FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Welcome back to term 3. This term will see students given the opportunity in a variety of activities including swimming, athletics and THYME.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all students who participated in our athletics carnival at the end of last term. It was great to see our whole school participating over the two days with students demonstrating sportsmanship, teamwork, persistence and a willingness to have a go that in many cases resulted in students experiencing success that they were not expecting.

NEW RECORDS 2015
Congratulations to Lilly who broke the records for both the 100m and 200m sprints.

Age Champions
Boys - 9 Years - Biar
10 Years – Callum and Cooper
11 Years - Jake
12 Years - Jordan
Girls - 9 Years - Bethany
10 Years – Keziah
11 Years - Lilly
12 Years - Name withheld

Overall Champion House
1st - Nelson
2nd - Rudd
3rd - Evans

Boys Champion House
1st – Evans
2nd – Rudd
3rd – Nelson

Girls Champion House
1st - Nelson
2nd - Rudd
3rd - Evans

Junior Sports
1st - Nelson
2nd - Evans
3rd - Rudd

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Each year, the Department of Education and Training undertakes a survey of parents and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. This year the survey is to be completed online and all parents are invited to participate. This week, the eldest child in each family will be given an information sheet containing details for how to complete the survey.

Over the next few weeks students in Year 5 and 6 and a random sample of students from year 4 will be given the opportunity to complete this survey.

Later in the year, our school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well our school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results also form an important part of the school’s annual report. For these reasons, I hope you will complete the questionnaire to provide us with your opinions and feedback about aspects of the school’s operations.

Thank you for feedback that helps us to review our practices and improve our school.
School News

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

Chappy Word

Hi everyone,

Hope you had a break over holidays and were able to enjoy some family time. This term I will be assisting with Shine and Strength classes run over 8 weeks, with the year 6’s. I will also be continuing lunch time activities and Mothers Morning Tea. The next morning tea will be on the 30th of July, please feel free to join us.

Food for Thought

In the early 1500s in Florence, Italy, there was a huge piece of marble that many sculptors had declared as useless because of a large deep hole that was in it. There was however one man who saw things differently; he believed that is spite of this hole he could still create something beautiful.

This man was Michelangelo. After several years of hard work, he transformed that ‘flawed’ block into the magnificent statue that the world now knows as the statue of David.

Think about this for a moment. All of us have flaws and imperfections – just like that original piece of marble. Some people feel that they are too thin, too plump, too short or too tall or perhaps just not as attractive as others. These thoughts can even lead some people to believe that they are of little worth.

However, the truth of the matter is that your value does not come from what you look like on the outside; it is the beauty of your personality that will have the deepest impact on others.

Decide today to stop focussing on any perceived negatives in your appearance. Instead, work at sculpting your personality and behaviour into the best that it can be by getting rid of bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words and slander. Try being patient with each other and make allowance for each other’s faults.

If you work hard in these areas, you will automatically become a more beautiful and more loved person.

A message from Chappy Tricia

MOTHERS’ MORNING TEA

Thursday 30 July
9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbinbar State School Hall

Hosted by City Women on the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Swimming Program – Yr 3-6 Term3

Swimming lessons commence for all students on Friday 31 July. All classes are scheduled for 6 lessons over a 6 week period at Centenary Heights State High School ‘heated’ swimming pool. Below is a timetable of the lessons. The bus will leave the school 15 min before the scheduled start of each lesson and will return approximately 15 min after the lesson concludes. Cost is $45 and must be paid to the office by 23 July.

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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources – simply by doing your grocery shop at Woolworths. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Stickers can be dropped into the collection box here at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to select from over 7,000 valuable school resources including maths & science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

Student Absences

All classes will be marking their rolls digitally at the commencement of school (8.50am). Students who arrive after this time must come to the office with a parent or guardian, to sign in as a late arrival and to give a reason for their lateness as required by the system.

Punctuality and regularity in attendance are essential. Those children who do not attend regularly are placed at a disadvantage throughout their school life. When a child is absent through illness or other causes, parents can send an email to our absences@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au or call our absence line 4631 5260 24hrs a day. Please Note: A reason must be stated.

If we are going to assist students to reach their full potential whether academically, socially or emotionally then we must work together to achieve this goal.

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Gazette Distribution
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 Banking
I hope you all had a fantastic holiday and have returned back to school safe and well. I have a few notes regarding student banking this week. For Term 3 Commonwealth Bank are holding a competition with some great prizes to be won. All students need to do to enter is make 3 deposits over the term and CBA will automatically enter them into the draw. A flyer with more details is attached to this week’s newsletter. Also, a note went home at the end of Term 2 to all existing student bankers confirming that the banking day has now changed to THURSDAY each week and NO LONGER TUESDAY. So I am hoping to see all student bankers back on deck tomorrow with their deposits and hopefully we will gain some new student bankers as well. There are 2 new reward items this term. Please let me know if you would like a copy of the rewards sheet, or you can grab a copy from the office. Keep up the great banking.

Regards,
Amy Manthey
Student Banking Co-ordinator
0429 597 093 / manthey_crew@hotmail.com

Second-Hand Uniforms
KEEP WARM!!!
- Trackpants available from just $2 each.
- Jumpers from $10.
- Yoga pants from $1, plus plenty of 50c plain blue jumpers to add layers.

Hours: Wednesday 8.45am - 9.15am Thursday 2.45pm - 3.15pm.
Contact Kylene: 0412 020 030

Tuckshop News

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Welcome back every one. I hope you had a great two week break. Thank-you to our fantastic Tuckshop helpers who worked so hard on the meal deal sausage sizzle day last term. Your help was really appreciated and made the sizzle a success.

Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

P & C News
P & C Monthly Meeting
IMPORTANT NOTICE – The P & C meeting tonight has been cancelled.

Fundraising
Family Portrait Day 1st August
Sitting Time Preference Sheets were distributed in the last week of term 2. If you did not receive yours please contact me as soon as possible. Please return forms no later than the 17 July and money for sitting fee no later than the 24 July. Please return all forms and monies to the P & C Slot. Remember to nominate three sitting times and we’ll do our best to accommodate your requirements. Times will be advised the week leading up to the day.

Movie Night 15th August
Reminder for this great family night. 1st movie will be Meet the Robinsons. Screening at 5.30pm. 2nd movie will be Big Hero 6. Screening at 7.30pm. Doors will open at 5pm. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

5c Class Challenge
In isolation 5 cents is not much, but collectively these little silver pieces will raise funds for educational resources. Starts: July 20 to November 20. Collection Jars will be distributed to classes this week.

If you have any queries or wish to help out in any way, please contact Alison on 0400 128 343.

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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