

### **College Principal's Message**

Thank you for your support throughout Term 1. I feel it has been a successful and productive start to the year.

I'll keep this brief, as most of what I'd like to say has been sent out in a letter to all families this week. Please take the time to read the letter and check your students' winter clothing supplies.

May you all have a safe, happy and relaxing Easter. I look forward to another exciting term, as we welcome you back on Tuesday 21 April.

Kind Regards  
**Deborah Murphy**  
College Principal

### **Middle Media**

#### **Interim Reports**

All Middle School students will have received their Interim Report. The focus of this report is not so much about academic progress but about how the student has "settled in" to the new school year. The three areas included are Progress, Behaviour, and Effort. This is the time to address any attitude or behaviour issues before they negatively influence progress. Please make contact with the relevant teacher if concerns are indicated on the report.

#### **Easter Holidays**

As you are no doubt aware, the Easter school holidays commence Friday April 10, with school resuming on Tuesday, April 21. Monday is a Student Free Day and provides the opportunity for staff professional development. I would like to wish all families and staff a very happy and safe Easter break.

**Elizabeth Nottle**  
Head of Middle School

### **Junior School Jottings**

#### **Junior School Uniform Requirements**

As a follow-up to the winter uniform letter that you would have received from Mrs Murphy this week, I would like to advise that the following applies to Junior School students:

- Prep students may wear either the formal or sports uniform on any day.
- Years 1 through 5 are to wear the formal uniform most days and the sports uniform on sports days.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

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

### **In the Senior School**

#### **Interim Reports**

Reports for Year 10, 11 and 12 students are being finalised now, and will be posted to parents on the first week of Term 2.

#### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

These will also be occurring in Term 2. More information will be coming out about interviews when the students return after Easter.

Enjoy the break!  
**Richard Tweney**  
Head of Senior School

## Indigenous Teacher Aide Position

Earnshaw State College is calling for expressions of interest for a Teacher Aide to support the needs of our indigenous students. This position will require a knowledge of Education Queensland's Crossing Culture Agenda and the successful applicant will have the ability to work with students in undertaking various academic and cultural activities.

Interested applicants are to submit a letter of application and a resume by Friday 24 April. Please address applications to:

The Principal  
Earnshaw State College  
PO Box 242  
Banyo Qld 4014

Alternatively, applications may be hand-delivered to the main College office.

## Water Grant Buys Rainwater Tanks

Earnshaw State College recently received a Community Water Grant for \$48,200.00. Three 22,000 litre tanks have been installed along Tufnell Road behind F Block. The water from these tanks can be used for cleaning and irrigation.

Two additional tanks have been installed between C and P blocks and will be used to provide water to flush the Senior toilets. An outdoor tap has been installed and the water can again be used for cleaning or irrigation.

## P&C Report

On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank the last year's executive of Leanne, Jan, Becky and Helen for all their hard work and for passing on a well run association. I would also like to thank the school community for their support of me in my new role.

I look forward to working with my new P&C executive, fellow P&C members and staff to support our children in enhancing their educational experiences. If you have any ideas to help our children or just want to see what is happening in the future, please come along to a meeting and let us know your thoughts.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21 April at 7:00pm (the first day back at school). Everyone is welcome!

If you need to contact me, the best way is to leave a message with the reception at the Junior school.

*Melynda Eaton*  
P&C President

## Mother's Day Craft Group

A BIG **thank you** to those families who have donated items to the Mother's Day stall. It is greatly appreciated. We are still chasing any used cards (for the pictures), plastic bags (for the children to take home their purchase) and 14 small plastic garden pots (used is fine). Please leave any donations in the Junior School office.

Craft is on most Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30am. All welcome.

Thanks  
*Rachel Michalski*  
Grant & Fundraising Group

## Prep to Year 7 HPE News

Congratulations to Billy Hines (7A) for his selection into the Bramble Bay Basketball team and also to Jessica Sleep (7A) for her selection into the Bramble Bay Soccer team.

*Shannon Kelly*  
HPE Teacher

## The Earnshaw Edge

The next Earnshaw Edge will be published in Week 2 of Term 2. Articles are due in by Friday 24 April. Email Jill Antuar at [jantu3@eq.edu.au](mailto:jantu3@eq.edu.au).

## QUT Rocks

On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> our year 7 classes went to meet a lady named Collette from QUT who presented the QUT Rocks Program. She taught us a lot about rocks and minerals. We learnt the three different types of rock, the Igneous, Sedimentary and the Metamorphic rock. We also did many activities related to properties of rocks, including seeing if they would be able to scratch, seeing what happens when we put the rocks in water and we had a look at the rock in telescopes. During this session we recorded the results on the worksheet we got and had a review at the end.



*Natalie Smith*  
Year 7B

## From the Business Department

### Year 9 Business

Year 9 business students are currently completing a unit on entrepreneurs. Ruth Sidney, a local entrepreneur, came to Earnshaw State College on 31 March to talk to the year 9's about her successes, motivators and the characteristics she believes a person needs to be a successful business person. The year 9 business students would like to thank Ruth for giving up her morning to share her experiences with them.

### The Sharemarket Game

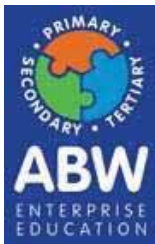
After a week of some high gains and some small losses, Earnshaw SC year 10 business students are still going strong in the Citibank Sharemarket Game. Currently, all three syndicates are above both the state and national averages and all are making a profit. Remembering the students started with \$50 000 in a volatile market, the three syndicates that we have entered have the following portfolio and rankings as at 6 April:

Name	Portfolio Value
G.A.K Logistics	\$53,179.64
M.T.G.W Brokers	\$58,188.29
Mousepad Inc.	\$53,051.98

## Australian Business Week

### Global Enterprise Challenge Qualifier

#### Second Placing to 'Crescendo' Team in GEC Qualifier Simulation



This year, Earnshaw State College has once again entered a team in the Global Enterprise Challenge (GEC) qualifier. Teams placed in the top five of this qualifier are invited to participate in the GEC in mid-June, with the opportunity to then represent Australia in the international competition.

**Congratulations to the 'Crescendo' team who were confirmed late last week as second placegetters in the simulation section of the qualifier. This is an outstanding result in a field of twenty-two teams.**

The qualifier comprises two sections. Having now completed the retail computer simulation (25%), the team is currently working on their written and oral response (75%) to the following task: **"Produce a working model of an interactive exhibit that will motivate young people aged 8-12 towards science, and contribute to the museum's mission to become the major visitor attractor for young people in the local area."**

The team is: Jared Peut, Isaac Perkins (Year 12), Caitlyn Peterson, Hannah Redmond, Peta O'Neill, Quyen Tran, Marc Smedley, Josh Shepherd (Year 11), Mitchell Kelly, Ryan Forbes (Year 10).

My thanks go to Maree Murray, Judi Buckley and Scott Saxby, who mentored the team during my leave, as well as regular business mentor, Bob Steele, for his continuing support.

### ABW National Awards

Earnshaw State College has submitted entries in several categories of the 2009 ABW National Awards, which will be judged next week and announced in early May.

The following entries were submitted, representing work from both Earnshaw teams which competed in last year's Brisbane Northside ABW program in July/August.

Best Company Report:

*Element*

Best Video Advertisement:

*Pegasus*

Best Trade Display:

*Element*

Best Website:

*Element* (screenshot shown here)



**Colleen Hills**  
ABW Co-ordinator

## Year 3A's Visit to Nudgee Beach

On Friday 27 March Year 3A visited Nudgee Beach for the day. We were fortunate to have a beautiful day and catch an abundant amount of fish. Thanks go to those parents who gave up their time and supplied transport so that children could be transported to and from the venue on the day.



We began the day by learning how to use our fishing rods to catch fish. After morning tea it was time to catch some real fish. Wow! Weren't we lucky, they were biting so much that we were amazed! We caught whiting, bream and lots of toad fish. Then it was time for lunch and no, we didn't eat fish, they were all returned safely back into the water. Once lunch was over we then walked along the beach surveying it for litter. We found that there were lots of plastic rubbish and no paper rubbish. The children discovered that this was because paper breaks up, unlike plastic which can stay there forever.

Overall it was a very successful day. Thanks go to those parents who helped us throughout the day and also the staff at the Nudgee Beach environmental centre that organised the entire day.

**Spaska Angelov**  
Year 3A Classroom Teacher.

## Maths Is Fun In 4/5M

Do you think maths is just about calculating sums, drawing boring shapes and creating simple graphs? Well, think again! This term, we have 'tackled' various maths concepts in some very creative and unusual ways!



To learn more about 3D shapes and their unique properties, we built them, but not by using paper, scissors and glue as would be expected ... we used toothpicks and marshmallows instead! Whilst it was a very messy task and some of us found it very difficult to resist the temptation to eat our 'equipment', we had loads of fun and learnt a lot about what makes a shape special.

We've also explored the world of hexagrams! Hexagrams are regular polygons formed by extending each of the sides of a regular hexagon to form two equilateral triangles. After following a series of instructions, we were able to create three unique designs. Check them out!



We've also looked at maths in our community. After the recent state election, we analysed the results for the Pine Rivers electorate and constructed both bar and pie graphs to show the distribution of votes for each candidate. It really made us realise how important it is to have your say at election time!

We can't wait to explore the mathematics realm even more!!

**Clinton Marychurch**  
Year 4/5M Teacher

## Year 4 Travels Back in Time

### “Ye Olde Time School”

Years 4B and 4L were very fortunate recently to have two special visitors who helped the students learn about schooling in Australia's past. Mr Standfast and Mrs Coman, who are both very well known to the Nudgee and Banyo communities, came to the College and supplied desks and equipment to enable the students to experience some 'old time' learning.

The students really enjoyed writing on slates using slate pencils and thought it was 'cool' to be able to erase their work so easily.



Doing copy book writing using a nib and ink was a little harder – we saw a lot of ink blots and smudged fingers. The students also used pastels to do a drawing of a vase of flowers. While three groups enjoyed these 'hands on' activities the other group used computers to view pictures from the Queensland Museum's Collection entitled "The Way We Were", and compare pictures of schools and classrooms of the past to their own experiences today.



Many thanks to Mr Standfast and Mrs Coman, and also to the parents and grandparents who also attended.



### Caboolture Historical Village Excursion

*During this term 4B and 4L have been learning about Australia and its past. As an extension to their studies, the students visited an historical village. The following are excerpts from two recounts written following the excursion.*

We saw a pioneer village and houses. A blacksmith showed us how he twisted metal. We also saw a weaver. She showed us how to spin sheep's wool. After lunch we went on the train. There was a small dark tunnel at the end of the track. We also went to the old school. We had a lot of fun.

*Zoe Evans*

Last week we went to Caboolture Historical Village. The first thing we did was to go to the general store. Then we went to the post office. We also went on a train ride that took us past some old buildings. It was fun. After lunch we went to have a turn at the old washing machine. My favourite part of the day was sifting for gemstones.

*Demi Deeks*



*The students were amazed at the variety of produce for sale at the general store. They also recognised quite a few brands, even if the packaging looked quite different.*

*The school was also interesting. It was a one-room classroom with desks suitable for Year One to High School students. Most students wanted to sit at the Teacher's desk.*



*Donna Baker*  
Year 4B Teacher

## 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.*

**Second and final winter uniform order** – this will be sent to the supplier on Thursday 30 April 2009. If you require winter uniform items, please have your order in by the above date. Prices are:

Fleecy Top	Size 10 to 14	\$27.00
	Size Medium	\$29.00
**Fleecy Jacket with Zip	Size 6 to 14	\$30.00
	Size S to XXL	\$32.00
**Spray Jacket	Size 6 to 14	\$53.00
	Size S to XXL	\$60.00

\*\* available by order only

**Senior Boys' Ties** – Year 10/11/12 boys are required to wear their ties on a daily basis in Terms 2 and 3. They are available at \$17.00 each.

**Only four more ordering days to go – don't miss out!**

*Karen Burgess*  
Volunteer Convenor

## Past & Present Instrumental Students

There are still some band vests and music folders out there that have not been returned from 2007 and 2008. Please have a look in your cupboards over the holidays and if you find any of the overdue items, would you please return them as soon as possible to one of the College offices. Thank you and have a great Easter.

*Laraine Warhurst*  
Instrumental Music Liaison Officer

## 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](mailto:f.lewis@uq.edu.au)



## 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@scfg.org.au](mailto:pnichol@scfg.org.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



**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](mailto: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, Car 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@pl.com.au](mailto:ralph@pl.com.au)

NAME (Surnames) \_\_\_\_\_  
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For additional information, please contact Ralph on 07 3263 1764, Petalio 0419 788 311 or email [ralph@pl.com.au](mailto:ralph@pl.com.au) A tax invoice will be faxed to you upon receiving your registration form. Forward payment to 3 Cathedral Street, Bicentennial Downs QLD 4035

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



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