FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Great Results Guarantee 2015 & NAPLAN

As a school we celebrate our student’s achievement and recognise that these results are similar to those of other Schools in the State and the Nation. We are particularly proud of the following results for students achieving in the Upper 2 Bands in our focus area of reading:

- **Year 3** – Reading 39%       Spelling 18%,
- **Year 5** – Reading 37% Spelling 22.9%,

Other areas that deserve mention where our students are performing in the Upper 2 Bands include:

- **Year 3**: Writing 38% Grammar & Punctuation 48%     Number 31.4%
- **Year 5**: Grammar & Punctuation 22.9%  Number 20.4%

As we track the progress of individual students from Year 3 – 5, we can see that overall our students continue to make positive progress and in many cases their progress is higher than that of their peers across the state.

Our school internal data collection shows that students continue to make improvements in our focus areas of reading and spelling from Prep through to year 6.

We continue to expand our team of specialist support staff and further develop the skills of our teaching team in the differentiation of curriculum and teaching to ensure that every student achieves their potential.


Parent-Teacher Interviews for Term 3

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be offered in week 9 of this school term. Parents should be on the lookout for a special note that will be sent home next week, offering bookings of a preferred times for the above period. Parents are asked to return their preferences to their child’s teacher before Wednesday 2nd September so that a schedule for each class can be confirmed and parents notified. Please await your child’s note before seeking a particular interview time with your child’s teacher. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you then.

Unexplained Absences

Absences that are ‘Unexplained’ are recorded as such, and are highlighted in your child’s Report Card at the end of each Semester.

**Does your child have any Unexplained Absences?**

A reminder to all parents that it is your responsibility to notify the school of your child’s absence. You can do this in four simple ways by:

1. Phoning the school and notifying the office.
2. Sending a signed and dated note to school with your child.
3. Emailing the school via our website – click on the tab ‘Absentee-eLine’ and emailing us.
4. Emailing directly: absences@gabbinbass.eq.edu.au
School News

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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 role 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.

Gotcha Awards

Jada (2G), Abby (2G), Mia (2G), Joe (3H).

Student of the Week

Ellord (PW), Grace (PS), Ivy (PC), Mahalia (1LG), Layla (1L), Livian (1P), Jada (2G), Mia (2G), Jake (2L). Name withheld (2R), Lila (2L), Taj (2R), Bernadette (3M), Eden (3H), Ebony (4R), Zareena (4E), Charlotte (5C), Name withheld (5M), Jeremiah (5M), Imran (6L), Estella (6W), Charlotte (A1), Dominic (A1).

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.

Chappy Word

This week’s subject is risk taking. Risk taking – it’s something that many people do, sometimes for the sheer thrill of it all, sometimes to impress others. One of the craziest risk taking examples was when a man called Larry Walters attached forty-two large helium-filled balloons to a chair, ascended to an altitude of 16,000 feet and then used a pellet gun to pop the balloons, so that he could descend back to the ground. Amazingly, he survived. He may have enjoyed the adventure, but was it worth risking his life for?

These sorts of actions seem insane to most of us, but sadly there are many people nowadays who take serious risks with their health on a regular basis, in order to gain some sort of high. Unfortunately, the damage that they cause to themselves can sometimes have life changing results. Right across our country, there are people employed as disability support workers. Some of the people they care for were born with a disability, others received permanent injuries as a result of accidents, but sadly, there are also many people who are permanently mentally disabled due to drug and alcohol abuse. The majority of these people were once normal healthy teenagers, with the hope of a great future ahead of them, and yet now their futures look very bleak.

It is right to enjoy life, but it is never right to enjoy life in such a way that it risks destroying your mental and physical wellbeing. Please value your life and make wise choices.

A message from Chappy Tricia

These articles are taken from SU Qld Chappy Resources

Swimming Program – Yr 3-6 Term 3

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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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

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 before 8.50am.

After school, children waiting for their parents should move to the covered areas outside the senior classrooms. Children should be ready to begin work in class by 8.50am.

As I have mentioned before the tuckshop is now very 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. So get involved and keep our tuckshop operating!

Spare the time for a great cause, let me know ASAP. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

Tuckshop News

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A special thanks to Christina Kunde and Charmaine Ingledew for helping out over the past weeks filling the holes in the roster. Welcome to Erin Belot who answered our call for home baking.

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P & C News

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

Fundraising

Family Portraits
A reminder that photos will be available for collection and payment on the 22 August in the library from 9am. Apart from the sitting fee, Gabbinbar will also receive 5% of all sales from the day.

Movie Night
Gabbinbar's first ever family movie night was an event enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you as always to the volunteers who helped to cook, serve and run raffles. After running into some unexpected licensing costs, the night still managed to record a small profit.

Thanks also to Helena Murphy who supplied some fantastic home cooked cupcakes, Masterhire for supplying the deep fryer and Bain Marie, Homegrown Audio for supplying a great 5.1 surround sound system and Amy Manthey, Aaron Sapiecha and Karen Newman for supplying the raffle prizes.

Lastly, there was a bag of mixed Cadbury chocolates including Crunchies, Cherry Ripes and Caramello blocks that went missing from the hall kitchen sometime last Friday. If anyone has any information about this can you please contact Alison Briese. 0400 128 343.

Found: A sleeping bag was left at the hall after the movie night. If you are missing yours please contact Alison Briese, 0400 128 343.

5 Cent Challenge
We've now reached $944.35. 1LG remain in the lead on $110.55, followed closely by 3M on $106.80. 2L are running third on $84.90.

Reminding you all, we would prefer 5c coins. The competition will now finish at the end of 3rd term and there's a fabulous class party to win. We've now reached the halfway mark, with 5 weeks still to go.

A massive thank you from the P&C for everyone's fantastic effort.

Fathers Day
The P&C will be running the father's day stall on the 3 September. There will also be some raffles running on the day. Flyers will be sent home shortly.

OSHC

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC News.
We are needing donation of SCRAP PAPER for art and craft and paper plane making. If you can donate some from your office it would be greatly appreciated. We are also grateful for any other donations of art/craft items, as our children love using these resources every day.

Our EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST sheet is out now for the upcoming September holidays. Please indicate whether your child will need care, as we need a minimum number of bookings to operate a Vacation care program. Remember we provide all food and activities for children during Vacation care! The booking sheet will be available from 31st of August. We would also like to welcome the new families who have enrolled at OSHC. From permanent bookings to emergency casual places, we are a vital service for Gabbinbar Families.

We are currently at capacity most afternoons, so please let us know ASAP if you need to cancel an afternoon, so families on the waiting list can receive care. Thank you

Davina Quinn
OSHC Coordinator
07-4631 5266

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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.

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

COME ALONG AND SEE US AT OUR SIGN ON DAY
30th AUGUST FROM 10-12
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.

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