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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

As this term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, guardians and volunteers who gave up their time throughout the term to support and provide our students with the variety of offerings including, excursions, Eisteddfods, swimming, chess and in school support with reading and other classroom activities.

Over the school break work to replace the shade cloth damaged in the storms earlier this year will commence. A permanent fixed structure will be built over the junior playground and the basketball court. Due to safety requirements these areas will be fenced off for the duration of the work. We anticipate that work will also commence over the spring break for the new Prep classroom that will be built in preparation for the 2014 school year.

The release of this year’s NAPLAN results reflects the positive progress and achievements of our students. Over the next few weeks our staff will go through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance.

Due to a printing error with reports, we will not receive our reports till early next term. These will be forwarded to parents once they arrive.

**Year 8 2014 HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

Harristown State High School Year 8 enrolment forms are due in this week, before the September holidays. Once forms are submitted, high school staff will contact parents/carers about enrolment interview times. These enrolment interviews will be conducted on Monday 21 October. Phone 46368700 for more information.

Have fun, stay safe and Get Ready during the school holidays

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone. We look forward to seeing you all for the start of Term 4 on Tuesday 8 October.

With the summer storm and bushfire season on its way Queensland’s Get Ready Week on 14–20 October will encourage people to be prepared before extreme weather or a natural disaster strikes. Over the holidays, families can work through a checklist to help them get ready and ensure everyone knows what to do. Information and resources are available from http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

CGEN on TV

Watch Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage (CGEN) on Network Ten at 2.30pm Saturday 5 October when a 90-minute edit of the show screens nationally. The arena spectacular showcases the performing arts talents of more than 1500 state school students. Nominations for CGEN 2014 will open in November. Keep an eye on http://www.creativegeneration.dete.qld.gov.au/ for the latest news.

Jouwana Habash
Principal

**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.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Elouise (PW), Taj (PS), Tawny (PS), Sophie (PS), Xavier (PG), William (1E), Aleigha (1R), Kya (2G), Sophie (2P), Eric (3M), Jorja (3P), Steven (4E), Jordan (4E), Ayden (5C), Ella (5L), Rohan (6M), Flynn (6/7W), Lleyton (7B), Emily (A2), Matthew (A3)

**GOTCHA AWARDS**

Chloe, Angus
Announcing Beginners’ Chess
We are offering a free come and try lesson where students can get a taste of chess in the first week of term 4. These lessons are especially for new and beginner players from prep to year 4. If your child would like to continue after the first week, our experienced chess tutor, Mr Les Lord, will teach children the fundamentals of chess over the term.
Time: Thursdays 11:00-12:00 (Students have First Break in Library)
When: Starting Thursday 10 October for 8 weeks
Place: Gabbinbar Library
Cost per student: $30
The first week is free with no pressure to continue. See the library staff for a note.

P&C NEWS
Just over 4 weeks until our long awaited School Fete. We desperately need helpers to put their hands up and offer to help on the drinks stand and BBQ. There is a roster up in the office for you to put your name down to help at a time slot that suits you or you can ring Shauna Whitley on 0401 405 016 to arrange to help.
Armbands are still on sale with Mrs Mac in the library before and after school. 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
Shauna: - 0401 405 016  Amy: - 0434 566 746
FREE DRESS DAY: There will be a free dress day on Wednesday 9th Oct, cost will be a gold coin donation. Money raised will be used to purchase drinks etc for the fete.
CAKES NEEDED: The cake stall is seeking bar cakes, sponges, slices, biscuits. Cakes can be dropped off on the Friday prior to the fete. HINT: bake your cake now and put it in the freezer. On the Thursday night before the fete, defrost the cake, ice it and then drop it into the tuckshop on the Friday before the fete.

TUCKSHOP TALES

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The tuckshop will be reopen on Tuesday 8th October, we are always looking for helpers and home bakers, so if you are interested please let me know so I can include you on the term 4 roster, it’s a fun morning and morning tea or lunch is provided.
Don’t forget Friday treats this Friday from 3pm. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

LOST
Child’s blue metal framed prescription glasses lost last Friday, 6th September. If found, please return to the office.

STUDENT COUNCIL – RSPCA FUNDRAISER
Thank you to everyone who participated last Friday in the fundraiser to raise much needed funds for the RSPCA. A grand total of $291 was raised. The kids looked fantastic. There were some very creative ideas – great to see. The Student Councillors had the difficult job of judging the costumes they thought were the best. They were very impressed.
The finalists in the Junior/ Prep section were Holly (giraffe), Georgia (cheetah), Eden (bird eating cat), Lily (mouse), Darcy (elephant) and Finlay (crocodile). The winner in this section was Finlay with a most impressive crocodile head with Darcy being the runner up.
In the Intermediate/Senior section, the finalists were: Tara (panda), Amie (peacock), Mari (cat), Hannah (dog) and Michelle (whale). There was great debate with this section but eventually Amie was judged the winner with a very realistic looking peacock outfit with Michelle coming a close second.
Thank you again to everyone who participated. The RSPCA always appreciates any support they can get.

Hi and Welcome to another week of OSHC News! The September Vacation Care program is out now. We need bookings finalised as we currently have insufficient numbers to open. Please return your booking sheets ASAP. These holidays we are trying a different way of programming for our holiday period, where children’s ideas and suggestions are being used for the program. Places are limited and accounts need to be up to date to ensure your child has a place.
Our Fete stall will include a children's Art Gallery, with works of art for sale. The children have been very excited to participate with lots of pieces already being proudly shown! We are accepting second hand goods for our stall at the Gabbinbar Fete. Items which sold well at the last Fete included knick knacks, kitchen items, and toys. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the OSHC room before 2.45pm during the week. Great reason to start your Spring cleaning!
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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@gabbinbars.qld.edu.au
Web: gabbinbars.qld.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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