FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Graduation Celebration
With the end of the year fast approaching final preparations are in place to farewell our graduating students on Wednesday 10th December. This year is an significant event as we graduate the final Year Seven class from Gabbinbar State School and our first ever Graduating Year Six students. To assist with the seating requirements for the evening we ask that parents return the section indicating how many members of their family will be attending.

“Shine and Strength” Programs
On Wednesday our Year Six and Seven students celebrated the conclusion of the Shine and Strength programs. A thank you must go to the volunteers who gave up their time to deliver this program to our senior students and to Chappy Carmen who has helped coordinate.

Encouragement Awards
Next Wednesday we will recognize the students who have made significant gains with their behavior goals this year. A special assembly will be held at 9.00am in the Hall. Letters will be sent home on Thursday 27 November for students receiving this award. Parents and family members are invited to attend.

Swimming Carnival
On December 5, 2014 we will be conducting our Inter House Swimming Carnival as part of our Health and Physical Education Sports program.

The aims of the activity are to give our students to opportunity to swim in a competitive environment against same age classmates. The carnival is open to all students who are born 2006 or earlier. A secondary aim of the carnival is to help the school select our school team to compete at the Range Zone Swimming Carnival in February 2015. Students competing will need to be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres unassisted.

Activity details:
Gabbinbar Inter-House Swimming Carnival and Range Zone Selection Trial

- **Date:** Friday 5th December 2014
- **Time:** 9:30am to 2:15pm
- **Venue:** Rangeville State School Swimming Pool.

Students will be competing in 25 metre heats in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly with the six fastest swimmers in each age/gender group progressing to a 50 metre final in each stroke. Students will be travelling by bus leaving Gabbinbar at 9:10am and returning at 2:45pm.

Students will wear school uniform to and from the venue. Students can change into their swimwear at the pool. All students must wear sun shirts when swimming as the pool is outdoors and this is a requirement of Education Queensland.

Students with long hair are also required to wear a bathing cap.

Students will need to provide their own morning tea and lunch and bring water to keep hydrated.

Hats need to be worn at all times when not swimming and sunscreen needs to be applied regularly.

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.
School News

Music Awards Night
The Annual Music Awards will be held in the School Hall on 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.

The Junior and Senior Choir, Stage Band, Concert Band and String Ensemble will need to wear their performance uniform. 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.

Gabbinbar’s Got Talent Finals
Finals for the Gabbinbar’s Got Talent competition will be held next Wednesday, 3rd December in the Hall starting at 2:00pm. Parents and friends are welcome to come along to watch.

Congratulations again to our finalists - Caitlin (singing), William (playing the xylophone), Kaylee (singing), Oliver (reciting a poem), Holly (gymnastics), Benjamin (prose), Ashdyn (gymnastics), Cidney (singing) and Bindii, Kellie, Ammitty and Charlotte (dancing).

Voting will commence at the end of all the performances. Each vote will cost $1. (A maximum of 5 votes per person). Students can vote at the hall on the day or in the office until Friday morning. Winners will be announced in the last week of school.

LOST
A large long red wallet with a woman’s picture on it has been lost today. Please call 0429 003 816 if found.

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

Student of the Week
Eliza (PW), Lachlan (PW), Taylah (PW), William (PS), Arwen (PS), Jamie (PC), Lilly (2G), Chris (3M), Isabella (4R), Angus (4E), Callum (5L), Hayley (6H), Wei (6W), Colby (7B), Corey (A1)

Gotcha Awards
Jessica

Friday Sport
Senior Boys Touch
Last Friday our boys played against Harlaxton State School. We played very well as a team and won 6-0. Coaches Best and Fairest player was Daniel.

Junior Boys Touch
The boys finished the season undefeated and played very well as a unit. They played Harlaxton State School and won 7-2. Coaches Best and Fairest was Zac.

Both teams should be delighted about the way they respected each other and their opposition during the season. You did yourselves and the school proud. Congratulations!

Yr 6-7 Volleyball
Last Friday we played our last game for the season. Everyone played well and had a lot of fun. We would like to thank all our teachers and especially Mr Barnes for volunteering his own time to help the volleyball teams.

Library News
All student books are due back this Friday 28 November. Thank you to mums, dads and children for getting books back to the library all year – we really appreciate your help getting items back so all library users can benefit.

For holiday reading, remember the Toowoomba City Library is open during the holidays for everyone.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

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.
Chappy Chatter
Words Of Encouragement

I used to read a book to my kids called, Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. Alexander wakes up with gum in his hair, his best friend has deserted him, there’s no dessert in his lunch bag, and he’s served lima beans for dinner.

Are there days when you can relate to Alexander — when you have a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day? Maybe you’re feeling that way today.

Sometimes we wake up in the morning, and before our feet hit the floor, we know the day is careening downhill fast. Life pummels us with disappointments, challenges, and heartache, or maybe there’s no obvious reason — our mood just shifts from light-hearted to heavy-laden.

When I’m having a no good, very bad day, my first reaction is to push through and ignore my feelings. I don’t want to feel bad, so I think if I just keep moving, I’ll shake it off. This works on occasion, but other times it feels like moving through quicksand. I have no motivation or desire to do anything.

This is the time when I need some encouraging words and inspiration. I need some momentum to pull myself out of the doldrums and reframe my thoughts. As I replace negative thoughts with inspiring words and ideas, I find my feelings often follow.

Here are some words of encouragement with 10 quotes to lift your spirits and brighten your day:

1. “The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.” ~Ralph Waldo Emerson
2. “Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.” ~Arthur Ashe
3. “How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” ~Anne Frank
4. “When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.” ~Alexander Graham Bell
5. “Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.” ~Helen Keller
6. “When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hang on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.” ~Harriet Beecher Stowe
7. “You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” ~Eleanor Roosevelt
8. “If you don’t pay appropriate attention to what has your attention, it will take more of your attention than it deserves.” ~David Allen
9. “I find hope in the darkest of days, and focus in the brightest. I do not judge the universe.” ~Dalai Lama
10. “Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.” ~Helen Keller

Take care
Chappy Carmen

Tuckshop Tales

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We would really like to see some new faces in the Tuckshop in 2015. If you can spare an hour or two on a Tuesday or Thursday morning please let me know so I can include you in the roster for next year. It really is a fun morning and a free morning tea or lunch is included. We also are looking for some new home bakers as well for 2015, so if you can help out please let me know. Helping out in the Tuckshop is a great way to meet other parents, and the kids love having their parents involved with our fantastic school. Special thanks to Christina Kunde for coming out of retirement last week and helping out on Thursday. 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

Thank You
A massive thank you goes out to Dennielle, Amy and their awesome, vibrant helpers for their huge effort in the organizing and running of the BBQ last Saturday. Even in the searing heat they managed to raise a staggering $600 in profit. This was absolutely a mean feat considering you only pay a few dollars for a drink and sausage. On behalf of the P & C Committee and the school, thank you very much for your time and effort.

Raffle
A reminder that there is still time to purchase tickets in the P & C Raffle. Tickets are available from the school office. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 3rd December. If you have taken books of tickets please ensure these are returned by Tuesday 2nd December.

Dennielle

OSHC

ONLY 2 WEEKS until the December holidays! The program and booking sheet is out NOW! We will be trialling a 7am opening time, please email OSHC if you would like to book, or pop in for the program.

We are needing donations of Christmas resources for our craft area. Any old cards, paper, decorations etc you no longer need would be most appreciated.

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
OSH C Coordinator 4631 5266

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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

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 administration assistants staff are not authorized to do so.

Second Hand Uniform Sales

Second Hand Uniforms are for sale on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9am. All items including dresses, shorts, skirts, hats and jumpers are available in most sizes. Please phone Sharon on 0423 654 259 for further enquiries.
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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