DATE CLAIMERS

28.11.13  Music Awards Night
04.12.13  Gold Award Reward Day
06.12.13  Swimming Carnival
09.12.13  Year 7 Graduation
11.12.13  End of Year Concert
13.12.13  End of School Year

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Encouragement Award Recipients - 2013

Congratulations to our many Encouragement Award recipients for 2013. It makes us very proud to see our students receive this award as for some students they are close to achieving a Gold Award and for others we acknowledge the great progress that they have made this year. We look forward to recognising more Gabbinbar students throughout 2014. We should be very satisfied as a school community that so many of our students are demonstrating the highest standards of our School Values and Expectations.

- Achieving our Best
- Being Respectful and Responsible
- Caring and Confidence

Lachlan Bowes  Sarah Kennett  Jake Clayton
Elijah Brodnicke  Oscar Long  Edward Long
Kellie Clark  Reece Salfau  Tyler McCurley
Tatum Vlijoen  Anelma Welman  Charlotte Ebert
Brayden Bainbridge  Jasmin Burgess  Dominick Hanssen
Marie Buchan  Callum Wright  Luke Pisters
Michael Daniel  Ammitzy Kelly  Lily Hangott
Dylan Godfrey  Henriare Waaka  Addison Etsley
Madison Jurgens  Riley Williams  Brody Neill
Riley Mills  Jack Edwards  Hayley Thorburn
Brycen Rawlins  Piper Jopling  Abi Aalto
Mathew Chapman  Zayan Minda  Kaylee Benson
Bayley Stanton  Jessica Rae  Jessica Burgess
Kalilum Twomey  Georgia Heuter  Connor McCurley
Chanel Goosen  Amanda Aulto  Xavier Parks- Lewis
Michael Hadwin  Lilly Bradley  Kiara Donald
Annabelle Kennedy  Kyden Dow  Paige Donald
Aiden Kratzmann  Cameron Lee  Jaxin Rippoll
Michelle Turner  Alex Sapiecha  Tawhiri Waaka
Cooper Bermingham  Logan Sullivan  Emmi Weir
Ashton Brown  Stephanie Ringelstein  Mia Wilson

GOLD AWARDS

Letters were sent home yesterday. Payment and permission slips are due next Monday 2 December to the office.

2014 Resource Lists

In response to queries please note that the Magic Erasers on the booklist are to be used by each student to clean small whiteboards that the school has purchased for individual student use. Please help the Toowoomba Children’s Hospital Appeal and our school by placing orders before Friday 6 December. Payment does not have to be made until collection of your order.

Purchase of School Uniforms

Due to renovations of the Administration building over the holidays, we are unable to sell school uniforms during the final week of school. Sales will recommence on Friday 24 January.

Not Returning to Gabbinbar in 2014?

If you know that your child/children will not be returning to Gabbinbar in 2014, please contact the office and let them know as soon as possible. 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.

Music Awards Night - Thursday November 28

The Music Awards night is being held on Thursday November 28 in the Gabbinbar School Hall. It is an opportunity to celebrate our students’ achievements. Parents and families are welcome to attend. There is no cost for this celebration. It will be held from 6:30 - 8:30pm and instrumental students are asked to be at the hall from 6:00pm to have their instruments tuned.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be issued to students during the last week of school.

Jouwana Habash – Principal

Payments Due

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GABBINBAR’S GOT TALENT

The finals were held this afternoon. What a great group of talented children we have here. I’m sure that everyone enjoyed the performances as much as I did.

The best way to show your appreciation is to vote for your favourite act. Remember that the act which raises the most money is the act that will win its division.

Voting will remain open tomorrow and Friday before school and in the first break. See a student councillor and vote now! All acts need your support.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

Second-hand uniforms will be available for purchase from 9:15am Monday – Friday this 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.

We value: Achieving our Best, Being Respectful and Responsible, Caring and Confidence
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held at Middle Ridge State School on Friday 6 December. Notes were sent home this week. Please return permission slips and money to the office by Friday 29 November.

**CHAPPY CHATTER**

**A Mask Protects the Face**

Functional masks are worn on the head and face to provide protection. A surgical mask guards both medical personnel and patients from infection. Gas masks shield the body from airborne pollutants and toxins. A football helmet’s face mask, made of a hard plastic shell, interior thick padding, metal bars, and a chin strap, is designed to protect the player from injury.

In the same way, you may wear a figurative functional mask in your work environment, your home environment, your church environment, or other relational environment as a means of protection. When your strengths are not valued, it is natural to preserve them so you can use them in a different environment where they will be appreciated. Protection also serves as a shield. You are to “guard what has been entrusted to you” (1 Timothy 6:20, RSV.) Your God-given strengths are not to be squandered, but used with intentionality to contribute to Kingdom work. Examine how you adapt to your environment see how to use a mask in place to protect the strengths entrusted to you.

**A Mask Cultivates an Image**

Theatrical masks play two roles – one for the wearer and one for the viewer.

For the wearer. As you adapt your natural strengths to your environment, you may put on the face needed to satisfy the demands around you. A word of caution: significant discrepancy between your natural strengths and your adaptive strengths may lead you to expend a great amount of energy to maintain your mask. You can tolerate this change for a time, particularly if your passions, beliefs, and value needs are being met. Yet as you examine your reasons for wearing a mask, you may also discover this “new face” simply stretches the strengths you already possess. In that sense, your mask represents the person you are becoming. Examine whether the ways you adapt to your environment are causing you to hide (behind an altogether different identity) or stretch and cultivate (to use your strengths.)

For the viewer. Is a mask deceptive to others around you, challenging them to see you differently? Consider this: your “new face” may allow others the opportunity to acknowledge your strengths for the first time or perhaps in a light not previously considered.

Tread wisely. As you adapt your strengths to your environment, what you thought of as a mask of disguise may reveal a significant stress factor in your life.

To read more about this visit the web site - ministryinsights.com.

Take care

Chappy Carmen

**HAIR ACCESSORIES:**

Girl’s Hair Scrunchies, clips and head bands are available for purchase through the school office. All hair accessories are in the Gabbinbar school colours.

**Prices are:** Headbands $5; Scrunchies $4; Clips $3. Cash only. All proceeds go to the P & C.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Library borrowing has finished for the year. Please ensure all library books are returned by Friday 6 December. We appreciate your support.

**OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS**

A friendly reminder that all outstanding accounts i.e. Music Levies, Choir Uniform Hire and Excursions need to be finalised by Friday 6 December. Please remember also that musical instruments, performance uniforms and library books need to be returned to school by the end of November.

**TUCKSHOP TALES**

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Don’t forget Friday treats this Friday from 3pm. We have lots of new treats and snacks!!

Larry Heuston 0417731126 or [eanne.heuston@bigpond.com](mailto:eanne.heuston@bigpond.com)

**OSHC**

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news.

The Vacation care program for the DECEMBER/JANUARY period is out NOW. 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. These decisions on dates are out of our, and the school’s, hands. Thank you.

We are planning to hold our Annual OSHC Christmas Party on Tuesday 10th of December. All OSHC families welcome, please fill in the RSVP sheet at the sign in desk NOW!!

Davina Quinn - OSHC Coordinator - 4631 5266

**Attention Year 7 Students and Parents – Centenary Heights and Harristown SHS Enrolments Due Now**

Year 8 classes for 2014 are now being formed based on enrolment applications received to date. If you have not submitted an enrolment form and associated documents (to our school office) for your child please do so at your earliest possible opportunity – information will be used to place your child and to send an information package directly to you early in Term 4 if enrolment is confirmed.

The Year 7 to 8 Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday, December 10 commencing in the school hall at 8.45am.

**Toowoomba’s Christmas Tree Festival**

will be held at Middle Ridge Uniting Church 264 Stenner Street from 11th - 20th December. The Festival will be open for viewing of the beautifully decorated trees from 9am - 9pm each day, except Sunday, with concert performances at 7pm each evening and at midday most days. Coffee shop and craft stalls available. A Gold Coin donation collected on entry will support Fresh Hope, Angel Flight and Kairos Prison Ministry.

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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