FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Safety Of Students
I am concerned by the increasing instances, when I have been made aware, that students have been on the school grounds very early before school e.g. 7.00am. An urgent reminder to parents that while cleaning staff are on the grounds at this time they are in various areas around the school and NOT here to supervise students. This also applies to OSHC – they are on site operating a service that is responsible for the students registered in their care NOT all children who arrive at school at this time.

We provide supervision in the Science room from 8.00am – 8.30am each morning if required. From 8.30am classrooms are open for students to enter and prepare for the school day. Parents who require supervision for their child/ren prior to 8.15am on a regular basis are asked to ensure that they make arrangement either through our OSHC or an alternate service.

It is great that there are a number of parents prepared to sit with their child/ren before school on a daily basis. I ask for your support with the following:

- Parents are asked to supervise their own children only and not the friends of your child. All students not directly supervised by their parent/carer before school MUST assemble in the Science Room.
- As before school is a non-play time I ask parents not to allow children to roam free, play ball games or access playground equipment. This is to ensure the safety of our students and minimise the risk of potential injury to students in areas that are out of bounds without direct supervision.
- We appreciate the support of parents in classroom in the morning particular in our junior school. Once the bell rings at 8.50am our school day officially commences and we ask that parents leave the classroom promptly to ensure that teaching can commence on time without interruption.

Thank You
A big thank you to those who gave up their time on Sunday for our working bee. Our Plant trail and preparation for 2016 are well underway thanks to your efforts.

Thank you to Mr McVeigh (Member for Toowoomba South) for his kind donation of a Mini Apple IPad for use by students.

Report Cards
This Semester Student Academic Reports Cards will be delivered by email. Parents and guardians are asked to ensure that they have updated their contact details in particular their email. To update your email contact details please email us at administration@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au

If you would like to request a hard copy of your child’s report please contact the Office either by phone or by email using the email address above.

Please contact the school on 4631 5222 if you have any questions.
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.

Parenting Tips from our Senior Guidance Officer (Mental Health)

SCAFFOLDING   By Michael Grose
Scaffolding is a deceptively simple strategy that works well with nervous, anxious kids as well as granting independence when there is an element of risk involved. Making it easy for him/her to succeed by being close but not too close when he/she needs you, then gradually stepping back to give him/her the space to succeed on his (her) own.

Here are 3 ways to build scaffolds to independence for your child:
1. Look for simple, safe options to start. Allowing your son/daughter to go to the public toilet at the local swimming pool is easier and safer than in a large shopping centre.
2. Do activities together. Making a cup of tea with your daughter/son is a great way to teach her/him about safety.
3. Break complex activities into simpler activities. Catching trains with friends on short trips is good practice for kids who are itching to do some activities with friends without parental supervision.

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

Student of the Week

Richa (PS), Poppy (PC), Ava (1LG), Jamie (1P), Jordan (2G), Sophie (2G), Lewis (2L), Katie (2L), Riley (3M), Joseph (3H), Cody (4R), Ashlee (4E), Jorja (5C), Jayden (6L), Estella (6W)

Gotcha Awards

Kaiah, Richa, Annabelle, Elijah, Aidan, Brayden
MUSIC UPDATES

CHORUS 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.

CHORUS 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.

Chappy Word
Hi everyone,

This week’s article is letting go of the past – this is sometimes not an easy thing to do.

If you have been hurt badly by people or by circumstances, you can often find yourself reliving those experiences over and over in your mind. Think about this though – if you picked up a small pebble every time something upset you or someone offended you and refused to put it down, it wouldn’t be very long before you had collected an awful lot of pebbles. Carrying this burden would eventually start to impact all areas of your life; your health and your happiness. And so it is with the hurts in your life. You can choose to not let go. You can cling tightly to the memory of every disappointment and negative experience. If you are like that, I can guarantee that you are not a happy or emotionally healthy person.

Recognise that there is nothing you can do to change what has already happened. However, you definitely do have the power to decide whether you allow past hurts to wreck your future happiness. The choice is yours.

A message from Chappy Tricia.
These articles are resourced from SU Qld Chappy Resources.

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

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

OSHIC
Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news.

We would like to welcome Jazmin to our team. Jazmin is beginning her career in Children’s Services and is very keen to learn!

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.

BOND PAYMENTS ARE NOW OVERDUE. 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,
OSHIC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School
07-4631 5266

P & C News – Fundraising

Ceramic Tile fundraiser
Art paper will be sent home this week with instructions. Please have all artwork back to the admin office by the 27th November.

5c challenge class party
On the 28th October, A1 & A2 classes enjoyed some yummy food and games as winners of the 5 cent class challenge. The kids enjoyed playing Zombies & Ghouls, Witch Races and watching Shrektacular.

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 can please contact Alison on 0400 128 343 to arrange collection. Alternatively you can leave at the admin office. All donations will be needed by November 21st.

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

This year Gabbinbar State School will participate in the Adopt-a-Family for Christmas appeal run by local charities Toowoomba Chronicle. We now have our families.

For years Prep to grade 2, your family consists of Mum, Dad, Girl (10), Boy (6), Boy (6), Boy (5).

For years 3 to 6 and including A1 & A2, your family consists of a Grandmother, Girl (12), Girl (11), Girl (10), Boy (7). Girl (4)

Flyers will be sent home this week. Can you please leave your donations in the boxes in the school office. All donations will be required by December 4th.

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 Spradbrow on:

Mobile 0474 041 010 or email andrew.spradbrow@toowoomba.qld.gov.au

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

RACQ CareFlight Rescue

COMMUNITY Open Day

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER | Olive Bergkofor CareFlight Centre

You’re Invited!

Join us for a rare behind-the-scenes look at our Toowoomba rescue operations as we launch our new crew quarters.

From 9am – 1pm, you can enjoy guided tours of the hangar and helicopter’s helicopter, prizes, giveaways, family entertainer and meet and greet with the rescue crew. All donations will be donated to CareFlight. The hangar is located at 160 McDougall Street, Toowoomba.

See you there!
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

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