FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to term 2. This term will see students given the opportunity in a variety of activities including the Choir Eisteddfod which will include our Senior Choir performing on Sunday 3rd May at the Empire Theatre.

This term we welcome Mrs Melissa Darval to our staff. Melissa will be teaching 6L while Mrs Locke is on leave.

Mrs Marg Innis will be working across classes supporting teachers integrate assistive technologies to provide all students with the opportunities to access the curriculum from week two till the end of this term. Mrs Bev Guffin will be teaching A2, Monday Tuesday and Friday while Mrs Innis undertake this role.

We welcome Trish Quattromani to our staff this week. Trish has been appointed as Chaplain to our school and will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Trish will be around before and after school to meet parents. She will host her first Mothers Morning Tea for this term with the support of Toowoomba City Women next Thursday 30th April at 9.00am outside the hall. Parents are invited to drop in for coffee and chat to meet Trish.

I will be on leave next week to attend a family celebration. During this time Mr David Gordon will be acting Principal.

NAPLAN

All students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in the NAPLAN on 12, 13 & 14 May.

- Tuesday 12 May Language Convention (40min) Writing (40min)
- Wednesday 13 May Reading (45min Year 3 / 50min Year 5)
- Thursday 14 May Number (45min Year 3 / 50 min Year 5)

Students who are absent for a test are to undertake the test on the day of their return after completing that day's papers and on Friday 15 May.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's participation in this testing program I ask that you discuss this with your child's teacher as a matter of urgency.

Thank you to parents who have discussed their child's participation and the support that were are allowed to provide.

If you would like to access some test preparation material they can be found on the following website : https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/Naplan-language-yr3.html

Cross Country

Our Cross Country Carnival was held at the end of last term. It was great to see all of our students having a go and working together as a team. In particular we congratulate all of the age champions.

Our Carnival was a trial for the Zone carnival. We wish the selected students the best of luck as they participate in the trials to be held on Thursday, 30 April. Information was sent home with these students on Monday. Parents are asked to return permission forms by Wednesday 29 April.

ANZAC Day

A commemorative ANZAC Day ceremony will be held at 9:00a.m. on Friday 24 April in the hall. This will be presented by the School Captains and Vice Captains and will involve all classes. Students, parents and families of serving personnel in any of the armed forces are invited to a special morning tea in the staffroom following the ceremony.
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

Date Claimers
23.04.15 Yr 4 “Friends For Life” Information Session
24.04.15 Assembly – Anzac Day Ceremony
30.04.15 Mothers Morning Tea
01.05.15 Assembly – Junior Choir Performing
03.05.15 Eisteddfod – Senior Choir
20.05.15 School Photos

Payments Due
27.04.15 Intermediate Chess - $30
29.04.15 Choir Uniform Hire - ($20)

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

Chaplain News

Hi everyone,
It’s Chappy Tricia here, just want to introduce myself to you all. I am a Toowoomba born girl and live not far from the school with my husband and two of my daughters. I also have a married daughter and two grandsons. One of my daughters attended Gabbinbar State School, although it was quite a while ago. I really enjoyed the years that our family was connected to the school and am excited about being a part of the school again. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all. Please don’t hesitate to stop and say hello.
Patricia Quattromani

2015 Interhouse Cross Country

Age Champions:
- 2010 Boys: Alakai Adnams-Nash
- 2010 Girls: Elizabeth Fredrichs
- 2009 Boys: Dustin Hohn
- 2009 Girls: Sienna McDonald
- 2008 Boys: Brodie Forte
- 2008 Girls: Mia Wilson
- 2007 Boys: Name Withheld
- 2007 Girls: Jada
- 2006 Boys: Name Withheld
- 2006 Girls: Eden Munt
- 2005 Boys: Callum Wright
- 2005 Girls: Keziah Mayers
- 2004 Boys: Jake Wright
- 2004 Girls: Lillian Hanssen
- 2003 Boys: Eli Mayers
- 2003 Girls: Bree Sullivan

House Champions
- 1st Place: Evans - 326 Points
- 2nd Place Tie: Rudd and Nelson - 242 Points

Congratulations to all runners who took part in the cross country. Thanks to all parents, family and friends for coming along and cheering for our students.

Aussie Hoops Basketball

This week Toowoomba basketball legend Pop Dickerson has been introducing classes to basketball. During this term Basketball Queensland will be offering the Aussie Hoops program on Mondays at first break. Students will work with Coach Pop to improve their basketball abilities. To sign up for the program go to www.aussiehoops.com.au. Click on Centre then type in Toowoomba post code in the Find Your Nearest Aussie Hoops Program. Click on the Monday box and you should find the Gabbinbar State School program. Students will be coached every Monday for term 2 by Coach Pop (8 lessons)The cost of the program is $90. Students receive a backpack, reversible singlet for games and a basketball along with Pop’s experienced coaching.

MOTHERS’ MORNING TEA
Thursday 30 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.

“Friends For Life” Information Session
Yr 4 Parents are invited to join the teachers on Thursday 23 April at 7.30pm in the Yr 4 classroom for an information session regarding the “Friends For Life” program being undertaken this term.

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Library News

It’s fantastic that our students also borrow from the city library, especially on long holidays. However, we often have Toowoomba City Library books returned to us, and the City Library often sends to Gabbinbar library books that were returned to them. A quick way to check which library owns the book is to see the library barcode; for example, Gabbinbar books state Gabbinbar State School. Returning the right book to the right library ensures that library users don’t get overdue notices and can continue to borrow.

Chess News

Our last lesson of advanced chess is tomorrow, 23 April. Intermediate chess starts next Thursday, 30 April. Students who want to sign up for these new classes must get the form back by Monday 27 April. Students can collect forms from the library.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

P & C NEWS

P & C Fundraising

Fun Run

A fantastic effort was made by students at the recent fun run, raising $2699.99 in funds for our school. Extra thanks goes to 1L raising just over $600 and Obie Costigan raising over $200. Well done guys.

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Egg Raffle:

1st Prize – Robert Creevey (OSCH)
2nd Prize – Wendy Peckham
Guess the Number of Eggs – Amy Manthey

Mother’s Day Stall

Don’t forget Mother’s Day is coming up soon and we’ll be running the Mother’s Day stall and raffles in the first week of May. Date to be confirmed. Look out for a notice with more details to be handed out in class.

If you can donate your time towards any fundraising activities please contact me on 0400 128 343.

Alison Briese, P & C Fundraising Coordinator.

OSHC

Hi and welcome to Term 2 of OSHC news. We had a great time over the holidays, with some lovely Autumn weather for outside play.

We recently received a small grant to purchase children’s resources and office equipment. These are slowly arriving and have certainly been much appreciated by children and educators alike! We are hoping to create another play area near OSHC which will improve the school grounds while providing children with a dry creek garden to play in. Watch this space…

We are still needing parents to assist with the running of OSHC through positions on the OSHC Subcommittee. This is a great opportunity for parents who need the service to help keep it operating. With a few extra parents helping out, the positions require minimal time and will assist those parents who have been helping for many years. Please see me for more information.

Davina Quinn,
OSHC Coordinator
07-4631 5266

Tuckshop News

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Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

Centenary Heights State High School

Important Information for parents of Year 6 students looking to enrol for 2016:


Enrolment forms can be obtained from Centenary Heights SHS or downloaded from the website listed below. It is essential that you check our Enrolment Management policy if you live outside our school ‘catchment area’. Whilst we consider all applications, places for students ‘out of catchment’ will be very unlikely so you are advised to apply to your nearest high school.

2016 Information Packs will be mailed early in Term 4 to all parents who have successfully enrolled their child.

2. Enrolment Information Evening – Tuesday, June 9 (6pm School Hall)

3. School Tours – will be held on Friday mornings from 9.00 am to 10.00 am approx. Dates are: June 12, July 17, July 31, August 21, October 16.

Please contact our school to register your interest.

4. Contact – Please contact Tim O’Connell for further information. You will also find that our website (listed below) will give you a great overview of our school.

Tim O’Connell
Head of Department Junior Secondary and Languages

Website: https://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

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.

For more information call 4636 7500

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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.

**Volunteer Information Session**

There are many benefits to volunteering in your local community. Endeavour Foundation engages volunteers who offer their skills, interests and expertise to help change the lives of people with disability.

We are one of Australia’s leading not for profits offering opportunities to volunteer in a variety of areas some of which include:

- Warehouse Packaging
- Disability Services
- Administration
- Fundraising

If volunteering in your local community is something you’ve been thinking about, we invite you to attend an information session on Saturday 2 May 2015. This session will provide information such as:

- Information about Endeavour Foundation and what volunteering opportunities we offer;
- Find out about the many benefits of volunteering in your local community;
- How volunteering can help build your future career;
- Hear from volunteers and their experiences volunteering with us.

The session will also provide you with an opportunity to meet the team of Endeavour Foundation staff, sign up and get registered to start volunteering at one of our services.

Details are as follows:

**Volunteering makes you happy!**

Volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on your community and has many benefits for you, too:

- meet new people and make new friends,
- feel happier and more grateful,
- increase your sense of fulfilment and purpose,
- learn and develop a new skill,
- gain new life experiences,
- enhance job and career prospects,
- become a valuable team member and
- connect to and better understand your community.

Endeavour Foundation exists to offer opportunities for people with a disability to live as full and engaged members of society.

We offer a vast range of volunteering opportunities, at a variety of services that provide real benefits to you and the community in which you live.

If you would like to find out how to become a volunteer at Endeavour Foundation we are hosting an information session. Details are as follows:

**Volunteer Information Session**

**Where?**

Gabinbar State School
At the school hall
Grades 1 – 6

**When?**

Every Monday from May 4th to June 22nd 2015 (8 weeks)

**What Time?**

11:00am – 11:40am

**Cost**

$90, includes ball, singlet, back-pack


Program also available at Harristown H.S. on Sat. & Sun.

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Gabbinbar Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) provides services including out of school hours care (OSSC) 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

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