

19 June, 2009

## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that Semester 1 is almost over. It has been an extremely busy first half of the year particularly with this being a Rock Eisteddfod year.

Today we celebrated the semester's work, on a high note, with the presentation of Merit Level Certificates. The Year Coordinators introduced the recipients and I took much pleasure in presenting certificates to 169 Year 8 to 12 students. These students have been rewarded for their conduct, hard work and willingness to participate in the life of the school.



*Mr French presents Merit Certificates to Year 8 students (l-r) Hendrikus, Lydia and Georgie*

Staff members and parents joined in the celebrations and this always helps to develop the teacher, student, parent partnerships that play a critical role in successfully educating our youth. The reasons for these successes are many including: hardworking and creative teachers, supportive parents, community support and engagement and students who set themselves goals and are prepared to work hard to achieve them. These young achievers are tomorrow's successful adults.

The focus of our school is on each student achieving their best, in particular, in the academic area. I often feel students are reluctant to acknowledge their own academic success for fear of comments from others. The only way to turn this round is to continue to publicly acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our academic students. The merit

process is helping to achieve this at Isis High.

Once again, I commend all students who received a Merit Certificate for their Semester 1 effort and I challenge all students, some who have perhaps just missed out this time, to make it a personal goal to achieve a Merit Certificate in Semester 2.

Congratulations to the Isis District State High School Parents' and Citizens' Association for the very successful 'Trivia Night' held at the Childers Cultural Centre last Saturday evening. The evening was a major fundraising venture for the year and was very well supported by the community with over 150 participants. A special thankyou to all P&C members, school staff and students involved in the general organisation, promotion and preparation of food. Thanks also to the business community for their significant support with donations and prizes.

Once again this year all Year 11 students have the opportunity to engage in work experience and most students have elected to take up this opportunity next week. This is another unique learning opportunity offered to every Year 11 student at Isis High; an experience that many schools don't offer now, on such a large scale. Staff as always, will visit students at the work site to gain feedback on how well the placement has gone. The school anticipates that the experience will once again be extremely successful and rewarding for our young people.

It is an interesting exercise at the end of each term to revisit the term's newsletters. The level of commitment by staff, the engagement and support for the school by the community and the huge number of significant achievements by our students is a credit to all. I feel privileged to be part of it.

As this is the last newsletter for Term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the whole school community a safe, relaxing and enjoyable winter vacation.

Kind Regards,

Trevor French – Principal

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

19 Jun	Merit Certificates issued	14 Jul	First Day of Term 3
22 Jun	Year 11 Work Experience (22-26 June)	14 Jul	P & C Meeting 7.15pm
29 Jun	Winter Vacation begins	15 Jul	Motivational Media – <i>Rebound</i>
13 Jul	Student Free Day	24 Jul	Semester Reports issued

## Vacation Arrangements & Semester Reports

The two week winter vacation commences on Friday 26 June. Teachers will be completing productive work up until that day. Consequently, there is an expectation that students will attend school until the Friday and parents' support is appreciated.

The first Monday of next term, Monday 13 July is a Student-Free Day, when staff only report to school. Teachers will be involved in meetings throughout the day that will see them working on a number of educational initiatives to support students.

**The first day of Term 3 for students will be Tuesday 14 July** when all students should attend school.

With the near completion of student assessment for Semester 1, teachers are progressively compiling data for completion of student reports. It is anticipated that **Semester Reports** will be issued to students at the end of the second week of school next term on **Friday 24 July**.

*Allan Cook –Deputy Principal*

## Merit Certificates

Today, our school acknowledged the efforts of a significant number of students who have consistently demonstrated a positive approach to school during Semester 1. Merit Certificates were presented to these students at a special morning tea with staff. This group of students has contributed to their own learning and promoted the good image of the school through their committed work ethic and cooperative behaviour and deserve the congratulations of our school community.

### Year 12

Louise, Jessica, Jessica, Tarah, Tegan, Mikaela, [Name removed], Tamara, Ashlee, Christopher, Jade, Sandra, Natasha, Storme, Nicole, Raquel, Susanne, Alara, Renae, Luke, Peter, Pavel, Hannah, Zachary, Joseph, Alicia, Krystal

### Year 11

Mitchell, Blake, Breanna, Bradley, Danielle, Jayden, Kyle, Abraham, Sandra, Morgan, [Name removed], [Name removed], Leea, Hayden, Jason, Jacklyn, Sheena, Jenna, Korey, Cara, Rachael, Rebecca, Amy, Kimberly, Felicity, Travis, Alisha, Michael, Natalie, Sarah, Harley, Jared, Chloe, Luke

### Year 10

Jye, Terrence, Tiffany, Emma, Adrian, Shelby, Tiffany, Tiffany, Shannon, Michael, Mark, Sarah, Ashleigh, Jaak, Shea, Maddison, Shannon, Jessica, Jessica-Lee, Janet, Joshua, Rachel, Jamie, Christopher, Melissa, Bonnie, Tom, Wilson, Kate, Tessie

### Year 9

Ashley, Mitchell, Catherine, Alana, Alois, Madisen, Selina, Sian, Jack, Kathryn, Alexandria, Emily, Dylan, Lauren, Breannan, Emily-Rose, [Name removed], Kara, Taylah, Chantelle, Samara, Dhane, Nina, Kaitlyn, Natasha, Grace, Donna-Jo, Kurt, Jackson, Kali, Joseph, Emily, Rebekah, [Name removed], Isaac, Rachel, Donnalee, Alanna, Joshua

### Year 8

Kate, Matthew, Bonnie, Natasha, Hendrikus, Sjaak, Micaela, Lydia, Keham, Maddison, Amber, Gemma, Natasha, Emma, Billie-Lee, Madison, Kristie, [Name removed], Matthew, Courtenay, Danielle, Megan, Angus, Amy, Anita, Brooke, Sarah, Tiffany, Jayannah, Sarita, Kalana, Adam, Bernadette, Georgie, Colin, Erin, Kayla, [Name removed], Jesse, Theresa

This constitutes some 169 students; a magnificent effort by students of this school. A further round of Merit Certificate nominations will be completed during Semester 2 and students

are encouraged to prove themselves worthy of merit through their approach to their schooling.

*Allan Cook –Deputy Principal*

## Cross Country



*Kathryn competing at the Wide Bay Cross Country*

On 21 May Isis District State High School sent a 19-strong team to the North Burnett District Cross Country trials in Biggenden. In keeping with Isis tradition, this team performed well with 17 students qualifying for the Wide Bay trials in Hervey Bay. Alara (17 years girls), Rebecca (16 years girls), Kali (14 years girls) and Sjaak (14 years boys) all displayed impressive performances, setting course records on their way to victory. Isis High also made a clean sweep of the 14 years age group, with Isis students placing

first, second and third in the boys and girls section of this age group. Overall, it was a very successful and enjoyable day for all those who attended.



*Scott, Hendrikus, Blake, [Name removed], Mathew, Rebecca, Reagan, Sjaak, Alara, Trent, Kali, Emma, Kathryn and Grace who competed at the Wide Bay Cross country Trials*

Just under two weeks later, 14 enthusiastic students (pictured above) boarded a bus for Hervey Bay to compete in the Wide Bay Cross Country trials. The best students from across the Wide Bay region competed for a berth in the state titles team. The course at Hervey Bay Senior College was vastly different to the previous levels, including several water hazards, mud pits and a run across a dam wall.

All Isis High students put in their best efforts and performed admirably, with most managing to cross the finish line in the top 15 in their age group. Alara came 5th in the 17 years girls age group and qualified for the Wide Bay team which will travel to the state titles in Toowoomba in July. We wish her well at these titles and congratulate her on making the team. Well done!

*Analee Clewes – Teacher*

## SOSE Excursion - Bundaberg Police Station

This term, Year 9 Studies of Society and Environment (SOSE) students have been studying *Crime and Punishment*. As part of their studies last Thursday, we went on an excursion to the Bundaberg Police Station where we were led on a tour by Childers Senior Constable Terry Brighton. Mr Brighton had organised specialists from a variety of areas, such as narcotics, communication personnel, investigators and forensics to speak with students. Students were able to acquire an in-depth understanding of the different areas of enforcement and how they operate. We also participated in a number of activities such as dusting for fingerprints, going on tour through the watch house and having the opportunity to look through a Highway Patrol vehicle.



*Emily, Alexandria and [Name removed], check out the equipment in the Bundaberg Police Highway patrol car.*

Since returning to school students have been able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of what they learnt through classroom activities and assessment. Special thanks to Senior Constable Terry Brighton.

*Joanna Juster – Teacher*

## Work Experience

Year 11 students will be participating in work experience in the last week of term (22 to 26 June) in many varied industries and locations. Work experience offers valuable experience in workplaces that are unfamiliar to the student and makes a significant contribution in preparing our young people for their future. The school is indebted for the cooperation of local employers and those further afield who provide this support to the students at Isis District State High School. Some interesting statistics show the extent of the exercise.

**Students placed: 89**

**Placement locations:** Childers, Biggenden, Howard, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Bundaberg, Toowoomba and Brisbane

**Some work types placed:** Journalist, Plumber, Teacher Aide, Mechanic, Hairdresser, Veterinarian, Child Care Assistant, Teacher, Draftsman, Sales Assistant, Hospitality Industry/Chef, Administration Assistant, Carpenter, Legal Assistant, Fitter & Turner, Computer Technician, Butcher, Aged Care Worker, Physiotherapist, Animal Handlers, Accountant, Construction Worker and many more.

This activity requires considerable organisation prior to, during and after work placement. The excellent work of Teacher Aide, Mrs Chris Cook, assisted by Ms Sheryl Nimmo, must be acknowledged. Work experience does much

to support the education of our young people. It also helps to promote the good reputation of our students both with the business and general community. Best wishes to the Year 11 students for a successful week of learning!

*Allan Cook – Deputy Principal*

## Thanks from the P&C!!

The P&C would like to thank absolutely everybody who gave support to the highly successful Trivia Night last Saturday evening, including the staff, parents and students who gave up their time on the night, our generous sponsors and particularly the members of the public who filled the Cultural Centre to capacity. Although final figures are not yet assessed, it can be assumed that it was a very profitable evening, the funds from which will enable the P&C to continue their support of students of this school.

The P&C would like to thank our business sponsors:

Raffle Prize:	Peppers Pier Resort, Hervey Bay
Lucky Door Prize:	Sticky Beaks
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Childers Foodworks	Hungry Hippos
Childers Hardware	Isis Aquatic Centre
Childers Hot Bread & Cakes	Isis Central Mill
Childers Newsagency	Isis Pharmacy
Childers Subway	Isis Hardware & Irrigation
Childers Video Den	Isis Town & Country
Chiabella Hair Design	Live Now
Commonwealth Bank	National Australia Bank
Dimmeys	Peanut Van
Dollars & Sense	Robinsons Retravision
Federal Hotel	Rudz Café
GEI	Sugarbush Coffee Shop

*Flora Barwick – P & C Treasurer*

## School Dental Van News

Medical History/Consent forms are necessary for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 to access the School Dental Health Service. These have been previously issued but are also available from the office or the Dental Van.

Teen Dental forms that have been issued by the Federal Government can be redeemed by the School Dental Service. If you do wish to send the Teen Dental form with your student we will need Medicare details as well.

Students in Years 11 & 12 are not seen by the School Dental Service so please ensure a check up at a private dentist.

The dental van will be at the school until all students who have returned their forms have been treated.

*Narelle Russo – Dental Therapist*