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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

It is with great pleasure that today we announce our School Leaders for 2014. Congratulations must go to all the students who nominated providing us with a high standard of candidates to select from.

Student Leaders
Yr 7 School Captains – Max Simons, Emily McDonald
Yr 6 School Captains – Grace Callow, Ella Dwyer
Yr 7 Leaders – Ethan Carelse, Amie Storey
Yr 6 Leaders – Gabriele Leahy, Caitlin Bowes

Sports Captains
Rudd - Emma Simons, Tavannah McGee
Nelson - Year 7 - Clay Mayers, Victoria Rae
Year 6 - Mitchell Wilson, Chanel Goosen
Evans - Year 7 - Henri Welman, Harley Orcher
Year 6 - Jack Heery, Lucy Buenen

Choir Captains - Ebony McGee, Serena Cooper

Band Captains - Rohan Doherty, Jayme Turl

Strings Captain - Meg Parish

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, as 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 one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. John C Maxwell

NAP-ICT Literacy Field Trial

Our school has been selected to participate in the Year 6, National Assessment Program - ICT Literacy Field Trial. Twenty students will complete this test on Wed 19 March from 9:00 am to 11:00am in the library. ACER, the test administrators, have selected a random sample of twenty students. Selected students and parents will be notified this week.

NAPLAN

The Assessment Program National Literacy and Numeracy for Year 3, 5 & 7 will be held in the week commencing May 12th. All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are expected to participate in the assessment program.

In coming weeks we will be working with parents to discuss the requirements and conditions for this testing program and the support that we can implement for identified students. If you have any questions or concerns or if your child has special circumstances that will impact on their participation in this program please, do not hesitate to contact me or a member of our administration team.

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.

Jouwana Habash – Principal

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Illustrator Visit – extended!

Due to overwhelming demand, we have booked a second presentation of Frané Lessac. Frané will present Painting Pictures, Telling Stories in two shows for years 1 to 3 and for years 4-7. Please pay $4.50 per child by Thursday 6 March so your child can get to see and hear this internationally known author and illustrator.

Chess News

Twenty-four junior chess players from Gabbinbar joined more than 300 children from across the Toowoomba region on Tuesday 4 March for a great day of chess. Gabbinbar had outstanding success with Elijah B ranking 25 (6 out of 8 points) and Henri W ranking 26 (also 6 out of 8). Sami S was Gabbinbar’s highest ranking girl player. Our highest ranking year 1 player was Lewis H. Well done to all the players. A big thank you to all the parents who came along to support the players and to help with transport.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

Gazette by email

Did you know that you can receive the Gazette by email? To request a notification when the latest Gabbinbar Gazette is available, send an email with the subject “SUBSCRIBE” to newsletter@gabbinbars.eq.edu.au

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BACK OUR CHAPPIES

Come and show your support for Toowoomba’s State School Chaplains and join them for the Back our Chappies Breakfast in the Park

7.30am-8.30am, Wednesday 12th March

Laurel Bank Park (cr Herries and West Street Toowoomba)

RSVP: Julie Inskip at julie@sunld.org.au or 0450493990

Gold Coin Donation for Brekky.

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CHAPPY CHATTER

Helping children learn positive friendship skills

**Importance of children’s friendships**

At any age having friends provides support and promotes mental health and wellbeing. Children’s friendships are also very important for their social and emotional development. Through friendships children learn how to relate with others. They develop social skills as they teach each other how to be good friends.

Most children want to have friends. Children who have friends are more likely to be self-confident than those without friends and they perform better academically in school. When children have difficulty in making friends or in keeping them, it often leads to feeling lonely and unhappy with themselves. Feeling rejected by others may lead to significant distress. Learning positive friendship skills can help children socially so they feel happier and more confident.

**How friendships develop and change**

Friendships require give and take. By sharing toys, time, games, experiences and feelings, children learn that they can have their social needs met and can meet the needs of others. Since friendships develop through this kind of mutual exchange, close friendships are usually based on well matched needs. Children’s friendship needs and skills change as they grow. Similarly, children’s ideas about friendship change as they develop. This is reflected in the different kinds of activities that children like to spend time doing with their friends at different ages.

If you would like to read more about this go to www.kidsmatter.com.au

Take care

Chappy Carmen

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**TUCKSHOP TALES**

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We have some new products: –

Margherita Pizzas (vegetarian) $2.70,
Crazy Lemonade drinks - small bottles $1.30 & large bottles $2.50. I also have some food 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 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

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**P & C NEWS**

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@gabbinbars.eq.edu.au. If you missed the AGM, or wish to volunteer in another capacity please contact the office 4631 5222.

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**OSHC**

Hi and welcome to OSHC news.

We are still looking for parents for our OSHC subcommittee, and need a Coordinator to head our committee and liaise with the P&C on OSHC’s behalf. We also need parents who would like to participate in a working party to establish a new service. This is a great opportunity for those families being affected by our shortage of available places to have their say! Please see Davina for more information.

We have chickens! Our Henny Penny hatchings have arrived and are still pretty cute! The chicks are currently hatching and will be here for two weeks. If you are interested in taking some home as pets after this time, please see me to register your interest.

Please remember to advise OSHC directly if your child is away, sick or at after school events. This information is not necessarily communicated from the school, and as such, we will expect your child on their booked day unless advised.

Davina Quinn
OSHC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School
4631 5266

**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: panca@gabbinbar.qld.edu.au
Web: gabbinbar.qld.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.
Email: gabbinbar@candk.asn.au
Web: www.candk.asn.au/gabbinbar
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