FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Life Ed
The Life Ed Van will be visiting the school from 3 - 12 August. Parent information letters and permission slips will be sent home later this week.

Parent Session
If you are interested in what Life Education Programs are being offered in the school, a parent session will be held on Friday 7 August from 8:50am. This will be a short session to inform you about what Life Education offers.

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. Last week, the eldest child in each family was given an information sheet containing details for how to complete the survey.

Over the next few week 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 Road Safety Reminder
Our school can be a very busy place at drop off and pick up times and it is important that students are reminded of some basic road safety rules. Here are some basic tips for parents to share with your child to ensure they have a safe trip to and from school each day:

- **Children under the age of 10 should always be accompanied by an adult.**
- **When crossing a road, always STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK and keep looking and listening while you cross.**
- **Where possible, young children should always hold a grown-up’s hand when crossing the road.**
- **Always cross the road at a marked pedestrian crossing with designated Crossing Supervisors in the morning and afternoon.**

As parents and carers, the best way you can teach your child road safety is to set a good example yourself.
**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,

Planning for the future – it’s something we all do. We plan for the Formal, for holidays, for retirement etc. There’s certainly nothing wrong with looking ahead but sometimes we forget to take time to appreciate the present.

Each new day brings 1440 minutes for us to make the most of. We can waste that time complaining about life’s problems and disappointments or we can be determined not to let anything steal our joy.

If you really think about it – there’s not one of us who can guarantee that we will be around for the next Formal, the next holidays or our retirement. All we can be certain of is right here and now. Appreciate the opportunities today can bring, use your time wisely and look for ways of bringing joy to the lives of others.

If you can be ‘joyful’, it won’t affect whether you have a long life or a short one, but it will certainly give you far more peace of mind.

A message from Chappy Tricia

**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**

This program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources – simply by doing your grocery shop at Woolworths. Receive 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.

**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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**Chess Club**

Chess tutoring starts for **advanced chess** players this Thursday (23 July) and continues for 8 weeks. The first week is a free “come and try” for students who have learnt chess and want to know if this level is correct for them.

The cost for the term if they decide to join is **$36**. There are a total of 8 **one-hour lessons**. Signup forms will be handed out on the sign up day, with payment due by **Wednesday 29 July**.

Also this term is the **chess tournament** on Tuesday, the **1st September 2015** at a new venue, Mater Dei Primary School. This competition is open to all students in years 1 to 6. More information will be published in the coming weeks in the Gazette.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

**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.

**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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We are always looking for helpers and home bakers, so if you can help out please let me know.
Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

P & C News

P & C Monthly Meeting – 19 August, 7pm.

Fundraising

Family Portrait Day 1st August - School Library
I am still waiting on a number of sitting preference forms to come back. Please ensure you have these returned to the school P & C slot with the booking fee of $15 no later than this Friday 24th July.

Movie Night 15th August - School Hall
Booking forms have been sent home. If you would like to attend, please return to the school P & C slot no later than the 5th August.

5c Class Challenge
Challenge has started this week and runs to November 20. Remember which ever class raises the most money will win a class party.

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

OSHC

Hi and Welcome to Term 3 at Gabbinbar OSHC!
The children had a fun time during Vacation Care. Although we didn’t get snowed in, we had some exciting visitors with snakes and sea life.

We are currently planning a new small outdoor play area featuring a dry creek bed. If you know of any handymen/gardeners who would like to quote for this job, please see or ring Davina for more details.

Davina Quinn
OSH C Coordinator
07-4631 5266

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- 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

We value: Achieving our Best, Being Respectful and Responsible, Caring and Confidence
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.

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OSHC Phone: 07 4631 5266
Tuckshop Phone: 07 4631 5215 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

C&K Gabbinbar Community Kindergarten operates on our school site.

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