FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mayoral Award
Congratulations to Callum Brasher on receiving the Mayoral Award for 2015. Callum was presented with his medal and certificate by Mayor Paul Antonio at Christian Outreach College on Thursday 30 October.

Lions Children of Courage Awards
On Saturday, 1 November, Dominic, Lily, Mia and Sophie Hanssen were presented with Children of Courage Awards. The children were recognized for their support and understanding of each other and their parents during on going illness and surgery. The Lions Club presented medallions and certificates at St Paul’s Lutheran Hall and provided afternoon tea to families.

Student Safety
There is a concern for the safety of a number of students before and after school. I ask that parents remind their children that they should not be arriving at school before 8:15am and once they arrive at school they are not to leave the school grounds or move to the oval areas as there is no supervision in these areas.
I also remind parents collecting students after school that students need to be collected as soon as possible after 3:00pm. There is a concern about the growing number of students who arrive as early at 7.30am and those who remain at school well after 3.30pm. Please note that while some staff are on the school grounds they are not here to supervise students as our cleaners and admin staff are not authorized to do so.

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, visitors and private suppliers and contractors only – it is not a general ‘pick-up’ and ‘drop-off’ area! Please help us keep your children safe.

2015 Prep Transition Program
Invitations have been sent to all students who have confirmed their enrolment in our 2015 Prep program. If you have not completed your child’s enrolment I encourage you to do so as soon as possible to ensure your child has the opportunity to participate in our transition program. Enrolment applications are available at the school or on our website under the enrolment tab.

Not Returning to Gabbinbar in 2015?
If you know that your child/children will not be returning to Gabbinbar in 2015, I ask that you contact the school to let us know. This is very important to ensure that the numbers we provide to Regional Office are as accurate as possible, to obtain our correct entitlement of staffing and to enable us to accurately assess our capacity for out of catchment enrolments.

Learning Instrumental Music in 2015
A Recruitment Concert for 2015 instrumental music students and their parents will be held on Thursday 13 November at 1.50pm in the School Hall. Students in Years 2 – 5 will be introduced to the instruments which can be learnt through our school’s instrumental music program. The School String Orchestra and Concert Band will perform.
Our current Instrumental Music Teachers, Mr Stockwell and Ms Warfield will be available to answer any questions about learning an instrument.
An Expression of Interest Form for 2015 will be distributed to all Year 2-5 students.
If you would like your child to be selected to learn an instrument, this form is to be completed and returned to the School by no later than Wednesday 19 November.

Student Absences
“EVERYDAY COUNTS!”
Please remember our new absence line on 4631 5260 (24hrs a day) or email us on absences@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au
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School News

Outstanding accounts
A friendly reminder that all outstanding accounts i.e. Music Levies, Choir Uniform Hire and Excursions need to be finalised by Friday 6 December. Please remember also that musical instruments, performance uniforms and library books need to be returned to school by the end of November.

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

Gabbinbar School Hall

FRIDAY 7 November, 2014
Kindy – 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

Friday Sport

Boys Touch
Last week in Touch Football the Year 7 boys played a game against Martin Luther Primary School. We won the game 5 – 2. It was a great game. We all played well and are improving every game.
Elijah and Max

The Year 6 Touch team played Martin Luther Primary School at Kearney’s Spring last week. The Gabbinbar team played exceptionally well and is displaying their growing knowledge of the rules and skills required to play the game to high standard.

Yr 6-7 Volleyball
Last Friday Volleyball teams played at Clive Berghofer Stadium. All of the teams played very well. Our aim is getting better and we are keeping the ball off the ground more. Team 2 are on a winning streak. With the practices we’ve been having we work well as a team.
Gabrielle and Hayley

Library News
Thank you to everyone who came to our Book Fair last week. Our Book Fairs continue to grow and this was our biggest ever. Every item purchased means more books for the library for every child to borrow.
If you ordered out-of-stock books, we expect to receive them in a week or so.
Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

Student of the Week
Eoin (PS), Mandy (PC), Dustin (PC), Jackson (1G), Abby (1L), Rasheed (2G), Teddy (2M), Rosie (2M), Logan (3M), Griffyn (4R), Sam 5C), Ashdyn (5L), Lucy (6H), Zade (6W), Michael (7B).

Gotcha Awards
Emily
Aaliya

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.

Uniform Sales
Second Hand Uniforms are for sale on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9am. Uniforms will also be sold on the Prep Orientation mornings from 10:20am. All items including shorts, skirts, hats and jumpers are available in most sizes.

Date Claimers
10.10.14 – 28.11.14 Interschool Sport
07.11.14 School Disco
10.11.14 GGT Junior Auditions
12.11.14 GGT Senior Auditions
13.11.14 Music Recruitment Concert
19.11.14 P & C Meeting @ 7:00pm
22.11.14 P & C Sausage Sizzle (Spotlight)
27.11.14 Music Awards
05.12.14 Swimming Carnival
08.12.14 End of Year Concert
09.12.14 CHSHS – Orientation Day Year 7
10.12.14 CHSHS – Orientation Day Year 6
10.12.14 Year 6 & 7 Graduation

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Chappy Chatter

Have you got something to smile about?

Smiling happens without much thought. Smiling is a very natural response that shares our happiness with others. But did you know that smiling also triggers activity in your brain? Yep, there’s a serious mind-body connection there, in your left frontal cortex to be exact, which is—not surprisingly—the area of your brain that registers happiness.

How often do you smile in a day? Do you smile when you meet new people? When you see your friends? Around your co-workers? How about your significant other? Your face has 44 muscles in it that allow you make more than 5,000 different types of expressions, many of which are smiles. Read on for seven reasons why smiling is good for you, your health and your social life!

Seven Things to Smile About

1. Smiling can make you happy (even when you’re not). The simple act of smiling sends a message to your brain that you’re happy. And when you’re happy, your body pumps out all kinds of feel-good endorphins.

2. Smiling can make others happy. “When you’re smiling, the whole world smiles with you.” Research shows that smiling is contagious. Ever been around someone who just had something fantastic happen to him or her? Isn’t it almost impossible not to feel good, too?

3. Smiling makes you more attractive. Ever wonder why are we always asked to smile in photos? Because people usually look their best - and happiest - when smiling.

4. Smiling can help you de-stress. The next time you’re stressed about work or realize that your favorite jeans feel a little snug, don’t freak out. Take a few deep breaths and smile! Smiling may help to reduce symptoms associated with anxiety. When that smile signals to your brain that you’re feeling happy (even though you’re not really feeling happy...yet), your body will usually slow its breathing and heart rate.

5. Smiling can help you land a job. If you’re about to go on a job interview, you may think that your appearance is just about wearing nice clothes. Wrong! You can’t just wear that suit; you have to wear it with a smile.

6. Smiling can lead to laughter. Have you ever laughed without smiling? It’s pretty impossible to do. And it’s funny how a smile here and a smile there with friends can turn into a whole fit of hysterical laughter.

7. Smiling just feels good. Have you ever found that smiling just feels good? Go ahead, smile now. Doesn’t it feel natural? Make you feel happy to be alive? It sure does beat the heck out of a frown.

So the next time you’re feeling down or out of sorts, try a smile. If you can’t find a reason to smile, pop in a funny DVD, read the Sunday comics or call a friend. Heck, you may be able to even read the word smile and feel better.

Isn’t it time you turn that frown upside down? Now say “cheese!”

Take care

Chappy Carmen

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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

Raffle tickets will be available at the disco on Friday night. We really need parents to help out with the selling of the tickets. You can also collect raffle ticket books from the disco on Friday night to sell to family, friends, or work colleagues. Thanks so much to Mark Philipsons Betta Electrical, Birch, Carol and Coyle Toowoomba and Bridgestone Australia for the major sponsorship of the raffle.

BBQ Fundraiser

A BBQ fundraiser is being held at Harvey Norman Centre on Saturday 22 November. We really need volunteers to help out on the day. Please contact Dennielle on 0403674443 if you can assist.

Looking forward to your support

Dennielle

OSHC

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news. The school disco is on this Friday and we can take your juniors to the disco at 5.30pm if needed. Ensure your child is booked in and drop off their clothes and money to the OSHC room.

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.

We are finalising plans to extend our opening hours for VACATION care. If you would benefit from the service opening at 7.00am, please ring or email to register your interest, even if you are not currently using Out Of School Hours Care.

Davinna Quinn
OSHC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School
07-4631 5266

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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

LOOKING FOR AN END OF 2014 SCHOOL YEAR TREAT?
VISIT COBB+CO MUSEUM

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 Fit Fun Games, including lawn bowls, snooker, croquet, badminton and frisbee
- Watch a koala-pawling 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 Tradeperson at work

PLUS every class that books receives 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 Cooran 07 4659 4976 or toowoomba@qld.gov.au

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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.

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