FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Harmony Day
This year on March 21 we are celebrating the 15th anniversary of Harmony Day in Australia – a day where we encourage the motto that “Everyone belongs”.

At assembly on Friday 20 March, we will celebrate with a parade of student in the national dress from the countries of their cultural heritage. Thank you to Ms Graf for organising our school’s Harmony Day celebration.

‘Take a Stand Together’, Friday 20 March
We encourage students to behave responsibly and safely every day, but on this day we will be putting the spotlight on our anti-bullying strategies by working together with students to identify how we want our school to look and feel, and the different roles that they can take to ensure that our school is a safe and happy place to be where we celebrate what make us all different and brings us together as one school community.

The Bullying. No way! website has information for parents and students of all ages about the National Day of Action and how we can all help create a supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence.

NAPLAN
The Assessment Program National Literacy and Numeracy for Year 3 and 5 will be held on Tuesday 12 Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May 2015. We are currently developing our school support program for NAPLAN. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s participation in this program please contact the school. I encourage parents to discuss their child’s involvement and support needs with their class teacher at Parent Teacher Interviews next week.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be offered next week. Information has been sent home in the last week. I encourage all parents and guardians to take this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with their class teacher.

Working Together to Ensure Student Success
While our staff continues to focus on explicit teaching of the National Curriculum for Maths, English and Science to every student everyday, there are five key things you can do as a parent to ensure your child is ready to learn at Gabbinbar State School:

- Ensure they have a good night’s sleep prior to every school day.
- Ensure they have a really good breakfast as this produces the energy required for the best part of the day.
- Ensure that they arrive at school no earlier than 8.15 am and no later than 8.45am daily.
- Ensure they bring a healthy lunch – growing children may need increased amounts throughout the year so ask your child if they have enough to eat.
- Ensure they are prepared for school with the necessary books, pencils and the like.
Help Your Child With Reading

Pause,

Once your child starts reading aloud carefully follow the text as they read. If (or when) your child comes to a word they don’t know try not to jump in straight away and supply the correct word. Wait and give your child time to work out the word. In the first instance ‘pausing’ creates an opportunity for your child to try and self-correct or work out the word for him/herself.

Prompt...

If your child successfully supplies the word they have stumbled over it’s a good idea to suggest that he/she goes back to the beginning of the sentence and re-reads the whole sentence again (to recap meaning) before reading on. If your child has not independently worked out the problem word, at this point you may intervene and prompt them with some quick, low-key suggestions about what they could do.

Say things like:
– Try reading on for a sentence or two, miss out the difficult word and see if that helps you to work it out what it is.
– Look at the sound the word begins with, use that clue and think about what might make sense here. Look at the pictures and see if they give you a clue to what the word might be.
– Go back to the beginning of the sentence, re-read it and have another go at working it out.

If prompts like these are not working, this is the point at which you simply tell your child the correct word. After a short time ‘prompting’ say:
– Would you like me to help you? or How about I tell you the word?

You may even briefly explain the meaning of the word but then quickly prompt your child to continue reading. Try not to spend too much time prompting as your child will find it difficult to maintain the overall meaning of what they are reading.

Praise...

This is the easiest part of the process for any parent because it’s something that comes naturally. Praise your child’s reading efforts and successes whenever you think it is appropriate during the reading process. As well as praising their effort it is often good to tell them why. For example you might say:
– Well done, I thought it was brilliant the way that you went back, re-read the sentence from the beginning and worked out that word you were having trouble with.
– That was great reading tonight, I know I had to tell you a few words but you also worked out some pretty tricky ones for yourself. Well done.

Gazette Distribution

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

To keep up-to-date with news from Gabbinbar State School you can:
• See our website at gabinbarss.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 QSchools 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

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Student of the Week

Melia (PW), Eden (PC), Giselle (PS), Annabel (1L), Shun (1P), Joel (1L), Aidan (2G), Chloe (2L), Alan (3M), Siena (3H), Riley (3H), Cooper (4E), Cerys (4R), Eric (5C), Sam (5M), Ella (6L), Arsha (6W), Dominic (A1), Zachary (A2).

Gotcha Awards

Eric (5C), Tyson (3M), Joel (1L), Karina (4E).

Gabinbar School Hall
Prep – 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

WEDNESDAY 18 March 2015

We value: Achieving our Best, Being Respectful and Responsible, Caring and Confidence
Harmony Day Parade
Gabbinbar will be celebrating HARMONY DAY on Friday 20 March with a special Harmony Day parade. Students from our many different cultures are invited to wear their national costume or clothing/colours that represent their, or their parents’ cultures. Parents are also invited to wear their national dress!

Library news
Thank you to everyone for supporting our Book Fair. Your purchasing from the Book Fair means we can put extra books into the library for all Gabbinbar children to borrow.

Please check to see when it is your child’s library day and ensure they return their library books:

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Remember: children in Prep to Year 3 must have a library bag to borrow.

Anthony Seng
Librarian

PARENTS MORNING TEA
Thursday 26 March
9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbinbar State School Hall
Hosted by City Women on the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Representative Sport News
Claire Doherty has been selected in the Darling Downs team to play at the State Championships in September. Anelma Welman has been selected as a shadow player. She will be able to train with the team leading up to the state championships and could be included in the team if a player has to withdraw.

Congratulations to both girls on their efforts.

Orienteering
On Tuesday afternoon the Year 6 classes had the opportunity to learn all about orienteering from Felicity Crosato (Darling Downs coach) and Tobias Svarer (Champion Danish athlete). The students loved learning all about the technology that is used for the sport now and they really enjoyed trying to find their way around the course. Many students are now keen to try the bush courses that are used in orienteering competitions.

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As Show Day is Thursday 19 March, the Tuckshop will be open on Friday 20 March. We will be having a meal deal on Thursday 2 April (last day of term). Forms will be sent home soon. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

P & C NEWS
Music Support Group Co-Ordinator Needed
The Music Support Group Co-ordinator’s primary role is to organise the performance uniforms for the Eisteddfod and other performances. The co-ordinator also supports the Music teachers and music programs including Jnr and Snr Choirs, Concert Band and String Ensemble.

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@gabbinbars.eq.edu.au

Please Note: The monthly meeting of the P & C will be held on Wednesday 25 March at 7pm.

P & C Fundraising
This year’s jog-a-thon will take place on Thursday, 2 April. As this is also the Cross Country, all students will be encouraged to participate, not only to raise money for the school, but to score points for their sports house. Coming home today is the sponsorship form. There are some awesome prizes to reward and thank students for their efforts. There is also a prize for the highest fundraising student.

All forms and monies collected need to be returned to the P&C slot in the office by the 31 March.

We invite all parents to join us at the school to cheer the students on as they raise money for Gabbinbar School Thanks for your help and we look forward to seeing you at the Fun Run.

P&C Fundraising Committee

OSHC
Vacation care is only 2.5 weeks away! The booking forms are out NOW! Remember that we provide all meals during Vacation Care, ensuring children have nutritious meals and snacks throughout the day. Fees are reduced if you complete your booking forms before the holidays. We have planned some fun days based on what the children like to participate in!

After school care currently has limited vacancies. Please call the OSHC office if you would like an Enrolment Pack.

Davina Quinn,
OSHC Coordinator
07-4631 5266

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Uniform Shop
Uniforms can be purchased from 8 am -11 am each day. Parents can also place a uniform order for collection at this time. New orange and blue scrunchies are now available for $4 each. Cash Only.

Second Hand Uniform Sales
Second Hand Uniforms are for sale on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 am or by appointment by phoning Sharon 0423 654 259. There is ample stock of jumpers including adult sizes priced from $5. Plain royal blue jumpers are also available priced from 50c. PLEASE NOTE: Sales are CASH ONLY.

Social Committee News
Attention all Coca Cola drinkers. We want your Coke Rewards Labels! Do you have labels from the Coke range that you are simply throwing out? The students who help run the school disco are seeking your unwanted Coke Rewards labels. We are hoping to collect the labels and turn them into prizes. Students can drop off their labels to Mr Hanssen’s class which is located behind the tuckshop.
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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@gabbinbass.eq.edu.au
Web: gabbinbass.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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Web: www.candk.asn.au/gabbinbar
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