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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.



**College Photo Days -
This Monday and Tuesday
11 and 12 March**

Please read the information letter carefully,
and complete and return
your photo day envelopes on your student's photo
day/s.

Special group and sibling envelopes are available from
the office.

All students are to wear their formal uniform for
photos.



From the College Principal's Desk

It's Not OK to be Away.... Nor to be Late



When children miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

As a parent, one of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day, and gets there on time.

The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well established. The more time students spend at school, the more likely they are to experience success.

It is not unusual for us to get requests for students to stay away for things such as celebrating their own or a sibling’s birthday, being absent because they stayed up late watching television, to have an extended weekend or simply not to come on sports days.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to students that parents don’t really value learning or their school experiences.

Students only spend about 15% of their time at school. Some spend more time sleeping than they do at school, so we need to maximise every day to get full value.

That means turning up every day, on time..

Katrina Larsen

College Principal

Senior Scene

Further to the information given in the last newsletter regarding the Student Planners, there is a parents section on the website that can be accessed to help support and understand the learning for your student at school. The website compliments the planner with information relevant to the issues dealt with on a week-by-week basis at the College.

The website is www.learningcurveplanner.com.au and the password for access is Username – EarnshawSC, Password - kxCTXKSh

Reflection — Definition of reflection - n	
1.	the act of reflecting or the state of being reflected

1. careful or long consideration or thought

All teachers and students spend the last ten minutes of the day reflecting on the learning that has occurred during the day. This period of time is replicated in the activities and processes outlined in the student planner.

One of the simplest, yet most powerful functions of the student planner is to communicate with parents. The planner is the point of truth for homework requirements on any given day, assessment dates and the ability for parents to directly communicate with teachers at the College.

Target setting - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Students are presently working with their teachers to set their semester subject targets and learning strategies. These targets, strategies and the learning plan that accompanies them, will be shared with parents at our Parent/Teacher evening on Tuesday 19 March. This evening is a little earlier than usual and will be specifically focused on the target setting document and the learning plan. In the past we have set the parent/teacher interviews for the start of term 2 with the term 1 report card being the focus. I am hoping the new format will provide information for a more robust conversation between parents, students and individual teachers. Academic reports will continue to be issued four times in the year; at the end of each term and semester. Information for booking an interview time will be sent home soon.

Please note: at times the College would like to send home information regarding upcoming events or general information. If you would prefer to receive that information via your email address please let Jill in the office know through her email address: jsmith660@eq.edu.au .

Richard Tweney

Head of Senior School

Guidance Officer's News

I have included the first of some information regarding all things 'careers,' so please have a look to find out what is relevant to you. Key dates will be updated regularly, but it may be a good idea to add dates of interest to your diary now. There will be a list of tertiary-related topics and occupational information offered in the newsletter throughout the year.

Dates

Tertiary Expos in Brisbane 2013

A Tertiary Expo allows students to explore their tertiary study options. They are an opportunity to talk to representatives from universities, colleges and support organisations in the one location.

- **23–24 March** Reinvent Your Career Expo www.reinventyourcareer.com.au/
- **24–25 May** National Careers and Employment Expo www.eocexpo.com.au/brisbane.aspx
- **20-21 July** Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) www.tsxpo.org/
- **17 October** Fogs Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo www.fogs.com.au/about/expos

University and TAFE Open Days in 2013

Open Days provide a great opportunity for prospective students, friends and their families to come to see the programs and activities that the tertiary institution offers.

- 3 May University of New England (UNE) Open Day
- 18 May Charlton Brown Open Day
- 29 May Australian Catholic University (ACU) Advisory Day
- 1 June JMC Academy Open Day
- 14 July Bond University Open Day
- 24 July Southbank Institute of Technology (SBIT) Information Evening
- 28 July Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Gardens Point Campus Open Day
- 4 August University of Queensland (UQ) St Lucia Campus Open Day
- 4 August Central Queensland University (CQU) Open days Commence
- 7 August UQ Ipswich Campus Open Day
- 11 August Griffith University Open day (Gold Coast, Nathan & Southbank)
- 11 August University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) Open Day
- 18 August QUT Caboolture Campus Open Day
- 18 August UQ Gatton Campus Open Day
- 25 August Australian Maritime College Open Day

Information for Year 12s

Queensland tertiary application process timeline

The below information is based on what normally happens each year. Specific dates will be known to you as they are made available. This information can also be obtained from the 2013-14 QTAC Guide distributed **later** in the year.

April

- UMAT registration opens for students interested in sitting the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test in July. The last date to register for this test is in June. More information is available from <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

August

- QTAC online application activated www.qtac.edu.au

- Applications for music auditions due

September

- 3-4 September – Queensland Core Skills Test (QCS)
- 27 September QTAC 'on-time' application due date

October

- Registration for auditions/interviews for some creative industry courses
- University scholarship application due dates (October and November)

November

- 15 November – Final day for year 12s

December

- QTAC early offer rounds
- 13 December – Year 12 results mailed by the Queensland Studies Authority

January 2014

- Last date to change preferences for the QTAC major offer round
- QTAC major offer round

February 2014

- QTAC 'top-up' offer round

How do I develop job ideas?

- You can develop some ideas by doing a questionnaire. Examples may be found in the My Guide section of the myfuture website, the Career Quiz section of the Job Outlook website or The Jobs Chart available in the Jobs Guide website. These websites are listed below.
- Use the Bullseye posters in the myfuture website.
- Read about the jobs on your jobs idea list – use the myfuture website (the facts section) or the Job Guide website.
- Talk to people in the professions you are interested in.
- Look into work experience.

Occupational Information: Defence Force

The Defence Technical Scholarships

The Defence Technical Scholarships (DTS) program will be suspended in 2013. Information about whether it will be available in 2014 will be known later in the year.

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)

ADFA provides education and military training for future leaders in Australia's Navy, Army and Airforce. The program includes a degree from the University of New South Wales with military training and leadership development. Bachelor degrees include Arts, Business, Engineering, Information Technology, Science and Technology. For more information about ADFA, there is an information session on 16 March at North Lakes Resort Golf Club. Email strou@dfc.com.au for more information or to book your seat.

Note: If you are wanting to join the Defence Force but would prefer to study from a University of your choice, other options are available. Talk to Ms Bagley the Guidance Officer for more information.

Defence Work Experience Program

The Defence Work Experience Program is designed to contribute to the development of skills and demonstrate the wide variety of careers available within Defence.

Students must be at least 15 years of age at the time of placement.

There are currently many placements on offer. To view the placements visit the website at www.defence.gov.au/workexperience

All you want to know about Defence jobs, including trade careers can be found at www.defencejobs.gov.au or call 13 19 01.

List of useful Career websites

- My future website – www.myfuture.edu.au
- Graduate Careers Australia – www.graduatecareers.com.au
- Australian Job Search – <http://jobsearch.gov.au>
- Careers on line – www.careersonline.com.au
- Cool jobs – www.abc.net.au
- The Job Guide – <http://www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au/>
- Job Outlook – <http://joboutlook.gov.au/>
- Careers that go – www.careersthathgo.com.au

Julie Bagley

Guidance Officer

Junior Jottings

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Term 1

As part of our School Reporting Framework, Earnshaw State College offers two formal opportunities for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Meeting with parents to discuss current achievement progress allows parents to become aware of their student's progress, strengths and weaknesses across the essential learning areas of English and Mathematics. Parents are informed of how they can become more involved and supportive in their student's learning so that maximum learning outcomes can be achieved.

This term will see interviews for P-6 take place over a one week period from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March. All parents are requested to attend the Parent/Teacher Interviews. If a face-to-face interview is unachievable, phone interviews are an alternative option.

Junior School Tech Crew

Last fortnight, Earnshaw Junior School selected our Tech Crew for 2013. Each week our Junior School holds a weekly assembly which includes multimedia presentations. Our Tech Crew consists of Kahlia, Karen and Audrey. The crew is responsible for setting up the equipment, including the sound system, microphones and data projector.

Doing your Best!

We're over the halfway point of the term and it's extremely pleasing to see so many students committing themselves to doing their best at Earnshaw State College. Some examples include focussing during class sessions and producing an excellent standard of work, strictly following the behaviour rules, being a supportive and helpful friend in the classroom/playground, submitting a fantastic effort in the homework tasks and wearing their school uniform with pride.

Student Arrival Time

School families are reminded that Junior School commences at 8.45am, with the first class session beginning at 9:00am. All students must be at school by 8:45am to ensure they have adequate preparation time to assist them in being ready to begin class at 9:00am. Families should aim to drop their student/s off between 8:30 and 8:45am. Students arriving after 9:00am must report to the Junior Office to collect a late slip.

Student Absences

Every parent of a student who is of compulsory school age must ensure that the student is enrolled and attends school on every school day unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. School attendance is paramount to ensure every student has the best chance of achieving success at school.

Parents are requested to notify the school with an explanation of a student absence. This can be done in a variety of ways including email, written note or a phone call. Unexplained student absences are followed up by

issuing a Student Absence Letter to parents, requesting a valid explanation of a student absence. If you receive a letter, please complete it and return at your earliest convenience.

Junior School Assembly

The Junior School holds its weekly assembly in the Sports Hall every Thursday at 12:15pm. The Ambassadors assist in the assembly presentation with a number of public speaking roles. Certificates of Recognition are issued to selected students from every class. The assembly is also an opportunity for publicly acknowledging students who are awarded a Behaviour Level Certificate. Parents of students receiving a Behaviour Level Certificate on assembly will be notified with a letter inviting them to attend. We openly invite all school families to our weekly assembly and look forward to sharing our student success stories and celebrations.

Junior School Car Park

The Junior School Car Park (entry via Victor Street) is designated for **staff car parking only between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday to Friday**. School families are advised to park outside the school grounds, or alternatively use the two minute drop-off zone (also entry via Victor Street). Please note that there are two disabled parking spaces available in the Junior School Car Park, providing that the disabled authorisation is clearly displayed.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via the Junior School Office on 3621 7440 or 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

Student Council Update

Valentine's Day

On the 14 February for St Valentine's Day, chocolate hearts and roses were sold across the college to raise funds for the recent floods in Queensland. A total of \$259 was raised and all profits went to the Red Cross Flood Appeal in empathy for the victims of the tragic event. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and to all the members of the student council who organised it.

The Student Council

Grip Leadership Conference

On Friday 1 March, the Gold, Silver and Bronze college leaders attended a GRIP secondary leadership conference at the Brisbane Convention Centre. It was a day full of activities and presentations about how to be a diligent leader and how to make the best of a leadership team within a school and the community. Thank you to the P&C committee for supporting us to attend the conference. We look forward to using the skills that we learned from the day within our college.

Tiana Lines

Prefect

On the 28 February, the Junior School Ambassadors and the Year 7 Cadets attended the GRIP Primary Student Leadership Conference along with 800 students from other schools. On the day we learnt many new skills to put into action as great leaders. We also enjoyed the many activities on the day and meeting leaders from other schools. Thanks to the P&C for funding our great trip.

Aisling Smith and Samara Behrendt

Year 7

ESC Interact Club



Greetings everyone,

The Interact association of Earnshaw College have now officially unveiled their executive committee for 2013, it is with great pleasure that I now announce the following people as office

bearers;

Deputy: Natalie Smith

Secretary: Emma Hahne

S-Assistant: Jupneek Singh

Treasurer: Twyla Akhurst

T-Assistant: Sabrina Weldon

Patron: Sean Mulheron

In the next edition of the Earnshaw Edge, Interact will be announcing their first event and also programs that we will be endorsing over the next 12 months.

Dreaming, sharing, and interacting ~

Connor Hobday 11A

Interact President

P&C AGM 19th March, 7:00pm, McKitrick Centre

2013 is well underway and there's no doubt the college as a whole will continue to excel for as long as the college, students, parents and citizens continue to give their best. Don't take my word for it, take some time to visit a few websites such as [Wikipedia](#), [Earnshaw State College website](#) and of course the [P&C Association link](#).

After ten years, Earnshaw State College is definitely on the map and 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of Banyo High School and Nudgee State School amalgamation and it is looking to be a corker! The fete will be bigger and the legendary swap meet will return, just two of many events on the 2013 calendar. Keep abreast of what is happening and come along or just help out - the more the merrier.

Very soon, on March 19th there will be a P&C Association **Annual General Meeting**, where all P&C memberships will expire. That means there won't be any P&C members (apart from life members and the Principal) to carry on helping the college, unless you apply prior as a new member (or renew your existing membership).

The P&C Association does need new members (and of course renewals) in order to survive and continue to contribute to student and college needs. On that point, be aware that the P&C association is keen to consider worthy proposals. In short, if you join, renew, attend and/or otherwise contribute you will be a part of the process that can realise real improvements.

Click on the following link ([QCPCA_PC_membership_form.doc](#)) to access the new membership/renewal form that must be completed before the annual general meeting on March 19th. Fill it out now and return it to pandc@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au.

Gordon Gray

P&C President

5G is on the Hunt!

5G practised their school values this week through a science experiment focused on camouflage. This term, the Year 5's are learning about animal and plant adaptation in our Australian environment. In an independent group task, students needed to demonstrate Diligence, Integrity and Courage in themselves and Empathy towards their peers.

Students took turns as 'The Predator', collecting different coloured items from various habitats. 5G quickly learned the value of Camouflage, when they gathered the easiest items to see first!



Amy Taylor

5G Teacher

Prep A Explores Numbers to Ten

Our Prep A students have been immersed in a variety of activities to assist their recognition and understanding of the numbers to ten. We have played board games, counted with actions, explored online activities with our IWB, counted our friends each morning - forwards and backwards, used counters, blocks and other objects to help us develop our knowledge. The photos below are showing another hands-on activity using links to represent numbers.



Anita Symonds

Prep A Teacher

Year 5 Had A Great Time At Camp Currimundi

Torrential rain and cyclonic winds didn't dampen the fun that students of Year 5 had when they ventured to Currimundi Outdoor Recreation Centre recently. All students and staff enjoyed a great time and were able to experience activities that they had not had the chance to undertake before. Some of the activities undertaken by students included orienteering, high ropes, the Giant Swing, surf awareness, circus skills and team challenges. Students all got to have a great time at their pool party, which was held in very wet and squally conditions.

Many thanks to all of the teachers and staff and Currimundi for the great time we had. Please check out some photos to see some of the many highlights.

[Click here](#) to see our slide show.

Curriculum Corner



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Key Dates 2013

The NAPLAN test dates for 2013 are Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What will be tested, and how?

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning for English and mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks.

Questions are multiple choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

Can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assessments are undertaken by students as a normal part of their education program. Teachers will ensure students are prepared for the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. The most effective way for students to prepare for the tests is through the teaching of literacy and numeracy skills embedded in the college curriculum. Sample questions and a sample writing task can be accessed on the NAP website:

www.nap.edu.au

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments which reflect the support normally provided in the classroom, and students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background.

How is NAPLAN performance measured?

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May.

Will I receive a report on my child's performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year, usually around September. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The college will notify you when the reports are being sent home.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- visit www.nap.edu.au

- contact the college

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

Closing the Gap Aboriginal Committee The dates of our upcoming meetings are:

- 11 March at 1:40 pm with students, in the staff common room

All remaining meetings are at 9.00am in the common room.

- 15 April
- 13 May
- 17 June
- 15 July
- 12 August
- 9 September
- 14 October
- 11 November
- 9 December

You can e-mail me at colleensam@aanet.com.au with your feedback if you are unable to attend meetings.

Colleen Paton

Coordinator

Twilight Market Friday 22 March - Book Now and Start Planning!

Visit the Earnshaw Community Twilight Market!

Friday 22 March
5.00pm - 8.00pm
Earnshaw State College

There will be a range of stalls including :

- Art and craft
- Face painting
- Food and drinks
- Buskers
- Trash and treasure
- and much more

4m x 4m stalls \$10
Car boot spaces \$5

Interested stallholders are asked to:
Email Colleen Hills at chill25@eq.edu.au or phone the office (07) 3621 7333

Organised by 8A Enterprise class and supported by the P&C

Poster created by Zoe Cato-Jenkins and Alana Jebb of 8A

Jewellery and Sport

As we prepare our students to commence Interschool Sport competitions, we recently reviewed our College policy regarding the wearing of jewellery when completing physical activity/sports.

Each curriculum activity undertaken by students is assessed by staff according to its possible risks of injury to students. The wearing of jewellery when completing physical activity, especially in contact sports, poses a high risk of injury to the student and/or other students.

Student safety is paramount; therefore all students in our P-12 college **must remove all jewellery before completing physical activity (HPE lessons) and participating in the Interschool Sport competitions.** This includes (but is not limited to) the following;

- Watch
- Earrings (sleepers/studs)
- Signet ring
- Any other 'invisible' jewellery type

Students are advised not to wear jewellery on the days they have a HPE lesson and are scheduled to participate in Interschool Sport competitions. If they wish to wear jewellery, they will be instructed to remove it before participating.

Warm regards

Brendan Forbes

P-12 Sports Coordinator

Year 7 Canberra Trip

Arrangements are well in hand for the Year 7 trip to Canberra, taking place the second week of term 4. Ms Patterson is co-ordinating the trip this year.

Throughout the year, we will be placing articles in the newsletter to tell you about some of the exciting places we get to visit and some of the interesting things we get up to while we are away. So, keep a look out for them.

CSIRO Discovery Centre

One of the places we visit is this centre where our students have been able to take part in a variety of activities covering a large range of subjects. In this "Mock Lab" alone, there are so many different things to investigate. Students work through a variety of work stations to develop a better understanding of the scientific process. They include an introduction to structures, forces, levers, gears, pulleys, wheels and axles and other simple mechanisms. There are lots of activities to explore, investigate and problem-solve. Great Fun!!

Munch Monitor ~ A New and Exciting Way to Order Tuckshop!

SAVE TIME with our ONLINE CANTEEN!



Order from our canteen ONLINE!

- ✓ place lunch orders online up to 4 weeks in advance
- ✓ allow your child a pre-paid card to purchase from your online account
- ✓ top-up your account online using VISA/MasterCard (or with cash at the canteen)
- ✓ 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

Scholastic Bookclub

Thank you to everyone for your marvellous support. We had a fantastic response for our first issue for the year.

ISSUE 2 is here now and the closing date for orders is **Friday 15th March 2013**.

Here is a tip from Scholastic to support your child's development as a reader.

"Long before your child starts formally learning to read, instil a love of reading in them by sharing bed-time (and other-time-of-the-day!) stories. This special, one-to-one time, where you and your child can escape into all sorts of adventures and amazing worlds, is precious. Research has shown that a love of reading is a stronger indicator of academic success than wealth or class background. As you enjoy stories together your child will soon begin to realise that those funny marks on the page that sit alongside the pictures are the story, and in time they'll want to learn how to decipher them for themselves."

Again, "Thank You" all for your ongoing support. Every order benefits our school library and in turn, your student child.

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 is now closed on Mondays and Fridays. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will remain the same (ie: open from 8:30 to 9:30am).

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

Nancy Thompson

Volunteer Convenor

Dates for 2013 Earnshaw Edge

The Earnshaw Edge is usually published on the first and third Thursdays of each month. However, these times will vary, according to how they fit into the school term. Please check the schedule below, which outlines the intended Earnshaw Edge dates for the remainder of the year.

Term	Publishing date (Thursday)	Article due date (Monday)
1	7 February	4 February
	21 February	18 February
	7 March	4 March
	21 March	18 March
2	26 April	22 April
	9 May	6 May
	23 May	20 May
	6 June	3 June
	20 June	17 June
3	18 July	15 July
	1 August	29 July
	15 August	12 August
	29 August	26 August
	12 September	9 September
4	17 October	14 October
	31 October	28 October
	14 November	11 November
	5 December	2 December

Community Notices



**queensland
running**

Cross country running for all ages and abilities

- ✓ distances from 500m to 8000m
- ✓ fitness fun walk
- ✓ low cost
- ✓ supportive and family-friendly running community

Upcoming local events:

9/3/13 Teralba Park, Mitchelton
16/3/13 Dowse Lagoon, Sandgate
6/4/13 7th Brigade Park, Chermside

For further details visit:
www.queenslandrunning.com.au



Bachelor Qualified counsellor is seeking to work with 2 children using **Sandplay Therapy**. There will be 10 individual weekly appointments, commencing before the end of Term one. Sandplay is a valuable therapy and may assist with social, emotional and educational development by assisting a child to process and express during turmoil during Sandplay. If interested, please call Barbara on 0402 033 397. Conditions Apply.





Metropolitan Region

Department of Education,
Training & Employment

Education Queensland

FREE - "HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S READING" WORKSHOP

Education starts at home and parents and families are their children's first teachers. With this in mind, the free Parent Ready Readers training program provides parents and carers of children in Prep to Year 3 with some key strategies to use at home to support their child's reading and to develop a love of books prior to developing their reading abilities.

The training runs for approximately 90 minutes and consists of four modules:

- What is literacy?
- Understanding the reading process
- Stages of reading
- Listening to your child read and reading to your child

Participants receive a Parent Ready Readers booklet with training notes, reading activities and additional resources, which will help to build a lifelong love of reading.

Session times for 2013 - you may attend any venue that is convenient to you.

Tuesday 19 March 2013 9.30pm – 11.00am Woodcrest State College - Springfield

Monday 29 April 2013 9.30 – 11.00am Albany Creek State School – Albany Creek

Friday 19 July 2013 9.30 – 11.00am West End State School - West End

Wednesday 16 October 2013 9.30 – 11.00am Warrigal Road State School – Eight Mile Plains

Come along and find out how you can help your child enjoy reading!

Children are welcome to attend with their Parents/Caregivers.

To reserve a place please email sharlene.emanuel@dete.qld.gov.au



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.





Are you a Parent?

Do you have a group of Friends who want to meet regularly?

Or is your current Playgroup not working for you?

Why not run your own Playgroup?

Nudgee KneeHi's Playgroup has been serving the Banyo community for around 20 years and needs a group of parents to get together and run it.

Why should I run a Playgroup?

- You get to run *YOUR* Playgroup *YOUR* way, with *YOUR* friends!
- I found that running the Playgroup enabled me to organise activities that *my* children enjoyed, making Playgroup more fun for my family.
 - The more you put in the more you get out.

What Nudgee KneeHi's offers:

- Nudgee KneeHi's has a lovely venue with lots of great toys and resources. It even has a shade cloth so your children won't get sunburnt.
- It is **located** at the Presbyterian church Cnr Paradise St and St. Vincents road Banyo.
 - Training can be provided to help you!

What is needed to run a playgroup?

- To run this playgroup all you need is a group of at least 6 families who meet regularly on a Wednesday 9.30-11.30 (the day and time is flexible) and at least three people who are willing to be the Treasurer, Contact person and Set-up person.
- As the playgroup has been running for ages, all you need to do is join Playgroup Qld, meet us at the venue and start playing! It much easier than setting up your own group!

Does it cost anything?

- To run this playgroup you only need to join Playgroup Qld and pay a weekly fee of \$4 per family.

Who do I call?

You can contact Silvia at Playgroup Queensland on **1800 171 882** or Mel on 0450312336.

Happy Playing!



I love to dance and sing in Nudgee KneeHi's



Norths St Joeys Rugby League Club

Would your child like to play Rugby League? Is their team struggling to even field a side? Well Norths St Josephs is the club for you!! Whilst we have had a tremendous sign on for all of our teams for season 2013, we are offering any child from this great college the chance to come and play Rugby League at our club at Virginia. We are almost full up at our club, but as we are very community minded, we invite any Earnshaw College students the chance to join Joeys for this season. Having won The Championship Club of the Year in 2012, you are on a winner by signing up at this wonderful place. It is known as the Family Club, and we not only make better footy players at Joeys, we make better people as well. Sign on is from 5.30pm EVERY Thursday at our Club House on Wellington Street at Virginia.

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