

College Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Last weekend the Courier Mail published the results of the 2007 Statewide Literacy and Numeracy tests. These tests have not been used for two years and no longer exist. They have now been replaced with NAPLAN.

A number of significant changes have occurred in the planning and delivery of literacy and numeracy learning since 2007. Since that time, literacy and numeracy programs have been supported by the introduction of Essential Learnings and Standards in our English and Mathematics syllabuses. Our teachers from Years 1 to 10 use the Essential Learnings and Standards to plan student learning programs.

Essential Learnings identify what should be taught and what is important for students to have opportunities to know, understand and be able to do. They are the part of the curriculum that is common across all schools, and are specified for each of the key learning areas, at four different year-level junctures (end of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9).

The Standards are achievement standards linked to the Essential Learnings. Using a 5-point scale, the Standards describe how well a student has demonstrated their learning based on a collection of evidence.

This year at Earnshaw State College we have implemented the following strategies to improve literacy and numeracy results for our students:

- A rigorous program of regular pre and post testing in literacy and numeracy to provide accurate information about student progress and achievement.
- Introduction of daily uninterrupted literacy blocks to ensure focused and consistent teaching in literacy.
- Allocation of College resources to provide additional teacher time in the literacy blocks.
- Teacher professional development and training in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

OPEN DAY – Our College Future 2010

Our College Open Day is only one week away. On Thursday 4 June our College will open to our school community and visitors. You will be able to attend a number of presentations detailing information about our new Curriculum Structure to be introduced in

2010 and the way we do business in the College. I am looking forward to meeting you at the "Meet the School Leadership Team" morning tea and I hope you enjoy performances by our College Band and a student fashion parade. College tours will be conducted by our Heads of School and we are hoping our new Sports Hall will be ready for viewing. Please complete the form at the bottom of the Open Day Flyer to assist us with organisation.

Kind regards
Deborah Murphy
College Principal

June Calendar Dates

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| Thursday 4 | College Open Day |
| Friday 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4B & 4L Planetarium Excursion • Earnshaw Edge articles due |
| Monday 8 | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday |
| Wednesday 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAS Science Competition Year 8 to 12 • Earnshaw Edge published |
| Tuesday 16 | Life Skills Afternoon Tea |
| Wednesday 17 | Prep Parent Information Sessions – 9am or 6pm |
| Thursday 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7B to Nudgee Beach Environmental Ed Centre • Life Skills Afternoon Tea |
| 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 to Mon 13 July (incl Student Free Day) | |



CLEANING VACANCY

A permanent cleaning vacancy exists at Earnshaw State College of 13 hours per week and worked as five afternoon shifts.

An application package is available from the main College office.

Applications close at 3:00pm Friday 12 June 2009.

The successful applicant will be subject to a working with children check. Education Queensland is an equal opportunity employer. A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings and properties.

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Please see the details of College Open Day and complete the RSVP Form on the last page of this newsletter.

Junior School Jottings

Q150 Celebrations: Congratulations to the students and teachers from 2/3M, 2/3W, 3H and 3A who participated in the Q150 Celebrations at Australian Catholic University last Monday. The children performed a number of songs and dances and I have received reports from parents and ACU staff on the excellent behaviour of the students. Well done!

Under 8's Week: This Friday 29 we are celebrating under 8's week with a variety of activities organised by the Prep to Year 3 teachers. Please come along for the morning from 9:00am as the children get creative for this year's theme "Creativity: Let it Happen". Expect lots of wonderful, creative works of art to be brought home on Friday. If students have not ordered their special lunch for Friday, they will have to bring their own morning tea from home.

Assembly: This week's Assembly will be held at 2:00pm in the afternoon as we have the Under 8's week activities in the morning. Parents are welcome to join us.

Uniforms: There appears to be some confusion over when students may wear their sports uniform. As mentioned in previous newsletters, students may wear the sports uniform on the day they have HPE. These days have already been sent home, but if you are still unsure, please see your class teacher.

Facilities Update: We are very hopeful that the Prep covered walkway will be completed this week. Many thanks to all of our parents for your patience during this very lengthy process. It will be great to have a covered area from Prep to the main office and other parts of the College.

Kind regards
Gayle Coleman
Head of Junior School

Middle Media

School Uniform: Now that the weather is a little cooler, it is time to remind families that there is a winter uniform for students. It is very important that all students contain to follow our uniform policy. There has been such a marked improvement in this area that we appreciate the support given by students and families.

Cross Country: Last Monday a number of our Year 6 & 7 students represented our College at the District Cross Country Event at St Paul's School at Bald Hills.

Thank you to Shannon Kelly for her superb organisation and management and also to the many willing parents who helped with transport and supported our students during the event. Congratulations to our student representatives, whose names are listed in a later article.

Chaplaincy Week: Chaplaincy Week is celebrated in May each year to recognise the great work that School Chaplains do in schools across Queensland. At Earnshaw, we are very fortunate to have Chaplains Grant Austin and Kym Austin, who both play a very essential and worthwhile role in helping students with issues that otherwise would be difficult to support. I have personally greatly appreciated being able to access their assistance and expertise, at times at very short notice, to help support students who are experiencing difficulties in the non academic area. The Chaplaincy role is certainly valued in schools right across the state. More information is available at www.suqueensland.org.au/chaplaincy.

Elizabeth Nottle
Head of Middle School

Important Guidance Officer Information

Thinking of Accounting as a Career?

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia invites interested Year 10, 11 and 12 students and parents to attend the free annual *Meet the Business Leader* event. This event provides an opportunity to speak with successful Chartered Accountants and find out what a career in business or commerce is really like. If you would like to attend, please register on the ICAA website at: www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students

When: Wednesday, 10 June 2009
Where: Brisbane Convention Centre, Rooms P 3, 4 & 5
Time: Choose one of the following sessions:
10.00 – 11.30am
2.00 – 3.30pm
5.30 – 7.00pm



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.

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

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 always 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

Curriculum Corner

Supporting Students in Years 4 to 8

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH LITERACY HOMEWORK

Do you have any homework to do tonight?

Your child is sure to answer "Yes" to this question at some time. This week we will share some ways to guide and support your child.



Remember that the development of your relationship with your child is most important. Schoolwork can be exciting and rewarding for them, but also stressful. Your guidance is very valuable.

Below are some typical things we all hear at home during the year. Underneath are some suggested ways that you might try to encourage your child to think and work more effectively.

I have an assignment to do!

Try to encourage your child to direct himself/herself by asking questions, such as:

- *When is it due? Where do you think you'll start? Would you like any help or are you okay?*

If the answer is Yes, then ask: *Would you please read the task aloud to me?*

- *What are you going to be assessed on by the teacher?*
- *What form of work is required? (eg: story, oral presentation, PowerPoint, poster, brochure)*
- *How can our software at home help you?*
- *What Internet research have you done or thought about?*
- *Where else can you go for research or help?*
- *Would you like me to drive you to the library tomorrow?*
- *Have you used Spellcheck and Grammarcheck?*
- *Did you use www.dictionary.com to check any words for spelling?*

I have to do an oral presentation!

- *Would you please read the task aloud to me? Where do you think you'll start?*
- *What are you going to be assessed on?*
- *Have you practised reading it in front of a mirror?*
- *Have you created your palm cards?*
- *Please read it to me just as you will in class.*
- *How can you change your voice to make some points sound important?*
- *Have you thought about using music or film or handouts or any other aids to make the presentation stronger?*
- *Do you have to submit the written version as well as the spoken one? How do you think you will present it?*

I'm having trouble remembering what I've read.

- *Have you tried writing down a couple of words once you've read each paragraph? I've read that it can help your understanding.*
- *Do you know how to create a PMI table? The letters stand for Plus, Minus and Interesting. If you draw up three columns, you can write a word or words under each of the three headings as you read along that represent positive, negative and interesting points from your reading.*

PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR IMPROVING CONCENTRATION AND MEMORY IN LITERACY TASKS

Our memory is a filing system that needs organisation, labels and order. Many students say they have a bad memory. The real problem is that they do not use **strategies that enhance long-term recall of their work**. They fail to recognise that **understanding is not the same as remembering**.

The sooner your child identifies areas of uncertainty or confusion, the better.

Encourage your child to:

1. keep up with English assignments and assessment tasks:

- make daily 'to-do' lists
- make an assignment schedule for each week
- reward oneself for completing work.



2. review classwork each day:

- keep a notepad beside him/her as he/she reads to make notes or reminders
- create flash cards of main ideas or key points (with details on the back)
- make up study questions and test himself/herself

3. take breaks while studying:

- if your child is not tired, he or she will focus more
- stand up after 20 minutes and walk around the room (while thinking about the topic)
- as our minds work in several ways, your child should use different techniques writing, note-making, use organisers (such as columns, lists, tables), drawing diagrams (such as mind maps), talking aloud (reciting).

4. study actively by:

- finding the main ideas (create a mind map)
- organising the information and labelling the points
- paying attention to the main ideas and headings
- writing key words in the margin
- finding and numbering how many main ideas and headings there are
- finding how headings are related to one another
- using sub-headings, underlining, bold-face
- creating a terms list (or glossary)
- writing a chapter/topic summary in your own words
- testing himself/herself by saying aloud what he/she has learned
- covering a paragraph, diagram or page and saying aloud what it was about or writing some brief notes.



If you have any curriculum questions or topics you'd like me to cover, please email me kmcca84@eq.edu.au

Kind regards
Kath McCann
Head of Curriculum

Junior School Scholastic Book Club



Issue 4 catalogues have been distributed and the closing date for orders for this issue is June 3rd. Please include payment in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Book Club". If you are paying by cash, please have the exact money enclosed, as it is too difficult to ensure the change reaches home safely. Also, please make sure that all coins are Australian currency. Payment by credit card or cheque are welcomed. When paying by credit card, please follow the directions on the order form. Thank you and Happy Reading.

Averil Venn
Teacher Aide

Prep to Year 7 HPE & Sporting News

Congratulations to all of the children who represented Earnshaw State College at the Bramble Bay Cross Country Trials on Monday. The team spirit showed by the students and parents who attended was fantastic. Our jerseys and shade tent looked great and the students' performance was outstanding. Thank you to the parents who helped out with transport and management throughout the day.

The participating students were:

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| Michael Greathead | Luke Postle |
| Zac Shepherd | Jeremiah Dufourq |
| Cody Kennedy | Janeta Irons |
| Tiara Blackburn | Paige Kemp |
| Taylah Pearce | Jacob Napoli |
| Dean Saxvik | Dylan Coleman |
| Josh Te Hira | Alex Napoli |
| Kailyn McIntyre | Abbey Shepherd |
| Lady-Anne Tandayag | Billie-Jo Burdon |
| Tegan De-Thierry | Anei Muorter |
| Elijah Braun | Sean Kelly |
| Corey McNally | Josh Postle |
| Tiana Lines | Bree-Anna McNamara |
| Jessica Sleep | Richelle Brown |
| Morgan Holmes | |

Interschool Rugby League Sport Results for Friday 15 May:

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| Year 7 | defeated Geebung | 50-0 |
| Year 6 | defeated Virginia | 42-0 |

Shannon Kelly
HPE Teacher

Uniform Shop – Undercover Area

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:

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| 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

School Drop-off Zones

Parents, please note that the staff car parks are not student drop-off and pick-up areas. If you are driving children to and from school, please use the two minute zone on Victor Street near the pool; or alternatively outside the grounds on Earnshaw or Tufnell Roads. It is dangerous to have students being dropped off and picked up in the staff car parks; and sometimes causes blockages when staff are trying to come and go.

P&C Report

Car Swap Meet

Due to the weather and the newly laid grass on the oval, the Swap Meet was postponed until September/October. Sorry for the inconvenience!

New E-mail Address

I have setup an e-mail address for parents who have any ideas which could help the school or concerns to be raised at the next meeting. I will reply as soon as I can. The address is earnshawpandc@hotmail.com.

P&C Meeting Review

I would just like to thank all the people who risked life, limb and dryness to attend the P&C meeting on Tuesday night. Two points raised were:

- Can you please let me know at the above address if you have done the "Responsible Service of Alcohol" training course?
- We moved to get security flyscreen for the tuckshop to keep the flies and vandals out. They will be put in when appropriate quotes are obtained.

Under 8's Day

In my new role of P&C President, I have been amazed at how dedicated many of the P&C members are to all students of the school, not just their own. The dedication of the tuckshop ladies is no exception! They work extremely long hard hours, many of which are not paid.

Under 8's day is on Friday 29 May, 9:00am until lunchtime. Students from all the day care centres come and see what Prep is all about. All students can get tuckshop and frequently the tuckshop is swamped with orders. Any help you can give the ladies in the tuckshop would be really appreciated!

Also, if you have any spare time on other days, please pop in and give our loyal workers a hand. Even if you are at school and have some spare time, why not pop in and give them a hand or even just a cuppa? Working in the tuckshop is rewarding and your kids love it.

Our next meeting is Tuesday June 16 at 7:00pm – all welcome, especially new faces.

Melynda Eaton
P&C President

Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again, Earnshaw students in Prep to Year 7 will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Challenge started on Monday May 11th and will run until Friday August 21st. During this time children are asked to read 20 books. The Challenge, now in its fourth year, is an initiative of the Queensland Government, helping to improve children's literacy by boosting the number of books read, and encouraging more challenging texts. If you are looking for more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, log onto www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/ or see your child's teacher.

Thanks for your support.
Sonia Steele
Reading Challenge Coordinator

Instrumental Music News

♫ Congratulations to Liam O'Driscoll in Year 7 who has been accepted into the North Brisbane Honours Music Camp. He will be representing the school at this 4 day music camp on Percussion in mid-June. Well done!



♫ We'd like to invite parents, friends and family to come along to the **Junior School Assembly** on Friday 29 May and see the Wind Ensemble play. This assembly starts at 2:00pm.

♫ The college musicians and singers are busy practising and rehearsing for the upcoming **'EARNSHAW MUSIC SHOWCASE'**. This is a mini concert that will feature the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Junior Choir, Senior Choir and our beginner instrumentalists. This showcase will be on Wednesday 24 June from 6:30 to 7:45pm in The McKittrick Performing Arts Centre. Entry is by gold coin donation and there will be tea and coffee available on the night.

Julianne Schick
Instrumental Music Teacher

P&C Fundraising Events in June

Sunday 14th June
Seven of Clubs Show'n'Shine Car Show

The P&C will be selling hot food, snacks and drinks at this event. Car Show exhibitors will be arriving from 7:00am, and gates open to the public at 9:00am. We will need helpers on the day between 6:00am and 1:00pm, so if you'd like to volunteer a few hours to help set up, sell food, and clean up it would be most appreciated.

Funds raised on the day will help purchase security flyscreens for our tuckshop, making it safer and healthier for our children. Please email earnshawpandc@hotmail.com or call 0404 002 658 if you'd like to help out. Many thanks, and we hope to see you on the 14th.

Mairi Thomson
P&C Grants and Fundraising Committee

Swimming Club Season in Review

Friday 8 May saw the end of another enjoyable season for The Earnshaw State College Swimming Club. Again this year all the swimmers gave their best and this was shown in the small margin of points between the final placegetters in each of the strokes and the ultimate Club Champions.

Congratulations go to Courtney Mitchell and Michael Greathead, Club Champions for the 08/09 Season. Well done to all the other members who received trophies on the night. Hopefully the results will lead to another season of fierce competition in 09/10. On behalf of the parents, I would like to say thank you to the Club Captains, Bill Bradley and Courtney Mant, and the Club Vice-Captains Bridget Greathead and Josh Postle for their assistance.

Again I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Neil Roberts and Mr Ron Virgin for their attendance and assistance with presenting their own and other trophies. It is great that they are able to take time out year after year to support our small Club. Thank you to Mrs Murphy for presenting the Patron's Trophies for the first time this year, and it was good to see the three Life Members again showing their support on the night. All the swimmers received a great gift bag on the night. Thanks to Matt Darben for putting them all together. Last, but certainly not least, a big thank you to all the parents for giving up their Friday nights (and sometimes the footy) to lend a hand with time-keeping and recording, the BBQ, race sheets, canteen, announcing..... I'm sure the kids appreciate the support – I know I do.

The first Club night and sign-on will be the Friday after the September/October School Holidays (9/10/09). Looking forward to seeing you there!

Jan Peterson
Club Secretary/Treasurer

Term 2 in Prep/1C and 1S

What a very busy term we are having in our classrooms! Everyone should be extremely proud of the fantastic start that we have had to our term. There has been lots of learning and laughing and we are all appreciating the parent helpers who volunteer each Tuesday to help us consolidate our learning of maths concepts through hands-on activities.

In our classrooms, we have particularly enjoyed our Maths activities each Tuesday middle session. During this time, we work together within our small maths groups, revisiting concepts that we have learnt in class. These learning rotations cover all strands of Numeracy (Number, Patterns, Chance and Data, Space, Measurement, Problem Solving) and give each child the opportunity to participate in engaging, student-centred experiences. We are always disappointed when it's time to pack up! Take a look at the fun that we have during this hands-on time!

From everyone in Prep/1C and 1S ☺



Patterning



*Chance & Data with
Number Activity*



*How Old Am I?
Activity*



Number Bingo



Making 3D Playdough Shapes



Free Construction

The Earnshaw Edge

The next Earnshaw Edge will be published in Week 8. Articles are due in by Friday 5 June. Email Jill Antuar at jantu3@eq.edu.au.

Prep-osaurus Attack!

Wow! The last three weeks have been very busy in prep – full of lots of fun and learning about Dinosaurs. The children chose dinosaurs as their next unit of study, then suggested and decided upon activities that would be part of the Dinosaur theme. Preps have enjoyed learning about different types of dinosaurs and their special features. Here's what some of our prep friends had to say:

I liked being a palaeontologist and digging for dinosaur bones!

Nadine Kerr

I liked making the stegosaurus paper bag puppet.

Poppy Michalski

My favourite dinosaur activity was guessing the dinosaurs.

Zoe Paton

Making our dinosaur park was fun!

Joseph Kemp

I had fun tracing different dinosaurs.

Alex Campbell

Check out these photos of prep palaeontologists!



Community Notices



**Are you turning 11 or 12 this year?
Then Norths St Joseph's Rugby League Club needs you!**

Boys and Girls welcome.

Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

Contact Brett Gallagher on 31371771 or 0401214190
for more information.



You are invited to the



Open Day

Thursday 4 June 2009 from 10:00am

for Junior (Prep to Year 5), Middle (Year 6 to 9) and Senior (Year 10 to 12) Schools

Program Items:

- ❖ Welcome and Introduction
- ❖ Join a conducted tour of the College
- ❖ Participate in one or more of the following sessions:
 - › Meet the Leadership Team (over morning tea)
 - › The Way We Do Business (policies and procedures)
 - › Sustainable Futures – College Curriculum 2010

If you would like to book into a tour or information session, please complete and return the tear-off slip below, or call Jill Smith at the College office on 36217333.

“Prepare Today for Tomorrow”



Open Day

Please return this RSVP slip to one of the College offices by Tuesday 2 June.

Family Name: Number Attending:

Area/s of Interest: Junior School Middle School Senior School

Please tick the sessions you would like to attend:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conducted Tour of the College | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet the Leadership Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Way We Do Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Futures |