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The major points of note are listed below and a copy of the whole outlines the responsibilities of all stakeholders in relation to student attendance.

**Responsibilities**

**School responsibilities:**
- provide instruction which is tailored and suited for students level of achievement, thus producing success
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- set a personal goal to attend school every day
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- ensure their child of compulsory school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. Principals decide if the reason given for your child’s absence is acceptable.
- **Avoid keeping your child away from school for:**
  - birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.
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- **Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?**
  - Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.
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  - won’t get out of bed in the morning
  - won’t go to bed at night
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**What should I do if my child won’t go to school?**
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**PEER SUPPORT**
During Peer Support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game. This week help your child practise these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family or friends.

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**
**ATTENDANCE POLICY**
Our new school attendance policy is now in place and clearly outlines the responsibilities of all stakeholders in relation to student attendance. This policy was endorsed by the P&C association last week.
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- ensure their child has the resources they need for school each day
- set a high expectation of attendance
- provide a reason for their child’s absence as soon as possible prior to or after the absence
- provide a doctor’s certificate for absences longer than three days where available
- understand that attending school takes priority over most other family activities (including holidays) during school time
- make every effort to book routine appointments for medical conditions after or before school or on vacations; e.g. (dentist, chiropractic). GENUINE ILLNESS IS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE REASON FOR ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL.

**Attendance Reminder**
- Why is regular attendance at school important?
- Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they:
  - go to school all day, every school day.
  - they learn better
  - they make friends
  - they are happier
  - they have a brighter future.

**Why must I send my child to school?**
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. Principals decide if the reason given for your child’s absence is acceptable.

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**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.
CHOIR UPDATES
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 was sent home last week.
Please note that the due date for the return of the form and money is FRIDAY May 30.

MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC NEWS
The Mobile Dental Clinic 42A is open each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until 4.00pm and closed Thursday and Friday. Our phone number is 0408 767 779
All families at Gabbinbar State School have been issued registration forms and these forms will be used when making the students appointment. If you haven’t returned your registration form then please return them to the school office as soon as possible.
Appointments will be made with their parent / carer so they can attend with their child /children at times that are suitable with the dental van and parent.
If there are any concerns please contact the Dental Van.
Thank you
Karen and Sandra
Dental Staff

BOOK CLUB
Book Club order forms are due back on Monday June 9. There are great reads for all ages with popular titles including Peppa Pig, Minecraft and the Divergent series. Don’t forget to check out the “Red Label Book” for only $2 – for example, in Arrow Book Club the two buck book is Rowan of Rin by Emily Rodda – an Australian children’s popular classic.
Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

CHAPPY WEEK
Chappy Week was a smash with plenty of silly socks and scrumptious sausages for the students and morning tea treats for the staff. And we raised over $1,000. It was a great effort. Thanks to all who helped make it a success.
Rob Callow
LCC Chair

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Mahali (PW), Jessica (PC), Bella (1G), Jessica (1R), Alex (1L), Johan (1L), Ella (2G), Annabelle (2M), Grace (3M), Aaliya (3P), Rhiannon (3P), Jake (4R), Estella (5C), Callum (5L), Jake (5L), Jake (6H), Zachary (6W), Daniel (7B), Jane (7B), Hayden (A1), Ned (A2), Joel (A3), Jackson (3P).

GOTCHA AWARDS
Alex, Connie, Serena, Jada, Tawny, Holly, Eve, Riley, Hayley, KPeira

GAZETTE ONLINE
Beginning term 3 we aim to reduce the amount of paper we use each week printing the Gazette. The paper version will only be distributed to families who specifically request it. Now is a good time to try other delivery versions of our Gazette.
The Gabbinbar Gazette is available online from our website gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au From our homepage under newsletter, click “Download”. 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.

CHAPPY CHATTER
The Scoop on Gossip
Have you ever played the game Telephone? You sit in a circle with a group of people and one person whispers a phrase to the person next to him or her. Then, each person keeps whispering the phrase around the circle until it reaches the last person, who repeats the whispered statement out loud. What started out as “Pizza tastes great” can end up as “Pete’s a great ape!”
It’s funny to laugh at how twisted the sentence became as it got passed around. Gossip can work the same way, but it’s not so funny. In fact, it can be very hurtful. Have you ever gossiped or been gossiped about? Let’s find out more about gossiping.

Talk Versus Gossip
Talking is how you spread your thoughts, ideas, and experiences to people around you. It’s not always wrong to talk about other people. There’s nothing wrong with telling your friends, “I like hanging out with Jake. He tells the funniest stories!” Those words don’t hurt anyone.
But when you say mean things, tell stories that you’re not sure are true, or reveal information you know is supposed to remain private, you’re spreading gossip. What if you saw Jake go into the principal’s office and you started wondering if he was in trouble. There’s nothing wrong with wondering that, but what if you started telling other people you think Jake’s in big trouble.
You really don’t know why he was in the principal’s office, right? But before you know it, everyone is talking about how Jake is in trouble and imagining why. Maybe he put his rubber snake in the teacher’s desk, someone says. Maybe he punched a kid who didn’t laugh at one of his jokes, another person suggests. Jake doesn’t come back to class for a long time, but when he does, everyone wants to know what happened in the principal’s office.
Jake might be a little angry or confused about all the questions, especially when he explains, “I went to the principal’s office because my mom was there to take me to a doctor appointment.”
That’s how rumours work. They start small and often blow up into something different from the truth. (To be continued)
Take care Chappy

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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I would like to thank Jenn Munt for taking over the Friday treats, if anyone can give her a hand for 20 minutes on a Friday afternoon please contact Jen or myself. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

P & C NEWS
Pie Drive
A friendly reminder that the pie drive forms are due into the office by Monday 2nd June. Great to see everyone who has already supported the school and we look forward to getting all of the pie orders out to everyone on the 11th. We need as many volunteers as possible to help sort the pie orders on the morning of 11th June from 9am so if you are free please contact us as we would really appreciate your help. pandc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au 0403674443

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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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