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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**Opti- MINDS**
Opti-MINDS is all about the participation, being an integral part of a team, contributing ideas and deciding how to meet the challenge. Teams had to think creatively and work closely together and our students are to be commended on their commitment and performance.

The challenge had 2 parts - a long term challenge where the team along with facilitators from our school, Mrs Elvery, Mrs O’Reilly, and Mr Whisson worked for 6 weeks to prepare their response and organise scripts, costumes and props for their presentation on the day. The second component was the short term challenge which was a spontaneous response to a challenge that students had 10 minutes to prepare for.

We congratulate our Teams on their achievement receiving with particular mention to our Language and Literacy team who were awarded Honours.

**Australian Spelling Competition**
This week we congratulate the students who participated in the 2012 UNSW Spelling Competition on their outstanding results. In particular we recognise the following students who received a Certificate of Distinction awarded to students whose results were in the top 10% of the State:
Dion Warren, Max Simons, Mitchell Meharg

Certificate of Credit awarded to:
Milad Ahmadi, Rory McDonald, Bryce Meharg, Belita Welsh, Callum Wright, Ashdyn Lance, Meg Parish, Anneena Wembri

**TYME (Today’s Youth in Music)**
On Thursday September 19 we will again be participating in TYME at USQ. The students will leave the school by bus at 9:30am returning at 2:30pm. I invite family members (parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles) to come and see the great performances of not only our students but those of other schools in our district. Food and drinks are available at the venue, just bring a chair to sit on, a hat and sunscreen and enjoy the free entertainment.

Notes will be sent home as soon as details are finalised.

**Payments Due**

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Payments for Excursions, Performances or Student program will not be accepted after the payment due date under any circumstances.

**Thought of 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
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Alex (PW), Cameron (PS), Lydia (PG), Anna-Lucia (1E), Joe (1R), Chelsea (1R), Logan (2G), Cody (2P), Eva (3M), Hans (3P), Lulu (3/4R), Tara (4E), Michelle (5C), Dion (5L), Victoria (6M), Sarah (6/7W), Brittany (7B), Joash (A1), Mitchell (A2), Bethanni (A3)

Chess News

We need parents/carers to help with driving children to the Chess Championships at Rangeville State School on Tuesday 3 September. If you can help, please call Mr Seng, Teacher-Librarian, on 4631 5222 by Friday 30 August. Thank you in advance.

- For parents driving only their own child please ensure children are at the Rangeville SS hall at 8:45am and arrive to collect them from 3:30pm (We expect the event to finish at about 4:00pm, but it may finish earlier).
- For children being driven by other staff/parents, please have them in Gabbinbar Library by 8:15am and arrange to have them collected or attend OSHC from 4:00pm.
- All players need to wear Gabbinbar uniform.
- Children will need a water bottle, lunch or lunch money (menu available from Mr Seng). There are several short breaks in the day – please pack several small snacks.
- Children could bring a book to read or handball for the break times.
- Parents and families are very welcome to stay to watch the games.

OSHC

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC News! Another busy week, with lots of outdoor play as the weather improves. We are looking forward to a lovely spring vacation care, please register your interest now, as we finalise our program to be out next week.

- We have spent a lot of time reflecting on our practice and service capacity lately. Some parents may be aware we have been working on securing new premises. Our position at the moment seems to be we will have use of our current space for 2014. However, this space is only licensed for 35 children a day, and as such, we will be limiting our bookings to this number from now on. This will ensure our educator:children ratio is adhered to while providing quality care for your children. Bookings may be cancelled if families aren’t meeting the conditions for use of the service as set out in our Parent Handbook.
- OSHC will be holding the second hand stall for the Gabbinbar Fete, and we are now accepting any donations you may have. Items can be dropped off at OSHC between 9-2.30pm. If these hours are unsuitable for you, please ring to discuss another time.
Thank you
Davina Quinn and OSHC team

TUCKSHOP TALES

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As you can see we are in need of some helpers this Thursday and next Tuesday so if you can spare an hour or two please let me know, it’s a fun morning and morning tea or lunch is provided.

Don’t forget Friday treats this Friday from 3pm. French Vanilla milk has also been added to the tuckshop menu $1.50. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

P&C NEWS

Father’s Day Stall
Thank you to everyone who helped on the Father’s Day Stall this morning. There should be some very happy dads on Sunday!!! A reminder that there are still more gifts available for purchase on Friday afternoon from the tuckshop.

Father’s Day Raffle
Tickets are still available in the Fathers’ Day Raffle from the school office. The raffle will be drawn at 2:30pm Friday. Tickets are $1 each.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle
The P&C are looking for volunteers to help with a sausage sizzle at the Federal Election (Sept 7). If you are able to help out (even if it’s just for an hour while your placing your vote) please contact Vicki Wilson 0407 039 087.

Fete
Only 8 weeks to go – isn’t it exciting!!! A flyer will be sent home today seeking donations so if you can either donate goods to any of the stalls or make a monetary contribution so that stock can be purchased, it would be greatly appreciated. Please work closely with your child’s class stall holder or teacher to see what you can do to ensure the success of your child’s stall at the fete.

Armbands are now on sale with Mrs Mac in the library. Purchase an armband for $25 (cash or cheque only – no EFTPOS) and have unlimited rides all day otherwise it is $5 per ride on the day. Layby is also available.

Can you help the Fete Plant Stall?
Any unwanted Plant Vouchers from Toowoomba City Council rates notices can be put in an envelope marked Plant Stall and sent into school (P&C slot in office)
* plastic pots of any size can be left in the school garden area (Junior playground)
* donations of potting mix and anything garden related is also welcome
* donations of potted plants welcome after the school holidays
* a team of helpers to price plants etc, set up and run the stall on the day
* parent co-ordinator/s for this still would be much appreciated
* students and teachers in 4E and PG will be planting and creating some items for the stall

WE would LOVE your HELP
Any questions see - Ms Graf (PG) or Mrs Elvery (4E)

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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.

Email: pandc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au
Web: gabbinbarss.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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