FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Music Awards
Last Thursday we recognized the achievements of students in our Arts program including both Junior and Senior Choirs, Strings and Instrumental music. Students’ performances demonstrated their learning this year which are a result of their commitment to learning and practice. A big thank you must go to the many parents and family members who throughout the year have supported our students with practice, attendance and various performances and events and for their encouragement.

Congratulations go to all students who have been part of our program this year. I also congratulate the students who were selected as the Most Outstanding Music Students: Choir - Victoria Rae, Strings - Jackie Dinhchang, Band - Ethan Carelse.

Participation in the Arts program provides students with many opportunities including developing their confidence, perseverance, team skills and an enjoyment of music. This was evident throughout the performance and in particular when our combined choir performed the Rap that they composed. As the final performance for the year our Junior Choir has been invited to perform at Kmart Plaza on Thursday 11th December as they welcome Santa to the centre.

End of Year Concert
To celebrate the end of a successful year my staff and I invited all parents and extended family members to a concert which will be held on Monday 8th December at HumeRidge Church of Christ in Hume Street, at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. We anticipate that the performances will conclude at approximately 7.45pm. There will be no cost to this year’s events thanks to the Fundraising efforts of our P&C who have covered the venue hire cost. The program for this year will vary from previous years and will include a special performance towards the end of the evening’s program.

Behaviour Rewards Day
Final preparations have been made for tomorrow. Students are expected to be at their classroom by 8.45am for roll marking and will then proceed to the Hall with their supervising teachers. Thank you to the parents who have offered their time to assist with supervision. We have made final arrangements according to requirements and will not be able to take additional parents with us due to bus capacity.

2015 Booklists and Class Lists
Booklists were sent home at the end of last week. Copies of our booklists are available on our website.
Class lists will be posted in the administration building and in classrooms from the middle of next week.

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 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@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au
Achieving our Best
Being Respectful and Responsible
Caring and Confidence

Encouragement Award Recipients - 2014

Congratulations to our many Encouragement Award recipients for 2014. It makes us very proud to see our students receive this award as for some students they are close to achieving a Gold Award and for others we acknowledge the great progress that they have made this year. We look forward to recognising more Gabbinbar students throughout 2015. We should be very satisfied as a school community that so many of our students are close to achieving a Gold Award and for others we acknowledge the great progress that they have made this year.

Student of the Week

Gabbinbar’s Got Talent

The finals were held this afternoon. What a great group of talented children we have here. I’m sure that everyone enjoyed the performances as much as I did. The best way to show your appreciation is to vote for your favourite act. Remember that the act which raises the most money is the act that will win its division.

Voting will remain open tomorrow and Friday before school and in the first break. Voting containers will be at the office. All acts need your support so support the finalists and vote now!

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

MUSIC UPDATES

Choir News:
Both Senior and Junior Choirs are to be congratulated on a wonderful performance at our Music Awards night last Thursday. Their standard of performance skills continues to improve, and their sense of “presence” on stage shows a growing maturity in accordance with the occasion.

A special thank you to Rangeville State School for the use of their Choir Risers. They certainly added to the occasion. I would like to congratulate each member of the choir for their commitment to the program throughout the year, and express my thanks for their hard work.

A reminder to all Choir members that all issued choir music is due to be returned THIS WEEK – any outstanding music MUST be covered by a signed note please.

Performance Uniforms:
ALL performance Uniforms are now due to be returned to School no later than THIS Friday, December 5. Please take note of how they are to be returned, as detailed in the recent Gazette.

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.

Concert News:

Class concert practices are in full swing---

The night promises to be a wonderful celebration to end off another great year at Gabbinbar, and I would encourage you to plan on bringing the whole family to enjoy our children on stage.

A reminder that this year, we are planning a special treat as we celebrate our last ever Grade 6 / 7 cohort onstage performing a special, final song with the Preppies!!! We are looking forward to putting that together for you.

Finally, can I express my sincere thanks for another wonderful year of music making at Gabbinbar. Our program is going from strength to strength, and I look forward to sharing 2015 with you.

To everyone, I wish a blessed and happy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

Mr. G.

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

P & C News

Raffle

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 5 December. Winners will be notified by phone and printed in next week’s newsletter.

Dennielle
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 the 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:
Gabbinnar 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 Gabbinnar at 9:10am and returning at 2:45pm.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no cost involved with this excursion.

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.

Chappy Chatter
Christmas – The Perfect Gift

As we head into the start of December many of us start to think about preparations for Christmas celebrations. A lot of people can become very stressed about finding that ‘perfect gift’ for various family members and friends.

Take a minute to consider this thought. One of the other things that we tend to do at Christmas is that we think of loved ones who are no longer with us. We value these people not because of the money they spent on us or the presents we received from them. Instead we value them mostly because of the love that they gave to us.

Although there is nothing wrong with giving and receiving presents, the truth of the matter is this: your friends and family members are amongst the most valuable gifts that you have ever been given. Don’t be so busy with preparations for Christmas that you miss out on spending quality time with these people. Your time is what they want and need the most.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

Second Hand Uniform Sales

Second Hand Uniforms are for sale on Wednesday, Thursday mornings from 9am this week and the last week of the term. Sales will also be available on the 19, 20, 21 January from 10am until 12 noon. Sales also on 28 and 29 from 9-10am. All items including dresses, shorts, skirts, hats and jumpers are available in most sizes. If you have any unwanted uniforms either to donate or for sale please leave at the school office. Please phone Sharon on 0423 654 259 for further enquiries.

Uniform Shop
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.

Tuckshop News

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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. Don’t forget Friday treats from 3pm this Friday, Mrs Munt and her team have a fantastic variety of fancies and treats available. Larry Heuson 0417731126 or leanne.heuson@bigpond.com

OSHC

ONLY 1 WEEK 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 need donations of Christmas resources for our craft area. Any old cards, paper, decorations etc you no longer need will be most appreciated.

Unfortunately, our Annual Family Christmas BBQ will not be held this year. However, children have been writing letters to Santa and some lucky quick off the mark enthusiasts have already received their reply! And no, it’s not me!!

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 form 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. Don’t forget Friday treats from 3pm this Friday, Mrs Munt and her team have a fantastic variety of fancies and treats available. Larry Heuson 0417731126 or leanne.heuson@bigpond.com

Sensory Movie Day Toowoomba December Newsletter

Maya The Bee
Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs. Children are free to move around, try every seat, lighting stays on dim, sound lowered and fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers. This is a no judgment screening.

“Maya The Bee” is hitting the screens at 2pm Sunday 7th December, at Toowoomba Grand Birch Carroll & Coyle. Tickets are $8/reach children 2 years and under are free. Companion I.D. cards accepted. Tickets are on sale now or purchase on the day. Siblings and extended family members welcome, no diagnosis required.

Sensory Santa
It's that time again and we have enlisted more shopping centers to provide Sensory Santa. What is Sensory Santa? Sensory Santa is for families with special need children. There are no lines or queues, bookings only, during a quieter time and day, no background music, Stool next to Santa, Santa with lots of strategies and an understanding photographer. I am taking the bookings for a couple of

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locations, so if you could make sure you send me your full name, Mobile number and how many children will be in the photo.

Clifford Gardens Shopping Centre, Toowoomba 5pm-7pm Saturday 13th December Contact Centre Management 4634 1371 “Sensory Santa Qld” is on Facebook, more locations will be released on the page https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sensory-Santa-Qld/328637780514302 Please feel free to share your Sensory Santa photo on the page Thank you
Sensory Movie Day - Toowoomba Grand https://www.facebook.com/SensoryMovieDayToowoomba?fref=photo

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
USQ are planning for our first intake of international study tour groups for 2015! We invite families to host an international student. This will be a wonderful opportunity for your family to learn about other cultures and for your student to have “first hand” experience living with an Australian family.

Murasakino High School, Kyoto, Japan.
7th March - 21st March 2015
Please contact Sze-Ming Wall elcp@usq.edu.au or 4631 1794.
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.

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