

30 January, 2015

Principal's Message



A very big welcome to all our new families. It was beautiful to see our new Year 7 and Year 8 students looking so smart in their new uniforms and eager to begin their high school journey. I very much enjoyed meeting some of our Year 7 and Year 8 parents at Tuesday's morning tea. I am really looking forward to a successful Term 1 at Isis District State High School and I am confident that all students will engage with the wonderful learning programs available at Isis High.

As well as our new families I would like to welcome the following new staff to our school:

Ben Boland (HOD Science/Ag Scienc/HPE)

Brigitte Dauphinet (Mathematics)

Meg Matthews-Frederick (HPE/Maths/Science)

Megan Gilsean (Drama/English)

Ben Lecky (Commerce/Humanities)

Lauren Samuels (English/Humanities)

Emma Liesegang (HPE/Maths/Science)

Nat Royan (Learning Enhancement)

I do hope that our students have settled into their learning and are looking forward to the year ahead as much as I am. Isis District State High School is a special place to come to each day. I am looking forward to reconnecting with families as Term 1 progresses. I hope our school start-up has been smooth for you all.

Kind Regards,

Brett Kavanagh – Principal



I'd like to firstly add my welcome to all parents and families, both new and those returning to the Isis High school year for 2015, and in particular to parents of our first group of Year 7 students in high school. We hope that your association with the school will be positive and rewarding.

After a year and a half away from school due to ill health, I am exceptionally pleased to be back at Isis High. Given that prior to my leave, I had worked at this school as both a Deputy Principal and Principal for nearly fifteen years, I'm very familiar with what a great school and great school community we have.

Personally, I am now in good health, however unfortunately my voice has been adversely affected during my absence and I now have only a soft voice, best used in small group settings. I am certainly looking forward to working as hard with you, students and staff in this school as I ever was. I will be gradually working back to full-time during Term 1, as I re-familiarise myself with school procedures, assisting Mr Kavanagh in his role as Principal, during this time.

I look forward to renewing acquaintances and making new ones with parents and students in the coming weeks and months.

Kind Regards,

Allan Cook – Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

30 Jan Nominations for BDSSSA Sports	11 Feb Junior School - Swimming Carnival
02 Feb School Photos	11 Feb Bundaberg Sports fixtures begin
09 Feb North Burnett Summer Sports Trials	13/14 Feb Michael Jeh – Lifeskills Program
10 Feb School Leaders Investiture Ceremony	13 Feb Senior School – Swimming Carnival
10 Feb Year 7 Parent Information Evening – 5:30pm	13 Feb Newsletter
10 Feb P&C Association Meeting – 7:15pm	

Pleasing results - Isis High Achievers

Our 2014 Senior graduating students have achieved excellent outcomes at an academic, vocational and employment level.

Our school community was very proud to have **THREE of our Year 12s gain the best possible OP Score of 1**. For a comparatively small rural high school, this is an outstanding achievement, for which we congratulate our students and their teachers. The three students were School Dux, Stacey Lindsay, her twin sister Ellen Lindsay and Hayden Marvell. These students worked exceptionally hard during their senior years and their reward of an OP1 was in each case, very well deserved. Stacey is now getting ready to commence her university course, a Bachelor of Engineering degree at the University of Queensland (UQ) in Brisbane, while Ellen will be embarking on a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree also at UQ. Hayden will be heading interstate to Sydney, New South Wales with his acceptance of an offer to study environmental engineering. There was also a range of other students receiving very creditable OP scores.



Three OP1 students, (l-r) Stacey, Ellen and Hayden

These good OP results meant that of the students from Isis High who applied to commence a university course in February, every one of them (100%) has received the offer of a position and some 90% received their first preference (and the others their second preference). These very positive outcomes reflect well on the students' achievements, as well as on the school's academic standards and teaching.

Apart from the outstanding academic success of students, many students attained vocational certification under the nationally recognised Australian Qualifications Framework to give them a considerable advantage in gaining future employment. In all, there were 72 Certificate Level I or II qualifications issued, as well as many Statements of Attainment over five industry areas containing vocational competencies.

One of the more pleasing aspects of our graduates was the very high rate of awarding of the Queensland Certificate of Education with more than 90% of our Seniors receiving this award. This is another wonderful achievement which will stand our students in good stead for many years to come. Many Year 12 students, not going on to further education, have already obtained full time employment, including a number gaining apprenticeships with local businesses and with businesses in other regional areas.

Parents can feel justifiably confident and proud that their local high school provides a comprehensive student preparation through academic, vocational and extra-curricular opportunities that ensure there are positive pathways to be pursued at the conclusion of school.

Brett Kavanagh – Principal

Sport in 2015

The 2015 sporting year kicks off with a flurry of excitement and events in the next few weeks. At a school level, our inter-house swimming carnival will make a splash on **Wednesday, 11 February** for our junior secondary students (**Years 7- 9**) and **Friday, 13 February** for the senior secondary students (**Years 10 - 12**). All students are expected to attend as it is a regular school day. From all reports, the new, more inclusive event format was a success in 2014 and be assured that plans are afoot for a bigger and better event this year with even more opportunities for students to be involved and have fun. A further information letter and permission form will be distributed to the students this week and needs to be returned to the office prior to the carnival days.

Secondly, the **North Burnett Summer Sports trials occur on Monday, 9 February** for the sports of Touch, Tennis and Volleyball. We also take nominations for Cricket and Squash. Although these sports are not contested at North Burnett level and the nominations are judged on merit. To our new students and parents, North Burnett is the district in which Isis High sits as a sporting region and these trials are the first step in the qualification process for Wide Bay and Queensland representation. These 'Summer' sports trials are held in Monto and Isis High will hire a bus for transportation on the day.

Finally, **Bundaberg after school sport kicks off on 11 February**, and we are calling for nominations in the sports of Touch, Tennis, Volleyball, Cricket, Golf, Surfing, Softball, Table Tennis and Ten Pin Bowling.

This is a weekly competition which occurs on Wednesday afternoons leaving via bus directly after school and returning between 6:00pm and 7:00pm. It is contested between all the Bundaberg schools and Isis High has always had a proud tradition of being involved in this competition and has had an impressive record for a small school. Sign on has already occurred earlier this week, but if you are still interested in either Bundaberg sport or North Burnett Trials please see Miss Clewes in the Stadium.

Analee Clewes - Sports Co-ordinator

Leaders' Investiture Ceremony

The Leaders' Investiture Ceremony is an important school activity to formally recognise those students elected and willing to accept leadership roles on behalf of the school and the student community. These include School Captains and Vice Captains, Senior Leaders and Student Council representatives. In addition, it provides an opportunity for those senior students, who elect to do so, to affirm their responsibilities as a Year 12 student.

The 2015 Leaders' Investiture Ceremony will be conducted at the Childers Community Stadium at the High School on **Tuesday, 17 February** in the morning. The ceremony will commence at 10:15am and conclude at approximately 11:15am and be followed by a Morning Tea. While parents of students receiving a badge of leadership will receive a written invitation in the near future, an invitation is extended to all parents and interested citizens to attend.

Andy Davey – Deputy Principal

Student Diary and Newsletters

This week all students have been issued with a **Student Diary**. I cannot stress enough the importance of this document for organisation of study and assignments. Parents are encouraged to check the Diary regularly to ensure students are able to use this document as a valuable tool for organisation and communication. Students will be issued with a Semester One **Assessment Planner** in conjunction with the next School Newsletter.

School Newsletters are a very important form of regular communication between the school and parents/guardians. A variety of news and information notices are included in each edition. Newsletters are issued on the first Friday of each term and fortnightly after that. The importance of the Newsletter is emphasised to all students on parade, to ensure this communication arrives home, so please ask your son/daughter for it. The Student Homework Diary (p25) also contains the dates of the Newsletter issue and all Newsletters are also able to be accessed from the school website (www.isisdistshs.eq.edu.au).

Allan Cook – Principal

Welcome - Isis District SHS P&C Association

The P&C would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year and a special welcome to our new families for 2015. For those who don't know, the P&C meets on the **second Tuesday of the month** in the Common Room in the Admin Building at 7:15pm. Just look for the lights and follow the path around to the back door. We are always happy to see new faces.

Welcome and thank you to Leigh-Anne Fredriksen who is our new Uniform Shop Convenor. Please note that as from 5 February the Uniform Shop will operate on a Thursday between 8:00am and 12:00 noon

Volunteers for the tuckshop roster are always welcome. Just pop in and see Jaki at the tuckshop.

And some fantastic news from over the holidays.-the P&C's submission to the Community Gambling Fund to install two very large fans in the Stadium worth nearly \$30000 was **SUCCESSFUL!** YAY! Have a great year everyone.

Sandra Webb – P&C President

Tuckshop

The Isis District State High School Tuckshop uses **MunchMonitor** for its cash transactions. This system enables parents to manage their student's purchases as well as allowing the P&C to operate in a cashless atmosphere, manages our ordering and other important tasks.

For further information and registration go to the **MunchMonitor** website page on the internet at <https://www.munchmonitor.com> and register or visit the P & C Facebook page. This will enable you to set up an account and also find out more about the system. Students are able to make purchases using the barcode on their ID card, and the parent can deposit into their account electronically.

The registration process will ask you to enter the following information:

User Name: isisdistrict

Password: munch4660

Volunteers to assist our valued Tuckshop Convenor Jaki are always welcome and appreciated. If you are able to assist or have any tuckshop queries, please feel free to contact Jaki on 4192 1236.

School Photos

School photo day is Monday, 2 February. If you wish to order photos on the day the MSP envelopes will need to be returned to the school on Monday with the relevant monies. These will be distributed to students at Year Level Parades on Friday 29 January.

Due to the short lead time this year MSP has extended the cut-off for school photo payments until close of business **Monday, 9th February**.

- After Monday, 9th February a late fee of \$20 may possibly apply
- After photo day, school staff will not be able to accept order envelopes
- For all school photo matters including ordering and payment issues after Monday 2 February, please **deal directly with MSP on 4921 3355**
- MSP staff will also be on hand to assist you at the school on photo day

Andy Davey – Deputy Principal

Life Skills



We look forward to making music with you in 2015! Michael Jeh has worked with the students and parents from Isis District State High School over the last two years and will be returning next week.

A former first-class cricketer and Oxford Blue, he now delivers specially designed Life Skills sessions on such topics as bullying, fighting, risk-taking behaviour, drugs and alcohol, social media, sexting, inappropriate (illegal) use of technology and respect for women. Michael works with a number of schools and high profile sporting organisation around Australia delivering similar sessions. for many of the country's elite athletes, including the ARU, Swimming Australia, Queensland Cricket, Surfing Australia and Surf Lifesaving Australia. He is also a regular commentator in the media on issues connected with adolescents, risk-taking and respect for women. I encourage you to talk with your student regarding the key messages they took away from these sessions.

Michael will also conduct a **FREE Parent Seminar** on Thursday evening 5 February, 7:00pm in the Drama Room (B Block). This session, aimed specifically at the parents of teenagers, will focus on demystifying risk-taking behaviours and how we can work with our students/children to create an environment that mitigates the risks of drugs, alcohol, parties, fights, social media etc without damaging the relationships we seek to build with them as they navigate adolescence. More information can be found on Michael's website www.michaeljeh.com

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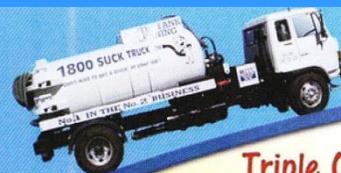
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