FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

CHAPPY WEEK May 19th – 23rd 2014

This week we mark Chappy Week. Chappy Week is an annual event run by SU QLD to raise awareness of the value of school chaplains... and to raise funds to support school chaplains.

Thank you to all students who supported in our Chappy week activities today. There has been a lot of excitement and enthusiasm in finding and in some cases decorating our socks for the day. A big thank you to our Chaplaincy Committee and their volunteers for organising the Sausage Sizzle for today and for funding the performance by JAM which was open to all students from Prep to Year 3.

I take this opportunity on behalf of our staff and School Community to thank the many Community Groups and individuals who support our Chaplaincy program and in particular the financial support that had enabled us to expand our service and purchase resources to implement some of our program.

If you would more information about our chaplaincy service or how you can support the service in our school please contact the School.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

Following several requests in recent weeks to administer over the counter medication, please find below the process for the Administration of over-the-counter medication (including paracetamol, ibuprofen, naturopathic, herbal and homeopathic preparations and pharmacist-only medicines at school):

- the medical practitioner provides a written request for over-the-counter medication to be administered or co-signs the request to administer medication at school accompanied by clear instructions as to the dose and specific times required at school
- the student has received the medication on one or more previous occasions and suffered no adverse reactions (this is to be documented by the student’s parent/carer)
- information is provided on the possible adverse side effects and any management required for the authorised over-the-counter medication and the equipment needed for the medication to be administered are supplied by the student’s parent/carer

PEER SUPPORT

This week in the Peer Support session, children will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each other’s lives. Children will construct a visual representation of this during the session. Encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support to them if the need rises.

Jouwana Habash - Principal

CLEANER VACANCY

Gabbinbar State School

A permanent cleaner is required for 13.25 hours per week. Application packages are available from the Gabbinbar State School Office.

Closing Date is 30th May 2014.

The successful applicant will be subject to a “Working With Children Check” and may be subject to a probation period of up to three months.

All Enquiries to Gabbinbar State School on 46315222.

Applications will remain current for 12 months

CHOIR UPDATES

All members of the Junior choir are to be congratulated on a wonderful performance at the Choral Eisteddfod last Thursday night. Competing against some very musical groups in a very close section, they sang very musically and sensitively and received a Highly Commended from the adjudicator. With only 2 points separating H.C. and 1st, we came away very aware of the little things that can mean so much in a competition such as this.

A huge thank you to Mr. Sapiecha and his team for the presentation of the choir in their Performance Uniforms – they looked stunning on stage.

Also to the team of Staff and admin who assisted with supervision, and made the night all the more enjoyable.

The Senior Choir is now into their final rehearsals with Mrs Savill for the upcoming SINGOUT Festival to be held on June 10 – 12. They will be attending on Tuesday June 10. The information letter is coming out today.

Please note that the due date for the return of the form and money is FRIDAY May 30.

GAZETTE ONLINE

Did you know the Gabbinbar Gazette is available online from our website gabbbrass.eq.edu.au? From our homepage under newsletter, click “Download”. Past issues can be found in the archive.

Another great way to get the Gazette is by downloading the FREE QSchools smartphone and iPad app. Search the App Store, Google Play or Windows Phone Store for “QSchools”. The app gives quick access to our calendar, news and newsletters as well as other state schools and high schools. For more information, see our homepage under “Quicklinks”.

You can also automatically get the Gazette in your inbox. Send an email to newsletters@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au with the subject of SUBSCRIBE to get the Gazette each week.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Daniel (PW), Jenna (PS), Jordan (PC), Mandy (PC), Lucy (1G), Mia (1R), Mia (2G), Emma (2M0, William (2M), Eden (2M), Grace (3M), Rhiannon (SP), Laura (4R), Jake (5L), Jane (7B), Emily (A2), Corey (A3).
CHAPPY CHATTER

Friendship patterns in the primary years
Children choose friends who have similar interests and enjoy similar activities. During primary school close friendships are most often with a child of the same gender. This is related to children’s preferences in play. Boys tend to prefer active kinds of play in groups, whereas girls typically prefer gentler games in pairs or threes and use talk more than action. Such preferences may be especially strong around the ages of 8-9 when many children become more aware of social expectations regarding girls’ and boys’ behaviour. These expectations can create difficulties for boys who are interested in gentler kinds of play and for girls who prefer the kind of active play that is usually associated with boys.

Friends cooperate and communicate more with each other than with other children. They also have conflicts more often, but usually manage to settle them without upsetting the friendship. Friends influence each other’s behaviour. Over time they may take on similar mannerisms, language and preferences. Although friendships usually have positive effects, friends who have behavioural problems may encourage problem behaviour in one another.

As children’s interests and developmental needs change their friendship patterns may also change. By the middle of primary school it is common for children to form small friendship groups based around similar interests. These groups often establish their own rules about who can join them. Setting rules and learning to negotiate them is important for helping children to develop their understanding of social relationships. However, when children lack cooperative relationship skills it can lead to friendship groups being dominated by some children and excluding others.

GOTCHA AWARDS

Rebecca, Elijah, Riley, Hayley, Gabrielle, Kya, Fatima, Rikki, Riley, Savannah, Sam

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS
Toowoomba State High (Mt Lofty and Wilsonton campuses) are now taking enrolments for 2015. Please check the website below for details.
https://toowoombshs.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Centenary Heights State High School
1. 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.
2. Enrolment Information Evening – Monday, June 16 (6pm School Hall)
3. School Tours – will be held on Friday mornings from 8.45 am to 10.00 am approx. Dates are: June 20, July 25, August 8, August 29, October 24.
Please contact our school to register your interest.
4. Contact – Please do not hesitate to contact Head of Junior Secondary Tim O’Connell for further information. You will also find that our website (listed below) will give you a great overview of our school.
For more information call 4636 7500
Website: https://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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Due to new work commitments I will be unable to continue with Friday treats. If anyone is interested in running Friday treats please contact me ASAP, otherwise the last Friday treat day will be this Friday the 23rd May. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

P & C NEWS
The monthly meeting of the Gabbinbar P & C Assoc. will be held Wednesday night, 21 May, at 7pm in the staffroom. All members of the school community are most welcome to attend.

Pie Drive
We hope you are all excited about the pie drive that is currently running. There are some delicious products included that can be purchased, and everything is suitable to be frozen. It is so handy to have some ready to heat meals in the freezer. A friendly reminder that the money and forms are due in on Monday 2nd June to the school office. Please make sure your child’s name is clearly written on the form.

Race Day
You should all have received a save the date invitation for The Gabbinbar State School Race Day with today’s newsletter. It is on August 2nd, so mark it on your calendars as we would love to see as many parents as possible come along to enjoy the fun! For more information please contact us on pandc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au

OSHC NEWS
Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC News! As we head into winter, a reminder for children to bring a jumper. It’s getting quite chilly here after 5pm!. Please ensure children’s belongings are labelled as this will help us find and return them. If your children are unwell, please don’t send them to afterschool care. Educators and other children are also susceptible to illnesses.

We are still needing parental involvement to establish a new premises for our service. Any help is gratefully accepted and will mean the difference between a smooth transition to a bigger service or the closure of the service as we have known it and a major inconvenience for so many of our working families and the wider community. Please get involved!
We are needing a drill to do odd jobs and make resources for OSHC. If you have an o’ cheapo laying around, feel free to donate it. Any other resources we can reuse, especially craft materials, are always welcome.

Davina Quinn,
OSHC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School 07-4631 5266

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
Second Hand Uniforms are available for purchase from 9.10am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Enquiries or appointments can be made by phoning Sharon on 0423 654 259.

NEW UNIFORMS are available until 12 noon each day.

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C&K Gabbinbar Community Kindergarten operates on our school site.
Email: gabbinbar@canbk.asn.au
Web: www.canbk.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)