

Issue 1 – 11 February 2009

## **College Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all our families for 2009 and on behalf of the College I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families.

2009 will be an exciting and important year for Earnshaw State College. It will be a year of renewal for the College and a year of change that is clearly focused on achieving the best possible results for our students.

Some changes have already taken place and others are in progress. During the holidays we installed interactive white boards in every classroom in the Middle School and also in couple of science classrooms. The students are also enjoying new furniture in every classroom in the Middle School.

Our sports hall is well underway and the new oval is also taking shape. Our tennis and basketball courts will be completed next week. Over the next couple of months the stands at the pool will be replaced and the manual arts block will be repainted.

We have 12 new staff members in the College for 2009. We welcome our newly appointed staff:

Ms Gayle Coleman – Head of Junior School

Mr Richard Tweney – Head of Senior School

Mr Anthony Flanigan – Head of Special Education Services

Mr Lorix Bertling – Business Services Manager

Ms Alice Patterson – Middle School

Ms Renée Peterson – Middle School

Ms Sally Dexter – Business

Mr Tony Lewis – Maths and Science

Mr John Griffiths – Manual Arts and Graphics

Ms Diane Carmichael – Home Economics

Ms Sarah Cotton – Year 1

Ms Shannon Kelly – Physical Education

Mrs Paula Chilcott – Administration Officer

## **Uniform**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all our parents and carers for supporting our College Dress Code and ensuring that our students have the appropriate uniform and books in preparation for the College Year. We have already had many positive comments from our local community about our students in uniform this year. The students look very smart in their formal uniform and everyone is noticing. Congratulations!

## **To and From the College**

It is important for all students and parents to note that while students are travelling to and from the College, they are expected to wear the uniform in compliance with the College Dress Code. Our students are also expected to behave with College Code of Conduct while travelling to and from the College. Students are expected to travel directly from school to home in the afternoon.

## **Welcome to Our Special Visitors from Narashino**

This week we welcomed our visitors from the city of Narashino in Japan. A delegation of five visitors joined us for morning tea and a tour of the College on Monday. Our Japanese friends are here to join in the activities and celebrations of the Wetlands Festival at Nudgee Beach and to renew the Partnership between Narashino Schools and Earnshaw State College. Our partnership is underpinned by our mutual interest in the protection of our Wetlands, and in particular the protection of the Wader Birds.

Kind Regards  
**Deborah Murphy**  
College Principal

## **Year 6 to 9 Student ID Photos**

All Year 6 to 9 students will be photographed on Monday 16 February for their student ID card. Cards will be available to students a week or two after the photos are taken.

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## Junior School Jottings

I am delighted to be appointed to the permanent position of Head of Junior School. My background in teaching is in schools in Ipswich and Beenleigh and also teaching English as a Second Language. I was Deputy Principal at Ironside State School for four years prior to being Acting Principal at Bardon SS, Corinda SS and Tingalpa SS. I am new to the north side of Brisbane and am looking forward to working with parents and teachers to provide the best education for our students at Earnshaw Junior School.

### Staffing

I am also delighted to welcome to the school, Hayley Quartey, on 5Q. We also have a new health and physical education teacher, Shannon Kelly and a new LOTE (Japanese) teacher, Mari Inuma. Please make them welcome.

### Classes for 2009

Parents will know that staffing in all state schools is based on the number of students enrolled at the school on Day 8 – Thursday 5 February. Due to the lower than expected number of students in Prep and Year 1, we have had to change our Prep and Year 1 classes. Students will commence in their new classes next Monday 9 February. The class teachers are Prep – Kulwinder Singh; Prep/1 – Sarah Cotton and Year 1S – Sonia Steele. Miss Wilton will remain with the class for next week as the students are transitioned to their new classes. Many thanks to parents for their support in these changes. Fortunately there are no further changes to the junior school classes.

### Uniform Policy

Congratulations to all parents who have supported the college uniform policy by sending students to school in the correct uniform. For students in years 4 and 5 they must wear the formal uniform every day except Friday, when they have college sport. Students in Prep to Year 3 have the option to wear the sports uniform or the day uniform. Please note a letter is required for any student who is still not wearing the correct formal uniform in years 4 and 5.

### No Hat No Play

As part of our Sun Safe Strategy and the College Dress Code, all students from Prep to Year 5 must wear a broad-rimmed hat. The policy is 'No Hat, No Play'. Students without the appropriate hat will be sent to the office area and will not be permitted to play. Parents are urged to ensure that each child brings their hat to school every day.



### Swimming Lessons

Many thanks to parents for returning the swimming notices to the classroom teachers in preparation for swimming this week. Thanks also to the many parent helpers who have volunteered to assist with classes in the pool. Please note the sun safety policy for swimming and ensure students have a sun-shirt for all swimming lessons.



Kind regards  
**Gayle Coleman**  
Head of Junior School

## Prep News!

*Welcome to all our new prep students and their families. We have had such a fun start to our new year at school that we have forgotten all about how scared we were to start prep!*

*We have been busy learning our teachers' names, our new prep friends' names and exploring all of the fun areas in prep.*

*Thankyou to all of the extra helpers during the first week who helped our preps settle in. 😊*

*Thankyou from  
Prep 1 and Prep 2*

## School-based Health Services Update

The Community Child Health Service offers a free health screening program for children at school-entry age during their Prep year. The screening program includes a vision assessment and, where there are risk factors, a hearing assessment.

You will be advised of the date of the nurse's visit in the school newsletter. Consent forms will be issued prior to this time. Please complete and return the consent form to the school office as soon as possible. The nurse cannot see your child without a completed and signed consent form.

If your child is in Year 1 and missed the Prep screening program last year, please collect a consent form from the school office and complete and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Your child's results will be sent home with you child following the screening assessment. If you would like to speak to a nurse, please phone 1300 366039.

*Queensland Health*

## Introduction to Japanese for 2009

Hi my name is Mari Inuma and I am a new LOTE (Japanese) teacher. I will be teaching from Prep to Year 4 and Year 8 classes.

Students will be engaging in learning Japanese language activities, using the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Your child will also be discovering cross cultural understandings through my Japanese lessons.



I am excited to be part of the Earnshaw State College community and I am looking forward to seeing you all. I will be present at the College on Mondays and Wednesdays and have an office in the Junior School.

**Mari Inuma**  
Japanese Teacher

## Middle Media

Welcome to Term 1, 2009. We hope that everyone benefited from the break from the usual routines and enjoyed the Christmas season.

We have a number of new students and families as well as new staff who have joined our college community this year. We welcome you all and look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

All Middle School students have received a letter containing important information, permission forms for various activities, as well as expectations within the Middle School this year. Please ensure that you have read and discussed this with your child/children. If you have not yet received this, please follow it up, as a copy has been given to each student. Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned these forms already.

As advised by letter to Year 6 and 7 students, an Information Night will be conducted next Tuesday February 17, for Year 6 and 7 Parents. This will provide the opportunity to meet your student's teachers and gain an understanding of their program and the expectations for individual classes. We strongly encourage you to attend these sessions. Thank you also to our Year 8 & 9 parents for supporting their information session last week.

*Elizabeth Nottle*  
Head of Middle School

## In the Senior School

I would like to start my first newsletter item off by saying thank you to all the parents I have been in contact with for making me feel welcome to the College. As the new Head of Senior School I have spent a busy first two weeks getting to know students and the College in general. I hope that by the end of the first term I will have met all the parents of the students enrolled in the senior phase of learning at Earnshaw State College. In the near future we will be holding a parent evening to give you a chance to meet your son/daughter's teachers.

Students should be settled into the routine of homework and study by now, with all subject changes completed by now. Information will come out about future subject options and different pathways for students. Moreover, I believe we can offer students at Earnshaw a great future that suits their needs.

*Richard Tweney*  
Head of Senior School

## Important Information from the P&C

**New and Current Parents of Earnshaw  
P&C Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 17 February 2009 ~ All Welcome!**

Parents and citizens of the Earnshaw State College community are invited to attend the AGM, commencing at 7:00pm. All positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be taken from the floor to fill these positions. Please note that the 2008 office bearers will not be seeking re-election. Available positions include:

- President
- 2 x Vice Presidents
- Treasurer
- Minute Secretary
- Correspondence Secretary

For information on the roles of these people, please visit the QCPCA website at: [www.qcpcpa.org.au/factsheets/index.htm](http://www.qcpcpa.org.au/factsheets/index.htm).

## \$\$ School Banking \$\$



All students with a Commonwealth Bank account who wish to bank at school are welcome to participate in the weekly banking organised by volunteer parents. Have your money and deposit book to the Junior School office by 9:00am each Tuesday. Your deposit will be processed and the book returned to you in your class.

## Uniform Shop

*We are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 to 9:30am.  
Phone us directly on 36217328.  
If we're not there, please leave a message.*

**Uniform Orders** – An order was placed with the supplier on 27 January 2009. Delivery is expected approximately 24 February. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Winter Uniforms** – Although we're still feeling the summer heat, it's important to get your winter orders in now! An order will be placed with our supplier on 10 March 2009, with delivery expected about 21 April.

Please remember that our Uniform Shop is staffed entirely by volunteers, as part of a community service offered by the P&C Association. We thank you for your patience during busy times and welcome any assistance you can offer.

*Karen Burgess*  
Volunteer Convenor

## Secondhand Uniforms

The uniform shop only accepts uniforms from our current supplier, Powerstitch (discontinued items not included).

If you have uniforms from our previous supplier and wish to sell them, you can do so by listing the information on an A4 sheet in the format of the example below, and leaving the sheet (not the uniforms) for advertising at the uniform shop:

Item for Sale:	Girls' Blouse
Size:	14
Asking Price:	\$5.00
Condition:	Good – pen mark to collar
Name of Supplier:	XYZ Clothing Company
Contact Name:	Mary Seller
Phone Number:	1234 567890

## Books and Stationery

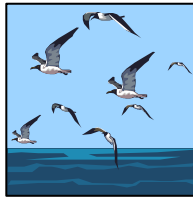
The book shop has been temporarily operating from B Block, but has now returned to its regular home in Lower C Block. If you are unsure where to find us, ask at the offices or the eatery.

Thank you to those who have been assisting in the book shop and to the many families who have purchased their stationery from us. The money raised is used by the P&C Association for the benefit of your students.

Regards  
*Nancy Thompson*  
Volunteer Convenor

## Year 6 & 7 2009 Wader Study Group

The Wader Study Group has been part of our school's programs since 2002.



Working with the staff of the Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre and the Queensland Wader Studies Group, children from our school have participated in a variety of educational activities during that time.

The primary objective of the studies is to aid in the preservation of shorebirds and to highlight the importance of wetlands.

Our Group is involved in The Children's Shorebirds Project, which is part of the Sister Wetlands Agreement between Boondall Wetlands in Brisbane and the Yatsu Higata (tidelands) in Narashino City, Japan. This Agreement involves information sharing between students at Earnshaw Sate College and Yatsu Minami Elementary School in Japan.

In 2009 it is anticipated the Wader Study Group will consist of approximately 20 students from Years 6 and 7. Children will be asked to apply for membership and a selection process will be followed to select the students to be included. This year the Group will participate in a number of off-campus excursions and parent assistance with transport will be important.

We hope you and your child will be enthusiastic to participate in this important program, which is one of our College's major projects.

*Peter Kenny*  
Wader Study Group Coordinator

## A Message from the Year 8 Coordinator

### Year Eight and Nine Parent Evening

It was wonderful to meet so many parents at the Year Eight and Nine Parent Information Evening. I was thrilled to hear how well the changes in the school are being received and the support being shown for the great improvements being implemented. Topics covered on the night included: ICT upgrades (thank you Mr Gleeson for your wonderfully informative demonstration), the Literacy and Numeracy focus, behaviour expectations and compliance with school rules (with the focus on respect) and Year Eight Camp.

### Year Eight Camp

Parents will receive an 'Expression of Interest' this week, outlining the costs of Year Eight Camp. We have managed to decrease the cost from the 2008 camp from \$165 to \$160. It will be a great camp and is an integral part of our school's Pastoral Care Program, providing great opportunities for our new students and continuing Earnshaw College students to build strong relationships. Please return the slip straight away so that we can invoice you.

### Year Eight Parent Group

Many parents at the parent evening expressed an interest in meeting up on a regular basis to have a casual chat on Year 8 topics. I am very interested in hearing your suggestions about how frequently you might like to meet and if you have a preference for when and where. Please forward to me your email address (via your child or through the school email system) and I will start an email group to discuss this further.

Here's to a great year of learning.  
*Ms Alice Patterson*  
Year Eight Coordinator

## Prep to Year 7 HPE Program

Welcome friends and families to the 2009 school year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a new member of the Earnshaw teaching staff. My qualification and specialisation in the school is Health and Physical Education, and I will be running an extensive program for the Prep children, right through to the year 7's.

The role that I find myself in at Earnshaw, is to implement a progressive, continuous and comprehensive program of physical education for all classes, as well as providing assistance to classroom teachers in the compilation and implementation of theirs.

Throughout the school year I will be acting to undertake the following tasks:

- To meet with teachers at year level to develop and evaluate a physical education program suitable to their individual children's needs, abilities and interest.
- To demonstrate the teaching of certain skills where requested; to give class teachers insights into utilisation of subject matter; and to provide an appreciation of the standards children can be expected to reach.
- To provide the leadership required to assist teachers to develop further teaching competencies in this subject area with a wide range of materials and resources.

You too can help in the implementation of our programs by ensuring that your child follows the school's *sun-smart* and *safety* policies, which will be reinforced in each lesson. This means that they are dressed with a wide-brimmed hat, full school uniform and comfortable closed-toe shoes. Sun shirts will need to be worn for all swimming lessons. This will aid in dealing with the sometimes harsh Queensland climate and help in promoting the great range of movement activities that your child will be participating in.

If your child suffers from any illnesses or other medical conditions, please let me or the school administration know as soon as possible. Otherwise, all students are expected to participate in the standard HPE program – unless of course, due to sickness, they have a note signed by their parent/guardian outlining why they will not be partaking in the day's activities.

I will be keeping you up-to-date with current events and stages of the school program, however, please don't hesitate to contact me at any stage of the school year if you have any questions.

Thanking you  
*Shannon Kelly*  
Health and Physical Education Teacher

## Expressions of Interest from Parents



The P&C is inviting interested parents to attend a workshop on Friday 27 February, to learn about how to successfully apply for school grants. The registration fee for this workshop will be paid by the P&C.

If you have a genuine interest in assisting the P&C to apply for funding through grants, and will be available on that day, please contact Leanne Everlyn on 0405 534655.

## **Community Notices**

### **2009 Sacramental Program Banyo-Nundah Catholic Parish**

If you wish to enrol your children in preparatory classes for the reception of the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, or any one of these Sacraments, please contact the parish office on 32661444 as soon as possible. Enrolment is necessary to participate in the program, which commences on Thursday 12 February 2009.



### **Family Fun on Tuesdays at St Oswald's Anglican Church, Froude Street, Banyo**

In the closing months of last year, we started a little group called 'Family Fun on Fridays', where parents and carers of children from 0 to 5 years could come and enjoy a 'cuppa' and a chat, while their little ones enjoyed supervised play and activities. The group will this year meet on Tuesday, as this seems to be a more suitable day for most people. If you know any families with children in this age group, please let them know about it. The fun starts on Tuesday 10 February, from 9:30 to 11:30am, and will be fortnightly after that.



### **Seeking Past Students for Banyo High Reunion**

I am seeking to make contact with girls who did Junior [grade 10] in 1959 at Banyo State High School. A *50 year Re-union* has been organized for April 2009. To date 19 girls have been located, we still have time to locate more.

If you are able to assist, please email me at [lailahw@tpg.com.au](mailto:lailahw@tpg.com.au).

*Laila Hakansson [now Hakansson Ware]*  
ex student Banyo High School 1958-1961



## **The Earnshaw Edge Publication Dates**

For a range of reasons, the first newsletter for 2009 has been delayed a week. The next newsletter will be published on Wednesday 25 February, with articles due on Friday 20 February.