Staffing News

It is with pleasure that I announce that Mrs Sharon Brand has been appointed as a Cluster Pedagogy Coach for 4 days a week for Terms 2 & 3, 2013. She will be working with Principals and teachers from our cluster of schools, focusing on the teaching of Literacy and Numeracy. We welcome Mrs Julie O’Rielly who will be working Monday-Thursday as our Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy. This term we also welcome Mrs Jane Revell who will be teaching Year 2P following the retirement of Ms Carolyn Prouse at the end of last term.

Mrs Rae Ahern is on leave until 10.05.13. Mrs Lorraine McCredden will be working with students during this time.

Peer Support

This week all students from Prep to Year 7 will participate in our Peer Support Program which will be led by our Year 6 and 7 Students who have been trained.

The Program teaches young people practical life skills that help both themselves and their friends through tough times of change and adversity, addressing a range of issues such as bullying, relationships and self-image. The intensive training provides students with the skills and tools to become ‘Peer Leaders’. As ‘Peer Leaders’, Senior students will facilitate small ‘mixed’ groups of younger students (Prep to 5), equipping them with the skills to deal positively and proactively with life experiences, to develop a sense of self-worth and belonging and to encourage taking responsibility for their decisions and actions. The programs emphasis focuses on students working with other students to make ‘meaningful’ relationships and ‘purposeful’ connections across a school community.

Jouwana Habash
Principal

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Chappy Chatter:

Building Family Assets at Home: Ideas for All Family Members

Family Assets are the everyday things families do to be strong, even in challenging times. They are the actions we take to build healthy relationships and healthy family members. Whether you are a child, teen, or parenting adult, everyone in the family plays a role in building these assets. Here are some ideas for how you can build assets at home.

Nurturing Relationships:

- Show family members that you care in little ways. Find a new, small but visible thing you can do to show others in your family that you care. Even a note on the bathroom mirror can brighten a day.
- Keep the focus on family members. Sometimes others in your family will do things you don’t like or that stress you out or make you unhappy. You may have to confront the problem. At the same time, make it a priority to maintain your relationship, even in the midst of the challenges.
- Talk about the everyday stuff EVERY day. Don’t wait for “important” conversations to have good conversations with others in your family. Find times to talk together every day. Ask questions like, “What was the best question you asked today?” or “What were the high and low points of your day?”
- Ask other family members about the things they really enjoy, or their Sparks. It might be music, or cooking, or acting, or being a good friend. Ask them to teach you about it—even if it’s not your favourite. Show them that it matters to you because it matters to them.

So let’s start those simple but amazing powerful chats this week. Next week we will look into Establishing Routines. For more ideas on building your family assets check out www.parentfurther.com

Take care

Chappy Carmen

School Photos

School Photos will be taken by PixieFoto on Friday, 3 May. Payment envelopes have been sent home today, with each student and must be returned by Wednesday, 1 May.

Envelopes for family photos are available from the school office. Please note that family photos will be taken before school from approx. 8:20am

Students are asked to wear school uniforms.

We value: Achieving our Best, Being Respectful and Responsible, Caring and Confidence
Inter House Cross Country
On Monday 22nd April, Gabbinbar State School will be holding the annual Inter House Cross Country Championships. All students from Prep to year 7 will be competing in races in their year age group i.e. students born 2004 will run together.

Events will commence at 9:15am with the Students born 2000 & 2001.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in the colours of their houses (Rudd - Red, Nelson - Blue and Evans - Yellow) and parents are welcome to attend and support their children.

Order of Events
Students in intermediate and senior grades will assemble at northern end of top oval adjacent to start/finish line at 9:00am for a 9:15am start of races. Junior students will assemble at the Kindergarten end of the top oval by 10.00am.

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Morning tea will be held at 11.35 after the competition of all events. Please note that these are approximate times, depending on the length of time of previous events, some events may start earlier.

Presentation of House Champion Trophy will be made at assembly the following day.

GREEN and HEALTHY NEWS
Better Homes and Gardens Cooking Competition at the Toowoomba Show

Congratulations to Grace Callow who represented Gabbinbar in the Better Homes and Gardens Cooking Competition at the Toowoomba Show last Friday. Grace was part of a team with Nick from Rockville and a chef who prepared a three course meal in one hour. They competed against three students from other schools around Toowoomba area who also had a chef. It was a very entertaining segment and it was very interesting watching the film crew and presenter Eddie make and remake segments throughout the cooking time. Grace’s group was awarded a silver medal for their menu.

A six minute segment will screen in October this year.

Many thanks to Mrs Elvery who works with the Gabbinbar Gardening Group as part of the school’s commitment to sustainable futures. Through her, we were invited to be part of this competition. Thanks also to Mrs Coleman and the parents who attended to support the school.

Second Prize in the Edible Gardens Display at the Toowoomba Show
A group of Year 5 students with Mrs Elvery’s help prepared a display for the Edible Gardens Display at the Toowoomba Show. Congratulations on being awarded second prize for your display.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2012
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.
The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources – simply by doing your grocery shop at Woolworths. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Stickers can be dropped into the collection box at Kearney Springs or here at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to select from over 7,000 valuable school resources including maths & science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

library News
Chess News
Chess tutoring for beginners and new players in prep and older starts Thursday 18th April at first break in the library. Children are welcome to come to the first session as a free trial. Cost of tutoring for the term if they continue is $30. Notes are available from the library. Please note final payment day extended to Wednesday 24 March.

Library News
Could you help children remember to bring library bags and books on their library day? See the table for your class’s borrowing day. Children in year 1 to 7 can borrow any lunch break as well.

P & C Meeting
The monthly meeting of the Gabbinbar P & C Assoc. will be held tonight, Wednesday 17 April, at 7pm in the staffroom. All members of the school community are most welcome to attend.

Jogathon
We will be having our Jogathon on the 22nd April. As this is also the day of the cross-country, all students will be encouraged to participate, not only to raise money for the school, but to score points for their sports house.

Forms with monies are due back Friday 19 April. There are some awesome prizes to reward and thank students for their efforts!

Tuckshop
We now have Fruit salad cups available on the menu $1.00 each. Please note that next Thursday is a public holiday (Anzac day) so the Tuckshop will be open next Friday 26th April. Don’t forget Friday Treats this Friday afternoon from 3pm.

School Banking
Welcome back to Term 2. Hope you all had a relaxing break. I have a few notes I would like to point out regarding student banking.

I have noticed quite a few bank books that haven’t been filled out correctly or not at all. It is important that parents or students fill out the deposit book themselves with the required information. When you are filling out your deposit books you must have the following details.

Deposit stub
• amount you wish to deposit

Deposit slip
• name, account number, student number, date
• amount you are depositing in notes, coins, cheques
• total to be deposited

The second note is that I have been informed by Commonwealth Bank that a competition for Term 2 is now underway. There is a fantastic first prize of a $5,000 holiday anywhere in Australia with $500 spending money to be won, as well as 25 runners-up prizes to the value of $700 each which includes a Wii U, an electric scooter and more! I will be sending home flyers in next week’s newsletter which will give you more details.

Don’t forget, when you have made 10 deposits and have received 10 tokens you are eligible to receive one of the great reward items available. For Term 2 you can choose one of the five character money boxes, wallet, handball, knuckles game and a torch. Handball, wallet and knuckles games will only be available until the end of Term 2. I hold a record of how many tokens you should have so if you are unsure, just let me know. There are a few students who have not banked for a while and are only 1 or 2 deposits away from their next lot of 10. So let’s get saving and earn those fantastic reward items.

Regards,
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