



## College Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

### NAPLAN Results

We finish our third term on a very positive note, with excellent news about our NAPLAN results. In every sub-test of Literacy (ie: Spelling, Reading, Writing and Grammar & Punctuation) and Numeracy our students' performance improved. This occurred in every year level involved in the testing. While the improved results were across the board, the level of improvement was particularly significant in the areas of writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN Reports will be mailed home this week.

I would like to congratulate our students and teachers on the commitment and work they have invested in raising the standard of Literacy and Numeracy in our College. The good work will continue as we move toward 2010.

### 2010 College Curriculum & Assessment Framework

Throughout 2009 we have been working toward the completion of our College Curriculum and Assessment Framework. Over the holidays you will receive a letter and brochure, providing you with an overview of the Framework and a flyer inviting you to participate in one or more of the Parent Information Sessions scheduled in the first two weeks of Term 4.

We are undertaking significant changes in the delivery of the curriculum at Earnshaw State College. These changes will herald a new era for the College, as we introduce innovative and challenging teaching and learning programs that relate specifically to our students' current needs and future aspirations. I encourage all parents to attend an information session so that we can work together to support our students in 2010.

On behalf of the staff of Earnshaw I would like to wish all our students and their families a very safe and happy holiday. We will see you in Term 4.

*Deborah Murphy*  
College Principal

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## College Security – You Can Help!

Your Eyes and Ears are Our Security

**LOOK ~ LISTEN ~ REPORT**

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if you notice anything suspicious  
happening in or around  
the College grounds.



## Term 4 Calendar Dates

School Holidays – Saturday 19 September to Sunday 4 October. Please note that Student Free Day will be on Monday 19 October.	
<b>Mon 5 Oct</b>	<b>Students return for Term 4</b>
Fri 9	Instrumental Music Recruitment Concert 1:30pm
Tue 13	ATSI Community Group Meeting 2:00pm
Mon 19	Student Free Day
Tue 20	HPV Vaccination Dose 3
Sat 24	P&C Trivia Night
Tue 27	Year 5 to 12 Sports Awards Evening
Thu 30	World Teachers' Day
<b>Fri 6 November</b>	<b>All Year 12 Assessment Due</b>
Mon 9 – Thu 12	Year 12 Block Exams
Mon 16	Year 6 to Parliament House
Mon 16 – Thu 19	Year 11 Block Exams
Tue 17	Academic Awards Night
Wed 18	Senior Formal
Fri 19	Last Day Year 12
Fri 27	Last Day Year 10 and 11
Fri 4	Year 4B & 4L to Shorncliffe
Fri 11	Last Day Prep to Year 9

## The Earnshaw Edge

The deadline for articles in the first Earnshaw Edge for Term 4 will be Friday 9 October. Email Jill Antuar at [jantu3@eq.edu.au](mailto:jantu3@eq.edu.au).

See The Earnshaw Edge in colour at the College website – [www.earnshawsc.qld.edu.au](http://www.earnshawsc.qld.edu.au).

**Swimming commences in HPE classes  
in the first week back.**

See article later in newsletter for details.



## Junior Jottings

Firstly, congratulations to all students in years 3 and 5 for the very successful NAPLAN results. Students have improved in all areas of literacy and numeracy. My thanks to the teachers and Mrs McCann for the wonderful preparation for the test and their great teaching.

Congratulations also to the students who have participated in the Music Camp this week. We are delighted to have such talented musicians in the school and look forward to you performing at Assembly sometime in Term 4.

This week the students in Prep to Year 4 have participated in the Rewards Day of movie and popcorn. This is a recognition of those students who follow our school rules of Respect, Responsibility and Safety on a consistent basis. Let's hope next term we have more students participating in our Rewards Day.

The last few weeks I have been interviewing our Prep families for 2010. Please note that we now have limited places available for next year. If you know of any families who have not enrolled yet, please advise them to contact me immediately after the holidays.

Just some reminders for next term:

- Swimming commences the first week of term. There are some minor changes to the swimming times, so please check with class teachers.
- Our first parent afternoon tea is Friday 9 October to support Breast Cancer. This will be held in the junior school undercover area from 2.30 to 3.30. Please stay for a tea or coffee and have a chat with our parents and friends.
- Monday in Week 3 – 19 October is a Professional Development Day and there is no school for students. Monday 19 October is our Prep Open Morning from 9:00 to 11:00am. Please note that all Prep students for 2010 are invited with parents for a 'Getting to Know Our School' morning.

Finally, thanks to all families for your support in Term 3. I cannot believe we only have one term to go in 2009. Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you back at school on Monday 5 October.

*Gayle Coleman*  
Head of Junior School



## Middle Media

**University of NSW Spelling Competition:** Congratulations to Joseph Hijara-Stockwell and Emily Lovell of 6A for their excellent results in the recent international spelling competition. Joseph received a Distinction and Emily a Credit. Well done Joseph and Emily! We also acknowledge the other Middle School students who participated in the competition. They were: Wade Somerville, Billie-Jo Burdon, Huy Chung, Brittany Keasley, Dean Saxvik, Lara Thomas, Liam O'Driscoll and Xavier Savelino.

**College Visit by Rap Artist "Lecrae":** Our Chaplain Grant arranged Rap Artist "Lecrae" from the US to perform and speak with our students. He had a very positive message and it was a worthwhile opportunity for us all. Thanks Grant.



**Year 9 Business Students:** The Year 9 Business Students have been very productive in developing and establishing small business ventures. The students showed great enterprise and gained some valuable insights into the reality of such an undertaking. Special thanks must also go to their teacher Ms Sally Dexter and the dedicated parents who supported the ventures.

**OptiMINDS:** The Regional Finals were recently held at Earnshaw and two of our Middle School Captains Eric Duong and Ashley Menelaws, and Year 8 student Jaime Lines, were great ambassadors for our College and helped on the day.



*Eric, Ashley and Jaime*

**Holidays:** This is the end of Term 3, with the school holidays commencing at the end of this week. I thank the staff for their efforts and dedication and wish families an enjoyable break. School resumes for students on Monday October 5.

*Elizabeth Nottle*  
Head of Middle School

## P&C Report

- Congratulations and thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made hosting 'The OptiMINDS Challenge' such a success. This group of people from our school community included P&C Members, Teachers, Parents and Students. The spirit of cooperation they showed ensured the day ran without a hitch. A wonderful result!
- Our Fundraising/Craft group has been very busy, and the Father's Day stall was a huge success. Thank you to all the makers and sellers – it is a great service for our children, and the Dads must have been delighted on Father's Day.
- Our monthly Earnshaw Markets are flourishing. Thank you to Jodie for her ongoing help.
- Welcome back Shannon Kelly, our Tuckshop Convenor, from her trip overseas.
- We now have a noticeboard outside the Uniform Shop. Upcoming events and information will be displayed, so please stop by for an update.
- One last (but certainly not least) thank you – to the volunteers who prepared breakfast for the Year 12 QCS students.

*Julianne Smith*  
P&C President

## News From The Pastoral Care Team



Our *You Can Do It!* fortnightly focus has been **being confident**. Confidence means knowing that you will likely be successful and that people will like you. It means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. It means looking and sounding confident. Examples of confident behaviour include raising your hand in class to answer a hard question, doing hard work without asking for help, sharing a new idea with a teacher or the class, starting a conversation with a new classmate and standing up straight and speaking with a firm voice. Both at home and at school, try showing confidence in everything that you do!



## Yearbook Review – Online Survey

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who provided feedback about the 2008 Yearbook via the online survey. Your responses will help Year 11 ICT students with the planning and preparation of this year's edition. The winner of the \$20 movie card is Joseph Vickers, Year 10.

*Colleen Hills*  
Yearbook Editor

## Important Guidance Officer Information

### QTAC for Parents Brochure

The 2010 QTAC Guide given to Year 12 students at the beginning of Term 3 included an insert called *QTAC for Parents*. The mini brochure addresses common questions parents have about entry to tertiary study and directs parents to the relevant sections of the QTAC Guide or to other resources for further detailed information.

Please check your son or daughter's QTAC Guide for the insert. A small number of spare copies are available from the Guidance Officer.

### QTAC Key Dates

<b>30 September</b>	Due date for on-time applications
<b>17 December</b>	Major Offer Round for most performing and creative arts and Bond University courses
<b>30 December</b>	Queensland Year 12 OP ineligible students who are QTAC applicants can find out their QTAC selection rank via QTAC's <i>Current Applicant</i> online service
<b>6 January</b>	Last date to change preferences for the 14 January Offer Round
<b>14 January</b>	Major Offer Round for all other courses starting Semester 1 2010
<b>28 January</b>	Last date to change preferences for the 4 February Offer Round
<b>4 February</b>	Offer Round for remaining course vacancies



### Smart OP Service

The QSA's Smart OP service opens for registrations from 1 September. Smart OP enables Year 12 students to access their [OP and Field Positions](#) online or by SMS several days before results arrive in the mail.

To register for the service, students log onto [www.smartop.qsa.qld.edu.au](http://www.smartop.qsa.qld.edu.au). Students will need their QSA number (11 digits beginning with 08) and will then create their own Smart OP PIN. Using their QSA number and registered Smart OP PIN, students will be able to find out their OP from 9am on Saturday 19 December.

Each student's Tertiary Entrance Statement (showing their OP and Field Positions), Senior Statement and, if eligible, Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), will still be posted to their home address early in the week of December 21.



### School Based Traineeships in Health Industry

A large number of school based traineeships are available for Year 11 students in 2010 in Nursing, Allied Health Aged Care and Business Administration. Information Sessions start on the 8th September and interviews are early next term. Further details and Application Packages can be obtained by contacting Karen Bate, Statewide Coordinator of Healthy Futures, on 0437 440016 or email [karen.bate@deta.qld.gov.au](mailto:karen.bate@deta.qld.gov.au).



### ICT Scholarships at UQ

In view of a growing shortage of ICT graduates, the University of Queensland is continuing the ICT Enabling Scholarship initiative begun in 2007. The scholarship – worth \$3000 – is awarded to students on the basis of their Year 12 results. For example, last year students with an OP3 or better received an ICT scholarship. Applicants who are successful in gaining this scholarship may also receive commonwealth funded equity scholarships should they be eligible for them.

To be eligible for the ICT Enabling Scholarship, an applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident applying for a Commonwealth Supported Place (ie CPS or HECS place) in any of the following UQ degrees:

- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Multimedia Design
- Bachelor of Engineering (Software Engineering)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Systems Engineering)

Students can apply for an ICT Scholarship online at [www.uq.edu.au/ict](http://www.uq.edu.au/ict) or by completing a hard-copy application form which can be downloaded from the same site. Hard-copy applications can be faxed to 33654999 or scanned and emailed to [enquiries@itee.uq.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@itee.uq.edu.au) or posted to:

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While on-time QTAC applications are due 30 September, students can apply for the ICT Scholarship anytime between now and 20 January 2010.

*Karen Meiklejohn*  
Guidance Officer

## Book Shop – Lower C Block

We are open every school day from 8:50 to 9:20am. If this time is not suitable, please ask at any Administration Office for my phone number and I will endeavour to help. Families wishing to begin a Lay-By towards next year, please call in for details of our very easy payment system.

*Nancy Thompson*  
Volunteer Convenor

## ♪ Musical Notes ♪



### Would You Like To Join

### The Instrumental Music Program In 2010?

Attention all year 4 and 5 students. You should have recently received a letter in your music class, detailing information about joining the instrumental music program in 2010. Places are limited and highly sought after. If you are interested in this program, please complete the 'expression of interest' form attached to the letter and return it to the Senior School office **no later than Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September** (last day of term). If you did not receive this form, you may collect a copy from the Junior School office or from your music teacher.

*Julianne Schick*  
Instrumental Music Teacher



My husband Andrew and I would like to send out

a **HUGE** – make that **GIGANTIC** –

thank you to the students, parents and staff of Earnshaw for the wonderful send-off, gifts and well-wishes, as we prepare for the birth of our twins.

Your kindness and generosity have been quite overwhelming!

*Naomi Drogemuller Bycroft*  
Classroom Music Teacher

## School Holiday Entertainment

Queensland Imaginary Theatre is returning to the Powerhouse Theatre during the September holidays with new productions from the *Tashi* series – *Tashi and the Mountain of White Tigers* and *Tashi, Lost in the City* – which are aimed at children between four and ten years. This high quality theatre stimulates an interest in reading as well. Further information is available from the junior library.

*Jennie Harvey*  
Teacher Librarian



*Popcorn and Snowcones*

Students were then able to operate their ventures and once completed, had to reflect on their planning. All students worked very hard and most groups had to overcome last minute challenges. At the conclusion of all ventures, the students had revenue of over \$550 and a profit of over \$400. With attention being paid these days to good corporate citizens, students will donate a portion of profits to charity.

## Year 9 Business Success



*Home-made House Colour Bandannas*

The Year 9 business classes have just completed their 'Business Plan' unit. In groups, the students were to plan and operate a school based business venture (goods or service). Ventures ranged from car wash and food items to games and headbands.



*Rush Hour*



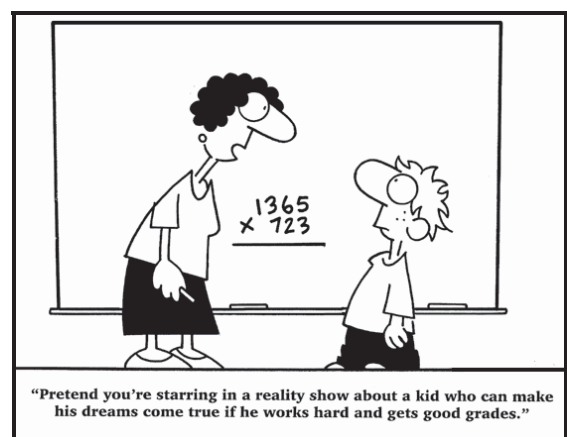
*Car Wash*

As part of the business planning process, students had to complete market research, and plan for the human resource requirements, finance, operations and marketing. They also had to take into consideration sustainability issues, including packaging and water use, as well as Education Queensland healthy eating policy for schools.

Well done to all the Year 9 Business students!

*Sally Dexter*  
Business Teacher

## Thursday Afternoon Catch-up



"Pretend you're starring in a reality show about a kid who can make his dreams come true if he works hard and gets good grades."

Thursday Afternoon Catch Up (T CUP) winds up this week after running most of Term 3. The opportunity to improve basic maths and science skills has been utilised by over 30 different students during this period.

The Maths/Science Department expects to continue this program in Term 4.

Have a safe and happy mid semester break from next week and we'll look forward to working with more students wanting to improve their Maths/Science skills during Term 4.

*Maths/Science Staff*

## Uniform Shop

We are open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 to 9:30am  
Other times are available by appointment.  
Phone 36217328 (Messagebank available)

### September Promotion:

Only 10% deposit is required on orders during the month of September, with an extended collection date of 26 November 2009. The first person to lay-by on each of our normal opening days during September will receive a small gift.

### October/November Promotion:

Order and pay for your uniform for 2010 in full in either October or November (conditions apply). This includes lay-bys finalised by November 26<sup>th</sup>. Fill out the entry form to go into the draw to win a prize pack. One prize for each month. All entries will then go into the major draw.

### August Promotion Winner

Congratulations to Ms Crabbe, receipt L72! You have won the prize pack, consisting of a swim bag, beach towel and latex bathing cap.

### Prep Students Entering Year 1 2010

A special ordering day will be held in the PREP AREA on FRIDAY 16 October. Full details will be sent home the first week of Term 4.

*Karen Burgess*  
Volunteer Convenor

## Fundraising Update

- ☺ A big thankyou and congratulations to everyone who helped at and donated to the Father's Day Stall this year. The students were very keen with our items and we made a whopping \$1960!! Our best stall ever!! We'll make sure this money goes to something very useful for the school and will let everyone know when the P&C have decided. Thanks again.
- ☺ I'd also personally like to thank Jodie, who took over the job of running the Earnshaw Markets every month. She's a great help and the markets will soon be booming under her control. She is still looking for helpers in opening and shutting once a month so please contact her on 0418918194 if you think you could help.
- ☺ Another thank you needs to go to all the volunteers who helped with the OptiMINDS day. This includes the set up, the bakers, the donations, the servers, and all involved. We had a great day and we sure know what to expect next year.
- ☺ The Earnshaw State College's 3<sup>rd</sup> Trivia Night is fast approaching, so start thinking about booking your table ... and any business owners, we are seeking donations for our multi-draw raffle. Please contact me if you can help. **Please note that the date has been changed to Saturday 24 October.**

## Book Now for Monthly Earnshaw Markets!

- \$ third Sunday of every month (20 September, 18 October, 22 November) from 7:00 to 11:00am
- \$ on the Earnshaw State College lower soccer field – entry from Earnshaw Road
- \$ Just \$10.00 per site – pay on the day
- \$ make a one-off booking or secure a regular spot
- \$ bookings and enquiries to [earnshawpandc@hotmail.com](mailto:earnshawpandc@hotmail.com) or phone Jodie after hours on 0418918194
- \$ visit [www.earnshawsc.eq.edu.au](http://www.earnshawsc.eq.edu.au) for upcoming events

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### Time to Get Cracking!

Aussie Pride Eggs are still doing the collect-a-thon with their 50c token on the top of the free range egg cartons. The Farm Pride range can be found at Woolworths and Safeways in Queensland. Eggs are a very important source of nutrition and are packed with essential vitamins and minerals and are particularly great for growing kids. Collect the tokens to help the school and buy free range eggs to help the chickens. Please take your tokens to the Junior School office.

Thanks  
*Rachel Michalski*  
and the Gang from the P&C Grants & Fundraising Committee

## 4/5M Blends a Little Science with a Splash of Magic!

Last week, students of 4/5M were posed a question - Is it possible to change the colour of the petals of a flower after they have formed? After a lot of brainstorming and a bit of research, we discovered that, yes, it is possible to change the colour of a flower (without having to resort to using supernatural powers).



We placed 10 white gerberas into 10 beakers. Two beakers were filled with yellow water, two with green water, two with blue water and two with red water. The final two beakers were filled with plain water. These acted as our control test. We wanted to make sure that the petals of the flower didn't change colour all by themselves! After only a short while, some of the gerberas changed colour. Interestingly, it was the flowers in the blue water that changed the quickest, followed by the red and then the yellow. As we expected, the gerberas in the water without food colouring did not change colour – that'd be a spectacular sight if they did!

What was more surprising was that the gerberas placed in green water did not change colour! We're still trying to find out exactly why. We suspect that it may have something to do with the chlorophyll (which makes the stem and leaves green) found inside of the plant. Do you know why they didn't change colour? If you do, please let us know!

*Clinton Marychurch and Students of 4/5M*

## Advertising Through the Ages



In Term 3, 6A learned about advertising through the ages and how certain products are aimed at particular groups of people, eg: children, families, pensioners, etc. Our assessment piece required us to design and present an advertisement for a make believe or created product. We were marked on our presentation, speech and our creativity. Three students were chosen to present their finished products at assembly. They were Tahlia Welch, Tahlia Mant and Calvin Traversari. We all did extremely well and some of the products were amazing.

*by 6A students.*



## Sport & HPE Info

### Prepare for Swimming the First Week Back!

- Just a reminder to parents of Prep to Year 7 students that swimming resumes in Week 1 of Term 4.
- Swimming togs and bathing caps can be purchased at the uniform shop on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15 to 9:40am.
- All children are expected to wear a swim shirt and suitable swimwear.
- Bathing caps are recommended and are essential for students with long hair.
- The swimming program is part of the school's curriculum and therefore students must participate in the majority of the lessons in the term.
- If students are not swimming they must have a note from home explaining any medical conditions.

Each class requires at least one adult helper so if there are any parents or carers available to help out then please let your child's classroom teacher know. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

*Shannon Kelly*  
HPE Teacher



### Interschool Sport Results

#### Touch Football – Friday 4 September

- Boys Senior B drew with Nashville Senior B – 4 all
- Boys Junior B defeated Nashville Junior B – 5 to 3

#### Softball – Friday 4 September

- Juniors lost to Boondall 5 to 9
- Seniors lost to Norris Road 9 to 12

#### Softball – Friday 11 September

- Juniors lost to Aspley East 13 to 15
- Seniors defeated Sandgate 12 to 4

## Community Notices

### Banyo High Class of '59 ~ 50 Year Reunion

Sunday 24 October at the Nudgee Golf Club

If you were a Senior at Banyo High in 1959,  
or know someone who was,

the reunion committee would like to hear from you.

Please call Peter and June Pollock (nee Livett)

On (07) 54948067 or email them at [petejun5@bigpond.net.au](mailto:petejun5@bigpond.net.au)



Breast  
Cancer  
Network  
Australia

During October all around Australia, Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) Members gather together in their communities to show support and pay tribute to those affected by breast cancer. These events are called *Mini-Fields of Women*. They are a visual event that centres around the display of 100 Pink Lady silhouettes, to represent women diagnosed with breast cancer.

### Earnshaw State College

invites you to our very own

### Mini-Fields of Women afternoon tea

When: **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** (1<sup>st</sup> Friday back in Term 4)

Where: **Outside Junior School Office**

Time: **2:30-3:30pm**

Tea and Coffee provided.

**Come and say "Hello"!**

Merchandise available –

Pink Lady key rings – \$5, Pink Lady pins – \$5

**All donations go to BCNA** who provide care packages to women newly diagnosed with breast cancer and are advocates for free breast screening and subsidised medication. For more information contact **Kassandra Behrendt** on 0411 434666.



# TRIVIA NIGHT

Earnshaw State College's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Trivia Night on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October.  
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