FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2016 Student Leaders
Last Friday we inducted our 2016 Student Leaders. We were joined by our 2011 School Captain Hannah Kinde r and Dr John McVeigh – Member for Toowoomba South. Unfortunately due to illness Joshua Melia, 2011 School Captain, was unable to attend. Congratulations to our Leaders for this Year. The Staff and I look forward to working with them and their peers to make 2016 a successful year.

School Captains: Belita Welsh, Sam Leahy
School Leaders: Lulu Watson, Rory McDonald
Sports House Captains: RUDD: Sam Leahy, Kellie McMahon NELSON: Riley, Keziah Mayers
Cultural Committee: Band: Bailee Howarth Strings: Kellie McMahon Choir: Claire Doherty, Jack

Term 1 Library Monitors: Isabella Armstrong, Paige Evans, Patrick Garvey, Eric Hingston, Jeremiah Kennedy, Bindi Klaas, Rory McDonald, Kellie McMahon.

Representative Sport News
Darling Downs Swimming
Congratulations to Sienna Deurloo who has been selected to represent our Darling Downs Region at the Queensland Swimming Championships at the Chandler Aquatic Centre in Brisbane. At the Darling Downs trials Sienna won 4 bronze medals in the 50 metres backstroke, 100 metres backstroke, 100 metres freestyle and 100 metres breaststroke. Based on qualifying times Sienna has been selected to swim in the 50 metres backstroke, 100 metres backstroke, 50 metres breaststroke and 100 metres breaststroke at the state championships.

Darling Downs Softball
Claire Doherty has been selected in the Darling Downs Softball team to play at the State Championships in August at Mabel Park. There will be many weeks of training leading up to the State Championships. Congratulations to Claire on her efforts.

Darling downs Netball
Congratulations to Keziah Mayers for gaining selection in the Darling Downs netball team to compete in the State Championships later in the year.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March 2016 from 3.30pm – 6.30pm in the Hall. Confirmation of times have been sent home to parents. I ask that you are on time to ensure that you are able to make the maximum use of the time allocated. There will be no options on the evening to extend interviews times as Teachers will be working on a full schedule.
**School News**

**2016 school holidays and term dates**

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**Date Claimers**

16.03.16  P & C General Meeting
18.03.16  Harmony Day Parade
22.03.16  Cross Country (All Grades) 9.00-11.00am
24.03.16  Mothers Morning Tea

**Gabbinbar Inter House Cross Country**

On Tuesday 22 March Gabbinbar will be staging our 2016 Inter House Cross Country. All students from Prep to year 6 will be competing in their age group races.

The order of events is listed below. Parents and care givers are welcome to attend to cheer on their children. Please note that the times below are a rough guide to the race times. If we are able to start earlier we will do so as we would like to have all races completed and medals and trophies presented before 1st break.

**Order of Events**

- 9:15am  Boys and Girls born 2004/2005
- 9:30am  Boys and Girls born 2006
- 9:45am  Boys and Girls born 2007
- 10:00am Boys born 2011
- 10:10am Girls born 2011
- 10:20am Boys born 2010
- 10:30am Girls born 2010
- 10:38am Boys born 2009
- 10:45am Girls born 2009
- 10:50am Boys born 2008
- 10:55am Girls born 2008

**Student of the Week**

Week 6:- Tennason (PW), Jemima (PW), Drew (PS), Ally (PC), Nathan (1L), Emily (1L), Harry (1LF), Gabriel (1P), Lachlan (2G), Livian (2G), Hayden (2R), Oliver (3H), Serena (3H), Chloe (3H), Aidan (3F), Carys (6W).

**Gotcha Awards**

Ava (2G), Livian (2G), Thomas (3M), Adelina (3H), Georgie (3F)

**Book Fair**

Clifford visited our school to celebrate the start of Book Fair, and dropped into a number of classes to say hello. Thank you to all parents and students who supported our Book Fair.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

On Friday 4th March students participated in Clean Up Australia Day activity t our School.

Thank you must go to the Year 4 classes and their teachers for coordinating the program. Year 4 students will use this activity as part of their studies to audit the rubbish and look forward to the report on their finds and recommendations.

**Intermediate Chess Term 2**

Intermediate Chess players are invited to tutoring on Thursdays at 11am in the Science Room with Mr Lord. Lessons will start **THURSDAY 28 APRIL** with a cost of $30 for 9 lessons. Permission forms are available from the office.

**Chappy Word**

Hi Everyone,

The first term is nearly over and it has come along very quickly. We have one more Mothers morning tea on the 24th of March, please come and join us. On the Easter holidays I hope that you all are able to spend some quality time together. It is often very hard to find time in this busy day and age, but putting aside time has great benefit for families and children.

Today’s family is very busy. Most families have both parents working. But making time for spending quality time as a family is a very important investment of your family’s time.

Here are some reasons to make time for family time.

- Spending time together enjoying fun activities is associated with kids and parents having a stronger emotional bond. These activities don’t have to cost money.
- Spending time as a family is associated with better communication amongst family members and children.
- Kids who spend time communicating with their parents tend to do better at school.
- Teenagers who are actively spending family time with their parents tend to have less behavioural problems.
- I hope you all are able to spend some time together these holidays and have a great time, have a wonderful Easter holidays.

**A message from Chappy Tricia**

Resourced from the Kids Matters website. More information can be found at: https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/starting-school/understanding-behaviour

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**P & C NEWS**

**ELECTION DAY**

This Saturday 19th March

BAKE SALE

The Gabbinbar State School P&C is calling for volunteers who are interested in taking advantage of the State Government’s election to RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL.

We are asking for your baked goods to sell at our cake stall on Election Day. Any kind of baked goods will be appreciated, but please be sure to label them with the ingredients. Disposable trays to display your baked goods on are available from the P&C room in the office. Please grab some to take home with you before you start baking so nobody has to lose their Tupperware.

If your time is too precious, why not buy a tray of baked goods when you come to vote and tell your family, neighbours and friends to do the same.

If you can help in any way on Election Day even if it’s just for half an hour, please contact Shauna Whitley on 0401 790 829

**P & C Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the P. & C will be held tonight at 7pm in the Admin building. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**Fundraising**

**School Fun Run** - The school will be holding their cross country on the 22nd March. Once again the P & C will be conducting their annual fun run to coincide with the cross country. Sponsorship forms have been sent home and need to be returned to the P & C Slot in the school admin building by Friday 18th March.

Every student who raises $10 or more gets to choose a prize from the sponsorship form and this year they will also be automatically entered into the draw for a chance to win a 2 night family holiday at SeaWorld resort to the value of $600. Please note this prize only covers accommodation.

Again there will be a prize for the highest fundraiser which this year is an iPod shuffle 2GB. There will also be a class party for the class who raises the most money.

If you have any questions please contact the P&C.

**Uniform Shop**

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

**Second Hand Uniforms**

There are plain blue jumpers available FOR FREE this week only in boxes at the office.


Hours: Wednesday 8.45 – 9.15 and Thursday 2.45 – 3.15.

Please note there is no second-hand uniform sales on the 24th March.

Contact: Kyliene 0412 020 030

**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

Appointments will be made with student’s 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.

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Eagles Basketball Club Inc.

Junior Club Muster
Saturday, 19 March 2016
10.00am to 12.00noon
Clive Berghofer Arena, St Mary’s College, Herries St.
Age Levels: U/9, U/11, U/13, U/15, U/17, U/19
Boys and Girls

Beginner and Experienced players all welcome

Eagles Club Contact Details:
eagles@toowoombabasketball.com.au
Facebook:EaglesBasketballClub
Or for more information call: 4632 8159
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
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