

Issue 4 – 25 March 2009

College Principal's Message

On behalf of the College community I would like to sincerely thank our outgoing P&C executive for the hard work and commitment they have delivered to the College over the past couple of years. Special thanks goes to Leanne Everlyn for her tireless and effective leadership over the past 12 months. Leanne's efforts have established stability in the P&C and set them up for a successful 2009.

I would also like to welcome and congratulate our new P&C executive, whose names and positions are listed in the P&C report which follows. I wish them well as they work to build success and capacity in our Earnshaw Community.

Semester 1 Academic Targets

Reports detailing Semester 1 targets for achievement have been posted to all families in Years 4 to 7 and Years 10 to 12. Reports for students in Year 8 and 9 will be posted this week. It is most important that you discuss these targets with your child and the strategies they have negotiated with their teachers. Please return the signed target reports to the class teacher or form teacher as soon as possible. We will continue to discuss student targets and monitor each student's progress toward their goals at the end of Semester 1.

Planning for Curriculum Reform at Earnshaw State College

Over the past 6 months our teachers and College administrators have been analysing the achievement data of our students and developing strategies and processes for significant improvement in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

This week we begin the design and development process for overhauling our College curriculum and establishing a clear direction and framework for the future of teaching and learning at Earnshaw. Education for a Sustainable Future is the driver that will underpin our planning and exploration of possibilities for our

students and staff over the next three months. A team of teachers and College leaders will work together this Thursday to initiate the formal planning process and establish the first stages of a framework for the College Curriculum.

This is an exciting and vitally important stage of our strategic planning. Curriculum reform sets the context for all other direction and decision making in the College Strategic Plan.

Kind Regards
Deborah Murphy
College Principal

New Executive for P&C

Thanks to all who attended the P&C's Annual General Meeting and welcome to all our new members for 2009. The meeting was a great success and all positions were filled. Congratulations to all our new office bearers:

President	Melynda Eaton
First Vice President	Julianne Smith
Second Vice President	Susan Navarro
Minute Secretary	Kassandra Behrendt
Correspondence Secretary	Therese O'Driscoll
Treasurer	Jan Peterson
Assistant Treasurer	Donna Irons
Community Support Person	Angela Greathead
Grant and Fundraising Group	Mairi Thompson
	Rachel Milchalski
	Leanne Everlyn
	Shannon Kelly
	Jack Greathead

Thank you to all P&C members for their support and work in 2008. I wish the incoming P&C Executive much success in 2009.

Leanne Everlyn
Outgoing P&C President

Junior School Jottings

Year 5 Camp

The students in Year 5 are very excited about the upcoming camp at Currumundi. Many thanks to all parents for the prompt payment of the camp fees. The staff attending are Mr Marychurch, Mr Austin, Miss Carfoot and Miss Quartey. Parents are reminded that students need to meet in the undercover area at 8.15 on Monday 30 March. All medication must be handed to Mr Marychurch by 8.30am and be clearly labelled with name, dosage and times for administering. Please note that students may not bring CD players, MP3s, MP4s, mobile phones or any junk food. Please refer to the equipment list sent home to all students for what to bring. I am really excited about coming up to visit the students whilst at camp next week. The Year 4 students will continue their normal classes under the supervision of Mrs Sonia Bunic and Mrs Kath McCann.

Assembly and Easter Hat Parade

Parents are always welcome to our Junior School Assemblies that are conducted every Friday morning at 9.00am in the undercover area near the uniform shop. Please come and join us!

I hope you are all busy preparing for our Easter Hat Parade, which will be held on the last day of term on Thursday 9 April at 2.00pm in the undercover area. There will be prizes for the most inventive hats.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

We are very appreciative of the time that parents have given to supporting our students during swimming this term. We are holding a 'thank you' morning tea on **Wednesday 8 April at 11.15** in the Staff Common Room in Senior School. Please join us if you have assisted in any way with our swimming program.

Parent Information Morning

Could all Prep and Year 1 parents keep next Thursday 2 April free. Our Speech Pathologist, Jo Woodhead is conducting a parent information session at 9.00am for all parents on developing oral language skills. Research has shown that the development of oral language (speaking skills) is an important prerequisite to learning to read. This parent session will help parents understand the importance of speaking, games to play and other strategies to develop your child's speaking skills and more importantly, lead to better chances at reading success.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

All parents are reminded that classroom teachers are meeting with parents to discuss individual progress this year. Please see the information sent home from your classroom teacher regarding dates and times. I would encourage all parents to attend these meetings.

Whooping Cough

Parents are advised that we have had one reported case of whooping cough in the Junior School. This is a highly infectious illness that is spread by coughing and sneezing. It is recommended that anyone with a persistent cough should see their local doctor. Please note that a fact sheet supplied by Queensland Health is available from the Junior School office for your information.

Kind regards
Gayle Coleman
Head of Junior School

Middle Media

Year 8 Immunization

On Tuesday 7 April at 2:00pm, the Year 8 students will be having the following immunizations:

- Girls only – HPV1
- Boys and Girls – Hep B1

Text Books

Most families have paid into the Resource Scheme to enable their student/s to receive their text books. Students who have not yet acquired these books are unable to cover the required work adequately. This puts them at a disadvantage and is hindering their progress. These books are used daily and also may be used in homework activities. They are essential for your child's learning. If you have not yet entered into this scheme, please do so or contact the office ASAP to make arrangements that suit your individual situation.

Internet Chat

Many of our students use readily available web sites/programs such as MSN to "chat" with friends on line. Over recent weeks these activities have impacted on student learning. Some individual students are using the opportunity on line to anonymously or otherwise, make negative comments about fellow students. Valuable school time is being wasted by students trying to sort out/retaliate/involve friends in issues arising from the on line sessions of the night before. We would strongly encourage parents to discuss this with your children to help limit disruptions at school. The internet has opened up a whole new world of information and opportunities for us all but it can also lead children and young people into potentially dangerous situations by providing too much personal information to strangers while on the net. It is very timely to remind parents that we need to be continually aware of what web sites our children are accessing and monitor what information they may provide about themselves to others on line.

Congratulations!

We congratulate 9C on four consecutive days of perfect attendance by every student this week. It is so very important for students to maximize attendance, as learning outcomes can so easily be limited by poor attendance.

Elizabeth Nottle
Head of Middle School

Prep to Year 7 HPE News

Well done to the following girls who trialed for the Bramble Bay District Netball team:

* Kirsten Gould * Jessica Sleep * Kiana Raston * Mara Toaloo

They represented Earnshaw well and put in a great effort. Although unsuccessful, Kirsten and Jessica were short-listed and only just missed out on selection.

Shannon Kelly
HPE Teacher

Year 8 Camp Report

Week 7 saw the majority of Year 8 students off to Luther Heights, Coolool for three days. The weather was not ideal, but the students made the best of it. As soon as they got off the bus, there were activities to be done. First up was the obstacle course, which tested the skills of the students in breaking chains, skipping and running through hoops. Everybody participated in this challenging exercise, which was great. Then there was a little bit of a rest and indoor activity, which again was welcomed by all the students. We had great food, including one student's favourite of "ice cream and jelly".

We played spotlight, with Mr Malone manning the torch and Ms Patterson on base, ensuring that no one was misplaced and then off to bed, ready for a fun, action-packed Day 2.

Day 2 saw the students up early and ready to go canoeing. We were met by Phil and Chris, who guided us through the canoeing and raft making sessions and after lunch helped us to do the flying fox. A big mention must go out to all the students, as they had a go and many of them faced their fears.



Night 2 saw the "Earnshaw has Talent" show, where again the students faced their fears and participated in a talent show. We had a special guest in the shape of "Kath and Kim", "Avalon" the poet, the "How to do your make-up" group, along with some musical talents that will not be forgotten in a hurry.



Overall the camp was a great success and a huge thank you must go to the students, teachers and parents for allowing their children to go. I have been told that everyone got a big "kick" out of it.

Margie Keates
Year 8B Teacher

Resource Hire & Parent Contributions

The response from families of students in Years 8 to 12 towards the payment of resource hire fees and subject levies has been excellent. Thank you.

Some students are not collecting their text books (resource hire room open Tuesday and Thursday mornings), even though you have paid the fee. Please check that your child has their text books!

As most of you are aware, we have asked parents of Prep to Year 7 students to make a \$50.00 per child voluntary contribution to the College this year. We would appreciate as many families as possible paying this money, as it assists greatly in resourcing the College for your students. Resource hire fees, levies and contributions can all be paid in full or by instalment – small, regular payments are welcome.

The College Administration Team

Creative Digital Media Career Exploration Opportunity

Are you interested in creative media and would like the chance to experience hands-on training with industry-experienced instructors?

The "Study with QANTM for a Day" program allows students to experience one full day of hands-on training in areas such as **games programming, animation, games design, interactive digital media, graphic design and digital video production**. The program is scheduled for **April 18** at QANTM Brisbane campus in **QANTM House, 138 Albert Street**. The cost is \$40.00.

This is a great opportunity for senior students (over the age of 15) to learn about creative digital media fields and to clarify their potential career options within relevant creative industries. Interested students need to complete the study with QANTM for a Day Registration Form at www.qantm.com.au and arrange payment of the \$40.00 fee. A hard copy of the registration form can be obtained at school from the Guidance Officer or the Year 10, 11 and 12 Year Level Coordinators.

Karen Meiklejohn
Guidance Officer

Guest Speaker

On 11 March, special guest, Mr Eric Bailey came to Earnshaw State College to speak to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Eric is the ambassador for the Queensland Teachers' Credit Union Lifestyle Program, which they have provided for the last 14 years as a free community service. Mr Bailey was a former professional basketball player who told his story to students, which started in a tough Los Angeles neighbourhood, and how he overcame major life hurdles to reach his dream. Hopefully his story has inspired our students to reach for their dreams.



Stephanie Power (Vice Captain), Hannah Longhurst (College Captain), Jared Peut (College Captain), Isaac Perkins (Vice Captain) with Mr Bailey

Join Us for a Cuppa!

Meet new parents and catch up with familiar faces at the
Prep to Year 12 Parent Afternoon Tea
Friday 3 April at 2:00pm

Meet in the undercover area outside the uniform shop.



Please bring a small plate of food to share.

Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Contact the P&C's School Community Support Person, Angela Greathead, on 32676763 for more information.



Hello again

Many of you will have heard about the National Assessment program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), either from your children or in the media.

In 2008, the National Assessment Program commenced in Australian schools. The program continues in 2009 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 being assessed using common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by class teachers. Tests will be marked by expert, independent markers.

When will the tests be held?

The tests are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May. All schools across Australia complete the tests on the same days.

Please DO NOT schedule holidays during this time. Individual students who are absent on test days are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 15 May.

Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The report is **only one aspect of the school’s assessment** and reporting process, and does not replace the more extensive and informed judgments made about your child by teachers.

What are we doing to prepare students?

The best preparation for Literacy and Numeracy testing is **quality teaching and assessment**. This develops the required Knowledge and Understanding and particularly, higher-order thinking skills and comprehension skills needed in test situations.

“Research shows that high achievement and high test scores result when what is tested is woven into daily teaching and challenging curriculum in a relevant manner”
Routman, R. 2005 p245

However, preparation in “test-readiness” is also required to ensure that students are able to demonstrate their learning. This is because tests have particular formats and conventions.



This month, all students in Years 3/5/7/9 have participated in practice tests and analysed one question a day. This gives students confidence in working in test conditions, as well as strategies in approaching tests, including ways to effectively: use time during a test; attend to directions; check answers; and use deductive reasoning.

What can I do to prepare my child?

Ensure students have a good breakfast on the mornings of the tests. Be encouraging and supportive, but do not put pressure on students, or talk over it too much – overly anxious students do not perform well on tests. Reassure them that they are well-prepared.

Where can I get more information?

<http://www.naplan.edu.au/>

Kath McCann
 Head of Curriculum

(Editor’s Note: My apologies to the Prep students for leaving this out of the last newsletter – better late than never!)



Friday 27th February was a very special day in Prep. The children came dressed up as pirates and enjoyed a day full of exciting pirate games and activities. Preps have been busy learning about pirates for three weeks and chose to culminate their Pirate unit by having a fun-filled Pirate day. All of the preps looked fantastic in their Pirate gear and even got to look for and found prep pirate treasure!

Miss Singh and Mrs Trinder
 Prep Teachers



The Sharemarket Game

The Year 10 Business class has been learning about the share market this term; a very interesting topic given the current financial situations. Students have learnt about how the share market works, why share prices fluctuate, who controls the Australian Securities Exchange and of course the risk involved with investing in shares.



The students are now participating in the national Schools Share market game run by ASX and sponsored by Citibank from 5 March to 13 May. In groups, the students have been given ‘\$50 000’ to invest in shares. All three groups are currently making a profit after a rocky start. As of 19 March, student portfolios are currently sitting at:

G.A.K Logistics	\$52133.15
M.T.G.W. Brokers	\$52010.48
Mousepad Inc.	\$51782.18

The national leaders are sitting on a portfolio currently worth \$66814.97, so we have a little catching up to do in the coming weeks. Stay posted.

Sally Dexter
 Business Teacher

4B's Poems

The students of Year 4B have been working very hard on improving their literacy skills. Last week they studied a poem and adapted it to describe their own feelings. We are happy to share some of our 'Feelings' with you.

Joy

Joy is orange, the colour of a sunrise on the horizon.
It is the taste of lollies in the bottom of your belly.
Joy is the smell of treats and fairy floss at the circus.
It sounds like leaves rattling on a tree.
Joy is peace and quiet.
It makes me feel good.

William Gould

Happiness

Happiness is the light blue of a cloudy day
The taste of lemonade melting in my mouth
Happiness is the smell of lavender
and the ocean making calm waves.
It sounds like two best friends having fun,
the sound of a bird twittering in the sky.
Happiness is waves on a cloudy day.

Mattea Hart

Joy

Joy is green, the colour of the grass.
It's the taste of a Breaka making me go crazy.
Joy is the smell of a smelly sticker, and of nature.
It sounds like a little kid giggling.
Joy is like a footy player doing a superman jump to score a try.

Jayden Graham

Happiness

Happiness is bright yellow, the colour of a sunny day.
The taste of sherbet fizzing on my tongue.
It is the smell of frangipanis in a little girl's hand.
It sounds like laughter from children playing happily.
Happiness is the glassy ocean shining on my face.

Caitlin Ballon

Sadness

Sadness is the colour black.
It is the taste of Apple Pie.
Sadness is the smell of dust blowing everywhere.
It is the sound of kids calling you names.
Sadness is when you can't trust anybody.

Demi Deeks

Sadness

Sadness is the black of night,
The taste of pepper.
It is the smell of black ink.
It sounds like thunder and looks like lightning causing a blackout.
It is like black and red mixed together.

Mitchell Lewis

Fear

Fear is a black cave of sadness.
It is the taste of blackened toast.
Fear is the smell of a stink bug.
Fear is the sound of a fire alarm.
Fear is a person making me eat nuts.

Zoe Cato-Jenkins

Joy

Joy is green, the colour of a new tree.
Joy is the taste of sherbet fizzing on my tongue.
Joy is the smell of a BBQ cooking in the afternoon.
It sounds like the wind blowing the trees in the summer.
Joy is like a rainbow.

Zoe Evans

3H's Nudgee Beach Excursion

On Friday 13 March, 3H visited Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre. A wonderful experience was had by all and students enjoyed learning how to cast off using an Alvey Reel and later, venturing down through the mangroves to the beach to catch quite a few fish. A special thank you to the many parent helpers who attended and helped transport students on the day.

Below are some student memories brainstormed after a creative visualisation activity designed to help students use their senses to remember their special day at Nudgee Beach!

- I **saw** four puffer fish in a school camouflaged in the sand – Alex B
- I **smelt** rotten eggs (Hydrogen Sulphide) – Katrina B
- I **heard** soldier crabs scuttling along the beach – Flynn H
- I **heard** the tide going in and out, reminding me of metal being scrubbed with a sponge – Emma B



The Earnshaw Edge

Articles for the last Earnshaw Edge of the term are due by Friday 3 April. Email Jill Antuar at jantu3@eq.edu.au.

Your Trash is Another's Treasure!

The Craft Group is looking for donations of any types of magnets, ribbons and used birthday cards. Please search through your odds and ends, as these are very helpful in our wrapping of gifts for the Mother's Day Stall. Donations can be left at the Junior School office. Craft Group meets most Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Junior school office from 9:00 to 10.30am. All welcome – join us for a coffee and chat.

Thanks

Rachel Michalski
Grant & Fundraising Group

School Banking & Pink Panther \$\$

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.

Students who sign up by 31st March will receive a free movie ticket to see *The Pink Panther 2!*

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.

- ❖ All orders, excluding winter uniforms, have now been packed and delivered. If you have not received your order, please contact the uniform shop.
- ❖ Delivery date of winter uniforms is expected to be Tuesday 28 April.
- ❖ R Singh (Receipt No. H39) – please contact the uniform shop.
- ❖ We would love to have you volunteer in one or more of the following areas – full training will be given:
 - Fittings
 - Sales
 - Packing Uniforms into individual bags
 - Stocktaking on the last Tuesday of each term.
- ❖ The uniform shop will be closed on Thursday 9 April (last day of Term 1), reopening on Tuesday 21 April (first day of Term 2).

Karen Burgess
Volunteer Convenor

Community Notices

Junior Faith Studies

Ages 7 to 12 years

Meet Friday afternoons from 3:45 to 4:30pm

Under Banyo Catholic Parish House

Corner Red Hill and St Vincents Roads

Enquiries to Sandra Dufourq (32676951)

or Angela Greathead (32676763)



Hey Students... Couldn't Shave or Colour for a Cure?



You can still do your bit to help children affected by cancer. The

Division of Speech Pathology, The University of Queensland, is looking for

students aged between 9 and 16 to participate in a research project investigating language development following treatment for cancer. Volunteers will have their communication skills assessed three times over a two year period by a qualified speech pathologist.

The overall aim of the study is to examine the effects on language development of the various approaches used to treat childhood cancers. However, through your school, we are looking for children who have not had cancer.

Involvement will entail a language assessment done over one-two sessions at The University of Queensland or at your home. Additionally, the latest technology – not yet available in clinical settings – will also be used to monitor and map each child's neurophysiological brain response to language stimulation. This safe, non-invasive assessment detects and records brainwave activity from the scalp. This aspect of the assessment will need to be done at The University of Queensland.



Volunteers must *not* have any identified hearing or learning difficulties or English as a Second Language, and must not have been treated for cancer.

For further information contact **Dr Fiona Lewis (07) 3346 7483** or f.lewis@uq.edu.au



17 Approach Road, Banyo 4014

Space available now for Before and After School Care

We currently have spaces available for children aged 8 weeks to 6 years in our long day care centre.

For any enquiries please call Meg on 07 3267 8980



Basic Babysitting Course

Save the Children is running 4-day babysitting courses for young people (12 to 19 years) who care for their younger siblings, babysit other children, or want to learn more about babysitting and childcare in general. The course covers information relevant to caring for children, including practical child care, child health and safety, child development, the importance of play, managing stress and emergencies, staying safe in babysitting jobs, working with families, and understanding child abuse and neglect.

There are no exams or assignments and the course is full of games and activities to make sure it's interactive and lots of fun. Young people will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the course. Boys as well as girls are welcome to attend.

1. Course location: Chermside Library
(375 Hamilton Rd, Chermside)
Dates: Saturday 11 April, Sunday 19 April, Sunday 26 April and Saturday 2nd May.
Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

2. Course location: Northgate Hall
(Corner of Scott and Ridge Streets, Northgate)
Dates: Wednesday 15 to Saturday 18 April
Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Cost: Free ... Morning tea and lunch also provided. For more information, or to register, please contact Peta on 3034 8127 or 0411 869 144, or via email on pnichol@scfq.org.au.



126 Army Cadet Unit (Banyo)

is now recruiting new members
aged 12½ to 19 years Boys and Girls

Come along for a free two week trial.

The Australian Army Cadets (AAC) is a community-based, youth development organisation sponsored by the Australian Defence Force. AAC is dedicated to providing opportunities for all young Australians to discover new challenges, develop confidence and be self-sufficient, enhance self esteem and self discipline and to experience adventurous activities in a military-like setting.

Banyo Cadets meet every Wednesday night from 6:00 until 8:30pm at 453 Earnshaw Road, Banyo.

AAC activities include: field craft, survival skills, leadership, military history and traditions, firearm safety training, regular weekend camps, abseiling, canoeing, rock climbing, water activities and first aid.

For further information, please contact
Lt (AAC) Darryl Petfield on 0450 604811
or email darryl@inwork.com.au.



Secretary/President – P & C and P & F Association

Ralph Pirozzo is presenting this useful & practical workshop titled:

Assist your Son/Daughter to develop Thinking Skills that will help them to do well on Assignments, Tests & Exams!

WHERE	Carina Leagues Club, Cnr Creek & Stanley Roads, Carina
WHEN	Wednesday, April 15, 2009
TIME	6.30 pm (sharp) – 8.30 pm
COST	\$99 per person (GST included) + Manual + Catering

This workshop will enable YOU to:

- ◆ Assist your Child to master **92 Essential Verbs** so that they will be able to improve significantly their results on **Assignments, Research Reports, Tests & Exams**.
- ◆ Show your Child how to use **25 Thinking Tools** so that they will be able to **Remember, Store, Retrieve & Use** information, facts and data.
- ◆ These tools are critical in developing high levels of **Literacy & Numeracy** which are needed to achieve **High Marks** at school and at University.

Please FAX this form to 07 3263 3030 or email ralph@pli.com.au

NAME (please print) _____
SCHOOL / COLLEGE _____
TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____
POSITION _____ EMAIL _____

ABN 73 516 256 984

For additional information, please contact Ralph on 07 3263 1764, Mobile 0419 788 311 or email: ralph@pli.com.au A tax invoice will be faxed to you upon receiving your registration form. Forward payment to 3 Cathedral Street, Bridgeman Downs Qld 4035

YES, you will go home with many useful ideas that will help your child to do well at School/College!



REGISTRATION FORM (522)

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