FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lions Children of Courage Awards
On Saturday, Isabella Armstrong was presented with a Children of Courage Award. The award recognises young people who achieve regardless of any barriers. The Lions Club presented medallions and certificates at St Paul’s Lutheran Hall and provided afternoon tea to families. Congratulations to Isabella.

2016 Prep Transition Program
Invitations are being sent to all students who have confirmed their enrolment in our 2016 Prep program. If you have not completed your child’s enrolment I encourage you to do so as soon as possible to ensure your child has the opportunity to participate in our transition program. Enrolment applications are available at the school or on our website under the enrolment tab.

Not Returning to Gabbinbar in 2016?
If you know that your child/children will not be returning to Gabbinbar in 2016, I ask that you contact the school to let us know. This is very important to ensure that the numbers we provide to Regional Office are as accurate as possible. This will enable the school to obtain our correct entitlement of staffing and to accurately assess our capacity for out of catchment enrolments.

New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year
Queensland students will now start the 2016 school year on Wednesday 27 January — the day after the Australia Day public holiday.


2016 - 2020 school holidays and term dates

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School News

**Date Claimers**

- 08.11.15  Working Bee  9.00am to 12.00pm
- 13.11.15  Year 3 Excursion
- 13.11.15  Senior Choir Assembly Performance
- 18.11.15  P & C Meeting, 7pm
- 02.12.15  Music Awards Night
- 04.12.15  Swimming Carnival
- 07.12.15  School Concert
- 09.12.15  Yr 6 Graduation

**Payments Due**

- 06.11.15  – Yr 3 Excursion  -  $30
- 13.11.15  – Swimming  - Prep  – Yr 1  -  $45
- 08.12.15  – Deposit for Year 6 camp  $241

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

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**Student of the Week**

Miela (PW), Lachlan (PC), Serah (1LG), Lachlan (1P), Hannah (1P), Jordan (2G), Harry (2G), Joshua (2L), Jake (2L), Obie (3M), Jordan (4R), Blar (4R), Kellie (5M), lbrar (6L)

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**MUSIC UPDATES**

**CHOIR NEWS:**  
Both Senior and Junior Choirs are both working hard to be ready for their final major presentation for the year at Music Awards night on December 2. It promises to be a wonderful night with the Band and String ensembles featuring, so please plan on bringing the whole family and all your friends to enjoy your very talented children. Our Senior Choir will be the final featured choir for the year, singing at parade on November 13.

**CHOIR MUSIC RETURN:**  
ALL choir music is to be returned in Week 7 (November 16). A reminder note is being sent home next week. Any lost copies will need to be replaced.

**Performance Uniforms**

Please return the PERFORMANCE UNIFORM no later than Monday 7 December 2015. The shirt and pants must be washed prior to their return, but do not wash the vest. The uniform should be returned on a hanger, covered in plastic, clearly marked with your child’s name and class. It should be handed in at the office where a signature will be obtained as proof of return.

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**Mobile Dental Clinic News**

The Mobile Dental Clinic 42A is coming to Gabbinbar State School sometime in December before school finished. The Dental van will be open each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until 4.00pm and closed Thursday and Friday. Our phone number is 0408 767 779. All families at Gabbinbar State School have been issued registration forms and these forms will be used when making the students appointment. The year 6 students and their families will be treated first as they will be going to high school. If you haven’t returned your registration form then please return them to the school office as soon as possible. Appointment will be made with their parent / carer so they can attend with their child /children at times that are suitable with the dental van and parent.

If there are any concerns please contact the Dental Van. Thank you
Karen and Deborah
Dental Staff

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**Tuckshop News**

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The Tuckshop is a service run by the P&C and currently survives on the support from only a few students and teachers. Over the past months our sales have been considerably down. To ensure the continuation of this fantastic service we need the contribution of the whole school community.

So come on everyone, order your lunch at least once a week to keep this valuable service operating.

Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

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**OSHC**

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news. We need to know if your family will need OSHC in 2016. Our survey sheet is available at the parent sign in table. We are currently at capacity, so will need to use the Priority of Access guidelines for NEW families next year. If we receive no communication about your child’s care needs, you will be placed on the waiting list for 2016.

We have purchased a sewing machine for the children to use, and would love any donations of scrap fabric you no longer need. We are also needing scrap paper for paper aeroplane making! By donating scrap A4 paper, you will be helping us promote sustainable practices for our service and children.

We have a fair bit of lost property here, including many jumpers, hats, waterbottles and DS games. Please check if anything belongs to your children.

If you have not made this payment please check with the OSHC Office. Your child’s booking may be cancelled for after school care.

Davina Quinn,  
OSHC Coordinator  
Gabbinbar State School  
07-4631 5266

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We value: Achieving our Best, Being Respectful and Responsible, Caring and Confidence
Chappy Word
Hi everyone,

This week’s article is about Charity. Our world seems to be overflowing with worthwhile causes that are in desperate need of assistance. Just to name a few – the homeless, the refugees from wars and the victims of natural disasters and diseases, as well as people who are suffering due to physical or mental disabilities. It’s not surprising that we can be left feeling that the needs are too big and that there is nothing we can do about it all.

If that is how you feel, then I’d like to suggest another way of looking at things. Forget about what you can’t do, and instead please take the time to consider what you can do. Whether you donate unused clothing and household items to a charity shop or commit to donating a few dollars a month to a good cause, every bit you do does help.

When many people make those small differences, you can end up with major changes and huge improvements in people’s lives. If each person in Australia only gave $1 a year to help others, that would result in over 20 million dollars worth of help annually.

There is a very wise saying, ‘Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.’ What this means is that if you develop an attitude of generosity towards others, you will soon discover that generosity will flow back to you when you are in need of help.

So please take the time today to ask yourself ‘What can I do?’ and then go ahead and do it.

A message from Chappy Tricia.
These Articles are taken from SU Qld Chappy Resources.

P & C News – Fundraising
Ceramic Tile fundraiser
Parent order forms have now been sent home. Please note there is a small difference in prices that was just advised. Extra $5 for each tile size. Please return forms and funds to the P&C slot by 6th November.

Christmas Raffle
Do you own a business, or know someone who does? We are looking to run a Christmas raffle but need donations of goods or services to be able to do this. If you have something you wish to donate, please contact Alison on 0400 128 343 to arrange collection. Alternatively you can leave donations at the office. All donations will be needed by November 21st.

Christmas Appeal
This year Gabbinbar State School will participate in the Adopt-a-Family for Christmas appeal run by local charities and the Toowoomba Chronicle. We will be adopting 2 families, one for the Junior School and one for the Senior school. We will be asking for donations of non-perishable food, clothes, toys, books, other grocery items. Once we have family details we will send information home. This should be towards the end of November.

Second-Hand Uniforms
Plenty of items available in a variety of sizes. Take a look!
Open - Wednesday 8.45 - 9.15
Thursday 2.45 - 3.15 or
Contact - Kylene 0412 020 030

Working Bee
WHERE: Gabbinbar Gardens
WHEN: Sunday 8th November, 9 am till 12.00 pm
WHAT TO DO: Remove weeds and invasive plants from various gardens; particularly behind senior toilet block.
WHAT TO BRING: Secateurs, garden gloves, pruning saws, wheel barrows etc.

Make a difference this Christmas…
Adopt-A-Family
Residents of Toowoomba are invited to meet Mayor Cr Paul Antonio and available Councillors.

This is an opportunity for community priorities and future visions to be presented as agenda items for Council consideration. Attendees will also be able to ask questions.

Join us at the Toowoomba Bowls Club, 40 Lindsey Street, on Monday 9 November commencing with refreshments at 6pm. The forum is scheduled to commence at 6.30pm and will conclude at 8pm with a light supper.

For further information relating to community submissions/visions or to RSVP please contact Toowoomba Regional Council’s Community Liaison Officer, Andrew Spadbrow on:
Mobile 0474 041 010 or email andrew.spadbrow@toowoombarc.qld.gov.au
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