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

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### From the College Principal's Desk

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

#### Every Day Counts at Earnshaw State College

*Every Day Counts* is a statewide initiative addressing the issue of student attendance at school. The initiative is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes to school attendance. It requires the support of both parents and the community if student attendance is to be successfully addressed.

*Every Day Counts* promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

The Department of Education and Training undertook an analysis of factors that may be associated with student achievement, based on the results of the 2006 Year 7 cohort on the literacy and numeracy tests.

The study incorporated data on socioeconomic status, student mobility and student attendance. This analysis indicated that 'every day counts' in relation to student learning outcomes as determined by the Year 3, Year 5 and 7 testing program results.

The study found that:

- there is a linear relationship between attendance and achievement, and between mobility and achievement (higher attendance and lower mobility were both associated with higher achievement)
- the relationship between attendance and achievement were stronger than the relationship between mobility and achievement
- substantial proportions of the socioeconomic-achievement relationship can be explained by student mobility and attendance.
- This graph shows a linear relationship between student attendance and scale scores achieved on the Year 7 literacy and numeracy tests in 2006. This graph is based on all students.

If your child comes to school, I guarantee they will learn. If you are having difficulties getting your child to school, contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support 07 36217333.

## Farewell Year 12

Since my arrival at Earnshaw at the start of the term, I have had the pleasure of getting to know our Year 12's. Last night I attended their Senior Formal and a wonderful evening was had by all. My thanks go to the staff and students who contributed their time and talents to make it such a special occasion for our departing Seniors.

A whole College assembly will be held tomorrow morning at 9:15am in the Sports Hall, to formally farewell our graduating students.

Year 12, I wish you well in the next phase of your lives, and look forward to hearing about your future achievements.

*Together We Achieve.*

*Regards*

**Dave Bosworth**  
College Principal

## Junior Jottings

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## Enrolments 2014

Earnshaw State College is accepting enrolments of children who were born between **1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009** to begin **Prep in 2014**. A copy of a birth certificate is required to be sighted and photocopied prior to enrolment. Parents wishing to enrol their child in Prep or any other year level (Years 1-6) in 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.

## Staff Updates

Earnshaw Junior School welcomes Mr Michael Hart to the 4B class as he replaces Mr Jason Taylour who will be absent on sick leave for the remainder of Term 4. We wish Mr Taylour a speedy recovery and are confident the 4B students will have an enjoyable time being taught by Mr Hart.

## Semester Two Report Cards

The **Semester Two Report Cards** will be issued on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Students will receive Achievement results & Effort gradings on the Key Learning Areas as well as Homework, Behaviour and Overall ratings and comments. Parents should receive the report card 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 time.

## Dress Code Policy

Earnshaw State College is a uniform school and the wearing of the uniform is compulsory. Class teachers and school administration 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 foster the feeling of pride in the wearing of the Earnshaw State College uniform. If your student is out of uniform, please issue a note explaining the reason. Please note that continual breaches of the college uniform code will result in a Behaviour Room referral.

When shopping for uniform items for the 2014 school year, please note that the Junior School girls' formal school shoes must be the traditional, covered type. Shoe shops promote other styles of black leathers as acceptable school shoes for girls, but they do not meet our Workplace Health and Safety requirements. A photo of the preferred shoe type is included in our [Dress Code](#).

## Student Arrival Time

School families are reminded that Junior School students are to enter the classroom at 8:45am, with the first class session beginning at 9:00am. All students must be at school by 8:45am to ensure they have adequate preparation time to assist them in being ready to begin class at 9:00am. School families should aim to drop their student/s off between 8:30 to 8:45am. Students arriving after 9:00am must report to the Junior Office to collect a late slip.

## Resilience

Developing resilience within a child is an important life skill that occurs from an early age onwards. Resilience is the ability to cope with negative events and being able to *'bounce back'* emotionally afterwards. If a child possesses strong resilience skills, they are less likely to act out in a negative manner when faced with a difficult situation. Generally, they would be more inclined to make a positive, responsible choice.

At school, learning resilience skills begins when children are Prep students, playing and interacting with each other. As they progress through the grades, children continue to call upon their resilience skills to assist them in solving problems or conflicts and coping with life's circumstances.

Children learn resilience skills through experiencing some hurt or disappointment. Obviously, parents and teachers can intervene to minimise the 'hurt or disappointment' but the nature of growing up is that there will be times when a child will graze their knee or elbow, be selected second, fifth or last, have a friendship disagreement and not get everything they want. To develop resilience in life, unfortunately, they have to experience some of these things.

At Earnshaw State College, our school staff assist students to develop their resilience skills by:

- role modelling positive behaviours and choices,
- assisting students who are in a disagreement to discuss the issue using clear communication,
- helping students deal with negative feelings or events,
- fostering a caring yet challenging classroom, and
- ensuring that students learn from their experiences.

I have coached a number of junior rugby league teams and during our training sessions, the boys are consistently been instructed on ways to develop their resilience skills. **It's important to know that resilience is 'taught' not 'caught'**. Therefore, my footy boys need to know that they're not going to be first in every training drill; they won't always get a run in every set during the game and they're probably going to miss tackles in the game that let in tries to the opposing team. The focus for me as their coach is to develop their individual and the team's ability to **'bounce back'** by giving their best and learning from their mistakes/experiences.

The important information for parents is to let their children make mistakes or miss out and learn from the experience. By helpful conversations both at home and school, children can learn to 'bounce back' after disappointments and develop a response where they demonstrate optimism as they are willing to 'give it another go' or 'try another way'.

I'm continually impressed by our Earnshaw SC students' hard-working efforts in the classrooms and the sensible play demonstrated in the playground. A constant focus of Earnshaw SC staff is to assist students to continue to develop their resilience skills.

Warm regards

*Brendan Forbes*

Head of Junior School

## Expressions of Interest - Administration Officer (AO2)

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- Semester 1 2014, with the possibility of extension
- 24 hours (4 days) per week

The successful applicant will:

- Be competent in the use of Microsoft Office Suite (particularly Word and Excel)
- Have demonstrated knowledge of Education Queensland's Human Resource procedures
- Have demonstrated knowledge of Education Queensland's OneSchool

Applications close Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please mark as 'Confidential' and address it to:

The Business Services Manager  
Earnshaw State College  
PO Box 242  
Banyo Qld 4014

or email [ktuck33@eq.edu.au](mailto:ktuck33@eq.edu.au)

## Book Now - Twilight Market - Last One for the Year!

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The poster features a yellow background with a subtle pattern of stars and swirls. At the top, the Earnshaw State College logo is visible. The main title 'Twilight Community Market' is written in a large, stylized font. Below the title, the date and time are prominently displayed. A list of activities is presented in colorful, starburst shapes. Contact information for stallholders is provided, including an email address and a phone number. An illustration of a market stall with people is located in the bottom right corner.

# Twilight Community Market

**Friday 29 November 2013**  
**5.00pm - 8.00pm**

*Organised by 8B Enterprise class with the support of the P&C Association*

- art and craft
- food and drinks
- plants
- trash 'n' treasure
- and much more

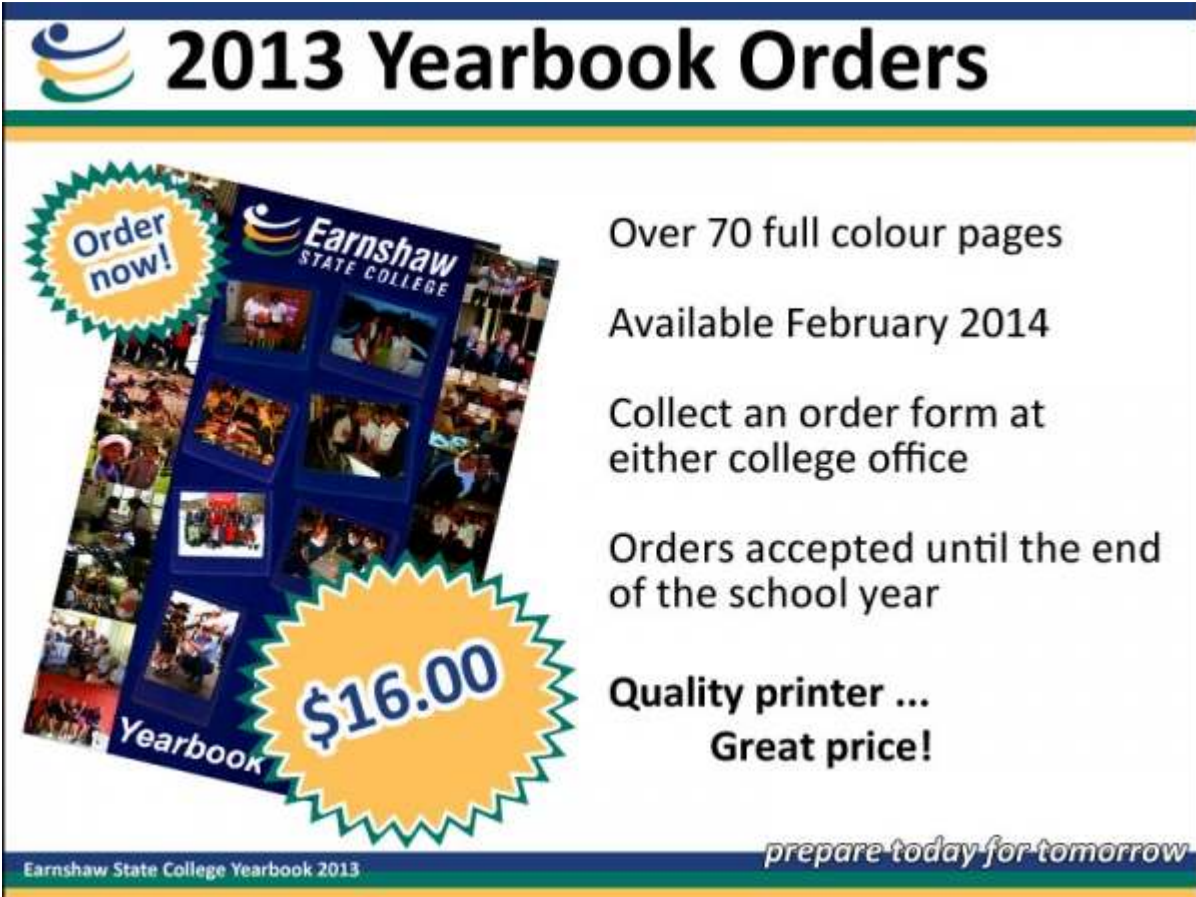
Interested stallholders are asked to:

- ✉ email Colleen Hills at [chill25@eq.edu.au](mailto:chill25@eq.edu.au)
- or
- ☎ telephone the main office on (07) 3621 7333

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### Free Breakfast on Fridays at the ESCape Cafe

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For students who would like to participate, there will be cereal and toast served free-of-charge in the ESCape Cafe (at the Resource Centre) from 8:00 to 8:30am on Fridays.

Low-cost coffee, tea, hot chocolate and milkshakes are also available for parents and students to purchase during this time.

### Annual Junior School Carols Night - Save the Date

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**Wednesday 4th December - 6:00pm in the Sports Hall**

All classes from Prep to Year 6 will be performing, along with other college music groups. Flyers will be coming home soon.

### Instrumental Music

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On Wednesday the 20th November the Wind Ensemble will be performing for an aged care audience at the local Uniting Church Friendship Society.

The Wind Ensemble will have an early morning rehearsal at 7:45am in the music room, after which the students will need to go back to class and return to meet Mr McKay at 9:00am.

Students will then transport their own instruments and stands and walk to the Uniting Church down the road.

Performance will begin at 10:00am and finish at 11:00am, with a provided morning tea for the students. This is the final performance for the Wind Ensemble for 2013.

Musically yours

*Steven McKay*

Instrumental Music Teacher

## P&C Update

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### Festival News

Well all the accounts are nearly finalised for the 2013 Festival and what an amazing result we have to announce! Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, parents, friends and the Earnshaw Festival Committee, we would like to announce that we have made approximately **\$29,000**. What an AWESOME effort!!! That's more than double the money raised in 2011.

The P&C and the college have committed to spending the money on advancing technological equipment within the college. If you would like to have a say as to what the money will be spent on, please come along to the next P&C meeting, the last one for the year, on Tuesday 19th November at 7:00pm in the McKitrick centre. We would love to see some new faces.

The next Earnshaw Festival will be held in two years' time, so why not decide now to help make the 2015 Festival bigger and better. If you have ideas write them down, don't just talk about them - and watch this space to join the 2015 Festival Committee, as we will be starting the organisation mid-2014.

*Earnshaw Festival Committee*

Have you booked your portrait sitting yet?





Prepare Today for Tomorrow

**Parents' & Citizens' Association**  
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 Email: [pandc@eamshawsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@eamshawsc.eq.edu.au)

## *Christmas is coming and photos make great gifts!*

Dear Earnshaw Families ~

***The P&C is holding a Laura Jean Family Portrait Fundraiser on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.***

***Just \$25.00 covers the cost of your photo shoot, plus a beautiful, framed 10" x 13" portrait of your family.***

To participate, please complete the attached voucher form and return it to one of the College office, with your \$25.00. Once your form and money are received, you will be advised of the time for your photo shoot (which will be held in B Block at the Earnshaw/Tufnell Road roundabout end of the school).

You will then have the opportunity of viewing and purchasing additional photos if you wish. This will occur in the second week of December. The photographer will organise your collection and viewing appointment time when you come for your photo shoot.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0418 984235 or email [m.bosels@bigpond.com](mailto:m.bosels@bigpond.com).

Yours with a smile ☺

*Michelle Bosel*

Portrait Fundraiser Coordinator  
 Earnshaw State College P&C Association

## Let's Celebrate!

All parents and friends of Earnshaw are invited by the P&C Association to join them for a **Chocolate Indulgence High Tea Buffet Christmas Party**. This will be held at the prestigious Stamford Plaza in the city on Saturday 23rd November from 3:00 to 5:00pm (with the option to party on afterwards!). The cost is \$49 per head and includes champagne, along with lots of decadent, chocolately food.

Numbers are limited, so please contact Shannon Kelly in the tuckshop ASAP if you would like to attend.

## *The Earnshaw State College P&C Team*

### Chaplaincy Report - last one for the year

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Our chaplains Gideon and Kym have had a busy year! Much of what a chaplain does goes unnoticed to most of us – they achieve amazing things behind the scenes, with little or no recognition – and they like it that way! But they also become involved in many activities that are quite visible and of great benefit to many of our students.

Here is a brief summary of the year's chaplaincy events that we were able to participate in:

- Gideon and Kym attended a Chappy's Week breakfast at Parliament House and received a vote of thanks for all they do.
- Gideon organised for some of our Year 10 boys to participate in the *Spin Off* fundraising competition. This is a stationary bike challenge, where the team takes turns peddling over a period of 30 minutes. Our boys won the Junior category and raised money for chaplaincy at the same time.
- Local community and business leaders attended a Chaplaincy Dinner, to raise awareness of what chaplains do in schools, and to raise valuable funds to continue their work.
- A successful fundraising disco was held in the McKitrick Centre. Lots of colour, flashing lights and fun music were the order of the night – a great time was had by all.
- Kym's *Sparkle* program for Year 5 girls has been running for many years. During the 8-week course, the girls discovered what it means to be beautiful inside and out, and they learnt to develop character traits such as patience, respect, patience and tolerance. The *Sparkle* highlight was a graduation High Tea, where the girls were able to showcase some of the skills they had learnt throughout the course.
- Another one of Kym's innovations is *Fun Friends*, which also runs for 8 weeks. Junior School students learn the importance of friendship, and develop skills which help them to make friends and be a good friend to others. Students develop confidence and by the end of the 8 weeks are better able to have a conversation and be a good listener.
- *Gideon's International* came to speak with our Year 8's and distributed Bibles to those who wanted one.
- *Youth Alive* is an organisation whose purpose is to bring a message of hope and encouragement to those in need, and then go beyond this by providing genuine support through local youth groups in helping teenagers realise their potential. They visited Earnshaw in August. *Young Chozen* was the group who performed in the lunch break. They also spoke with our Year 8 and 9 students about overcoming the challenges of being a teenager, through sharing their personal experiences.
- Gideon and Kym attended the annual Scripture Union Queensland Conference on the Sunshine Coast. There they had the opportunity of learning and sharing with many other chaplains from around Queensland. Topics covered at the conference included: social and emotional competencies; mental health issues facing young people; crisis support in schools; supporting parent-child relationships; Indigenous reconciliation; supporting children and young people with special needs and disabilities; as

well as spirituality and the spiritual journeys of children. These are all topics that our chaplains need to use every day as they counsel and support the Earnshaw community.

- A lunchtime sausage sizzle raised more funds for chaplaincy.
- Sadly, we farewelled Kym at the end of Term 3, as she left to develop her skills in a new venture called *Mimi's House* – a support program for at-risk young people. After 12 years with the Nudgee/Earnshaw community, Kym has been sorely missed. Gideon is doing his best to spread his expertise over the whole College – a huge job for one person who is only here two days per week!
- As part of his transition into Junior School, Gideon joined the Year 6 students on their camp to Tallebudgera Beach School. He had a great time body boarding, playing beach challenge games, mountain hiking, tobogganing and canoeing with the Year 6's.
- Gideon and 19 Earnshaw youth attended a September holiday camp run by *One Youth*. The students enjoyed a range of activities, and were able to meet and mix with young people from all over Brisbane.

I would like to personally thank both Gideon and Kym for their tremendous efforts throughout the year.

***Kath McCann***

Head of Department

## Helping Hands Vacation Care

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Hi everyone!

Holidays aren't far away and it's time to register for Vacation Care. We have another exciting program coming up - program and registration forms coming in the next Earnshaw Edge.

Meanwhile, you can let me know now if you're planning to register, so that I can start getting an idea of numbers. If you aren't currently registered with Helping Hands, but would like to participate in Vacation Care, come and see me in the Helping Hands room at the bottom of M Block.

***Erin Watkins***

Helping Hands Coordinator

## Closing the Gap Aboriginal Committee

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The final meeting for the year will be held in the Staff Common Room at 9:00am on Monday 9th December.

***Colleen Paton***

Coordinator

## Final Earnshaw Edge for the Year

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If you would like to contribute to the last newsletter for 2013, please email [jantu3@eq.edu.au](mailto:jantu3@eq.edu.au) by end of school Monday 2nd December, ready for publication on Thursday 5th December.

Thanks

*Jill Antuar*

Newsletter Editor

## Community Notices

These summer school holidays, why not treat the family to the magic of theatre with live shows of **Angelina Ballerina** and **Charlie and Lola** making their way to QPAC in January 2014!

### **Angelina Ballerina The Mousical**

Everyone's favourite little star **Angelina Ballerina** pirouettes live onto the stage in her brand new musical - a magical show packed full of singing and dancing!

Angelina and her friends think their dreams have come true when Camembert Academy wins the opportunity to appear in their favourite television programme 'Dancing With Mice!' But when the girls and boys have very different ideas for the show and just can't seem to agree on anything, it's up to Angelina as Dance Captain to ensure that the show goes ahead.

So put on your ballet shoes and join **Angelina, Alice, Gracie, Viki, AJ and Marco** for the most stupendous **Mousical** of the year!

**8 - 12 January, QPAC Concert Hall**

To book tickets visit [www.qpac.com.au](http://www.qpac.com.au) or call 136 246.

### **Charlie and Lola's Best Bestest Play**

Don't miss everyone's favourite brother and sister, **Charlie and Lola**, in their extremely ever so wonderful stage show! The stars of the hit TV series and books by Lauren Child are brought to life by a magical mix of puppetry and music.

Will Lola ever tidy her messy room? Will Charlie get Lola to sleep, even though she is not sleepy and will not go to bed? The Tigers want their bedtime milk, the Dancing Dogs have borrowed Lola's pyjamas - not to mention the Ogre in the wardrobe! Who'd have known there were so many things to overcome before the day's end?

As seen on ABC television and CBeebies, this hit series has now been adapted into an ideal family theatre experience that can be enjoyed by children and adults alike.

**4 - 25 January, QPAC Cremorne Theatre**





# Outdoor Court Hire

The Earnshaw State College has outdoor courts for hire.



There is a Tennis Court  
Complete with net,

And a Basketball Court  
Complete with hoops.



The courts are located off Paradise Street,  
And are available to hire at the following times:

Monday – Friday: 7.30am – 8.30am  
3.15pm – 5.15pm

Saturday: 8.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am – 4.00pm

The hire cost is \$10.00 per hour with a \$30.00 key deposit.

Bookings can be made by:

Phone	Pool Reception 0403 028 068
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Online	<a href="http://www.qualifiedaquatics.com.au">www.qualifiedaquatics.com.au</a>

Please note: The courts are not available M-F between 8.30am and 3.15pm due to the school having sole use. Also the use of the courts without prior arrangement will be classed as trespassing.

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