

## College Principal's Message

### Hospitality Students

This Friday our hospitality students are celebrating their success in their preparation and presentation of our ANZAC Day morning tea. Fifteen students will be dining at Polaris, the training restaurant at Bracken Ridge TAFE. Their lunch will be prepared and presented by final year TAFE students. This is a great opportunity for our Earnshaw students to gain a deeper understanding of the hospitality industry and experience TAFE first hand.

### Middle School Problem Solving

Last week our students in Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 participated in the Middle School Problem Solving Challenge at Wavell State High. Approximately 26 schools competed in the challenge. This was our first year of entry and all our students demonstrated high levels of skill and competitiveness. Our Year 7 team was especially successful, achieving 4<sup>th</sup> place in a field of 26 schools. Congratulations. Our students will have another opportunity later this year in the second round of the Middle School Challenge.

### Australian Business Week National Awards

Earnshaw State College submitted four entries in the 2009 ABW National Awards in the following categories: Best Company Report ~ Best Trade Display ~ Best Website ~ Best Video Advertisement. Our students have excelled again in this area and were finalists in the National Awards. Our students won the Global Enterprise Challenge qualifier. The Challenge is a 24 hour event held on a weekend in June. Please look in this newsletter for Ms Hills' full report on our student's results and achievements.

### Year 12 interviews

This week Mr Tweney, Head of Senior School and I are interviewing each of our Year 12 students to check on their progress toward their goals for the end of Year 12. Some students are working toward an OP and others are working toward TAFE entry, apprenticeships and traineeships. Last term all students set targets for achievement and they received an interim report at Easter. This week we look at their progress toward their targets and discuss strategies to assist all Year 12 students to achieve their goals at the end of this year.

### NAPLAN Tests

Like all schools nationwide, some of our students are participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests this week (12 to 14 May). Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be assessed in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Within the Numeracy test Year 7 and 9 students undertake a calculator-allowed test, followed by a non-calculator test.

We expect that the test results will be sent to our school in September this year, and an individual NAPLAN report for each student will be sent home. These confidential reports will show your child's results against

key national information in each year level. Our school will use the information in a number of ways, primarily to better identify students requiring additional support, and to identify strengths and improvement areas in teaching programs.

While the NAPLAN report is an important measure of how all students are performing, it is important to remember that it is only one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace the more extensive and informed judgements made by our highly skilled and experienced teachers. It is important that students receive ongoing support at home throughout the year in developing literacy and numeracy skills. For tips and information please visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map).

### Open Day

Our College Open Day for 2009 will be held on 4 June. This year we will host a number of presentations about our future curriculum, College organisation and College priorities for the next 4 years. All families will receive an invitation to register for the sessions and we hope that as many parents as possible will take this opportunity to take a close look at our achievements to date and our plans for the future.

### Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to a number of our students who have had recent sporting successes. Details of the events they have participated in are outlined later in this newsletter.

*Deborah Murphy*  
College Principal

## Term 2 Calendar Dates

MAY	
Thursday 14	NAPLAN
Friday 22	Earnshaw Edge articles due
Wednesday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10-12 Business Excursion to ACU</li> <li>Earnshaw Edge published</li> </ul>
JUNE	
Thursday 4	College Open Day
Friday 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4B &amp; 4L Planetarium Excursion</li> <li>3A &amp; 3H Abbey Museum Caboolture Excursion</li> <li>Earnshaw Edge articles due</li> </ul>
Monday 8	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICAS Science Competition Year 8 to 12</li> <li>Earnshaw Edge published</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16	Life Skills Afternoon Tea
Thursday 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7B to Nudgee Beach Environmental Ed Centre</li> <li>Life Skills Afternoon Tea</li> </ul>
Friday 19	Earnshaw Edge articles due
Tuesday 23	ICAS Spelling Competition Years 3 to 7
Wednesday 24	Earnshaw Edge published
Thursday 25	7A to Nudgee Beach Environmental Ed Centre
School Holidays – Sat 27 June – Mon 13 July (incl Student Free Day)	

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Students are looking great in correct College Uniform.  
Cooler weather is upon us –  
do you have your winter clothing items yet?

## Junior School Jottings

### Prep AEDI Survey

Parents of children in Prep will have received a parent permission form for the participation of their child in the AEDI this year. Parents do not have to do anything as classroom teachers will input data on your child to the national database.

Between May and July this year, schools around Australia are taking part in a nation-wide program called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI). The AEDI looks at how young children are developing in the years before they begin school. As part of the AEDI, schools around Australia will be collecting information on **children in their first year of school**.

Summary results of the AEDI checklists will be available for communities based on whole groups of children in a way that means no one will be able to identify individual children. The findings will provide communities with a snapshot of young children's development. This will help communities understand how their children are developing and where improvements can be made to give children the best start in life.

Parents may collect a flyer from the school or read the information posters in the Prep classrooms. Alternatively you can find out more about the AEDI at [www.aedi.org.au](http://www.aedi.org.au)

### NAPLAN Test

Best wishes to all students who participated in the NAPLAN tests this week. A special thank you to Mrs McCann for the wonderful coordination of the test across the whole college. Results including individual reports and school data will be available later in the year. Many thanks to the parents who assisted with the breakfast on Tuesday morning and to the Chaplain for providing a great start to the day for our students.

### School Photos

Parents will be advised when the school photographs are available for collection.

### Under 8's Week Celebrations

Please keep Friday 29 May free as we will be celebrating Under 8's Week in the Junior School. The theme for this year is "Creativity: Let it Happen". We invite all parents to participate on the day and please see the notice regarding the collection of items for the day.

Kind regards  
*Gayle Coleman*  
Head of Junior School

## Lost Property

Please check the Junior School office and/or the Bookshop for any items of lost property that may belong to your student.

## The Earnshaw Edge

The next Earnshaw Edge will be published in Week 6. Articles are due in by Friday 22 May. Email Jill Antuar at [jantu3@eq.edu.au](mailto:jantu3@eq.edu.au).

## Middle Media

### NAPLAN

This year has been very busy as we've prepared for the NAPLAN tests that have taken place this week. A big thank you to:

- The teachers and students for their hard work, especially in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy;
- The chaplaincy committee for providing breakfast to all of our NAPLAN students on the mornings of the tests.

### Leave

I would like to thank Ms Alice Patterson for taking my place during my recent emergent leave. It was reassuring to know that the Middle School was in good hands – and nice to have a well-organised office on my return!

### Changes in Year 6B

Mrs Jo-lene Crank is scheduled to commence Maternity Leave on Monday 25 May 2009 for the remainder of the year. Her position will be job-shared by two very capable teachers:

- ▶ Ms Danielle Lofthouse on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and
- ▶ Mrs Wendy Osborn on Thursday and Friday.

We wish Jo-lene and her family well as they look forward to the birth of their new baby.

### Year 6 Camp

Expressions of Interest for Year 6 Camp are now overdue. If you have not yet returned your child's form, please do so immediately, so that we can make final arrangements. We would also appreciate receiving the \$50 deposit as soon as possible.

*Elizabeth Nottle*  
Head of Middle School

## Under Eights Day!



On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May Earnshaw students in Prep to Year 3 will participate and be involved in a fun-filled morning full of learning through creativity. Under 8's week is all about celebrating the learning that occurs during the very crucial early years of schooling. This year's theme 'creativity – let it happen!' will encourage children to create new ideas, new approaches and new actions. To celebrate this theme our students will engage in a range of hands-on activities as part of Under 8's week celebrations. Activities to challenge children to express, experiment, consider and create will include:

- Play dough play
- Targets
- Origami
- Painting
- Collage
- Skipping
- Obstacle courses
- Goop play and lots more!

In preparation for under 8's day, any donations of items including boxes, tubes, paper, cork, bottle tops, paddle pop sticks, wool etc. would be greatly appreciated. Please send any items to any of the prep to year 3 classrooms.

## Prep to Year 7 HPE & Sporting News

### Rugby League

Congratulations to Jackson Paton, Jesse Ripley and Dean Saxvik who represented Bramble Bay in the U11 Met North Rugby League Trials. The team won the competition and went through undefeated. Well done boys – all that training paid off!

Well done to all of the Year 6 and 7 students who represented Earnshaw State College at the Bramble Bay State Knockout Rugby League Competition. It was a great day and we saw loads of talent coming from our school players. Earnshaw finished third in the district, very closely behind the district winner. Everyone put in 100% on the day and showed great sportsmanship and team fight. A big thankyou to Dennis Neil for coaching the team and also to Russell Kelly and John Boulton who helped manage. You all did us proud and should hold your heads very high.

Interschool Rugby League Sport Results for Friday 1 May

12 years	lost to Taigum	16-18
11 years	defeated Norris Road	42-6

*Shannon Kelly*  
HPE Teacher

## Year 8 to 12 Sporting News

Sporting achievements this year so far for the years 8 to 12

### Sporting Teams

- ▶ The Girls 9-a-side Rugby League came 7<sup>th</sup> in the Beerwah competition.
- ▶ Year 8 Rugby Union - Won 44-22 against The Gap SHS.
- ▶ Broncos Challenge Rugby League competition for the U/13 and U/15 has commenced, with the U/13 team defeating Wavell 40 points to 6.
- ▶ Year 8 Boys Touch team qualified for the Metropolitan School Sport finals. In the first round of the knockout finals they defeated Albany Creek SHS 11 to 6

### Interschool Sport

- ▶ Year 8 and 9 Interschool sport teams are extremely competitive in the areas of Touch, Volleyball, Basketball and Awesomeball. Some teams are so far undefeated.
- ▶ Year 10, 11 and 12 Summer Sport program has recently finished, with the Winter Sport Program commencing this week.

### Cross Country

The Cross Country Carnival was run on Friday 8 May. All students who competed contributed valuable points towards their houses. The top four placed runners for both girls and boys have been invited to compete at the District Cross Country Carnival this Monday 18 May at Kedron. The final results are:

1<sup>st</sup> Bradman 569  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rafter 558  
3<sup>rd</sup> O'Neill 486

*Jeremy Heinemann*  
HPE Teacher and Sport Coordinator

## Coat Hangers Please!



Do you have any spare coat hangers? If so, we would love to have them donated at the Junior School. Thanks.

## Queensland Orchestra Performance

Earnshaw Instrumental Music students in years 5, 6 and 7 will be given a special opportunity to see the Queensland Orchestra perform in concert on 10 June at QPAC. A letter about this exciting event has been sent home in the past week. Places are limited to 30 students, so please return your permission slip and pay \$11 to the office to secure your child's place for this wonderful musical experience.

*Julianne Schick*  
Instrumental Music Teacher

## P&C Report

Thank you to all who bought items at our Mother's Day stall this week. Thanks also must go to the lovely craft people, Rachel, Karen and Helen and their helpers who made all of the lovely presents and who served on the stall. The money raised will help our children.

The Swap Meet is coming up on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer to help, please let the junior, middle or senior school reception know and they will pass it onto the relevant person. Please come along and have a great day!

On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank Ms Coleman and all of the students for their efforts in the ANZAC Day service. It was a nice ceremony and the morning tea was delicious, thank you to the hospitality students and Ms Carmichael for doing such a good job.

Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 19 May at 7pm. All are welcome!  
*Melynda Eaton*  
P&C President

## Mother's Day Success

A big **THANKYOU** to:

- ▶ all the children and staff who bought items at the Mother's Day Stall. We made a grand total of \$1715, which has been our best stall so far.
- ▶ the families who donated items.
- ▶ the ladies who helped occasionally through the year, served on the day and baked some yummy goodies for us to sell.
- ▶ And finally a BIG BIG THANK YOU to the dedicated few who help every week, making and wrapping the presents. It would not happen without you!

Thanks  
*Rachel Michalski*  
The Craft Group

## Uniform Shop

We are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 to 9:30am.  
Phone us directly on 36217328. If no answer, please leave a message.

### Winter Uniforms

Missed the cut-off date for ordering winter clothing?  
Feeling the cold?

A limited number of fleecy jackets and spray jackets are available now, or are on order from the supplier. Delivery will be approximately 2 June. Prices will be:

Jacket Sizes 6 to 14	Fleecy \$30.00	Spray \$53.00
Jacket Sizes S to XL	Fleecy \$32.00	Spray \$60.00

### Sizing

To assist in purchasing the correct size uniform for your child, please bring them with you for a fitting.

*Karen Burgess*  
Volunteer Convenor

## Important Guidance Officer Information

### Career Information and Planning Resources

This is the first of a series of items to appear in the 2009 newsletter highlighting particular career information and career planning resources. Watch this space throughout the year for further overviews of especially useful websites and publications.

### Australian Jobs

*Australian Jobs*, produced annually by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, can be accessed electronically via the [www.workplace.gov.au](http://www.workplace.gov.au) site at <http://www.workplace.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/FA91FB91-73A8-4F5D-83CF-D391BEDF3538/0/AustralianJobsforWorkplace.pdf>

*Australian Jobs* provides a valuable source of labour market information including information about employment trends and projected employment growth. You can read regional labour market information, industry profiles, occupational and skill overviews and check job prospect ratings for hundreds of specific occupations. Sample highlights from *Australian Jobs 2008* are presented below.

- The fastest growing labour market in both number and percentage terms over the last five years has been Queensland.
- The largest employing industries in Queensland are Retail Trade, Property and Business Services, and Construction.
- Over half of new employment over the five years to 2013 is expected to come from three industries – Health and Community Services, Property and Business Services and Retail Trade.
- Over the past five years, occupational groups requiring a relatively high level of skill have experienced the strongest growth, with more than 70% of all new jobs created being in the four most highly skilled groups of: Professionals ~ Associate Professionals ~ Tradespersons and Related Workers ~ Managers and Administrators
- The growth rate of several occupational groupings within the above groups has exceeded 25%, including Business and Administration Associate Professionals, Generalist Managers, Specialist Managers, and Science, Engineering & Related Professionals. More than half of the new jobs projected for the next five years come from four broad occupational groups: Accounting, Finance and Management ~ Sales Assistants and Store Persons ~ Health, Fitness, Hair and Beauty ~ Building and Construction



### Key Dates: Expos and Open Days 2009

Terms 2 and 3 are important times for Year 10 students preparing their SET Plans and for Year 12 students making decisions regarding post-school education and/or training. The list below provides a quick reference to key career information events coming up in 2009. All students – but especially Year 10 and 12 students – are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of these events, and more where relevant, to inform their career planning and decision making.

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| <b>July 18/19</b> | <b>Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)</b><br>RNA Showgrounds                              |
| <b>July 22</b>    | <b>Australian Catholic University Open Night</b><br>ACU Banyo Campus                 |
| <b>July 26</b>    | <b>Queensland University of Technology Open Day</b><br>QUT Kelvin Grove Campus       |
| <b>August 2</b>   | <b>University of Queensland (UQ) Open Day</b><br>St Lucia Campus                     |
| <b>August 9</b>   | <b>Griffith University (GU) Open Day</b><br>Nathan, South Bank & Gold Coast Campuses |
| <b>August 19</b>  | <b>University of Queensland (UQ) Open Day</b><br>UQ Ipswich Campus                   |
| <b>August 23</b>  | <b>University of Queensland (UQ) Open Day</b><br>UQ Gatton Campus                    |
| <b>August 17</b>  | <b>University of the Sunshine Coast Open Day</b><br>USC Campus                       |

### TAFE Queensland

Open Days/Nights are held by various TAFE institutes throughout the year. Please contact the institutes directly for details or see [www.tafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au).

**Karen Meiklejohn**  
Guidance Officer

## Problem Solving Challenge



On 30 April a group of Earnshaw State College's Middle School students went to Wavell State High School for a problem solving challenge. We arrived at Wavell at 9:15am when we were then escorted to Wavell's Hall and were shown to our tables.

First up were the Mathematics problems. This is an example of the questions we had to answer:

A tree is losing its leaves. Two thirds fall off in the first week, two thirds of those remaining fall off in the second week and two thirds of those remaining fall off in the third week. Now there are 37 leaves. How many leaves did the tree have originally?



After the mathematics session of approximately 45 minutes we had morning

tea. Next it was time for the science questions. Here is another example of the types of questions we had to answer:



Joe put his hand into a gold fish bowl to clean it. He had noticed that his hand appeared enlarged and out of shape. This is an example of light being:

- bent
- bounced back
- spread out
- sucked in

Then it was time for the fun stuff, Technology. Our task was to build a platform that was 15 centimetres or more off the ground, with a platform on top which had to have a width and length of 10 centimetres or more as well as having a fence surrounding the platform.



The Year 6 team was: Billie-Jo Burdon, Calvin Traversari, Joseph Hijara-Stockwell and Katrina Capps.

The Year 7 team was: Jesse Turnbull, Liam O'Driscoll, Viet Tran and Xavier Savelino.

The Year 9 team was: Ashleigh Menelaws, Brendan Werner, Eric Duong and Kyle Smith.

Congratulations to all the Earnshaw State College participants who tried their best and did very well.

Thank you also to Mrs Traversari and Mrs O'Driscoll for assisting with transport.

**Billie-Jo Burdon, Joseph Hijara-Stockwell, Katrina Capps**

## Community Notices

### Problems with child's disobedience?

#### Is your child non-compliant?

The University of Queensland is conducting research regarding the effectiveness of a brief parenting seminar for parents who are concerned about their child's behaviour. Child disobedience is common and can be improved. If you have concerns about your child's disobedience the Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland would love to hear from you. A Triple P – Positive Parenting Program seminar for parents with young children who display disobedience has been developed. The seminar will provide parents with information and helpful everyday tips for dealing with disobedience and improving their child's behaviour. The Triple P Parenting Program is supported by 25 years of empirical research.

#### **If you are a parent of a 2 to 5-year-old child who is often disobedient, we would love to hear from you!**

The study hopes to provide support for brief group-based parenting interventions so that more parents can have access to parenting advice. Results of this study will also be available to participants.

For more information about the study, please contact:

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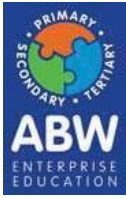
### Australian Navy Cadets

Looking for fun, adventure, friendships? Want to go sailing, shooting, canoeing, power boating? If you're over 12½ years old, then why not join the Navy Cadets at Shorncliffe?

We are part of the Australian Defence Force Cadet Scheme and our cadets also undertake sea voyages on Navy warships at little or no cost.



We meet on Saturdays from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Don't miss the boat – numbers are limited! Call Robert Collins on 0409 070 454 for more details.



# Australian Business Week

What a great fortnight it has been for Australian Business Week activities at Earnshaw State College!

## ABW National Awards

### 'Element' Team Wins Three National Awards

On Tuesday 5 May, the College picked up three placings in the 2009 ABW National Awards. These awards were, for the first time, announced online and a group of current ABW students, past ABW students, parents and supporters came together to watch the awards presentation.



Four entries were submitted and these generated three awards:

- Best Written Report (2<sup>nd</sup> place)
- Best Trade Display (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and
- Best Website (3<sup>rd</sup> place).

All awards were a result of work produced by 2008 Brisbane Northside ABW program champion team, *Element Hotels*.

Congratulations to team members Jacinta Forbes, Adrienne Peterson, Samantha Upton, Brooke Jensen, Jared Peut, Indy Stafford, Ben Forrest and Jack Wellington.

The awards' presentation, as well as a list of all award winners and examples of their work, can be found at <http://www.abw.org.au/nationalawards/>.

## Global Enterprise Challenge (GEC) Qualifier

### 'Crescendo' Team WINS GEC Qualifier

In only its third year of competition in this extremely competitive program, Earnshaw State College is the WINNER of the 2009 Global Enterprise Challenge qualifier, having been placed fifth in 2007 and eighth in 2008.



Twenty-two teams competed in this year's qualifier, with the top seven teams now invited to participate in the Australian leg of the GEC which will be held on the weekend of 20 and 21 June. The winner of this leg will then represent Australia in the international GEC.

The qualifier was in two parts: a computer simulation based on retail electronics stores, and a task which required a response in the form of both a written and oral presentation.

The Earnshaw team, 'Crescendo', received the following marks:

Simulation (Retail):	24.83 Out of 25	Placed: 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Written Report and Oral Presentation:	74.18 Out of 75	Placed: 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Total:	99.01 out of 100	Placed: 1 <sup>st</sup>

The second placed team finished on 98.92 points and the third placed team on 89.93 points.

Congratulations to team members Jared Peut, Isaac Perkins, Josh Shepherd, Marc Smedley, Peta O'Neill, Quyen Tran, Hannah Redmond, Caitlyn Peterson, Mitchell Kelly and Ryan Forbes.

*Colleen Hills*  
ABW Co-ordinator