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Creating a beautiful place to belong, inspire and grow
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

School Concert
Classes are in final preparations for the End of Year Concert. Our concert will this year be held on the **11 December** at HumeRidge Church of Christ commencing at 6:30pm, concluding no later than 8:30pm.

To help cover the cost of venue hire admission costs are as follows:
- Adults: $6
- Seniors and High School Students $3
- Children Under 5 and Gabbinbar Students Free

Tickets are available for purchase from the school office (cash only) and are also available on the night.

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.

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 Friday 6.

REPORT CARDS
Report Cards will be issued to students next week. Parents who wish to discuss their child’s progress are asked to contact the class teacher as soon as possible to organise a mutually convenient time to meet.

2014 CLASS LISTS
Draft 2014 class list will be on display in the front office and on each classroom door by Wednesday. To support the start of the school year classrooms will be opened on **Friday 24 January 2014** from 2.00pm - 3.00pm for parents to bring in and unpack Students books and requisites.

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 13 December. Payment does not have to be made until collection of your order. Please note that return of book orders has been extended to **Friday 13 December**.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Students attending our swimming carnival are reminded to bring a hat, lunch, plenty of water, sunscreen and sun smart clothing. Students will be travelling by bus to and from the pool.

OFFICE HOURS JANUARY 2014
Due to the refurbishment of the administration building over the summer break the office will be closed till **Friday 24th January**. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Gold Award and Encouragement Award Celebrations
Yesterday we celebrated our Awards. Feedback from students was that the movies were enjoyed. A huge thank you to all the parents who attended and helped with the BBQ at the Waterbird Habitat. Your help made it a great fun day for the students and staff alike. It is very true that ‘many hands make light work’ and this was certainly the case yesterday. A special thanks to Vince who transported and set up the equipment at the habitat and cooked the BBQ with Jim Barnes. Thanks to the teachers who ran activities and helped to make it such fun for the students. I commend the students on their behaviour and good manners.

CHAPPY CHATTER
Recently, I saw a book called “Completely Lost For Words” and another, “The Right Words”. On closer examination I discovered these were in fact books with verses and quotes to cover every possible situation and occasion. No longer do you need to stumble over the right words to say. Simply open to your topic - i.e. get well, kitchen tea, marriage, death of a pet (yes you read right) and even divorce.

I am ok with those as I struggle at times to find an original way to express my intention.

However, I am not comfortable to see 3 sections of thank you, appreciation and apology. The simple but so essential art of saying the words that affirm someone have been lost. Have we really got to the point that we google a sorry or thank you. Have we really become so self-absorbed or so fearful of rejection that we need to refer to “the book” to be safe in our response to others? This may seem such a trivial and almost unnecessary chat to be having. But I know myself, I assume my husband knows that I appreciate him doing the washing up while I am in the shower. Or that my kids know that I am sorry I am late to their special event. Of course things happen and we can be running late. But don’t let that stop us from saying those words that build up.

We have been spending a lot of time lately talking about our words. You know the saying “sticks and stones...” on it goes. We see ourselves sometimes above this rule. I have been guilty so often of not just saying sorry to someone whose feelings I have accidentally hurt, or by not saying the words “I appreciate you and need you in my life”.

I don’t believe any of us ever set out to forget or hurt with our words or lack of words either. But we do. And it’s so important to be setting a good example to our children. Let them see and hear you thank each other. Apologise to each other and especially affirm each other. My old granny used to say if you would like to have someone say something nice to you then you have got to say it first.

Take a moment today and be deliberate and call someone and let them know you appreciate them. You know the person who deserves that call - your mother-in-law when she picked up the kids for you. The lollipop lady that gets you safe to school every day, or maybe it’s Mr Larry in the tuckshop because he gives you the best sandwiches ever. Just do it. Stop, smell the roses and say those words.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

GOTCHA AWARD
Max, Jed, Benjamin, Hans, Landon, Sam, Kai, Callum, Connor.

LIBRARY NEWS
Library borrowing has finished for the year. Please ensure all library books are returned by Friday 6 December. We appreciate your support.
STUDENT of the WEEK
Lewis (PW), Bianca (PS), Hannah (1E), Lilly (1R), Dakoda (2G), Holly (2G), Cerys (2P), Aidan (5C), Ruben (5C), Marie (6M), Max (6/7G), Anneena (7B), Ethan (3P)

CLASSROOM/CHOIR NOTES
MUSIC AWARDS NIGHT: Thursday November 28.
Congratulations to both choirs for a wonderful performance on Thursday night. The feedback from everyone has been so positive, and they really appreciate the hard work that you have been putting into making your singing sound so beautiful and expressive. Well done!!
I would also like to congratulate Jed Hoopert on receiving the 2013 Outstanding Chorister Award, and acknowledge the hard work put in by so many of our Junior and Senior Choir members this year. The choir numbers continue to grow, and our sound continues to develop beautifully as we work hard at producing that wonderful Choral sound that makes the audience so very happy.
Unfortunately though, we had a number of children not attend our big night. Failure to attend the performance is quite a breach of respect to the entire choir and while circumstances sometimes conspire against us, a courtesy note to the School is expected please.
CHOIR MUSIC is now being collected – please ensure it is returned and signed off by the end of this week.
CONCERT PREPARATION.
Children are working hard both in their class and in Music classes with me on the final preparation stages of their concert items for next Wednesday night. I hope that you and the family are planning on coming and supporting them as they perform for you on the big stage.
A supportive and respective audience is so very important for the children’s continual development in the Performing Arts. Apart from showing them that all the hard preparation work is worthwhile, they develop beautifully as we work hard at producing that wonderful Choral sound that makes the audience so very happy.

TUCKSHOP TALES
Tuckshop will be open next week Tuesday and Thursday as usual. Don’t forget Friday treats this Friday from 3pm. We have lots of new treats and snacks!! Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

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.

GABBINBAR’S GOT TALENT
Gobbibinbar’s Got Talent competition has now finished for another year. Our finalists once more did a fantastic job performing in front of everyone. It was a great afternoon’s entertainment.
All contestants should be very proud of how well they did.
Congratulations to the overall winners – In the junior/ prep division - First to mime/skit artist Ned Pitts. It was a very close contest with only a few votes separating the winners.
In the senior/ intermediate division, the overall winner was Joselle Oduhan who sang while playing the guitar. Joselle won with a massive majority of the votes getting nearly 3 times the votes of her nearest rival.
Thank you to everyone who supported this whether by being an entrant or by bringing your dollar along to vote. Over $330 was raised by the Student Council. Thank you for supporting this event.

SCHOOL BANKING
As the end of school for 2013 is approaching, we only have one more day left of banking. I ask that all tokens above 10 be redeemed for reward items as this is your last chance to grab a 2013 reward item. Not all tokens can be transferred to 2014. All student bankers in Year 7 as well as those that will not be returning to Gobbibinbar in 2014, please redeem your tokens and/or return any unused tokens to the P&C office ASAP. Please note that banking for next week will be on MONDAY. This is so I can place the last order for the year and fingers crossed it will arrive before the last day of school. This will also allow me to hand out the final certificates for the year.
So please remember banking is MONDAY next week.
Regards,
Amy Manthey 0400 647 093 / manthey_crew@hotmail.com

OSHCG
Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC News!
Next TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, we will be holding our Annual OSHC Christmas BBQ. This is a casual family get together where Santa will visit with presents for our children and we have a BBQ dinner. We appreciate it is a busy time of the school year, but we would love to see you here. Please RSVP on the sheet at OSHC now so we can call Santa and sort pressies…..
Our Vacation care program is out now, and we need bookings to be finalised ASAP. We will be providing all meals for children attending vacation care, and will be open for three weeks of the school holiday period. Bookings made during the holidays will incur a casual fee charge.
Check out our Vegetable garden at the moment, it is really thriving under Trent and the garden club's care! We are harvesting some delicious salad produce, which the children enjoyed in sandwiches yesterday.
Davina Quinn - OSHC Coordinator - 4631 5266

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. A Gold Coin donation collected on entry will support Fresh Hope, Angel Flight and Kairos Prison Ministry.
For more information www.mr.unitingchurch.org.au/tctf/tctf.html

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