FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome back to all students and their families and I hope you had a relaxing break. This term we also welcome a number of new students and their families to our school community. I know you will find your time at our school a rewarding experience as my staff and I work with you towards developing your child to achieve their potential.

This term we welcome Mrs Cheryl Auchter to our staff. Mrs Auchter will be teaching Year 2P this semester.

Over the winter break there was a lot of activity here at school with the removal of trees to make the grounds safe and to upgrade our entrances. Unfortunately due to the weather this work was not able to be completed for the start of term as planned. Currently we have alternative arrangements in place. Thank you for your understanding at this time.

Student Entrance – McKenzie St

Once completed the main entrance will be over twice the width ensuring easier access at both drop off and pick up times with steps to the crossing and a footpath along the car park to the undercover area.

Main Entrance - Stenner St

A ramp for disabled access has been installed allowing easy access from the disabled park to the school and administration building.

Bus Duty

To ensure that all students who travel home by bus meet their bus on time we have reviewed our procedure and ask parents to remind students of the process in place. Students catching a bus from McKenzie St are asked to meet the staff member on duty in the area beside the tuckshop by 3:05pm so they can walk to the bus stop and be ready, given that the bus times vary from 3:10pm – 3:20pm.

Students catching buses that leave from Stenner St are asked to meet the staff member on duty in the area between the administration building and the library so they may have their name marked off the roll and walk to the bus shelter to meet their bus at the allocated time.

A reminder that school concludes at 3:00pm and parents are asked to collect their students as soon as possible after 3:00pm.

Internal Car Park – Parent Notice!

Our school precinct is a very busy area before and after school. Access within the Internal Car Park is for staff, parents of students with disabilities and private suppliers and contractors only – it is not a general 'pick-up' and 'drop-off' area! Please help us keep your children safe.

Life Ed

Life Ed Van will be visiting the school from 22 – 26 July. A information letter with permission slip will be sent home with today’s newsletter.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in our Athletics carnival at the end of last term. Their display of sportsmanship through their participation and support of their team mates is to be commended.

Age Champions

Girls: 9 yrs – Lillian Hanssen, 10 yrs – Jorden Wright, 11 yrs – Grace Callow, 12 yrs – Jack Heery, 13 yrs – Mari Joubert

Boys: 9 yrs – Maddy Bauer & Khat McIntyre, 10 yrs – Henri Welman, 11 yrs – Lachlan Talbot, 12 yrs – Adau Deng

Students who have qualified for the Range Zone Athletics Trials will receive information in coming weeks.

New Look Gazette

This week we launch the new look Gabbinbar Gazette. A big thank you to Mr Seng and Mrs Maynard for their work to update the front cover. We are responding to requests for an electronic version of our newsletter. You can now receive the Gazette electronically and help us work towards a more sustainable future. To stop receiving a paper copy and to request a notification when the latest Gabbinbar Gazette is available, send an email with the subject “SUBSCRIBE” to newsletters@gabbinbars.eq.edu.au.

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

Staff Update

The following staff are currently on leave for the first two weeks of this term with the following arrangements in place:

- Caryn Powell – Rae Ahern Acting Deputy Principal
- Andrea Watson – Sharon Moore replacing
- Nicole Edwards – Joan Clancy replacing
- Marion Elvery – Lorraine McCredden replacing
- Gretchen Graf – Anitta Saunders replacing
- Sue Coleman – Cathy Hunt replacing

Jouwana Habash
Principal

Thought of the Week

The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.

Confucius

CHESS NEWS

Chess tutoring for advanced players starts soon. Please see Mr Seng in the Library for a note if you are interested. Payments close Monday 22 July. Also keep an eye out for information about the Teams Chess Championships in September.
**CHAPPY CHATTER**

**Keeping School Cool**

From the end of January until the first part of December, children spend many more hours at school than their waking hours at home. For seven or eight hours a day, they must “fend for themselves,” away from the protective arms and eyes of parents. They deal with people of all ages - on the bus, in class, at lunch breaks. They learn many social skills through trial and error.

Adults must take care not to belittle a child’s concerns about school. These problems may seem trivial compared to adult worries, but a child's problems can be just as gut-wrenching and nerve-wracking. When a child comes home from school, it’s important that someone show an interest in how the day went.

A good starting place is your child’s backpack. You can unearth treasures to display with pride on the refrigerator and then tuck away in a memory box. The backpack also contains many “conversation starters” - corrected papers, test grades, updates and notes from the teacher.

Even though teachers and bus drivers try to be aware of what’s going on, they are not mind readers. Cliques, conflicts, and bullying do happen. Try to get your child to talk about problems like this and come up with a plan of action. No, I didn’t say attack. If a child has been hurt or threatened with harm, of course, you need to alert school authorities.

We cannot always protect our children from daily hardships, however, and we shouldn’t. A child doesn’t learn responsibility, for example, if a parent rushes to school with homework or books, thinking the child can take care of this without help. A child needs to learn how to deal with his or her own difficulties.

I hope in this term we can all work together to keep our school cool.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Jessica Rae (3M) and Joe Cooper (A1).

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**GOTCHA AWARDS**

Taylah Campbell, Rhyanna Wallace, Maddison Peck.

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**FOR SALE**

Clarinets for sale. Ashton, excellent condition. $100 ONO.

Please phone or text Rebecca 0410 529 291

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**P & C NEWS**

**Trivia Night Update**

The Trivia Night is only 3 weeks away! Tickets are $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 bookings can be secured.

Raffle tickets are also on sale 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 at any time. Megan will be in the office this Friday afternoon from 2.30pm - 3.30pm to sell raffle tickets and to book tables. Katrina will be in the carpark on Mackenzie Street on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm – 3.30pm to sell raffle tickets and to book tables also. So come and see the girls!

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 61 likes!

**TUCKSHOP TALES**

Welcome back everyone. Don’t forget the tuckshop is open every Tuesday and Thursday for both breaks.

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

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

**OSHC**

Our Vacation care program was very well supported with a wide range of activities enjoyed throughout the school break. As we begin our third term we are welcoming a number of new families to our OSHC service.

We have some new staff members also and welcome Karen K and Jessica to our team.

We would like to thank the McAdam family for donating a fantastic wooden cupboard full of Barbie and Ken dolls and accessories to add to our home corner. These resources were used extensively throughout the holidays and we greatly appreciate our families having an input into our program.

Our senior sign is finally complete and erected and our senior children are enjoying having ownership of their own space for their selected activities. In our art and craft area this week we will be making puppets from paper bags, exploring drawing techniques, science experiments and painting boomerangs.

Davina has been coming in frequently to assist with admin duties and we are looking forward to her return in the coming weeks.

Suzanne Evans
Co-Ordinator and OSHC team

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Gabbinbar Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) provides services including out of school hours care (OSHC) programs, tuckshop, second-hand uniform shop and the student banking program. P&C meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

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Web: gabbinbarrs.eq.edu.au/OurCommunity/PandC
OSHC Phone: 07 4631 5266
Tuckshop Phone: 07 4631 5215 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

C&K Gabbinbar Community Kindergarten operates on our school site.
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