FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of all staff I take this opportunity to welcome new and returning students and their families to the 2016 academic year.

Our staffing structure for 2016 is as follows:

Class Teachers

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Special Education 2016:
Miss Liz Connell (HOSES)
Ms Bev Guffin & Mrs Pat Crothers (Alternate Class)

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

Parent Information Nights
Classes will be hosting Parent Information Sessions in Week 4 to discuss classroom routines and practices. This is a good opportunity to familiarise yourself with what is happening in your child’s classroom.

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These sessions will be held in your child’s classroom. If you are unable to attend please let us know and we will forward any information that was provided. If you would like to make a time to meet with your child’s teacher please let us know.
School News

2016 school holidays and term dates

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Date Claimers

- 05.02.16  | Yrs 5/6 Friday Sport
- 08-12.02.16 | Yr 6 Camp
- 14.02.16  | Chinese New Year at Bell Street Mall
- 16.02.16  | Range Zone Swimming
- 19.02.16  | Leaders Speak on Assembly
- 17.02.16  | P & C AGM and General Meeting
- 25.02.16  | Mothers’ Morning Tea
- 01.03.16  | Chess Championships

Student Leaders

Students in Year 6 have been invited to participate in our 2016 Leadership Program. Participation in our school leadership program is voluntary. Students who participate will be eligible to nominate for the positions of School Captain and House Captain. They will be expected to fulfill certain responsibilities during the year.

Criteria for Selection:

- High level of leadership skills
- Consistent adherence to school and classroom rules
- Very high level of responsibility and a willingness to commit to activities associated with the role.
- Well-developed communication and people skills
- High level of personal presentation e.g. always wears school uniform with pride
- Regular attendance at school

I ask that you support our students in completing their application which are due by 10.00am on Tuesday 16th February. Students will be required to present a speech to staff and peers at Assembly on Friday 19 February which will be followed by a ballot open to students from Year 5-6 and all staff. House Captain speeches will be made later that day or the following Monday, time permitting, to students in Year 4-6 in each house, with a ballot to follow.

Assemblies

All members of our school community are welcome to attend our school assemblies on Friday of each week. They are conducted in the hall and commence at 9.00am. All parents and family members are invited to attend.

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 8.30am, must report to the Science lab.

Children should be ready to begin work in class by 8.50am.

Lunch breaks are 11:00 – 11:40am and 1:10 – 1:45pm.

School finishes at 3:00pm.

After school, children waiting for their parents should move to their respective pick up area. Children going to After School Care are to walk to the OSHC building as soon as school finishes. Students in Prep–Yr2 will be collected from their classrooms by staff from OSHC. Children are not to play in the playground at this time as there is no supervision. Those being collected by car go to either the Stenner St or Mackenzie St gates and wait for their parent or guardian to arrive.

Students leaving via the Mackenzie St gate are to walk along the foot path and cross the carpark at the designated crossing. Please note the carpark in the school grounds is not a drop off or pick up zone for students, either before or after school.

Children using buses are to go as quickly as possible to their bus area where the staff on bus duty will supervise them until their bus arrives. Excellent behaviour is expected on buses. These rules are made for the safety and wellbeing of children. Children catching a bus, wait at the respective bus stops. Children are expected to behave well on the way to and from school, particularly on public transport. A bike rack is situated near the Stenner St gate, for children riding to and from school. Bikes need to be chained for security.

Later Arrival and Early Departure

We take our duty of care for each student seriously. Class teachers mark the electronic rolls after the first bell at 8.50 and again at 2.00pm each day. Students who are not present at this time are marked as absent with members of the administration team following up on absences on a regular basis.

Student who arrive at school after the first bell must report to the front office with a parent or guardian to receive a late slip and be recorded as attending from that time. There will be a time when students are required to leave school before 3.00pm. Parents or guardians are asked to contact the school in advance where possible to make this arrangement. Parents or guardians MUST report to the School Office to sign their student out of school and transfer the duty of care. Office staff will contact the class teacher to organise for the student to be at the office to be collected.

Procedure for Late arrival:

Prep-6 – Parent to sign the child in at the office.

Procedure for Early Departure:

Prep parents – Sign child out at office, member of admin, will ring teacher or aide and inform them that parent is on their way down to collect.

Yr 1– Yr 6 - Sign child out at the office and wait at office. Admin. staff will send the message down to classroom for student to pack up and walk to office to be picked up by parent.

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 on 4631 5260.
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

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Changes to distribution of the Gazette

The Gabbinbar Gazette will be published every second Wednesday of the school term. It is available from our website gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au from 5 pm Wednesdays. If you would like a paper copy, students and parents/carers can collect it from 3 pm Wednesdays from the office.

The QSchools app is the best way to keep up-to-date with events and news at Gabbinbar. To install it on your smartphone, tablet or PC, search the App Store, Google Play, or Windows Store for “QSchools”. Once installed, search for Gabbinbar and add us as a favourite. Also allow push notifications from the school; this allows us to alert you of important or emergent school news and to notify the community when the Gazette is available. More information about QSchools can be accessed from the link on our homepage.

With more parents/carers accessing our school news via QSchools app, we have decided to discontinue the email notification of the availability of the newsletter; we apologise for any inconvenience.

School Road Safety Reminder

Our school can be a very busy place at drop off and pick up times and it is important that students are reminded of some basic road safety rules. Here are some basic tips for parents to share with your child to ensure they have a safe trip to and from school each day:

- Children under the age of 10 should always be accompanied by an adult.
- When crossing a road, always STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK and keep looking and listening while you cross.
- Where possible, young children should always hold a grown-up’s hand when crossing the road.
- Always cross the road at a marked pedestrian crossing with designated Crossing Supervisors in the morning and afternoon.

As parents and carers, the best way you can teach your child road safety is to set a good example yourself.

Every Day Counts at Gabbinbar

Every Day Counts because children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day. Every Day Counts because going to school means getting a better chance at life. Every Day Counts because school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. Every Day Counts because going to school is a legal requirement.

New school closures website launched

The Department of Education and Training has launched a new website which provides detailed information on closed educational facilities (including state, non-state schools and early childhood education centres) during a disaster or emergency event. Visit http://closures.det.qld.gov.au/.

Chess News

Advanced chess lessons commence on Thursday 11 February and continue until the end of term (7 weeks total). The players learn strategies, openings and end games during each lesson from 11:00 – 11:40am. The total cost is $30 per student. If your child is interested and is in years 3 to 6, please see Mrs Darvall. Our chess club offers the following tutoring with Mr Les Lord throughout the year, subject to numbers and availability.

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Classroom Music Notes

Welcome back everyone to another great year of music at Gabbinbar. We look forward to the year’s journey in Music that we can share together.

A couple of reminders for families as we start the year:-

**CHOIRS:** Signup for the choirs will be occurring in WEEK 2 with an Agreement letter to be sent home to be signed and returned, and both choirs will start rehearsing in week 3, with very good numbers anticipated for the year’s work. All children interested in singing are invited to become part of the Choral program, and auditions are not held. Junior Choir is drawn from G3 and 4, while our Senior Choir will come from our G5 and 6’s. Rehearsals will continue with Senior Choir on Mondays and Junior Choir on Fridays. A display folder is required for music / lyrics in which Music and lyrics can be kept for practicing.

**SEMESTER 1 DATE CLAIMERS:**

Performance Dates are still being confirmed, and a DATE CLAIMER note will be coming home as soon as this is done.

**RECORDERS:**

All students in Grades 4 – 6 will continue learning recorder lessons with me as part of the Classroom Music Curriculum starting in Week 3, and ALL are expected to arrive for class lessons with their named recorder in the class basket. If your child will be starting the year without one, I would ask for a note to come to the Office to let us know when this will be rectified.

Thank you for noting these.

Brett Gredig.
Classroom Specialist and Choir Conductor.

Instrumental Music Program

Outstanding Instrumental Music Program levies need to be finalized by Friday 5 February.

Chinese New Year

**MOTHERS MORNING TEA**
25 February
9.00am – 10.30am

Gabbinbar State School Hall
Hosted by City Women on the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Chinese New Year Celebration**

**Please Note:** Date change of Chinese New Year celebration in Bell St Mall!
Now – Sunday 14 February

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Chappy Word
Hi Everyone,
Hope you all had a wonderful break. Welcome back to all of you that have returned and welcome to all the new families that have joined us this year. I am looking forward to the coming year with you all.

Mothers’ morning teas will be continuing this year on the fourth Thursday of each month. The first one will take place on the 25 February. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know each other and to get to know other Mothers in the school. It is also nice to relax, have a coffee and a break before getting on with your day. Please feel free to join us at 9am at the hall. We have some lovely ladies from City Women come along and bring some delicious morning tea.

This week I have found an article from: raisingchildren.net.au, called Morning routine for school: tips. I hope you find something in here that may help you make that early morning rush easier.

How things go at home in the morning can set the tone for the day ahead. A predictable and positive morning routine for school can help children arrive at school feeling calm, fed and ready to make the most of the first few hours of the day.

Morning routine for school: the whys and hows

Children don’t understand time in the same way as grown-ups. This can make school mornings a stressful time of day for families.

But staying calm and getting along in the morning will help you all feel positive about the day ahead. For example, fighting with children in the morning makes it harder for you to work well. It even increases the risk of you having an accident at work.

The most useful way to reduce morning chaos is to establish a morning routine for school. Sticking to a morning routine for school helps your children predict what’s coming, and remember what they need to do.

Here are some ideas to take some of the pressure out of school mornings – even if things don’t always go smoothly!

Planning ahead for school mornings: the night before

The first step in your morning routine for school is to think about what you need to do and work out a plan for doing it. You’ll probably find that you can do many things the night before.

Here are some ideas:

• Try to find out the night before (or even earlier) if there is something special going on at school the next day.
• Organise lunches and set the breakfast table ready for the morning rush.
• Get your child to have a bath the night before. This means you won’t have to worry about this in the morning.
• You might know something is going to come up that could cause conflict, like buying lunch or choosing which clothes to wear. Talk about it the night before when everybody has time and you’re all less likely to be stressed.
• Think about having a weekly schedule or calendar with reminders of what your child needs to take to school each day – for example, library books, sports clothes, show and tell, and so on.
• Think about getting ready for your day the night before as well, to help ease time pressure in the morning.

Try to read school newsletters and check bags for notes the night before. You could also try to prepare clothes, sign school notes, and get school bags ready the night before.

Your morning routine for school: tips

• Try getting up 15-30 minutes earlier. The extra time might help things run more smoothly. Also try to allow plenty of time to get from home to school. Rushing can really increase everyone’s stress levels.
• Think about an alarm clock for children who find it hard to wake up or don’t like getting out of bed.
• Tackle the morning as positively and as optimistically as you can. Good moods can be infectious. One way to do this is by focusing on the positive aspects of your children’s behaviour and praising them – for example, ‘Great to see you eating some toast’.
• If your children are young, remind them what they’re meant to be doing and when. Simple ‘to do’ checklists, even with pictures, can help as a reminder.
• Once your children are old enough, encourage them to do more for themselves – for example, getting dressed on their own, making their own breakfast, and tidying up after themselves. Mornings are easier when your children are more independent.
• Cut down on distractions. Television can distract children from getting ready, and many families have a rule about no television in the morning. Think about leaving the TV off, unless it’s a special treat for being ready on time.
• Give your children calm and clear instructions about what you want them to do, and follow up with specific praise as soon as they start to cooperate.
• Try not to give your children extra attention for arguing, whining or stalling. Even negative attention is an incentive for them to keep going with this behaviour.

A message from Chappy Tricia
This article was resourced from: raisingchildren.net.au

Mobile Dental Clinic News
The Mobile Dental Clinic 42A is open each Monday - Friday from 8.30am until 4.00pm.

Our phone number is 0408 767 779

Registration forms have been issued to all students and we are making appointments with all families who have returned their registration forms. Appointments 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, Sandra, Brenda and Mel
Dental Staff

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Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Helpers

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I am currently doing the roster for this term, so if you can spare an hour or two, or perhaps do some home baking, please let me know ASAP. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

Uniform Shop

New uniforms can be purchased every morning before 11am at the office.

Second Hand Uniforms

Get prepared for winter early. $5 off jumpers this month. Shorts and trackpants - $3 (Excludes consignment items).

Hours: Wednesday morning 8:45 - 9:15am
Thursday afternoon 2:45 - 3:15pm

Contact: Kylene 0412 020 030

OSHC

Hello and welcome to OSHC News! We would like to welcome back our families, and welcome all of our new families for 2016!

We had a fun and busy vacation care, with lots of fun, activities, and play. The water slide was a very welcome activity with all of the hot weather!

After school care has filled quickly, with only some vacancies left. If you require care, please ring and collect our Enrolment package to be on the waiting list.

Before school care is also nearing capacity. During the warmer months we will now program for limited outdoor play in the mornings.

A reminder to all families to let us know if your child is not attending on their booked day. This ensures your child is safe and reduces your fees and additional charges.

The Yearly Enrolment fee of $15 per Family will be charged this week. It will appear as YEF on your statement. Thankyou Davina Quinn, OSHC Coordinator, Gabbinbar State School 07-4631 5266

Scholastic Book Club

Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our School is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. Twice a term during term two and three a Club flyer will be sent home with a different selection of books offered. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2).

It is easy to order. This Issue’s flyer is attached. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer. Preferred method of payment - Credit card payments and orders can be made online, or on the iPhone or Google play

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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.

Email: gabbinbar@candk.asn.au
Web: www.candk.asn.au/gabbinbar
Phone: 07 4613 6205
Fax: 07 4613 6209