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DATE CLAIMERS

- 07.02.14  6/7 Leadership Day Camp
- 12.02.14  Range Zone Swimming Carnival
- 17.02.14  Parent Information Sessions
- 18.02.14  Parent Information Sessions
- 19.02.14  P & C AGM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Parent Information Nights

Classes will be hosting Parent Information Sessions in Week 4 to discuss classroom routines and practices. This is a good opportunity to familiarise yourself with what is happening in your child’s classroom.

Monday - 17.02.14
- A1 - 3.00pm
- A2 - 3.10pm
- A3 - 3.30pm
- Year 2 - 3.40pm
- Year 5 - 3.30pm
- Year 6 & 7 - 3.30pm

Tuesday - 18.02.14
- Prep 3.15pm
- Year 1R & 1L - 3.10pm
- Year 3 - 3.45
- Year 4R & 4E - 4.10pm

Wednesday - 19.02.14
- Year 1G – 3.10pm

These sessions will be held in your child’s classroom. If you are unable to attend please let us know and we will forward any information that was provided. If you would like to make a time to meet with your child’s teacher please let us know.

SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Our school can be a very busy place at drop off and pick up times and it is important that students are reminded of some basic road safety rules. Here are some basic tips for parents to share with your child to ensure they have a safe trip to and from school each day:

• Children under the age of 10 should always be accompanied by an adult.
• When crossing a road, always STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK and keep looking and listening while you cross.
• Where possible, young children should always hold a grown-up’s hand when crossing the road.
• Always cross the road at a marked pedestrian crossing with designated Crossing Supervisors in the morning and afternoon.

As parents and carers, the best way you can teach your child road safety is to set a good example yourself.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Wearing of the School Uniform

Parents enrol their children at Gabbinbar State School with the understanding that the uniform, approved by the Parents and Citizens Association, will be worn at all times. The P&C have endeavoured to keep costs to a minimum by not asking parents to purchase separate dress and sports uniforms and by providing a second hand uniform service. They do ask that all children wear full school uniform correctly, as a statement to our community that well-being of your child.

MEDICAL RECORDS

To maintain both current and accurate records, we are requesting that parents/caregivers update their child’s general medical details and requirements to be administered at school. As children develop and mature there can be changes to dosage and/or medication timing. Schools need to have up-to-date information to ensure the safety and well-being of your child. New medication forms are available from the school office. These forms need to be renewed at the beginning of the school year. If your child needs to have medication administered during school hours please complete the new forms as soon as possible.

For children with severe allergies, we require an ‘Anaphylaxis Action Plan’ to be completed by your GP, Paediatrician or Medical Specialist. Once provided the school will arrange to meet with you, your child’s teacher and a member of the Administration team to formalise an internal school ‘Action Plan’.

JEWELLERY

For safety reasons, the following list constitutes the only permissible jewellery to be worn by students at Gabbinbar State School:

- One set of earrings (small sleepers/studs)
- Signet ring
- Watch
- Medical identification
- The Principal is to be advised in writing of jewellery of religious or cultural significance.

SHOES AND SOCKS

The dress policy states that school shoes are to be “predominantly black or white shoes with plain (preferably white or blue please) socks”. This policy was updated in June last year to allow for the fact that it is very difficult to buy entirely black or white joggers. This year we are seeing a lot of brightly coloured shoes and socks being worn and ask parents to support the P&C policy when purchasing new shoes for their children. Fashionable, brightly coloured shoes should be kept to be worn on the weekend. We appreciate that many of you have purchased new shoes this year and may have been unaware of these changes. We are not asking you to go out and purchase another pair of shoes, but if your child has predominantly black or white shoes at home that they wear them. When purchasing new shoes, we ask that you adhere to the P&C policy. We do ask that only plain white or blue socks be worn with the uniform.

When representing the school we do request that predominantly black or white shoes and white socks be worn. We do have a small quantity of school shoes, which we provide for students to wear with our performance uniform. If parents have black shoes at home that their child has grown out of, we would appreciate them being donated to the school.

OTHER RELEVANT ITEMS

- Nail polish, hair colours and make-up are not acceptable at school.
- We look forward to your anticipated support in ensuring students continue to dress appropriately for school.

SANCTIONS

The policy clearly states that ‘schools with dress codes impose sanctions on a once-only basis per episode of non-compliance. Sanctions are reflective of the severity and recentness of the non-compliance and are limited to one of the following:

- Imposing a detention for a student during break periods
- Preventing from attending or participating in any activity where the student is representing the school
- Preventing from attending or participating in any activity that is not an essential educational program

We thank you for your support.

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Assemblies
All members of our school community are welcome to attend our school assemblies on Friday of each week. They are conducted in the hall and commence at 9.00am.

Jouwana Habash – Principal

CHAPPY CHATTER KEEPING SCHOOL COOL
From the end of January until the first part of December, children spend many more hours at school than their waking hours at home. For seven or eight hours a day, they must "fend for themselves," away from the protective arms and eyes of parents. They deal with people of all ages - on the bus, in class, at lunch and break. They learn many social skills through trial and error.

Adults must take care not to belittle a child's concerns about school. These problems may seem trivial compared to adult worries, but a child's problems can be just as gut-wrenching and nerve-wracking. When a child comes home from school, it's important that someone show an interest in how the day went.

A good starting place is your child's backpack. You can unearth treasures to display with pride on the refrigerator and then tuck away in a memory box. The backpack also contains many "conversation starters"-corrected papers, test grades, updates and notes from the teacher.

Even though teachers and bus drivers try to be aware of what's going on, they are not mind readers. Cliqués, conflicts, and bullying do happen. Try to get your child to talk out problems like this, and come up on, they are not mind readers. Cliques, conflicts, and bullying do happen. Try to get your child to talk out problems like this, and come up with a plan of action. No, I didn't say attack. If a child has been hurt or threatened with harm, of course, you need to alert school authorities. We cannot always protect our children from daily hardships, however, and we shouldn’t. A child doesn’t learn responsibility, for example, if a parent rushes to school with homework inadvertently left on the kitchen table. It’s up to adults to find a good balance between intervening and allowing a child to deal with his or her own difficulties.

I hope in this next term we will be able to pinpoint any problems your child may be needing to keep school cool.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Jadzia (PW), Chloe (1G), Grace (2G), Blake (2M), Elijah (4R), Belita (4E), Grace (6H), Charlie (6W), Amie (7B), Freyja (A1), Taylor (A2), Ethan (A3)

GOTCHA AWARDS
Corey, Brooke, Ebony, Lilly

SCHOOL BANKING
Just a quick note to let you know that CBA have not sent enough information packs. I have enough for Prep to Grade 2 as well as A1, A2 and A3. I have ordered more packs and once they arrive I will hand them out.

Please Note:- Banking will STAY on TUESDAYS.

Amy Manthey (Student Banking Co-ordinator) manthey_crew@hotmail.com / 0429 597 093

Purchase of School Uniforms
New school uniforms may be purchased between 8am – 11am Monday to Friday. New stocks of harlequin and polo shirts have arrived.

CLASSROOM MUSIC NOTES
Welcome back everyone to another great year of music at Gabbinbar. We look forward to another year’s journey in Music that we can share together.

A couple of reminders for you as we start the year:-

CHOIRS:
Due to the impending changes in our Senior school, there will be a significant change in our Choir structure this year -

Junior Choir will now be G3 and 4, while our Senior Choir will now be G5, 6 & 7. This will assist in the transition of the 7's away from our choirs, but will also give the G5's the opportunity to be part of the wonderful SINGOUT festival at The Empire Theatre in June (– a Biannual event.)

Signup for the choirs has already occurred, and both choirs started rehearsing this week, with very good numbers committing to the years work.

All children interested in singing are invited to become part of the Choral program, and auditions are not held. Rehearsals will continue with Senior Choir on Mondays and Junior Choir on Fridays. A display folder is required for music / lyrics in which Music and lyrics can be kept for practicing.

An information letter will be going home with all members over the next few days.

RECORDERS:
ALL students in Grades 4 – 7 will have started recorder lessons with me by now, and ALL are expected to arrive for class lessons with their recorder in the basket, as part of the Classroom Music Curriculum.

If your child will be starting without one, I would ask for a note to let me know when this will be rectified.

SEMESTER 1 DATE CLAIMERS:

Senior Choir:
Harmony Day Parade School Hall March 21
School Parade School Hall June 6
SINGOUT Festival Empire Theatre June 10,11,12

Junior Choir:
School Parade School Hall March 28 / May 16
Choral Eisteddfod Empire Theatre May 18 / 19

Thank you for noting these.

Brett Gredig,
Classroom Specialist and Choir Conductor

TUCKSHOP TALES

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I would like to welcome our new helpers and home bakers, Dennielle and Charmaine. Thank you for time in the tuckshop. We are still in need of some more helpers and bakers, so if you can spare an hour or two please let me know. Don’t forget Friday treats this Friday from 3pm.

Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

OSHC
Hi and Welcome to OSHC news.
We have welcomed lots of new children to our service, and it is delightful to have so many younger siblings finally here as big school kids! Please remember we have to collect children from 9 different classrooms in the afternoon, so it is vital parents keep communicating with us and their child’s teachers about their afterschool arrangements.

We are currently running at capacity, and it is vital for families to finalise their bookings for after school care as soon as possible. The P&C is looking at how we can prioritise our places and a decision will be made shortly. Information is available from OSHC. A service newsletter and information sheet will be available soon.

Trent is doing a great job in the gardens, and we are making tepee cubby houses to encourage outdoor play.

Davina Quinn
OSHC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School (07-4631 5266)

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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.

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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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