FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN Reports
We have received our 2015 NAPLAN reports for Students in Year 3 & 5 who participated in NAPLAN in May. Reports will be sent to parents on Thursday. In coming weeks we will receive our school reports and will be analysing our progress as a school and the progress of individual students to identify our areas of strength and areas of focus.

New Junior Playground
The new Junior playground has been opened to students this week and has been received with much excitement and enthusiasm to try out the new options of slides, climbing frames and the like. A big thank you to our P&C members for their support over the past several years in raising funds that have enabled us to enhance our playground and include a large variety of pieces.

Tuckshop Helpers
Thank you to Larry and his team of volunteers who consistently support the P&C in providing a tuckshop service for our students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I encourage all parents and extended family members to consider how they can be a part of this team — from home baking, before school collection of orders or preparation of lunches.
Our tuckshop is looking for volunteers who can give their time at home to bake either weekly, monthly or on a termly basis or give an hour or two once a term, month or each week to keep our tuckshop operating.
If you are able to give some of your time or would like further information please phone Larry our Tuckshop convenor on 0417731126

2016 Prep Enrolments
We have commenced our planning for 2016. As part of this process we have been asked to submit our prospective enrolments and consider the staffing implications.
One of the biggest impacts on our planning for next year is student numbers. To assist us in planning for 2016 we need to have an accurate forecast of our 2016 Prep numbers. If your child will be attending Gabbinbar's Prep program in 2016 we ask that you return your enrolment forms as soon as possible to enable us to confirm numbers and finalise planning for information sessions.
We also ask that you pass this message to any families who may be joining us for the first time next year. We would like to make the start of the year as smooth as possible for all involved and appreciate your assistance.

Student Arrival and Pick-Ups
Parents are advised that children should not arrive at school before 8.15am as playground equipment is out of bounds. Students who arrive at school before 8.15am, must report to the covered areas outside the senior classrooms.
Children should be ready to begin work in class by 8.50am.
After school, children waiting for their parents should move to their respective pick up area.
Children are not to play in the playground at this time as there is no supervision. Parents are reminded that younger children are not to play on the playground equipment during school time due to safety requirements. Please note that the Playground equipment is out of bounds every morning and from 3pm in the afternoon, as it is a licensed space for our OSHC facility.

Pets on School Grounds
Please note that pets are NOT allowed on school grounds at any time, eg - dogs
School News

Gotcha Awards

Lauren (2G)
Brayden (PW)
Lilly (2G)
Abby (2G)

Garden Report

The Year 4 gardeners recently entered the Yates Winter Vegetables garden competition. We were sent some radish seeds and this is what we did. First we did a Science experiment planting 6 of the seeds in a control group with all the right things for growing plants (good soil, light, warmth and water). Then we planted 6 seeds with variable conditions such as no light; no water; poor soil; and cold temperatures. Bethany here is holding one of the results; it proved to us that seeds need ideal conditions to grow. Then we planted the remaining seeds in the school garden. The radishes as you can see grew beautifully, so we harvested some last week and enjoyed a snack with them - crackers, homemade butter (also a Science experiment) and a slice of radish. Yum.

Lost Property

The lost property bins are overflowing with lost clothing – mainly jumpers. Please check bins regularly for any items your child may be missing.

Swimming Program – Yr 3-6 Term 3

Swimming lessons commenced 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.

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Student of the Week

Brayden (PW), Ella (PC), Annalise (1L), Mikkaela (1P), Brody (2G), Alex (2G), Tawny (2L), Abbie (2L), Mackenzie (2R), Connor (2R), Tyler (3M), Cody (4R), Aaliya (4R), Samuel (4E), Cooper (4E), Maddison (5C), Walter (5M), Lilly (6L), Kirrilie (6W).

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**Chappy Word**

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are having a great week. This week's article is about mistakes, definitely not a subject any of us like to talk about, but unfortunately we all make them. Some mistakes are of no real consequence, such as forgetting to put sugar in someone's coffee, but other mistakes can have far reaching results. Wrong actions taken can leave some people with feelings of great shame and embarrassment that can last for years.

What about you? Do you have big regrets that are weighing you down? If you do, please consider the following:

Your past errors do not define who you are now. If you determine that you will learn from your mistakes, those lessons learnt will be the things that shape you into a wiser, more mature and reliable individual.

You are not a fool because you made a mistake – everybody makes mistakes. You are only a fool if you don’t learn from your past errors. Admit and acknowledge what you have done wrong and make any adjustments to your behaviour that may be necessary to ensure that those wrongs are not repeated. You will then be free to let go of the past and move forward to a brighter future.

A message from Chappy Tricia

**Book Week 2015**

Book Week is 22 to 28 August. Gabbinbar celebrates by dressing up as our favourite book characters on **Friday 28 August**. This year the Student Council will collect gold-coin donations for Make-A-Wish Australia. For more information about Make-A-Wish, see [https://www.makeawish.org.au/book-week](https://www.makeawish.org.au/book-week)

Looking for dress-up ideas? Use your favourite search engine (e.g. Bing, Google) and search for “book character dress up ideas”.

**Chess**

If you would like your child to participate in advanced chess classes, notes and payment is now due. Chess tutoring continues each Thursday at 11 am. Students bring their lunch.

The Teams Championships are on September 1. Entry fee will be $15 per student with entry forms distributed soon to students.

**Library**

Parents and carers may have noticed that library borrowing days might have changed for their child. Please remind younger students to pack library bag and books ready for library.

Students come to library specifically to borrow on these days; they are welcome to also borrow at break times, and directly before/after school.

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As I mentioned last week the tuckshop is now desperate for helpers and home bakers. It would only take an hour of your time to contribute either by home baking or preparation in the tuckshop.

**Spare the time for a great cause, let me know ASAP.**

Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

**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.

**MOTHERS’ MORNING TEA**

**Thursday 27 August**

9.00am – 10.30am

Gabbinbar State School Hall

Hosted by City Women on the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend.
P & C News
P & C Monthly Meeting – 19 August, 7pm.

Fundraising
Family Portrait Day 1st August - School Library
Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser on Saturday. Photos will be back on the 22nd August.

Movie Night 15th August - School Hall
Thank you to those students who have booked. Please have your forms in no later than the 7th August. We don't have quite enough to hold the movie night yet so if you want to attend please get your forms in.

5c Class Challenge
A fantastic effort from all classes over the 1st two weeks with $635 raised so far. 3M have shot to the lead with $73.65 raised, followed closely by 1LG on $69.10 and 2G on $61.35. A class party is up for grabs at the end of the year for the highest total. Keep up the good work everyone.
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 another week of OSHC News.
A reminder to all families that children shouldn't be bringing toys to OSHC in the afternoon. Items from home are easily lost! Now is the perfect time to let us know what resources children would like us to have here as we are adding to the new resources and equipment we have been purchasing. We have recently received two Government grants which directly benefit the children and the service. We will be upgrading and adding to our technology, buying more toys, and purchasing furniture. We are also currently planning a new small outdoor play area featuring a dry creek bed. If you know of any handymen/landscapers who would like to quote for this job, please see or ring Davina for more details.
We would also like to welcome the new families we have enrolled at OSHC. From permanent bookings to emergency casual places, we are a vital service for Gabbinbar Families. We welcome any feedback you might have, and look forward to providing a safe and nurturing play environment for all children.
Davina Quinn
OSHC Coordinator
07-4631 5266

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

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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.

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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.

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Web: www.candk.asn.au/gabbinbar
Phone: 07 4613 6205
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