FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Thursday and Friday I will be attending the State Principal’s Conference in Brisbane. The Department of Education and Training is introducing new measures to drive and support improvement and accountability in Queensland State Schools and ensure every student is succeeding. This will be a focus of the conference.

Farewell to our Chaplain

We will farewell Carmen at Assembly this Friday 27 February. Parents wishing to catch up with Carmen are welcome to attend. Carmen will be at school on Thursday, please take the opportunity to catch up with her. Carmen will be hosting the final City Women’s Mothers Morning Tea this Thursday at 9.00am outside the Hall.

Clean Up the School Day

Gabbinbar is participating in ‘Clean Up Schools Day’ this Friday after Parade. Each of the classes has an allocated area they have adopted to clean and look after during the year. Students will need to have hats and if required may bring gloves. This school activity is part of “Keep Australia Beautiful – Clean Up Australia”. Can you help your neighbourhood too? This Sunday 1st March.

Traffic Flow

We have been advised that due to the detention basin works in Spring Street and Amanda Drive traffic flow around the school is very heavy, causing delays. Bus companies have also indicated that this will cause delays to timetables.

Student Absences

Gabbinbar State School is committed to providing safe and supportive learning environments for all students which address their educational needs. We expect that every child of compulsory school age who is enrolled attends every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. Gabbinbar’s attendance policy aims to support parents to provide the best possible educational outcomes for their child and give them the best headstart possible for the future. “EVERYDAY COUNTS!”

All classes will be marking their rolls digitally at the commencement of school (8.50am). Students that arrive after this time must come to the office with a parent or guardian, to sign in as a late arrival and to give a reason for their lateness as required by the system.

If we are going to assist students to reach their full potential whether academically, socially or emotionally then we must work together to achieve this goal.

Gazette Distribution

Due to changes in our IT systems and with the development of the OSchools app, we have decided to discontinue the notification via email of our newsletters. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Gazette Distribution

To keep up-to-date with news from Gabbinbar State School you can:

- See our website at gabbinbarrss.eq.edu.au from 5pm Wednesdays of school weeks for the latest Gabbinbar Gazette (newsletter)
- See our calendar and news at our website
- Install the OSchools app on your smartphone, tablet or PC. Just install then add Gabbinbar as a favourite school and allow push notifications
- Collect a paper copy of the newsletter (or ask your child to)
  from the office from 3pm Wednesdays
School News

Thank You
For almost 3yrs I have been part of Gabbinbar State School as your chaplain. In that time I have been privileged to listen, encourage, help, inspire and befriend students, parents, carers and staff. Your support of the chaplaincy service has enabled me to provide personal and pastoral care in many and varied ways to our school community. It has also provided a variety of activities and events during school time for the students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Scripture Union, P&C, Local Chaplaincy Committee and Ms Habash for their commitment that will ensure the continuation and strengthening of this service.

Thank you for your support of the Chaplaincy Service and the personal encouragement you have provided me.

I look forward to my new challenge and wish you all the very best.

Yours sincerely
Chappy Carmen

Chaplaincy Committee AGM
The annual general meeting of the Gabbinbar State School Chaplaincy Committee will be held on Wednesday 25 February at 3.30pm in the Administration Block. People interested in supporting the chaplaincy service are encouraged to attend. For more info please contact Rob Callow 0417773984.

CHAPPY’S FAREWELL
PARENTS MORNING TEA
Thursday 26 February 9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbiebar State School Hall.
Hosted by City Women and our Chaplain on the third Thursday of every month.

Everyone is welcome to attend

Chess News
Unfortunately Gabbinbar will not be entering in the upcoming Individual Chess Tournament. After calling for interested players, there were not enough students to allow us to participate.

I am confident that by term 3 there will be sufficient interested players to enable us to enter the Teams Tournament.

Please note that our advanced tutoring continues each Thursday at Gabbinbar ending early in term 2.

Anthony Seng
Teacher - Librarian

Student of the Week
Jackie (PW), Joshua (PC), Harry (PS), Jack (1LG), Ryan (1L), Ivy (1P), Mia (2G), Serena (2R), Cheong (3H), Elijah (5M), Isabelle (5M), Bree (6L), Estella (6W), Lekirah (A1), Matthew (A2).

Gotcha Awards - Laura, Tyler, Keziah, Elijah.

Classroom Music Notes
A great start to the year has seen all classes engaged in some great music making over the first few weeks of the year. The first round of assessment will be occurring shortly and I would ask you to encourage your child in their practice leading up to this.

RECORDERS: The foundation of the children’s playing skills from Grade 4 - 6 lies in learning to play music on, and reading music for, the Recorder. While this provides the basics of playing music, their chances of taking up other, more difficult instruments are enhanced by the experience and skills that this simple one provides. Thank you to the many children who have met this requirement. A few are still outstanding, and I would ask that you purchase one from the Office, so your child is not disadvantaged.

Choirs
Our 2 choirs are well into rehearsals and working very hard already. Numbers are stable this year, which is a credit to those who have signed up, as we have lost the large Grade 7 component. I look forward to enjoying their music with them as we work together, and the year progresses.

Choir Membership Letter returns.
Thanks to the many children who have promptly returned their Choir Agreement returns to the office. There are still a few outstanding and I would ask that you follow this up promptly if they are outstanding. This is the written commitment that the child (and you) make to the choral program, and we endorse it as another way of encouraging our children to assume responsibility for their decisions.

SEMESTER 1 DATE CLAIMERS:

Senior Choir:
Harmony Day Parade School Hall March 20
ANZAC Day Parade School Hall April 24
Choral Eisteddfod (t.b.c) Empire Theatre May 2 - 13
Choral FANFARE (t.b.c) Mt Lofty Campus June 2
School Parade School Hall June 5

Junior Choir:
School Parade School Hall March 27
School Parade School Hall May 15
Choral Eisteddfod (t.b.c) Empire Theatre May 2 - 13
Choral FANFARE (t.b.c) Mt Lofty Campus June 2

(n.b. Entries are open for both FANFARE and Eisteddfod, and a decision on which choir attends has not been made as yet.)

Thank you for noting these.

Brett Gredig.
Classroom Specialist and Choir Conductor.

Uniform Shop
Pre-Ordered Uniforms – New stock of blouses and dresses have arrived. If you have ordered either of these items they are now available to be collected from the office. Uniforms can be purchased from 8am -11am each day. Parents can place a uniform order for collection at this time.

Second Hand Uniform Sales
Second Hand Uniforms are for sale on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9am.

PLEASE NOTE: Sales are CASH ONLY.

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Range Zone Swimming
On Monday 16th February, 11 students from our school competed at the Range Zone Swimming Selection Trials. The purpose of these trials is to select students to trial for a place in the Darling Downs team at the State Championship. To be selected students had to achieve qualifying times while swimming at our Inter House Carnival.

The 11 students who swam for our school were Sienna, Kiara, Charlize, Rory, Kellie, Kya, Lulu, Lillian, Jorden, Bella and Sam.

All students performed very well against some of Toowoomba’s strongest swimmers.

Our congratulations go to Sienna who has been selected to swim in 4 events at the Darling Downs Trials. She will be swimming in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke, 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke.

Special mention must be made about the wonderful behaviour of our students during the day and to Bella and Lulu who acted as helpers on the day.

Russell Toleman (HPE)

Tuckshop News
We are really urgently in need of some new home bakers, so if you can help out, please let me know ASAP. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

OSHC
Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news.
We currently have limited vacancies for before and after school care. We provide a nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea daily.

We still need parents for positions on the P&C and the OSHC Subcommittee. Your input has a direct effect on the daily operation of a P&C service which is vital for this school community. At present, only ONE parent is on our committee.

All help is most appreciated, and does not require much time on a monthly basis. Please see me for more information.

A reminder to all parents that the BOND payment is now overdue.

Davina Quinn, OSHC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School
07-4631 5266

P & C NEWS
The P&C AGM was held last Wednesday and I would like to thank everyone who attended. I would also like to thank the people who have kindly taken on roles as our executive and sub committees. I appreciate the time and effort you all invest to making our P&C a successful group, working together to achieve great results for our school.

The P&C Executive positions which were filled at the P&C AGM last Wednesday were:

President Aaron Sapiecha
Vice President Dennielle Gillies
Secretary Lisa Ford
Correspondence Secretary Naomi Daley
Treasurer Earl Douglas
Grants Position Vacant
OSHC Co-ordinator Davina Quinn
Second Hand Uniforms Position Vacant
Performing Arts Aaron Sapiecha
Uniform Co-ordinator Position Vacant
Fundraising Co-ordinator Janet Edwards
OSHC President
Student Banking Amy Manthey
Tuckshop Treasurer Julie Leahy

Nominations are called for the positions of Fundraising Co-ordinator, Second-hand uniform Co-ordinator and Grants Co-ordinator. We are also looking for interested parents to join the music support group and the fundraising committee.

The Music Support Group’s function is to support the Music teachers and music programs including Jnr and Srn Choirs, Concert Band and String Ensemble. The group primarily organises the performance uniforms for Eisteddfod and other performances. If you have any spare time to help sort through and hand out uniforms, please contact the school office on 4631 5222 or email pandc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au.

The Fundraising Committee aims to raise funds to support the operation of the many facets of P&C and Gabbinbar SS. Throughout the year volunteers will be needed to help run fundraising ventures, as well as Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls. If you have any ideas that you wish to contribute or time to offer, please contact the office on 4631 5222 or email pandc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au.

If you missed the AGM, or wish to volunteer in another capacity please contact the office 4631 5222.
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: gabinbarss.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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