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**Principal’s Message**

**NAPLAN testing time again**

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14–16 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website, [http://www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

**Peer Support Prep – Year 7**

Last week’s session focused on getting to know each other. Each group then signed a group agreement that outlines the expectation of how they will respect and work together as a group.

Jouwana Habash  
Principal

**ANZAC Day Parade**

Today we had a special ceremony to acknowledge the contribution of not only the men and women who served us in World War 1, but also all the men and women who have served and are continuing to serve our great nation in the armed forces.

Major Warrick Talbot addressed us and we acknowledged the families of serving members and how difficult it can be to have an absent parent.

While we know that this happens in many families where either parent works away from home for periods of time, generally those are for financial reasons rather than serving our country.

We encourage families to attend a service in town to acknowledge that we live in a country that is free of war and constant fear of terrorist attacks.

**School Photos**

School Photos will be taken by PixieFoto on Friday, 3 May. Payment envelopes were sent home with last week’s newsletter and are to be returned to the photographers on the 3rd 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.
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Byron Jason (PW), Paddy Gowan (PS), Kaylee Benson (PG), Maddison Layt (IE), Cameron Lee (@G), Brody Sheil (2P), Samuel Leahy (3P), Bella (3/4R), Emma Simons (L), Elijah Broderick (6/7W), Lily (7B), Lily Rangott (A1), Ned Pitts (A2), Jason Hadwin (A3).

GOTCHA AWARDS

Brycen Rawlins, Nathan Berwick, Anne-Maree Taylor, Samuel Leahy, Jack Heery, Mitchell Wilson, G. Fitch, Bryce Meharg

Classroom / Choir Music Notes

Welcome back to everyone to another busy term of music at Gabbinbar, particularly for the School Choirs, as you will see below.

CLASSES:

All classes will continue with their multi-layered multi-instrumental arrangements in classes with Mr. G.

This involves the learning of a simple melody, which can be sung or played (on Recorder, Glockenspiel and/or Xylophone) with the gradual addition of extra rhythmic melodies or percussion parts. This will give the children exposure to up to 4 or 5 parts to play or sing within the simple piece of music – hard work, but great fun over the weeks that it takes to put it together.

CHOIRS:

Both Junior (G3, 4 & 5) and Senior (G 6 & 7) Choirs will be competing in two (2) competitions this term:-

SUNDAY MAY 26

• CHORAL EISTEDDFOD – THE EMPIRE THEATRE.
• JUNIOR CHOIR: SECTION 17. 11:30 AM
• SENIOR CHOIR: SECTION 14. 2:30 PM

WEDNESDAY MAY 29

• EDUCATION QUEENSLAND CHORAL FANFARE – “THE CHAPEL”
• SENIOR CHOIR: 9:15am performance
• JUNIOR CHOIR: 10:00am performance

A full information letter will be produced shortly.

To meet these commitments, it is very important the each child attends every practice scheduled between now and then to maximize their rehearsal times with the choir. Non-attendees may be excluded from competing.

P & C NEWS

We raised $2086 for our school from the fun run on Monday! That’s $200 more than last year!!! WELL DONE EVERYONE!! Thank you to everyone who went out and got sponsorships to raise money. The prizes will be here next Friday.

Mother’s Day Stall

Mothers day is fast approaching. Our mothers day stall will be on Wednesday 8th May, so start saving your pocket money or harassing Dad for his loose change because the gifts this year are out of this world. The prices will range from $3 to $6 and for the first time you will be able to buy 2 gifts. One for Mum, step mum, Nana or Grandma. If you are able to help with the stall set up on Tuesday afternoon or with the stall on Wednesday from 8:45am till 11:30 please call Shauna Whitley on 0401 405 016.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2012

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. Stickers can be dropped into the collection box at Kearney Springs or here at the school.

TUCKSHOP

Please note that this Thursday 25th April is a public holiday (Anzac day) so the Tuckshop will be open on Friday 26th April for both breaks. Two of our fantastic helpers (Alicia Goldman and Donna Elsey) are unable to help out this term so we are in need of a couple of mums or dads to fill their spots. If you can spare a couple of hours on tuckshop days please let me know ASAP. Don’t forget Friday Treats this Friday afternoon from 3pm.

Volunteers and Home bakers are always welcome ● Larry 0417 731 126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

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OSHC

Our OSHC children have settled well back into the OSHC routine and are eagerly anticipating our reward shop this week where they can cash in their reward points for items from our shop. Throughout the term the children have the opportunity to accumulate reward points for observed positive behaviour and it is always a time of great excitement for our children.

The children have been showing lots of interest in the insect world and small lizards that have been found around the school grounds after some exciting bug catching expeditions in our Vacation Care program.

There has also been a strong interest in board games and we would really appreciate it if any of our families have any games at home they no longer use that they would be willing to donate for the children’s use.

While Davina is having a leave of absence during term two, I will be looking after OSHC admin and daily running of the service. Davina will be coming in periodically to assist where required.

We have had some problems with our emails this week, we have now been given a new email address which is oshc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au. We hope this change doesn’t inconvenience anyone too much.

Regards
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