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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of all staff I take this opportunity to welcome new and returning students and their families to the 2017 academic year.

Staffing for 2017

Staffing arrangements for 2017 are currently based on a 'predicted' enrolment with the information we have to date. Our staffing structure for 2017 is as follows:

Class Teachers

Prep Mrs Trina Savio

Prep Ms Andrea Watson

Year 3 Mr Glen Hanssen

Year 3 Mrs Lisa Freeman

Year 3 Ms Janet Morgan

Year 6 Mrs Melissa Darvall

Year 6 Mr Glen Whisson

Year 1 Ms Rachael La Franchi

Year 1 Mrs Michelle Lee

Year 1 Mrs Donna Parker

Year 4 Mrs Marion Elvery

Year 4 Mrs Sam Ritchie

Year 4 Mr Scott McGovern

Year 2 Ms Carolyn Cartmill

Year 2 Mrs Vanessa Gordon

Year 2 Ms Jennifer Rahder

Year 5 Mrs Sue Coleman

Year 5 Mrs Marg Innes

A1 (Alternate Class)

Mrs Bev Guffin

Special Education 2017:

Miss Liz Connell (HOSES)

Ms Bev Guffin (Alternate Class)

Specialist Staff 2017:

Ms Sharon Robertson (Guidance Officer)

Ms Monica Nightingale (Speech Language Pathologist)

Mrs Julie O'Reilly (Support Teacher Literacy & Numeracy)

Mrs Rae Ahern (Literacy & Numeracy Support)

Mr Anthony Seng (Librarian)

Mr Russell Toleman (Physical Education)

Mrs Gretchen Graf (Chinese)

Mr Brett Gredig (Music)

Mr John Clyde (Instrumental Music)

Mr Michael Stockwell (Instrumental Music)

Please note that staffing arrangements will be confirmed after Day 8, 2017, pending confirmation of student enrolments. If any class changes are necessary we will communicate these to all parents as necessary.



School News

2017 School Calendar

Term	Dates	Length
Term 1	Monday 23 January - Friday 31 March	10 weeks
Term 2	Tuesday 18 April - Friday 23 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 10 July - Friday 15 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 3 October - Friday 8 December	10 weeks

Parent Information Nights

Classes will be hosting Parent Information Sessions in Week 3 to discuss classroom routines and practices. This is a good opportunity to familiarise yourself with what is happening in your child's classroom.

Monday 6 th February		Tuesday 7 th February		Wednesday 8 th February	
	Time		Time		Time
Prep PW, PS	3.15pm	Year 1 1P, 1LF, 1L	3.30pm		
Year 6 6D, 6W	3.15pm	Year 5 5C, 5I	3.30pm	A1	5.00pm
		Year 3 3H, 3F, 3M	4.00pm		
		Year 4 4E, 4M, 4R	4.30pm	Year 2 2C, 2G, 2R	5.00pm

These sessions will be held in your child's classroom. If you are unable to attend please let your child's teacher know and they will forward any information that is provided. If you would like to make a time to meet with your child's teacher please let them know.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday the 20th and Tuesday 21st March between 3.30pm – 6.30pm. Details and how to book your time will be sent home closer to the date.

Student Leaders

Students in Year 6 have been invited to participate in our 2017 Leadership Program. Participation in our school leadership program is voluntary. Students who participate will be eligible to nominate for the positions of School Captain, House Captain and Music Captain. They will be expected to fulfil certain responsibilities during the year.

Criteria for Selection:

- High level of leadership skills
- Consistent adherence to school and classroom expectations
- 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 31st January. Short listed students will be notified on Wednesday 1st February. Students will be required to present a speech to staff and peers at Assembly on Friday 3rd February which will be followed by a ballot open to students from Year 5-6 and all staff. House Captain and Music Captain Speeches will be made later that day, 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.

The first ten minutes of each break is a supervised eating time.

School finishes at 3:00pm.

After school, children waiting for their parents should move to their respective pick up areas. 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.

Students 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 to 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

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 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.

Extended Absences

Parents/Carers

Are you planning an extended time away from school for your child (e.g. holiday; medical intervention etc.)? For any period of time **over 10 consecutive days** you are required to follow an official process. Education Queensland has a policy - Exemptions from Compulsory Schooling and Compulsory Participation - which needs to be followed if your child/children will be absent from school for this period of time or longer.

Fact Sheets providing further details and Application Forms may be requested from the school office.

For any further information please visit <http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/inclusive/exemptions/index.html>

Does your child require medication during school hours?

If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you request an *Administration of medication record sheet* from your school's office.

You will also need to provide the school with the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use.

For more information visit the [Department of Education and Training website](http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/management/Pages/Administration-of-Medications-in-Schools.aspx) (<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/management/Pages/Administration-of-Medications-in-Schools.aspx>).

Car Parking

The staff car park is only for people who are employed by the school. The only parents/guardians who are able to park in the school grounds must have permission from the principal. Please use the parking available on Stenner St or Mackenzie St Park or church grounds. Thanks for your assistance in this matter to ensure that our students remain safe at all times within our grounds.

Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts, does not have Personal Accident Insurance Cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

Schoolwide Behaviour Expectations

As an outcome from our Responsible Behaviour Review in 2016 an explicit "Schoolwide Behavioural Expectations Matrix" was created for the school. It is organised under our school values of: Achieve Your Best, Be Respectful and Responsible and Caring and Confident. Each class has been given a copy as a poster in rooms as well as a list of example behaviours that we expect students will demonstrate each day at our school. These will be discussed on a daily basis at roll mark. As you are walking around the school you will also notice the same A2 Posters on external walls.

Music Notes

Welcome back everyone to another great year of music at Gabbinbar. I 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 2, 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

Please note that there will be no instrumental music in Week 3 as teachers will be attending Regional Training.

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.**

If you have an **emergency toothache please phone 1300 082 662 at 8am Monday to Friday.** For all non-urgent concerns please phone 4616 6436 after 9am.

We have issued registration forms to all students this week, so check their school bag. Please return these forms by Wednesday 8th February so we can contact families and make appointments.

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

Student Banking

Hi everyone

Student banking has commenced straight away for Term 1. Bank books have been collected today. Information packs have been sent home for Prep - Yr 3 students today. I'm waiting for more packs to arrive for students in Yr 4-6. At this stage until we hold the AGM for the P&C committee, banking days will be every Wednesday and books will be returned Thursday/Friday. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Amy Manthey, Student Banking Co-ordinator
0429 597 093 or manthey_crew@hotmail.com

Book Club

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Club and Book Fair this year as each program greatly benefits our school. Book Club flyers will be sent home with a different selection of books offered.

Coming home is a letter outlining how to order books from bookclub and the current issue of bookclub.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year from Book Club or to visit the Book Fair together. Each item purchased helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library and classrooms, however there is never any obligation to order.

Feel free to call or text if you have any questions or concerns
0403 674 443

Kind regards

Dennielle Gillies



Fete

The P&C are calling for people interested in helping out with a fete to be held in 2017. We will need parent representatives from each class to coordinate a stall or game. Suggested stalls BBQ, Coffee Shop, Plant stall, Home-made sweets. New ideas welcome. Please contact Shauna on 0401 790 829 or Julie on 0418 763 549.



OSHC

Welcome to Gabbinbar OSHC news for 2017. We are off to a busy start after one of our busiest vacation care periods ever! Thanks to all the parents, children and educators who spent time with us over the holidays.

All current OSHC parents should have confirmed their care needs for this year. Any unconfirmed bookings will be placed on the waiting list for a place when available. There are currently still some places for Before School care. We supply breakfast, a fun child centred learning environment and escort all preps and year 1's to their class for the start of the school day.

After school care is nearly at capacity. If you think you may need Out of School hours care, please see us for an enrolment package. Once you are on the waiting list, we are able to advise you of possible vacancies.

Davina Quinn

OSHC Coordinator, 4631 5266

Community News

Soccer registrations for West Wanderers Football Club are now open. West Wanderers is situated on the southern side of Toowoomba at Nell E Robinson Park on Hume Street, between Alderley and Stenner Streets. Please register online by following the instructions on our website www.westwanderers.org. Once registered further details regarding Muster Day will be forwarded to you.

Any questions please contact us at juniorvp@westwanderers.org

Homestay Families Required

When : 3rd – 19th March 2017

We are expecting 83 Japanese students from Kyoto. These students are 16 years and are bright, bubbly and keen to learn all about the Australian lifestyle and culture.

What's expected of me?

You will need to provide breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner and include the student in regular family activities. Transport to USQ. You will be reimbursed **\$224** per week.

If you are interested please email elcp@usq.edu.au or phone **4631 1794**





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 \$49 for returning AH members

Aussie Hoops is an introduction to Basketball for kids of all abilities aged 5-13yrs. This is a great program for those looking to gain an understanding of the game prior to joining a club for the Junior Club Championships beginning in Term 2.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION
 Please contact Emma Woods - M: 0431374097 or via our Facebook page



www.southtoowoombajuniorsrugby.com.au

The Toowoomba Regional Tennis Centre – USQ (operated by The Works Health and Recreation Club) are running a Tennis Hot Shots League targeted specifically for children aged 4-13 years old. It is designed for kids to develop their tennis skills, show sportsmanship during game play and to build friendships while working with a partner.

This fun competition is the perfect way for children to practice what they've learnt. It is one of the most competitively priced programs in the region, costing only \$7.95 a session (per player).

Would it be possible to provide content in your newsletter or school notices for the next upcoming Tennis Hot Shots Competition?

Below is what we would like to have publish in your newsletter, notices or something similar:

“The Toowoomba Regional Tennis Centre – USQ is holding another Tennis Hot Shots League targeted specifically for children aged 4-13 years old. It is designed for children to develop their tennis skills, show sportsmanship during game play and to build friendships while working with a partner.

The Tennis Hot Shots League will use specifically designed racquets, balls and nets to make it easier for the young players to develop skills faster. All skill levels are welcome. Please find the details below:

When: January 28, 2017 to April 1, 2017
Session times: 9:00am – 10:00am (4-6 years)
 10:00am – 11:00am (7-8 years)
 11:00am – 12:00pm (9-13 years)

Cost: \$7.95 per session (Total cost of 10 week season is \$79.50, per player)

It's never too late to join in on the season. For more information or to sign up, please contact Arlena Day at The Works on (07) 4688 0700 or at Arlena.Day@usq.edu.au”

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CONTACT NAME: Toowoomba Hockey Association **CONTACT NUMBER:** (07) 4633 1229
LOCATION: Clark Park, 564 Boundary Street, Toowoomba, QLD 4330

START DATES AND TIMES:
3pm - 4pm - Saturday 28th January 2017
Saturday 4th February 2017
9am - 11am - Tuesday 29th January 2017
Sunday 5th February 2017

COST: \$55 **INCLUDES:** Participants' t-shirt and 3 free trials (one of hockey skills and games)

EMAIL: office@toowoombahockey.com.au **WEB:** <http://toowoombahockey.com.au/>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To Register your interest visit www.hookin2hockey.com.au and enter 4330 into the program field!

Hookin2 Hockey Australia logo at the bottom.

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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