Earnshaw Music Showcase Tonight!

Over 90 Earnshaw musicians will converge on the McKitrick Performing Arts Centre tonight, **Thursday 1st August** to perform at the Earnshaw Music Showcase. The concert runs from **6:00-7:30pm and** is packed with entertainment from these talented students ranging from Years 2 to 12. The students have been working towards this gala event since Term 1, and are excited to share their musical achievements with an encouraging audience. From concert bands, to vocal groups, rock band and small ensembles, this is a night sure to impress. Family, friends and general music lovers are encouraged to attend the concert. Entry is by gold coin donation, and there will be raffle tickets available on the night to raise money for the instrumental music department. See you there!

Flute ensemble rehearsing
From the College Principal's Desk

How to Help your Child be Successful at School- Praise versus Encouragement

Praise is a verbal form of positive reinforcement and one of many ways we encourage children. Praisers compliment something they like, something they think is positive and worthwhile.

Praise usually comes after the act is completed and is used more to positively reinforce or encourage the end result.

Most people use the term encouragement to refer to a variety of different approaches, the goal of which is to move children in positive directions, to support or reassure them, and to build their confidence, hope, and internal strength. Encouragement, when used in this way, includes techniques such as positive reinforcement (smiles, praise, rewards), establishing an interesting and motivating environment, making sure that children experience success, providing positive models that they may wish to emulate, allowing for opportunities to use knowledge and skills in real world, useful ways, and a vast array of other strategies.

Encouragement comes throughout one’s involvement in an act and is meant to encourage both the end result and the process involved.
The praiser is the judge, while the encourager sets children up as their own judges.

Praise is best when it is specific, when children being praised are told exactly what they did well. However, we need to be careful here. We should not praise students for what is their responsibility in learning. Being at school and bringing the correct equipment to school is what we expect of children, and whilst we acknowledge this is not always easy for some students, is generally not what we should be praising them for.

However, having the courage to engage in new learning experiences is not only praise worthy, but should be encouraged.

Encouragement is best when it is more subtle or vague and children are made to evaluate themselves.

Use both, but put more effort into encouragement than praise.

For the potential our students possess to be realised we must make every effort to encourage them in every way possible.

*Katrina Larsen*

College Principal

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**From the Deputy Principal**

**College Open Day and Subject Selection Evening**

We will host our open day and subject selection evening on Monday 12 August 2013. This evening is very important to students entering into year 7-11 in 2014. There will be several information sessions for parents and students during the evening, as well as trade displays and teachers present to discuss the curriculum on offer at the College in 2014. Subject booklets will also be handed out on the day. The sessions are as follows:

6.00 pm **Welcome to Senior School** - This session is aimed at students moving into year 10 in 2014. Information will include timetable structure, curriculum offerings, introduction to QCE and BEACON Foundation (Mr Richard Tweney – Head of Secondary School).

6.30 pm **Year 10 into 11** - It is important to understand what the move into year 11 means. This session will cover the learning opportunities available to students entering year 11, including vocational pathways and university opportunities, Queensland Certificate of Education and Overall Positions (OP) (Mr Richard Tweney – Head of Secondary School).

6.30 pm **Junior Secondary – Year 7 to 9** - During this session, information regarding junior secondary at ESC will be discussed, including pastoral care programs, student support, timetabling structure and curriculum offerings (Ms Katrina Larsen – College Principal).

6.30 pm **Welcome to Prep** - This session is aimed at parents enrolling or thinking about enrolling their child into Prep for 2014 (Mr Brendan Forbes – Head of Junior School).
We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Beacon High Impact Programs

The importance of positive role models in the lives of Australia’s young women and men cannot be underestimated. Role models can enhance a young person's self-esteem, sense of belonging and life strategies, which can dramatically impact the direction of that young man or woman’s life.

Disturbingly, there are currently 104,200 15 to 19 year old women and 111,100 15 to 19 year old men in Australia disengaged from education and employment, from which point they face an uncertain future. Fortunately for twenty-two Year Ten girls and twenty Year 10 boys participated in a program designed to harness the power of positive role models to encourage young women and men to remain on a positive pathway.

Lunch with the Girls and BBQ with the Boys, which was delivered by the Beacon Foundation at Earnshaw State College on 25 July 2013, gave students an opportunity to connect with women and men from the local community, hear their stories and be inspired to increase their own aspirations, significantly improving their chances of success in the transition from secondary school into further education, employment or training.

As well as the chance to connect with local women and men, the program also provided students with the opportunity to develop competencies in a range of ‘21st Century Skills’ which employers have identified as being of most importance when hiring young people. These skills include communication, collaboration, resilience, initiative, leadership, teamwork and self awareness.
Lunch times are a buzz at Earnshaw State College, with students actively engaged in physical activity as well as enjoying the company of their friends. Playing team games helps students to learn about rules and fair play, as
well as making right and wrong decisions. There is often a lot of discussion between students about what fair play is. Fair play is about students learning that in games, you can’t just do what you feel like and when you feel like it. This is not likely to help them do well, be liked by others or win the game.

At Earnshaw State College, during the Physical Education lessons, students learn valuable skills when they play games. They participate in the decision-making processes to determine the rules of the games and they learn about winning, losing and fair play.

Games help with learning about self-control and cooperating with other students. They also offer a way to safely use up plenty of energy at the lunchtime breaks. Learning to lose is a hard lesson and it generally takes much longer to learn than learning to win. Some students require extra support as they learn to manage their feelings in games especially when they are losing.

If your child sometimes “bends the rules” or acts as a “sore loser”, my advice is to talk to them and let them know that you noticed their behaviour. Talk to them about making right and wrong decisions and try to find out what led to this happening. Remember that this is often something children stop doing as they gain more confidence in their own ability.

Below are some tips to assist your child in learning about winning, losing and fair play:

- Play games of chance such as ‘snakes and ladders’ where you can assist your child to understand that despite your best efforts, ‘luck’ can decide whether you win or lose.
- Move onto games of skill but make sure that your child still has a good chance of winning; therefore, sometimes modified rules may be required.
- Promote your child to make up their own games with rules.
- If your child wants to play a particular game, learn some of the skills together or as a family. Practise in the backyard, nearby park or on the sporting field. This will increase their confidence and ability levels.
- Think about how your actions and what you say affect your child. Show your child how to be a ‘fair player’ by the way you cope with losing yourself, and by what you say to them if they lose. If they think that the only thing that matters is winning, then they will find it much harder to lose.

“I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game-winning shot, and I missed. And I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is precisely why I succeed.” – Michael Jordan

Parent/Teacher Interviews

As part of our School Reporting Framework, Term 3 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held during Week 7, Monday 19th August – Friday 23rd August. A letter detailing the interview process will be issued to school families closer to the date. I encourage all school families to make the effort to attend the interview as it will be an ideal opportunity for teachers to share Semester Two’s individual academic targets, review current achievement progress and continue to build positive relationships between school and home.

Level 1 & 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 Level 1 & 2 Behaviour Awards to our Junior School students (P-6). We currently have over 70% of our Junior School students on Level 2, while 25% have been awarded Level 1.

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.

Prep Enrolments – 2014

We are 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 & photocopied prior to enrolment.

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 Junior School. Alternatively the enrolment form can be downloaded from our website @ www.earnshawsc.eq.edu.au.

We will be holding a Prep Information Session on Monday 12th August at 6:30pm as part of the college’s Open Day, following the Whole College Information Session with the Principal at 5:45pm. We will also hold 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.

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. 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

Help Us Win $5,000 to Improve Our School!
At Earnshaw State College we believe it’s very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

Through our participation in the adidas School Fun Run – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we are eligible to enter a program called ‘CUA Community Care’ that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia’s largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to upgrade the gym facilities in the sports hall.

We’re up against eight other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!

Voting is open from 29th July to 2nd August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA’s Chermside branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. So, please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school – and pass the word around, so that others can vote for us too!

Shannon Roscarel
Sport Coordinator

Earnshaw Festival Update

With less than 3 months to go until the Earnshaw Festival, everything is full steam ahead!! The Earnshaw Festival is not only a day to celebrate 10 years since Nudgee State School and Banyo High School merged, but also an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the students of our great school.

With all of the stalls almost finalised, it’s now time for parents to support the teachers of Earnshaw by assisting with the running of stalls. Each year level, and in some cases each class, have been allocated a stall as listed below:

- Prep A – Chocolate Throw
- Prep B – Ring Toss
- 1A – Pirate Stick Lotto
- 1B – Fishing
• 2/3A – Second-Hand Books
• 2B – Trash n Treasure
• 3A – Show Bags
• 3B – Art n Craft
• 4B & 4G – Pre-Loved Kids’ Clothing & Toys
• 5B – Cakes & Confectionery
• 5G – Art n Craft
• 6A – Tombolas
• Year 7 – Plants
• Year 8/9 – Art Display & Earnshaw Souvenirs
• Year 10/11 – Fruit Shack
• Year 12 – BBQ
• Interact – The Glow Show

We are requiring parents to volunteer some of their time on the day of the Festival to man a stall. **WE ARE ALSO SEEKING SOMEONE OR A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE WILLING AND ABLE TO RUN THE MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE. RAFFLE PRIZES ARE ORGANISED – ALL WE REQUIRE IS YOUR TIME.** If you can assist, please contact either Clinton Marychurch, Lisa Witherspoon, Karyn Ngatoko or Angela Greathead.

Many thanks to those families who have been supporting our Festival by providing a weekly donation. So far, we have collected over 200 bags of lollies, over 300 chocolates of various flavours and sizes and over 250 bottles of soft drink. This is a superb effort!! Over the coming weeks, the following items are required:

• Ingredients (Flour, sugar, icing sugar, cocoa, coconut, jelly crystals & butter)
• Lucky Dip Prizes ($2 Novelty items)
• Old Books (Magazines, comics, novels etc)
• Cans of Drink (Soft drink, water, poppers)
• Glass Bottles (Filled or unfilled with goodies)
• Pre-Loved Clothing and Toys (Shirts, shorts, play toys etc)
• Plants and Seeds (Small plants or pots for Plant Stall)
• Trash and Treasure (Second-hand goods, clear the clutter)

Please continue to support our Festival through donating one item each week. The more items collected, the more money that goes towards your child’s education.

Our next Festival meeting is on Tuesday, August 27 at 3:15pm in the library. Everyone’s welcome!!!

Kind regards
Australian Business Week – Brisbane Northside Program

The Festival Committee

The 2013 Brisbane Northside ABW Program began on Friday 26 July and will continue until the judging and awards function on Saturday 14 September at Australian Catholic University.

Earnshaw State College has again fielded one team from the senior school in the senior section and two teams from junior secondary in the junior section of the program. The college is defending champion in the junior section. The teams are:

**Earnshaw Senior Team – Dynamite:**

*Year 11:* Tiana (CEO), Emma-Louise, Josh, Sabrina, Natalie, Kiri.
*Year 10:* Jackson, Katrina, Lily.

Mentors: James Manning, Bob Steele
Earnshaw Junior Team 1 – Name TBA:

Year 9: Madison (Café Manager), Harley, Jackson.

Year 8: Demi-Lee, Sarah, Zoe, Alana, Sean.

Mentor: Colleen Hills
Teams are entered to encourage the development of business and enterprise skills for students who have displayed an interest and potential in these areas, and as an extension activity for students studying Business and Enterprise subjects.

The program is adjusted in the junior section to account for the age, prior knowledge, skill set and time commitment for this group. As such, the length of the teams’ responses is downscaled in each category.

Teams in the senior section are using the retail computer business simulation in which students manage a series of electronics stores. Teams in the junior section are using the café computer business simulation in which students manage a chain of up to five cafés.

Teams also have to prepare a written and oral report, as well as develop a promotional trade display and website based on their on the enhancement or theme they have chosen for their store or café. Teams are also judged on corporate image and innovation. A new award, for most valuable team members, has also been added.

This year the program involves twelve teams (six senior, six junior) from four schools: Earnshaw State College, St Columban’s College (Caboolture), Hillbrook Anglican School and Bray Park State High School.

Good luck to all teams!

Colleen Hills
ABW Co-ordinator

Interschool Sports Results

Senior Rugby League 7s (26/7/13)

Earnshaw defeated Zillmere 12-4
Earnshaw defeated Taigum 10-3

Netball

Earnshaw Juniors defeated Bald Hills 16-3
Earnshaw Juniors defeated Taigum 19-4
Earnshaw Seniors drew with Bald Hills 6-6
Earnshaw Seniors defeated by Taigum 8-3

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

- 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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"I don’t have to worry about forgetting to give them money"

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.

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.

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Bring out the best in your child with performing arts education!

Our programmes help young people discover their hidden vocal or dance talent. They not only learn to sing or dance, they learn team skills, make new friends and become part of a wide circle of performers. Visit us at www.niypaa.com.au

NIYPAA will be visiting Earnshaw State College soon on Friday, 30 August 2013 at 12:40pm.

Get Started Returns for Round 2

The second round of the Queensland Government’s Get Started program is now open, offering vouchers worth up to $150 to help families pay membership fees for children to join a registered sport or recreation club.

Children with a parent or guardian who holds a health care or pension concession card are automatically eligible to apply, while other families will need to submit recommendations from two referral agents. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis.

Roll up your sleeves and give blood at Virginia Powerlink on **Wednesday 7th or Thursday 8th August**, from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Call 139596 or visit donateblood.com.au to make an appointment. When donating blood, make sure you drink plenty of fluids and have a meal beforehand, and bring along some form of ID.
FaB 4 Kids Free Parent Workshop

The FaB 4 Kids workshop is aimed at assisting parents to understand childhood anxiety and to explore approaches that can be used to help children cope with challenging life events or situations. The workshop will be conducted over two sessions on Thursdays 15th and 22nd August between 9:30 and 11:30am at the Parent Education Centre, Laurel Street on the Enoggera State School campus.

Please call the Centre on 33559202 for more information about the workshop or to enrol. There will be no cost, however numbers are limited. Materials and morning tea will be provided, Please make personal arrangements for child care. Enrolments close on Friday 8th August.