~ Our College Vision ~

To excel in the art of teaching and the pursuit of learning with open hearts and open minds.
From the College Principal's Desk

Year 12 Student Outcomes Report

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) has recently released the School Report on 2012 Year 12 outcomes. These annual reports are compiled by data provided by QLD schools, other learning providers such as TAFE and the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). The report contains a range of educational data about the learning outcomes of all year 12 students.

It is very pleasing to report that our 2012 graduates achieved outstanding outcomes that are better than or comparable to students in other schools. 84% of our OP eligible students received an OP 1-15, 100% of students exited with a vocational qualification and all students exited with a QCE, OP or VET qualification. An advantage of being small is that we can cater to the needs of all of our students and support them in their individual learning pathways.

For more information, you can access the report on the website at www.qsa.qld.edu.au

Sale of Some of Our Land

Many of you will have become aware of the recent announcement regarding the sale of part of the college. In some cases, there have been conflicting messages published about this. To date, the college has been advised that the land identified for sale is an area of 1.2 hectares which encompasses the old soccer fields. The boundary is approximately in line with the gate and extends across to the water tank located near the communal garden.
Rewards Day and School Disco - Levy Payments Required

The Junior School Disco will be held on Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} June and Rewards Day on Thursday 20\textsuperscript{th} June.

Eligibility for these events (and other extra-curricular activities, eg: Representative Sport and Instrumental Music) includes the payment of the school levies. If you would like to organise a formal payment plan for your school levies, please contact the Business Services Manager at the main office.

Prep Enrolments – 2014

Earnshaw State College is accepting enrolments of children who were born between 1\textsuperscript{st} July 2008 and 30\textsuperscript{th} June 2014 to begin Prep in 2014. A copy of a birth certificate is required to be sighted and photocopied prior to enrolment. If you do not have a birth certificate, you need to obtain one by making an application at the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Parents wishing to enrol their child in Prep 2014 at Earnshaw State College are encouraged to contact the college on 3621 7440 to collect the enrolment package and to book an enrolment interview with the Head of School. Alternatively, the enrolment form can be downloaded from our website at www.earnshawsc.eq.edu.au.

We will be holding a Prep Information Evening during Term 3 and a series of Pre-Prep Transition Days during Term 4. All school families that have registered their student’s enrolment for Prep 2014 will receive an invitation.

I encourage you to spread the word to any future school families and encourage them to visit the school or phone 362 7440 to register their student’s enrolment details.

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me via the Junior School Office on 3621 7440 or email his@earnshawsc.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
From the Beacon Ambassadors

BEACON is an organisation that helps high school students engage in learning and deciding what to do once they leave school. One of the activities that help students decide what career path to follow is speed careerering. Speed careerering is when a business representative comes to our school and talks about their career and what they had to do during school to get to where they are today. The purpose of this activity is to widen the possibilities for students and help them decide what career sounds good to them and hopefully strive to achieve their career goal.

On Thursday 30 May, following our successful BEACON industry breakfast in term 1, the BEACON Ambassadors will be hosting the Speed Careerering event. We have confirmed industry representatives from Accenture, HJ Heinz, Daley Law Practice, Do Dance, State Member for Parliament, and Queensland Police Force. We are very excited to be welcoming these guests into our college and hope to learn about their jobs and career paths.

Breanna Noye
Beacon Ambassador

Global Enterprise Challenge Team Chases a Fourth Title

Having completed a three-peat of Australian and International Global Enterprise Challenge titles in 2010, 2011 and 2012, Earnshaw State College’s new-look GEC team is now in the final stages of preparing for the defence of its title on Saturday 15 June.

In 2013, the GEC task will now be undertaken across a 12-hour timeframe (9:00am to 9:00pm), instead of the previous 24-hour period. However, the challenge still requires students to prepare a two-page written report, three-minute video presentation and PowerPoint slides in response to a topic of global significance.

The team has been attending weekly sessions since the beginning of the year and undertook a trial of the new format in late February. With five new members in the team, this trial was essential in providing experience to newcomers, as well as identifying ‘lesser strengths’ we needed to work on before the GEC in mid-June.

The mentoring team was very, very pleased with the way the team handled the shift in planning and processes to still be able to maintain our very high standard of work, but to a much tighter schedule. The team will also undertake a 12-hour practice on Saturday 1 June.

Many thanks to business mentor Bob Steele and staff members Jane Freier, Richard Tweney, Scott Saxby, Jennie Harvey, Louise Werner and Kirsten Tuckett for assisting and supporting the team before and during the trial, as well as Shannon Kelly and Cindy Postle for their assistance with catering.

Colleen Hills
ABW Co-ordinator

Fundraising Committee Update

Mother’s Day Stall

Many, many thanks to all of the students, parents and teachers who supported this year’s Mother’s Day Stall. Thank you for your support, we managed to raise $2,300 for the students of Earnshaw. This is a great effort and easily surpasses the amount of money normally raised from this stall. A special thank you to all of the parents who helped through making craft items or assisting students in purchasing their gifts. Your support is much appreciated.

Earnshaw Festival Update
The Earnshaw Festival is less than 6 months away and lots of work is taking place behind the scenes to ensure that this event is a success. Rides for all ages have been booked, show bags have been ordered, the animal and llama farms are ready to go and the fireworks are organised and ready to dazzle us all.

With all large community events, volunteers are required to assist in the organisation process. You can assist by volunteering your time to:

- contact local businesses seeking sponsorship or donations for the Festival. Letters have already been sent to these businesses so a follow-up phone call is all that is required. The school phones are available and ready to be used!
- drop flyers in letterboxes to promote the Festival. The more people attending our College Festival, the more money that will be raised to support the education of your children.
- support your child’s teacher in preparing their class stall. Each class/year level has been allocated a stall, ranging from novelty events to cakes to show bags to the BBQ. Parents are needed to help prepare stalls before the Festival as well as assisting in running stalls on the day. If you can help, please contact your child’s teacher.

Have you got any of the following items lying about the house;

- clean glass jars?
- second hand books?
- pre-loved children’s clothes and toys?
- plants?

If so, please bring them in to school and drop them at the Junior or Senior School offices.

Finally, we are seeking sponsorship from businesses. Sponsorship can take place in the form of a cash donation and/or donation of goods or services. In exchange for supporting the College Festival, businesses will receive promotion through the college newsletters, on the college website and on the day of the Festival. If you know of any businesses that would be prepared to support your child’s school, please let one of the Executive Committee members know.

Kind regards

*Clinton Marychurch, Lisa Witherspoon, Karyn Ngatoko and Angela Greathead*

*Festival Executive Committee*

**Earnshaw State College NAIDOC Week**

NAIDOC stands for the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.
NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields.

Activities take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week in the first full week of July. As this falls in the school holidays, Earnshaw State College will be celebrating during the first week of Term 3: 8-12 July.

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2013 is **We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963.**

This year’s theme proudly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the Federal Parliament.

In August 1963, the Yolngu people of Yirrkala in northeast Arnhem Land sent two bark petitions – framed by traditional ochre paintings of clan designs – to the Australian House of Representatives. The petitions sought the recognition by the Australian Parliament of the Yolngu peoples’ traditional rights and ownership of their lands.

The petitions were the first traditional documents recognised by the Commonwealth Parliament and helped to shape the nation’s acknowledgment of Aboriginal people and their land rights. Today, we look to a future that better understands and celebrates the unique connection that Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander’s share to country, as we continue to build an Australia that reflects the achievements and furthers the aspirations of our people.

**Art Competition**

Earnshaw State College Closing the Gap Committee is holding an Art Competition as part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations. The theme will be:

“**Connection to country: we love the land**”.

All students P-12 are invited to participate.

1. **Artwork**: no larger than A3 size
2. **Theme**: “Connection to country: we love the land”
3. **Media**: select from painting, drawing, collage, mixed media
4. **Entry**: bring to the Junior School Office by Thursday June 20 2013

Please collect an entry form from either office.

**Kath McCann**

on behalf of the CTG Committee

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**Mothers' Day Celebrations in Prep**
We love our Mums in Prep A :)  

On Friday, May 10th, the Prep A students invited their Mummies in for an afternoon of activities, pampering, delicious treats and gifts. We celebrated with 16 lovely Mums (and one Grandma) who received very colourful manicures, enjoyed painting portraits, created with pink, coconut scented play dough, designed necklaces and made “Number 1 Mum” badges! We supplied a delicious afternoon tea of baby cupcakes and pikelets and presented our Mummies with three special gifts.

Mrs Trinder and Mrs Symonds are deeply grateful to everyone who made it to our afternoon. THANK YOU, LOVELY LADIES!!!

Click here to see some more Mummy-Preppie photos :)  

Anita Symonds
Prep A Teacher

Walk Safely to School Day
Choir and Instrumentalists Performing at Local Fete

Our Junior Choir, Senior Vocal Ensemble and selected instrumentalists have been asked to perform within our local community. St Oswald’s church in Froude Street, Banyo hosts a fete each year (see flyer in community notices below) and always welcomes the local community and children into their grounds for a fund-raising event. Our performance time will be 9:30am on Saturday 1st June. If you're free that day, please come and support our young performers.

Naomi Drogemuller Bycroft
Classroom Music Teacher

Homestay Families Required

Earnshaw State College is hoping to once again host Showa High School (Japan) through Education Queensland's International Study Tour Programs in July this year. Last year, Showa High School spent 11 days with our students with many friendships developed and our students travelled to Japan in September holidays. We are currently compiling a database of families who would be open to accommodating visiting students during their 10 night visit from 21st to 31st July 2013. Homestay families are very important to the success of such study visits as it allows visiting students the best opportunity to practice their English conversation skills in everyday life, while ensuring safe accommodation and a caring home environment.

Information Meeting Next Week
We will be having a brief information evening this Wednesday 29 May at 6.00 pm in the Administration Building for any families who have registered interest or are interested in hosting a student from Japan in July. The session will be approximately 30-45 minutes long.

Responsibilities for host families include:

- Providing three meals a day as well as snacks (or suitable amount of money)
- Providing transfers to/from school (this can include public transport if travelling with another host student)
- Providing a bed, preferably in a separate sleeping area or sharing a room with another child of the same gender

Homestay families do receive payment for hosting overseas students. The process for becoming a homestay family does involve several steps as listed below. If you are interested in becoming a homestay family, please ring the office on 36217333 to receive the required application.

Host family process:

1. Register your interest by ringing the office on 36217333.
2. Complete forms ‘A’ and ‘B’ as well as blue card application and return to Earnshaw State College Main Office
3. Attend first information evening
4. Home Inspections completed by Accredited Officers (Sally Dexter, Richard Tweney and/or Mari Iinuma)
5. Pre-arrival information evening

Being a host family also provides your family with a wonderful opportunity to forge new friendships and learn about the culture of another country.

*Sally Dexter*
Deputy Principal

*Under 8's Day 2013*
P-3 students will be celebrating Under Eights Week 2013

Date: Friday 24th May 2013
Time: 9:00 – 11:00am

The 2013 theme, “Celebrating community – sharing music, movement and culture. Think locally!”
- Provides an opportunity for children to enjoy hands-on experiences and build their skills in expressing themselves and connecting to their world.
- Activities will be based on sharing music, movement and culture.
- Students are invited to dress up musically.
- Families and friends are welcome – please note: any toddlers accompanying families must be supervised.

Students will be able to:

Make masks, hats, kites, origami and Lego
Perform with dressing up
Get active on the adventure playground and sandpit
Create with paint
Design magical Collage and Threading
Relax with Music, Books and Instruments
Transform with Face Paint ...
And much more!

Join us for a fabulous morning!

Donations of items will be greatly received. Your class teachers may ask for these.
Please contact the Junior School office if you have any queries relating to the day.

Thanks
Prep – Year 3 teachers
Flyer designed by Ajak Muorter, 8A

Woolworths Earn & Learn is Back!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has brought in their stickers so far. Please keep them coming!


Closing the Gap Aboriginal Committee

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

- 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 Trip to Canberra Places of Interest

The National Capital Exhibition

This centre tells the story of Canberra, through interactive displays. The Exhibition illustrates the vital role Canberra has as a symbol of Federation. In this year of Centenary, this exhibition is sure to have something special in place for its visitors. This centre features the people, events, history and design which contributed to the development of this unique, modern and fully planned city. I am sure that our current year 7 students who intend traveling to Canberra in October, will find this venue as interesting and informative as those of our students who have previously visited it.

Munch Monitor ~ Order Tuckshop Online!
Shannon Kelly
Tuckshop Convenor

Scholastic Bookclub

To help your children improve their reading, use textbooks, computer programs, books-on-tape, and other materials available in stores. Games are especially good choices because they let children have fun as they work on their skills.
Issue 4 of Bookclub is now available and orders close on Friday 31st May 2013. Remember, every order earns rewards for our school.

Thanking you for your on-going support..

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

Opening Hours

The Bookshop is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30am.

Secondhand Uniforms Urgently Needed!

Secondhand uniforms are now sold from the Bookshop, not the Uniform Shop. UNIFORMS FOR SALE ARE URGENTLY NEEDED (all uniforms are welcome, but particularly Sizes 8 and 10 tunics and sports uniforms).

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.
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Community Notices

St Oswalds Annual Fete

Loads of entertainment including Kids Club with Jumping Castle

Stalls include:
- Cakes
- Art & Craft
- Sweets
- Kids Fun House
- Books and CD's
- Jams & Pickles
- Hot Food and Cold Drinks
- Bric a Brac
- And Many More...

Froude Street Banyo

Saturday June 1st from 8am

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Become a Foster Carer.
Children throughout the Brisbane, Greater Ipswich area and Southern Downs need caring adults to give them a nurturing home.

Foster care can be for a few nights, a few weeks or sometimes until a child reaches independence.

Care to join us? [www.mercyfamilyservices.org.au](http://www.mercyfamilyservices.org.au) or North Brisbane 3267 9070, Logan and South Brisbane 3340 5600 or Goodna 3280 8000.
Expressions of Interest

For enrollment into

CHC30812 Certificate III in Education Support

Commencing semester 3 2013

Are you free one day per week during school hours?

Would you like to

- Assist teachers with the development and/or collecting of teaching resources;
- Support the development of reading, writing and numeracy skills;
- Support the learning needs of students with additional needs;
- Comply with school administration requirements including computing skills;
- Learn about legislation, policies and industrial requirements; and
- Understand WHS processes?

School of Indigenous Australian People (Southbank Institute of Technology) will deliver training for the above teacher-aide program each Thursday (school term) at the Murri School.

Did you know?

On successful completion of CHC30812 Certificate III in Education Support, students will be able to apply for work as:

- Teacher Aide/ Education Assistant/ Support Workers
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander education workers
- Indigenous language and culture teaching assistants
- Language and/or Literacy workers
- Home tutors

Who Can Apply?

- Students who have successfully completed year 10, or
- Mature age entry; and
- Hold a current blue card or be eligible to apply for one.

Program duration:
1 day per week over 2 years (4 semesters) or 2 days per week over 1 year (2 semesters)

Cost:
- Concession rate approx: $395 (full program or approx $100 per semester)
- Full fee approx: $915 (full program or approx $230 per semester)

Interested?

Contact: Murri School P 3255 6133
Philomona Downey

Francis Jose 0457 473 304

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Brisbane City Council Libraries
Gold Star Reading Club

Children are encouraged to read and write during this year’s Gold Star Reading Club program, which commences in Council libraries across the city on Saturday 4 May 2013. The Gold Star Reading Club is designed to encourage and develop reading and literacy skills in children.

There are five great reasons for children to get involved in the 2013 Gold Star Reading Club.

1. Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is FREE!
2. The Gold Star Reading Club can help children improve their reading and literacy skills.
3. Children will be rewarded for reading with exciting monthly incentives – a writing journal, a writing pen, story inspiration dice and library bag.
4. The opportunity for all participants to enter the monthly draw to win a $25 book voucher.
5. It’s FUN! Children will have fun sharing their reading experiences with family and friends.

How the program works – it’s easy and free!

- The Gold Star Reading Club is a four month program for children of primary school age.
- Register for the Gold Star Reading Club online (www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries) or at your local library. Your child must be a library member to join the Gold Star Reading Club – library membership only takes a couple of minutes and is free. Each child’s parent or guardian must bring photo identification (i.e. driver’s licence or passport) and proof of their address to any Council library, and children can become members in a matter of minutes. It’s that easy.
- Gold Star members will receive a Gold Star Reading Club activity book that includes progress charts, reading suggestions, competition entry forms and heaps of fun activities.
- By reading just two books of their choice each month and recording the details in their activity book, children can collect eight gold stars and monthly incentives.
- Children who collect all eight gold stars are eligible to:
  - enter the major prize draw at the end of the program to win a $250 book voucher for themselves and another one for their school
  - receive a medallion and a certificate of achievement
  - attend their local Gold Star Reading Club awards ceremony with their families.

For more information about the Gold Star Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.
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 15 October 2013 9.30 – 11.00am   Warragal 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 shari.c.emanuel@det.qld.gov.au
The Pool entry is $3.30 for public swimming.


Qualified also manages the tennis court. The Tennis court hire cost is just $10.00 per hour.

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