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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with mixed feeling that I announce that Trish will be leaving our staff at the end of this term as her family will be relocating to the South East corner. She will continue to run her programs and work with students this term while the recruitment process to find a new Chaplain for our school is undertaken by SU Queensland.

SHOWCASE

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that our school has been awarded the Regional Showcase Awards for Excellence in the **Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in Early and Primary Years with our submission entitled:**

Strong Foundations – Strong Futures

The basis of our program recognises that Oral Language and reading form the foundations for success in learning. At Gabbinbar State School we recognised that our students have a diverse range of learning needs. We also recognised that early intervention in the Prep year focusing on oral language was essential to identifying students learning needs and implementing evidence based programs to ensure all students were able to engage in learning and experience success with literacy.

Explicit teaching of reading, writing and spelling using First Steps, 7 Steps to Writing Success and Words their Way Spelling, for all students from Prep to Year 6 ensures that each student receives differentiated teaching in response to diagnostic tests that identify their specific learning needs.

Tracking of students' progress indicates that all of our students continue to make positive progress with their learning which is confirmed through our School NAPLAN data. School NAPLAN data over time shows improvement in the Mean Scale Score, which demonstrates the overall improvement in students' outcomes in Reading. Our NAPLAN data also shows an increase in the number of students in the Upper 2 Bands telling us that our students are reaching their potential.

NAPLAN School Improvement 2013 – 2014 and 2008 – 2014 when compared to the Nation, indicates that our improvement in Year 3 Reading and Year 3 and Year 5 Upper 2 Bands is above the positive threshold (or no room for improvement), with Year 5 Reading, between zero and the positive threshold. School Improvement 2008 – 2015 when compared to the Nation indicates that our improvement in Year 3 across all areas of Literacy and Year 5 Reading and Number, is between zero and the positive threshold, with Year 3 Number above the positive threshold (or no room for improvement). School Improvement in the Upper 2 Bands indicates Year 3 Reading, Year 5 Spelling and Number is between zero and the positive threshold, with Year 3 Writing, Grammar and Number and Year 5 Reading above the positive threshold (or no room for improvement).

These improvements in our data tells us that the improvements in our individual student progress, their performance on these tests, and our school performance overall is high and shows that there is little or no room for improvement.

These improvement comparisons highlight the success of our program in ensuring that all students are learning and reaching their potential.



Regional winner

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School News

2016 school holidays and term dates

Term	Dates	Length
Term 3	Monday 11 July - Friday 16 Sept	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 4 October - Friday 9 Dec	10 weeks

Date Claimers	
28.07.16	Mothers' Morning Tea
29.07.16	Library Monitor Badge Presentation
29.07.16	Interschool Sports (Year 5 and 6)
02.08.16	ICAS English Test
04.08.16	Interschool Sports (Year 5 and 6)
10.08.16	Salaka African Drum Beat
21-26.08.16	Book Week

Payments Due	
27.07.16	Interschool sport - \$22
02.08.16	African Drum - \$5.50
<i>Payments for Excursions, Performances or Student program will not be accepted after the payment due date under any circumstances.</i>	

Payments

Account payments can now be paid in person at the office via EFTPOS (amounts over \$10), cash or a cheque payable to "Gabbinsbar State School" or via **Bpoint** (an online credit/debit card payment facility). When using Bpoint you will need the CRN and the invoice number. **Please note a separate transaction will be needed for each student and each invoice.** If you have any queries, please contact the office.



SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Each year, the Department of Education and Training undertakes a survey of parents and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. This year the survey is to be completed online and all parents are invited to participate.

Later in the year, our school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well our school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results also form an important part of the school's annual report. For these reasons, I hope you will complete the questionnaire to provide us with your opinions and feedback about aspects of the school's operations.

Thank you to parents who have completed the School Opinion Survey. The survey is open till 29 July for those who have not completed the Survey and still wish to do so.

Advanced Chess Term 3

Advanced Chess players are invited to tutoring on Thursdays at 11am in the Science Room with Mr Lord with a cost of \$30. Permission forms are available from the office.

Gotcha Awards

Callum (3M)



Student of the Week

Kaelan(PW), Will(PW), Lachlan(1L), Hailey(2G), Jackson (3M), Annika(3H), Mia(3F), Chloe(4R), Riley(4E), Daniel(5M), Samuel(5M), Biar(5/6I), Hans(6C), Piper(6W), Charlotte(A1)



Gold Award Ceremony

On Friday the 15 July, we recognised the positive contribution the Semester 1 Gold Award nominees make to our school community. On behalf of staff I take this opportunity to congratulate these students on this achievement and thank parents for their support, working with us to see children making these positive behaviour choices consistently throughout their school life.

The recipients are:

6W Isabella Laura Claire Charlotte Piper Carys Bindii Jorja Jessica Lola	6C Tammy Bailee Keziah Tianna Belita 5/6I Sam Rory Elijah Riley	5D Tracey Bethany Sienna Annika Sarah Hannah Bronson	5M Samuel Kya Sophie Kiara Karina Luke Zareena Ebony Ajay
A1 Freyja 4E Aodh Siena Blake Riley Bella Sylvia	4R Roua'a Obie Jessica Mikayla Eden Jakiah Heather Alan Ella Chloe Chelsea Mia	3F Alex Mia Lauren Aidan Holly Abby Bella Adhin Bianca Jada	3H Constance Kelsey Annika Oliver Serena Abbie Mia 3M Lanu Thomas Chloe Emma Eve Anastacia
2F Maha Chelsea Niamh Thomas Saxon Hillman Jordan Chloe Ella Anna Flynn	2G Angeline Jamie Livian Lachlan Jacobi Chase Rachael 2R Jack Sienna Keeley-Anne Emma	1L Nathan Samuel Kaiah Elliot Ardelan Eden 1LF Abraham Mia Gemma Joshua Deklin 1P Ivy Kayla Sophie	PC Katherine Jackson Summer Lachlan Sophie PS Jorah PW Ebony Jaxen Sarah Elaina

Chappy Word

Hi Everyone,

You may have noticed on the front page of the newsletter that I will be leaving the school at the end of this term. Unfortunately this is the case. For over a year now, my husband has had to travel 2 hours back and forward to work nearly every day and we have made the decision that it would be better for us to move closer to his work.

I have really enjoyed working at Gabbinbar State School and getting to know all the staff, students and families and will miss you all when I leave. In the meantime I am determined to continue to assist, be a listening ear and to support the school community the best that I can. So please don't hesitate to continue to talk to me about concerns you may have.

This Thursday we have the Mothers' Morning Tea on in the hall. Also next week I will be absent from the school at the annual SU Chaplain Conference, where chaplains from Queensland and the ACT meet up and attend some valuable PD sessions.

This week's article is a follow on from the last newsletter article called Happy Families work together.

Working together as a family

Discussing things as a family is often very helpful for dealing with concerns and negotiating solutions to conflicts before they get bigger.

- Talking together provides an opportunity to clarify roles and expectations.
- Be sure to talk about what is working well in family relationships and not just the difficulties.
- Build trust in family discussions by respecting and listening to everyone's views without judging or putting them down.
- Encourage children as well as adults to hear and understand each other's views and needs.

Discussing things as a family can encourage children as well as adults to solve problems creatively. For example, once he understands that Tina just wants him to play with her, 12-year-old Luke might negotiate to spend a half-hour playing with her after dinner in exchange for her giving him uninterrupted time to get on with his homework. Having a chance to express needs in positive ways encourages healthy communication, support and cooperation.

Things to discuss

- Set up chores roster
- Tina wants to play more
- Luke wants space when he has to do schoolwork
- Dad (Robert) wants more hellos and hugs

A message from Chappy Tricia

Resourced from the Kids Matters website.

MOTHERS' MORNING TEA

Thursday 28 July
9.00am – 10.30am
Gabbinbar State School Hall



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



School Chaplain

Applications are invited for the position of School Chaplain at Gabbinbar State School. The position is for three days per week. Chaplains provide social, emotional and spiritual support to school communities. They are in the prevention and support business; helping students find a better way to deal with life issues. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence in the school, available for all students, staff and families.

Further information is available on the SU Qld website <https://www.suqld.org.au/morehands> or by contacting David Cowie, Field Development Manager, Toowoomba District of SU Qld email davidc@suqld.org.au or phone 0414014944)

School Crossings

Parents are reminded not to stop unnecessarily at crossings unless a School Crossing Supervisor is about to enter the road as this creates a bank up of traffic. Our SCS have been trained to monitor this as well. 😊

P & C NEWS

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Day	Tuckshop Helpers	Tuckshop Home bakers
Thursday 28 th July	Larry Heuston Charmaine Ingledew Rebekah Nelson	Sue Long
Tuesday 2 nd August	Larry Heuston Jane Higgs Kylie Tomasi	Sarah Brown-Duthie
Thursday 4 th August	Larry Heuston/Rob Callow Christina Kunde	Erin Belot
Tuesday 9 th August	Larry Heuston Chiara Oeser	Nat Herbert

"Celebrate Canteen Week" starts Monday 8 to the 12 August, this event is to promote, recognise and celebrate all the great benefits of having a school canteen. So please help and support this vital school service and say thank you to the volunteers that are essential to making our canteen run smoothly and efficiently. We are always looking for helpers and home bakers, if you can help out in this term please let me know.

Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

Fundraising

Father's Day Stall & Raffle

The P & C will be holding a Fathers' Day stall on Thursday 1 September in the Hall from 9 to 11am. There will also be Fathers' Day raffle. Tickets will be available at the stall and will be drawn on assembly on the 2 September.

If you can volunteer your time to assist with the stall please call Alison on 0400 128 343.

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!
 On Monday August 15, we will be selling cupcakes to raise money for the RSPCA Cupcake Day. Any donations on or before this day would be greatly appreciated. We believe caring for animals and our community is an important part of what we do at OSHC.

Life skills are also an important part of children's leisure time. 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. If children have extracurricular activities such as reading groups, we need to be informed of this by a parent/guardian as it requires children moving from care environments.

We have placed a new community noticeboard at the OSHC door. 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.

In Term 3 we will begin charging non-cancellation fees for BEFORE SCHOOL CARE. 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.

Lost Property

We have many sets of glasses in the lost property. If you think they may belong to your child, please contact the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Celebrating 11 Years!
TOOWOOMBA Languages & Cultures FESTIVAL 2016
One World - Many Faces
 Sunday 14 August 10am - 4pm Queen's Park
 Entry: Kids Free, Adults \$5
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 - Music & Dance Performances
 - Health & Wellness Expo
 - Arts & Crafts
 - Languages, Schools, Community Displays
 - BBQ Wokeycat
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 For inquiries, contact Frances Holmes 0408 070 300 - TLCFestival.com.au

BuddyVerse Minecraft Camps: Canvas CoWorking Inc, Toowoomba

Tickets and info at:
 Saturday 13th Aug <https://buddyverse.com/camps/91>
 Sunday 14th Aug <https://buddyverse.com/camps/92>
 Cost: Tickets start at \$65
 Children aged between 5 & 15
 Email or call Julian: buddyverse@julianclarke.co.uk or 0421 543 317
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 SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST 2016, 10-12 AM
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 Under 17 Girls | Boys
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 A Grade (A1) Women | Men
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 All games played at Kearneys Spring Sports Complex. Training: Tuesday afternoons (Starts 6th September)
 Toowoomba Softball Association season starts early October so get in quick to sign up. And don't forget to BRING A FRIEND!!
 Get Started Vouchers: Vouchers available to help pay for membership. \$150 available to those who are eligible.
 Kirsty Prouten 0413 020 073
 Tracy Edards 0439 939 881
 EMAIL: warriorssoft@dodo.com.au
 WEB: warriorssoftball.org.au

If you able to assist with volunteering please email Maud at maud.baqnall@yahoo.fr



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• If you miss the first session, registration will be accepted at anytime.	Time: Lunch Time - 11-11:45am
• Parents to pack: Lunch Box, Water, Cap, Pump, Card Pack, Whistle, Soccer and Socks.	Cost: \$75.00
• Please note \$10 extra accepted online payments, cash and cheque.	Length: 8 Weeks
• Cash payments to be handed into the office and will be collect via AFD mail.	Venue: Gabbibar SS Oval
	Contact: Tishara 0421 246 220 or Tishara.Alyson@afd.com.au

BRISBANE LIONS Come and see **The Brisbane Lions!** Simply contact www.brisbanelions.com.au ending by Sunday 31st July, to receive 4 complimentary tickets* (3 adults & 2 children) for a selected match to see the mighty Brisbane Lions in action at the Gabba. Further details about the ticket offer will be sent to eligible participants early August. *Selected matches only, subject to availability.

Register & Pay Online at: AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU

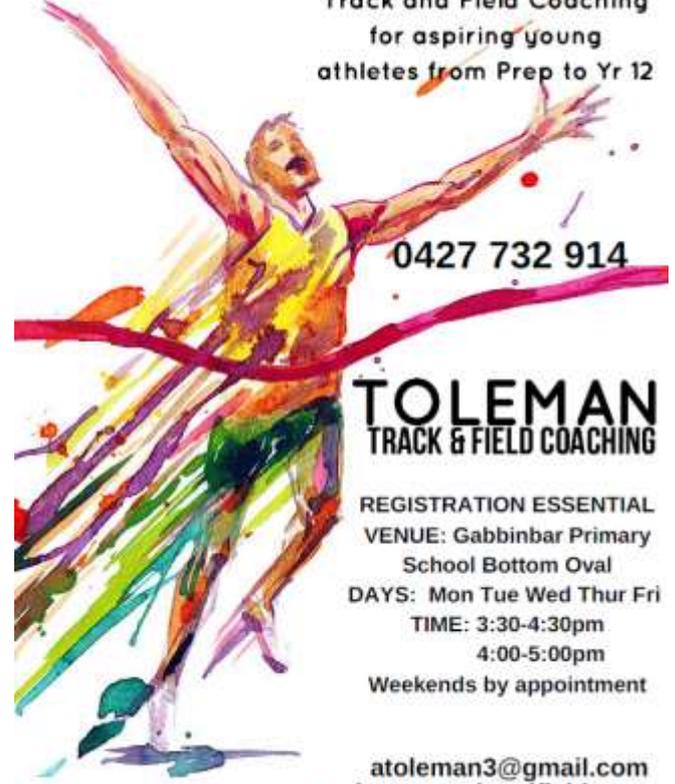
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4:00-5:00pm
Weekends by appointment

atoleman3@gmail.com
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Coaching Services

Superhero Squad Yrs P-2 - \$5 per student
45 minute fun based session for young children. Motivating students to develop an understanding and love for Athletics. All round fun & fitness using gameplay.

Lightning Squad Yrs 3-6 - \$5 per student

1 hour session with emphasis on developing Track & Field skills, technique, core stability in aspiring young athletes. Focus is on individual event strengths, correct technique and training as they develop and progress through school competition.

Junior Training Squad Yrs 7-9 - \$7 per student

1.5 hour session for maturing young athletes with a focus on specialising in a chosen track or field event. Disciplines in block starts, finishing, warm-up, drills, speed, endurance and nutrition are all discovered here.

Senior Training Squad - Yr 10 to Masters - \$10 per athlete

1.5 hour session (includes periodised program) for well developed athletes wanting to enhance their performance in a competitive environment comprising elements of speed, endurance and power. Key focus on elements of technique, core stability, discipline, speed and power.

Team Fitness & Conditioning - \$10 per person or \$100 per Team

A motivational conditioning based program done at your chosen Team facility to enhance speed, speed endurance, power & core stability into a cross section of sporting disciplines. Speed is the key element to success in any sport.

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www.tolemantrackandfield.com
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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
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