FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

This Friday we celebrate World Teachers’ Day. Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

Every day, in classrooms here at Gabbinbar our teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring our students to be the best they can be. The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. This week, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our teachers, support staff and Teacher Aides for their work to ensure that all of our students are able to access quality learning programs and have the opportunity to achieve to their potential.

As principal of this school I feel honoured to work with a committed group of staff who focus on ensuring that we support each individual student and offer them the opportunities to achieve their potential. I acknowledge that to help our students achieve the best they can be we need a strong partnerships between school and home. To the many parents and volunteers who support our teacher through work in classrooms on a regular basis, support with specific activities such as swimming and excursions, and those who offer help throughout the year as required I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our staff and being active members of our wonderful school community.

Social Media and the school community

The internet, mobile phones and social media provide wonderful opportunities for you to network and socialise online. While these technologies provide positive platforms for sharing ideas, they also have the potential to cause pain and suffering to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

Is it appropriate to comment or post about schools, staff or students?

- Parental and community feedback is important for schools and the department. If you have a compliment, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to the school about the matter, rather than discussing it in a public forum.
- While many schools use social media to update parents of school notices, the department prefers that parents contact schools directly with a compliment, complaint or enquiry due to privacy considerations. Imagine if your doctor, accountant or banking institution tried to contact you to discuss important matters via Facebook.
- If you have raised an issue with a school or know that another person has, consider refraining from discussing those details on social media, particularly the names of anyone involved.
- Keep comments calm and polite, just as you would over the telephone or by email.
- If you encounter negative or derogatory content online which involves the school, hinders a child’s learning and/or affects the school community at large, contact the school principal.

A serious instance of inappropriate online behaviour may constitute a criminal offence and become a police matter. For example, online content may substantiate the offence of ‘using a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence’ (Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) s. 474.17).

School staff may contact their union or obtain personal legal advice if they feel that online content seriously impacts their reputation. Defamatory online content may give rise to litigation under the Defamation Act 2005 (Qld).
Gabbinbar’s Got Talent

Do you have a special talent you want to show the world? Do you have potential to be a star?

Then come along to the Gabbinbar’s Got Talent auditions.

Junior auditions will be held at second break on 10 November in the hall.

Senior auditions will be held at second break on 12 November in the hall.

Please note:
• Entry Fee is $2 each and must accompany application.
• Voting will cost $1 per vote with a limit of $5.

Great prizes to be won! Fame and Glory!!!

Student Council

MUSIC UPDATES

What a busy start to the term we have had.

Choir News:

Both Senior and Junior Choirs are both working hard to be ready for their final major presentation for the year at Music Awards Night on November 27, and the Junior Choir is also adding a Carols program to their song list, as we have been invited to Toowoomba Plaza to welcome Santa on his sleigh on the morning of Thursday December 11.

Our Junior Choir will be singing at parade next Friday, and the Senior Choir the following week.

In our classes, Grades 3 – 7 are this week presenting their Group Raps, which we have been working on for the past few weeks. There has been some fantastic work done by many groups in writing, arranging and performing, but unfortunately some individuals have not risen to the challenge of completing a group project.

I expect to see some of these on stage at our End of Year Concert, on Monday December 8.

And class teachers are finalizing details of the class / grade items for our end-of-year show at Hummeridge Centre. I will be starting to work with the teachers on these over the next few weeks.

Book Fair

Book Fair, our bookshop in the library, continues until Friday 31 October from 3:30 pm. Parents and families are very welcome to browse the great range of books and stationery items. We are open mornings from 8 am and afternoons from 3 pm to 3:30 pm.

Anthony Seng

Teacher-Librarian

Day for Daniel

The 10th annual Day for Daniel 2014 will be held on Friday 31 October. Gabbinbar students are encouraged to wear red to highlight this important child safety message.

The objectives of Day for Daniel are:
• To raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children.
• To educate children regarding their personal safety and empower them to ‘Recognise, React and Report’.
• To provide FREE safety and educational material.
• To honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe.
• To have over 1 million people Australia Wide to participate in Day for Daniel.

For more information see: http://www.dayfordaniel.com.au

Please note: the previously advertised free dress day for Book Fair has been cancelled.
Student of the Week
Ava (PW), Henry (PW), Ava (PC), Jayden (PC), Lily (2G), Roua’a (2G), Emma (2M), Daniel (3M), Charli (3M), Tracey (3P), Adam (3P) Walte (4E), Eric (4E), Lily (5L), Tannahann (5L), Grace (6H), Ethan (6H), Emma (6W), Kareema (7B), Luke (A1), Emily (A2), Jaiden (A2), Ethan (A3)

Gotcha Awards - Philip (PW)

Friday Sport
Boys Touch
Last Friday our teams played against Darling Heights.
Results:
Junior Boys- Won 9 - 8
Senior Boys- Lost 4 -1

Yr 6-7 Volleyball
Last week all the teams played well even though some had to play against each other. We are getting better at keeping the ball in play using our new skills. In practices we are still learning new things to use in our games. We can’t wait for Friday afternoon to play again.
Hayley and Gabrielle

Tuckshop Tales

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Help Needed: We are in desperate need of Tuckshop helpers!!!! If you can spare an hour or two once a month please give me a call. Don’t forget Friday treats from 3pm this Friday, Mrs Munt and her team have a fantastic variety of lollies and treats available.
Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

P & C News
Fundraising
The P & C will be holding two fundraisers during term four. A Christmas Raffle and a BBQ at the Harvey Norman Centre.
Raffle
Tickets for the raffle are now on sale! The major prize is a framed, autographed 2014 NRL North Queensland Cowboys Jersey. The second prize is a Christmas goodies box including; a slow cooker, cinema tickets, Christmas goodies and much more!
You can help support this fundraiser in either of two ways. Tickets can be purchased from the office on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons from 2.30pm. Alternatively you can collect raffle books to sell outside of school. Parents need to collect the books as all tickets need to be accounted for, and therefore each book needs to be signed in and out. If you cannot make it during these times but would like to help out please contact Dennielle on 0403674443 to arrange an alternative. There will be a prize for the highest fundraising family! The raffle will be drawn on Friday 5th December.

BBQ
The P & C are holding a BBQ at the Harvey Norman Centre - outside Spotlight on Saturday, 22 November.
Many volunteers will be needed to help on the day. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Dennielle on 0403 674 443. If you would like to help out but can’t volunteer, then simply stop by on the day and support this stall by buying some delicious food and tell your friends!
Looking forward to your support
Dennielle

Chappy Chatter
Perseverance in Tough Time
It’s a fact of life that all of us experience both good and bad times. We welcome the happy occasions, but quite understandably, we fear the difficult experiences. If you think about it though, you will realise that it is actually through and as a result of those tough times that you find yourself growing in maturity and in emotional strength.
So next time you find yourself facing struggles in your life, try not to despair, instead ask yourself, ‘Is there something that I can learn from what I’m going through? Perhaps there are some positive changes that you can make that will improve your situation. Consider whether you need to talk to someone, to get advice.
Most importantly, never lose hope. Remember that all things have a time limit. Keep looking forward to when circumstances will improve and you will be smiling again.
Take care
Chappy Carmen

OSHC
We currently have a few more vacancies for After School Care. Please book in if you need care. Remember bookings need to be made through the OSHC office: to avoid confusion and to keep your children safe. Please do not make changes to your bookings with staff who are dropping off or picking up children from classrooms.
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. There is a $100 refundable BOND payment required with all new and returning families.
Our room has undergone a little make over this week. In reflecting on practice, and our children’s needs, we have added a sensory corner to our room. It features quiet play activities and somewhere to chill out after a hard day at school.

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Gabbinbar State School
Term 4 Disco

When: Friday, 7 November 2014
Where: Gabbinbar State School Hall

Who: Gabbinbar C&K Kindy, Prep – Year 2:
5.30pm – 6.45pm ($4.00)

Year 3 – Year 7:
7.00pm – 8.30pm ($6.00)

Free drink and chips included with entry.

Glow sticks for sale $1

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Interactive fun in our Energy For Life Discovery Centre

Gallery quiz and letter search

View our current exhibitions: Red Dirt Grass Shakes (sports) and The Beatles 1964 Australian Tour

Test your skill with the Time Games, including hopscotch, skipping, bocce, and badminton

Watch a loofahpilling demonstration

Learn how a wagon wheel is put together

Play in the Coach Stop (our indoor kids’ playground)

Get up close and personal with Australian animals in our Inquiry Centre

Search the Museum for objects in a Fun Treasure Hunt

Get a great class photo in front of one of the exhibits

Visit all our other interactive displays and galleries

See a Heritage Tradepeople at work

PLUS every class that books a set of fun activity sheets, including a Cobb+Co Museum Christmas card, that can be completed back at school

COST FOR MUSEUM ACTIVITIES:

GOLD COIN ENTRY for students in the Toowoomba Regional Council area. For schools outside the region, Museum Entry is $7.00 per student. Up to 10 accompanying adults are admitted free with each school group.

LUNCH OPTION:

Sausage Sizzle Lunch Package includes: a sausage, bread, sauce, drink and cookie (gluten-free option, on request)

LUNCH COST: $4.00 per child/adult

CONTACT: For bookings and enquiries, Tony Conran 07 4659 4996 or tony@cobbandco.qld.gov.au

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING WITH YOU!

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 10AM
SUPER SPORTS SUNDAY

Does your son love cricket?

Does your son wish to improve his game?

Would he love to experience playing on quality turf wickets?

Would he like to improve his batting by facing bowling machines?

Would your son love the opportunity to learn from experienced coaches?

Would your son enjoy meeting other young cricket enthusiasts and experience living in a boarding school environment?

...If so, then the Toowoomba Grammar School Cricket Coaching Camp is for your son.

Details

When: 11-13 January 2015

Where: Toowoomba Grammar School

Age: 10-13 year old boys

Cost: $279 (incl $95) Low cost
$400 (incl GST) Low Int

Enquiries: (Sport and Activities Office)

T: (07) 4687 2529
E: tco@tgq.qld.edu.au

R.S.V.P.: Friday 14 November 2014

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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.
Email: gabbinbar@candk.asn.au
Web: www.candk.asn.au/gabbinbar
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