We value: Achieving our Best, Being Respectful and Responsible, Caring and Confidence
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Student Leaders

Students in Year 6 & 7 have been invited to participate in our 2014 Leadership Program. Participation in our school leadership program is voluntary. Students who participate will be eligible to nominate for the positions of School Captain and House Captain. They will be expected to fulfill certain responsibilities during the year.

Criteria for Selection:

- High level of leadership skills
- Consistent adherence to school and classroom rules
- Very high level of responsibility and a willingness to commit to activities associated with the role.
- Well-developed communication and people skills
- High level of personal presentation e.g. always wears school uniform with pride
- Regular attendance at school

I ask that you support our students in completing their application which are due by 10:00am on Monday 24th February. Staff will shortlist applications by Wednesday 26th February. These students will be required to present a speech to staff and peers at assembly on Friday 28th February which will be followed by a ballot open to students from Years 5-7 and all staff. House Captain Speeches will be made later that day to students in Years 4-7 for each house with a ballot to follow.

Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to parents who attended the Parent Information sessions earlier this week. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Parents Teacher Interviews will be offered later this term to discuss your child’s academic and social progress.

Make every day count in 2014

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons.

Check out the Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV.

http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

Jouwana Habash – Principal

Range Zone Swimming

Congratulations to the following children for their excellent efforts representing our school last week at the Range Zone Swimming carnival. You all participated with enthusiasm and encouraged one another to do your best. You were a credit to yourselves and our school. Our swimming team was: Sienna Deurloo, Lulu, Rory McDonald, Jorden Wright, Clay Mayers, Eli Mayers, Hayley McMahan, Kellie McMahon, Elijah Broderick, Emily McDonald, Serena Cooper, Victoria Rae, Sam Leahy, Jake Wright, Bella, Lillian Hanssen and Grace Callow.

Well done to Sienna Deurloo for being selected in the Range Zone team to compete at the Darling Downs Regional Swimming carnival. I would like to thank the parents who stayed around during the day to support our team and to ensure students were at their events. A special thank you goes to Natalie Mayers for volunteering to be our team manager. I know the students really appreciated your assistance on the day.

Dave Gordon
Acting Deputy

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 a courtesy to our neighbours, please do not park across driveways.

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

Payments Due

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library monitor badges will be presented to 2014 library monitors on assembly on Friday 21st February. Parents and families of library are most welcome to attend. Assembly starts at 9 am in the hall.

Author/Illustrator Workshop

Don’t Miss Out: Frené Lessac

The closing date for payment for the Frené Lessac presentation is Monday 3 March. Please forward $4.50 per child to ensure they get to see this wonderful author and illustrator as she presents “Painting Pictures, Sharing Stories” at Gabbinbar.

Chess Championships

A reminder that the cut-off date for entry forms for the Toowoomba Individual Chess Championships is Wednesday, 26 February, 2014. Unfortunately, we cannot accept entries after this date.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian
GOTCHA AWARDS
Jack, Keira, Jack.

CLASSROOM MUSIC NOTES
RECORDERS:
ALL students in Grades 4 – 7 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
Right and Wrong and Being Strong:
Kids are works in progress. They aren’t born knowing right from wrong. Jack.
Right and Wrong and Being Strong: CHAPPY CHATTER

Ashton (5C), Matthew (4E), Ella (2M), Jessica (2G), Jada (1L), Lilly (5L), Aidan (6H), Gabrielle (6W), Ethan (7B), Charlotte (A1), Jaiden (A2), Emily (A3).

TUCKSHOP TALES

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I would like to welcome our new home baker and helper, Charmaine Ingledew. Thank you for your fantastic baking and help. 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

P & C NEWS
The AGM for the P&C Association will be held tonight, 19th Feb, at 7.00pm. All executive positions will be declared vacant.
- If executive positions remain vacant the P & C cannot operate and no sub-committees can be formed.
- What will happen if volunteers do not come forward and offer their time and support:

  No Outside School Hours Care – The after school, before school and vacation care programs are overseen by a Sub-committee of the P & C. No P & C means this facility would cease immediately, leaving many families seeking care for their children at unfamiliar centres and in turn the need for transportation to these centres.

  No Tuckshop – The tuckshop operates under the banner of the Gabbinbar P & C and (is one of its main sources of income), therefore no P & C – no tuckshop days or the special occasion Meal Deal Days.

  No Fundraising Team – In past years Gabbinbar’s fundraisers have been a major source of income for the P & C which allows contributions to be made across many areas of the school. Some events are not big money makers eg. Mother’s Day and Father’s day Stall. These activities are offered as a service for the children (and relieving Mum & Dad from shopping with the kids).

  Other committees that wouldn’t be able to operate are the Student Banking, Second Hand Uniforms, Music Support and the Grants committee.

  No Music Support Group – This group is responsible for the organisation of choir/band uniforms, end of year participation certificates/medallions and for supporting the Music teachers and programs – how disappointed would the children be if the Gabbinbar Music Program did not meet the high standards that many children have become accustomed too.

  No Student Banking – Without a P & C volunteer co-ordinator to collect, process and bank student’s deposits the task would fall back on parents to make the deposits at the bank. The school would also miss out on the commission received for these deposits (Approximately $600 commission is received each year). So why not attend the AGM and volunteer your time and support to one of the above sub-committees? 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 Leathy (P&C President 2013)

OSHC
Hi and welcome to OSHC News. We are all looking forward to the P&C AGM tonight. All positions are vacant and we are after parents who would like to be on the OSHC subcommittee. A President, Treasurer and Secretary are needed, and require a small amount of your time to keep OSHC running smoothly. If you have been concerned about availability of places for your child at After School Care, now is the time to help make positive change for the Gabbinbar community. We are always keen to accept donations of art and craft materials. If we get half the amount compared to the milk bottle tops we will be very happy! PS please don’t bring milk bottle tops…..
Davina Quinn
OSHC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School (07-4631 5266)