FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Great Results Guarantee 2015

In 2015 the Queensland Government is investing $183 million in Great Results Guarantee funding for state schools. The Great Results Guarantee is a four-year initiative to improve learning outcomes for Queensland students. It is a major step forward in boosting literacy and numeracy in state schools, particularly in the early years.

The guarantee is that every Queensland state school student will either achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy or have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning needs.

Here at Gabbinbar State School, our estimated 2015 allocation is $146,540 to continue the great work we started this year to improve our students’ performance. In 2014, the funding enabled us to increase our team of support teachers to provide intensive small group support to students in the early years with a particular focus in the areas of reading and spelling. Our school internal data collection and Year 3 NAPLAN results show that students continue to make improvements in our focus areas with 50% of Year 3 students performing in the Upper 2 Bands for reading and 30.4% of Year 3 students performing the Upper 2 Bands for spelling.

In 2015 we look to continue to expand our team of specialist support staff and further develop the skills of our teaching team in the differentiation of curriculum and teaching to ensure that every student achieves their potential.

More information about the is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee

Student Absences

Gabbinbar State School is committed to providing safe and supportive learning environments for all students which address their educational needs. We expect that every child of compulsory school age who is enrolled attends every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. Gabbinbar’s attendance policy aims to support parents to provide the best possible educational outcomes for their child and give them the best headstart possible for the future. “EVERYDAY COUNTS!”

Our Responses to Absences

This term, all classes will be marking their rolls digitally at the commencement of school (8.50). If students arrive after this roll mark, teachers are unable to change their previous entry as they are expected to concentrate on their core job, teaching. The computer system won’t allow this. Students that arrive after this time must come to the office with a parent to have this changed and to give a reason for their lateness. Families that have a student/s who demonstrate regular non-attendance, even if explained, will have a letter sent home to highlight the importance of attending school. If we are going to assist students to reach their full potential whether academically, socially or emotionally then we must work together to achieve this goal.

Please remember our new absence line on 4631 5260 (24hrs a day) or email us on absences@gabbinbars.eq.edu.au

2015 Prep Enrolments

Thank you to parents who have returned enrolment forms for Prep in 2015. We are currently finalising plans for our transition program commencing with parent information session early in term 4. If you intend to enrol your child in Gabbinbar’s Prep program in 2015 and have not submitted your enrolment application, we ask that you make this a priority to enable us to confirm numbers and finalise planning. 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.
School News

Student of the Week

William (PW), Ella (PC), Harry (1R), Nita (1L), Addison (1L), Jordan (1L), Rasheed (2G), Obie (2G), Cody (3M), Isabel (3M), Sophie (3P), Anelma (5L), Gabirelle (6W), Brycen (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

Riley, Catherine

Grandparents' Day competition - chance for students to win a signed book

To celebrate Grandparents' Day on Sunday 26 October, Older People Speak Out is holding a special writing and drawing competition. Six lucky pre-school or primary school children have the chance to win a signed book from well-known children’s author, Jackie French.

To enter, children need to write a story or draw a picture stating what it is they do that makes their grandma or grandpa happy. For children without grandparents, the theme is ‘what do you think you could do to make an older person happy?’

Teachers are asked to select the six top entries and send them to:
PO Box 1037
Mount Gravatt, Qld, 4122

Entries should include the child’s name, age, year and school printed on the back of the entry. Winners will receive their prize in the mail. Entries close 17 October.

Additional information is available by emailing Older People Speak Out at olderpeoplespeakout@gmail.com, http://www.qct.edu.au/wtd/studentchallenge/index.html

ICAS Spelling Competition Results

Congratulations to all students who sat for the recent ICAS UNSW Spelling Competition. There were 28 students who sat for this test and they did very well overall.

We celebrate the following results:

- Distinction – Top 10% of the state: Max (Year 7)
- Credit – Top 36% of the state: Bethany & Kya (Year 3), Baillie (Year 4), Lillian & Rhyanna (Year 5), Dion (Year 6), Emily (Year 7)
- Merit – Top 45% of the state: Dahra (Year 5), Ella & Hayley (Year 6)

Congratulations to all students who sat for the competition. You should be proud of your accomplishments.

Chess Club - Intermediate

Chess tutoring starts tomorrow, Thursday, at 11 am (first break). The lessons continue weekly for 8 weeks; the cost is $30 per term. This class is suitable for students in Prep to 5 who have completed beginners’ chess. Permission notes, available from the Library, are due no later than Thursday 9 October.

Mother’s Morning Tea

Thursday 30 October
9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbinbar State School OSHC Room

Internal Car Park – Parent Notice

Our school precinct is a very busy area before and after school. Access within the Internal Car Park is for staff, parents of students with disabilities and private suppliers and contractors only – it is not a general ‘pick-up’ and ‘drop-off’ area! Please help us keep your children safe.

ICAS English Competition Results

Congratulations to all students who sat for the recent ICAS UNSW English Competition. There were 32 students who sat for this test and they did very well overall.

We celebrate the following results:

- High Distinction – Top 1% of the State!!! Dahra (Year 5)
- Distinction – Top 10% of the state: Annabelle (Year 2), Kya (Year 3), Ashdyn & Rhyanna (Year 5), Samantha (Year 6)
- Credit – Top 36% of the state: Riley (Year 2), Bethany, Sienna & Cerys (Year 3), Belita (Year 4)
- Merit – Top 45% of the state: Aleigha, Siena & Jessica (Year 2), Hayley (Year 6), Max (Year 7)

Congratulations to all students who sat for the competition. This is an excellent result.
P & C News

Tuckshop Tales

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Welcome back everyone. Hope you all had a great break. I am hearing a lot of talk about the new slush puppy machine. Please be aware that there are no artificial colours and flavours as these machines are specifically designed for school tuckshops. This is an amber food. 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

SLUSH PUPPY’S with 6 fantastic flavours are available for $2.50 each. Only available to purchase direct from the tuckshop.

Chappy Chatter

Gratitude

This term I want to look at the concept of gratitude and happiness. What have they got to do with each other and how can I find the gratitude that gives me fullness of life? What is gratitude?

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, and confusion into clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of the past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

Try this challenge and see what you find, and become grateful for.

Take a photo a day of something you would ordinarily walk past and don’t notice, something unappreciated and unnoticed by you, something that if you pay attention to and think about it, is not so ordinary, something that is indeed extraordinary.

Post your photo’s on Facebook and share with each other the impact of your photo and moment has had. Or bring them in on your phone, ipad or good ole print to share. Share this idea with the other members of your family too.

Together let’s start to create an attitude of gratitude.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

Media Consent Forms

Important Reminder: New Media consent forms were effective from the start of last 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 students in the Newsletter if the current consent forms are not completed.

OSHC

Hi and welcome to Term 4 at Gabbinbar Out of Hours School Care. We had a great vacation care period, where we celebrated the fabulous Spring weather with a variety of fun activities and crafts. It was fantastic to see so much participation and enthusiasm from the children! Pop in and see our display now.

Monday October 20 is a Pupil Free day, and we have our Expression of Interest sheet out now. We need a minimum number to open, so please make a note or call us to book your child in.

We currently have a few more vacancies for After School Care. Please book in if you need care. We are also taking bookings for 2015, and preference will be given to siblings of current families attending. If you leave your booking until school starts you may be put on our waiting list. All families need to complete a NEW enrolment package when booking new children in.

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