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A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Sapiecha and Mrs Cooper for their help in supervising the children and also the parents for organising transport. Special thanks also to the administration staff for all the paper work and organisation which was necessary to enable our children to attend. Congratulations to all the students who attended.

Mrs H Schnitzerling

CHAPPY CHATTER

Making Time for Family Time

Spending time together as a family isn’t something that “just happens.” If you want to spend quality time with your family on a regular basis, you’ll have to be intentional about it and put effort into making it happen. Many families have come up with creative ways to spend time together - try several different ways to make time for family time and see which works best for your family. Make sure to include all family members in the decision-making process, so that everyone is interested.

Getting together for dinner is almost impossible for my family - what else can I do?

Instead of worrying about how to get your family together for dinner, try to find something that works for your situation. See if you can get everyone together for breakfast once or twice a week. If you work nights, perhaps you can plan a lunch together. Or go out to dinner instead of staying home. If something isn’t working for your family, try something new to shake things up. Every family has different needs and schedules; keep trying new things until you figure out what works for yours.

My teenager would much rather spend time with his friends than our family.

This is common for many teens (and tweens, as well). One of the methods you can use for getting your teenager more interested in spending time with your family is to allow him to invite a friend to your family gathering or vacation. Make sure he knows that he’s still expected to participate as part of the family, but that the family can be extended to include his friend.

How can I make my family vacations more relaxing, instead of full of arguments?

Family vacations can be great opportunities for becoming closer as a family, but they also require some effort to keep running smoothly. You may find it helpful to adjust your thinking about family vacations. These are times when you may need to work a bit to bring the family together, rather than simply relaxing. When you need to unwind, try to take time by yourself rather than with your family. Use some of the following strategies for making sure that all members of your family enjoy your vacation.

- Ask: What’s our vacation goal? Relaxing and being together? Adventure?
- Ask: Should this be a family service trip?
- Get everyone’s input! Kids can help with vacation budget to learn about money management.
- Consider a “staycation”: Save money and explore local treasures!
- If budget allows, invite a friend along for the older kids.

Take care
Chappye Carmen

LIBRARY NEWS

Children are encouraged to borrow library books over the short school holidays. Our library has new picture books, magazines and chapter books arriving all the time. We have a fantastic collection that has something for every child. Please remind prep to year 3 children to return library bags – they need them to borrow.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

NEW BACKPACKS

The new school backpacks recently approved by Gabbinbar P&C have arrived. The ultra-tough backpacks are from our school uniform supplier and come printed with the Gabbinbar school logo and are $30 each. Parents interested in purchasing are welcome to see the sample in the school office. Our new school library bags have also arrived. These large, tough and water-resistant bags are only $10 each.

TUCKSHOP

A new menu will be sent home today with the newsletter, prices have not changed however some new items have been added to the menu. The tuckshop will reopen on Tuesday 9th July.

We are always looking for new helpers and home bakers in the tuckshop, so if you can spare an hour or two please let me know so I can add you to the roster. Don’t forget Friday Treats this Friday afternoon from 3pm.

Tuckshop Day Tuckshop Helpers Tuckshop Home bakers
Thursday 20th June Patrick Connolly Penny Carter Janeth Egan
Tuesday 9th July TER 2 Larry Heuston Penny Carter Abigail O'Connell
Tuesday 9th July TERM 3 Larry Heuston bob Callow Janet Edwards
Thursday 11th July TERM 3 Larry Heuston Penny Carter Abigail O'Connell

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

Second Hand Uniforms – Winter Clearance

We have a large stock of jumpers, track pants, shirts etc. Items will be for sale on Friday 21 June from 9am-10am in the staffroom. For more information please phone Sharon - 0423 654 259

P & C NEWS - Trivia Night

Tickets are now on sale for $10 per ticket or $50 per table of 6. Tables can be booked through the office by placing your contact name, phone number along with the payment into the P&C slot in the office in a marked envelope. Payment must be received before the booking can be secured.

Raffle tickets are also on sale now for the MASSIVE multi-draw raffle that will be drawn at the Trivia Night (you do not have to attend the night for a chance to win). Tickets are $1 each. Tickets can be purchased at the office and/or by contacting Megan Williams on 0418 784 208. Some of the prizes include: two return tickets from Toowoomba to Sydney direct, two nights accommodation at Coolum, free haircuts, pizza vouchers, gym memberships and hampers of all sorts. Total prize pool is over $3000. You have to be in it to win it!

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. We are currently at 52 likers, so be quick!

OSHC

Our vacation care plans are well under way with some exciting activities planned for the children, including cooking, skating, bowling, kite making, wind chime making, state of origin competition and so much more!!! Davina is going to help us build a water wall out of recycled materials adding to the beautification of our OSHC environment. Our winter vegetable and sensory gardens are about to be replenished with Karen K and Lisa guiding our gardening club, Zayan has nominated to be our gardening club president for 2013.

We always endeavour to encourage a feeling of ownership of their environment by our OSHC children. This was evident last week when our Wii remote became inoperable. Thank you to Jaime and his family for the donation of a new remote enabling the children to continue their enjoyment of this technology.

Regards Suzanne Co-Ordinator OSHC

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