FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Student Leaders

All students in Year 6/7 are invited to apply for the position of Gabbinbar State School Student Leader for 2014. Participation in our school leadership program is voluntary.

Last Friday students travelled down to Emu Gully for a day of ‘Fun in the Mud’ with a range of leadership activities to complete. A big thank you must go to the Teachers who travelled with our Students and to those who took up the challenge to travel the Kokoda Trail.

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 - 3.10pm
- 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 - 3.45pm
- 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.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

**Illustrator Workshop**

Frené Lessac is an author and illustrator who has illustrated books including *Simpson and his Donkey*. She visits Gabbinbar on Friday 7 March to run illustrator workshops with students in years 1 to 7. Please see the flyer that goes home with today’s Gazette for more information about cost and payment date.

**Chess Championships**

The individual chess championships for students in years 1 to 7 will be held on Tuesday 4 March from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at Toowoomba Prep School. Entry cost is $14 per student. This is a great day of chess for aspiring chess players. Children wishing to nominate must see Mr Seng in the library no later than Wednesday 19 February.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

CLASSROOM MUSIC NOTES

**RECORDERS:**

ALL students in Grades 4 – 7 will have started recorder lessons and ALL are expected to arrive for class lessons with their recorder in the class 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.

Brett Gredig.
Classroom Specialist and Choir Conductor.
CHAPPY CHATTER
Valentines Day - What is true love.

Last week I was asked by some Yr 6/7 students what love really looks like or feels? And have I ever really been in love? I want to share with you on the week of Valentine’s Day what love can look like. This may not get me chocolates or flowers on Friday but hopefully will open up some interesting talk at your place.

Love isn’t a pretty feeling that floats around the world. It’s tough and practical and active. Love is washing the kitchen floor over and over and over. It’s scrubbing the toilet and doing the laundry. Love is talking out the garbage and cleaning the fridge. It’s smiling when you’re tired and finding reasons to laugh even when you’re angry. Love is taking the dirty job, lightening the other’s load, lending a hand.

Love goes out of its way to be kind. Love takes a stand. Love works hard and makes the world a better place.

Everyone needs love; everyone talks about love; everyone wants love. But not everyone knows what love truly means.

Contrary to common belief, possessiveness is not love. Nor is jealousy love, and neither is fear. Keeping people all to yourself is not love. Expecting something from someone is not love either.

Ultimately, real love is about sacrifice and selfless acts of kindness toward each other, and believe me that’s not always easy. Love is hard work. It asks us to be our best selves, to keep striving to be more, to do better, to go against our natural inclinations, and to put the other first.

And because we are loved in return, we know that our worst selves are accepted, that our failures are forgiven, and that our needs are respected.

If you had no one to love, you would never be hurt but you would never grow. You would never venture outside your own self-centred needs and perceptions. Your heart would never be cracked open so that others could come inside.

So happy Valentine’s Day and let your love give the rest of your life its meaning. Without it, life is empty. With it, life is full and overflowing.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

HELP NEEDED

We are desperate for reading helpers Monday to Thursday – especially Monday and Tuesday when we have no one. Reading groups are from 10-10:30 and involve listening to students read or helping students complete written work set by the teacher.

Year 3 classes are wanting some empty baby formula tins – we need about 20. Please leave in the Year 3 (3M & 3P) classrooms that would be great.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Rachael (PW), Flynn (PS), Bianca (1G), Denzel (1R), Lexi (1L), Eden (2G), Sienna (2M), DassJah (3M), Daniel (3P), Zayan (4R), Milad (4E),

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS

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

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second Hand Uniforms are available for purchase from 9:15am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Enquiries or appointments can be made by phoning Sharon on 0423 654 259.

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.

TUCKSHOP TALES

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I would like to welcome our new home baker, Roslyn Woodhouse. Thank you for your fantastic cupcakes. We are still in need of 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 0417731125 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

OSHC

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.

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

P & C News

The AGM for the P&C association will be held on the 19th Feb, 2014. All positions will be declared vacant and information regarding committee positions will be sent home with next week’s newsletter. Becoming a committee member can be a valuable and rewarding experience.

What does the P & C do?

The P&C is about people – people just like you – parents, care givers and community minded people who want to help their school. You work very closely with your school, building a stronger school community, where all children benefit.

The functions of a P & C are:

a) To foster generally, community interest in educational matters;

b) To encourage closer cooperation between the parents, members of the community, the staff and students of the school;

c) To provide advice and recommendations to the Principal on issues & concerns in respect to the student body and the general operations and management of the school;

d) To provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources for the benefit of students of the school;

Why join the P & C?

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child’s learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community. The more people involved, the more exciting and successful the P & C will be.

Julie Leahy (P&C President)

Centenary Heights State High School

Information for parents of Year 6 & 7 students enrolling for 2015:

Enrolment Forms/Details – Can be submitted to the Administration Office from Monday, July 14. Enrolment forms can be obtained from Centenary Heights SHS or downloaded from the website listed below. It is essential that you check our Enrolment Management policy if you live outside our school ‘catchment area’. Whilst we consider all applications places for students ‘out of catchment’ will be very limited so you are advised to also apply to your nearest high school.

2015 Information Packs will be mailed early in Term 4 to all parents who have successfully enrolled their child.

School Tours – will be held on Friday mornings from 9.00 am to 10.00 am approx., commencing Term 2. The dates for Term 2 are: May 2 and June 20. Dates for second semester will be advertised in later correspondence.

Please contact our school to register your interest.

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C&K Gabbinbar Community Kindergarten operates on our school site.
Email: gabbinbar@cdk.asn.au
Web: www.cdk.asn.au/gabbinbar
Phone: 07 4613 6205
Fax: 07 4613 6209

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)