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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

There is a concern for the safety of a number of students before and after school. I ask that parents remind their children that they should not be arriving at school before 8:15am and once they arrive at school they are not to leave the school grounds or move to the oval areas as there is no supervision in these areas.

I also remind parents collecting students after school that students need to be collected as soon as possible after 3:00pm. There is a concern about the growing number of students who are playing unsupervised after school.

Please note that the junior and senior playgrounds and various parts of our school grounds are licenced from 7:00am - 9:00am and from 3:00pm – 6:00pm as part of the Gabbinbar P&C OSHC. This means that these areas cannot be used by the general school population during this time. I ask for your support to ensure that we do not breach this licencing agreement.

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, visitors and private suppliers and contractors only – it is not a general ‘pick-up and drop-off’ area! Please only park in the disabled car park if you have the authority to do so by displaying a Blue or Red parking disability permit. Please help us keep your children safe.

2014 PREP ENROLMENTS

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in finalising our Prep 2014 enrolments. Information regarding orientation and transition programs will be sent home to all prospective students who are currently enrolled. We look forward to welcome new students and their families.

Jouwana Habash (Principal)

Library News

Thank you everyone for supporting our Book Fair last week. I’m very happy to report that we’ve added over $1500 worth of children’s books to the school library. I hope everyone is enjoying the new books purchased in the Book Fair.

A big thank-you also goes to Mrs Mac for co-ordinating the Fair. We aim to have two Fairs per year – in term 1 and term 4.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

School Tour and Prep Orientation Day –
Wednesday November 20 for existing families and Thursday November 21st for new families.

Next week you will receive your confirmation of your child’s placement in Prep for 2014, your Prep questionnaire and your invitation to Prep Orientation. We look forward to welcoming our new Prep families to Gabbinbar in 2014.

On Wednesday November 20 we start the day at 9:30am in the Prep classrooms. On Thursday we start at 9:00am in the hall with a school tour to which all confirmed prospective new families are welcome to attend.

Please bring your completed questionnaire to this orientation day where you will be able to make an appointment to talk to one of our existing Prep teachers about your child’s needs and achievements. Current Prep students will be transitioning into Year 1 room from 9:00am -11.00am on one of these mornings.

STUDENT of the WEEK

Jackson (PW), Constance (PS), Nita (PG), Emily-Rose (IE), Rebecca (1R), Charlize (2G), Sienna (2P), Bindi (3P), Chanel (5L), Tavannah (5C), Michael (6M), Izacc (6.7G), Gena (7B), Dominic (A1), Corey (A2), Patrick (A3).

Classroom/Choir Notes

Congratulations to the children who auditioned for The Australian Youth Choir last Wednesday evening. The Choral director was most impressed with the confidence you displayed, and the quality of your singing audition.

MUSIC AWARDS NIGHT – Thursday November 28.

Details will be out in due course, but please check that you have this date into your diaries. Both Junior and Senior Choirs will be performing on the night, along with the Instrumental Ensembles.

The children in Grades 4 – 7 are working on the basic skills of writing and arranging music. Working in small groups, children are producing short melodies which will reflect the input and skills of their group effort. Please look out for these as they are finished at school, and will be brought home for your enjoyment.

From this point on in the class lessons, I will be supporting the class teachers with their chosen items for the end of year Concert, on Wednesday, December 11.

SERIOUS FUN

MORNING TEA FOR MUMS

Thursday 19 September 9.00am – 10.30am

Gabbinbar State School Hall.

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Payments for Excursions, Performances or Student program will not be accepted after the payment due date under any circumstances.
CHAPPY CHATTER
GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP
Sleep is important to help our bodies recover and recharge. But sometimes sleep patterns can be interrupted, say through sickness or stress. This can make it hard to get to sleep, to sleep well, or to sleep for as long as usual. When it comes down to it, it’s not the length of sleep that matters. It’s how good the sleep is for your body and whether you’re getting ‘deep sleep’.

If you’re not sleeping well and feeling tired in the day there are lots of things you can do to improve the quality of your sleep. When you wake up in the morning, get up, go outside and do something active. Don’t nap during the day and avoid drinks that contain caffeine after about 4pm. Try not to go to bed too early and give yourself time to wind down before you go to bed.

If you would like any other information on this topic and much more refer to www.beyondblue.com.au

Take care
Chappy Carmen

OSHC
Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC News!
As we approach the December Vacation Care period, we are unsure of our opening weeks as work on the school buildings has been planned. The refurbishment works may also affect us in the three weeks of January holidays. We will inform parents as soon as possible if we are unable to offer vacation care. Thank you for your patience!
As we approach the end of the year, we would like to start on our booking confirmations for 2014. Please fill out the Expression of Interest sheet, available this week as to your child’s booking for next year if you know it. Our service is running near to licensed capacity and places will be limited next year. We are still striving to establish new premises for OSHC to ensure stability for and future growth of our school community.

Davina Quinn
OSHC Coordinator Gabbinbar State School  4631 5266

P&C NEWS
MASTERS BBQ!!!!!!
I know everyone is probably still feeling drained from our massive efforts with the fete a few weeks ago but..... The P&C has had the school’s name down on a waiting list since the start of the year to host a BBQ out the front of Masters. We have been given the opportunity to raise hundreds of dollars for our school THIS SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER. I know the timing isn’t ideal, but we can’t let this opportunity pass us by. It could be another 12 months before our name comes up again to the top of their VERY long waiting list.

So, I’m begging for helpers to keep the day running smoothly. We will need to be there from 8am till 3:30pm this Saturday, 9th. If you can help out on the day for an hour or so please call or email me on: 0401 405 016 smwhiteley@live.com.au

It would be so great to see a few different parents there on the day to help out. We also need Dad’s to help out with the cooking. There will be 2 BBQ’s going at once. We are going to need MANY HANDS TO MAKE THIS LIGHT WORK!
Thanks again to the abundance of parents and grandparents who helped out with the smooth running of the fete. We raised just under $10 000 for the school!

Shauna Whitley
Fundraising co-ordinator

PLANT SALE – FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
Plants left over from the FETE will be sold for $1. Come and grab a bargain and a free Kit-Kat.

For sale:
Water tank (2,300 litre) and pump; never been used
Must be able to transport tank, phone Sonia 0439 627 620

NOTICE OF MEETING
A meeting to form a Sailability Darling Downs Branch is being held at the Conference Room, Police Citizens Youth Club, James Street, Toowoomba on WEDNESDAY 13 November commencing at 5:30 p.m. PLEASE NOTE - 5:30pm arrival for 5:40pm start. Coffee/tea will be provided
RSVP – MICHAEL PRATT michael.pratt@pcyc.org.au
Michael Pratt
Sport and Rec Coordinator, Police Citizens Youth Club