FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with great pleasure that I announce the student leaders for 2015. Congratulations must go to all the students who nominated ensuring that there was a high calibre of candidates to select from.

School Captains: Ashdyn Lance, Jackie Dinhchang
School Leaders: Bella Watson, Lillian Hanssen
Sports Captains: Rudd: Apajok Deng, Mitchell Taylor
                Nelson: Bree Sullivan, Mustafa Adam
                Evans: Bani Jalota, Lillian Hanssen
Choir Captains: Amy Eastwood, Ella Parks-Lewis
String Captain: Bani Jalota
Band Captain: Bree Sullivan

On behalf of staff I congratulate all senior students who have taken on the additional responsibilities these roles require and look forward to working with them to make 2015 a successful year filled with varied opportunities to learn and grow.

Thought of the week

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams

Student Absences

All classes will be marking their rolls digitally at the commencement of school (8.50am). Students who arrive after this time must come to the office with a parent or guardian, to sign in as a late arrival and to give a reason for their lateness as required by the system.

Punctuality and regularity in attendance are essential. Those children who do not attend regularly are placed at a disadvantage throughout their school life. When a child is absent through illness or other causes, parents can send an email to our absences@gabbinbars.eq.edu.au or call our absence line - 4631 5260 24hrs a day. Please Note: A reason must be stated.

If we are going to assist students to reach their full potential whether academically, socially or emotionally then we must work together to achieve this goal.

Gazette Distribution

Due to changes in our IT systems and with the development of the QSchools app, we have decided to discontinue the notification via email of our newsletters. We apologise for any inconvenience.

To keep up-to-date with news from Gabbinbar State School you can:

- See our website at gabbinbars.eq.edu.au from 5pm Wednesdays of school weeks for the latest Gabbinbar Gazette (newsletter)
- See our calendar and news at our website
- Install the QSchools app on your smartphone, tablet or PC. Just install then add Gabbinbar as a favourite school and allow push notifications
- Collect a paper copy of the newsletter (or ask your child to) from the office from 3pm Wednesdays
School News

Student of the Week
Samuel (PW), Gabrielle (PC), Elliot (PS), Niamh (1L), Ivy (1P), Alex (2G), Holly (2R), Tycannah (3M), Joe (3H), Charlize (4E), Brody (4E), Xavier (5C), Elijah (5M), Bailie (5M), Mustafa (6L), Kassidy (6W), Matthew (A1), Lekirah (A2)

Gotcha Awards - Mitchell (A2)

National Ride to School Day
Friday 13 March
Let’s get active and organise to ride, walk, scoot or skate to school or even part of the way.
If you ride your bike, join other bike riders on the tennis courts for an obstacle course. Intermediate and Seniors can participate at 1\textsuperscript{st} break and the Juniors at 2\textsuperscript{nd} break.

Free Dress Day
The Student Council will be holding a Free Dress Day on 18 March to raise funds for the Toowoomba Hospice.
Students are asked to donate a gold coin to participate.

Chess News
Unfortunately Gabbinbar will not be entering in the upcoming Individual Chess Tournament. After calling for interested players, there were not enough students to allow us to participate.
I am confident that by term 3 there will be sufficient interested players to enable us to enter the Teams Tournament.

Please note that our advanced tutoring continues each Thursday at Gabbinbar ending early in term 2.
Anthony Seng
Teacher – Librarian

Harmony Day Parade
On Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March, 2015 Gabbinbar State School will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.
On March 20, 2015 we encourage all children who strongly identify with another culture to wear their cultural costumes to school. For all other children it will be normal school uniform day.

WEDNESDAY 18 March 2015
Gabbinbar School Hall
Prep – Yr 2 Disco  5:30pm – 6:45pm  Cost $4
Yr 3 – Yr 7 Disco  7:00pm – 8:30pm  Cost $6
Popper and Chips included with entry.
Glow Sticks for sale - $1

PLEASE NOTE: Students will need to be dropped off and picked up from the Hall by parents/guardians.
Disco is open ONLY to Gabbinbar State School students

Classroom Music Notes
RECORDERS: The foundation of the children’s playing skills from Grade 4 - 6 lies in learning to play music on, and reading music for, the Recorder. While this provides the basics of playing music, their chances of taking up other, more difficult instruments are enhanced by the experience and skills that this simple one provides. Thank you to the many children who have met this requirement. A few are still outstanding, and I would ask that you purchase one from the Office, so your child is not disadvantaged.

Choirs
Choir Membership Letter returns.
There are still a few outstanding and I would ask that you follow this up promptly. This is the written commitment that the child (and you) make to the choral program, and we endorse it as another way of encouraging our children to assume responsibility for their decisions.
Brett Gredig.
Classroom Specialist and Choir Conductor.

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**OSHC**

Hi and welcome to another week of Out Of School Hours Care. We have been very excited to be playing in several new areas this week. Pirate play and witches play has been popular, as has paper plan making. We have some new pets visiting us at the moment and have loved playing new board games with our friends. If you have any games you no longer play, we would love to see them being used here.

Vacation care is only 5 weeks away! The expression of interest sheet will be out soon. Remember that we provide all meals during Vacation Care, ensuring children have nutritious meals and snacks throughout the day.

After school care currently has limited vacancies. Please call if you would like an Enrolment Pack.

Davina Quinn,  
OSHC Coordinator  
07-4631 5266

**Tuckshop News**

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| Thursday 5 March | Larry Heuston  
D’Arne Rathbone  
Rob Callow | Home bakers needed, if you can help out please let me know ASAP |
| Tuesday 10 March | Larry Heuston  
Kerrie Dow / Jane Higgs  
Dion Hutchins  
Lisa Ramsey (Baking) | Penni Harth  
Janet Edwards |
| Thursday 12 March | Larry Heuston  
Charmaine Ingleedew | Home bakers needed, if you can help out please let me know ASAP |
| Tuesday 17 March | Larry Heuston  
Kerrie Dow  
Donna Elsey (8.30-10.00) | Nat Herbert |

We are really urgently in need of some new home bakers, so if you can help out, please let me know ASAP. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

**P & C NEWS**

We need your help:

Nominations are called for the positions of Fundraising Co-ordinator, Second-hand uniform Co-ordinator and Grants Co-ordinator. We are also looking for interested parents to join the music support group and the fundraising committee.

The Music Support Group’s function is to support the Music teachers and music programs including Jnr and Snr Choirs, Concert Band and String Ensemble. The group primarily organises the performance uniforms for Eisteddfod and other performances. If you have any spare time to help sort through and hand out uniforms, please contact the school office on 4631 5222 or email pandc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au.

The Fundraising Committee aims to raise funds to support the operation of the many facets of P&C and Gabbinbar SS. Throughout the year volunteers will be needed to help run fundraising ventures, as well as Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls. If you have any ideas that you wish to contribute or time to offer, please contact the office on 4631 5222 or email pandc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au.

If you missed the AGM, or wish to volunteer in another capacity please contact the office 4631 5222.

**Uniform Shop**

Pre-Ordered Uniforms:– If you have ordered blouses or dresses they are now available to be collected from the office. Uniforms can be purchased from 8am -11am each day. Parents can place a uniform order for collection at this time.

**Second Hand Uniform Sales**

Second Hand Uniforms are for sale on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9am or by appointment by phoning Sharon 0423 654 259. There is ample stock of jumpers including adult sizes priced from $5. Plain royal blue jumpers are also available priced from 50c.

**Family and Child Connect**

Every family needs a little help now & then. When friends and family are unavailable, it can be hard to know who to call for support. That’s where Family & Child Connect can help.

Funded by the Queensland Government, Family and Child Connect is a brand new community-based service designed specifically to listen to you and help you to connect with the right supports at the right time. In South West Queensland the service is provided jointly by Mercy Community Services & Lifeline Darling Downs & SW Queensland Ltd at three different sites; in Toowoomba, Roma and Charleville.

Whether you are a parent, a young person, a concerned friend, neighbour or professional, if you are looking for information and advice on how you can best help yourself or someone else, you can call or drop into Family & Child Connect and speak to a real person about how to get the right assistance.

Family & Child Connects friendly, professional staff know all about the people and services in your area and how they can help with any challenge a family might be facing. They can provide you with information about these supports and in some cases can even introduce you to them. If you are worried about a family other than your own they can help you with ideas of how you might be able to reach out and provide some personal support to them.

At the moment this service is available throughout South West Queensland. If you would like to speak with us it is as simple as picking up the phone and calling 13FAMILY (13 32 64). All enquiries are most welcome.

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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
Web: www.candk.asn.au/gabbinbar
Phone: 07 4613 6205
Fax: 07 4613 6209

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