Our school recently held its very significant Investiture of School Leaders’ Ceremony with special guest Bundaberg Region Councillor (Childers) Tony Ricciardi. Councillor Ricciardi addressed the school community and provided some words of advice for students to accept opportunities for leadership and school service, as well as acknowledging the school’s continuing successful role in preparing our district youth for future leadership positions. I am sure that the entire school community felt proud of these fine, young people.

School Captains and Senior Leaders – 2015


All of these young leaders conducted themselves in a commendable and professional manner throughout the ceremony. Thanks also to the parents and carers who took the time to celebrate with us on this important school occasion.

The serious work of learning is now well and truly underway and it is important that our students are well organised and well prepared for any upcoming assessments. Parents can support this by ensuring their child (and you) can access the student assessment planner available on-line through the Department’s OneSchool program. Your encouragement and support for your child/ren can prove very helpful as they approach these busy times. It is important that students plan their time wisely and ensure that they leave themselves sufficient time for completion of assignments before the due date.

Congratulations to all swimmers who represented their houses at the Interhouse Swimming Carnivals recently, as well as staff involved, particularly Sports Coordinator, Ms Clewes who did an amazing job! Events like this provide a context that enhances quality student/teacher relationships which as we all know helps to support and enhance the teaching/learning process within the classroom. A full report appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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P & C AGM & Meeting - Tuesday 10 March 7:00pm
Isis District State High School formally introduced their school leaders for 2015 at the recent Student Leaders’ Investiture Ceremony held last Tuesday week. School Principals, Brett Kavanagh and Allan Cook with Bundaberg Regional Councillor, Tony Ricciardi formally presented students with various leadership badges of office. A morning tea for parents and student leaders was also enjoyed after the ceremony.

School Captains for 2015 are (l-r) Vanessa, Riley, Coby and Thomas

Other groups of student leaders acknowledged included:

**Student Council**
Vader-Ann, Connor (Yr 12), Brianna, Thomas (Yr 11), Georgiana, John (Yr 10), Madelyn, Callum, (Yr 9) Emma, Campbell (Yr 8), Holly, Troy (Yr 7)

**Junior Ambassadors**

**Year 09:** Ashleigh, Madelyn, Nicole, Sophie, Tracey, Hayley, Claudelia, John, Tayla

**Year 08:** Hayley, Charlie, Thomas, Emma, Tamika, Campbell, Hannah, Chloe, Kirrili, Jacob, Zakkitta.

**Year 07:** Renae, Hayley, Caitlin, Laura, Natasha, Johanna, Alissa, Lily, (#name withheld), Holly, Troy, Amy, Bridgette, Jessy-May, Chloe

**House Leaders**

**Badilla:** Senior Captains: Lauren. Vice Captains: Shay, Victor, Caleb. Junior Captains: Ashleigh, Callum

**Pindar:** Senior Captains: Rhia, Zachary. Vice Captains: Jasmine, Aleisha. Junior Captains: Brooke, Ana

**Trojan:** Senior Captains: Thomas, Emiliee Vice Captains: Shonny, Thakdani. Junior Captains: Sarah, Bryce

**Vesta:** Senior Captains: Coby, Cheyenne. Vice-Captains: Thomas, Aleisha. Junior Captains: Samantha, Wayde

**Music Captains**

**Instrumental Orchestra Captain:** Emily

**Strings Orchestra Captain:** Laura

**Blood Ambassadors**

Aden, Aleisha, Madeline, Zachary

Year 12 students were also formally inducted as Isis High Seniors. Congratulations to all badge recipients and best wishes for a successful year!

**Andy Davey – Deputy Principal**

On Monday, 16 February, our Year 12 students were given the opportunity to gather information and ask questions of tertiary institutions through our annual University Showcase. We were pleased to host USQ (Fraser Coast), QUT, USC, CQU, Australian Catholic University, TAFE East Coast and the Defence Forces and they were impressed with the quality of questions from our senior students. Sessions on raising awareness of university as an option after school, associated costs for tertiary education, accommodation options and student life were presented by the tertiary representatives with each session being followed by a quiz with small gifts given to those students who could respond correctly. This was a very worthwhile activity for our senior students, with many gaining a clearer insight into life and future options after high school.

Mrs Gloria Davey – HOD Student Services

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy testing (NAPLAN) have now officially released their dates for Year 7 and Year 9 testing in 2015 and they are as follows:

- Tuesday 12 May - Language Conventions & Writing Test
- Wednesday 13 May - Reading Test
- Thursday 14 May - Numeracy Test
- Friday 15 May - Catch-up Testing

Parents of Year 7 and Year 9 students should ensure their children are at school on those days. Parents choosing to withdraw their children from these tests will be provided advice on doing so closer to testing. Students are currently completing specific literacy and numeracy preparation to ensure they are able to demonstrate their best performance at testing.

Gary Munks – HOD Junior Secondary

I would like to start by saying what a fabulous start to the year we have had at Isis District SHS. The School Wide Positive Behaviour Support system (SWPBS) has had an amazing kick off with numerous post cards sent home to families, sticker charts filling up fast and our first merit draw for the year conducted. Congratulations to all students for your enthusiasm and meritorious behaviour so far this term and to parents for supporting them. The winners of our merit draw from each grade were: Courtney, Katelyn, Laura, Chloe, Jade, Aaron, Chloe, Ryiah, Matthew, Thomas, Hamish and Laura

These students have all scored themselves two vouchers to local businesses just for following our school rules and values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning. Congratulations to students and keep up the good work.

Catherine Schouten – SWPBS Coach

On Friday, 13 March, students will be able to express their creativity by participating in Crazy Hair Day and at the same time contribute a donation to a very worthy cause. You can wear free dress and go wild to make

(#Names and images removed to comply with Information Privacy Legislation)
your hair look the best and you could win a tuckshop voucher! Lots of exciting things will be happening in Recess One with plenty of music and the option to have your hair styled with coloured hair spray for $5. All money raised will go to support our friend Joshua and in acknowledgement of staff member Mike Cook, with all monies raised to go to the Leukaemia Foundation. Bring a gold coin donation and head to the quadrangle at recess one to see Joshua and Ms Nimmo get their hair shaved! Join in for a fun day and to support a great cause.

**Emily for Student Council**

### Year 7 Art Excursion

Year 7 Art students went on an excursion to the Childers Art Space and Backpacker’s Memorial last Tuesday 17 February. While we were there, we found out how the Art Gallery works and we saw a quilting exhibition. The lady in charge, Edwina Kelly, told us about the artworks. She also explained the memorial that is there for the backpackers who died in the ‘Childers Fire’. We asked lots of questions and found it all very interesting.

Afterwards, we took photos of the main street from the original verandah of the building. It was great to see the cars and people from a different viewpoint. We also went across the road to look at the public art in Pioneer Park. We are going to use the photographs we took to do our artwork for our unit of work called ‘Local-Mental’ (which is a mixture of the words ‘local’ and ‘environmental’).

Overall, I think it was a very good experience because we got to see things we wouldn’t normally see at school and find out more about art in Childers.

**Troy – Year 7 Ambassador**

### School Swimming Carnivals

Term one has been a very busy one on the sports fields for Isis High. On Wednesday 11 and Friday 13 February, the inter-house Swimming Carnival was held for Junior and Senior students. The Junior carnival saw masses of swimmers hitting the pool for their respective houses with the newly introduced ‘participation event’ (where each house gets 5 minutes in the pool to complete as many laps between them as possible); a great success! This event even saw some of our previously ‘water-phobic’ staff enter the pool and contribute to their houses. At the end of the day Badilla house emerged in front with 487 points, compared to Pindar’s 429, Vesta’s 370 and Trojan’s 368.

Two days later our Senior students (years 10-12) had their turn at splashing for the glory of their houses. An improved participation rate, driven mainly by the enthusiasm of their House Captains, saw Pindar claim victory with 439 points, followed by Trojan with 394, Badilla with 373 and Vesta with 265. With all points tallied (including those from the war cry competition), Pindar house claimed first bragging rights in the inter-house competition for 2015, winning their first swimming carnival since 2010. The margin was extremely close, with only 13 points separating Pindar from Badilla house, with Trojan coming in 3rd and Vesta in 4th position.

Both carnivals saw some spectacular swimming with many records being broken or set for the first time. With the addition of Year 7’s to the school, we also have a brand new age group – U/12 and all first place competitors in this division entered their names into the Isis High record books. Highest contributors were Hamish with 3 records and Jackie and Lily with 2 each. Chloe (U13) broke a 40 year record in the 33m Freestyle, while Mitchell (U14) rewrote the 200m Freestyle and Individual Medley records for his age group. Our super-fish – Brianna (3 records) and Caleb (6 new records and one equalled record) once again proved their powerhouse status. Overall it was a fantastic day for all students and great to see so many students (and staff – even though we were beaten in the relay) in the pool having fun.

**Swimming Age Champions were:**

- **12 yrs** Hamish (Badilla) Lily (Pindar)
- **13 yrs** William (Trojan) Chloe (Badilla)
- **14 yrs** Mitchell (Vesta) Sarah (Trojan)
- **15 yrs** Iszach (Pindar) Brianna (Pindar)
- **16 yrs** Caleb (Badilla) Aleisha (Pindar)
- **17 yrs** Kelsey (Trojan) Lauren (Badilla)

**Analee Clewes – Sports Coordinator**

### Uniform Shop

Green Senior Ties will be here Thursday, 5 March 2015.

- Black Microfibre Long Trackpants $20.00
- Black Winter Jackets $50.00
- Spray Jackets (Old Style) Limited sizes $85.00

**Leanne Fredriksen – Uniform Convenor**

### P & C AGM and General Meeting

All parents/caregivers and interested community members are invited to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Isis District State High School Parents’ & Citizens’ (P&C) Association

**When:** Tuesday 10 March at 7:00pm

**Where:** Administration Building, Isis District SHS

### Need help with Maths and English??

**FREE tutoring available!**

**When:**
- **Monday afternoon** 3:15pm - 5:15pm
- **Thursday afternoon** 3:15pm - 5:15pm

**Where:** Resource Centre

Ask one or a hundred questions

ALL WELCOME!