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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Student Leaders

Congratulations to all students in Year 6 and 7 who have applied for a leadership role this year. Students are now preparing a speech to deliver on Friday. Students wishing to be considered for the role of School Captain will be presenting their speeches at Assembly on Friday. A ballot for Students in Year 5-7 and all staff will follow.

Students wishing to be considered for the role of Sports Captain will present a speech to Year 4-7 Students in their House at a house meeting to follow the Friday Assembly. A ballot of Students and staff will follow. Next week we will announce the students who will represent us in these roles for 2014.

We wish students all the best with their Speech presentations.

P&C

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 2013 P&C Executive and committee chairs for their commitment and dedication to our school community and in particular the role they played in supporting the school and making 2013 a success for both a the P&C and the School.

In particular I would like to thank Julie Leahy President 2012 – 2013, Vicky Wilson Treasurer 2011 – 2013, Shauna Whitley & Amy McCurley Fundraising Coordinators 2012 – 2013. I look forward to their continued involvement on the P&C as they take on new roles / support new Executive Committee.

I take this opportunity to welcome the 2014 Executive Committee and invite any members of our school community wishing to be involved in our P&C to contact them or attend out next meeting on Wednesday 19th March at 7.00pm in the Administration Building.

Cybersafety help button

Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information. [http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/cybersafet y-button.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/cybersafety-button.html)

Anti-Discrimination Commission of Queensland resources

Students working or looking for their first job can learn more about their workplace rights and responsibilities on the Anti-Discrimination Commission of Queensland website. Online resources cover how the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 protects people from unfair treatment at work, school or university.

An eight page student booklet is available which provides a quick guide to the law, questions an employer can ask in a job interview and other questions that can be used to discriminate against someone, workplace harassment and what to do if someone feels they have been treated unfairly. Visit the ACDQ website at: [http://www.adcq.qld.gov.au/resources/for-students-and-teachers](http://www.adcq.qld.gov.au/resources/for-students-and-teachers)

Payments Due

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Payments for Excursions, Performances or Student program will not be accepted after the payment due date under any circumstances.

Health Plan Reminder

In the first week of school, students with current health plans were requested to update information. Please return these as soon as possible so that we can administer the appropriate treatment. If your child has any health needs (eg. Asthma, allergies) please contact the school office.

Schools Clean Up Day

Our school will be involved in Schools Clean Up Day on Monday 3rd March following Clean Up Australia Day and you are invited to participate along with your child.

If you can make it, please inform your child’s teacher. On the day, please arrive at 11.45am at your Child’s Classroom. Students are advised to bring their on gloves.

There are also various community clean-up activities being held on Sunday 2 March 2014. The Clean Up Australia Day website lists the planned venues and activities. [http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event/clean-up-australia-day](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/about/about-the-event/clean-up-australia-day)

Jouwana Habash – Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Noah (PW), Tyson (PS), Ella (PC), Joshua (1G), Jack (1R), Lucas (1L), Obie (2G), Riley (2M), Kya (3M), Luke (3P), Kyrna (4R), Tianna (4E), Bree (5C), Bella (5L), Hayley (6H), Jessika (6W), Emily (7B) Luke (A1), Laylah (A2), Bayly (A3)

GOTCHA AWARDS

Elle, Estella, Amie

Gazette by email

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LIBRARY NEWS

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

The Primary Chess Championships are on Tuesday 4 March at Toowoomba Prep School. Students who are participating have returned their forms to the school. Look out for info about transport and school canteen later this week.

Anthony Seng (Teacher-Librarian)

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TUCKSHOP TALES

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We have some new products – Margherita pizzas (vegetarian) $2.70. We also have Crazy Lemonade drinks small bottles $1.30 & large bottles $2.50. I also have some colours and sprinkles left over from the fete, so if any of our home bakers would like them please call into the tuckshop. Don’t forget Friday treats this Friday from 3pm. Larry Heuston 0417731125 or jeanne.heuston@bigpond.com

OSHC

Hi and welcome to OSHC news.

Firstly, congratulations to our new P&C members, and thanks to those stepping down. We are still looking for parents for our OSHC subcommittee, and also for parents who would like to participate in a working party to establish a new service. Please see me for more information.

We are settling into our new school year, and hopefully have established our routines, along with the families who are new to OSHC, and those returning!

A few reminders though: please ensure you advise us of your child’s absence ASAP as we have parents waiting for places most afternoons. Your message should be communicated to a coordinator, either in person, via email or by leaving a phone message directly to OSHC. This saves valuable time in the afternoon trying to locate children. If your children are unsure of where they are to go, we advise you to tell them to go to the OSHC room, and we can call you to clarify. Please keep in mind we have to collect children from 9 different areas, so they need to wait outside their classroom for an educator. Preps should wait inside their classrooms. Please also remember we have Grievance and complaint procedures specifically for our service delivery, and as such all issues need to be addressed here initially. OSHC is a P&C operated not for profit business, and issues may be unrelated to school business. Davina Quinn (OSHC Coordinator)

P & C NEWS

The P&C AGM was held last Wednesday and I would like to thank everyone who attended. I would also like to thank the people who have kindly taken on roles as our executive and sub-committees. I appreciate the time and effort you all invest to making our P&C a successful group, working together to achieve great results for our school. The P&C Executive positions which were filled at the P&C AGM last Wednesday are:

President: Aaron Sapiecha
Vice President: Shauna Whitley
Secretary: Lisa Ford
Correspondence Secretary: Naomi Daley
Treasurer: Janet Edwards
Grants: Debra Parkes
OSHC: Davina Quinn
Second Hand Uniforms: Sharon Williams
Music Uniforms: Aaron Sapiecha
Fundraising Committee: Dennille Gillies, Sonny Hillman, Amy Manthey

We are still looking for interested parents to join the Fundraising Committee. The Fundraising Committee aims to raise funds to support the operation of the many facets of P&C and Gabbinbar SS. Throughout the year volunteers will be needed to help run fundraising ventures, as well as Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls. The committee is still in the process of planning events. If you have any ideas that you wish to contribute or time to offer, please contact the office on 4631-5222 or email pandc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au. If you missed the AGM, or wish to volunteer in another capacity please contact the office 4631-5222.

CHAPPY CHATTER

Spending Quality Time with Your Child

American pianist Michael Levine says, “Having children makes you no more a parent than having a piano makes you a pianist.” To be an effective parent and have a healthy family, you need to spend time together. A number of families have found creative ways to do this so they can connect in meaningful, positive ways.

• Designate a regular family time as part of your routine. Some families have a weekly family night. Others have a monthly family outing. Others have a daily family check-in during dinner or before bed. Figure out a routine that works for you and your family.

• Have fun together. Do activities that make you laugh and enjoy being together. Some families play sports together. Others tell jokes. Others have special nights for watching movies or playing board games.

• Get your kids’ input on how to spend family time. You may be surprised to learn that they want your family to get out more—or stay home more. Kids often have good ideas.

• If you belong to a faith community, go to services together as a family. Participate in family-friendly events, such as family volunteering.

• Eat meals together as a family. For discussion starters, visit Make Mealt ime Family Time.

• Your family often will bond more if you can get out of the house and do something together where you don’t know other people. Take a trip to another city or suburb and discover what’s there. Go to a sporting event or a play. Visit a free museum. Spend some time in the park playing catch. Explore a playground across town.

All parents want to spend time with their kids—but it can be easy to lose sight of that sometimes. Make accommodations in your life so you can spend quality time with your children on a regular basis. If you would like to read more about ways to communicate and spend time together as a family check out www.parentfurther.com.au

Next week I will tackle the topic of “how to become an effective listener.” Take care

Chappy Carmen

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS

NEW: New school uniforms may be purchased between 8am – 11am Monday to Friday.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Wanted: Dresses and shirts in all sizes for resale. Please consider either donating or selling on consignment your child’s outgrown uniforms. Proceeds from the sale of uniforms, benefits the school and the P & C. There are jumpers, skirts and shorts available in all sizes.

Second Hand Uniforms are available for purchase from 9:10am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Enquiries or appointments can be made by phoning Sharon on 0423 654 259.

HAIR ACCESSORIES

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.

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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.

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)

C&K Gabbinbar Community Kindergarten operates on our school site.
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