As the term draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and community members for their support throughout this term. As we look back on our achievements, it has been rewarding to see our students excel both in the classroom and in out of school activities.

A big thank you must go to the many parents, volunteers and staff who work with students ensuring that they are able to access a variety of learning opportunities and experience success. I wish you all a safe and relaxing autumn break and for those who celebrate, a blessed Easter.

2015 School Captain and Leaders Induction
It is my great pleasure to announce our School Captains and Leaders of Gabbinbar State School for 2015.

- School Captains: Ashdyn Lance, Jackie
- School Leaders: Bella Watson, Lillian Hanssen
- Choir Leaders: Ella Parks-Lewis, Name withheld
- Band Leader: Bree Sullivan
- Strings Leader: Bani Jolata
- Nelson House Captains: Bree Sullivan, Mustafa Adam
- Rudd House Captains: Name withheld, Mitchell
- Evans House Captains: Bani Jalota, Lillian Hanssen

Last Friday saw the School Leaders’ Ceremony take place to recognise the achievements of these 12 students and to formally present them with their badges for 2015. We had the honour of 1972 Gabbinbar Foundation Teacher, Mr Don Herrmann and former Gabbinbar School Captain (2010), Darcy Coleman assist in the presentation and congratulate our students on their success.

It was very inspiring for all of our students to hear Darcy recall with great fondness his time as School Captain and how proud he was of being a past Gabbinbar student. Mr Herrmann also provided our School Leaders with a great example of his days as a teacher at Gabbinbar.

All of our Leaders recognise that their respective positions are very responsible, and they pledge to carry out their duties to the highest standards of our school Values:

- Achieving our Best
- Being Respectful and Responsible
- Caring and Confidence

On behalf of our entire school community we congratulate you all on this very special achievement and we wish you a very successful school year ahead. We know you will make both your families and school community very proud!

Cross Country
At this point in time the Cross Country will still be held tomorrow. A decision about whether it will go ahead will be made by 8.15am tomorrow. If postponed, the Cross Country will be run on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. The same timetable will be run at this time.
Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.
If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.
The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.
If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

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 gabbitbarss.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

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Prep W Show Winners
Prep W students entered the Junior School work at the Toowoomba Show in the following categories:-
• Prep Handwriting
• Prep Painting
• Prep Printmaking
• Prep Collage
Successful students were:
Printmaking – Jesse (1st), Lachlan (2nd), Ethan (3rd), Dana (HC)
Collage – Allie (HC), Jesse (HC), Dana (HC), Eden (HC), Sophie (HC)
Well done to all entries. A great effort!!

Student of the week

Seth (PW), Lachlan (PW), Felicity (PS), Kayla (PC), Maddison (1LG), Mandy (1P), Chase (1P), Jada (2G), Name withheld (2L), Oliver (2L), Jackson (2R), Name withheld (2R), Nathania (2R), Obie (3M), Name withheld (3H), Sophie (4R), Daniel (4E), Jack (5C), Ethan (5M), Catherine (6L), Rhyanna (6L), Callum (6W), Ashdyn (6W), Charlotte (A1).

Gotcha Awards
Sam (5M), Kassidy (6W), Imogen (5M), Tammy (5C), Riley (5M), Name withheld (1L).

Upcoming Roadworks
Boral wishes to advise the community that roadworks will be carried out in Mackenzie St between Stenner St and the Waterbird Habitat commencing on Tuesday 7th April. It would be appreciated if vehicles are not parked on the roadway at this time.

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.

MOTHERS’ MORNING TEA
Thursday 23 April
9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbinbar State School Hall
Hosted by City Women on the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Payments Due

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Payments for Excursions, Performances or Student program will not be accepted after the payment due date under any circumstances.

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**Library News**

**Chess**

Intermediate chess tutoring begins next term. These classes are perfect for students who have participated in beginners’ chess and want to know more about strategies and moves. Notes have been sent home this week to interested students. Payment and permission forms are due back Monday 27 April. If you think your child is interested and did not bring home a note, please ask them to go the library to collect a form.

**Library**

A reminder that students can borrow over the two-week holiday breaks; we encourage students to borrow in their class borrowing times, and they are very welcome to borrow before school (from 8:30 am), after school (from 3:00 pm) and at both break times.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

**Gabbinbar Cross Country**

**Thursday 2nd April 2015**

On this Thursday 2nd April Gabbinbar will be staging their annual Inter House Cross Country. This is an event open to all students from Prep to Year 6. The races will commence at 9:15am with our older students running their long course.

Below is an approximate timetable of when races will be held. If you are planning to come and see your child run, please be early as the starting times are a guideline only.

In the words of the Australian Youth Choir. “Early is on time, on time is late”

9:30am  Boys and Girls born 2005
9:45am  Boys and Girls born 2006
10:00am Boys born 2010
10:10am Girls born 2010
10:20am Boys born 2009
10:30am Girls born 2009
10:40am Boys born 2008
10:50am Girls born 2008
11:00am Boys born 2007
11:10am Girls born 2007

Students are invited to wear their House colours:

RUDD  Red
NELSON  Blue
EVANS  Yellow

PLEASE NOTE: Depending on the weather conditions in the morning a decision will be made at 8:15am as to whether the Cross Country will go ahead.

**Representative Sport News**

Congratulations to Sienna Deurloo who competed at the Queensland Primary Schools Swimming Championships last week at Chandler in Brisbane. Sienna went into the competition as the 5th ranked swimmer on the Darling Downs but after lowering her personal best by nearly 2 seconds she is now ranked number 2 freestyle swimmer on the Darling Downs. This is a wonderful achievement. In sport, especially individual sports like swimming, the aim is to get a personal best and for Sienna to do this at her first major championship is a super effort.

**Tuckshop News**

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Please remember, tomorrow (Thursday) is meal deal day. The Tuckshop will only be open for the pre-ordered meal deal at first break. We will be closed for second break and NO other food item will be available for either first or second break. (The only food available is the pre-ordered meal deal and only at first break).

Have a fantastic Easter break everyone. The Tuckshop will reopen on Tuesday 21 April, Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

**P & C NEWS**

**P & C Fundraising**

This year’s jog-a-thon will take place on the 2nd 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. Sponsorship forms were sent home last week. More forms are available from the office if your child missed out. 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 31st 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.

**Easter Raffle**

The P&C are holding an Easter Raffle. Tickets are $1 and are available in the office until 3pm tomorrow. There are 1st and 2nd place prizes up for grabs. We are also running a Guess the number of eggs. The jar of eggs is in the office. Come in and have a guess of how many chocolates are in the jar. Each guess costs 50 cents. Raffle will be drawn tomorrow.

P&C Fundraising Committee

**OSHC**

Easter Vacation care will be here NEXT WEEK!!! 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, such as Scooter Skate day, electronics day and fancy dress day. To ensure staffing and resources are sufficient please book now!

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
LOST
A navy Schwartz watch was left in the hall after a PE lesson on Monday. If you have seen the watch please bring it to the school office.

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 dates for the year are: 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.

Karate Lessons
$3 Kids Karate – 9:30am to 10am, Tuesday 7 April and Thursday 9 April 2015 at Queens Park, Lindsay St, Toowoomba. Activities are suitable for 5 to 15 years, and bookings are essential. All proceeds donated to Fighters Against Child Abuse Australia. To join or for more information Moneita 0407 756 332 or sharpekidskarate@gmail.com.
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.
Email: gabbinbar@candk.asn.au
Web: www.candk.asn.au/gabbinbar
Phone: 07 4613 6205
Fax: 07 4613 6209