FROM THE PRINCIPAL
This week our Year 3 and 5 students are participating in the National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Program. Students who are absent for a test will sit the test on their return, with all testing concluding by this Friday 13th May. Reports will be issued to parents later this year identifying students achievement in the areas assessed.

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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 school or classroom after roll marking 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.

TOR – Restorative Justice
From time to time parents get a letter home to inform them that their child has attended the TOR Room. Attendance at TOR doesn’t always mean your child has done something wrong but rather been involved in an incident of concern.

HOW IT WORKS
The process has a restorative rather than retributive philosophy & focuses very clearly on the need to rebuild relationships in the wake of harmful antisocial behaviour (e.g. fights, serious bullying, abusive language & offences against property). Young people rarely have any idea who they have hurt, or how badly, when they do the wrong thing. Effective teachers have always known that the relationship between teacher and student lies at the heart of compliance in classrooms or out in the playground. The restorative philosophy recognises that when wrong doing occurs, relationships are damaged. For successful learning to occur, these relationships must be put right.

ACKNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTAND, FORGIVE
TOR is designed in a way that allows all those affected a chance to tell their stories about the harm that has been done. Being able to talk about deeply negative feelings is a great relief. Having those feelings acknowledged & validated is even better. Seeing the young wrongdoer finally understand the hurt, be genuinely remorseful & offer an apology from the heart does something very fundamental for those affected — it allows them to forgive, but NOT to let the wrongdoer off easily. They are often asked to do any number of things to repair the harm. The philosophy of restoration & transformation offers hope for those of us who want our kids to grow up in a world where they understand that whatever they do, good or bad, will have an impact on someone else. If that impact is harmful, the way forward is to make things right.
**School News**

**2016 school holidays and term dates**

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**Date Claimers**

- 10,11,12.05.16 NAPLAN Testing
- 13.05.16 Junior Choir - Assembly
- 18.05.16 P & C Meeting
- 18.05.16 Crazy Sock Day
- 19.05.16 Fan Fare (Band & String Ensemble)
- 20.05.16 Walk To School- Litter Free Lunch
- 24.05.16 School Photos
- 26.05.16 Mothers Morning Tea
- 03.06.16 Senior Choir - Assembly
- 14.06.16 Sing-Out (Senior Choir)

**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.

**Walk To School Day**

Friday 20th May is National Walk to school Safely Day. Take the opportunity to try walking some or all of the way to school. As you come through the gate you will receive a reward from Year 6 students who are currently looking at the importance of exercise every day.


**LITTER-FREE Lunch** - Combine your walk to school with a litter-free lunch and help the Year 4’s in their campaign to reduce the litter in our school.

**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:**

Reminder that Performance Uniform payment is now due. Students have been fitted for their uniform. These can be collected from the office when payment is made.

**Upcoming performances:**

- **JUNIOR:-**
  - School Parade May 13
  - “Beyond the Black Stump”
- **SENIOR:-**
  - School Parade June 3
  - “Motherless Child”
  - SINGOUT – EMPIRE THEATRE - June 14

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photos will be taken by ‘Queensland School Photography’ on Tuesday, 24 May. Students are expected to be dressed in their full school uniforms on this day. Payment envelopes have been sent home and must 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.

**Student of the Week**

Madison (PW), Jesse (PW), Alejandro (PS), Sophie (PC), Ardelan (1L), Kaiah (1L), Gemma (1LF), Joshua (1LF), Lachlan (1P), Ava (2G), Anna (2F), Jordan (2F), Sienna (2R), Adhin (3F), Roua’a (4R), Tycannah (4R), Teddy (4E), Kiara (5M), Ebony (5M), Luke (A1), Dominic (A1).

**GOTCHA AWARD** - Anna (2F)

**Chappy Word**

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As part of Chappy Week, I will be running some minute- to-win-it competitions during the week, some will run in class and some during the lunch breaks.

I often get asked what a chaplain does. So with Chappy Week coming up, I thought I would give a brief explanation of the work that chaplains do in the school and the community.

Chaplains are a safe person for children to connect with at school, providing a listening ear and caring presence. They care for students struggling with a wide range of issues, including: family problems, confusing relationships, friendship issues, peer pressure, self-esteem issues, bullying and depression.

Chaplains run positive, fun activities for children both in and out of school, and foster a supportive and caring school community. This includes support for at-risk students, support for staff and families from the wider school community and spiritual support and direction for the school community.

The partnership between the school and the chaplain, supported by local churches, businesses and community organisations – and in many cases supported by federal government funding - provides a network of local support. These positive relationships help children to face issues and provide hope, connection, meaning and purpose.

If you would like to know any more about school chaplaincy or some of the things I do, please feel free to come and have a chat.

Chappy Tricia

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Lunch Time Dance

Many students have elected to spend Tuesday second break learning to dance with Mr Peter Vernon. So far they have learnt a progressive jive, gypsy tap and much more, all danced to modern music. Great fun!

Mobile Dental Clinic News

School Dental Van 42A is leaving Gabbinbar State School on Thursday 12th May. Once the Dental Van has left the school if you have an emergency toothache please phone 1300 082 662 at 8am Monday to Friday to arrange an appointment for that day. For all non-urgent concerns please phone 4616 6436 after 9am. Thank you to the Staff, Parents and our Clients for making our stay so pleasurable.

Karen and Deborah
Dental Staff

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

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

Mother’s Day Raffle

The Raffle was drawn on parade last Friday. The winners were: Georgina (PS), Patrick (6W), Joshua (3F), Georgia (6W), Kayl (1P), Tommy (2F), Luke (5M). Congratulations to everyone.

Mother’s Day Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported the stall and raffle. We managed to raise nearly $500. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped man the stalls on both Wednesday and Friday. Your help is very appreciated. Thank you also to Kellie Jesse-Reimers who donated some lovely handmade items for the stall. Congratulations to the winners of the raffles. We hope the mum’s and grandma’s enjoyed their Mother’s Day gifts and had an enjoyable day.

Pie Drive

We will be sending home forms for a pie drive within the next fortnight. If you have time to help with this fundraiser, please contact the P&C.

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Day  | Tuckshop Helpers  | Tuckshop Home Bakers
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Thursday 12 May | Larry Heuston/Rebekah Nelson Karen Newman | Karen Newman Sue Long
Tuesday 17 May | Larry Heuston Jane Higgs/Chiara Oeser | Ryan Walker
Thursday 19 May | Larry Heuston/Rebekah Nelson Rob Callow/Lexie Shackleton | Erin Belot
Tuesday 24 May | Larry Heuston Belinda Parkes/Leslie Howman | Nat Herbert

Over the coming weeks we will be introducing some new food items to start meeting the “New Smart Choices” that will be implemented in 2017. “Koala Popcorn” is our first new product, 3 flavours, BBQ, Sweet & Salty and Chicken, still $1.00 pack. Meat pies will soon be discontinued and replaced by “Four and Twenty Slams” they are a pack of 8 small party pies available in three flavours, Beef, Chicken And Hawaiian Pizza. 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

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OSHC
Hello and welcome to OSHC News!
This week we are looking at all the travelling our children and families have done, and also our pets. Any pictures you have of your pets would be a great addition to your child’s portfolio. 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 have placed a new noticeboard at the OSHC door. This is for our community noticeboard. If you have any flyers or information which may be of interest to the community, please see me to add to our notices. We also have our community produce table if you have any spare produce you would like to donate or swap. I know my avocado tree is close to bursting!

Bond payments are required from all families using our service. A reminder letter has been sent to some families, and current and future bookings will not be accepted 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 to be on the waiting list.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS
Help Wanted
On Friday 6 May at 3.10 my son was involved in a car accident outside Gabbinbar School in McKenzie Street just down from the crossing. The 2 cars involved was my sons white Hilux Ute and a blue Nissan Pintara Wagon rego no. 434 VMR. If anyone saw this accident could you please contact me. My contact number is 0400 359561 or Shane 0409 331039.

Any help or any information supplied in this matter would be a great help to my son.

Thank you
Vanessa Mengel

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
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
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Phone: 07 4613 6205
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