Principal’s Message

I had the pleasure of accompanying our students to Coral Fanfare this morning. Both the Senior and Junior Choirs performed with very positive and encouraging feedback from the adjudicator. I would like to congratulate all students who are part of our school Choirs on their commitment and dedication to learning their repertoire of songs and attending rehearsals which saw both Choirs achieving Silver Awards today and a Second Place for the Senior Choir and a Highly Commended for the Junior at the Eisteddfod on Sunday.

I would like to thank Mr G for his commitment to providing our students with the opportunity to participate in rich and rewarding musical experiences such as the Eisteddfod and Coral Fanfare and ensuring that all students have an opportunity to experience the joy music can bring.

NAB Schools First Awards
Applications for the NAB Schools First Awards are open. Students with an idea for a great partnership of our school could organise with the community could win $5000 and an iPad! The application window closes on 28 June and the NAB Schools First Awards website has all the details: http://www.schoolsfirst.edu.au/apply

Staffing news
For the remainder of this term, Mrs Wendy Peckham will replace Mr Anthony Seng for some of his teaching duties. Mr Seng is working with the More Support for Students with Disabilities (MSSWD) project. He will continue to manage the library and information and communications technologies (ICTs) at Gabbinbar.

QSchools smartphone app
The new QSchools smartphone app integrates with our website and allows parents and carers to have instant access to live school updates and information including news updates and alerts.

For more information, see the Quicklinks on our homepage

Music Notes
Congratulations to all choristers in both choirs for their superb performance and results in Sunday’s Eisteddfod. While they sang beautifully, and showed great stage presence, their general behaviour at The Empire Theatre was that of which you can also be proud. A huge thankyou to Julie Leahy and Aaron Sapiecha who had them looking fantastic (a number of people commented to me on their stage appearance) as well as managing crowd control before, during and after. Thanks also to the parents who helped out on the day.

Brett Gredig (Music Teacher)

Eisteddfod Congratulations
Congratulations to Oscar Long (Yr 4) who received a Very Highly Commended for his Piano Solo at the Toowoomba Eisteddfod.

Chappy Chatter: When Kids Feel Different
Imagine going to a social event. You show up in shorts and a T-shirt, thinking it’s a picnic and it turns out to be a black-tie affair. You feel so different and for those few hours you think of nothing else.

Children may feel different for many reasons. Some of the reasons are important and some of them seem trivial. Some of the reasons are obvious. Others are held only in the child’s heart.

In every case, your child needs to know that the feeling is real. We can’t shrug it off and say, “You’re being silly” or “You’ll grow out of it.” Your child needs to know that the emotions they are feeling, or they themselves, are not bad or stupid.

Children need honesty. Saying “No one will notice” or “No one really cares” will feel like a lie to them. Ignoring the matter can be as hurtful as overemphasizing it. Either can make your child feel as if the difference is a cause for shame.

The best way to strike a balance is to surround your child with love. Children need to be loved just because they are. They also need to be told - out loud - how much they’re loved. Adults are used to dealing with unspoken feelings, children do not have the ability to “read” this hidden language. Every day they need to hear the words and to feel the hugs.

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Give your daughter or son a hug of love. You’ve got nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Take care till next week

Chappy Carmen

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Russell Toleman

Date Claimers

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29.05.13       Choral Fanfare
07.06.13       Pyjama Day
07.06.13       Student Disco
10.06.13       Centenary Heights, Yr 7 Information Night
12.06.13       String-Out
13.06.13       Instrumental Pre Eisteddfod Concert
16.06.13       Garden Working Bee
19.06.13       P & C Meeting
21.06.13       Last day Term 2
03.08.13       Trivia Night
22.08.13       Advanced Music Camp
19.10.13       School Fete

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GABBINBAR GAZETTE

Student of the Week

Tyla-Jo Salmi (PW), Addison Elsley (PS), Jessica Burgess (PG), Hannah Turl (IE), Tyson Woods (1R), Declan Goldman (1R), Dakoda Iacon (2G), Chenoa (2P), Eva Walker (3M), Eric Hingston (3M), Griffin Fitch (3P), Paige Evans-Thies (3/4R), Dahra Rissman (4E), Samantha Sheere (5C), Skylar Kelly (5L), Riley Mills (6M), Jordyn Howarth (6/7G), Logan Burns (7B), Jaiden Myers (A1).

GREEN & HEALTHY NEWS

WORKING BEE: PLEASE READ!

Yes, we are having a working bee to get our vegie garden and other gardens in tip-top shape before spring arrives.

Working bees are FUN, and we finish with a picnic lunch, so please come along: Sunday 16 June, from 11am till 1.30pm. Mark the date on your calendar now! OSHC will be operating with fun activities for your children.

A flyer will be sent in home next week’s newsletter detailing the jobs and the tools required.

Sustainable Futures Committee.

Parent Reading Workshop

Gazette by email

You can now receive the Gazette by email. To request a notification when the latest Gabbinbar Gazette is available, send an email with the subject “SUBSCRIBE” to newsletters@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au

If you have suggestions or comments for our website or newsletter, please email comments@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

WORLD VISION FUNDRAISER

On Friday 7 June, to coincide with the end of Peer Support, the Student Council is holding a fundraiser for World Vision., All children who wear their pyjamas and bring a teddy bear are asked to contribute a gold coin which will go to World Vision.

P & C NEWS

Fundraising - Pie Drive

Order forms and all monies must be returned to the P&C slot in the office by 9.00am Monday 3rd June. Orders will be available to be picked up from the tuckshop on Wednesday 12th June between 2.30 and 3.30pm. If you have any questions, please phone Shauna Whitley 0401 405 016.

Fete News!!

We are asking for support from the whole school community for help on the following stalls:

• Drinks stand, BBQ, Hot chip van
• Café (in hall kitchen) managed by Melinda Dougherty.

Shauna Whitley (Fundraising Coordinator)

Trivia Night

The Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 3 August at 7pm in the School Hall. Flyers have been sent home with today’s newsletter. If you would like to purchase individual tickets or a table, please return the tear off section of the flyer in an envelope with your payment to the P&C slot in the office by 3pm Friday 12 July to confirm your seats. There is also a section on the form if you would like to help out on the night and not take part in the trivia. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon for the multi-draw raffle that will be drawn at the Trivia Night (you do not have to attend for a chance to win). Remember to like us on Facebook, search Gabbinbar SS P&C Trivia Night 2013; we will be giving out 5 free tickets to our multi-draw raffle to a random liker when we reach 65 likes!

While the P-3 Disco is being held all interested parents are invited to a Reading Workshop (to help your child with reading at home) in the Library. Please contact Julie O’Reilly through the office for more information.

TUCKSHOP

We are still in need of helpers for tomorrow, Thursday for an hour or two. It is a fun morning and morning tea and lunch is supplied. Please contact me ASAP if you can help out. Don’t forget Friday treats are on this Friday from 3pm.

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

OSHC

It is getting closer to the end of term 2 and Vacation Care will soon be upon us. We are discussing activities for our holiday program and will soon have copies printed for parents to view. We welcome any ideas for activities the children may be interested in. Family input into our program is always welcome. To secure a place, please write your child’s name and days required on the sheet near the sign-in sheets when you collect your child.

As the colder weather approaches please remember to check our lost property bin as often at this time of year we accumulate jumpers etc. A reminder that Davina will be coming in on Monday and Wednesday afternoons to address any administration needs. If possible please phone or call in during these times if you have any queries regarding your account.

Regards Suzanne Evans - Co-Ordinator, OSHC team

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