FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Swimming Carnival

On December 4, 2015 we will be conducting our Inter House Swimming Carnival as part of our Health and Physical Education Sports program.

The aims of the activity are to give our students the opportunity to swim in a competitive environment against same age classmates. The carnival is open to all students who are born 2007 or earlier. A secondary aim of the carnival is to help the school select our school team to compete at the Range Zone Swimming Carnival in February 2016. **Students competing will need to be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres unassisted.**

**Activity details:**

Gabbinbar Inter-House Swimming Carnival and Range Zone Selection Trial

- **Date:** Friday 4th December 2015
- **Time:** 9:45am to 2:15pm
- **Venue:** Rangeville State School Swimming Pool.

Students will be competing in 25 metre heats in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly with the six fastest swimmers in each age/gender group progressing to a 50 metre final in each stroke. Students will be travelling by bus leaving Gabbinbar at 9:10am and returning at 2:45pm.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cost is $4.

Students will wear school uniform to and from the venue. Students can change into their swimwear at the pool. All students must wear sun shirts when swimming as the pool is outdoors and this is a requirement of Education Queensland. Students with long hair are also required to wear a bathing cap.

Students will need to provide their own morning tea and lunch and bring water to keep hydrated.

**Hats need to be worn at all times when not swimming and sunscreen needs to be applied regularly.**

In case of inclement weather, a decision will be made at 8am on Friday morning.

Gold/Encouragement Award Celebrations

This year the Gold and Encouragement award celebrations will be held at the school on Tuesday 8 December. No forms or money will be required.

End of Year Concert

To celebrate the end of a successful year my staff and I invite all parents and extended family members to a concert which will be held on Monday 7th December at HumeRidge Church of Christ in Hume Street, at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start. We anticipate that the performances will conclude at approximately 7.45pm. There will be no cost to this year’s events thanks to the Fundraising efforts of our P&C who have covered the venue hire cost. The program for this year will vary from previous years and will include a special performance towards the end of the evening’s program.

Office Opening Hours

The school office will be open on Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20 and Friday 22 January from 8am until 3pm.

Classroom supplies can be dropped into classrooms from 2-3pm on Friday 22 January.
School News

2016 - 2020 school holidays and term dates

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Date Claimers

- 3.4.12.15 Swimming Prep and Year1
- 3.12.15 Gabbinbar’s Got Talent Finals
- 7.9.12.15 Swimming Prep and Year1
- 02.12.15 Music Awards Night @ 6pm
- 04.12.15 Swimming Carnival
- 07.12.15 School Concert
- 08.12.15 Gold/Encouragement Award Celebrations
- 09.12.15 Year 6 Graduation

Payments Due

- 03.12.15 – Swimming Carnival - $4
- 07.12.15 – Music Program
- 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.

Payment Cut Off

The school office will not be receiving money after Tuesday 8 December. We are required to close due to Financial Requirements and processing for End-of-Year Close off. Please ensure all payments are made by 8 December.

Year 6 Camp

A reminder to parents that initial permission forms and the deposit of $241 has to be made by Tuesday 8 December.

Instrumental Music Program

All parents who have returned their 2016 Instrumental Music notes may now make payment. Please pay by 7th December. Due dates for all forms has now passed. Instruments will be reallocated to other students if forms and payments aren’t returned immediately.

“Gabbinbar’s Got Talent” update.

Auditions are completed. Finalists and their parents have been notified. The FINALS are on tomorrow, 3rd December, 11.45am for a 12 noon start.

There will be boxes with a photo of one finalist on each box in the Office. Voting closes Monday 3.15 pm. Voting is by students only. Each student may vote with a gold coin, up to a value of $5 per student. No notes, just gold coins. Finalists may vote for themselves. There will be a Junior and a Senior winner. Good luck to our finalists!

Encouragement Award Recipients - 2015

Congratulations to our many Encouragement Award recipients for 2015. It makes us very proud to see our students receive this award as for some students they are close to achieving a Gold Award and for others we acknowledge the great progress that they have made this year. We look forward to recognising more Gabbinbar students throughout 2016. We should be very satisfied as a school community that so many of our students are demonstrating the highest standards of our School Values and Expectations.

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Prep-Year 6 Booklists for 2016

Booklists from Browns Bookstore have been sent home with students. Browns Bookstore at the Bernoth Centre in Toowoomba has an established service that offers parents the opportunity to place orders on-line and collect at a time of convenience. Should you wish to take advantage of this service, please see the hard copy of Booklist that will be sent home.

Copies of our year level specific booklist information are also available at www.brownsstationery.com.au.

Parents may choose where they purchase their child’s books and requisites for 2016.

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.

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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@gabbinbars.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 question.

MUSIC UPDATES
FINAL EVENTS:
Music Awards tonight, December 2. It promises to be a wonderful night, so please plan on bringing the whole family and all your friends to enjoy your very talented children. Full performance uniform is expected, unless other arrangements have been made.
Monday, December 7 at 6pm is our SCHOOL CONCERT night at HUMERIDGE CENTRE. All classes are working hard on preparing their songs with Mr. G., which this year all come from the World’s best Musicals, as well as their other class / Grade items. We value your support in helping prepare the children with costumes and props which may be required on the night.
As we did last year, we will conclude the concert with a Prep / Grade 6 finale which should be pretty special. Again this year, we would urge you to display appropriate behaviour while the Concert is running, to encourage and support the children as they perform on stage.

RECORDER HYGIENE
Grade 4 – 5 students are reminded to take their Recorders home over the holidays to give them a good warm water wash and air dry, before putting them away safely until they are needed in 2016.
Grade 3 students are reminded that they will need to have their own named recorder by week 2 or 3 of Term 1, 2016.

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.

PREP YEAR Enrolment for 2016
This week we hosted our 2016 Prep students who had the opportunity to meet some of our staff, participate in classroom activities and play in our playground.
For those parents who have not yet completed their Child’s enrolment, you are encouraged to make this a priority to ensure that you have an opportunity to meet with one of our current Prep teachers to discuss your child’s progress and their transition to Prep.

Hearing Assessment
‘Hello Hearing’ is a new hearing test centre open in Toowoomba with no current waiting list. Children from 3. 5 years are welcome. The cost is $95 with no Medicare rebate available. Please phone 46 381515.

Uniform Shop
We are currently filling orders for uniforms. Parents wishing to purchase uniforms can complete an order form at the front office. Orders will be filled and ready for collection as soon as possible.
Please note that there will be no sale of uniforms in the last week of term (Dec 8-12th)
Uniforms can be purchased in January 19th – 22nd, 9.00am – 1.00pm. Parents can place a uniform order for collection at this time.

Second Hand Uniforms
Second Hand Uniforms sales have been closed until 18th January 2016.

Chappy Word
Another school year is coming to an end and the Christmas Season is almost upon us – the season of ‘peace and joy’.
How I wish that were true. The reality is that the violence that we see reported on our TVs every night will still continue on regardless. So where have we – the human race – gone wrong? Could it be that we no longer know how to live at peace with one another?
Consider these words: ‘Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.’ (NIV Bible).
Let me encourage you to read through these words again, and then ask yourself how your love for others shapes up against the principles above. I don’t think any of us gets it perfect or right, but this Christmas season, can I urge you to genuinely attempt to work at improving your relationships.
The results of your efforts will indeed bring some of that longed for joy and peace into your homes and lifestyles, and not just at Christmas, but on into your future.

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.

Appointments will be made with their parents/carers 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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**PLEASE NOTE:** - During the last week of school the Tuckshop will be open on Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th December instead of the usual Tuesday and Thursday. I will be doing the roster for Term 1, 2016 soon, so if you can spare an hour or two, or perhaps do some home baking please let me know ASAP. A new price list will be sent home on Wednesday 27th January, and the Tuckshop will reopen Thursday 28th January 2016. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

**P & C News – Fundraising**

**Ceramic Tile fundraiser**

Please have all artwork back to the admin office by the 4th December. If someone has experience tiling, or knows a tiler who will be happy to contribute their time for free, can you please contact Alison on 0400 128 343.

**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. Please remember we need a food hamper for each family.

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 Grandmother, Girl (12), Girl (11), Girl (10), Boy (7). Girl (4)

Boxes are in the classrooms and you can also leave your donations in the boxes in the school admin office. All donations will be required by December 4th.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. The response has been fantastic.

**OSHC**

Hi and welcome to another week of OSHC news.

The Vacation care program is OUT NOW. We will be opening for the FOUR weeks of the holidays, excluding Christmas week and New Year’s week as normal. Thankyou to our parents who indicated they need care. We will also open on MONDAY, 25th January, but places will be limited, so get your booking sheets back ASAP!

We would like to congratulate ROBERT, who has completed his Certificate III in Children’s Services this week! A mighty effort despite many setbacks over the last two years. Well done Robert. We would also like to welcome Tracey to our team. Tracey takes Samantha’s position as she leaves us to have her first Baby…another mighty effort!

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 for 2016, you will be placed on the waiting list.

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