FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We officially farewell Mrs Powell from our staff this week. While she will now enjoy retired life she will always be a part of our school community and we look forward to her continued involvement. During Caryn’s time at Gabbinbar our school has experienced many positive changes of which she has played an active role. Enrolment growth and the position of our school as one that caters for each individual student fostering their strengths and working with parents, supporting students to reach their potential is one of Caryn’s passions.

On behalf of staff and the school community, I take this opportunity to thank Caryn for her dedication and commitment to our school and her work in ensuring that our students have access to opportunities to support them to be the best they can be. I wish her the all the best as she embarks on the next stage of her life, as a grandma with the flexibility to babysit, attend family / school functions and devote more time to her family and hobbies.

Farewell from Caryn Powell

I am writing to advise students and parents that as of 5:00pm, Friday August 1, 2014, after much deliberation and soul searching, I have decided to retire and no longer work for Education Queensland. I may show up from time to time, but I am no longer the Deputy Principal at Gabbinbar SS.

Thank you to the P&C for all the great work you do, the support you have offered the school and myself over the last 10 years.

I feel privileged to have been your Deputy Principal and am proud of the status that we hold in the community and in Regional Office.

When I started in 2004, Greg Brand and I set some goals that we wanted to achieve.

These were:-

* to reach a target of 400 students enrolled at Gabbinbar,
* to raise our profile in the community,
* to give us a good reputation as a school that values every child
* to provide a variety of opportunities for each child to reach their full potential
* to be a school to which parents would be proud to send their children.

I believe we (the whole school community) have achieved above and beyond these goals, and these high expectations are continued to be built upon by the present Administration Team, Staff, Parent and Community members.

You have indeed a great school with a great, students and a staff who work very hard and very long hours, to ensure Gabbinbar is indeed the best it can be. I am very pleased that my granddaughter will be eligible to attend Gabbinbar SS as she lives in catchment area.

I look forward to having the time and energy to devote to my growing family (with grandchild number three due in December), and to other community interests and hobbies.

Wishing you all the very best for the future.

Caryn Powell

Life Ed

The Life Ed Van will be visiting the school from 25 August – 5th September.

Permission notes are due back this Friday.

Parent Session

If you are interested in what the Life Education Programs that are being offered in the school are about, a parent session will be held next Friday 29 August from 8:50am.

This will be a short session to inform you about what Life Education offers.

Jouwana Habash

Principal
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.

Student of the Week
Dustin and Samuel

Mother’s Morning Tea
Thursday 28 August
9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbinbar State School Hall.

School News
Kapshiung Girls’ Senior High School

Students from the Kapshiung Girls’ High School visited our school on Monday 18 August. Students joined our visitors for lunch eating the dumplings they had made during the cultural activities.

Children’s Book Week 16 – 22 August

We will be celebrating Book Week this Friday 22 August, encouraging students and staff to dress in their favorite story book or comic character. Dive into your cupboard and see what you can find to make your favorite character come to life. Please see the library news for more details.

Students encouraged to submit their stories about life in regional Queensland

ABC’s Heywire competition is looking for young people to share their stories about life in regional Queensland. Entries must be aged 16 or older on 31 January 2015 to be eligible. Winners will have their stories published by the ABC and join other young people from around the country for the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in Canberra in February.

The Heywire website has some great tips to help you pick a good subject. Stories can be submitted as text, photos, audio or video. People with more than one idea are welcome to enter as many stories as they wish.

Entries close on 16 September. You can find out more at: http://www.abc.net.au/heywire

Chess News

A reminder that permission forms and payment for students who have nominated for the Teams Chess Championships, on Tuesday 2 September, must be returned to school by 22 August. If you have any queries, please contact Mr Seng on 4631 5222.

Advanced chess tutoring also continues each Thursday at first break.

Library News

To celebrate Children’s Book Week 2014 students are invited to dress up as their favourite book or comic character on Friday 22 August. Parents are welcome to our assembly at 9 am to see the cast of characters. As this is a fun voluntary activity we certainly don’t expect parents to go to a lot of expense. Please remember that the dress-up needs to be appropriate for school activities (i.e. sun-smart clothing and closed shoes).

Parents are welcome to visit the library to see our display of the short-listed and winning books.

Mr Seng
Teacher-Librarian

Chappy News

An important thing to remember about body image:

Our body image is not set in stone; it is very susceptible to change by the influences around us. This means that we may improve our body image by minimising all the things we see, watch, read, and listen to that have a negative effect on our body image. It also means that we have the power to change the way we see, feel and think about our bodies!

So What is Body image dissatisfaction and Who does it affect?

Body image dissatisfaction (or negative body image) happens when a person has negative thoughts and feelings about his or her body.

• Negative body image usually involves a difference between how people think they should look (their ideal body) and how they actually look.

• The image that people have of their body is largely determined by social influences and often these images are incorrect — for example, sometimes people believe that they are fat even though they are in or below the healthy weight range for their height. How people think they should look is affected by their friends and family; information from the media (particularly images); and personal characteristics of the individual (I will go further into this in a few weeks).

• Body image dissatisfaction doesn’t only concern people’s body size and shape, but also skin colour, strength, fitness, facial characteristics, physical religious characteristics, disabilities and ethnic diversity.

Who does negative body image affect?

• Negative body image can affect anybody—males and females, children, teenagers and adults. However, young people are especially affected.

• Negative body image affects guys and girls differently.

• A person’s body image can be affected by different lifestyle events, such as puberty, pregnancy, disability, illness and surgery; and can affect people of all different ages. For example, puberty is a time when boys and girls go through a dramatic change in their bodies in a short time frame, and it can be hard to adjust to the changes in their bodies.

• Body image dissatisfaction has been shown to become worse as children get older; however this is more common in girls than in boys.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

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Student Banking

We seem to have dropped in numbers in banking this week and I’m hoping students have not been confused regarding my announcement on parade on Friday. Just to clarify it with you all, I will be on Professional Experience at another two schools for my university studies (I’m currently studying to become a Primary PE teacher). This means I will not be able to collect the bank bags from each of the classrooms. Banking WILL still go ahead as normal, I will just collect the bags from the office at the end of each Tuesday rather than from the classroom. So please do not forget to hand your banking in each Tuesday.

On another note, we have a large number (50+) students that are able to redeem their tokens for some great reward items. I know that some tokens can get lost along the way but I do keep a manual record as well as CBA keeps an electronic record of how many deposits you have made and how many tokens you have. If you have lost some or know you have more than 10 tokens please leave a note in your bank book and I will look into it for you. If you are chasing a card for the reward items, just let me know or you can collect one from the office. We also have plenty of information packs to join student banking.

Thanks and kind regards,
Amy Manthey
Manthey_Crew@hotmail.com.au / 0429 597 093

Tuckshop Tales

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We are still in need of a couple of tuckshop helpers, so 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 every Friday at 3pm. Mrs Munt has a fantastic new variety of lollies and treats available.

Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

OSHC

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC News!

We currently have some vacancies for After school care. This is a great time to add extra days to your booking for days which were previously at capacity. As your child moves through the school year, changes to their health or other requirements may be experienced. Any updates which you think may impact on their care can be discussed by contacting OSHC. Notes can also be made on the Focus group feedback for that purpose.

Expressions of interest sheet for SEPTEMBER VACATION CARE is out now. Please remember this is NOT a permission form, and low numbers for the Vacation care period may result in closure of the service over this time.

Davina QUINN,
OSHc Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School
07 4631 5266

P & C News

The monthly meeting of the Gabbinbar P & C Association will be held tonight at 7pm in the OSHC Building. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Fathers’ Day Stall
3 September

Gifts ranging from $1 to $5

Time once again to make Dad happy by buying some wonderful gifts at our school’s Fathers’ Day Stall. The children will go with their class between 9:00am and 11:00am on Wednesday 3 September to choose their gifts. We recommend your child brings their money in a named envelope which also has the amount enclosed written on the front of the envelope. The envelope can then be handed to the Teacher or likewise a named wallet which can be kept secure. Volunteers are needed to help out on the day so if you are available and keen to help we would really appreciate it. Contact Denni if you can help on 0403674443. There will also be a Fathers’ Day raffle being run. Tickets will be available from the office or at the stall. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 5 September

Leftover gifts from the stall will be sold after school on Friday 5 September at 3p.m. for children who are wishing to purchase extra gifts.

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. Unfortunately we are unable to place photos of our student in the Newsletter if the current consent forms are not completed.

Student 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, this service is available 24 hours a day.
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@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au

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

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.

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

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME AND MY CHILD?

A must attend information session, for parents of school age children with a disability

WHEN: 20 August 2014
TIME: 9.00am START

SPEAKERS:
- Helen Ferguson, Regional Director SW Region for Disability and Community Services
- Desiree Francke, Manager, Service Access
- Sharon Boyce, NDIS Participant who self-manages care.

WHERE: Toowoomba West Special School Hall, 26 Gladstone Street Newtown.

COST: Gold Coin to cover catering

RSVP: by Midday on 19th August to twspca@hotmail.com

If you have any further questions, please email above or contact Paul on 0448 772 972.

Thanks to the Member for Toowoomba North, Trevor Watts for assisting with this information session.
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
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