Principal’s Message
Mr Toleman has been working with students throughout this term preparing for the Athletics season. Our School Athletics Carnival (100m, relays and field events) will be held on Thursday 20th June at 9am for all students born 2000-2004. The 200m and 500m / 800m track events will be held on Tuesday 18th June with the 200m commencing at 9.00am. The 500m/ 800m will be held at 1.50pm. Please note there will be no assembly that day.

The Range Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 12th August.

Unexplained Absences
A reminder to all parents, that it is your responsibility to notify the school of your child’s absence. You can do this in four simple ways:
1. Phoning the school and notifying the office.
2. Sending a note signed and dated to school with your child.
3. Emailing the school via our website – click on the tab ‘Absentee-eLine’ and email us.
4. Emailing directly: absences@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au

Please use this for absences only.

Absences that are ‘unexplained’ are recorded as such, and are highlighted in your child’s Report Card at the end of each Semester. Ideally we would like to see no child with an ‘Unexplained absence’ throughout the course of a regular school year.

Government steps up to support children starting school
Families with children starting school can now access Step Up into education — new online resources to better prepare and support young children make the transition to school.

The program was developed to help make the experience for these children a positive one. It is based on research that shows a positive start to school can lead to better learning outcomes.

For more information visit the website: www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/

Parent Reading Workshop
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.

CHAPPY CHATTER:

What causes anger?

Everyone experiences anger. It is a normal reaction to frustration, stress or disappointment. It can occur in children as young as three or four months old. Anger can be quite noticeable in toddlers who often express it through tantrums and other aggressive actions. However, as they grow and develop most children learn how to deal with some of the frustrations of everyday life. They also learn how to express their anger in acceptable ways.

Some anger can be helpful. For example, when expressed appropriately anger can help tell someone else: “Stop. I don’t like that.” Anger can also motivate us to overcome problems and achieve goals. Whether children’s anger is positive or negative depends on how effectively it is managed and whether it can be directed towards positive goals.

When children lack skills for managing anger it can lead to aggressive behaviour. Usually, it is the aggressive action that follows anger that most concerns parents, carers and teaching staff. Learning to manage anger involves developing social and emotional skills for calming down and having ways to express angry feelings assertively. This means learning to use words rather than aggressive actions to communicate feelings. Parents, carers and teaching staff have an important role in helping children learn to manage anger effectively.

I encourage you to check out Kidsmatter.com.au for some practical behavioural skills.

Take care

Chappy Carmen

GREEN & HEALTHY NEWS

WORKING BEE

We are having a working bee on Sunday 16 June, from 11am till 1.30pm to get our vegie garden and other gardens in tip-top shape before spring arrives.

OSHC will be operating with fun activities for your children.

See the flyer with today’s newsletter for more information.

Sustainable Futures Committee.
Student of the Week

Holly Muscat (PW), Bianca Sellick (PS), Sophie Crowe (PS), Brianna (PG), Tyla Koekemoer (1E), Liam Ackland (1R), Hayden Oxford (2G), Connor Tootell (2G), Lachlan Ott (3M), Belita Welsh (3P), Matthew McLean (3/4R), Catherine Lee (4E), Serena Cooper (5C), Griffin Goldman (5L), Ethan Evans-Theis (6M), Zanthia Utz (6/7W), Khat McIntyre (7B), Rebecca Chapman (A1), Matthew Chapman (A2), Abbie-Lee Johnson (A3).

Gotcha Awards - Emma Dallas

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.

Second Hand Uniforms – Winter Clearance

We have a large stock of jumpers, track pants, shirts etc. Items will be for sale on Monday 17, Wednesday 19 and Friday 21 June from 9am-10am in the staffroom. For more information please phone Sharon - 0423 854 259

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

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Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2012

The program closes this weekend. Please drop your stickers into the collection box at Kearney Springs or here at the school.

OSHC

This week at OSHC our children have been enjoying indoor games and activities as the weather has been quite cold. Angela has organised a range of games for the children in the hall including ‘Stuck in the mud, Dodge Ball, Bull Rush, Wink Murderer and Octopus Tag’.

We have observed a strong interest in dinosaurs and have offered activities including dinosaur play with nature blocks, jigsaws, books, drawing and movies.

The children’s interest in handball has remained strong with children enjoying challenging their skills with their peers.

We are still organising the finishing touches on our vacation care programme so remember to list your interest in securing a place for your child on the sheet on the sign out desk.

Regards Suzanne Evans Co-Ordinator and OSCHC team

P & C NEWS

Fundraising - Pie Drive

A huge thank you to all great supporters of our pie drive! It’s not easy to get outside orders and chase up money from friends, family and work friends. A massive thank you for all your efforts. We raised just under $1200. We desperately need helpers to pack the 1100 pies that are arriving next Wednesday, 12 June. If you have the morning free from 9-12 please contact Shauna Whitley on 0401 405 016.

FETE NEWS

The next fete meeting will be on Friday 14 June at 9am in the office. All are encouraged to be involved in our fete. Many hands make light work. If you need any information on the fete or if you have any ideas please contact Shauna whitley on 0401 405 016 or email fete@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au

Shauna Whitley (Fundraising Coordinator)

Date Claimer – Attention Students & Parents

Centenary Heights State High School will hold its Year 7 to 8 Information Evening on Wednesday, June 12, at 6:00pm in the hall. An overview of the school and the enrolment process will be provided on the night. All parents and students considering or intending enrolment in 2014 are encouraged to attend.

Parents of students in earlier year levels are also most welcome. For further information about Centenary Heights State High School you could phone 46367500 or visit our website: http://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/wcmss/

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LOST PROPERTY

All the lost property bins are overflowing with jumpers, hats, shoes, socks, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. Please check the bins regularly if your child has lost anything.

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