FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Staffing and Classes for 2015
Planning for 2015 school year is well underway with Prep and Junior Secondary Transition programs. We are currently hosting orientation mornings and interviews for our 2015 Prep students. A major part of the planning is allocating staff and students to classes. This is a complex task with many factors needing to be considered particularly with the transition to junior secondary and Gabbinbar school becoming a Prep to Year 6 campus.

A key to this process is the actual student enrolments as of Day 8, 2015 which will determine our final staffing. Our focus during this process is our students with decisions made around their learning needs and opportunities for personal growth. Teachers have started meetings to discuss class groupings with final decisions to be made as soon as practical. Ultimately, the best outcomes are achieved when decisions are confirmed as late as possible in the school year or early in the New Year always with the understanding that things might change up until enrolments are confirmed as of Day 8, 2015.

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.

Student of the Week
Rachael (PW), Zoe (PS), Annabelle (PC), Cheong (PC), Xavier (1G), Chloe (1G), Georgette (1R), Thomas (1R), Heather (2G), Keira (2G), Joshua (2M), Brody (3M), Ayden (3P), Keziah (4R), Laura (4E), Joel (6H), Amy (6W), Rhiannon (7B), Matthew (A3),

Gotcha Awards
Keira (2G), Lola (4R), Jorjā (4E).

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.
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School News

Student Absences

Making every day count
As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 12th December 2014. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

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

Gabbinbar’s Got Talent Finalists

Once again, the Gabbinbar’s Got Talent competition has been well supported by the school community. We had a record number of entries in the Junior/ Prep division with 43 acts auditioning (a total of 58 students involved). That’s a massive effort and made the job of judging quite difficult. Due to the large number of acts, the judges decided to put 5 acts through to the finals instead of the usual 4.

Congratulations to all those who had a go and in particular to the lucky finalists who are: Caitlin (Singing), William (playing the xylophone), Kaylee (Singing), Oliver (Reciting a poem) and Holly (Gymnastics).

In the Intermediate/ Senior division there were a total of 20 acts that auditioned. Again the judges had a difficult decision to make but the 4 finalists for this division are: Benjamin (Prose), Ashdyn (Gymnastics), Cidney (Singing) and Bindii, Kellie, Ammitty and Charlotte (Dancing).

Congratulations again to all who entered. It is not easy to perform in front of your peers. The finals will be held on a date to be confirmed later in the term.

Learning Instrumental Music in 2015

An Expression of Interest Form for 2015 has been 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.

Uniform Shop
With the end of the school year fast approaching we are currently filling orders for uniforms. Parents wishing to purchase uniforms can complete an order form at the front office. Orders will be filled and ready for collection as soon as possible.

Please note that there will be no sale of uniforms in the last week of term (Dec 8-12th). Uniforms can be purchased in January 19th – 21st, 9.00am – 1.00pm. Parents can place a uniform order for collection at this time.

Music Updates

Music Awards Night
Gabbinbar State School will be holding the Annual Music Awards in the School Hall Thursday 27 November, 2014 starting at 6.30pm.

The Junior and Senior Choir, String Ensemble, Stage and Concert Band will be performing on the night. It is important that all students be present to participate in this celebration. We ask that you mark this date in your calendar to help us celebrate this special event.

The Junior and Senior Choir, Stage Band, Concert Band and String Ensemble will wear their Performance Uniform on this night. If your child is not in one of the music groups, they will wear the orange shirt and shorts for boys and girls, or dress for girls.

Performance Uniforms
Please return the PERFORMANCE UNIFORM no later than Friday 5 December 2014.

The shirt and pants must be washed prior to their return, but do not wash the vest.

The uniform should be returned on a hanger, covered in plastic, clearly marked with your child’s name and class. It should be handed in at the office where a signature will be obtained as proof of return

Friday Sport

Senior Boys Touch
Last Friday our boys played against Toowoomba Christian school again. We got ahead early with a 2-0 lead at half time but poor ball control cost us dearly in the second half letting in four unanswered tries, thus losing the game 4-2. Coaches Best and fairest player was Jack.

Junior Boys Touch
The boys continued on their undefeated season with a 6-5 win against Toowoomba Prep. Although we won the game in the last few seconds it was far from our best effort. We are looking for a far improved effort next week. Coaches Best and fairest player was Henry.

Yr 6-7 Volleyball
Once again our game was played with enthusiasm and enjoyment. We played against Fairholme winning the game 69 – 54.

Free Microsoft software for students’ personal computers
All state school students from Prep–Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment.

Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password — those who don’t should see their class teacher.

Find out how students can download their free copy of Microsoft Office 2013 Suite: mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage

Outstanding Accounts
A friendly reminder that all outstanding accounts i.e. Music Levies, Choir Uniform Hire and Excursions need to be finalised by Friday 5 December. Please remember also that musical instruments, performance uniforms and library books need to be returned to school by the end of November.

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Chappy Chatter

Letting go of the past – this is sometimes not an easy thing to do.

If you have been hurt badly by people or by circumstances, you can often find yourself reliving those experiences over and over in your mind. Think about this though – if you picked up a small pebble every time something upset you or someone offended you and refused to put it down, it wouldn’t be very long before you had collected an awful lot of pebbles. Carrying this burden would eventually start to impact all areas of your life; your health and your happiness.

And so it is with the hurts in your life. You can choose to not let go. You can cling tightly to the memory of every disappointment and negative experience. If you are like that, I can guarantee that you are not a happy or emotionally healthy person.

Recognise that there is nothing you can do to change what has already happened. However, you definitely do have the power to decide whether you allow past hurts to wreck your future happiness. The choice is yours.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

Tuckshop Tales

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We are really still in need of some new helpers in the tuckshop, so please if you can spare an hour or two 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

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 7:30pm and are available from the school office, or by contacting Dennielle on 0403674443. If every child in the school was responsible for selling just ten tickets then we would make over $4000 for our school!

There is a great prize for the highest fundraising student. A big thank you goes out to all of the sponsors of the raffle who made kind donations including Mark Philipson’s Betta Electrical, Birch Carol and Coyle, Bridgestone Australia. This week we also thank Art by Leonardo’s who not only generously made a substantial donation to the framing of the jersey but has been very helpful by donating a easel to display the jersey at the BBQ this weekend.

Looking forward to your support
Dennielle

OSHC

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news.

ONLY 3 WEEKS until the December holidays! The program and booking sheet will be out next Monday. We will be trialing a 7am opening time, please email OSHC if you would like to book, or pop in next week for the program.

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.

Davinna Quinn
OSHC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School  07-4631 5266

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P & C News

P&C Meeting

The monthly meeting will be held tonight in the Admin building @ 7pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

A reminder to P&C members: If you received a P&C folder, please bring it with you to the meeting tonight or leave it in the school office by Friday.

Fundraising

BBQ

The BBQ fundraiser is being held this Saturday 22nd November outside Spotlight. Thank-you to those parents who have volunteered your time. It is much appreciated.

To those that can, we would love your support on the day! Why not come along and buy a sausage or cold drink to support your child’s school. We will be there from 9am-3pm. Raffle tickets will also be available at the BBQ.

Raffle

We are asking those families that can to take raffle tickets home to sell to friends and family. These come in books of ten and are available from the school office, or by contacting Dennielle on 0403674443. If every child in the school was responsible for selling just ten tickets then we would make over $4000 for our school!

We are really still in need of some new helpers in the tuckshop, so please if you can spare an hour or two please give me a call. Don’t forget Friday treats from 3pm
With the New Year fast approaching, the Skate City team would like to wish you, your staff and students a happy and safe holiday.

We would also like to take this opportunity to offer our facility for school sport on a weekly or one off basis.

For weekly school sports the cost is $4 per person, per hour (for 20+ skaters) and $2 hire for inline skates. As we are buying a brand new fleet of rental quad skates, as of next year, there will also be a $2 hire fee for skates.

We are also available for private hire for any kind of function, skating or not. If you have any enquiries please call or email and we will do our best to accommodate you and your students.

Thank you for your time and we hope to hear from you soon.
The Skate City Team
Office: (07) 4635 6011
Mob: 0411 510 250
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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