

10 October, 2008

Principal's Message

Welcome to term 4.

The final term for 2008 commenced well with a whole school assembly on Tuesday. Thanks to parents once again for presenting students in summer school uniform. Students seemed well rested, happy and generally pleased to be back at school. Our 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 know the teachers are focused on encouraging and supporting each and every student to do their best. Parents/carers who have any concern about their student's progress are welcome to contact the school. Together we may be able to resolve problems that would otherwise prove difficult or unmanageable on our own.

The very important process of student leadership selection for 2009 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 2009 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 Caitlin and Brendan and School Vice Captains Murphy and Cameron are certainly no exception. Both Caitlin and Brendan are members of the selection panel for the 2009 school captains and vice captains. The selection of school captains will occur in week two and announced on Awards evening.

This term all Year 12 students will receive their CPR for Life training. It is a priority of Education Queensland and trained Isis High staff will provide this training during the Year 12 options program. From 2005 onwards, state schools have been required to provide CPR skills training to all students before leaving Year 12. Other topics covered during these option lessons this term, for Year 12 students, include Road Safety and Schoolies Week personal safety. The local police and fire service are involved in these.

This year the very important Awards Day and Evening ceremonies will be held on Tuesday 28 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

Invitation to Awards Ceremonies

The annual presentation of awards for student achievement throughout the year will occur on Tuesday 28 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 2009.

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

Allan Cook – Deputy Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

13 Oct	Religious Education commences
14 Oct	P&C Meeting – 7.15pm
15 Oct	Interviews for School Captains
17 Oct	Applications close for Student School References
20 Oct	Student Free Day
23 Oct	'Biggenden Links'
24 Oct	'Biggenden Links'
24 Oct	Newsletter
27 Oct	'Pink Shirt' Day Fundraiser
28 Oct	Awards Day and Evening
28 Oct	Announce School Captains

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, assisted by Mrs Fay Harvey and Mr Malcolm Lindsay, took place in the last week of Term 3 from September 15-19.

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 with 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, Bundaberg Regional Council, Caltex Apple Tree Creek, Childers Concrete & Haulage, Coles Engineering, Childers First National Real Estate, Childers Foodworks, Childers Tyre and Batteries, Hotel Childers, Isis Club Inc, Isis Medical Centre, Paverock Quarry, Robinson's Retravision, Snakes Downunder, SP Exports, Stylesetter Office Equipment

Program Sponsors

Buck's Butcher Shoppe, Bundaberg News-Mail, Caltex Roadhouse, Childers News, Childers Hot Bread and Cake, Childers Grand Hotel, Childers RSL, Coretech, Enviro-Kare Skip Bins, Gateway Motor Inn, Hervey Bay Wholesalers, Rotary Club of Childers, Sticky Beaks Restaurant, Shorten, Parcell & McGregor, Vintner's Secret Vineyard, Woodgate Club Inc

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 Computer Simulation, Best Oral Report

Sunny Day Resort Team (SP Exports, Bundaberg Regional Council)

Best Television Commercial, Best Teamwork

Blue Unity Team (Childers First National, Childers Concrete and Haulage)

Best Written Report, Best Trade Display

Palm Springs Team (ANZ Bank, Paverock Quarry)



The ABW Overall Winning team was Sunny Day Resort team pictured with their winning awards are (l-r back) Peter, Sarah, Louise, [#Name removed], Tarah, Mr Martell (Team Mentor), (laying) Terri-Lee, (l-r front) Brodie, Joseph, [#Name removed]

ABW 2008 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 should also be congratulated, particularly ABW Coordinators, Mrs Chantler, Mrs Harvey and Mr Lindsay

Allan Cook – Deputy Principal

Wide Bay Secondary Track and Field

Congratulations are in order for four of Isis High's best Track and Field athletes. Kathryn will compete in the Girls 13 Yrs 100m and 200m sprint, the sprint hurdle and the triple jump; Bradley in the Boys 15 Yrs 100m and 200m hurdles; Alara in the 16 Yrs javelin, discuss and shot put and Sheree in the 17 Yrs shot put.



Mr French presents Wide Bay uniforms to Kathryn, Alara and Bradley (Sheree absent)

These athletes will contest the State Championships in Brisbane on 9-12 October 2008. Well done!

Ian Shotton – Sports Coordinator

2008 Maryborough Technology Challenge

Twenty four students in three teams competed successfully in another 24hr endurance race in Maryborough on 13 and 14 September. While the main goal was to finish the race, each team had their own minor aims and expectations. The junior boys' and girls' team wanted to beat each other and the tandem team wanted a good showing from the radical "back to

back” tandem trike. The tandem attracted a lot of interest and congratulations must go to Brendon and Jake for the design and construction of the chassis. The team found it very enjoyable to ride and apart from a little air in the tyres, it required no maintenance throughout the race. I congratulate the riders on their efforts and hope that they learnt more about themselves from the experience.

The three teams were Tandem – Mark, Jayden, Wilson, Bradley, Brody, Leon, Jack and Joshua, the ladies team was made up of Grace, Kathryn, [#Name removed], Emily-Rose, Sian, Rebecca, [#Name removed], and Abigail and the boys team consisted of Jacob, Sam, Jack, Kyle, Cody, Jesse, Joshua and Jack. Congratulations to all students!

Andrew Cole – MTC Team Coordinator

Equestrian Success



Congratulations to Murphy (pictured left) and Carissa (right) who recently participated in the 2008 Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian competition in Maryborough. Both riders participated exceptionally well.

Murphy achieved a 1st place in dressage and a 3rd place in led class, rider class and hack class.

Well done to both Murphy and Carissa!

Ian Shotton – Sports Coordinator

Year 10 – “Sexuality Lessons”

Year 10 students are about to commence a unit on “Sexuality”. This unit of work will comprise of 8 x 70 minute lessons which will be completed over the next two months during Health and Physical Education (HPE). Sexuality is a part of the *Personal Development Strand* of the Queensland P-10 HPE Syllabus, which all Queensland schools must implement.

All students in Year 10 will have received a letter for parents/carers, 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 Coordinator

Year 12 End of Year Preparation

As Year 12 students approach the end of their schooling journey, it is important for them to remain focussed on school studies. However, it is only natural that some thought turns to end of year celebrations. Consequently, a number of sessions that emphasise safe behaviour are being conducted this term for Year 12 students as they prepare for the end of the school year. On Tuesday of this week, students participated in the Road Action and Attitude Planning Program (RAAPP) conducted by the local Fire and Rescue Service. Officers spoke to students about road safety and graphically illustrated their necessary actions when called to an accident scene. Other sessions will be provided during the term by the Childers Police and the RACQ. In addition, the school has offered the opportunity for senior students to participate in

programs at the Roadcraft trainer-driver facility at Gympie, with another course scheduled for the end of next week.



Childers emergency service officers demonstrate some of the strategies they use at road accidents to ensure Year 12 students know how to remain safe at the end of the year

The school will continue to do all it can to ensure that our finishing Year 12 students are well-prepared for an enjoyable, but safe end of the year.

Allan Cook – Deputy Principal

Student-Free Day

A reminder to parents there is a second student-free day in Term 4. This day will occur on **Monday 20 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

Broiler Chickens for Tender

The school has for tender a total of 11 broiler chickens (meat birds) each approximately 2kg live weight. There will be a reserve price set for these chickens. If the reserve price is not reached, the chickens will be re-tendered. Tenders are to be received no later than 4.00pm Friday 17 October. Please contact Brett Martell on 4192 1222 for any enquiries.

Brett Martell – Agriculture Coordinator

Contact Details

Parents are reminded to inform the school of any changed contact details by phoning the school office on 4192 1222.

Karen Webb – Business Services Manager