Issue 2013-10 ~ Thursday 20th June 2013

~ Our College Vision ~

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

**Teacher Aide (Temporary)**
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Support

**Vacancy:** Teacher Aide – 14 hours per week

**Start Date:** Week beginning Monday 15th July 2013

**Duration for Temporary Contract:** 15 July 2013 – 13 December 2013

**Closing Date:** Postmarked no later than Friday 5th July 2013

Expressions of interest are invited for the position of Teacher Aide to support the college’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The focus of the position will be on supporting students develop and enhance early literacy and numeracy skills.

Applicants should refer to the Role Description for Teacher Aides (Generic) at the following link:


For consideration of this position, please submit a brief resume; contact details for two referees (one of whom should have current knowledge of your skills and abilities); and a maximum one-page cover letter outlining your suitability for the role.

Please note: To be employed as a teacher aide in a Queensland state school, possession of a current ‘Working with Children’ Blue Card’ is required.

Applications will remain current for 12 months. Applications should be directed to:

Mrs K Tuckett

Business Services Manager

Earnshaw State College

PO Box 242

Banyo Qld 4014

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From the College Principal's Desk

**Happy Holidays**

I wish all students, staff and families a safe and happy holiday. With the issuing of report cards this week, I ask that you please take the time to reflect on your achievements throughout the first semester. For students in year 11 and 12 it is crucial that you check your QCE eligibility. For students in year 9 and 10, are you on track to meeting the pre-requisites for senior subjects? For all students, does your report card reflect your targets?
Parents are invited to make contact with teachers after the holidays to discuss individual progress.

**Attendance matters**

When you are reviewing your child’s report card, take a moment to consider your child’s attendance rate. Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve to their full potential.


**School Fees**

Thank you to the continuing number of families who have entered into payment plans for their outstanding fees.

In July, those families who are eligible for Family Tax Benefit A will receive the 2nd payment of $205 or $410 Schoolkids Bonus from the Federal Government. This payment has been specifically intended to enable parents to meet their obligation to schooling costs. I expect any outstanding school contributions would be the first priority for these funds.

**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

On Thursday the 11th of July we will hold our annual NAIDOC Week assembly at 12:00pm. All family and friends are invited to join us in these special celebrations.

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

*Katrina Larsen*  
College Principal

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From the Deputy Principal

**Middle School Enterprise Challenge**
On Thursday 6 June, Earnshaw hosted its third annual Middle School Enterprise Challenge. This year, Nundah State School joined with Northgate State School and Earnshaw College to each enter two year 7 teams. The purpose of the day is to introduce students to enterprise education and showcase our achievements in this area to other local primary school. The challenge involves students working as a team to launch a new product including creating a website, product packaging, business stationery, video advertisement and a trade display. The day was a success with both students and teachers and showcased our wonderful resources and teachers.

BEACON Speed Careering

On Thursday 30 May, Earnshaw College hosted their next event in the BEACON calendar – Speed Careering. With over 14 industries represented, year 10 students were able to meet and ‘interview’ people on their jobs and career pathways. Organisations involved included Accenture, Golden Circle, LG Fisher, Do Dance Academy, Queensland Police Service, Daley Law Practice, SCANIA, State Government and Merlo Coffee with people from IT, marketing, law, business consulting, OHS, environmental, diesel fitting and politics. The BEACON Ambassadors would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to support this event. Click here to see some more photos of the speed careering event.

Next term, BEACON events include BBQ with the Boys, Lunch with the Girls, site visits to Accenture and Merlo Coffee and business blackboard lessons.
Senior Scene

QTAC Information Sessions 2013

Confused about applying for uni? ACU and QUT would like to invite you to QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre) information sessions for students, parents, teachers and non school-leavers who are thinking about applying for university/TAFE study in 2014. This initiative is part of our widening participation agenda to encourage interest in tertiary study. Click here to access dates, venues and campus maps for the upcoming sessions.

Students Planning for Queensland

Students are encouraged to submit their ideas for Queensland’s future and get the chance to win some great prizes. In 30 years’ time our students are sure to be some very important people so let’s get them thinking about the kind of society they want. Check out the Queensland Plan website for all the details on this competition.

www.queenslandplan.qld.gov.au/get-involved/schools/

Richard Tweney
Head of Senior School

Junior Jottings

As Semester One nears its end, I’d like to wish all the Junior School families a safe and enjoyable school holiday. School holidays allow students, parents and staff to take some time away from school and ‘recharge the batteries’. If you are travelling long distances, please be safe and drive carefully.

I look forward to catching up with everyone at the beginning of Term 3. The first day back is always a fun one as I get numerous students returning to school, eager to share what they got up to over the 2-week break. Please note that first day of Term 3 is Monday 8th July.

Semester One Report Cards

The Semester One Report Cards will be issued on Thursday 20th June. Students will receive Achievement & Effort gradings on the Key Learning Areas as well as Homework, Behaviour and Overall ratings and comments. Parents should receive the report cards in a sealed envelope. Please remember when reviewing the report card, that it is based on the entire semester of work.
I encourage you to review the report card and discuss with your student any concerns that you or your student may have. If you wish to seek clarification or have an interview with your student’s class teacher, please contact the college to arrange a meeting during the early weeks of Term 3.

Thanks Parents

Life is busy and having a family can definitely make things busier, yet our college is blessed to have a number of families who regularly donate their time to assist the college in various ways, e.g. hearing students read and changing Home Readers, assisting in the classroom, attending excursions and transporting students to various events. Thanks for your time and hardworking efforts!

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 to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday. School families are advised to park outside the school grounds or alternatively use the 2 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 sticker is clearly displayed on the vehicle.

Hints for Creating Resilient Families

Below are a few hints on resilience that I’ve sourced from the website of clinical psychologist, Andrew Fuller. I’ve been fortunate to attend a presentation by Andrew Fuller and was very impressed with his knowledge and ideas based around resilience. Fuller describes resilience as “the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life - to rise above adversity and obstacles.” I encourage you to have a look at his website as there are a number of quality readings – www.andrewfuller.com.au.

- **Mooch Time** – We live in a world that suffers from attention deficit disorder. We rush kids from activity to activity, from lesson to lesson and from one organised event to another. Then we wonder why, when there is a lull that they say “I’m bored”. Be a counter-revolutionary. Find some time each week just to be at home without anything structured happening.

- **Family Rituals** – It doesn’t matter whether it is the family walk after dinner, the Friday night pizza or the Saturday morning clean up, family rituals are highly protective. The best rituals often cost nothing. These are the activities you hope that later on your children will reminisce and say “Mum always made sure we did” or “Dad always used to organise this.”

- **Know how to Argue** – It seems strange to say this because we all have the sense that those families that work well don't have conflicts. The family is really where we learn to resolve disputes fairly. The way that parents teach children to resolve differences of opinion with their brothers and sisters provides the basis for sharing, negotiating and problem solving in the world beyond the family. While differences of opinion should be allowed to be expressed, children also need to learn that they will not be able to win at all costs.
• **Self-Esteem Skills** – Families that work well seem to praise one another a lot. Compliments are made, positive efforts are commented on. Optimism is in the air. Teaching the skills of self-praise is useful. One way of doing this is to ask questions extensively about any achievement or accomplishment. Asking questions like “How did you do that?” or “How come you did so well at that test?” are great.

**Prep Enrolments – 2014**

Earnshaw State College is accepting enrolments of children who were born between 1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009 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](http://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 3621 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 [hjs@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:hjs@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*

**Chaplaincy Newsletter**

We have had a couple of “graduations” over the past two weeks.
Fun Friends

Recently, a number of our Junior School students ‘graduated’ from the Fun Friends program, proudly receiving their certificates at the Junior School Assembly.

Fun Friends is an 8 week program, run by Kym, focussed on giving children the practical skills needed for making friends and learning the importance of being a fun friend to others. The program aims to build student confidence, through teaching them how to have a conversation and how to demonstrate good listening skills.

Sparkle

Our Year 5 girls have the opportunity each year to participate in the Sparkle program. This 8 week program is run by Kym, supported by Mrs Joanne Charlton, a truly amazing, generous and cheerful volunteer who has not missed a term in eight years! Thankyou Joanne.

The program centres on beauty: beauty on the inside as well as taking care of ourselves on the outside. The girls have learned about having dreams and setting goals and the importance of thinking of others. They explored character traits such as kindness, respectful patience and tolerance of others who are different to us. They also had practical experience developing skills in etiquette and hygiene.

The program culminates in “High Tea”, where the students are able to apply and showcase their skills. The girls also receive a special gift box and certificate for completing the program.
College Disco: supporting the College Chaplaincy Program

On Friday June 14 2013, students from Prep to Year 9 came to school after hours with their dancing shoes on.

The funds raised on the evening were donated to the work of the Chaplaincy Program. Kym and Gideon would like to thank all of the students and the community for their generous support.

Congratulations to Matt Taylor, winner of the raffle - a $50 iTunes voucher.
Supporting our Chaplaincy program: Chaplaincy Dinner

Local community and business members are invited to attend the Earnshaw State College Chaplaincy Dinner. Come along to see how the youth in our school are being impacted by the work of our chaplains. The event is free to attend, with donations given on the night.
If you would like to make a donation to the Chaplaincy program, feel free to contact the College for further information.

Kym and Gideon

“Readers are Leaders”
Home Reading Holiday Challenge

All classes Prep to Year 6 will be participating in a Home Reading Challenge.

THE CHALLENGE

To be the class with the highest percentage of students who read at least 10 times over the school holidays!

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

Remember to ask an adult to sign your Home Reading Record.

The amount of free reading done outside of school has consistently been found to relate to growth in vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency, and general information (Anderson, Wilson, and Fielding 1988; Greaney 1980; Guthrie and Greaney 1991; Taylor, Frye, and Maruyama 1990).

Students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than those who do not (Krashen 1993; Cunningham and Stanovich 1991; Stanovich and Cunningham 1993).

Kind regards

**Kath McCann**
HOD Teaching and Learning

**2012 Yearbooks Still Available**
Closing the Gap Aboriginal Committee

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

- 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

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Need more information?

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Shannon Kelly
Tuckshop Convenor

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

Secondhand uniforms are now sold on consignment from the Bookshop. If you have uniforms for sale, please bring them to the bookshop, carefully laundered and with a reasonable price attached (as a guide, what would you pay for that item?). We will add a small mark-up. A cheque will be posted to you at the end of each term for the cost of items sold. All uniform items in good used condition are welcome, but we particularly need Junior School clothing in sizes 4 to 6.

Price Changes

A reminder that the price has changed on two items:
My First Dictionary $6.95
Whiteboards $5.00

Thank you for supporting the Earnshaw State College P&C by purchasing your students' stationery needs from our bookshop.

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.
Community Notices

Proposed 50 Year Reunion of the Grade 12 Class of 1963

There have been many changes over the last 50 years. 2013 will be the 50 year anniversary of the “sixth-formers” who did “senior” at Banyo State High School in 1963. (Actually they are all “seniors” now!)

A dinner function is to be planned for early December to celebrate this milestone on their “life journey”. They held a 40 year Reunion a decade ago, but a fair bit changes even in 10 years.

Given their vintage, social media is not likely the best way for them to compile a contemporary list of classmate names and contact details. Hence they are seeking our help.

Mr Allan Krosch visited Earnshaw College on Friday 14 June, seeking a copy of the 1963 edition of the School Magazine “Warrondi” – in an endeavour to find a list of student names. However it did not include a list of all students.

If you were one of those classmates, or know of someone who was, could you please make arrangements for the names and contact details, (e-mail addresses preferably), to be sent to Allan. His contact details are:

e-mail   krosch@bigpond.net.au
Phone     3262 2473
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a Zoo Keeper?

Well, wonder no more! During the Queensland school holidays, Australia Zoo’s holiday program, **Zoo Keeper For a Day** is on again!

If you are aged between seven and 15 you can join the zoo crew to help with a number of awesome activities with plenty of hands-on action with some of our amazing animals. It’s a day you won’t forget! Places are limited so visit

[www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day](http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day) or call **07 5436 2025**.

**Ages:** 7 – 11 years & 12 – 15 years

**Price:** $85

**Includes:** Zoo entry, plus an exclusive Zoo Keeper Pack

**Duration:** 5 hours

**Location:** Australia Zoo

**Dates:** 22 June 2013 - 7 July 2013

Further details are available at [www.australiazoo.com.au](http://www.australiazoo.com.au)
School holiday fun
Banyo Library

Crafty kids
Daily 25 June-6 July
A drop in craft session, ideal for children aged 2-8 years and their caregivers.

Bear hunt storytime
Wednesday 26 June 10.30-11.30am
Join the fun and adventure at a special school holiday bear hunt storytime. Ideal for children aged 2-8 years.

Create a kaleidoscope
Thursday 27 June 1.30-2.30pm*
Build and decorate a crazy, colourful kaleidoscope and marvel at the magical patterns it creates. Ideal for children aged seven years and over.

Design a diorama
Tuesday 2 July 1.30-2.30pm*
Let your imagination run wild as you build your very own world in a box. Ideal for children aged five years and over.

*Bookings essential.

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

For more events at Banyo Library visit

Northside Wizards Basketball
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