FROM THE PRINCIPAL

From time to time it is important to remind ourselves of the core expectations that our community and school agreed to in our Responsible Behaviour Plan. Below are expectations for students, parents/carers and the school.

All members of the school community are expected to:
- Conduct themselves in a lawful, ethical, safe and responsible manner that recognises and respects the rights of others.

Students are expected to:
- Participate actively in the school’s education program/s.
- Take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning.
- Demonstrate respect for themselves, other members of the school community and the school environment.
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others, including the right to learn.
- Cooperate with staff and others in authority.

Parents/Carers are expected to:
- Show an active interest in their child’s schooling and progress.
- Cooperate with the school to achieve the best outcomes for their child.
- Support school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.
- Initiate and maintain constructive communication and relationships with school staff regarding their child’s learning, wellbeing and behaviour.
- Contribute positively to behaviour support plans that concern their child.

Schools are expected to:
- Provide safe and supportive learning environments.
- Provide inclusive and engaging curriculum and teaching.
- Initiate and maintain constructive communication and relationships with students and parents/carers.
- Promote the skills of responsible self-management.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those families and outside organisations who regularly work with us to improve the social and academic outcomes of—our students. “Together is Better!”

Seven Steps to Writing Success

Our staff are currently learning a new exciting writing program called Seven Steps. It was designed by Jen McVeity a children’s author and focuses on teaching writing in seven small chunks. Last term we introduced this. Classes have exposed some students to Step 1- Plan For Success, Step 2- Sizzling Starts, Step 3- Tightening Tension. Teachers have just learnt about Step 4- Dynamic Dialogue. Below is the planning graph used in classes.

If you want more information about Seven Steps to Writing Success you can find it on www.sevenstepswriting.com

Step 1: Plan For Success

1. Start with a bang - this usually has the main character in an action scene.
2. Back fill - the Who, What, Why is filled in while the action unfolds
3. The main problem is introduced
4. Complications and more problems. Things get very bad indeed
5. Tension scene where hero/heroine fights against incredible odds
6. Climax – incredibly, wonderfully they win!
ANZAC Day Ceremony
Thanks to all the Gabbinbar community for being involved in our ANZAC day ceremony last Friday. This was once again an opportunity for us to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice that our service men and women have made and continue to make to ensure that our democratic way of life remains. Our thanks again go to Lieutenant Colonel Scott Nicholls, CO School of Army Aviation for his address to the assembly. We appreciate your time in assisting the school to pass on the ANZAC messages to our students. Lest we Forget

School Cross Country Team
We would like to wish our Gabbinbar Cross Country Team the very best as they compete tomorrow at the Zone Cross Country event at Kearney Springs. The competition tomorrow is a selection trial for the Zone team that will compete at the Darling Downs championship in the coming months. The team is: Mustafa, Mitchell, Laura, Kynna, Apajok, Sienna, Lillian, Jasmine, Samuel, Cooper, Landon, Eli, Keziah, Luke, Tianna, Bree, Mitchell, Rhyanna, Jet, Belita, Riley, Callum, Jake and Jorden. Remember, Achieve Your Best! We are already proud of what you have achieved.

School News

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

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

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos will be taken by ‘Queensland School Photography’ on Tuesday, 26 May. Payment envelopes have been sent home today and are to be returned to the photographers on 26 May. Envelopes for family photos are available from the school office. Please note that family photos will be taken before school, from approx. 8:20am.

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Gabbinbar State School is ‘first past the post’ at Weetwood.

To celebrate 125 years since the inception of the historic Weetwood race, the Toowoomba Turf Club has conducted the inaugural Weetwood School Horse Colouring Competition. The year 3 classes were given the task of painting a 1.8m long by 1.2m tall canvas. All the students made their own individual draft design and their ideas were used to come up with the final product.

Every blade of grass on their ‘track’ showcased over 100 Weetwood winners from when the first race was won in 1895 by Zulu through to last year’s winner of Typhoon Red.

The students replicated the Weetwood sponsors in the fencing and semaphore board including the event’s major sponsor, Audi Centre Toowoomba.

Every student that participated in the project was photographed in their ‘racewear attire’ with top hats, bow ties, fascinators and glasses and were represented as the spectators of the race that stops Toowoomba.

Both the horse and jockey were crafted with different materials, including felt for the horse elements and satin for the jockey silks.

On Tuesday morning the students were invited to the presentation ceremony and breakfast with the stars at the Toowoomba Turf Club.

With a total score of 85 out of a possible 100 points, we are proud to announce that our Canvas was chosen as the winner by the panel of five judges and we were presented with a cheque for $1000 for our winning efforts.

The two runners up schools; Mary Mackillop Primary School and Our Lady of Lourdes, both received $500 each for their magnificent artwork efforts.

Other participating schools in the inaugural ‘Weetwood School Horse Colour Competition’ included;

Biddeston, Brookstead, Clifford Park Special School
Fairview Heights, Flagstone Creek, Gabbinbar, Greenmount, Harristown, Mary Mackillop, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, Southbrook Central, Toowoomba East, Toowoomba Grammar - Junior School
Wyreema State School


Chess News

Intermediate chess tutoring starts Thursday, 30 April. There are still places available; the cost is $30 for the term, and must be paid by Thursday 9 am. Unfortunately we may have to cancel this term’s lessons and refund money if there is not enough interest.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

SPORT

This week Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to learn about the game of Badminton. Vinny Nowell, Queensland coaching director for Badminton Queensland will be sharing his knowledge of the game and giving our students an opportunity to have a go at the fastest racquet sport in the world.

P & C NEWS

P & C Fundraising

Fun Run prizes have arrived and were handed out this afternoon

Mother’s Day Stall

Confirming the Mother’s Day Stall will be held on the morning of Thursday 7 May. Flyers are coming home with students today.

There will also be a Mother’s Day Raffle with 3 prizes. Tickets will be sold at the stall for 50c each.

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We are looking for an extra helper for tomorrow (Thursday 30 May). If you can help out please contact me ASAP. We also say goodbye to Lisa Ramsey. Thank you for your help with baking in the Tuckshop. This now means we are in need of a helper to come to the Tuckshop twice a month to do some baking. If you can help out please let me know. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

OSH

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news.

We have all been very excited with the arrival of our new pets this week. Pop in and see if you can spot them….

The children have been enjoying all of the new resources we have purchased. We have been trying to resource the service with items we couldn’t usually afford. At the moment we have lots of new gross motor resources which are being well used. We are very happy to welcome Lexie as our subcommittee Secretary, and greatly appreciate all the parents who volunteer to help our service operate, but 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.

We say good bye to Louise this week as she pursues her new career in teaching, and wish her all the best.

Dave Quinn
OSH Coordinator 07-4631 5266

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Centenary Heights State High School

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

1. **Enrolment Forms/Details** – Can be submitted to the Administration Office from **Monday, July 13**. 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
For more information call 4636 7500
Website: [https://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx](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.

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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 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.

Where? Gabbinsbar 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

Register at: www.aussiehoops.com.au

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;
- Meet 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:

Date: Saturday 2 May 2015
Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm
(refreshments and lunch will be provided)
Location: Endeavour Foundation Learning Lifestyle, 257 – 275 Stener Street, Toowoomba.
(Parking available)

For more information or to RSVP for the information session, please contact Kimberly Pullen on 07 3908 7259 or email: volunteering@endeavour.com.au

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 fulfillment 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:

Date: Saturday 2 May 2015
Location: Endeavour Foundation Learning Lifestyle, 257 – 275 Stener Street, Toowoomba.
Time: 10:00am – 12:30pm.

Register your interest by emailing volunteering@endeavour.com.au or call 07 3908 7259.

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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@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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