Issue 2013-04 ~ Thursday 21 March 2013

Our College Vision ~
To excel in the art of teaching and the pursuit of learning
with open hearts and open minds.

Twilight Market
From the College Principal's Desk

Our Priorities for 2013

Each year the college develops an Annual Improvement Plan (referred to as the AIP). This plan identifies priorities for the year and is linked to State and National priorities. This year we will be having a whole of college focus on the following:-

- Continued implementation of the Australian Curriculum which extends to include History this year
- Reviewing our P-12 Literacy and Numeracy Plan
- Initiating our review of the Year 7-12 Curriculum Framework
- Strengthening partnerships with the community to improve student learning outcomes
- Promoting parent participation and feedback through structures such as the P&C
- Visioning for the next decade- What do we want education and learning at Earnshaw to look like in 2023 as we celebrate our 20th birthday?
- Continuing to improve our teaching practice as represented in our college vision “To excel in the art of teaching and the pursuit of learning with open hearts and open minds”
- Creating a strong student voice

If you are interested in more information regarding any of these priorities or would like to contribute in any way, please don’t hesitate to contact me at klars9@eq.edu.au or ph 0736217333. Your feedback is always greatly appreciated.
Payment for School Fees

Thank you for your continued support of our school and your child’s learning. We have had a successful term, with all students focused on achieving their academic targets. I know that the role you play in making sure your child is ready to learn, ready to work is paramount to their success at school. Thank you for continuing to uphold our school values and beliefs.

Please ensure you are up-to-date with your payments. All school fees are to be paid by Thursday the 28th of March 2013. Non-payment of school fees will prohibit participation in non-curricular activities including but not limited to:

- Rewards Day
- Disco
- Semi-Formal
- Ski Trip
- Senior Jerseys
- Senior Formal

Payment of 2012 fees needs to be finalised before you can enter into a payment plan for 2013 fees. Text materials and printed materials that are issued by teachers are paid for by the Student Resource Scheme. Non participation in the scheme means that you are responsible for purchasing all of the necessary textbooks and class sets required for your child in each of their subjects.

If payments have not been finalised by the 30th of April, your child will no longer have access to textbooks and other resources that are purchased through the Student Resource Scheme. We have many payment options available at the school, which include Centrelink instalments, BPay, EFT, cheque, cash or direct bank deposits. If you would like to find out further information in regards to the payment options, please contact the office or the Business Services Manager.

Katrina Larsen
College Principal

Senior Scene

2013 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2012. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.
Between March and June, all students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Government Statistician to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2013.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

Richard Tweney  
Head of Senior School

Junior Jottings

Come and see the Junior Choir perform at the Junior Assembly on the last day of term ~ 12:20pm ~ Thursday 28th March!

Getting Involved at Earnshaw State College

Below are a number of tips on how you can get involved at Earnshaw State College:

- Communicate regularly with your student’s teacher (eg: emails, notes, phone calls, drop-off / pick-up visits). Clear communication aims to ensure that both school and home are on the ‘same page’ regarding the educational development of the student.
- Read the fortnightly P-12 College newsletter and other college notices, class letters, etc.
- If available, offer support in your student’s classroom (eg: listening to students read, changing home readers, art activities).
- Attend the college events whenever possible (Note: Junior Assembly is held most Thursdays at 12:15pm in the Sports Hall).
- Help out with fundraising activities, excursions, sports days and other events.
- Be involved with the P&C.

Level 2 Behaviour Awards

Earnshaw State College operates a successful Code of Behaviour that includes six behaviour levels. The code is underpinned by three core behaviour rules: Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Safe. All students begin the school year on Level 3, with aspirations to achieve Level 1 or 2.

Last week at our Junior Assembly, it was extremely pleasing to present a number of Level 2 Behaviour Certificates, taking the total number of Level 2 students to over one third of the Junior School (Prep0 to Year 6).
It is a very powerful image to have so many students who continually make positive behaviour choices up on stage together.

For those students who have achieved Level 2 status, I encourage you to strive to achieve Level 1 status and always behave your best. Any students presently on Level 3, your goal is to attain Level 2 status and I advise you to continually listen to your teacher for advice. Earnshaw State College has procedures in place to ensure that you are assisted in learning strategies to ensure you consistently make the positive behaviour choices.

Helping your Student to Learn

Below are some tips to assist your student’s learning and to develop good study habits:

- **Read to them daily & let them read to you** (reading is a compulsory section of our class’s Homework Grids).
- **Encourage them to tell you what they have read in their words or seek some details from them about what they read so it tests their comprehension and recall knowledge.**
- **Establish appropriate routines (days, set times, etc.) that promote good study habits and ensures homework is completed regularly at a high-quality standard.**
- **Ask them to talk about what they have learnt today at school.**
- **Ask them to talk about something that interests them (sport, music, dance, art).**

Every Day Counts

Every day is an important one for your student to attend the college. Every day is a chance for your student to extend their learning opportunities, therefore every day needs to be grasped positively. Earnshaw State College has a high attendance rate and we expect that trend to continue throughout the year. 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 of a phone call.

Dress Code Policy

Earnshaw State College is a uniform school and the wearing of the uniform is compulsory. Class teachers and school administration will 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 continue to foster the feeling of pride when wearing the Earnshaw State College uniform.

Warm regards

**Brendan Forbes**

Head of Junior School

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**ABW ~ Earnshaw Prepares to Defend Triple World Titles**
Having won triple Australian and International Global Enterprise Challenge titles from 2010 to 2012, Earnshaw State College’s new Global Enterprise Challenge (GEC) team has already begun to prepare for the defence of its titles.

The challenge is now held over a twelve hour period, half the time previously given to students to prepare the two-page written report, three-minute video and four slide PowerPoint responses.

A trial for the initial squad of twelve students was held at the end of February, after which the final ten members of the team were chosen. They are:

- Year 12: Jaime Lines, Bridget Greathead
- Year 11: Tiana Lines, Emma-Louise Clinton, Jesse Turnbull
- Year 10: Emily Lovell, Tahlia Welch, Breanna Noye
- Year 9: Madison Ryan, Kanya Haines

This will be the first year that Year 9 students have been included in a GEC team. This is testament to the strength of our Year 7/8 Enterprise program, as well as the development of student business skills through the Brisbane Northside ABW program.

Thanks to business mentor Bob Steele and fellow teacher mentor Jane Freier, colleagues Scott Saxby and Richard Tweney for their assistance and support, as well as Shannon Kelly and Cindy Postle for feeding the ‘hungry mob’.

Colleen Hills  
GEC Mentor and ABW Co-ordinator

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Curriculum Corner

THANK YOU EARNshaw state college community!

In 2012, Earnshaw families and community members participated in the Woolworths “Earn and Learn Promotion”.

By collecting stickers and returning them to school you have earned the college enough points to purchase $3692 worth of fantastic resources!

Resources have finally arrived! They have been catalogued and distributed to classrooms for students to use.

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A huge thankyou to every person who was involved.

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.

_Kath McCann_  
**Head of Department - Teaching & Learning**

**Instrumental Music News**

The college concert band will be performing at the Banyo Band Stand Official Opening on Saturday 23 March at 2:20pm. Come along to watch them perform, as well as other bands and groups from the Banyo Community. It will be held at the park next to the Banyo Library.

**General reminder of instrumental expectations:**

To be classified as an instrumental music student, every student who joins the instrumental music program is expected to:

- Practice regularly - at least 10 minutes 4 times a week for a beginner (this will increase with musical experience).
• Attend a group lesson every week.
• Once competent, become a member of the band and attend rehearsals every week.
• Take part in performances, concerts, instrumental music excursions and occasionally camps.
• Overall attitude and behaviour is expected to be of a high standard.

As this is an extra-curricular activity, it is very important that costs are paid by the end of term 1 to ensure your child retains their position in the program.

• Subject Contribution = $40 (all students pay this)
• Uniform Hire = $15 (for members of the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band)
• Instrument Hire = $100 (for those using a school instrument)

We understand that some families are under financial hardship. It is possible to arrange a payment scheme where the contribution and hire fees can be paid off each week over semester 1. Please don’t hesitate to contact the administration staff or our Business Services Manager in the senior office if you would like to discuss this option.

Julianne Schick
Instrumental Music Teacher

Parents' & Citizens' Association

Congratulations to the newly-elected 2013 P&C Executive, whoever they might be! To explain, the meeting to elect was held last Tuesday March 19th so at the cut-off for articles for this edition of the Edge, the 2013 team remains a mystery. Check the next newsletter or simply email pandc@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au and ask - the P&C Association would like to hear from you.

There are events on the horizon that you can get information on if you come to a meeting and join in - I hope to see you there. The college website is also a place you need to regularly visit, especially the newsletters. On that note, enjoy the days off at the end of March/Early April and don’t forget the swap meet is back, and it looks to be big, with a capital ‘B’. Be there!

It’s also the time of year to give thanks to all past and current volunteers, regardless of whether that volunteer work was/is small or large. Please realise that if people give some time, it really does help students, which is the sole purpose of the P&C Association. Without willing people, that student help won’t happen, so if you can please come along and help out, there are always things to do and they don’t take a lot of time.

With St Patrick’s day over for another year, remember that there’s plenty of opportunity to come along and propose other events. All you need to do is come to a meeting and join. The P&C Association exists to help students via fundraising, with the help of parents, citizens and the college.
Sporting News

Interschool Sport Results for Friday 15 March

**Touch Football – Senior Boys**

Earnshaw A defeated Aspley A 2-1

Earnshaw A defeated Bracken Ridge 7-1

Earnshaw B were defeated by Sandgate B 5-3

Earnshaw B defeated Zillmere 3-2

Swimming Carnivals
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**School Dental Program**
Closing the Gap Aboriginal Committee
Meetings will be held in the Staff Common Room at 9:00am on the following dates:

- 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
News from 6A

2013 has been an interesting year so far for all students in 6A. Apart from the wet weather that we have all had to endure, we are enjoying our studies for this term. In English we have been looking at the features of a short story, and in particular we have looked at the comical short story “The Loaded Dog”, written by one of the leaders of Australian literature, Henry Lawson. We recommend that you too be humoured by this entertaining story. We are currently writing our own short stories, and who knows, one of us may well be one of Australia’s future short story writers!

Our SOSE studies have taken us into the world of leaders and those who lead us in various fields. We are looking at the qualities and skills displayed by leaders and many of us are developing these same skills in ourselves. We are in awe of people like Walt Disney, Steve Irwin and our own college leaders to name a few. Our four Junior School Ambassadors attended a leadership conference in the city.

In Science we have been looking at how things change state. We have conducted some experiments that have been both fun and educational, even though we have at times made a bit of a mess.

As the term draws quickly to a close we look forward to our Easter break, and hope to continue to learn many more exciting and interesting things next term.

Happy Easter everyone and stay safe during the holidays.

Lorraine McGlinn and Donna Kleiss
6A Teachers

News from 4G

4G are learning about the jump strategy and the split strategy in maths. We have used chalk to draw and act out our 'jumping' when adding and subtracting. This was a lot of fun.
In English we have started our ‘funtastic’ poetry unit. We are learning about alliteration, spoonerisms, neologisms, nonsense words and puns. This photo shows some of our girls matching up the names, definitions and examples of different poetic language devices.

**Jo-lene Crank and Ruth Bartle**

4G Teachers

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**Biology Field Study**

On the 6th and 7th of March, Earnshaw State College Senior Biology students attended a field study to Nudgee Beach and its surrounding mangrove environment. Our class has been exploring ecology this term, with particular focus on living and non-living interactions in ecosystems. Nudgee Beach has a vast number of habitats and wildlife, making it the perfect setting for our studies and it didn’t disappoint. From feisty prawns to sludgy mud and giant mosquitos, we saw it all!

Throughout the two days, students worked hard to collect and organise primary data on the animal and plant species they observed, and also the environmental conditions of the area. They will use this data to write a report focusing on human impacts on the ecology Nudgee Beach.
All students should be commended on their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and respect for the environment that they showed during our time there. A big thank you must also go to Karen Capps for her valuable assistance and to all of the parents who assisted with transport.

Scott Boddice
Biology Teacher

Year 7 Canberra Trip

The Australian Institute of Sport offers students a hands-on experience with sport, in a fun learning environment. Our students are taken on an athlete-guided tour of the AIS and students will gain a unique insight into the life of an elite athlete. Students can then step into a world of fun, excitement and activity as they discover Sportex, the interactive sports experience. Sportex makes learning about sport fun and gives every student the chance to have a go.
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Shannon Kelly
Tuckshop Convenor

Scholastic Bookclub
Studies show that regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and the decoding of words. Whether your children are pre-schoolers or preteens, it will increase their desire to read independently.

A very big Thank You to everyone who ordered from the last issue of Bookclub. Orders have been processed and are expected to arrive this week. They will be delivered as soon as possible. Happy Reading and remember that every order placed benefits our school.

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

Helping Hands Earnshaw Outside School Hours Care

Hey Everyone,

Wow! What a term we have had - so much fun planning for the year ahead, that this term has gone so quickly.

We cannot believe that it is Easter already, but that means that we have a jam-packed holiday ahead, full of
exploration of the world’s celebrations, with lots of cooking and eating, playing and creating and dancing and singing.

We will be visiting GOMA’s Asian and South Pacific art exhibits which have some very exciting and cool activities just for kids, like getting your photo taken in front of the snow capped Kazakhstani Mountains or making the largest, most awesome car tracks in the track room (yes! I said room). We will also enjoy celebrating Diwali with Roushini and her Bollywood ways, Bastille Day with cooking and picnics and Sakura festival with a traditional Tea Ceremony, just to name a few of the.

Your youngest child should be receiving one of our new look Vacation Care brochures from their teachers over the next week, so please keep an eye out for them. You can also pick up a brochure at the junior school office and our centre at the bottom of M Block, so please drop in and we can answer any queries you have. You can also click on the following link to access an electronic copy of our Vacation Care brochure, so be sure to check it out!

Helping Hands Easter Earnshaw.pdf

We have been exploring fantasy over the last week and will continue till the end of term. Our lovely mermaid expert, Mia Smith, has given us a presentation on the finer details of the mermaid world and we have created some mermaid jewellery out of paper beads. We will be exploring the world of ghosts, dragons, fairies and elves, monsters, witches and wizards over the coming weeks until Easter break, so keep your eyes peeled for some awesome room displays. We will also be modifying our program presentation over the coming week, with all the children giving us a hand so that we can bring a more child-friendly program to the centre. Please be sure to check out our beautiful room and keep an eye out for the subtle and not-so-subtle changes that will be happening in and around our room in the coming month – we are sure that you will love what we are doing!

So if you would like to join us, our term time enrolment places are filling fast. If you require care on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, please contact the centre first to check availability, as these days are close to capacity for the centre. 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 email earnshaw@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

If we don’t see you beforehand, have a safe and happy Easter filled with family and of course chocolate. We look forward to seeing you in term two where we will continue to offer a premium service to the children and parents of Earnshaw!

Erin and the Helping Hands Gang!

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.

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Community Notices

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper?
Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo's holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day!

If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. It's a day you won't forget!

Places are booking out fast so call 5436 2025 to reserve your spot.

Ages: 7 - 12 years
Price: $85 - includes Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals
Duration: 5 hours
Location: Australia Zoo
Dates: 29 March to 14 April 2013

Further details are available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

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School holiday events
Banyo Library

Crafty kids: On safari
Make a different animal each day during this drop-in craft session for children aged 2-8 years, and their carers.

Daily from Tuesday 2-Saturday 13 April

Movie screening: Matilda (PG)
See Roald Dahl’s famous story come to life. Ideal for families, come along for popcorn, quizzes, games and prizes.

Thursday 4 April 2-4pm*

Twisted origami workshop
Create amazing shapes that spin on their own during this kinetic origami workshop. Ideal for those aged 12-16 years.

Thursday 11 April 1.30-2.30pm*

*Bookings essential.

Call Banyo Library on
(07) 3403 2200 for more information.

For more events at Banyo Library visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or pick up a copy of What’s On in Libraries.

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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.
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/Carers

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

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The Earnshaw Pool is open to the public over the holidays (closed 4 days of Easter)

Earnshaw Swimming starts again in term 2 on the 15th April 2013.

Check the website for details www.qualifiedaquatics.com.au

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Northside Wizards Basketball

- Term 2 registrations now open
- Programs for children 4 + years
- Fun, active, social, and safe
- At an indoor venue near you

For more information please email Luc at
development@northsidewizards.com or call 0419 724 392
www.northsidewizards.basketball.net.au

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