As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all staff to thank you all for your support throughout the year. In particular, we thank the many parents and community members who have given up their time to volunteer in our classrooms and as part of our P&C and Tuckshop.

Staffing for 2016
Staffing arrangements for 2016 are currently based on a ‘predicted’ enrolment with the information we have to date.

Our staffing structure for 2016 is as follows:

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<td>Ms Carolyn Cartmill</td>
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Special Education 2015:
Miss Liz Connell (HOSES)
Ms Bev Guffin & Mrs Pat Crowthers (Alternate Class)

Specialist Staff 2016:
Mrs Julie O'Reilly (Support Teacher Literacy & Numeracy)
Mrs Rae Ahern (Literacy & Numeracy Support)
Mr Anthony Seng (Librarian)
Mr Russell Toleman (Physical Education)
Mrs Gretchen Graf (Chinese)
Mr Brett Gredig (Music)
Mr John Clyde (Instrumental Music)
Mr Michael Stockwell (Instrumental Music)

Please note that staffing arrangements will be confirmed after Day 8, 2016, pending confirmation of student enrolments. If any class changes are necessary we will communicate these to all parents early in the new school year. Draft class lists have been placed on classroom doors and in the front office; these will also be confirmed after Day 8.

We farewell from our School Ms Renee Locke, Ms Jillian Oakroot and Ms Nyree Scott from our school staff.

On behalf of staff and students I thank them for their commitment and dedication to ensuring the best learning opportunities for our students in their time here and wish them all the success in their new schools.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Wendy Peckham who has completed her contract with us and look forward to the opportunity to working with her again in the future.

I would like to thank all of our staff for their commitment and dedication to ensure that all of our students have access to a variety of quality learning experiences throughout the year.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer break and look forward to working with you all in 2015.
School News
2016 school holidays and term dates

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Date Claimers
09.12.15 Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 Graduation
Congratulations to the Year 6 students who will receive their Graduation Certificates and Medallions as a reminder of their years spent at Gabbinbar tonight. As part of this Graduation Ceremony we will recognised the achievements, efforts and contributions our Year 6 students have made throughout 2015.

Tonight we will announce the winners of the Citizenship, Encouragement, Academic and Sporting Achievement Awards for 2016.

Semester 2 Academic Reports
Semester 2 Academic Reports will be emailed home today. If you wish to receive a hard copy of your child’s report please notify the Office as soon as possible.

Parents who have requested a hard copy of their child’s report will receive it on Thursday or by post.

Office Opening Hours
Our Office will be closed from Monday 14th December 2015 till Friday 15th January 2016.

Purchasing of uniforms has closed for this year. Parents wishing to purchase uniforms can do so from Tuesday 19th January 2016.

Please note our Office will be closed for training on Thursday 21st January 2016 and on Monday 25th January 2016

End of Year Concert
Congratulations to all students and their teachers for their outstanding performances on Monday night. In particular I thank Mr G for coordinating the evening’s performances and program. It was great to see students performing as a group to a huge appreciative audience.

Gabbinbar’s Got Talent
What a great group of talented children we have at Gabbinbar. I’m sure that everyone enjoyed the performances as much as I did. This morning, the winners were announced. The Junior section was won by Gabrielle and the Senior section was won by the male trio (Jake, Jordan, Eli and Mitchell). Congratulations and well done.

School Sport Australia
10-12 years National Track and Field Championships
This week in Canberra, Kyrna Crump is competing at the School Sport Australia 10-12 years National Track and Field Championships in the 11 years AWD division.

Congratulations to Kyrna on placing 2nd in the 800 metres event winning a silver medal. Kyrna also competed in the long jump where she finished 6th.

Performance Uniforms
Please return the PERFORMANCE UNIFORM before Friday. 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 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.

Mobile Dental Clinic News
The Mobile Dental Clinic 42A is now at Gabbinbar State School. 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 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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Thank you to all our helpers and home bakers for 2015, without your support the Tuckshop would not be able to survive. I am currently doing the roster for Term 1, 2016, 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.

Have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year everyone and see you all in 2016. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

**P & C News – Fundraising**

**Ceramic Tile fundraiser**

There are still a few outstanding art pieces. Please have all artwork back to the admin office by Friday, 11th 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**

I would like to thank everyone who contributed food or a present to this year’s appeal. It was a fantastic response. So much so, that we’ve had to adopt more families. I’ve got another 3 now and hope to add at least one more. Whatever is leftover will be donated to the Salvation Army.

**Thank you to our volunteers**

I would like to thank everyone who contributed their time to the P&C fundraising activities. The Mothers’ and Fathers’ day stalls, the movie night, the portrait day, and the 5c challenge. Thanks to Julie Leahy for all the flyers she printed throughout the year and a special thanks to Naomi Daley, Kylene Howell and Lisa Ford who contributed so much of their time. I couldn’t have done it without you ladies.

Have a fantastic holiday and Merry Christmas.

Alison Breise
Fundraising Co-Ordinator

**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 are closed until 19th January 2016.

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**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.

**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 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.

We would like to say goodbye to our seniors, Catherine, Lillian, Estella, Jake, Jordan, Patrick and Sam, and wish them all the best as they head to high school. We would also like to extend our best wishes to all of our families for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. See you in 2016!

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

**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.
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