FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Every Day Counts
As we are reviewing our student’s progress and their support requirements we notice that there is a direct link between student attendance and achievement.

Research shows that poor school attendance is associated with:
• lower academic achievement including literacy and numeracy
• early school leaving
• leaving school with fewer qualifications
• reduced opportunities for students to learn and access educational resources, further limiting achievement
• further absenteeism in higher year levels
• increased alcohol, tobacco, and substance use in adolescents.

I take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of sending children to school every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the students to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

Late Arrivals / Early Departures
We are seeing a large number of students arriving late for school or leaving before 3.00pm. Teaching and roll marking commences in rooms at 8.50am. If families are late, parents must visit the office to sign students in so that they can be marked as present on the system. Attendance at school every day gives your child the best opportunity to do well.

At Gabbinbar State School we believe in giving each child the Greatest Chance of Being Successful.

Just a little bit doesn’t seem much but ……

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School News

Zone Athletics News

Congratulations to all our athletes that represented our school at the Zone Athletics this week. Gabbinbar certainly made a big impact on the competition winning several events. Our students tried their very best, supported one another and congratulated other competitors where necessary. I would specifically like to congratulate the below students who have gained selection in the Toowoomba Zone Team to compete at the Darling Downs athletics championships.

These students are:

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<td>Ebony</td>
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<td>100 &amp; 200m</td>
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<td>Belita</td>
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<td>Jordan</td>
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Special congratulations goes to Biar Deng for not only winning the 9 year boys High Jump but also breaking the Zone record. A huge achievement given that records have been kept for 12-15 years. This means that he is the best high jumper in our Zone over those many years. Absolutely amazing!!

Swimming Program – Yr 3-6 Term3

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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Pets on School Grounds

Please note that pets are NOT allowed on school grounds at any time. eg – dogs

Student of the Week

Seth (PW), Richa (PS), Tobi (PC), Jazdia (1LG), Jaxson (1LG), Harrison (1L), Lillian (1P), Lilly (2G), Lewis (2L), Chloe (2L), Chloe (3M), Joe (3H), Hayden (4R), Alexander (4E), Claire (5C), Cooper (6W), Bree (6W).

Gotcha Awards

Lila (2R) absent,
Nathania (2R),
Abi (2R) absent.

Chappy Word

Hi Everyone,

Have you ever noticed how most of us expect a higher standard from others than we do from ourselves?

Think for a moment –

• Do you get angry when people gossip about you?
• Do you feel hurt when people take you for granted and don’t show appreciation for the things you do for them?
• Do you hate it when you are lied to or when people you thought you could trust break a confidence?

You probably answered ‘Yes’ to every one of these questions.

What about this set of questions:

• Do you ever gossip?
• Do you always remember to thank people for the things they do for you?
• Have you ever told a lie or broken a confidence?

Once again, if you are honest, you would probably be answering ‘Yes’.

You don’t want to be judged and criticised or hurt, so limit judging, criticizing and hurting others. Start today to treat people in the way you want to be treated. It will definitely bring improvements to all areas of your life.

A message from Chappy Tricia

MOTHERS’ MORNING TEA

Thursday 27 August
9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbinbar State School Hall

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

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.

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Book Week 2015
Remember that 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.

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

Some ideas from www.kidspot.com.au
- Tinker Bell
- Captain Underpants
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Fox in Sox
- Cat in the Hat

Chess News
Chess competition forms are due back to school by Wednesday 19 August with payment of $15.

Student Arrival and Pick-Ups
Parents are advised that children should not arrive at school before 8.15am, must report to
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Tuckshop News
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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015
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OSHC
Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC News.

If you know of any handymen/landscapers who would
like to quote for this job, please see or ring Davina for
more details.

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

P & C News
P & C Monthly Meeting – 19 August, 7pm.
Fundraising
Movie Night 15th August - School Hall
This event will be going ahead.
A non-compulsory gold coin donation would be appreciated toward the cost of this event. All money raised will go back to the P&C to fund school projects.

Remember doors open at 5pm, with the 1st movie starting at 5.30pm and the second at no later than 7.30pm. Finish time is expected to be no later than 9.15pm. This is not a supervised event. If you are dropping your children off, please have them picked up by 9.30pm.

Remember to bring: camp chairs (please ensure the plastic footing is completely intact as we don’t want the hall floor damaged), blankets, sleeping bags or pillows, whatever you want to make yourselves comfortable.

Food and drinks will be available on the night. As this is a fundraising event, please no outside food or drinks unless you or your children have food allergies or aversions.

5c Class Challenge
We have now raised a total of $788.55. Due to the fantastic response so far and also the workload involved to count the coins each week, we will finish the competition at the end of term 3. So that gives 5 more weeks to win yourselves a class party. 1LH have shot back to the lead on $89.85, followed by 3M on $79.20 and 2L on $76.25. Well done everyone and keep up the good work.

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Second-Hand Uniforms
K EEP 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 Kyline: 0412 020 030

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COME ALONG AND SEE US AT OUR SIGN ON DAY
30th AUGUST FROM 10-12
AT
CENTENARY HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL HALL
THERE WILL BE A SAUSAGE SIZZLE &
2ND HAND CRICKET GEAR STALL
WANT TO HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER?
THEN COME PLAY CRICKET WITH US!

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS MAGPIES CRICKET CLUB

LORENA LIEBKE (Junior Vice President) 0402 108968
SANDRA MORRISH (Junior Registrar) 0408 022966
Search under “Southern Districts Magpies Cricket Club”

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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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