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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.

~ Lest We Forget ~



We encourage as many Earnshaw students as possible, dressed in full formal uniform, to attend the Banyo ANZAC Day Ceremony on Thursday 25th April. Please assemble on Melville Place by 6:45am. The ceremony should conclude around 8:00am.

From the College Principal's Desk

Welcome Back

We welcome back all students to Term 2. I extend a special and warm welcome to new families who are joining us this term.

Appointment of Principal to Earnshaw State College

Today I announce to you, that I was unsuccessful in being appointed to the position of Principal of Earnshaw State College. The successful applicant was Mr David Bosworth who is currently the principal of Oakey State School.

Whilst I was very disappointed as I have come to love Earnshaw, I am confident that Mr Bosworth will continue to lead the college on its learning journey.

Mr Bosworth has had a highly successful and extensive career which was recognised last year when he received an Australia Day Award.

His career has seen him hold a number of leadership positions in both Primary and Secondary schools as evident by the table below.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Location</i>
2006 - 2012	Principal	Oakey State School
2005	Principal	Chinchilla State School
2004	Principal	Gladstone South State School
2003	Principal	Boyne Island State School
1998 Sem 2 – 2005	Deputy Principal	Gladstone State High School
1998 Sem 1	Acting Deputy Principal	Mirani State High School
1996	Teacher Exchange	Norwich, England
1992 -1997	Teacher (Sports master)	Mackay State High School
1989 - 1991	Teacher (Sports master)	Collinsville State High School
1988	Teacher	Woodridge State High School
1987	Teacher	New Farm State School
1986	Traveling overseas	
1984-1985	Teacher	Thursday Island State School
1983	Teacher	Mareeba State School

Mr Bosworth will take up his appointment at the beginning of term 4. I wish him and his wife all the very best and welcome them to our wonderful family.

Thank you for your support and be assured that I will work diligently with you over my remaining time to support both you and our students.

NAPLAN

Like all schools nationwide, some of our students will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests during the week of the 14th to 17th May.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be assessed in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Within the Numeracy test, Year 7 and 9 students undertake a calculator-allowed test, followed by a non-calculator test.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

We expect that the test results will be sent to our school in September this year, and an individual NAPLAN report for each student will be sent home. These confidential reports will show your child's results against key national information in each year level.

Our school will use the information in a number of ways, primarily to better identify students requiring additional support, and to identify strengths and improvement areas in teaching programs.

While the NAPLAN report is an important measure of how all students are performing, it is important to remember that it is only one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace the more extensive and informed judgements made by our highly skilled and experienced teachers.

It is important that students receive ongoing support at home throughout the year in developing literacy and numeracy skills. For tips and information please visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map.

There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:

- talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class
- discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks
- when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading
- encourage your child to write descriptive stories about something they have seen, heard or read about – who are the main characters, what are they trying to do and why, where is the story set and how will it end
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests
- ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast.

If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school, please contact your child's teacher.

Read for Pleasure

Research shows that reading to children from an early age creates a safe and stimulating environment that fosters language, thinking and literacy development - both at home and in the classroom.

Parents and families are a child's first teachers and are vital in establishing a life-long love of reading in their children.

Encourage this love of learning by reading aloud to your child from the earliest age. Make reading together a special time and you'll establish a pattern for the rest of their life. You'll also be giving them a flying start.

Katrina Larsen

College Principal

Senior Scene

As my time at Earnshaw progresses I am continually met with new challenges that bring with them new rewards. This term I have started meeting with the Junior Secondary students through what will become our weekly "assembly". This assembly happens each Monday morning at 8.45am and compliments the senior assembly each Tuesday. At each assembly I was able to congratulate the group on their attendance record for the term and look forward to working with them to maintain the same standard throughout the year. Remember that "Every Day Counts" and time spent away from learning can have a detrimental effect. As well as affirming these behaviours at assemblies, we will be posting home letters acknowledging student positive behaviours and attendance.

Uniforms

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. For our senior boys, this means the wearing of the school tie for terms 2 & 3.

Events

Two important but different activities will be held this week for all our students; with our own ANZAC day ceremony on Wednesday and annual cross country on Friday. The pride of place that Earnshaw holds in the Banyo community is upheld by the College's presence at the Banyo RSL ANZAC Day ceremony, with the College band playing at the ceremony and our leaders delivering speeches.

VET

Vocational Education and Training enables students to gain qualifications for all types of employment and specific skills to help them in the workplace. At Earnshaw State College we offer a range of nationally recognised qualifications and have strong partnerships with other training providers to allow our students to follow their chosen pathways in senior school. Last year, 100% of our year 12 students left the college with at least a Certificate I level qualification.

Over the next few weeks, students in years 11 and 12 will be receiving the certificates and statement of attainments for the qualifications they achieved last year at Earnshaw State College on assembly. Overall, 65 qualifications in the areas of Certificate I Work Education, Certificate I Business and Certificate II Information, Digital Media and Technology will be issued. Congratulations to all the students receiving their Certificates.

Richard Tweney

Head of Senior School

Junior Jottings

It has been pleasing to see the Junior School students slot back into their classes smoothly and I expect everyone to give their best effort to ensure this term is a terrific one.

Success at School

After reflecting back on Term 1, make the judgement whether your student/s had a successful term. I'm sure that you will *tick* many of the key points listed below. Current educational research has found that students who succeed at school come from families who...

- Expect students to achieve at school
- Value education and express this to their students
- Frequently discuss school and related events
- Have regular routines
- Encourage students to have a range of interests and hobbies

What you accept, you come to expect. This phrase states to each of us that if you accept negative attitudes or unacceptable behaviour or mediocre learning standards – I guess it's only natural that children will achieve to that level adults expect.

At Earnshaw State College, we regularly follow-up on students to ensure they achieve their best possible results. We don't want them to just *'have a go'*, we expect all students to *'give their best effort always'*.

Semester One Report Cards are issued at the end of this term. All students will need to ensure they bring their positive attitudes, quality behaviour and learning performances to school every day, as they strive to receive the best achievement/effort level.

I know our school families support these views and appreciate the college staff maintaining the high standards of academic performance and behaviour. Let's continue to work together to ensure Earnshaw State College fosters numerous opportunities for students to achieve success.

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 (e.g. emails, notes, phone calls, drop-off/pick-up visits).
- Read the classroom newsletter, college newsletter and other college notices/letters.
- Offer support in your student's classroom (e.g. listening to students read, changing Home Readers, testing sight words).
- Attend the college events whenever possible (Junior Assembly is held every Thursday 12:15pm in the Sports Hall).
- Help out with fundraising activities, excursions, sports days and other events.
- Be involved with the P&C.

Healthy Students vs Winter Chill

The best way to protect against seasonal influenza is through good hygiene including;

- Ensure your student wears warm clothing to the college on those chilly days (*even when they tell you they're not cold*). Please ensure it complies with the Dress Code Policy.
- Ensure your child wears appropriate footwear (shoes & socks).
- Ensure that a healthy lunch is provided.
- Ensure that handkerchiefs are available.
- Ensure that your student is fully recovered from an illness before returning to the college or is **not sent** to the college when obviously sick.
- Inform the college when a significant health issue is diagnosed by a doctor.

Donations of Secondhand Uniforms

There are times when Junior School students need a change of uniform during the school day. We have a limited supply of spare uniforms at the office, but would appreciate more. In particular, there is a shortage of girls shorts/skorts, but any spare uniforms would be appreciated.

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

College Cross Country
and *adidas* School Fun-Run



Earnshaw College Cross Country 2013

YEARS 4 - 12

Friday 26th April

Starting at 9:10am on the top oval

* *Students are to wear sports uniform, comfortable running shoes, and bring hat and sunscreen.*

Parents are most welcome to come and watch.






As part of the Year 4 to 12 Cross Country, we will be holding an *adidas* School Fun-Run for Years 4 to 7, as a major fundraising event this year.

The ***adidas* School Fun-Run** is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students in Years 4 to 7 have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase new sporting equipment.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to train for our event and to receive advice from sporting heroes like Sally Pearson and Jonathan Brown, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and clicking on [mi adizone](#).

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the **adidas School Fun-Run** event day at the school on Friday 26th April to help cheer on the students.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Shannon Roscarel

Junior Sports Coordinator

Active After School Sport Starts Next Week

After School Sport starts again this Monday 29th April for Years 4 to 6, who will be playing Rugby League. Years 1 to 3 commence Soccer on Wednesday 1st May. Please check the Junior School office window later this week for the lists of participating students.

Thanks

Kerrie Lovell

Active After School Coordinator

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day Stall

Students are invited to purchase a gift for their mum for Mother's Day from the Mother's Day Stall. Gifts have been handmade from the hard-working mums of the Craft Group and range from 50c to \$10.00 in value. Last year, we raised \$2000 from the Mother's Day Stall and this year, we hope to exceed this amount with all proceeds going back to the students of Earnshaw.



- When is the Mother's Day Stall open? Wednesday, May 8th and Thursday, May 9th
- Where will the Mother's Day Stall be located? Lower floor of M Block

Help support the students of Earnshaw, whilst also purchasing a fabulous gift for mum!



Prep to Year 3 Easter Hat Parade

On the final day of Term 1, the P-3 classes united together to have our annual Easter Hat Parade. It was a fun afternoon, full of marching, performing and showing off a multitude of Easter hats inspired by our "recycled" theme.

Our special guest judges had the very difficult task of choosing one male and female student from each class to receive a chocolate bilby and a cuddle from our extra special guest the Easter Bunny!!

Congratulations to the following students for their award winning designs. [Click here](#) to see a slideshow of our winning entrants:

Prep A – Max and Abby

Prep B – Lee and Grace

1A – Jake and Lilly

1B – Xavier and Danielle & Briana

2/3 A – Jack and Kaylah

2B – Leki and Manisha



3A – Conor and Leilani

3B – Hudson and Noeline

Many thanks to our family and friends, for joining in on our fun!

Anita Symonds

Prep A Teacher

Year 3 - Bunyaville Excursion

In the final week of term, Years 3A and 3B ventured out to Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre for a full day of activities. Our leaders and teachers led us on a bush walk with a difference.

Our magic eye glasses allowed us to get up close and personal with nature and see intriguing patterns. Detecting variance in colour was our next job. With colour swatches, our task was to find elements of nature to match those colours. Next we needed to create an environmental art piece as a group that told a story. So using pieces of earth and plant we cooperated and designed an art sample on the ground. After eating our lunches we experienced the “Magic Spot Challenge”, where in solitude we could take in all the sights and sounds of our immediate vicinity. Finally we were able to give feedback on all experiences through a question and answer session. This is what we noticed.



“Today at Bunyaville I found out:

- *I could share my ideas with others*
- *I could walk around and see the excitement of others*
- *I could see lots of things in the forest*
- *I could survive in the forest by myself*
- *I could imagine lots of stuff*
- *I could create things*

During our “Magic Spot Challenge” today I heard cricket sounds, wind blowing in the trees. I saw the rustle of leaves, heard birds chirping and saw them soaring high above the forest. We enjoyed our excursion to Bunyaville and finally got to see Cockatoo Island as well.”

**** Many thanks to our teachers, teacher aides and parent helpers.**

Greg Emerson & Kylie McNamara

Year 3 Teachers



GOMA – APT7 Art Excursion



Years 10, 11 & 12 Art students had the pleasure of attending the recent APT7 exhibition during March. The students had a lot of fun interacting with the hands on activities and exploring the diverse range of artworks displayed. Students were able to create camouflaged sculptures and

take photos of themselves in cities in a range of foreign countries. Each activity is based on an artwork displayed in the exhibition.

A great day was had by all who attended.



Leigh Korbatits

Art Teacher

Curriculum Corner

Welcome to our P-6 Home Reading program

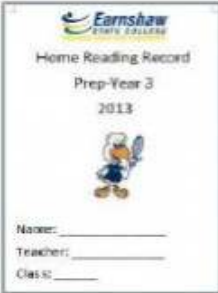
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week you would have noticed an addition to your child's homework. As part of our 2013-2015 Reading Framework, we have revised our Home Reading program to ensure consistency from Prep to Year 6.

Our aim: to work together with families to promote a **LOVE OF READING** ☺


Each child is issued with a Home Reading Record. We have two versions: one for Prep to Year 3 and one for Years 4 to 6.

The Home Reading Record provides you with information to assist you in supporting your child to read at home, as well as space for students to record their reading.



Home Reading Record
Prep-Year 3
2013

Name: _____
Teacher: _____
Class: _____



Home Reading Record
Years 4-6
2013

Name: _____
Teacher: _____
Class: _____

Why Read at Home?

- To help develop a **LOVE of READING** ☺
- To practise the reading strategies learnt at school.

Reading at home helps:


- Improve vocabulary
- Improve understanding (comprehension)
- Develop fluency.

Opportunities to read at home:

- Listen to a book read aloud by an adult or older sibling.
- Read along with a parent or sibling.
- Read aloud to parent or older sibling
- Read silently then talk to an adult about the book
- Read silently with no adult interaction (suitable for Years 5 and 6)


What to read:

- Home Readers borrowed from school
- Library books
- eBooks
- Newspapers, magazines, comics



Building a Love of Reading
Try any of the following suggestions.

- Buy books and magazine subscriptions as gifts.
- Have a selection of reading materials such as comics, magazines and informational texts available at home and in the car.
- Have a special place for each person in the family to keep their books.
- Encourage your child to set aside a time for reading. Do this yourself so your child can see you as a reader.
- Encourage children to select their own books and magazines.
- Exchange books with friends and other family members.
- Show an interest in what your child is reading. Ask them to recommend books for you to read.
- Visit the library often so your child can check out a variety of texts to sustain their interest.
- Provide access to a computer so your child can make use of the Internet for research. Often local libraries have computers where the Internet is available.



'A child needs to hear 1000 stories read aloud before they begin to learn to read for themselves'
 Mem Fox

Kath McCann

Head of Department - Teaching & Learning

Woolworths Earn & Learn is Back!



Last year, the Earnshaw State College community collected enough **Earn & Learn** points to purchase **\$3692 worth of fantastic resources!** Our goal is to beat that amount this year!

It's easy!



- From **Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013**, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards.
- Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points, stick them on your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet, then drop your completed Woolworths Earn & Learn Point Sheet into the Collection Box at the Junior School Office.
- Woolworths Earn & Learn Point Sheets are available at Woolworths. Or download here. [Click here to download.](#)

Parents' & Citizens' Association

Can you help this Sunday?

If you haven't already done so, please email us at pandc@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au to volunteer at the Holden Car Swap Meet this Sunday 28th April. Over 2000 people are expected on the day and the P&C is catering for them, so lots of helpers will be needed!

In Other News:

Business is as usual for the college P&C association, with some particularly important items to highlight:

Thanks to ALL of you college and P&C people who spend time helping, you know who you are and it's well appreciated. Moving on to raise important items at hand and looking ahead, the P&C needs to hear from anyone who would like to take on the role as treasurer. The P&C current treasurer will soon move on to do other things, so it is time for a handover to the next treasurer.

Please be aware that without a treasurer the P&C association can't operate, so it's important to have a handover. Thanks for anyone willing to come to a meeting and offer to learn some the ropes. If you need some more detail, P&C is very happy to help out, reply to pandc@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au. If you need to talk, call me 0407 120 399.

The college fete is fast approaching and the organisers really need your help. That could mean a phone call or two, or perhaps arranging some things to be ready. If you can help PLEASE email pandc@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au and sdext3@eq.edu.au or if you want to talk, (07) 3621 7333 or 0407 120 399.

Gordon Gray

P&C President

Sporting News

Interschool Sport Results for Friday 22 March

Touch Football – Senior Boys

Earnshaw A defeated Norris Road A 9-3

Earnshaw A defeated Aspley East A 9-1

Cricket

Cricket had a great day being coached by Queensland Cricket. No full games took place.

Softball

Senior girls Softballers defeated Boondall 6-5

Senior girls Softballers defeated by Sandgate 2-6

Junior girls Softballers defeated Boondall 11-8

Closing the Gap Aboriginal Committee

Meetings will be held in the Staff Common Room at 9:00am on the following dates:

- 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

Year 7 Canberra Trip

Mt. Kosciuszko Education Centre offers students a chance to learn about the wildlife that lives in this area.

There is a Quiz Show, as well as lots of interesting, hands-on activities for everyone to participate in.



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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
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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

Children with a large array of reading materials in their homes score higher on standardized tests. Tempt your kids to read by having a large supply of appealing books and magazines at their reading level. Put the reading materials in cars, bedrooms, family rooms and even by the TV.

Averil Venn

Scholastic Bookclub Co-ordinator

Bookshop News - Stationery, 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.



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,

Well what a fantastic Vacation Care we had day tripping around the world exploring different cultural celebrations. We got to eat yummy French food with ham and cheese croissants and brioche, danced our way through Diwali and had a very cool tea ceremony to celebrate the cherry blossom festival from Japan, just to name a few awesome experiences. We also had a great time at GOMA exploring the APT7 summit – creating



strange and wonderful masks to both scare and excite, making cool yellow and blue creations out of cardboard boxes and creating a wonderful world where glass porcupines and elephants play soccer together.

Since coming back to school though, we have been exploring the wonderful world of cars, thanks to our Very Important Programmer or VIP Hayden. This unit has given us the chance to explore road safety and the children

will be receiving licences to prove their competence in understanding road safety concepts. We will also turn to our creative side by creating some art-rageous cars. The activity is inspired by the very cool art cars displayed in the Houston Art Car parade held every year – we were very impressed with the inspiration! We look forward to moving on with our next VIP decided at our Kid's Committee meeting later this week.

We are also very excited to announce our Making Movies program which starts on Thursday 9th May and goes for 5 weeks. The children will be using the stories of Dr Seuss as a stimulus and basis for their movie scripts. They will be taught how to sequence the story and shoot, direct and act within the scenes. At the end of the five weeks a 2 minute film will be made and will be shown in a film festival at the centre for parents and relatives. For those who cannot attend the content will be made available on a private channel through You Tube and will be only available for a limited time. The workshops will use iPad technologies to both film and edit the end product. Spaces are limited, so if you are interested, please fill in the form included as well as the general enrolment package if your child/ren do not currently attend the centre. It is a first-in best-dressed situation, with forms numbered as they are received; so please ensure that you get them in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. [Click here](#) to access the movie-making application form.

So if you would like to join us, our term time enrolments 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. 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

Just want to take this time to acknowledge our fallen diggers and those still serving, with Anzac day upon us for another year and look forward to seeing everyone at the school's ceremony to acknowledge their contribution. We had some amazing correspondence with our returned servicemen and women last year and were very thankful to them for sharing some of their wonderful stories. Lest We Forget.

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.

Term	Publishing date (Thursday)	Article due date (Monday)
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

Metro North Oral Health Service
Metro North Hospital and Health Service



**IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
WE ACCEPT TEEN DENTAL VOUCHERS**

You need to be either:
Year 7 to 10
OR

Year 11 & 12 and a current healthcare card*

Call 1300 365 997 between 11am - 2pm Wed-Friday

We will book an appointment for your examination, professional clean and radiographs** at one of our clinics or vans.

There are no gaps to pay and this includes a full course of general treatment.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR VOUCHER WITH YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

**Proof of current healthcare card is required for students in year 11 & 12*

***Radiographs would be taken if considered necessary*

Further information available from: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/dental-teen>





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.

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

Tuesday 18 June 2013 9.30am – 11.00am Belmont State School - Belmont

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

Thursday 8 August 2013 9.30 – 11.00am Newmarket State School - Newmarket

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 shariene.emanuel@det.qld.gov.au



Better Local Schools Summit with Local Member & Federal Treasurer, Wayne Swan

Local MP Wayne Swan is inviting local families to his upcoming *Better Local Schools Summit*, with special guest Federal Minister for School Education, Peter Garrett.

Most of us have heard talk recently about the “Gonski Review”. This review confirmed Australia’s school funding model is failing our children, prompting the Federal Government to propose significant changes.

The event will provide parents with the opportunity to learn more about the Federal Government’s **National Plan for School Improvement and what it means for our school.**

National Plan for School Improvement will:

- Deliver extra funding to every local school;
- Give kids extra support if they need it, with specialist teachers and aides;
- Tackle school bullying so every child can learn in a safe environment;
- Mentoring for new teachers and more support for existing teachers
- Give more power to principals over school budgets and staffing

Better Local Schools Summit

When: 10:00am, Saturday 27th April 2013

Where: Boondall State School, Corner Sandgate & Roscommon Roads Boondall

RSVP: By Friday 26th April to Wayne.Swan.MP@aph.gov.au, or phone my office on 3266 8244

The Summit will also be a fun morning for the family, with a free monster jumping castle, a BBQ brunch and a barista on hand serving up fresh coffee. I hope you can make it.



Are you a parent of siblings who fight?



Every day thousands of parents wake up to the challenge of dealing with children who are in conflict with their siblings.

Researchers from The University of Queensland are interested in understanding and improving children's relationships with their siblings. To do this, the research team headed by Prof. Matt Sanders, would like to invite parents of siblings to fill out a brief questionnaire highlighting their experiences raising siblings. The researchers are interested to know how being a parent of siblings impacts your family? Do you receive enough support to deal with challenging behaviour? What sort of extra help do you think you need? And how best would you like to receive support? The information provided will be used to help develop a tailored parenting program for parents who are having difficulty with their children's sibling conflict. Participating parents will also be invited to register their interest for the trial of the program once it is available.

All parents of siblings who have children aged between 2 and 10 years with no more than 4-years separating the two siblings are invited to participate in a brief questionnaire available at www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/siblings. Parents do not need to have children who are in conflict to participate. Contact John Pickering on (07) 3346 8743 or email j.pickering@uq.edu.au or visit for more information.



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- **Positive Parenting to help you promote your teenager's development**
- **providing a home environment that guides & supports teenagers**
- **finding ways to deal with conflict when the views and wishes of parents and teenagers differ**
- **developing your own approach to dealing with your teenager's behaviour**
- **meeting the challenge of raising teens**

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