FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Teacher Aides’ Day

We celebrate Teacher Aide Day on the first Friday of September to recognise the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers. The help they offer goes a long way in our classrooms, providing the extra attention some students need to get the most out of a lesson and supporting our teachers to organise engaging and educational activities each day.

This year, Teacher aides are celebrating 40 years of service in education. This Friday we say thank you to our teacher aides who tirelessly assist teachers in our classrooms.

2015 Prep Enrolments

We have commenced our planning for 2015. As part of this process we have been asked to submit our prospective enrolments and consider the staffing implications.

One of the biggest impacts on our planning for next year is student numbers. To assist us in planning for 2015 we need to have an accurate forecast of our 2015 Prep numbers. If your child will be attending Gabbinbar’s Prep program in 2015 we ask that you return your enrolment forms as soon as possible to enable us to confirm numbers and finalise planning for information sessions. We also ask that you pass this message to any families who may be joining us for the first time next year. We would like to make the start of the year as smooth as possible for all involved and appreciate your assistance.

Student of the Week

Mahalia (PW), Zavier (PC), Eden (2G), Joshua (2M), Ayden (3P), Rhyanna (5L),

Not pictured: Katie (1G), Adelina (1G), Ruby (6H), Ruben (6W), Sarah (7B).

Each week class teachers nominate a student of the week award. Due to media permissions, some students’ names or photographs may not be available for publishing.
Gotcha Awards

Ethan, Matthew and Riley

OPTIMINDS 2014

Congratulations to our two teams who represented Gabbinbar at the Regional Optiminds Challenge held on Sunday 24th August at UQ Gatton. Both teams did a fantastic job of solving the challenges, preparing presentations (scripts and props), then presenting on the day.

In the Language & Literature challenge students created a new ‘True Blue’ Aussie tale for children which featured the traditional character – Muddle-headed Wombat. Well done: Meg, Grace, Lillian, Bani, Ashdyn, Ella and Bella on your tale well told.

In the Social Sciences challenge students considered if John Lennon’s world described in “Imagine” where no identity groups exist, is an ideal world. They concluded that Australia is better off enjoying the richness of other cultures. Congratulations to Ella, Jessica, Catherine, Jack, Bailee, Lola and Lulu on your imaginatively presented skit.

Chess news

A record number of chess players from Gabbinbar competed in the annual Toowoomba Primary Teams Chess Championships on 2 September 2014. It was wonderful to see so many keen chess players from grades 1 to 7, and especially to have two girls’ teams. Altogether 104 teams from 26 schools competed. Gabbinbar players had a great day of chess with wins and draws. I’m especially proud of our teams and team captains working together and supporting each other. Thank you to parents for spectating and for helping with transport.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

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

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We value: Achieving our Best, Being Respectful and Responsible, Caring and Confidence
Prep – Year 2 Swimming
Information regarding this years Prep to Year 2 swimming program was sent home today. Swimming will commence at the start of Term 4 on Tuesday 7th October. To confirm participants in our swimming program and finalize arrangements all permission notes with payment must be returned to the school office by Friday 19th September.

Annual science awards announce 24 high achievers
The 24 winners of the Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science and Science Education have been announced. The awards recognise outstanding science achievements and reflect the department’s commitment to furthering science in Queensland schools. Ten Year 12 science students, six teachers, three science support officers, three science education partners and two schools were awarded prize money totalling $94,000. Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/science-awards for winners’ details.

Kindy counts! Facebook competition
Parents with kindy-aged children are invited to tell how kindy has benefitted their child. By doing so you will have a chance to win a Samsung Kids Tablets and $1000 in educational materials for your child’s kindy.
Simply submit a video, or photo and up to 100-words that shows the benefits of kindy. To enter, your child must be participating in kindy this year, or have participated last year. Go to: www.qld.gov.au/kindylfun for competition entry requirements, prizes, deadlines and full terms and conditions.

Calling young scientists (Young Scientists of the Year Awards)
Do you like science and wonder how science can change people’s lives? The Young Scientists of the Year Awards might be the competition for you. This year’s theme is ‘Energy in our lives’. The winning child or group can win up to $3000 for their primary school. Entries close 19 September 2014. www.nata.com.au/nata/news/nata-young-scientist-award

MUSIC UPDATES
Members of the Senior Choir, Concert Band and String Ensemble should have received their information / permission letter for the annual T.Y.M.E. festival to be held at USQ on Thursday, September 18.
The letter will contain all the information related to Performance times and places and I would ask you to keep an eye out for it and retain for your benefit. There will be a small bus fare payable at the time of returning the signed portion of the note to the office by the due date.

P & C News
Fathers' Day Stall - 3 September
Thank you to everyone who supported the stall today. Remaining gifts will be available for purchase at Friday Afternoon Treats at the tuckshop.

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 three 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 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...

DISCO
Please note that the age groups have been changed for the disco. Prep – Yr 2 and Yr 3 – Yr 7
FRIDAY 5 September, 2014
Gabbinbar School Hall
Prep – Yr 2 Disco 5:30pm – 6:45pm Cost $4
Yr 3 – Yr 7 Disco 7:00pm – 8:30pm Cost $6
Popper and Chips included with entry.
Glow Sticks for sale - $1

PLEASE NOTE: Students will need to be dropped off and picked up from the Hall by parents/guardians.
Disco is open ONLY to Gabbinbar State School students

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We are still in need of some helpers in the tuckshop, so if you can spare an hour or two please give me a call. Don’t forget Friday treats from 3pm this Friday, Mrs Munt has a fantastic new variety of lollies and treats available. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

Second Hand Uniforms
I will be unavailable to sell uniforms until Friday 8 Sept. If you have any queries please feel free to text your details. Phone Sharon 0423 654 259.
Chappy News
What causes negative Body image?
People are under a lot of pressure from many different sources to conform to society’s ideal of how bodies ‘should’ look. Some of these sources for this pressure include:

The cultural ideal of beauty (communicated through the mass media)
- Ideas about the ‘ideal body’ have changed throughout history.
- The ideal advocated by our current culture is predominately one of thinness for girls and a lean but muscular body for males. These current ideals are largely unrealistic, unattainable and increasingly only achievable through digital enhancement, and are harmful to the physical and psychological wellbeing of many people, adolescents in particular.
- These ideals are communicated through the mass media, so we are almost constantly surrounded by images of the ideal body shape. Certain images in the mass media may even be designed to be unattainable to make people feel bad about themselves so they will be more likely to buy whatever is being sold!

Social messages given to people by their parents, siblings, friends, and peers, can have a significant impact on a person’s body image.

Personal characteristics of the individual
- Some people are more susceptible to negative body image than others—people’s individual qualities can also contribute to body image dissatisfaction.

More information on Body Image can be found at www.youth.gov.au

Take care
Chappy Carmen

OSHC
Hi and Welcome to another week of OSHC News!
The September Vacation Care program is out NOW! Please book as soon as possible, so we can roster and resource as needed.

As per our Parent Handbook and Service Policies, we may need to sometimes refer non-paying accounts to our Debt collection agency. Please understand, that as a not for profit business managed by the Gabbinbar SS P&C, we need to be able to finalise accounts for children who have received care to continue to operate. Once you have been referred to this agency, Staff at OSHC cannot have contact with account holders, and threats towards staff will not be tolerated.

Please remember we are required to follow Healthy Eating Guidelines at OSHC. We provide breakfast and afternoon tea through the school term, and lunch and snacks during Vacation Care. If your child has a diagnosed medical condition/food allergy, please ensure you notify educators. Junk food and sugary cereals should be limited to meals outside of the service. Thank you

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

Lost Property
Please check the lost property boxes regularly for any missing items.

New Uniforms
New uniforms are available for purchase each morning from 8am until 11am.
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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