FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Prep 2017
We are currently accepting Prep enrolments for 2017. As part of our planning for the transition to Prep we are looking to host an information session for parents later this term / early term 3.

During term 3 we will be inviting 2017 Prep students to transitions activities. I encourage all parents to complete their child’s enrolment forms and submit these to our office so that we are able to invite your child to these activities.

Parenting Tip - 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.

Unexplained Absences
We take our duty of care very seriously and continue to attempt to improve the communication between home and school to ensure that your children are safe at all times. To facilitate this, we have commenced a SMS message system to inform parents when their child is absent from school without explanation. Rolls are marked from 8.50 - 9.00am daily. If your child gets dropped off at the classroom or school after roll mark they must report to the office to have their absence changed to being present. At approximately 10am, a text message will be sent out to inform parents of their child’s absence and to remind them to notify us of the reason.

Parents simply have to respond to the text as it will be sent to our absence email line by default. There is no need to ring the school to give the absence reason unless you believe a mistake has been made. We would rather have open communication lines between home and school and make a mistake rather than a child go missing with the parent believing they are at school and the school believing they are at home.
School News

2016 school holidays and term dates

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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.

Representative Sport News

Congratulations to Keziah Mayers on being selected in the Darling Downs 11 years Netball team that will be competing in the State Championships in Caloundra.

Music Notes:

CHOIR

Upcoming performances:

JUNIOR:- School Parade May 13
"Beyond the Black Stump"

SENIOR:- School Parade June 3
"Motherless Child"

SINGOUT – EMPIRE THEATRE - June 14

Student of the Week

Daniel (PW), Jackson (PC),  Amani (PC), Phoebe (1L), Liam (1L), Elijah (1LF), Gemma (1LF), Allie (1P), Ella (1P), Jamie (2G), Rachael (2G), James (2F), Isabelle (2R), Annastacia (3M), Ambrose (3H), Lilly (3F), Grace (4R), Max (4E), Sienna (5D), Elijah (5/6I), Keziah (6C), Jorja (6W), Freyja (A1).

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken by 'Queensland School Photography' on Tuesday, 24 May. Payment envelopes will be sent home on Friday and are to be returned to the photographers on 24 May. Envelopes for family photos are available from the school office. Please note that family photos will be taken before school, from approx. 8:20am.

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Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students;
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Chappy Word

Teaching Children Better Friendship Skills

Are you worried that your child is having trouble making friends? Perhaps he or she walks out of the school gate alone each day or talks of trouble finding other children to play with at lunchtime.

It’s important to remember that like so many aspects of your child’s development, friendship is a learned skill. Just like learning to play the piano or ride a bike, practice helps children learn how to interact with other children and make friends.

The long-term benefits of friendship are many. Through friendships, children learn to relate to others and foster a sense of belonging to a group – skills that will continue to serve them into adulthood. Plus, children with friends are more self-confident and perform better academically at school than those without friends.

But friendships are not always easy. Your child may find it difficult to share their favourite toy or listen to another child’s instructions during a game in the playground. Children who are bossy, aggressive or unable to say sorry can be difficult to get along with.

The good news is that there’s a lot parents and carers can do to help children make friends. You are one of the most powerful influences in your child’s life, so make the most of it, and remember that children are learning social skills through their relationship with you and from watching how you relate to other people.

You can also promote positive social skills:

- Teach your child to smile and say thank-you when another
child lends them a toy.
• Plan a fun game for when your child invites a friend over for a play date.
• Talk to your child about their friends and any problems they might be having – this helps children feel supported and encourages resilience.

A message from Chappy Tricia.
This article was resourced from the Kids Matter website.

MOTHERS MORNING TEA
28 April
9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbinbar State School Hall
Hosted by City Women on the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mobile Dental Clinic News
The Mobile Dental Clinic 42A is open each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until 4.00pm. The Dental van is closed Thursday and Friday. Our phone number is 0408 767 779.

We are still contacting 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 And Deborah
Dental Staff

P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting
The monthly meeting of the P & C will be held on Wednesday 18 May at 7pm in the Admin building. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Fundraising
School Fun Run
Winner of the highest fundraiser will be presented on assembly this week. We will also be drawing the prize of the accommodation voucher from Seaworld. Please note that the winner of the raffle will need to contact Australian Fundraising to get the accommodation voucher and will have until the 30th June 2016 to use the voucher.

Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will run the mothers day stall on Wednesday 4th May. All volunteers to run the stall please meet at the hall by 8.30am for set up. Flyers are being sent home this week. A second stall is to be run on Friday 5th May at the tuckshop from 3-3.30 for those looking for extra presents.

Mother’s Day Raffle
The P&C will also be raffling some great prizes for mums. Tickets will be available at the stall and at the admin office. Prizes will be drawn on the Friday assembly before Mother’s Day.

If you have a small business and would like to donate products for the stall or raffle, or if you can contribute your time to help man the stall, please contact the P&C.

Tuckshop News

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Over the coming weeks we will be introducing some new food items to start meeting the “New Smart Choices” to be implemented in 2017. Please watch this space to stay up to date with the changing menu over the next few months, a lot of new products will be introduced and unfortunately some old favourites will be discontinued.

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
Hours: Wednesday 8.45 – 9.15 and Thursday 2.45 – 3.15.
Contact: Kylene 0412 020 030

OSHC
Hello and welcome to OSHC News!
This week we are making some Mother’s Day treats, and working with clay. We are also looking at life skills, with children being encouraged to look after their belongings and our resources. You can help by reminding your child to remember their hats, water bottles, jumpers and homework. A reminder that children should be encouraged to leave toys at home.

We are pleased to announce we have received Level two of the Small Green Steps Sustainability program. This system assists us to examine and document our sustainable practices. We are currently working on reducing plastic packaging in our service. Any feedback is most appreciated!

We have updated some policies for service operation. 5.1 Food Handling and Storage states “Perishable food bought from home by children will be refrigerated as soon as possible ”. As lunchboxes aren’t at acceptable temperatures for safe food consumption by the afternoon, we may need to replace a lunch box item if your child wants to eat lunch at after school care. Please see me if you have any questions about this, or any other policies.

Bond payments are required from all families using our service. A reminder letter has been sent to some families, and bookings may be cancelled if Bond payments remain outstanding.

After school care is nearly at capacity, with only a couple of places left. Before school care is also filling quickly. If you require care, please ring and collect our Enrolment package from home by children will be refrigerated as soon as possible.

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.

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

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Cobb & Co Museum Holiday Programs

Winter Holiday Program
Museum Zoo Program in conjunction with the Room Full of Wild Animals exhibition
Mon 27 June to Fri 8 July 2016 (Weekdays only) $10 each
daily shows at various times

Have Another Look Captain Cook – Indigenous Week Activities
Mon 1 to Fri 5 August 2016 – 10 am to 2 pm daily – similar program to last year
Make a booking for a one day visit
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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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