FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN Testing – 12, 13, 14 May
This week students in Year 3 and 5 have been completing the National Assessment for Literacy and Numeracy. Students who are absent for any test paper will be required to complete the paper by Friday of this week.

Thank you to parents and staff for their support to ensure that all students have the opportunity to demonstrate what they know to the best of their ability.

CHAPPY WEEK - 18 May – 22 May 2015
Chappy Week is an annual event run by Scripture Union QLD to raise awareness of the value of school chaplains and to raise funds to support school chaplains. To mark ‘Chappy Week’ students are invited to participate in activities to celebrate.

On Wednesday 20th May we will celebrate Chappy week with a free dress day. Students will also be invited to participate in a poetry activity. We look forward to sharing their work with you.

Junior Secondary at CHSHS
At the end of last term a series of surveys were conducted to gain valuable feedback on how well our first cohort of Year 7 students have settled into high school. Great information was gleaned from a large number of students (in both Year 7 & 8) as well as parents and teachers (some in their first year of high school as well).

This feedback was incredibly valuable with the highlights for students being:

The feedback from parents and staff was equally positive with many valuable suggestions for further development adopted.

Of particular interest were the very large majority of Year 7 students who said they had settled into high school either very or quite well – 80% of respondents. 90% of students stated they liked having a Pastoral Care teacher who also had them for some of their classes.

How well have you settled into high school?

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

Let’s Get Active at Gabbinbar

National Walk to School Safely Day
Friday 22 May

WALK to school and collect your sticker as you come through the gates. Walking is good for your health and parents walking with their children help develop their vital safety skills.

See more information: walk.com.au

Student of the Week

Sophie (PW), Doklin (PS), Leiani (PC), Taylah (1LG), Chloe (1L), Flynn (1L), Jacobi (1P), Lachlan (1P), Abby (2G), Jordan (2G), Taij (2L), Heather (3M), Jordan (4R), Pierce (4R), Kya (4E), Belita (5M), Benjamin (6L), Sam (6W), Patrick (A2), Jaiden (A2).

Choir Music Notes

Junior Choir

Our Junior Choir will shortly be competing in the Ed Qld “FANFARE” program, to be held on June 2 at Mt Lofty High School. Information letters will be out shortly, and they should be fitted for their performance uniform by now. Please contact the Office for all details and payment.

Chappy Day

Next Wednesday (20 May) is Chappy Day. To celebrate the benefits of our chaplaincy service, leave your uniform at home and dress up in a crazy “C” costume. It could be a colourful cowboy, a cardboard computer, a crispy corn chip, or anything else starting with “C”.

(For those who are less imaginative, free dress is the go.) Bring a gold coin donation to support the chaplaincy service; this will be collected in your classrooms.

If you see our new chaplain, Chappy Tricia, wish her a Happy Chappy Day

Rob Callow - LCC Chair

Chappy Word

Hi everyone,

I hope that all the mothers had a relaxing day, although for most, that was probably impossible. Being a parent is incredibly hard work and it’s great to be able to have special days like Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day to celebrate all they do.

This week I found a little article on role models - hope you enjoy it.

Food for Thought

Whether we like it or not, the fact remains that the adults who are in charge of us as we grow up have a significant influence on our lives and on our behaviour, regardless of whether they are birth parents, step-parents or foster parents. As parents, it is our job to guide our children to become responsible and respected members of society. We need to teach them to be considerate of others, to talk through problems, instead of getting into arguments and to obey the law.

Please be aware though, that our children learn much more from what we do, than from what we say. You are your child’s role model. If you are not considerate of others, if you yell and scream when things aren’t going your way and you are in the habit of breaking road rules and other laws, then that is the pattern of behaviour that your child will most likely adopt.

Work hard at being the best role model you can be for your child. Be a loving, thoughtful and responsible parent, and you are more likely to have the pleasure of watching your child grow into an adult son or daughter that you are truly proud of.

A message from Chappy Tricia

MOTHERS’ MORNING TEA
Thursday 28 May
9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbinbar State School Hall
Hosted by City Women on the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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School Photos
School Photos will be taken by 'Queensland School Photography' on Tuesday, 26 May. Payment envelopes have been sent home 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. 8:15am.

Report Cards
Starting this semester, Gabbinbar State School will be trialing electronic report cards delivered by email, in addition to printed report cards, with the view electronic report cards being the main format in Semester 2.

Over the last week parents should have received an email from Application.ONESchool@dete.qld.gov.au using the current information provided to the school. Thank you to those who have emailed a confirmation or seen our office staff in person.

If you did not receive this email please check your junk or spam folder. Please add the email address Application.ONESchool@dete.qld.gov.au to your contacts/address book to ensure the emails do not get directed to your junk or spam folder in the future.

To update your email contact details please email us at administration@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au

Please contact the school on 4631 5222 if you have any questions.

Parent Information
We are currently updating contact details for each child at Gabbinbar State School. We have had many instances already this year in which either home or emergency details have changed but parents have not notified the school. It is vital that we have the correct contact details and emergency numbers to assist us when having to contact you if your child is unwell or injured.

If you are unsure if your details are up-to-date, please contact the office.

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. A full range of polo shirts, harlequin shirts, hats, shorts and jumpers is available.

New orange and blue scrunchies can be purchased from the office for $4 each. Cash Only.

Second Hand Uniforms
The COLD WEATHER IS COMING!

Secondhand Uniforms have plain blue jumpers for just .50c and school jumpers starting at $10. All sales are CASH ONLY

Please Note: New Opening Times

Wednesday 8.45 - 9.30am and Thursday 2.45 - 3.15pm.

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Recycle Oral Care Products
Northpoint Dental Centre is encouraging students and staff to recycle their oral care products by placing items such as old toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, caps and outer packaging and floss containers into the collection box in admin.

When the box is full, Northpoint Dental will collect and send to TerraCycle to be sorted and recycled.

P & C NEWS
The May meeting of the P & C Association will be held on Wednesday 20 May at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

P & C Fundraising - Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall and Raffle were a great success and wouldn't have been possible without the help of the P&C ladies. Thanks to Dennielle for a fantastic selection of Mother's Day gifts this year. Thank you also to Kylene, Sue, Kylie, Lisa and Shauna who helped out at the stall. Thanks also to Danielle Griffin for the donation of lovely handmade earrings and Tracey Brown for the donation of the gift voucher.

Hope all the mothers enjoyed their gifts and had a wonderful day on Mother’s Day. Congratulations to the winners of the Mother's Day Raffle, Lydia (2G), Abbie (2G), and Gabrielle (PC). Hope your mums enjoyed their extra treats.

Alison Briese
P&C Fundraising Coordinator.

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We desperately need an extra helper every second Thursday. If you can help out please let me know. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

OSHC

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news.

We are currently working on developing a Kid’s Handbook for children to read when they start at OSHC. Any suggestions are welcome.

The children have also been enjoying our shop in home corner and using lots of persistence and fine motor skills through sewing activities.

This week, we start an Educator introduction of our valued workers here at OSHC.

Suzanne is a highly experienced educator who is our Educational Leader. She is responsible for developing our programmes, taken from interests and observations of children at play. She supports the team in developing their skills, and provides an interesting environment where children learn through play. In her spare time, Suzanne breeds Welsh Mountain ponies.

Davina Quinn,
OSHC Coordinator 07-4631 5266

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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 away? 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.

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)

Open your home and host an international student

**When: July - September 2015**

We have a number of groups coming for 2 - 5 weeks during this period.

What’s expected of me?
As a homestay provider, you’ll be expected to welcome your student into your family. You will need to provide breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner. You will be reimbursed $210 per week.

For more information please contact our homestay coordinator at cks@uq.edu.au or telephone the office on 4631 1794.

Northpoint Dental Centre

Phone: 07 4638 3384
Fax: 07 4638 3392
Email: reception@northpointdentalcentre.com.au
Shop 34 Northpoint Shopping Centre
125 Ruthven Street
Toowoomba Qld 4350

Dear Reception,

We are a new family Dental Centre located in North Toowoomba. Recently we joined Coogee and Terrys Cycle Dial Care Brigade to help divert waste from landfill and raise money for local schools and high schools. This is a easy a great way to encourage students to recycle while promoting their oral health care.

We are placing our collection boxes at local schools for students and staff to drop off their oral care waste items from home. These items can include old toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, cups and outer packaging, and floss containers. When the box is full we will send it to Terrys to be sorted and recycled/converted into various products. For each approved item we will be awarded two TerrysCycle points which can be redeemed for a payment of $0.50 per point to donate to the collection location (school). Including information about this in your school newsletter will also help to promote and explain the program to teachers.

If you are interested in this free program or have any questions please feel free to reply to this email or give our friendly reception a call on 46 383 384.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you soon,

Kind regards,
Dr Ana and Team

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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
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