From the College Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Back to School - Earnshaw State College

What's life like for a Grade 4 student in Qld? Clinton Marychurch our Year 4 teacher accompanied Odin Brogden, Kynan Wildin and Madeline Sheahan to the ABC studios to record an interview with David Curnow.

Some of the questions put to the students included: What are the differences between female students aged between 9-10 years old compared to male students the same age?

To listen to the interview please click on the following link

http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/2014/05/back-to-school-earnshaw-state-college.html?site=brisbane&program=612_evenings

~ Our College Vision ~

To excel in the art of teaching and the pursuit of learning with open hearts and open minds.
Thank you to Mr Marychurch and to our radio stars Odin Brogden, Kynan Wildin and Madeline Sheahan.

We are very proud of you.

“If you can read you can do anything”

Together We Achieve.

Regards

Dave Bosworth

College Principal

Senior Scene

Parent and Community Engagement Series (PACES)

During 2014, Earnshaw State College will be offering a series of information sessions for parents of the College and in our community. Session topics include:

- Understanding your Teenager (Guidance Officer and Principal Education Officer – Junior Secondary, Term 2)
- Thinking Skills in the home (Eric Frangenheim, Term 3)
- Healthy Relationships (School Based Nurse, Term 4)
- Cyber Safety (TBA, Term 4)

We invite parents of children 10-17 years old to attend the first session “Understanding your Teenager” on 2 June 2014 commencing at 5.30 pm in the McKitrick Centre (near the Administration entry off Earnshaw Road).
Please RSVP by 28 May to events@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au or phone 3621 7333 for further information.

Regards

*Sally Dexter*

*Deputy Principal*

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**Junior Secondary News**

Recently, selected students received certificates congratulating them on their outstanding behaviour throughout term 1. As a result, these students have been moved to behaviour level 1 or 2. Special congratulations to year 9 who were the year level receiving the highest proportion of certificates.
Year 8

Year 9

Jonathan Chapman
Junior Secondary Coordinator

Head of Department - Teaching and Learning

Earnshaw State College Chaplaincy Program
Chaplaincy Programs in schools across Australia are partly funded by the Australian Government. At Earnshaw State College, we receive funding for almost 2 days of chaplaincy service.

We currently enjoy the services of Gideon Blazey each Monday and Friday to work with our students across P-12.

Gideon runs some incredible support programs within the college, as well as working with students and families in areas such as stress, relationships, peer pressure and friendships.

However, two days per week does not meet the needs of our students and community. Our goal is to expand our chaplaincy program, with a female chaplain on at least two other days each week.

The college, alongside the Local Chaplaincy Committee, are working with community groups and businesses to generate sponsorships for the program.

We are also looking to our local community to support the wonderful work of chaplains across our college.

This week sees the launch of TARGET 100.

What is the target? 100 families/community members committing to chaplaincy sponsorship
How much is sponsorship? As little as $10 per month (made easy through direct debit)

How do I sponsor the Earnshaw Chaplaincy Program?

There are three options:

1. Collect a brochure from either college office. Complete the form and post it in (details in the brochure)
3. By phone: 1300 478 753

Keep an eye out for the large targets in our offices to see how we are progressing.

Regards

Kath McCann

Head of Department - Teaching and Learning

Secondary News

On the 30th of April to the 2nd of May, 2014 Earnshaw’s Year 11 Art and year 12 Social and Community Studies classes were invited to paint a mural on the wall of the Hendra fire station. The mural is themed around fire safety and focuses on prevention and communication. On Wednesday morning students gathered around the wall with their pencils and paint brushes discussing the best possible methods and techniques. They then drew an outline of the pictures in pencil. The outlines were filled with multiple coats of paint and finally covered with a graffiti-proof clear coat.

The college was invited as part of the widening participation agenda and the community values of the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, QFRS (https://www.fire.qld.gov.au/). As well as giving an important message to the wider community, the students gained
valuable experience working with the staff of the Hendra fire station. The project was funded by QFRS and it’s partners, and was the idea of Inspector Paul Durston who is based at Hendra Fire Station.

The final day was attended by many of the top executives of the Queensland Fire and Rescue services. Commissioner Lee Johnson and was there for the day and mingled with the students and staff. He also gave a speech, as did Earnshaw College Deputy Principal John Cronin.

We would like to thank the Queensland Fire and Rescue department for the opportunity and support. The staff were very helpful and entertaining! The HOPE centre (http://www.hopecentre.com/) provided a cooked lunch for the tired and hungry students, staff and fire crews. They deserve special thanks for this!

Thank you to the students of Earnshaw who were brilliantly behaved, hard working and showed the wider community how great our students are at Earnshaw College. Thank you to Leann Perrett and Denise Barber for their support of the students over the three days. Finally, a huge thank you must be said to Mrs Korbatits from the art department whose tireless planning, instruction and enthusiasm provided the students and staff with everything necessary to get the job done.
Listening to Your Children

As parents, life can become so hectic and busy that we sometimes fail to truly listen to others, especially those closest to us—such as our children. Careful listening is one of the best ways parents can influence their children for good. Head and heart listening requires that we attend to more than mere words. To understand the full meaning of what a child is saying to us, we have to “listen” to tone, inflection, feelings, and body language. By truly listening, we are saying to our children: “You are a person of worth. I love you, respect you, and want to understand you.”

Understanding children

Listening to your child is one of the most important things you can do. When you listen, you discover just how special your child is and your child feels you care and respect them. How your child is listened to, helps determine how they will develop as a person.

How to be a good listener for your child

- Listen the way you wish to be listened to.
- Stop what you are doing and look at your child.
- Listen to what your child is saying – rather than thinking about how you will respond.
- Let your child finish – without interrupting.
- Listen with all your senses – pick up on the cues you are given.
Together, work out what needs to happen next.

If you don’t have time to listen, don’t pretend. Work out another time to talk.

**Listening activities with children**

- Go on a special outing together and listen to their thoughts and feelings.
- Wash up together.
- Let your child plan and help prepare a meal.
- Share daily activities, like walking the dog.
- Watch TV shows your child chooses and show interest in them.
- Have meals together at the table.
- Read a book together and chat about your child’s thoughts and feelings.

*Source: NAPCAN FOUNDATION [www.napcan.org.au](http://www.napcan.org.au); Stephen F. Duncan, Professor, School of Family Life, Brigham Young University.*

**Homestay Families Required**

Earnshaw State College is once again hosting Showa High School (Japan) through Education Queensland’s International Study Tour Programs in July this year. Over the last 2 years, Showa High School visits have resulted in many friendships being formed and a sharing of cultures. We are currently compiling a database of families who would be open to accommodating visiting students during their 10 night visit from Sunday 20 July to Wednesday 30 July. 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.

**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 electronic application.

**Host family process:**
1. Register your interest by ringing the office on 36217333 and providing an email address. The application forms will be emailed.

2. Complete forms ‘A’ and ‘B’ electronically as well as blue card application (online) and return to Earnshaw State College Main Office

3. Home Inspections completed by Accredited Officers (Sally Dexter, Richard Tweney and/or Mari Iinuma)

4. 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 and Mari Iinuma*
*Deputy Principal      Lote Teacher*

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**P & C News**

The P&C would like to say a big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time just over a week ago in the cold, windy weather to assist with the swap meet, especially those that who arrived at 4.30 am to set up – we made a great profit and we look forward to appropriating those funds back into the school for the benefit for our children!

Another big thank you goes out to Karyn N and her Mother’s Day stall team – you helped put a smile on so many Earnshaw Mum’s faces on Mother’s Day!

And, yet another thank you goes out to those that helped serve breakfast to the Naplan students.

The P&C will be holding their biennial Trivia Night on Saturday, 13 September 2014 - do you know of a local business that may like to support our biggest fundraiser for the year? If you do, please provide their contact details to Rebecca Buhre (P&C Secretary) via pandc@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au.

The P&C has donated $3,000 towards the Home Reading Program – so keep a look out for new readers coming home soon!

**Earnshaw Swimming Club Trophy Day**

is on this Sunday 18th May

At: the pool

From: 3pm until about 5pm

Presentations from: 3.30pm
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20 May 2014 at 7:00pm – we hope to see you there!

College Musical

Ma Baker’s Tonic

Friday 30th and Saturday 31st May 2014
Performing Arts Centre
Earnshaw State College

6:45pm for a 7:00pm performance
Food and entertainment from 5:45pm

$15 Adults
$10 Concession (child, student, cardholder)
$45 Family (2 adults, 2 concession)

Pay for tickets at main office
Take receipt to library
8:00am – 9:00am or
11:00am—12:00pm
to choose seats
and collect tickets.
Prep to Year 7 Disco

Chappy's Week

**DISCO**

Friday 23 May 2014

All funds raised will support the Earnshaw State College Chaplaincy Program

Food and Drinks Available

- Sausage Sandwiches $2
- Softdrink/Water $1.50
- Popcorn 50c

Glowstick merchandise, lucky dip prizes and sample bags for sale

Conditions of Entry:

Level 1, 2 or 3 Behaviour + General Resources Levy Paid + $5 entry fee

Under 8's Day
Earnshaw State College invites you to join us to celebrate Under Eight’s Week
Friday 23rd May 2014 from 9am to 11am

2014 Theme:
“Everyone can play!”

Dress up as a favourite hero and come and play.

- Make Magical Pictures and Balloon Noodles
- Perform with Paper Bag Puppets and dressing up
- Get active on the Obstacle Course and Skipping
- Play with Bubbles and Goop
- Design Aboriginal Art and Threading
- Relax with Books and iPads
- Transform with Temporary Tattoos ...
- And much more!

Earnshaw State College
Prep Playground – Junior School
Victor Street
Banyo QLD 4014

For more information contact Head of Junior School: Brendan Forbes
bforb10@eq.edu.au

Please RSVP by Friday May 16 2014
bforb10@eq.edu.au OR phone 3621 7440

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Parent and Community Engagement Series

NAIDOC Week

Earnshaw State College NAIDOC Week Art Competition

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 last week of Term 2: 23 – 27 June.

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2014 is Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond.

This year’s theme honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country.

Earnshaw State College Closing the Gap Committee is holding an Art Competition as part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations. The theme will be...
“Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond”

All students P-12 are invited to participate.

Collect entry form from the office

1. Artwork: no larger than A3 size
2. Theme: “Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond”
3. Media: select from painting, drawing, collage, mixed media
4. Entry: bring to the Junior or Secondary School Office by Thursday 19 June 2014

Twitter

https://twitter.com/earnshawsc

Closing the Gap Aboriginal Committee

Meetings will be held in the Staff Common Room at 8:30am on the following dates:
• 15 May
• 19 June
• 17 July
• 21 August
• 18 September
• 16 October
• 20 November

Munch Monitor ~ Order Tuckshop Online!
As of Term 2 there will be ONLY online ordering. If you do not have internet access children can still place an order using brown paper bags. It will be the parent's and children's responsibility to take the order to the...
tuckshop not their teachers.

Kind Regards

Shannon Kelly
Tuckshop Convenor

Earnshaw Edge 2014

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

Parent Information Evening at Caboolture

Get all your questions about uni answered
QUT is inviting current senior high-school students and their parents/carers to find out all about studying at QUT.
QUT will provide information on:

• making course and career decisions
• applying to university
• gaining entry to university
• life as a university student
• transition to university and support for students
• study costs and financial support
• resources for parents and students.

Date       Wednesday 21 May 2014
Time       6 - 7.30pm
Venue      QUT Caboolture campus
Registrations For further information, or to register to attend email cabevents@qut.edu.au.
HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A BALLKID?

We are currently taking applications for the Australian Open Series events. To be eligible to apply, you must be in the correct age group during the tournaments, as listed below:

- **Brisbane International** 12 - 17 years, **Apia International Sydney** 13 - 17 years
- **Hyundai Hopman Cup** 12 - 15 years, **World Tennis Challenge** 12 - 17 years
- **Hobart International** 11 - 15 years

For more information and to apply to be a Ballkid, please visit our website: [ausopen.com > event guide > jobs](http://ausopen.com). Applications open 1 April 2014 and close 1 June 2014 at 11:45 pm sharp AEDT. Please note: No late applications will be accepted.
Queensland Cheer Elite offers American-style cheerleading classes for ages 5+. Learn to dance, jump, cartwheel and flip with the best in Brisbane at our fully equipped studio at Geebung!

We have just started a mini recreational class for ages 5-8 and welcome all to join in with the fun! In this class, these little guys learn cheer lifts, jumps, dance and tumbling on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm.

Please bring this coupon with you for a free trial class during May or June 2014!

At QCE, we promote the values of team work, hard work and fun whilst developing coordination, strength, flexibility and friendships.

For your Information Pack, email us at info@queenslandcheerelite.com.au or call our office on 3161 5069.

www.queenslandcheerelite.com.au