Last week was a very special week with our Annual Awards Ceremonies. What a wonderful celebration it was. Congratulations to all award recipients. I felt so proud of all our students receiving awards and this year we had a record number of junior secondary students receiving awards for their academic achievements. All award recipients displayed a deep spirit for their school by proudly wearing their school uniform. They demonstrated the high expectations that students at Isis District State High School are well known for. We have received some wonderful feedback from our special guests and it was a very enjoyable evening. Our students were impressive, whether presenting, entertaining or receiving an award. Well done!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate two of our Special award recipients – Bernadette who received the Student of the Year and our Dux of the School – Kristie. These students are to be congratulated for their outstanding achievements.

Our 2013 School Captains and Vice Captains announced the four newly elected 2014 School Captains at last week’s Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to Courtney, Eleisha, Thomas and Hayden. I know these students will do an outstanding job in leading the student body and representing the school. I wish our outgoing student leaders all the best in their future endeavours.

Last week we were informed that Isis District State High School was not successful in its application to become an Independent Public School. This will not stop us continuing our journey of introducing innovative programs and continue to foster community partnerships as part of our vision to Prepare Futures and Honour Traditions.

This week we very clearly outlined our expectations to year 12 students not only with exams and assessment but also with their presence in the school and stressed the importance of maintaining a very positive tone in the school. Closure with class is always our mantra with year 12s and I know they will make us very proud.

Kind Regards,
Brett Kavanagh – Principal

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Every lesson, Every day .... COUNTS!
The 2013 Awards Evening recognised the outstanding achievements and highlighted the extensive range of opportunities available to students at Isis District State High School. Students from Year 08 to Year 12 were awarded subject prizes for Top in the Subject and Outstanding Academic Achievement. Students achievements were also recognised in the areas of School Service, Sport and Cultural. Guest Speaker Michael Jeh was extremely well received by the students and community. He also spoke about his personal experiences in taking up opportunities that have been made available to him over the years and how this aligned to the work we do as a school in Preparing Futures and Honouring Traditions. Below are our special Junior and Senior Award Recipients.

Year 8 Encouragement Award: Hayden
Year 9 Encouragement Award: Thomas
Year 10 Community Service Award (USQ): Emily
Vocational Excellence Award (Wide Bay TAFE): Jacob
Caltex All Rounder: Hayden
Rotary Award for Outstanding Service (Alf Madsen Memorial): Lydia
ADF Long Tan Leadership Year 10: Thomas
ADF Long Tan Leadership Year 12: Troy
Mayor’s Medallists Male: Brandon
Mayor’s Medallists Female: Bernadette
Junior Sports Person: Coby
Pierre de Coubertin: Guy
Junior Dux: Joshua
Dux of the School: Kristie
(Junior Dux and Dux of the School were awarded for Very High Achievement in English, Mathematics B, Mathematics C, Chemistry, and Accounting and a High Achievement in Physics)

Congratulations to all students who participated. You should be proud of your achievement.

Andrew Davey – Head of Science

The Chemistry is right at Isis

As Isis High senior students maintained their strong record of achievement in the recent Australian National Chemistry Quiz.

The competition is conducted by the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute across Australia and in fourteen other countries with nearly 130,000 students competing this year. There were nineteen students from Isis High participating and they achieved significant results, with two students being awarded High Distinctions, two awarded Distinctions and 2 students awarded Credits.

Special congratulations go to Year 11 student Ellen and Year 12 student Micaela who were awarded High Distinctions. Ellen was in the 98th percentile for the state and Micaela was in the 95th percentile – an outstanding achievement for both girls. Other high performers included Kristie (Year 12) and Teagan (Year 11) who achieved Distinctions and Hayden and Stacey who both achieved Credits.

Cherbourg Ration Shed

On Friday 01 November all Indigenous students had the opportunity to visit the Ration Shed historical museum at Cherbourg. The students learnt about historical issues that Indigenous people faced in Queensland from Elders in Cherbourg and presentations at the Ration Shed. They also enjoyed painting boomerangs and throwing them after the workshop. The trip was completely funded by the Wide Bay Women’s Health Centre Inc. and from the school 2013 NAIDOC grant.

Students and teachers enjoying the day trip to Cherbourg

Indigenous Updates

On Wednesday, 06 November, Brandon, Kayla, Samantha and Amber attended the Bundaberg combined Indigenous secondary schools graduation at Across the Waves. All four Isis High students have been QATSIF scholarship recipients and have all applied to study at either TAFE or University next year. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, with Brandon taking out Indigenous Student of the Year. Next year another ‘strong and deadly’ group of QATSIF recipients has been announced including Brianna, Kandace, Brooke and Samantha in addition to the current 2013 students.

Elizabeth Clout – HOD/Student Services
Australian Mathematics Competition

The Australian Mathematics Competition is one of the largest mathematics competitions in the world with hundreds of thousands of students participating throughout the Pacific and South East Asia. To celebrate the International Year of Mathematics Isis High fielded its largest number of competitors for several years with the 8A and 9A extension classes all participating in the competition as well as students from each of the other year levels.

Our students, as always, performed exceptionally well with 26 out of the 56 students gaining a certificate of credit or distinction to recognise their achievement. Ten of our students were in the top 20% of their year level across Australia. Of these a special prize, the school prudence award, was given to Grace in Year 8 who managed to achieve a run of 11 questions in a row correct, the highest in the school.

While we celebrate those who did well, we are also proud of the students who participated in the competition to gain an opportunity to test their problem solving skills. Isis High is proud of its tradition of students taking hold of opportunities to broaden their abilities.

Some of our happy students with their certificates of distinction: Johnathan (top 7%), Emily (top 8%), Grace (top 13%), Hayden (top 17%), Abigail (top 7%) and Victor (top 2%).

Andrew Chung – HOD/Mathematics

Measles Health Alert

Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. The only way to prevent it is by vaccination.

Anyone who is not sure if they have been vaccinated is encouraged to get in touch with your local doctor. If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and contact your local doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.


Monique Anderson – School Nurse

End of School Year

As the end of the school year is drawing to a close, parents/carers are asked to support their students in the successful return of student resources to the school. These include returning Laptops, Blazers and Textbooks to the Textbook room. Parents/carers are also encouraged to support their student by finalising all monies owed to the school before the end of the year.

Karen Webb – Business Service Manager

Student Laptop Hire and Return Schedule

As a part of our commitment to contemporary teaching and learning Isis offers a student take home laptop program. This program runs for years 10, 11 and 12 and costs an initial outlay of $150 for the year.

Following returns should be:

Year 12: Laptops handed in on Friday, 08 November. I’m aware that some assessment has been extended and some students need to keep the laptop until Monday, 11 November. Your student will need to get their head of department’s permission to keep the laptop over the weekend.

Year 11/10: Laptops handed during their last week, notices will hold more information closer to the date. If student requires the laptop for next year, payment can be made at the office. Student will retain laptop over the holidays if $150 is paid in full or payment plan is agreed upon.

Year 09: Parent information evening will be held during the week of 20 November. If $150 is paid in full or payment plan is agreed upon and yellow hire form is completed, the student may take the laptop home over the holidays.

If you have any questions about the laptops or the laptop timeline feel free to call me or send me an email.

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Sheridan Simms – HOD /eLearning and Information Technology

Cyber Safety

How much is too much? This editions cyber safety parent information is an extract from ‘Digital Parenting’ produced by Vodafone.

It’s Saturday afternoon and your son and a friend have been online for hours. Should you suggest they do something else instead?

In fact, 16 to 24 year olds in the UK manage to squeeze 9.5 hours of media consumption into just 6.5 hours of actual time.* Pretty impressive multi-tasking. But there’s a question on many parents’ lips: “Is so much time in front of a screen good for them?”

Although young people generally use technology in a balanced way, it can be difficult for parents to know when normal use tips over into excessive use.

Leading US psychiatrist Dr Jerald Block suggests there are four common characteristics of obsessive internet use:

1. Excessive use – losing track of time or neglecting to eat or sleep
2. Withdrawal – e.g. feelings of anger, tension or depression
3. Tolerance – wanting a better computer or more hours online
4. Negative repercussions – e.g. arguments, lies, isolation and tiredness

* OFCOM, August 2010