Principal’s Message

It is with great pleasure that today we announced our 2013 School Leaders.

School Captains: Jemma Melia  Jed Hoopert
School Leaders: Hannah Wilson  Max Kinder
Sports Captains: RUDD:  Amelia Ritchie  Khat McIntyre
EVANS:  Jade Ochnio  Lily Foran
NELSON:  Kellie Clarke  Zanthia Utz

Student Council Chair: Maddy Bauer

Good leaders lead by example. We know that these students have demonstrated a commitment to working together to ensure that they display the values that we, a school community, hold and look forward to mentoring them as they take on this role in our school.

Thought for the week

A Leader is a dealer in Hope  
Napoleon Bonaparte

Parent and community engagement framework launched

Research tells us that students achieve more when schools, parents and the local community work together.

To this end our school will be using the newly-launched Parent and Community Engagement Framework to better work with you for the benefit of our children.


Stenner Street Footpath Closed

Sedl Earthmoving will be carrying out an upgrade to the Rangeville Community Church with an additional car park and access to be constructed on the Stenner St side of the church.

The works are scheduled to be carried out in the next 10 to 12 weeks, weather permitting.

Whilst the works are being carried out for the access to the car parks, the footpath on the northern side of Stenner St, heading west from Aberdeen St, will be closed to pedestrian use.

There will be barricading and signage installed to exclude the pedestrians from any construction activities, plant movement etc.

During the construction phase it would be appreciated if pedestrians who use this area of footpath could cross over to the southern side of Stenner St to safely navigate past the worksite.

We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your assistance whilst the project is being constructed.

Any concerns regarding the pedestrian access can be directed to Sedl Earthmoving on 0746 359 299.

Schools to enhance teaching

By the end of 2013, our school will have developed a pedagogical framework in collaboration with the school community. This framework is designed to ensure our school delivers high quality teaching focused on the achievement of every student.

For more information speak to our school’s administration team.

https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/items/66e

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day falls on 21st March. We will be celebrating with a special parade on Tuesday 19th March. Harmony Day celebrates the great diversity of cultures we have within our country, communities and schools.

If you or any other family members were born overseas, or are Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander, we welcome you to take part in our Harmony Parade. Flags, artifacts, National Dress or symbols of your culture will help make this a colourful and memorable day. Last year we had 47 different cultures represented, and look forward to this year’s parade.

Don’t play in stormwater drains

As the wet weather season continues please take the time to warn your children about the dangers of playing in or near flood waters and stormwater drains.

Queensland Fire and Rescue’s Swiftwater site can help you get this important message heard by your children or listen to flood stories told by young people.

http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treatment_of_human_head_lice#section_5

Jouwana Habash
Principal

Green and Healthy News

A postponed Clean Up the School (as part of Clean Up Australia) will be held this Friday 8.03.13. All classes will be participating if the weather is fine. Students are encouraged to bring a pair of gloves.

Head Lice

With the start of the school year there have been some incidences of head lice reported. I ask parents to be diligent if an alert letter comes home.

If everyone responds then we have the best chance of limiting the impact and as a result saving money.

A detailed fact sheet is available on the internet at http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treatment_of_human_head_lice#section_5

Student of the Week (Week 6)

Holly Muscat (PW), Eve Reimers (PG), Evangeline Wembri (1E), Heather McKenzie (1R), Charlice Caldwell (2G), Matthew Rogers (3M), Nat Jutsum (3P), Skylah Kelly (5L), Rebecca Chapman

Payments Due

15 March  Emu Gully Excursion  Yr 7 - $160

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Student of the Week (Week 5)

Bella Page (PW), Taj Dawes (PS), Nikkieah Sharp (1E), Adam Lamplugh (1R), Kya Daley (2G), Xavier Morgan (3M), Bryce Meharg (3P), Benjamin Murphy (3/4R), Rhyanna Wallace (4E), Matthew Hingston (5C), Ella Dwyer (5L), Max Simons (6M), Jane Bachman (6/7), Gena Jurd (7B), Ned Pitts (A2), Abbie-Lee Johnson (A2), Joel Kafwimbi (A3).

Book Fair

Book Fair is coming to the library! Twice a year we have a week when the library is turned into a fantastic book shop. All children 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 11 to Friday 15 March. We accept cash, cheques, credit and debit cards (etpos). All purchases benefit the whole school community. We look forward to seeing you.

Chess News

Over 250 students from 21 schools, including 17 keen chess players from Gabbinbar, participated in the Toowoomba Primary individual Chess Championships on Tuesday 5 March. Max Kinder placed 13th overall, Mitchell Meharg placed 27th and Jake Wright placed 39th. Well done to all our players for excellent effort especially the year two students.

TUCKSHOP

What a big tuckshop day we had last Thursday, we nearly sold out of stock! Good to see a lot of students buying their lunch from the tuckshop. Don’t forget tuckshop is open every Tuesday and Thursday for both breaks and Friday treats are on each and every Friday from 3pm.

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Volunteers and Home bakers are always welcome ● Larry 0417 731 126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

CHAPPY CHATTER

At the start of this year I decided to find ways to creatively support positive social interaction amongst the children. From this came my Gabbinbar Helpful Zoo Family.

Gentle Gerald the monkey was our first visitor. Gerald helps us to remember that at Gabbinbar, we play gently and speak gently.

Another of our very special friends is Listening Leroy the Lion. Leroy reminds us to listen in class, at home and listen with respect. He is a very close friend with Gerald and visits the Mackenzie Street fence with me on your way into school.

Both of these special guys also visit your children’s class rooms during the day. They continually role-play with the children so that being gently and listening becomes part of our school language.

Keep an eye out next week for Patient Percival the Penguin.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

FRIDAY 22 March 2013
Gabbinbar School Hall

P-3 Disco 6:00pm – 7:15pm. Cost $4
4-7 Disco 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Cost $6

Popper and Chips included with entry.
Glow Sticks for sale - $1

PLEASE NOTE: Students will need to be dropped off and picked up from the Hall by parents/guardians.

Disco is open ONLY to Gabbinbar State School students.

We are looking for a subcommittee secretary for OSHC this year. The position involves taking the minutes at our once monthly meeting, and is perfect for an OSHC parent who wants to help the service and the school.

This year will see the development of new facilities for the After School Service. ED Qld have advised they will require this classroom space in 2014, so it is very urgent that we continue work on our Steering committee to facilitate a new building THIS YEAR. OSHC CANNOT OPERATE WITHOUT A BUILDING. Don’t leave it to other parents to help, we need everyone on board. The next meeting will be held TONIGHT, Wednesday, March 6th at 6.30pm at OSHC. All welcome.

We have our Henny Penny Hatchings here at the moment, and the children are really enjoying watching these cute chicks hatch! Parents can take chicks next week if they have a good home to share.

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UNIFORM SALES

New uniforms are available from the school office from 9:00am until 11:00am each day. New stocks of hats and shorts have arrived. Polo shirts have been ordered and will arrive shortly.

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