:15). Students in prep to year 3 must have a library bag to borrow.

Chess News

Advanced chess lessons start on Thursday 12 February and go until the end of term (8 weeks total). The players learn strategies, openings and end games over the hour each week (from 11:00 – 12:00). The total cost is $30 per student.

If your child is interested and in years 3 to 6, please see Mr Seng or library staff.

Our chess club offers the following tutoring with Mr Les Lord throughout the year, subject to numbers and availability:

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Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Home Bakers
Thursday 5 February  Larry Heuston  D’Arne Rathbone  Rob Callow
Tuesday 10 February  Larry Heuston  Kerrie Dow  Jane Higgs
Thursday 12 February  Larry Heuston  Lisa Ramsey  Julie Manteit  Charmaine Ingledeiw
Tuesday 17 February  Larry Heuston  Kerrie Dow  Donna Elsey

A big welcome to our new helpers this year, Julie Manteit, D’Arne Rathbone, Jane Higgs, Kerrie Dow, Lisa Ramsey and Dion Hutchins. Thank you for helping out. We are now in need of some new home bakers. If you can help out, please let me know ASAP. Thanks also to Christina Kunde for helping out last Thursday. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

P & C News

Election Sausage Sizzle
Wow! We did it.

In a few days, we were able to organise and put together a successful sausage sizzle at the weekend. Many, many, many thanks to ALL who were involved in our event. This includes the huge response from the very talented home bakers, chefs for the day, parents (and children) who helped man the stall, our suppliers, P & C committee members, our schools groundsman, and all who supported us during the day. We would not have been able to make it a successful day without each and everyone of you.

Aaron Sapiecha
P & C President GSS

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Chappy Chatter
Helpful Hints for Starting School (cont.)

What these behaviors may communicate
Understanding how your child is feeling and why they are behaving in a particular way can help you work out how to support them, emotionally and practically. For instance, when you notice a change in behaviour you might ask yourself:
• What is my child feeling?
• Why might they be feeling that way?
• Have they behaved this way before?
• How did I support them previously?

Talking about your child’s feelings
Because of the changes associated with starting school, your child may benefit from some extra nurturing and understanding to help them feel secure and confident. Being open and receptive to how your child is feeling as well as providing comfort and attention when needed will help to support them through these changes.

Spend time with your child
Putting aside some special time with your child will give you an opportunity to talk with them and help them express their feelings about starting school. It may be within your child’s everyday routines such as having dinner together or driving in the car. Finding time during a shared activity will help your child to feel relaxed and comfortable to open up during a conversation with you. Some useful ways to prompt these conversations include:
• sharing a story about when you have started something new (eg a job) and some of the feelings you had. This may help your child to feel more comfortable to express how they are feeling
• using open ended questions that elicit more than yes or no answers (eg “What did you like about school during your visit today?”)
• using prompts and encouragement or gestures like smiles and nodding to show your child you are interested in what they are saying.

Just being there with your child, sharing an enjoyable activity or having a cuddle can help them feel supported and more at ease at times of change.

(For more information, see the information sheet on the KidsMatter website https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/node/2639

Take care
Chappy Carmen

OSHC
We are a P & C service known as OSHC and provide before and after school care as well as vacation care for Gabbinbar and other students.

Before care runs from 7am to 9am and after care from 3pm to 6pm with afternoon tea provided.
We currently have vacancies on Friday afternoons.

We provide a caring, creative and interesting environment with a variety of outdoors and indoors activities including craft, computers, puzzles, construction, games, pretend play and movies. Our aim is to provide a fun and safe space for children to relax and socialise. We can also supervise their homework.

For more information, see the P & C link under the “Our community” area at https://gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au or contact the OSHC co-ordinator Davina Quinn on QuinnD3@eq.edu.au or 4631 5266.

Please use the following email until further notice QuinnD3@eq.edu.au

Davina QUINN,
OSHC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School 07-4631 5266

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Uniform Shop
Uniforms can be purchased from 8am -11am each day. Parents can place a uniform order for collection at this time.

Second Hand Uniform Sales
Second Hand Uniforms are for sale on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9am.

PLEASE NOTE: Sales are CASH ONLY.
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.

SPORT

Coolaroo Australian Rules Football Club
Sign on Day
Saturday 14th February
Gold Park 10 am to 1 pm
Contact Larry Heuston 0417731126

South Toowoomba Junior Rugby Club
2015 Sign on Day
Sunday 8 February
Gold Park, Hume Street, Toowoomba.
Juniors (6-12 yrs) from 9-11am,
Teenagers (13-17yrs) from 11am – 1pm.
For further information, please contact
Margaret Lindemann on 0427 309 019
or check out our Facebook page.

Joey Scouts

Do you??

Enjoy art and craft?

Enjoy outdoor, environmental experiences?

Make new friends and experiencing new challenges?

Like to earn badges to wear on your uniform?

Davie Toowoomba scouts have vacancies in their Joey Scout section (5-7 year old Boys and Girls)

2nd Toowoomba Joey Scouts meet Friday nights (School Term) 7:30pm and is located in Dunder Lane behind the Toowoomba North State School

Contact us by
www.2ndtoowoombajoeyscouts.com.au
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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/PandC
OSH 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
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