

## College Principal's Message

### Exams and Reporting

- It is that time of year when our students finalise their preparations for Semester Exams. Exam Block for Years 11 and 12 is from Wednesday 17 to Monday 22 June. It is important that all students are well prepared in terms of study schedules and the completion of assignments and all assessment items.
- Report Cards will be posted over the July holiday break. Parent / Teacher reporting interviews will be conducted after the holidays. You will receive information detailing times and arrangements enclosed with the end of Semester 1 report.

### Sports Hall

Our long awaited Sports Hall is very close to completion. The Official Opening will be later in the year, but we will have a special celebratory Teacher vs Student Basketball match to mark our first day in the hall as a College.

### QCS Preparation and Certificate in Work Education

Year 12 students sitting the QCS test will participate in practice tests on Wednesday and Thursday 24 and 25 June. It is important that all students who are OP eligible or wish to go on to University attend this practice session. Year 12 students who are not sitting for QCS will be working to complete their Certificate 1 in Work Education on the same days.

### Under 8's Day

Thank you to all the students, teachers and parents who contributed to Under 8's Day last week. It was a great celebration of the creativity and energy of our youngest students. They are the future of our College and our future looks very bright.

### Open Day

- Our students and teachers worked together last week to show off the talent and collective work of our College. We began with an Industry Breakfast, catered by our own hospitality students. Once again our hospitality students did an outstanding job delivering a breakfast to remember to our local business and industry guests. On behalf of the College I would like to thank our local business people for attending our breakfast and supporting the College with their time and ideas. Special thanks for your very positive feedback during and after the event.

Our band entertained visiting parents and families and a number of our students modelled the various combinations of College Uniform. We presented our new Curriculum Framework to be launched in 2010. The families had an opportunity to ask questions and meet the College Leadership Team. We concluded with a tour of the College. Once again, feedback from our visiting families and current families was very positive.

Kind regards

**Deborah Murphy**  
College Principal

## Voluntary Contributions

As most of you are aware, we have asked parents of Prep to Year 7 students to make a \$50.00 per child 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.

## June/July Calendar Dates

Tuesday 16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life Skills Afternoon Tea</li> <li>• P&amp;C Meeting 7pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17	Prep Parent Information Sessions – 9am or 6pm
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P&amp;C Afternoon Tea</li> <li>• Earnshaw Edge articles due</li> </ul>
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)	
Monday 13 July	Student Free Day
Tuesday 14 to Friday 17	Year 6 Camp Tallebudgera
Friday 17	Athletics Day 1: Year 8-12 Field Events
Monday 20	Athletics Day 2: Year 4-7 Field Events
Tuesday 21	Athletics Day 3: Prep to Year 12 Track Events
School Holidays – Saturday 27 June to Monday 13 July 2009 (including Student Free Day)	

## Junior School Jottings

**Prep Parent Information Sessions:** We already have many enrolments for Prep for 2010 and are holding our Parent Information Session next Wednesday 17 June at both 9:00am and 6:00pm. This is an opportunity to find out about how our Prep program is different from other schools and focuses on oral language development, creativity and social and emotional skills. We hope you can join us. Please RSVP for catering on 36217440.

**Queensland Day Assembly:** Many thanks to the parents who attended our Queensland Day Assembly last Friday. The students worked hard on their presentations and we hope you enjoyed them, despite them being difficult to hear.

**End of Term Celebrations:** Many of the students are inviting parents to the classroom to see displays of their work during this term. It is great for parents to see the wonderful efforts of the students and the things they have learnt throughout the term.

**Children with Illnesses:** This is a reminder to parents that if your child is sick with the flu it is advisable to keep them home from school. We have some children being sent to school who are obviously unwell and they eventually are sent home to parents. Please support us to keep illness in the school to a minimum and a reminder to contact the Junior School office on 36217440 or the class teacher if your child is absent.

Kind regards  
*Gayle Coleman*  
Head of Junior School

## Middle Media

**Student Reports:** The end of Semester reports will be sent home at the end of this term for Year 6 and 7 students and in the first week of Term 3 for Year 8 and 9. Parent interviews will also be conducted at these times. Students in Year 6 & 7 have received advice regarding the Parent Teacher Interviews, so please review and send back your available times. This is a very important school activity in formally reviewing student progress. The interview is a valuable component of this process and I would encourage you to make the most of this valuable opportunity.

**Winter Uniform Reminder:** Cooler weather is definitely upon us. Please ensure that your student has the approved (and named) warm clothing to get them through the winter months. The 'no hat, no play' rule still applies during winter. Many students are forgetting to bring their hats, which is particularly difficult when they have HPE and Sport. Those without hats in lunch breaks will be required to sit in the shade.

*Elizabeth Nottle*  
Head of Middle School

## The Earnshaw Edge – Web Address

Are you aware that The Earnshaw Edge can be found on the College website at [www.earnshawsc.eq.edu.au](http://www.earnshawsc.eq.edu.au)? Visit the site to see the photos in glorious colour!

The last Earnshaw Edge for the term will be distributed to the youngest student in each family on or about 24 June. Articles are due in by Friday 19 June. Email Jill Antuar at [jantu3@eq.edu.au](mailto:jantu3@eq.edu.au).

## Important Guidance Officer Information

### Free Film & Television Information Seminars

Dates/Times: Saturday 13 June at 11.00am  
OR Wednesday 24 June at 7.30pm  
Venue: Queensland School of Film & Television (QSFT)  
Unit 7, 38 Tennyson Memorial Avenue  
Yeerongpilly

The free information seminar run by the QSFT includes talks delivered by industry experienced staff, a Q & A session and a brief tour of the facilities. The seminar is designed for prospective students interested in the School's Certificate III in Media or the Diploma of Screen and Media courses. Registrations are essential. QSFT also runs school holiday workshops specifically designed for senior secondary school students to introduce them to the fundamentals of filmmaking. To register for one of the free seminars or for more information about the holiday workshops, contact the School on 1300 765354 or [info@qsft.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@qsft.qld.edu.au).



### Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)

Free Admission!

**Dates:** Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July, 2009

**Times:** 10:00am to 4:00pm both days

**Venue:** Exhibition Building, RNA Showgrounds

TSXPO is the ideal forum for students and parents to access the latest information on tertiary courses and training, application and enrolment procedures, scholarships and bursaries, as well as professional employment opportunities and graduate recruitment. Visitors to TSXPO will have the opportunity to obtain important information from representatives of over 110 organisations from around Australia and New Zealand. Over 40 seminar presentations will also be scheduled for visitors to attend. The information available can help to inform senior subject selections as well as planning of career pathways. For further information, including a full exhibitor list and seminar details, please visit the TSXPO website at [www.tsxpo.org](http://www.tsxpo.org).



### 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](http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au).

*Karen Meiklejohn*  
Guidance Officer

# Curriculum Corner

## Oral Language

Although there are days we all wish we had never taught our kids to talk, **oral language development is a vital foundation for all other learning.** Student success in reading, for instance, is determined by his or her vocabulary.

Words are powerful tools. Words can create and destroy. As a parent, you have the awesome opportunity to train your child in the understanding and development of a diverse vocabulary and potentially improve his or her life as an adult.

### Tips for Expanding Your Child's Vocabulary

(adapted from an article by Shauna Smith Duty a writer from Texas specialising in family and parenting articles).

According to *30 Days to a More Powerful Vocabulary* by Dr. Wilfred Funk and Norman Lewis, people with a superior vocabulary are more likely to win better jobs. Do you want to expand your child's vocabulary? Now is the best time to start.

#### 1. Talk to Your Child

Surrounding your child with words may be more important than you think. Research recognises that **it is essential to talk to our children from the first hours of their life.** A 1991 study by psychologist Janellen Huttenlocher with the University of Chicago discovered that children in a **word-rich environment (ie. those with talkative parents)** learned 295 more words by the age of 24 months than their counterparts.

Older children, who have mastered some vocabulary and are working toward higher levels of language development, may experiment with words. **Whenever your child asks what a word means, provide a definition and example.** If they misuse a word, offer encouragement for the effort and gentle correction. Meaning is the key element when we have conversations with very young children. This clarification is essential to help children make sense of the world.

#### 2. Pay Attention When Your Child Speaks

Parents should strive to provide support and encouragement whenever their child speaks. Adults often say, "Shhhh!" or, "Not now, honey" when a child tries to talk. If you must quiet a child temporarily, always return to him, on his level, and ask to listen to what he had to say.



One of the best ways to converse with a child is at their eye-level. This small act builds a child's confidence and allows an adult to focus on what the child has to say. No one likes to be interrupted. It's

rude! We teach our children not to interrupt and should hold ourselves to the same standard. Sometimes, though, adults have to interrupt children to move forward with an activity or conversation. Extend the courtesy you expect from your child by using mannerly words, like "excuse me", "please", "sorry" and "thank you". Modeling appropriate behavior is the most effective way to teach manners and etiquette vocabulary.

#### 3. Engage Your Child in Conversation

If you've ever tried to engage in conversation with someone, you probably know that asking "yes" or "no" questions quickly stifles a conversation. The same is true with children. Mooney says, "For any number of reasons, **most adults are much better at talking at children than they are at talking with them.**"

To engage a child in conversation that will exercise his vocabulary, **ask questions that require in-depth answers** eg: how, why, where and when questions. For instance, instead of asking a child if she wants pasta for lunch, ask which kind of pasta she wants, and why she likes this particular kind. The more a child has to use her words, the more adept she will become at conversation and vocabulary will improve naturally.

Children learn word meanings through conversations with other people, especially adults. As they engage in these conversations, children often hear adults repeat words several times. They also may hear adults use new and interesting words. **The more oral language experiences children have, the more word meanings they learn.**

#### 4. Read to your Child

Reading to children not only fosters a love for literature, but **also improves their vocabulary by increasing exposure to words.** Reading aloud is particularly helpful when the reader pauses during reading to **define any unfamiliar word** and, after



reading, **engages the child in a conversation about the book.** Asking children to retell parts of a story exercises their thinking, language and vocabulary.

#### 5. Limit Television

Television can be detrimental to language development. Language is symbolism. Sounds stand for things, actions, and descriptions. When watching television the brain does not have to come up with representative images because an image is on the screen.

Audio recordings are a thought-provoking alternative to television and videos because children must form their own images of the words they hear. They must decipher the symbols to understand the language. This is brain exercise, and it literally causes a brain to grow in size and capacity. Books on CD are particularly useful.

#### 6. Play Games With Your Child

Children thrive on attention, and you can use this as a teaching opportunity. Play games with your child. Try board games (eg. *Scattergories*), road-trip games (*I spy*) and silly word games (*name 10 things* in an airport that start with the letter H). Once kids learn these games, they'll play them with friends. They'll follow your example. The Internet also provides a resource for educational entertainment. Word games for children are available at no cost. Supervising internet activity provides you with an opportunity to build on your child's vocabulary.

#### 10. Set an Example

Adults only learn about 25 new words each year, according to *30 Days to a More Powerful Vocabulary*.

Set an example for your children to strive for a better vocabulary by showing them adults can learn too.

Children learn from their environment. They imitate parents, brothers, sisters, and teachers. By setting a precedent for learning in your home, your children will know the importance you place on education.



Happy talking!  
**Kath McCann**  
Head of Curriculum

## Teacher Aide Expressions of Interest

**In order to build up a bank of replacement Teacher Aides, we are calling for expressions of interest from those who would like casual or contract work at Earnshaw.**

If you would like to add your name to our supply list, please submit a brief resume of your experience (including the names of two referees) to the main College office.

*Successful applicants 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.*

## ♪♪ A Music Showcase ♪♪

- ♪ **When:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009
- ♪ **Where:** The McKittrick Performing Arts Centre
- ♪ **Time:** 5:30 to 6:30pm
- ♪ **Admission:** By gold coin donation

The college musicians and vocalists have been very busy preparing for the first concert of the year. This performance will feature the senior vocal ensemble, concert band, wind ensemble, junior choir, combined choir and our beginner musicians. This is an exciting event not to be missed. **See the poster later in this newsletter for more information.**

**Julianne Schick**  
Instrumental Music Teacher

## P&C Report

### Message from the President

On behalf of the P&C, I would like to thank the Michalski family who own Narners fruit and vegetable shop on Approach Road, near Nudgee Road. They donated a cash register and fixed the broken one in the tuckshop free of charge. I have been there and the service is lovely and the fruit and vegetables are great too!

### Open Day

I attended the Open Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> June, which was inspiring. The fashion parade of all different types of uniforms, was very entertaining, as was the performance by the band. Following the fashion parade, was a speech by Mrs Murphy. She explained the change in the curriculum for next year. It was so inspiring, that I wished I could go back to school, to learn all sorts of fascinating things. Our tour of the school included peeking into the Sports Hall, which is huge!

I would like to thank the students who looked after my toddler and other children whilst their parents listened to Mrs Murphy and had our tour. They did a great job and Eve just loved playing on the computer and messing up the senior school office. The morning tea was delicious and the raspberry muffins were awesome, thanks to Mrs Carmichael and the hospitality students.

If you couldn't attend due to the weather or other commitments, there will be an open night, in the future. I really recommend coming and listening to Mrs Murphy talk about the curriculum.

### P&C Afternoon tea

The P&C afternoon tea is coming up on the 19th June at 2pm. Our local Member of Parliament, Neil Roberts will be attending, so that he can meet members of the P&C and any other parents who want to come along. Please bring a plate.

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is on June 16 at 7pm. Hopefully the weather will be better and more people can come along.

*Melynda Eaton*  
P&C President

## P&C Fundraising Events in June

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Mairi Thomson*  
P&C Grants and Fundraising Committee

## P&C Community Support

Hi! My name is Angela Greathead and I have taken on the new volunteer role of Earnshaw State College Community Support Person for the P&C. In this role I would like to increase parent and community participation across the three school areas by:

- ▶ Co-ordinating an afternoon tea once a term to facilitate parent, staff and community interaction
- ▶ being aware of the need for student participation across the campus. (eg: Seniors or Interact Club members helping with breakfasts for Juniors and encouraging staff to foster this interaction.)
- ▶ bringing the needs of teachers and parents to the P&C meeting
- ▶ representing the school at outside community projects
- ▶ providing a point of contact for new families to access school facilities and resources
- ▶ fostering communication processes for culturally diverse groups within the college
- ▶ directing parent grievances in the right direction according to College procedure
- ▶ providing an article in the Earnshaw Edge to foster communication with the College, parents and the wider community.

For those parents or caregivers who would like to receive our College newsletter or other school information in their own language, please let the college know by email [admin@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au) or ring the college on 3621 7333.

Please come along to our next afternoon tea. Bring a friend and your favourite recipe to share. The details are:

### Prep to Year 12 Afternoon Tea

Meet new parents and catch up with familiar faces  
2:00pm Friday 19 June  
Please bring a plate of food to share.  
Tea and coffee provided.  
Meet outside the tuckshop.  
ALL WELCOME – staff and parents.

## Uniform Shop – in 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.

### Specials

Girls Skorts	Were \$31.50 Now \$25.00
Backpacks	Discounted by \$5.00 per bag
Schoolies Hair Accessories	Were \$4.50 Now \$3.00
(only items marked with a green sticker)	

### Sun Shirts

A one-off order will be placed with the supplier, with a minimum order requirement of 50 shirts. Prices will be:

Children's Sizes	Short Sleeve	\$18.00
	Long Sleeve	\$23.00
Adult Sizes	Short Sleeve	\$25.00
	Long Sleeve	\$28.00

Full details of this offer will be available in the first newsletter in Term 2. Please note that the Uniform Shop will not be stocking these items on a permanent basis.

### Closure Dates

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday 25 June and will re-open on Tuesday 14 July.

*Karen Burgess*  
Volunteer Convenor

## Fun with Fairytales...

For the last two weeks, the preps have been learning about different Fairytales. They have enjoyed listening to and discussing Cinderella, Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and lots more. The preps then got to participate in lots of fun learning activities to do with each fairytale during group rotations. Check out our great dress-up and activity photos...



"Look at my great Goldilocks writing"

Hayley



"I had fun playing with puppets"

Luke



"Look at my princess collage"

Poppy



"I'm dressed up as a witch"

Isabel



"I liked dressing up like a prince"

Joseph



"We liked planting the seeds, just like the seeds Jack got in Jack and the Beanstalk"

Max and Teanna

Mrs Sidhu, Mrs Trinder and Prep 2

## 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

## Year 2 & 3 at ACU's Colonial Qld Fair

Year 2 & 3 students recently visited the Australian Catholic University and participated in a Colonial Queensland Fair. Children wore costumes and participated in various games from the era, including fossicking for gold nuggets! Students also presented their song, The Overlanders, and performed their dance, the Heel and Toe Polka. The children were superb representatives for our College and they are to be commended for their excellent behaviour whilst at the Fair. Below are some photos, for your enjoyment!

**Caroline Huth**  
Year 2/3 Coordinator



## Captain Thunderbolt is Alive in 3H!

Below are some great narratives featuring Captain Thunderbolt written by 3H students following our recent excursion to the Queensland Colonial Fair at the Australian Catholic University (ACU).

**Caroline Huth**  
Year 3H Classroom Teacher

### Captain Thunderbolt

One shiny day in the Wild West, there was a town called The Great Elvis. One peaceful day Captain Thunderbolt came into town and robbed them fiercely. He said to them, "Hand over the money or you are toast!" in a kind of robbery voice. They said, "Take my money!" Suddenly, the dangerous police came chasing his horse. Then, he looked into a policeman's eye. Captain Thunderbolt fell off his horse because he had been hypnotised. Then he woke up. He found himself in jail with the robbers that had been caught a long time ago. Lucky Captain Thunderbolt had a plan. That plan was to get a piece of metal, get it long like a long hook and grab the keys to unlock the lock and escape. That's what they did. They were free!

*by Katelyn Campbell*



### Mary-Anne Saves the Day

In 2000, a man named Captain Thunderbolt lived in a mud-made house, with me, Victor (I'm his horse). One day I heard a horse, I neighed so hard that the horse found me, but the horse was not alone! A group of men were standing with her! Then I ran to my master as fast as I could into the house.

"What is it my boy?" yelled my master. I tried to tell him but he could not understand me, since I was a horse. But it was too late. Captain Thunderbolt heard a gun and he said, "Oh. No!" In horror, Captain Thunderbolt grabbed a small silver gun and shot it in the opposite direction from the men who were with the horse which I loved. Just then a lady named Mary-Anne Bugg went into my Master's mud-made house.

"Need a hand?" she yelled as I was staring at her.

"For sure," said my master.

Right before our eyes she kicked the mud-made house.

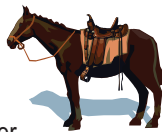
"My house!" he yelled.

Maryanne yelled, "Do you want your life or house?"

"Err, my life," Captain Thunderbolt answered as he went through the hole but I could not fit.

Mary-Anne Bugg kicked it again to make it bigger so that I could fit through the hole and we escaped just in time.

*By Nicola Holmes*



### The Escape from Cockatoo Island

One dark night in the bushes of New South Wales there was a bushranger and his name was Captain Thunderbolt. One day, Captain Thunderbolt stole \$10,000,000 from a shop in Steel Town, but this time he did not get away from that one because a policeman just saw him. So he had to go back to Cockatoo Island to smash rock. Then he saw that he was not locked up in chains so he got out his long knife and ran to the barred wall and he started to cut. But his knife was blunt so he sharpened it with a rock then he started again and that time he was lucky enough to sneak out of the jail by knocking out the policeman with the back of his gun. But they kept on getting more and more policemen but he managed to escape. In the end he did 2,000 robberies.

*by David Greathead*



### How Captain Thunderbolt and Mary-Ann Bugg Met

In the outback, there was a bushranger whose name was, Captain Thunderbolt and he had a wife named, Mary-Ann Bugg. Once upon a time, a very fierce bushranger was hiding in the bush waiting for someone wealthy to come by. Suddenly he saw the prettiest girl he had ever seen. Captain Thunderbolt walked out of the bush, trying to spy on her. Walking behind her, very quietly, she turned around and spotted him. In a flash, Captain Thunderbolt said, "Hello my lady, what is your name and where are you going?"

The pretty lady seemed to really like him, so she replied, "My name is Mary-Ann Bugg and I'm on my way to dinner. Would you like to come with me to the restaurant?"

Captain Thunderbolt replied, "Sure I would!"

"Well I will meet you there" suggested Mary-Ann.

Later on, at the restaurant, Captain Thunderbolt walked through the door and announced, "Here I am!" Suddenly, he saw Mary-Ann Bugg with a state trooper. It was a trap! Captain Thunderbolt ran out of the restaurant to take Mary-Ann Bugg, but as he ran to her, she pulled out his gun and shot the police officer. They were now wanted and had to go on the run but Captain Thunderbolt and Mary-Ann Bugg lived together, happily ever after.

*by Emma Bell*



## 3A Class News

In 3A we have been writing a number of wonderful stories about a bush ranger called Captain Thunderbolt. We have also been looking at rhyme in poetry. We hope you enjoy reading our writing.

**Spaska Angelov**  
Year 3A Classroom Teacher

### Captain Thunderbolt by Hannah Cournane

Captain Thunderbolt was a gifted warrior and he loved to be free and fight. But the only problem was that he did not want to fight for good. His parents could not control his life anymore because he was a twenty-seven year old man. They could not change his mind about being a gangster or buying a gun. He did not tell them most of the time.

His parents still knew that he was a good boy in his heart somewhere. But he had changed. He wanted to do this since he was seventeen. And he did do it but he assured his parents that he would stop next year.

Some months later it was his birthday. He was twenty-eight years old and his parents could not believe how fast the years had gone by. Ten days later he went to his gang and said he was giving up on fighting and from that day on he was good.

### Ten Green Nymphs

*by Timothy Greathead-Scrivener*

In the forest dwelt nymphs ten  
One saw men in her den.  
In the forest dwelt nymphs nine  
One went off to dine with a swine.  
In the forest dwelt nymphs eight  
One went to a gate.  
In the forest dwelt nymphs seven  
It went to heaven.  
In the forest dwelt nymphs six  
One went to fix a sphinx.  
In the forest dwelt nymphs five  
One went to do the jive and to be alive.  
In the forest dwelt nymphs four  
One felt sore and went to the place we adore.  
In the forest dwelt nymphs three  
One hurt her knee.  
In the forest dwelt nymphs two  
One had the flu.  
In the forest dwelt nymphs one  
She felt it was time for her to go so she went into the sun.



## Community Notices

### Considered Volunteering?

Parent Aides of the Royal Children's Hospital visit families in their homes to provide parenting, social and emotional support and assistance. Do you:

- have a willingness to commit to families who find parenting challenging?
- Have a car, phone and spare time?
- Enjoy working in a supportive team?

If so, call Sharon at the Parent Aide Unit on 36367524 for further information.



### A School Holiday Outing for the Family

If you're looking for family fun during the June/July holidays, you could look into **Tashi** at Brisbane Powerhouse's Powerkidz Festival. Based on Anna Fienberg's popular book series, Imaginary Theatre perform two adaptations of the **Tashi** stories. From June 30 - July 11, families can enjoy **Tashi, the Swan & the Dragon** (the very first story) and **Tashi: Lost in the City**. If your child is a really keen **Tashi** fan or a drama lover you can book them into a **Tashi** drama workshop too. For information on **Tashi** performances and workshops and other free and ticketed activities go to [www.brisbanepowerhouse.org](http://www.brisbanepowerhouse.org) or call 3358 8600.



### Qualified Swimming Program

Term 3 2009 – Earnshaw State College Pool

<b>Dates:</b>	6 July 2009 to 18 September 2009	
<b>Duration:</b>	11 weeks (except Wednesday 10 weeks)	
<b>Cost per Term</b>	<b>1xsession/wk</b>	<b>2xsession/wk</b>
LTS & Ad LTS	\$121.00	\$229.90
Stroke & Ad Stroke	\$99.00	\$188.10
Mini Squad	\$88.00	\$167.20
Junior & Senior Squad	\$77.00	\$146.30

**Discounts:** 1/2 price for 3rd+ child and Earnshaw Students

#### Lesson Times

Beginner LTS	3:00 to 3:30pm Monday-Friday
Advanced LTS	3:30 to 4:00pm Monday-Friday
Stroke/Adv Development	4:00 to 4:30pm Monday-Friday
Mini Squad	4:30 to 5:15pm Monday-Friday
Junior & Senior Squad	4:30 to 5:30pm Monday-Friday
Junior and Senior Squad	8:00 to 9:00am Saturday

**Note: Times are subject to availability**

**We also have Public Swimming, Aqua Aerobics and Adult Swimfit – contact us for more details.**

#### Bookings

Online: [www.qualifiedaquatics.com.au](http://www.qualifiedaquatics.com.au)  
Email: [info@qualifiedaquatics.com.au](mailto:info@qualifiedaquatics.com.au)  
Phone: Rae Hancock 0412 327144



### Become a Ranger for a Day

David Fleay Wildlife Park (West Burleigh) is once again running its hugely popular 'Ranger for a Day' program this school holidays and we are proud to announce the programs include many new and exciting activities. The programs are a fun and interactive experience where children learn about animals and the environment through hands-on activities. Children venture behind the scenes and have close up encounters with wildlife through fun-filled activities. The programs run from 9.00am to 3.00pm, with two age groups available:

- ▶ Joeys 6 to 9 years
- ▶ Wallabies 10 to 12 years

Each group is limited to 6 to 10 participants, to ensure maximum hands-on fun. Girls and boys welcome. Ranger for a Day features different activities each day, so more than one booking is available. For more information on program themes and vacancies please contact the park on **5576 2411**. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment! Only \$40.00 per child per session including: Ranger Supervision, Park Admission, Certificate of Achievement and Fun-filled Activities!

### Free Holiday Fun at the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum

The Pine Rivers Heritage Museum is providing visitors the chance to test their skills, indulge their competitive nature, learn and be entertained through the exhibition Games, Fun and Adventure. Come and experience some of the games of old.

In total there are twenty three games that can be played ranging from Chinese checkers, marbles, knuckles and draughts, to outdoor games like hopscotch and croquet. As well as enabling visitors to play traditional games, the exhibition also looks at the history of play, including games, outdoor pursuits, nursery rhymes and toys throughout the years.

Entry is free. The Pine Rivers Heritage Museum is located in Old Petrie Town, Dayboro Road, Whiteside. It is open from Wednesday to Friday 10am -3pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am-2pm. Enquiries can be made by phoning the museum on 3285 7213. See you there!



Earnshaw State College invites you to:



# A Music Showcase



Senior Vocal Ensemble  
Concert Band  
Wind Ensemble  
Junior Choir  
Beginner Musicians

WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2009

The McKittrick Performing Arts Centre

5:30pm to 6:30pm

Entry by gold coin donation

*Tea, Coffee & Cordial Available*