FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Not Returning to Gabbinbar in 2013?

If you know that your child/children will not be returning to Gabbinbar in 2014, please complete the form attached to today’s newsletter or ring the school and let us know. This is very important to ensure that the numbers we provide to Regional Office are as accurate as possible, to obtain our correct entitlement of staffing.

2014 Resource Lists

In 2014 our school will continue to utilize the services of Brown’s Bookstore and Stationery to provide ‘Resource Lists’ for all students commencing or continuing in 2014. Today students in mainstream classes will receive an itemised ‘Resource List’ for their particular Year Level, listing all the items they require at the commencement of the 2014 school year. Students in alternate Classes will receive their resource list later in the term once their placement and classes for 2014 are finalised. Liz Connell, our Head of Special Education, is currently working with staff and parents to determine the best class placement for all students for the start of 2014.

How to Order:

Option 1: Complete the order form and return it to the school or Brown’s Bookstore and Stationery, the Bernoth Centre, 663-677 Ruthven St before Friday 6 December.

Option 2: Go online www.brownsstationery.com.au and select Gabbinbar from the Resource List menu, selecting the required items.

Please note: Payment is not required until each pack is collected. Accepting any of the three options mentioned benefits our school!

Parents may also wish to order their resource supplies from Office Max who also has a copy of our class resource lists.

Making every day count

As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 13 December 2013. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Jouwana Habash - Principal

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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.

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

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

Jack (PW), Mackenzie (PG), Ella (1E), Liam (1R), Alex (2G), Bronson (2G), Bethany (2P), Laura (3M), Imogen (3P), Nhyckoz (3/4R), Amy (4E), Matthew (5C), Matthew (5L), Max (6/7W), Izacc (6/7W), Britanny (7B), Joash (A1), Anne-Marie (A2).

GOTCHA AWARDS

Dominic, Kya, Rhiannon, Kaillum, Mitchell, Jemma, Lily, Hannah, Gena

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair Orders

If you ordered books from our Book Fair, we apologise on behalf of Scholastic for the delay. There has been a problem with their Brisbane warehouse and the items will now be shipped from the Sydney warehouse. We expect your books around Monday 18 November, and will distribute to students as soon as they arrive. Thanks for your support and patience.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

RECRUITMENT CONCERT

A reminder to parents that the Recruitment Concert for Year 2, 3, 4 students will be held on Wednesday 20 November at 2pm in the hall.

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CONGRATULATIONS
Once again, I congratulate all students who performed at the school fete. Both the Senior and Junior Ensembles played so well. I was very proud of them. Also the attendance was excellent. My special thanks to the students for their dedication to our music program.
I have really enjoyed working with my students and look forward to our last performances, the “Recruitment Concert” and the “Awards Night Concert”. My best wishes to you all.
Heather Schnitzerling

CHAPPY CHATTER
Staying healthy is important for everybody. Looking after your body by exercising regularly, eating well, getting regular sleep and reducing stress can really improve the way you feel and think. This can be especially important if you are going through a tough time – or recovering from one.

KEEPING ACTIVE
Being physically active improves your strength, fitness, and confidence, which can help you to achieve what you want in life. It gives you more energy and increases your flexibility and mobility. Being active can help you to handle stress, manage anger and sleep better.

There are many different ways you can get active and finding a way that suits you is important. You may enjoy walking, running, dancing, surfing, going to the gym, playing a team sport or swimming. Try a few different things so you don’t get bored. Whatever exercise you do, there are plenty of benefits.

Everyone has a different level of fitness, and you should always exercise at a pace that’s right for you. If you’re not used to being active, start gradually. Exercising with a friend makes it more fun and helps you to stay motivated.

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

Take care
Chappy Carmen

GABBINBAR’S GOT TALENT
The first round of Gabbinbar’s Got Talent competition was completed on Monday afternoon with the year 4 -7 auditions being hotly contested. Congratulations to each of the contestants for getting up and having a go. All should be very proud of how well they did. Deciding on who was going to make the finals was very difficult with the decision being made to have 5 finalists instead of 4 in the Senior/Intermediate division as the judges were unable to differentiate between some of the acts. They are Cindyne Mae (singing), Emma Simons, Tannahaven McGee and Meg Parish (singing & creating a rhythm with cups), Joselle Oduahan (singing & playing guitar), Rhiannon Williams (singing) and Benjamin Murphy (reciting a poem).

Thank you to everyone who has supported this event by being an entrant. The finals will be held on Wednesday 27 November.
Next week we will report who are our Junior & Prep finalists.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS
Second-hand uniforms will be available for purchase from 9:15am, Monday – Friday next week. Sales will not be available from 25 November until 6 December. Uniforms can be purchased at other times by appointment by phoning Sharon on 0423 654 259.

OSHC
Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news.

The Disco is next Friday, so if your juniors are attending, make things easier for yourself by letting us drop them off. Just ensure children are booked into after school care and drop off or send with them their clothes and money for the night. Too easy!

As we near the end of term, children (and everyone else!) are pretty tired. We recognise this as a major factor in children’s behaviour, but would like parents to remind children that they still need to comply with and respect our guidelines for behaviour.

The Vacation care program for the DECEMBER week before Christmas will be out soon. There is an expression of interest sheet out NOW at OSHC. We have decided to close for the three weeks from December 23rd to Friday 10th January, as we are unable to determine at this time, how long building works will affect our service operations. As previously stated, we will inform all parents as soon as we know what is happening for the rest of January. Thank you

Davina Quinn - OSHC Coordinator - 4631 5266

SERIOUS FUN
MORNING TEA FOR MUMS
Thursday 21 November 9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbinbar State School Hall
Please note that this will be the last Morning Tea for 2013
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)

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