FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Every Day Counts at Gabbinbar

Every Day Counts because children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day.

Every Day Counts because going to school means getting a better chance at life.

Every Day Counts because school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Every Day Counts because going to school is a legal requirement.

Unexplained Absences

Absences that are ‘Unexplained’ are recorded as such, and are highlighted in your child’s Report Card at the end of each Semester. Does your child have any Unexplained Absences?

A reminder to all parents that it is your responsibility to notify the school of your child’s absence. You can do this in four simple ways by:

1. Phoning the Absence line 46315260
2. Sending a signed and dated note to school with your child.
3. Emailing the school via our website – click on the tab ‘Absentee-eLine’ and emailing us.
4. Emailing directly: absences@gabbinbass.eq.edu.au

Please include your child’s name, class, day(s) they are away and the reason for absence eg. Illness, doctors appointment…

Safety Outside School

Please be aware that outside the school are Bus Zones. These zones are designated for buses only and parking in these areas is prohibited. The bus zone no parking area is in effect from 7.30 am to 4.00 pm. This is not a drop off area. We also have a No Parking Zone which operates from 8 am to 9 am and 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Could you please assist us by not parking in these areas to keep all students and traffic safe. The police from time to time work with schools to ensure the safety of students and general traffic by patrolling these areas. Please note that parking in front of the access gate on Stenner St between the hall and tennis court is prohibited as grounds and maintenance staff use this to enter and exit the school.

Student Dress Code

There is an increasing concern regarding students wearing jewellery at school.

For safety reasons, the following list constitutes the only permissible jewellery to be worn by students at Gabbinbar State School:

- One set of earrings (small sleepers/studs)
- Signet ring
- Watch
- Medical identification

It is a Health and safety requirement that if student have any other piercings they are removed or covered with tape.
**Date Claimers**

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Payments for excursions, performances or student program will not be accepted after the payment due date under any circumstances.

**Newsletter**

To subscribe to The Gazette via email, see the instructions on our website (gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au) under Newsletters/Archive. Alternatively, send an email to newsletters@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au with the subject of SUBSCRIBE to get the Gazette.

Families who are unable to access the online can collect a paper copy from the front office.

**School News**

**Student Council Free Dress and Crazy Hair Day**

On Thursday, 7th August, students can ditch their uniforms and go wild with their hair and/or wear free dress in aid of the Leukaemia Foundation. This day of fun only costs a gold coin donation which will go to this worthy cause. There are rewards for participating and a prize for each year level for the craziest hair!

So come to the Hall second break on 7th August for judging of the craziest hair!

**Chess News**

The annual Toowoomba and District Primary School Teams Chess Championship is almost upon us again for 2014. The tournament is open to all primary school students and caters for year 1 up to year 7. The winning teams of the local championship will also qualify to represent the region in the Queensland interschool teams state finals being held in Brisbane later this year.

- **Venue**: Rangeville State School
- **Date**: Tuesday 2 September 2014
- **Start time**: 8:30am
- **Finish time**: Approx 4:00pm
- **Cost**: $15 per child
- **Transport**: Mr Seng and parents

Participating students must nominate to Mr Seng by Friday 8 August. Permission notes with further information with be sent out within the next weeks to students who nominate. Please note that nominating does not guarantee a place however we will endeavour to put each child on a team; preference will be given to students who have participated in Chess Club tutoring at any level this year and students who regularly play chess at break times.

**Library**

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Hagarty for the donation of the Stratego game to the library; this game is sure to be popular with chess and strategy game players at break times.

**Student Absence Phone Number**

In addition to the option of emailing student absences to absences@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au parents may instead call our new student absence line 4631 5260. If you call, please be ready to provide your name and contact details, the student's name, the reason and expected days/dates of absence. This service is available 24 hours a day.

**Mobile Dental Clinic News**

The Mobile Dental Clinic 42A is open each Monday - Friday from 8.30am until 4.00pm. Our phone number is 0408 767 779

Registration forms have been issued to all students and we are making appointments with all families who have returned their registration forms. **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, Sandra, Brenda and Mel Dental Staff

**Tuckshop Tales**

**Tuckshop Day** | **Tuckshop Helpers** | **Tuckshop Home Bakers**
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Thursday 7 August | Larry Heuston | Rebekah Sullivan
Tuesday 12 August | Jen Munt | Vicki Flynn
Tuesday 14 August | Charmaine Ingledew | Nat Herbert
Thursday 19 August | Rob Callow | Penni Harth
Tuesday 14 August | Janet Edwards | Cheri Ochnio
Thursday 14 August | Charlene Ingledew | Vicki Flynn
Tuesday 19 August | Larry Heuston | Ailsa Dwyer
Tuesday 19 August | Julie Leahy | Elizabeth Wembri

This week we are introducing a meal deal:– Ham, Silver beet, and Tomato Quiche with Salad box, all for $5.

We are still in need of a couple of tuckshop helpers. If you can spare an hour or two on Tuesdays or Thursdays please let me know. It is a fun morning, and morning tea or lunch is included, as a thank you for your help.

Don't forget Friday treats from 3pm this Friday.

Mrs Munt has a fantastic new variety of lollies and treats available, also hot Milo with marshmallows for $1.00.

Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

**Student of the Week**

Sienna (PS), Layla (PC), Tyla-Jo (1G), Mitchell (1R), Jack (1L), Caelan (2G), Tyson (2G), Zareena (3M), Jessica (4R), Claire (4E), Ashdyn (5L), Kyesha (6W), Ella (6W), Ethan (7B), Charlotte (A1), Patrick (A2), Ned (A2).
Gotcha Winners
Tanisha (6H), Matthew (6H), William (7B).

Instrumental Music
Instrumental Music lessons and band will resume tomorrow, 7 August.

Chappy News
I came across this article recently and thought it was worth sharing with you.

'Sorry' Seems to Be the Hardest Word

Asking for forgiveness is an admission that you’ve made a poor decision – and it can be humiliating to admit you’re wrong – but kids say they respect their parents more when they apologize.

by Joe White, Lissa Halls Johnson

Nobody likes to apologize. It's embarrassing. We feel ashamed, sad, foolish. It's tough to get those words out, even if they're the only way to move beyond the wreckage of a parent-teen conflict and start healing.

Why is that difficulty multiplied when we need to apologize to our own kids? See whether any of these reasons might apply to you.

- Until now, your child has looked up to you. Asking forgiveness is an admission that you’re not perfect – which implies that maybe you don’t always make the best choices as a parent. You’re afraid this will cause your teen to doubt all your decisions, or to find further excuse to defy you.
- It can be humiliating to admit you’re wrong. It feels like assigning yourself to the penalty box. The truth is that it takes strength to acknowledge your faults, and can help your teen relate to you as a fellow mistake-maker – but it’s not much fun.
- You want to model perfection so your teen will strive for a higher goal. Unfortunately, models of perfection discourage kids who feel like they’re constantly messing up. If they can’t be perfect, why try at all?
- You fear that if you admit you’re flawed, your teen won’t respect you anymore. Actually, the opposite is true. Kids say they respect their parents more when they apologize.
- That’s certainly a skill I know for myself I don’t do well nor do I always see the value in when dealing with children. I’m not perfect but I am very sure I could put some of these skills into my daily life. What I do know for certain is that I’m willing to keep trying.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

Second Hand Uniforms
Second Hand Uniforms are available for purchase from 9:10am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.
We have plenty of jumpers and track pants in stock in all sizes.
Enquiries or appointments can be made by phoning Sharon on 0423 654 259.

Media Consent Forms
Important Reminder: New Media consent forms are effective from the start of this term. Students’ name and images will not be permitted to be used if new forms have not been received by the office. If you haven’t returned your form, we ask that these be completed and returned as soon as possible. If you are unable to find your forms, copies are available from the front office.

OSHC
Please be advised that the following fee increases approved by the P&C Committee will apply at Gabbinbar OSHC from the 1st July 2014.
Increases will be applied to accounts from Monday 18th August 2014.

- AFTER SCHOOL CARE = $22.50 PER DAY
- BEFORE SCHOOL CARE = $15.00 PER DAY
- BEFORE SCHOOL CARE COMBINED WITH ASC ON SAME DAY = $10.00
- AFTER SCHOOL CARE - CASUAL = $25.00, DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY

Non Cancellation Fee $10.00 per session

Our updated Parent Handbook will be available soon, and we recommend all parents using the service be familiar with this document.

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

Take care
Chappy Carmen

We value: Achieving our Best, Being Respectful and Responsible, Caring and Confidence
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.

Email: gabbinbar@candk.asn.au
Web: www.candk.asn.au/gabbinbar
Phone: 07 4613 6205
Fax: 07 4613 6209