

09 October, 2009

Principal's Message

Welcome to term 4.

The final term for 2009 commenced well with a whole school assembly on Tuesday. Thanks to parents once again for presenting students in the summer school uniform. Students seemed well rested, happy and generally pleased to be back at school. On assembly, my message to all students was clear. Term 4 is a critical time for maintaining a focused approach to study. Consistent hard work, through to the end of the school year, is the key to achieving the best possible outcomes. I once again reinforced the need for all students to RESPECT the rights of others; the right of each student to feel safe and secure; the right of each student to learn and be taught free from the disruption of others. Please support the school by reinforcing this belief with each of your children.

The very important process of student leadership selection for 2010 continues this week with the close of nominations for school captains and vice captains today. All Year 11 students were eligible to apply. The selection process includes a written application, an interview by a school/community panel, each successful candidate delivering a speech and finally a ballot of all Year 11 students and staff members to determine our 2010 student leadership team. While the process is rigorous it has ensured, for the Isis High school community, a long tradition of outstanding school captains and vice captains. Our current school captains Alara Johnson and Joseph Vella and school vice captains Krystal Wilson and Joshua Suli are certainly no exception. Both Alara and Joseph are members of the selection panel for the 2010 school captains and vice captains. The selection of School Captains will occur in week two and be announced on Awards evening.

Once again this year, Year 12 students are receiving their CPR for Life training. It is a priority of Education Queensland and trained Isis High staff are providing this training during the Year 12 options program. All state schools are required to provide CPR skills training to all students before leaving Year 12. Other topics covered during Year 12 option lessons this term will include Road Safety and Schoolies Week personal safety. The local police are involved in both of these activities.

Congratulations to all students who represented North Burnett at the Wide Bay track and field trials in Maryborough just prior to the end of Term 3. While all of our athletes performed extremely well with quite a few personal bests, Alara Johnson, Bradley Cole and Kathryn Cole qualified to compete at the State Championships in Brisbane in the week commencing 20 October 2009. Well done to all competitors and best wishes to Alara, Bradley and Kathryn (*pictured l-r*) for a successful competition in Brisbane.



This year the very important Awards Day and Evening ceremonies will be held on Tuesday 27 October. It is a celebration of the achievements of our students and your support by way of your attendance would be much appreciated by both staff and students.

Kind Regards,

Trevor French – Principal

Student-Free Day

A reminder to parents there is a second student free day in Term 4. This day will occur on **Monday 19 October**. This day is set aside as a Queensland Studies Authority meeting day for teachers serving on District Review Panels to monitor Year 12

assessment materials and student work. Teachers not involved in this activity will be completing work in the school associated with their specific subject areas. **Students should not attend school on this day.**

Allan Cook – Deputy Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

13 Oct P & C Meeting 7:15pm
19 Oct Student Free Day
21 Oct Biggenden Links

23 Oct Pink Shirt Fundraiser
23 Oct Newsletter
27 Oct Awards Day & Evening

Australian Business Week

Year 11 students from Isis High had the opportunity to put their entrepreneurial skills to the test during the recent Australian Business Week. This exciting event, coordinated by Mrs Rhonda Chantler and Ms Fay Harvey took place in the last week of Term 3 from September 14-18.

Australian Business Week (ABW) is an intensive one week program where students participate as team members in a simulated business experience. The teams or 'companies' competed with each other in the 'market place' and were required to make decisions on all operational, financial and marketing aspects of their enterprise. Companies also created a thirty second television commercial, developed an 'eye-catching' trade display and compiled a written report for their shareholders. The trade displays and commercials were displayed during a wonderful 'trade expo' on the last day of ABW when judging also took place. The program allowed students to develop creativity, initiative and problem-solving skills while working in a team environment. By participating in this program, students not only develop business skills, they also refine their team and leadership skills, cultivate enterprising attitudes and make links between the school curriculum and career options. Australian Business Week also strengthens the links between the school and the community with many local businesses sponsoring teams and community members acting as team mentors, presenters and judges during the event.

This year's wonderful sponsors for ABW were:

Major Sponsors Isis Pharmacy and Central Queensland University

Team Sponsors

ANZ Bank Childers, Apex Childers, Bundaberg Property Gallery, Childers Concrete & Haulage, Coles Engineering, Childers First National Real Estate, Childers Foodworks, Isis Club Inc., Isis Medical Centre, Paverock Quarry, Robinson's Retravisation, Rotary Childers, Snakes Downunder, SP Exports

Program Sponsors

Biggenden Engineering Works, Caltex Childers Roadhouse, Childers News, Childers Grand Hotel, Figtree Treasures, Gateway Motor Inn, PRD Nationwide Childers, Shorten, Parcell & McGregor, Sticky Beaks Restaurant, Subway Childers

The all important awards ceremony was also held on the last day of ABW on Friday afternoon. The award winners were:

Overall Winning Team, Best Television Commercial, Best Trade Display

Blue Moon Team (Childers Concrete and Haulage, Paverock Quarry)

Best Computer Simulation

Casa al Lago Team (Isis Pharmacy, Childers Rotary)

Best Written Report

Azure Breeze Team (Snakes Downunder, Childers Foodworks)

Best Verbal Report

Le Shique Views Team (Isis Club, Isis Medical Centre)

Best Teamwork Award

Rainforest Retreat Team (SP Exports, Robinson's Retravisation)

ABW 2009 proved another very successful school activity that provided a wonderful learning opportunity for students. The school wishes to thank all businesses and mentors for their generous support of our district youth. ABW is a significant school project and all staff members who assisted are to be congratulated, particularly ABW Coordinators, Mrs Chantler and Ms Harvey.

Allan Cook – Deputy Principal



The ABW Overall Winning team was the Blue Moon Resort Team pictured with their winning awards are (back l-r) Harley Sullivan, teacher mentor Mrs Kerry Hetherington, Jack Leeson (middle l-r) Taylah-Rose Williamson-Gleich, Joshua Hesse, Natalie Stark (front l-r) Lea Godfrey, Sandra Durie, Alice Bodnar and General Manager Jason Hailey.

Invitation to Awards Ceremonies

The annual presentation of awards for student achievement throughout the year will occur on Tuesday 27 October. There will be two ceremonies conducted on this day at the Childers Community Stadium in the school grounds.

A morning Presentation Ceremony will commence at 10:00am and will acknowledge students receiving awards for meritorious behaviour throughout the year, as well as Sports Merit Awards and Bronze Awards for sporting achievement. In addition, House Trophies from throughout the year will be presented to the winning House Captains.

The evening Awards Ceremony will commence at 7:00pm and recognise achievement in academic, sporting, service and cultural fields, as well as Special Awards. The ceremony will also feature the naming of the School Captains and Vice-Captains for 2010.

Parents and friends are invited to attend these most enjoyable functions where we recognise and celebrate student achievement.

Allan Cook – Deputy Principal

'Pink Shirt' Fundraiser

The Australian community has taken the colour pink as being connected with support for fundraising to assist research into breast cancer. The school's Student Council supported this worthwhile charity last year and will do so again this year.

Students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt on Friday 23 October and contribute a gold coin donation at the Year Level meetings. This donation will then be forwarded to the Cancer Council. It should be noted that the pink item is only the school shirt and does not include shorts, shoes, socks, skirts, hair colour or any other personal appearance. It is hoped that students and families will support this worthwhile cause.

Andrew Cole – Student Council Coordinator

Jack Dempsey visits Year 08

During this semester, Year 8 students have been studying styles of government around the world, aptly titled "Heroes and Villains". We were very fortunate to have Mr Jack Dempsey MP, Member for Bundaberg, visit students to talk about the role of state governments in Queensland, the life of a political candidate and the structure of the Queensland

Parliamentary democracy. As well, the Australian Electoral Commission will be running a mock election for our students to consolidate their knowledge of the system of voting in Australia.

Michele Kirkland – Head of Social Science

Youth Peace Parliament

Year 9 students, Sian Cockerton and Emily Steadman spent three days of the recent vacation (Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 September) attending the fourth annual Youth Peace Parliament at State Parliament house in Brisbane.

The aim of the program was for students with leadership aspirations to participate in a three day mock parliamentary event, whereby students aged 14-18 from around Queensland enacted the operations of the Queensland Parliament. Sian was voted the Minister for Community and Social Inclusion, whilst Emily became the Member for Maryborough in the Coalition.



Emily Steadman and Sian Cockerton met with the Hon Kate Jones, State Minister for the Environment at the Youth Peace Parliament.

The girls participated in parliamentary debates, party meetings, passing motions and ten-minute-bills. Both girls submitted ten-minute bills which were fiercely debated. Sian also participated in *Questions-Without-Notice*, where she was quizzed on her ideas and her opinions on topics which involved her ministerial position. During the closing ceremony Emily was announced as the winner of the award for “Female Empowerment”, a young female who inspires others to lead.

Congratulations to the girls on their courage and excellent representation of our school community and for doing all of this during their holidays!!

Michele Kirkland – Head of Social Science

Religious Education – Year 8 and Year 11

Religious Education at Isis District State High School is offered by the Childers Ministers’ Fraternal. Students are encouraged to actively participate in this worthwhile aspect of the school curriculum.

For Year 8 and 11 students, the Ministers’ Fraternal has elected to use professional speakers, Jim and Faye Lyons of Straight Talk Australia, to provide a seminar titled *The Price Tag of Sex*. The program presents a Christian lifestyle view of sexuality and the choices to be considered by young people when confronting the concept of ‘teenage sex’. The seminar has been shown to students in schools all over Australia with overwhelmingly positive responses from students and parents.

The Isis District State High School Parents and Citizens Association has approved this presentation as a worthwhile

activity for students. An information handout will be provided to students next Tuesday 13 October.

Parents of Year 8 and Year 11 students should receive an information letter distributed to students today with further details. Parents who consider there is a legitimate reason for their children not attending this worthwhile presentation should confirm this reason by letter, if they have not already done so. These students will complete supervised alternative work. Please contact me should you have any concerns.

*Allan Cook – Deputy Principal
For the Childers Ministers’ Fraternal*

Year 10 – Sexuality Lessons

The Year 10’s are about to commence a unit on *Sexuality*. This unit of work will comprise of eight 70 minute lessons which will be completed over the next two months during HPE. *Sexuality* is a part of the Personal Development Strand of the new P-10 HPE Syllabus which all Queensland schools must implement.

All students in Year 10 will have received a letter containing an overview of the unit on *Sexuality*. It would be hoped that all students would participate in this unit of work.

If you have any concerns about any aspect of this course please feel free to contact Steve Cutler during school hours on 4192 1222.

Steve Cutler – Health & Physical Education

For Tender

The Agriculture Department has a number of goats for tender.

There are 2 female adult goats, 4 female kids (3 months), 2 castrated male kids (3 months) and one entire male (non castrated 3 months).

If you are interested in purchasing any of these goats please submit a tender in writing to the School Office by Friday 15 October. Please note that the school has put a reserve price on the goats.

For more information please call the school on 4192 122.

Brett Martell – Agriculture Coordinator

Childers Craft Bazaar

The Craft Bazaar is known as one of the best craft markets in the region to purchase quality hand-crafted goods and craft supplies.

Date: Tuesday 20 October **Time:** 8:30pm to 2:00pm

Venue: Isis Cultural Centre

The Childers Craft Bazaar is proudly presented by Grace Lutheran Church.

For more information contact: Nene Buckland on 4126 8885

Isis Kindy Turns 50 in 2010

We are seeking feedback about possible ideas and dates for the celebrations and would appreciate any ideas you may have. We would also like to know of any memorabilia people may be willing to loan us for the celebrations.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please make contact with:

Rhonda Blair (Director) 4126 1241

Melissa Black (President) 4126 2818

Wide Bay TAFE Full Time Diploma Programs - 2010

Closing date for registrations 30 October 2009

For further information - 1300 656 188