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Our College Vision ~

To excel in the art of teaching and the pursuit of
learning
with open hearts and open minds.



Valentines Day

Chocolate Heart: \$1:00

Chocolate Rose: \$2:00

Where? Undercover area near tuckshop

When? Taking orders on Tuesday and Wednesday 1st and 2nd break.

Write your own message!

Delivery of Valentines gifts after 1st break on Thursday 14 February

All proceeds to support Flood Victims

From the College Principal's Desk

Welcome back to the 2013 College year, with a special welcome to those students and their families who are new to the College, particularly our wonderful Prep students. I am delighted to be part of the Earnshaw family and I look forward to meeting you throughout the year.

Congratulations to the seniors of 2012 on achieving some outstanding results with 80% of our seniors achieving an OP 1-15. The challenge is there for our current seniors, and I am confident that each one of them will achieve their dreams at the end of the year. Last year our students continued to perform at high levels academically, in the sporting arenas and in the arts. We look forward to a successful and exciting year, with continued success in 2013 and know that all students will contribute strongly to the Whole of College performance.

On recent parades, I discussed with students “ If you are late, you miss the bus”. This is a real challenge for all students, if you are late to school or work, you miss out on valuable learning, if you are late handing in your assignments or a job application, then you miss out.

This year, we have changed the structure of lessons in Years 7 to 12 so that there is no longer a form class in the morning. Instead, classes start promptly at 9:00am with a focus on us being in class, engaged in learning at 9:00am. I ask parents and guardians to work with the college in ensuring all students are here on time.

To ensure the safety of all students in the college, we ask that visitors report to one of the offices before venturing through the school grounds at times other than dropping off before and picking up after school. Under no circumstances should adults enter into a class during a lesson.

As we start the year, it is important for students to reflect on and possibly change the number of hours that they work in their part- time jobs.

Whilst work is very important in developing good life skills, as well as helping students gain financial independence, students should restrict the number of hours that they work to **10 hours or less each week**. Research indicates that working any more than this will have a negative impact on academic success at school.

Katrina Larsen

College Principal

Deputy Principal's Update

Our Student Leader Induction Ceremony was held today and we to congratulate all of the College Leaders for 2013. They are an exemplary group of students and we look forward to seeing them grow in their leadership skills throughout the year.

[Click here](#) to view the induction program, which includes the names of our 2013 leaders.

Sally Dexter

Deputy Principal

Junior Jottings

Welcome back to a new school year. A special welcome is issued to all the new students and their families who have joined us at Earnshaw State College. As Head of Junior School, I oversee the daily operations within the Junior School (Prep to Year 6). My primary role is to ensure all students within the Junior School improve their education through excellent teaching and best school practice.

Classes and Staff

It's been great to see so many students settle back smoothly into the school routines. I'm confident that all our students will quickly develop positive friendships and thoroughly enjoy their learning at Earnshaw State College.

I'd like to welcome back our Junior School staff to another exciting school year. A special welcome is issued to new staff members including:

- Greg Emerson – permanently appointed to Earnshaw in 2013
- Terri Fair – permanently appointed to Earnshaw in 2013
- Ruth Bartle – part-time contract sharing with Jo-Lene Crank in 4G
- Donna Kleiss – part-time contract sharing with Lorraine McGlinn in 6A

Currently, our 2013 Junior School class structure and teaching staff include:

Prep A	Anita Symonds & Teacher Aide, Carol Trinder
Prep B	Terri Fair & Teacher Aide, Tanya Somerville
Year 1A	Letitia Larsen
Year 1B	Justine Haines
Year 2/3A	Lisa Witherspoon
Year 2B	Julie Green
Year 3A	Greg Emerson
Year 3B	Kylie McNamara
Year 4B	Jason Taylour
Year 4G	Jo-lene Crank & Ruth Bartle
Year 5B	Clinton Marychurch

Year 5G	Amy Taylor
Year 6A	Lorraine McGlinn & Donna Kleiss

Dress Code Policy

Earnshaw State College is a uniform school and the wearing of the uniform is compulsory. Class teachers and school administration follow-up on a daily basis to ensure every student adheres to the Dress Code Policy. All students are to have their formal shirts tucked in and look smart and presentable as we foster the feeling of pride in the wearing of the Earnshaw State College uniform.

To ensure all school families clearly understand the Dress Code Policy, the table below should clarify any queries regarding what uniform (formal/sport) each student should wear, depending on their current year level:

PA & PB	Sports uniform every day
1A & 1B	Formal uniform every day except <u>Tuesday (HPE)</u>
2/3A & 2B	Formal uniform every day except <u>Tuesday (HPE)</u>
3A	Formal uniform every day except <u>Monday (HPE)</u>
3B	Formal uniform every day except <u>Tuesday (HPE)</u>
4B / 4G	Formal uniform every day except <u>Wednesday (HPE)</u>
5B	Formal uniform every day except <u>Monday (HPE) & Friday (Interschool Sport)</u>
5G	Formal uniform every day except <u>Thursday (HPE) & Friday (Interschool Sport)</u>
6A	Formal uniform every day except <u>Monday (HPE) & Friday (Interschool Sport)</u>

No Hat = No Play

All students must wear a broad-brimmed, navy Earnshaw SC hat if they wish to play during the lunch breaks. Students without a hat will be directed to sit in the L Block covered area. All school hats should be labelled clearly with your student's name to ensure they don't end up in the lost property basket.

Swimming Lessons & Swimming Carnival (4-7)

Swimming lessons commenced this week as part of an 8-week swimming program conducted by accredited swimming instructors, Qualified Aquatics, and supported by our HPE teacher, Mrs Shannon Roscarel. Thanks to school families for ensuring the swimming levy is paid in a timely manner. It has been great to see many parents visiting the pool and taking an interest in their student's swimming development. **Remember, no shirt = no swim!**

Our **Swimming Carnival (Years 4-7)** is to be held this Friday, 8th February. We look forward to seeing all students participate in the carnival as we foster an atmosphere of healthy competition, enjoyment and *doing your best*.

Student Behaviour

As outlined in our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, Earnshaw State College will continue to operate with the successful Code of Behaviour which includes six behaviour levels. All students will begin the school year on Level 3 with aspirations to achieve Level 1 or 2 and reap the associated rewards. If students drop to Level 4, 5 or 6, consequences for their inappropriate choices may include a referral to the Behaviour Room during the lunch break and other ramifications. More information will be explained at the upcoming Parent Information Evening.

Parent Information Evening

All students have recently received information regarding the upcoming Parent Information Evening which will be held on Wednesday, 13th February. This is an ideal opportunity for parents to be involved in the 'life of the school' as class teachers will be sharing information about Earnshaw State College's P-12 Framework, class rules and routines, homework structure including the Homework Grid and student behaviour expectations.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via the Junior School Office on 3621 7440 or via email bforb10@eq.edu.au. I am available by appointment and/or email to discuss a matter relating to the Junior School operations and/or your student's education.

Warm regards

Brendan Forbes

Head of Junior School

Secondary School News

Our school year has successfully begun, with students returning to the College with very positive attitudes towards the year ahead. I was greeted by several students who spoke of their eagerness to start the year the way they intend to finish it, that is to work to the very best of their ability. I am pleased to welcome all new students and their families to the College and the Year 7 students who have joined us from the Junior School. At our first assembly on Tuesday morning the College formally welcomed the Year 7 students as a part of the Junior Secondary school.

Staff Changes

At the end of 2012 we farewelled Mr Bofinger who has relinquished his position as Head of Junior Secondary at the College for a teaching position in another school. The current Year 8 students will especially miss him as he worked very closely with them in 2012 as our Year 7 cohort. Miss Dexter has applied for and been promoted to the position of acting Deputy Principal. With the change in administration team comes some changes to responsibilities and I will now be in charge of the Year 7 to 12 cohort. We will still identify the Year 7 to 9 students as Junior Secondary, along with the Year 10 – 12 students being in the Senior School. Our Heads of Department include Peter Wilson, Jane Freier, Kath McCann and Scott Saxby.

Other staff changes include the welcoming of the following staff: James Manning (Business, English), Thomas McCarthy (Music), John Cronin (HPE & Science), Leigh Korbatits (Art & History).

Our graduating students of 2012 should be congratulated, with 80% of the cohort receiving between OP 1 – 15. Through this achievement students are well placed to achieve their University offers. These results have been backed up by 100% of the students achieving a Vocational Education Certificate. At the time of writing, 84% of the students received their QCE. I am presently negotiating with the QSA to recognise what I believe to be “missed” results, which will increase this number to 94%.

Uniform

I would like to commend our students and their families for your excellent support in the presentation of students in their Earnshaw uniform. We will continue to work with all involved to maintain the standard that the community has come to expect.

College Calendar

Please check to see what activities are coming up on the College calendar which is published and updated each week on our website. All students will be involved in the Leadership Induction ceremony on Thursday and by the time you read this a new set of leaders will have been installed in the College. We also have our swimming carnivals for each of the schools coming up soon.

Attendance

Please ensure you notify the College if your son or daughter cannot attend for either part of or all of the day. Students should attend school every day to receive the most out of the opportunities they receive. .

Richard Tweney

Head of Senior School

Curriculum Corner



Welcome to the 2013 school year.

The big news in curriculum in 2013 is the introduction of the **Australian Curriculum: History** for Prep to Year 10.

History is a disciplined process of inquiry into the past that develops students' curiosity and imagination. Awareness of history is an essential characteristic of any society, and historical knowledge is fundamental to understanding ourselves and others. It promotes the understanding of societies, events, movements and developments that have shaped humanity from earliest times. It helps students appreciate how the world and its people have changed, as well as the significant continuities that exist to the present day.

Staff participated in professional development for the History curriculum in 2012, and are working with Education Queensland's *Curriculum into the Classroom* initiative to bring learning into the classroom.

Within all learning areas, there is a focus on developing seven **general capabilities** of students, which include:



In 2013, Earnshaw State College is introducing a research-based **Thinking Framework** which addresses the general capability **Critical and Creative Thinking**. This framework explores eight thinking skills and outlines what students need to know and be able to do at various junctures throughout their schooling. The *Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians* (MCEETYA 2008) recognises that critical and creative thinking are fundamental to students becoming successful learners. Thinking that is productive, purposeful and intentional is at the centre of effective learning.

We are also implementing **Reflection Time** P-12. The final 10 minutes of each day is dedicated to explicitly teaching students how to reflect on their learning and giving them opportunities to demonstrate this skill. Studies have shown that reflecting on learning is key to a full learning experience

When we talk about reflection in the college classroom, we understand that:

- students should spend time in deep thought about their own learning. They should think about **what** they have learned, **how** they have learned it, and the **connections** that exist between prior knowledge and new knowledge, between information learned in different classes, and between learning inside and outside of class.
- students need to look at themselves critically as students; to understand themselves as learners and to be critically aware of both what they already know and what they still need to know.

If there is a curriculum area that you would like covered in the College Newsletter, please email me with your suggestions. kmcca84@eq.edu.au

Kind regards

Kath McCann

Head of Department, Teaching and Learning

A Finance Message From the Business Services Manager

At this time of the year we are finding that our biggest query is how do I pay for my school fees and what options are available.

Earnshaw Payment Options and How They Work

There are several ways of paying school accounts. They are:

- At the Junior School Office - payment by cash or cheque is available.
- At the Senior School Office - payment by cash, cheque or EFTPOS is available.
- Online Banking - Electronic Funds Transfer or B-Pay (contact the office for account details if required)

Please note that if you use B-Pay, the money will automatically go to the oldest account owing for any of the students linked to you. If you want to pay for a specific event, then it is best to use funds transfer. Then you can specify the student name and what you're paying for in the comment box. (eg: J Smith Camp Deposit). We will then link the payment to the correct invoice and there won't be any mix-ups with you thinking you've paid for camp, when the money has been credited against something different!

Outstanding Accounts / Government Payments for School-aged Children

The government makes the School Kids Bonus payment to eligible families of school-aged children. As this payment is designed to assist families with their schooling costs, it would be a good opportunity to catch up on some outstanding school fees. You can arrange to have this payment and any other payments that are made to you from Centrelink paid directly to us. A payment plan can be arranged where a specified amount can be sent to us each fortnight directly from Centrelink. Payment plans for outstanding fees are available. Please see the Senior school office for further details.

Advanced Payments

If you are finding that you are having difficulties paying for camps or excursions, you are able to come in and arrange a pre-payment plan. This will enable you to pay monies for excursions before we raise the bill. The money will sit in your fees account as a credit, where we can apply it once the invoice has been raised. Please feel free to contact the accounts receivable staff or myself if you wish to discuss any of these options further.

Thanks!

Kirsten Tuckett

Business Services Manager

P&C News

Welcome everyone to a new year at Earnshaw State College. The college and P&C hope to see existing and new members attending the 2013 P&C meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is to be on the 19th February, followed by the 19th of March which is also the annual general meeting (the AGM) where members can vote for people to fill a number of P&C positions. We do need as many as possible to come along and join. By attending you can find out what is happening at the college from the Principal and Heads of School and know what the P&C does to help the college.

For meeting dates, email pandc@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au, and don't forget the college website <https://earnshawsc.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/PandC/Pages/PandC.aspx> for a list. If you've not surfed the site please do, and be aware that it is a great location to see what is happening and what is coming up at the college.

Gordon Gray

P&C President

Active After School Sport

Term 1 after school sport begins this Monday 11th February for Years 4 to 6, and Wednesday 13th February for Years 1 to 3. Prep students will be invited to participate in Term 3. Both classes are learning Multiskills. The

Wednesday class is full, but there are still places available in the Monday class, so please return the enrolment form immediately if you'd like your child to participate.

Students meet in the undercover area near the tuckshop directly after school, where they will be given some fruit for afternoon tea. Please ensure you are here promptly at 4:15pm to collect your child at the end of their session.

Thanks

Kerrie Lovell

Active After School Coordinator

Earnshaw P&C Volunteers Receive Australia Day Awards

Four P&C volunteers have received a Lilley Australia Day Award from Deputy Prime Minister, Wayne Swan at a ceremony held at Kedron Wavell Services Club on Australia Day.

Karen Burgess received her award to recognise her contribution over a ten year period including service in the uniform shop, on fund raising committees and as the P&C secretary.

Julianne Smith's award recognised more than ten years of service including the uniform shop and committee, organisation of many events and as a past president of the P&C.

Nancy Thompson accepted her award to recognise her efforts over a twenty-five year period including roles and activities with the bookshop, tuckshop, community garden, school watch and animal care.

Jan Peterson was presented with an award to recognise her involvement for well over a decade including roles as the P&C treasurer, with swimming clubs and with fund raising ventures.

The Lilley Australia Day awards honour local individuals and businesses who volunteer their time and services to improve the community.



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- ✓ **online account statements**
- ✓ **list allergies** to alert canteen staff during account sales

How do I set up an online account?

It's quick & easy!

- go to www.munchmonitor.com
- enter Username: **earnshaw** and Password: **munch4014**
- click **Sign up**

Follow the easy steps to create your account:

- 1  Create a Parent Profile
- 2  Add your Students to your account.
- 3  Click on **Account Top-up** to transfer money into your account. You'll be directed to ANZ's secure eGate website.
- 4  You're ready to use **your online account!**

Thousands of parents are enjoying the convenience of MunchMonitor every day. Here's what some have to say:

"I think this has to be one of the greatest things to be introduced to the school.... so thank-you!"

"It's simple & convenient"

"I like knowing my teenage son has options that will mean he is eating enough during the day"

"Absolutely love the fact that you don't have to give them money to take to school"

"I don't have to worry about forgetting to give them money"

What does it cost?

MunchMonitor costs just \$2.50 (that's less than a cup of coffee) per Family Account per school Term!

Need more information?

Send an email to help@munchmonitor.com

Shannon Kelly

Tuckshop Convenor

Swimming Carnivals ~ Tomorrow and Monday



The poster is framed by a decorative border with a repeating pattern of yellow and blue wavy lines. At the top center, a pair of brown swimming goggles is illustrated. Below the goggles, two swimmers are shown in a streamlined position, one on the left and one on the right, with their arms extended forward. The text 'Years 4 to 7' is written in a large, bold, red font. Below this, the words 'Swimming Carnival' are written in a large, bold, blue font. Underneath, 'Friday 8th February' is written in a green font, and '9:10am – 3:00pm' is written in a yellow font. In the lower section, there is a central illustration of three swimmers in blue caps and goggles, swimming in blue water. To the left of this illustration, the text 'Heats and Finals' and 'District nominations' is written in a black, italicized font. To the right, the text 'Swim, Sun and Fun!!' is written in a black, italicized font.

Years 4 to 7

Swimming Carnival

Friday 8th February

9:10am – 3:00pm

Heats and Finals

District nominations

Swim, Sun and Fun!!

The Years 8 to 12 Swimming Carnival will be held
this Monday 11th February.

Students, please wear **HOUSE COLOURED T-SHIRTS!**

Shannon Roscarel

HPE Teacher

Instrumental and Classroom Music Update

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS FE

All continuing students please check the instrumental music noticeboard to :
you will be involved in this year.

LESSONS – Commencing in Week 3

Wednesday students year 5-7 commencing 13 February

Thursday students year 7-12 commencing 14 February

BAND REHEARSALS - Commencing in Week 3 & 4

- Concert Band (Senior Band): Thursday afternoon 3:00pm-4:00pm commencing 13 February
- Wind Ensemble (Junior Band): Wednesday before school 7:45am – 8:30am commencing Week 4 20 February

BEGINNER MUSICIANS

I am looking forward to starting you all on your instruments in week 3. Please have returned your enrolment/instrument hire forms to Mrs Schick, and organised required equipment as listed in the Instrumental Music Handbook you were given. Please see Mrs Schick if you have any concerns.

Regards,
Mrs Julianne Schick- Instrumental Music Teacher
30 January 2013

Introducing our New Classroom Music Teacher



Hi – my name's Tom McCarthy and I'm the new Music teacher at Earnshaw. I'll be at school on Mondays and Tuesdays, teaching Music to Prep A, Prep B, Year 1A, 1B, 7A, 7C and year 8 and 9.

I come from a big singing background, having sung in choirs almost from my own humble beginnings in Kindy to the present day. I'm particularly interested in Musical Theatre and am looking forward to exploring the wide variety of theatrical repertoire with Years 8 and 9 this term.

repertoire with Years 8 and 9 this term.

I'm very excited to get to know you all over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,

Tom McCarthy

Classroom Music Teacher

Hi everyone! Welcome back for 2013, where in the music department we are all excited to see what the new year holds! Mrs DB will be teaching all classes Year 2-6, plus 7B and Year 8 and 9 electives. Please ask your students to keep an eye on the notices, as our Vocal Ensembles will recommence Week 3.

Yours in music

Mrs DB and Mr McCarthy

Scholastic Bookclub

Welcome back everyone, to a new and exciting year. Issue 1 of Scholastic Bookclub is here and I am closing orders tomorrow, Friday 8th February, to take advantage of the opportunity to try and win \$1000 for our school library.

Remember, every order benefits our school library :)

Just a couple of things to remember:

- All orders and payment (cash, cheque or credit card slip with reference number) go into the slot at the Junior School office, in a clearly marked, sealed envelope with the student's name on the front.
- Please ensure all order forms have the student's name and class on them; and if paying in cash, please make sure it is the exact amount and Australian currency. Issuing change and making sure it gets home safely can be difficult.

Looking forward to your continued support. Happy reading.

Averil Venn

Scholastic Bookclub Co-ordinator

Bookshop News - Bookpacks and Secondhand Uniforms!

The Bookshop has most of your school stationery needs, and is located under D Block.

Phone: 36217326

We have **NEW OPENING HOURS**. Please read carefully below.



New Opening Hours

The bookshop will be open from 8:30 to 9:30am every day for the remainder of February. From the beginning of March until further notice (except by appointment) the Bookshop will be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will remain the same (ie: open from 8:30 to 9:30am).

Stock Availability

Mental Maths Workbooks D, E & F and My Beginners Dictionary (now priced at \$6.95), Dictionaries, Calculators, Display Books and Coloured Copy Paper are back in stock and by the time you read this should have been delivered to your child/children if previously paid for.

I am still waiting on Whiteboards (which will be \$5.00 each), USB's and Kent Sets.

My Beginners Dictionary, Year 7 Pearson Maths and Science Workbooks and Mental Maths Book F (Year 6).

A sincere THANK YOU to the small band of volunteer helpers who made book packs, collected extra items from the supplier, sold packs and stationery, labelled second hand clothing and the many other jobs which were made more difficult during the heat. Thank you also to the parents and caregivers who bought their child's requirements from us. The Bookshop is run by the P&C Association, with all profits going towards your children. Buying from us means you are receiving exactly what is required, not forgetting saving your time searching the shops.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSHOP - NOT AT THE UNIFORM SHOP.

Nancy Thompson
Volunteer Convenor

Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care

Hey Everyone,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Helping Hands Earnshaw. We have had some great times in the holidays with water fights, Laserforce, putt putt, baby farm animals, bowling, cooking up a feast and rocking it out with karaoke and air guitar, just to name some of the awesome activities we offered. But now it is back to school,

where we assure you the fun will not stop with the start of a couple of exciting new developments in the Helping Hands World.

We have had to farewell one of our team, Brooke Massingham, to bigger and better things as she undertakes her final teaching practicum that hopefully results in her appointment as a secondary sports/science teacher. We wish her the best of luck in all her endeavours and everyone misses her greatly. But we also now welcome Savannah Coleman, a second year primary education student who everyone has already grown very fond of. As well as Savannah, we also welcomed our new Preps for the year, as well some new additions from various year levels. We welcome everyone and hope that this year is just as much fun for you as it will be for us!

We are going to be introducing over the next couple of weeks a new program into our centre which has a drama focus. *Once Upon a Performance* will turn your child into a movie star! We have two workshops running – the first for Preps to Year 3, which will focus on the untold story of the seven dwarfs and use acting techniques for children to gain confidence, ability to express themselves easily and have fun along the way. The Year 4 to Year 8 program will focus on rewriting fairy tales and creative self expression in *The Evil Queen is Sick of Boring Fairy Tales*. Included in this newsletter is our booking form. We only have spaces for 20 children in each of the programs and expect that these will fill fast; so get in quick as it is a first-in best-dressed with your booking form basis. [Click here](#) to access a booking form for the drama program. Please be aware that the prices on the booking form are for care at Helping Hands, along with participation in the program, as you will need to be enrolled in the centre for Tuesdays to participate in the program; so if you need enrolment forms please feel free to drop into the centre or pick up a pack from the Junior School office.

So if you would like to join us, our term time enrolments our places are filling fast, we are also now taking Prep 2013 bookings. If you need an enrolment package you can find these at the Junior School Office or at the Centre at the bottom of M Block, closest to the toilets. If you have any enquiries or need a quote please contact Erin on 0448 371 401 or earnshaw@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Once again we look forward to seeing you all during term time and continuing to offer a premium service to the children and parents of Earnshaw!

Erin and the Helping Hands Gang!



Day One in 4G

On the first day of school at 4G everyone was very diligent. They were ready to learn, had their manners and were ready to work hard. We love being in a girls' class!

The first thing we did was our profiles, which were life stories about ourselves. When I did mine, I explained my name and then I told if I had a sister or a brother or both (I've got both). Then we had to write down our hobby or hobbies (mine is gymnastics). After that we wrote down what food we liked (I love nachos. Yum!) The lucky last thing I did was write down my favourite TV show (Bondi Vet because I want be one).

Coming back to school is awesome, but having no homework would be better! :)

Having a new teacher, Miss Bartle is great.

by Zara Eaton

Happy Days in Prep A

On Tuesday, Prep A welcomed 22 excited new children to Earnshaw State College. There were lots of smiles and a few tears, as our new students said goodbye to their parents.

We started our day with an adventure. Our Prep area had suffered some water damage, so we walked across to the library and settled there for the day.

We talked about how to stay safe at school and how important using your manners and talking politely is. We even listened to a story called, "I Won't Say Please!"

Our preppies got to draw a self-portrait, trace their own names, complete puzzles, manipulate play dough, sing songs and much, much more!

At the end of the day, our new preppies were smothered with love and cuddles from their families and had lots of exciting stories to share.

Well done Prep A, you were amazing! [Click here](#) to see a slideshow of our first day in Prep.

Mrs Anita Symonds

Prep A Teacher

2/3A and 5B's Buddy Reading Session

After a hot and very humid first week of the school year, students of 2/3A and 5B enjoyed a relaxing Friday afternoon in the iCafe, sharing in a great book and enjoying a yummy ice-block as a treat for all of their hard work. It was so pleasing to observe students working so well together, with the boys of 5B assisting their younger

friends in 2/3A with the pronunciation and meaning of some challenging words. Several of the boys in 5B were overheard commenting about how well their younger peers read!

We hope to make this the first of many enjoyable reading experiences between the two classes! [Click here](#) to see some photos of us all together.

Miss Witherspoon and Mr Marychurch

Classroom Teachers

Community Notices

*Do you want to play
soccer and have fun?*



**Why not join Nundah Wavell Soccer
Club
The Family Club**

- ✓ Boys and girls, men and women all welcomed and encouraged
- ✓ Mixed teams from U6 to U14
- ✓ U15/16 Girls, U15/16 Boys, Senior Men and Women, over 30 and over 40
- ✓ Affordable membership and registration fees
- ✓ All games played Saturdays (some senior games on Friday night)
- ✓ Opportunities for local, state and national representative teams
- ✓ Team training held locally on weekday afternoons/evenings

2013 SIGN ON

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2013 (6PM – 9PM)
SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2013 (8AM – 1PM)**

WHERE: UNITING CHURCH HALL, 59 SIMLA AVE, GEEBUNG
(NEW PLAYERS MUST BRING THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE TO SIGN-ON FOR PROOF OF AGE)

For more information on our club visit
www.nunwavsoccer.org
or email
info@nunwavsoccer.org

HOME GROUND
MARCHANT PARK, ELLISON ROAD, CHERMSIDE

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Nundah-Northgate Scout Group Sign-on Day

If you are 6 years or older, grab Mum and Dad and come visit us at the Nundah-Northgate Scout Group Sign-on day.

We will show you what you can discover in scouting.

Saturday 9th February

Nundah-Northgate Scout Den

Primrose Lane, Boyd Park Nundah

9:00am to 2:00pm

For further information please ring Marshall on 0457 522 528.



Be like the

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Children's Self Defence
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Venue: School Hall
When: Monday Afternoons
Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm
Phone: (07) 3268 5501

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BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
Limited spaces available

A cartoon illustration of a young boy with spiky yellow hair, wearing a black karate gi with a red belt and a black headband with a red circular emblem. He is in a dynamic karate stance with his arms raised. A small vertical signature '© 2011 Swimming' is visible on the right side of the character.



Qualified Aquatics

To All Swimming Enthusiasts, now is the time to book your place for

Term 1, 2013 at the Earnshaw Pool.

Either learning to swim or improving with squads.

Go to our website for more details: www.qualifiedaquatics.com.au

or visit the pool for a brochure.

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AFL SIGN ON THIS WEEKEND

Zillmere Eagles will be holding their sign on this weekend for Under 6's to Under 18's. **Boys and Girls welcome!**

340 Zillmere Road Zillmere

Saturday and Sunday

10.00am - 2.00pm

Any questions please contact:

Vera Fitzgerald 0402 291 017

Free family* ticket to a Lions game for every registration!

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Bookings now open for Term 1 2013

Confident Kids and Teens is an innovative resiliency skills program for 5-14 year-olds that aims to build optimism, resilience and social and emotional skills.

Children learn strategies to manage stress, anxiety, worry or fear in order to experience greater happiness, health and wellbeing.

Includes parent support and workshop.

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A place to call home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Messages from Overseas

Marc from Switzerland: "I want to meet the famous, friendly, Australians."

Domiziana from Italy: "I have always been fascinated with Australia. It's like love at first sight."

Louis from Belgium: "It is my dream to live at the other end of the world!"

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.



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