Last week we farewelled our Year 10 and 11 students for the year. Our Year 11 students had an enriching 3 days up at Chaverim Outdoor & Environment Centre on Leadership Camp and we are looking forward to seeing the outcomes of this camp when they return as the Seniors of 2015. Thank you to Ms Nguyen and Miss Clewes for running and supervising the students at camp and Ms Nguyen for her organisation in the weeks leading up to the camp.

Our Junior Secondary preparations continued with our two day Year 06 into Year 07 transitions days under the direction of Year 07 Coordinator Ms Meryl McCulloch and Junior Secondary Head of Department Mr Gary Munks. The two day Year 07 into Year 08 transition days were organised by Year 08 Coordinator Ms Danielle Ney and Mr Gary Munks. Students were introduced and worked with their Junior Secondary Care Teachers, support staff and teacher from a variety of learning areas. The Year 11 student leaders were outstanding role models and assisted the students moving around the school and ensured they were at their classes on time. These transition days are an essential experience to ensure a smooth transition to secondary school.

Report Cards for students in Years 10 - 12 will be available for collection from the Main Administration building from Friday 5 December. Report Cards not collected by 1:00pm on Wednesday 10 December will be mailed home to parents. All Year 08 and Year 09 Report Cards will be mailed home to parents on Wednesday 10 December. If you have not received your child's report card by Friday 12 December please contact the school administration office.

Year 12 end of year report card results from the school are submitted to the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) and they issue Year 12 students with a Senior Education Profile. This information is based on their final exit results in Year 12 – the culmination of Years 11 and 12 programs. The statements that they are issued with will include the students Overall Position (OP) and Queensland Certificate of Education – if they are eligible, along with final subject results. The QCAA mail these documents to every individual student on Friday December 19, 2014 and available online from 9:00am Saturday 20 December, 2014 via the Student Connect website: https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au

The schools Administration Office will reopen after the Christmas Vacation on Monday 19 January, 2015. Students commencing 2015 in Year 07, Year 08 and Year 11 only are required at school on Tuesday 27 January. Students in Year 09, Year 10 and Year 12 will commence on Wednesday 28 January. Attendance in this first week is vital to ensure learning time is maximised, resources are issued and subject changes finalised.

The Uniform Shop will be closed during the Summer Holidays and will reopen on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 January (Pupil Free Days) at the High School Stadium and then again during the first week of school on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 January 2015 at the Uniform Shop. To accommodate the increased number of students requiring new uniforms at the start of 2015 the Uniform Shop will operate from the Community Stadium in North Street on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 January. This venue provides increased change room facilities. The Uniform Shop will then return to its regularly trading, opening every Tuesday from 8:00am to 12:00 noon starting from 3 February 2015. The schools Uniform Shop is equipped with EFTPOS for added convenience. Why not follow the Isis District State High School P&C Facebook page for the latest information on the uniform, canteen and events.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all students and families a restful and safe holiday break and look forward to meeting up again in 2014.

Merry Christmas,

Brett Kavanagh
Principal
There have been many activities and programs held by the Student Services faculty at the school in 2014 which have aimed at providing students with greater engagement, experiences and skills. It has been pleasing to see a large number of our students participating in Peer Skills; No Limits; Drumbeat; Healthy Relationships; NAIDOC and community events. We have had success in obtaining scholarships (e.g. QATSIF) for those who require some financial assistance to continue on their educational journey. We have assisted in seeking traineeships, work experience and developing alternate pathways for those students who find the academic rigour and program difficult. We have encouraged increased attendance and engagement through individual support and the provision of lunchtime activities. In 2015 we will continue to provide a service which you can be assured will support your student through all aspects of their secondary experience.


Childers Craft Bazaar winners!
The “Childers Craft Bazaar” writing competition was an excellent opportunity for IDSHS students to showcase their poetry and short stories. Congratulations need to go to winners and runners up including Tracey from Year 08 who won the short story competition for her age group. Also congratulations to budding poets from Year 08; first place winner Layla and Lilly placed as a runner up.

Good English?
Sometimes we think that by using difficult or unfamiliar words for the purpose of trying to impress the reader (GRANDILOQUENCE) or using too many unnecessary words (VERBOSITY) that our English writing becomes more complex and, for the want of a better term, “better”. The overuse of both results not in “GOOD” English but “BAD” English. It is important for us to remember that great writing engages the reader and takes them on a journey; the use of grandiloquence and verbosity creates speed humps and potholes in this journey. 

Gloria Davey – Student Services

Leadership Camp
Our enthusiastic group of Year 11 student leaders headed off to Chaverim Outdoor Education and Environment Centre for a three day camp last week. Arriving wide eyed and bushy tailed on Wednesday morning the group soon wore off some of their energy by climbing “Big Reggie”, one of the camps largest trees, all while being tied to their team members. After they had conquered the tree climb students tested their balance and group work on the low ropes course and although closer to the ground than “Big Reggie” the low ropes still delivered many challenges.

Day two saw a now tired but still keen cohort head for the Kolan River on a canoeing and swim trip. In the afternoon, atop a hill overlooking the entire camp, students geared up to complete the high ropes and flying fox challenge. Students walked along tight ropes 5-10 metres above the ground with the course finally ending with a 50 feet climb up to a platform were they rode the flying fox back to the ground.

On day three as rain clouds loomed students tested their comfort levels further with heights by completing a 40 foot high “Pole Jump” challenge and the “Duo Dangle”; both activities had students scaling 40 feet or higher into the sky and then jumping. As the rain began to come down, day three drew to a close with an indoor rock climbing challenge. After three hot, hectic and challenging days the students left looking exhausted but satisfied. Congratulations to all the students involved on their outstanding representation of our school.

Ms Joclyn Nguyen – Yr 11 Coordinator

Childers Neighbourhood Centre
During this term, we were grateful to have the Childers Neighbourhood Centre visit our Year 09 Home Economic students, as a part of their focus on Health and Physical Education. Presenters Kirsten and Debbie shared with us information about what the Centre offers in the way of support, contacts and general information services available to all members of our community.

We were surprised to learn of the variety of services available through our Childers Centre including; Meals on Wheels, Aged-care needs, Centrelink access, counselling and family support services just to name a few. All services are fully confidential and in most cases free of charge. Debbie also reminded us that they also provide general information about our surrounding areas to both tourists and locals.
This visit to us was substantial in providing the students with not only what they should already be aware of in the way of support in their own community, but the relevant information they needed for their studies and final assessment piece for the year. Our presenters left us with some goody bags to investigate, as well as a feeling of being safe and supported in our community. We thank Kirsten, Debbie and the Childers Neighbourhood Centre for all that you continue to provide for us.

Renee Adams – Teacher

Red Cross blood donating

Our school has a long-standing community service record for participating in Red Cross blood donating. Our brave senior students, teachers and the parents of Isis High should be very proud of themselves for rolling up their sleeves this year and giving the gift of life to so many who need it. Blood is a life-saving medical substance that cannot be manufactured by a company, so this makes giving even more important. Giving blood takes only one hour of time and each donation helps save the lives of three people.

All students must be over 16 Years of age to give and once per twelve months. We always manage to round-up a very enthusiastic group of donors who not only enjoy their thoughtful participation but are as equally generous and many thanks must also go to our school’s P&C Committee who sponsor the school bus for our transportation making these trips possible.

Thank you also to our four Blood Ambassadors this year, Hannah, Brooke, Ashleigh and Jasmine who all did a fantastic job chasing forms, providing advice and sharing information on parades to ensure that donations ran smoothly.

Recently students from years 10-12 were given the opportunity to apply to become a Blood Ambassador and after some very difficult decision making, I am pleased to announce that our new Ambassadors for 2015 are; Aleisha, Madeline, Aden and Zachary They will be officially inducted on parade at the start of next year then will undertake training in Bundaberg for their new leadership positions.

Thank you again to all our wonderful donors this year and remember you don’t have to be a doctor to save lives; you just need to donate blood.

Renee Adams – Blood Donor Coordinator

Did you know?

- The ears of a cricket are located on the front legs, just below the knee.
- The only letter not appearing on the Periodic Table is the letter “J”.
- Velcro was invented by a Swiss man who was inspired by the way grass burrs attached to his clothing.
- A car traveling at 80 km/h uses half its fuel to overcome wind resistance.
- When glass breaks, the cracks move at speeds of up to 4,828 km per hour.

“Merry Christmas to all”

Andrew Davey – HOD/Science

Uniform Sales

22 & 23 January, 2015 8:00am – 12:00noon at the High School Stadium.

27 & 28 January, 2015 8:00am – 12:00noon at the Uniform Shop on the Main Campus

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