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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Congratulations to our P&C and the Fundraising committee for a fantastic Fete last Saturday. It was great to see such a large number of parents, extended family and community members here at our school to help out and enjoy the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who gave up their time over the last few months, coordinating stalls, organising volunteers, and attending meetings to plan and organise this day. In particular I would like to thank the stall coordinators and Shauna and Amy, our Fete Coordinators for their outstanding efforts and commitment to making the Fete an enjoyable school and community event.

On a personal note I thank the staff and volunteers, who sat in the dunk tank ensuring that I did not have to take up the challenge.

ICAS Maths Results

A relatively large group of students sat for the recent ICAS UNSW Maths Competition. Congratulations to all students who took the time to participate in this event.

We particularly celebrate the following results:

**Distinction** – Top 5% of the state: Belita Welsh (Year 3)

**Credit** – Top 18% of the state: Tracey Bradford, Kya Daley & Sienna Deurloo (Year 2), Rhyanna Wallace (Year 4)

Congratulations to these students on their fine effort.

Suspected Measles

Just a note to inform parents that we have had reports of two suspected cases of measles in the last two weeks. If your immunised child has measles, they are required to be excluded for 4 days from the appearance of the rash. If contact is made by an unimmunised child with a child during the infectious period unless immunisation is obtained in the first 72 hours, they are excluded for 14 days from the onset of the rash.

For further information please check out the following link:

2014 PREP ENROLMENTS

Thank you to all parents who have returned their child’s Prep Enrolment Applications. We are currently finalising our 2014 Prep enrolments and planning our orientation program.

If your child will be attending Gabbinbar’s Prep program in 2014 we ask that you return your enrolment forms to enable them to participate in our orientation program. We also ask that you pass this message to any families who may be joining us for the first time next year. We would like to make the start of the year as smooth as possible for all involved and appreciate your assistance.

DANIEL MORCOMBE DAY

Students are welcome to wear something red on Friday 25 October to promote awareness of child safety as part of Daniel Morcombe Day. It can be a red shirt, socks, or red ribbons. There is no cost involved in this activity.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

This Friday we celebrate World Teachers’ Day. Every day, in classrooms around the state, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. World Teachers’ Day is a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks.

Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. This week, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our teachers, support staff and Teacher Aides for their work to ensure that all of our students are able to access quality learning programs and have the opportunity to achieve to their potential.

Jouwana Habash (Principal)

Gold Awards and Encouragement Awards Celebrations

The Encouragement Awards Ceremony is being held on Tuesday November 26 at 9:00am in the hall. Recipient’s parents will receive a letter within the next two weeks advising them that their child has received this award.

In response to feedback from parents last year, and, after discussion with the P&C and staff, the format for the Gold Award Ceremony in 2013 has changed to the following:

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Gold Award recipients will go to the movies on Wednesday December 4 in the morning and the bus will return them to the Water Bird Habitat (subject to Council Approval to use this facility) where they will enjoy a BBQ lunch and drink followed by some organised activities returning to the school at 2:30pm. Cost is still to be finalised but will not be more than $20.00 per child.

**Encouragement Award Recipients**

This year for the first time the recipients of an Encouragement Award will be included in the afternoon activities. They will walk from the school to the Water Bird Habitat for the lunch and participate in the afternoon activities being organised. Depending on the activities there may be a small cost involved. This is still being confirmed and further details will be forward when finalised.

**Book Fair**

The last Book Fair for 2013 is coming to the library! Twice a year the library is turned into a fantastic children’s bookshop. All students will have a chance to browse the Book Fair to see the great selection on offer. Parents, grandparents and the community are welcome to check out the Book Fair 8:15 to 8:45 am and 3:00 to 3:30 pm from Monday 28 October until Friday 1 November. We accept cash, cheques, credit and debit cards (EFTPOS). All purchases benefit the whole school community. We look forward to seeing you. Ask your child today for the book fair flyer called “Story Laboratory”. Note if you want to pay by credit card, you can now do so online, and send the flyer back to school with your receipt number and children can collect books.

**Special Guest and Casual Dress Day**

To celebrate our Book Fair we have a special guest on assembly on Tuesday 29 October; parents are welcome to come along to see our surprise special guest. On Friday 1 November children can dress up as a favourite book character or wear appropriate casual dress and donate a gold coin. Proceeds will purchase library books from the fair.

Anthony Seng (Teacher-Librarian)
**Classroom/Choir Notes**

A big thank you to Mr. Hanssen for delivering such a wonderful program to the classes and choirs during my period of LSL last term. The classes and choirs at TYME are very grateful for your hard work with them.

Following on with other thanks, allow me to also praise all our Music students for their part in the wonderful FETE on Saturday. Showing great independence in being up at the hall in time for their performance, the small groups of String players and the part – choirs filled the hall with great music, and have earned well-deserved praise.

Our performance focus now shifts to the final date on our Music Calendar.

**MUSIC AWARDS NIGHT – Thursday November 28.**

Details will be out in due course, but please put that date into your diaries.

The term’s class program for Grade 4 – 7 is initially on the basic skills of writing and arranging music. Working in small groups, children will be producing a short melody which will reflect the input and skills of their group effort.

P – 3 are working with different songs / melodies for each year level, and exploring the rhythmic and melodic ostinato that can be developed from these. GP/1: Rig – a – jig – jig; G2: ‘Bluebird’; and G3: “Tidiio”.

Late in the term, I will be supporting the class teachers with their chosen items for the end of year Concert, on Wednesday, December 11.

**TUCKSHOP TALES**

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We are always looking for new helpers and home bakers, so if you are interested please let me know so I can include you on the 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

**OSHC**

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news! As we all recover from the FETE, I would like to personally thank my educators, Mr G and the parents who volunteered their time to help out on our stall. Your help was greatly appreciated in making our stall a success! A big thank you also goes to the following people who coordinated the various stalls on offer:

- Prep W Stall – Kate Carey
- Prep S Stall – Megan Williams
- Cake Stall – Jenny Welsh
- Fete Advertising – Katrina Howard
- Book Stall – Anthony Seng, Jo McMillan
- Plant Stall – Michelle Wallace
- Bottle Stall – Janelle McDonald
- Face Painting – Sharon Jones
- Cupcake Decorating – Jen Munt
- Jelly Cups – Rebekah Sullivan
- BBQ & Drink Stall– Andrew McDonald & Rebecca Turner
- OSHC Stall – Davina Quinn and her team
- Café – Melinda Doherty
- Craft Stall – Vicki Wilson
- Raffle Tent – Alison Briese & Helen Chapman
- Chip Van – Jimmy & Shona Barnes
- Sno Cones – Aaron & Jennifer Sapiecha
- Ice-cream Van – Colin & Dixie Clayton

All the hard working Dads, Mums and Grandparents who helped ‘set up’ on the Friday and ‘clean up’ on the Saturday afternoon! A special thank you also to Vince Giuliani for his tireless work for the fete and the clean-up afterwards.

Julie Leahy (President)

**CHAPPY CHATTER**

**Healthy Self-Esteem**

These tips can make a big difference in fostering healthy Self-esteem in a child:

- Be careful what you say. Kids can be sensitive to parents’ and others’ words. Remember to praise them not only for a job well done, but also for effort. Reward effort and completion instead of outcome.
- Sometimes, a child’s skill level is just not there — so helping kids overcome disappointments can really help them learn what they’re good at and what they’re not so good at. Use warmth and humour to help your kids learn about themselves and to appreciate what makes them unique.
- Be a positive role model.
- Identify and redirect inaccurate beliefs.

(To be continued next week)

**STUDENT of the WEEK**

Mitchell (PW), Brody (PS), Harry (PG), Cheong (1E), Skye (1R), Aiden (3M), Jorja (3P), Jorden (3/4R), Sarah (4E), Hannah (5L), Emily (6M), Rianna (6/7W), Amelia (7B), Joe (A1), Bayley (A3).

**Gabbinbar Fete 2013 – What a Great Day!**

What an amazing day our Fete turned out to be on Saturday. Thankfully we were greeted with fine weather, warm sunshine and more importantly the overwhelming support of our local school community. Throughout the day it was obvious to see that people were having a great time, lots of fun and enjoying the sights and sounds of the beautifully presented stalls, games, rides, activities, food and drenching on offer.

Whilst we say thanks to the many parents, families, staff and local businesses that supported and assisted in our preparations, I need to make a special mention of Fete Coordinators Mrs Shauna Whitley and Mrs Amy McCurley. Shauna and Amy’s determination, enthusiasm and organisation made the Fete the fantastic success it was, and one that our school community needs to recognise. On behalf of the school community, students and staff at Gabbinbar, we truly appreciate the contribution you have made to improve the opportunities for all of our students.

**P&C NEWS**

**GOTCHA AWARDS**

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Tuckshop Phone: 07 4631 5215 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

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