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Principal's Message

Thursday 24 April we conducted our school ANZAC services with the support of our local, returned service people, community members, Regional Council and representatives from the Childers RSL and Red Cross. We are always very appreciative of the time these people take to join us for these very important events in our school calendar.

Our student leaders made us very proud and lead the ceremony very confidently. Special acknowledgement must be extended to our concert band and string ensemble for their involvement and senior student Ellen who played the Last Post.

Our student body must be congratulated for the dignity and respect they showed for this ceremony through their conduct. It was obvious that our students understood the significance of ANZAC Day and this was noted by our official guests. Congratulations Isis High!

It was great to see so many parents in attendance at parent/teacher interviews this week. This is such an important process for supporting students in their learning. If you were unable to attend these interviews, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange an alternative time. Parent teacher interviews are able to be organised at any time during the year if you wish to discuss your child's progress with individual teachers.

Last week our school underwent a School Discipline Audit which is a requirement of every school in Queensland. This audit was conducted over the course of a day, and the Auditor took time to select parents, students and staff and interview them with a range of questions. In his feedback to us at the end of the day the auditor commended the school on the following points:

- The Principal and school leaders have accepted personal responsibility for ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and demonstrate a strong conviction that student engagement and regular attendance are keys to improved student learning.
- The school has a well balanced approach to quality teaching and learning, as well as the development of students' social and emotional needs.
- The Junior Secondary Reference Group has an ongoing commitment to providing an informed and supportive transition for students from primary school through reflecting upon current processes to ensure a successful transition of Year 07 students into high school.
- The Alternate Learning Pathway Program and facility provides an excellent educational support program for disengaged Year 09 and Year 10 students leading to re-engagement or transition to employment.

Isis District State High School was rated in the 'High' category across all five domains that are audited. We are very proud of this outcome. The complete audit report along with parent fact sheet is now available from our school website for your perusal. I encourage you all to take the time to read it, as it provides you with an insight as to how we are operating as a school and the strong standards and expectations that are flowing through at all levels.

Kind Regards,

Brett Kavanagh – Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

13/15 May	NAPLAN Tests	20 May	Visual Arts - Year 09 Bundaberg Art
16 May	Timber and Woodworking Expo		Gallery – Half day
	RNA Brisbane	23 May	Newsletter
17/18 May	Biggenden Cattle Show	27 May	Bundaberg Careers Expo

Every lesson, Every day ... COUNTS!

Young Scientists Awards

Calling young scientists

Do you like science and wonder how science can impact on people's lives? The Young Scientists of the Year Awards might be the competition for you. This year's theme is 'Energy in our lives'. The competition is open to primary school students. The winning child or group can win \$500. Entries must be submitted to the NATA website by 19 September 2014.

www.nata.com.au/nata/news/nata-young-scientist-award

Brett Kavanagh – Principal

Rostrum Voice of Youth

On Monday 28 April Isis District State High School participated in the first heat of Rostrum Voice of Youth public speaking competition in Maryborough. Jessica (Yr 08), Aleisha (Yr 10), Aidan (Yr 12) and Brooke (Yr 12) have spent the past several weeks working with Ms McCulloch and myself constructing speeches for delivery on the night. The competitors from all schools fought off nerves to deliver high quality speeches which engaged and enthralled their audience. It was Isis High's night to shine though. Our students achieved outstanding results and feedback from the adjudicators (members of the Fraser Coast Toastmasters Club). Year 08 student Jessica was the youngest participant on the night and although did not receive a win has gained so much from the experience. Aidan was awarded runner-up in the Senior Heat. Aleisha (Junior) and Brooke (Senior) both won their heats and will now go on to the Wide Bay District round to be held 20 May in Maryborough. Congratulations to all of our representatives in this competition and wishing our winners the best of luck in the next round.

Gloria Davey – Senior English Teacher

Top Honours at Youth Music Expo

The "Youth Music Expo" was held on Tuesday 29 April and featured musicians from several schools from grade 5 to 12. At least half of the competing performances came from students at Isis High.

However, in terms of top honours, Isis District State High School students did particularly well. Overall, there were six special awards given (two "Best of Expo" plus four "Best of Category") and Isis High students took out five of the six awards!

Here is their winning special award results:

- "Best of Expo – Solo performer" went to Hayden with a rousing violin piece.
- "Best of Category – Senior Other Solos" went to Jade with a stirring vocal performance.
- "Best of Category – Junior String Solos" went to Tay-Lah on violin.
- "Best of Category – Junior Other Solos" went to Benjamin on piano.
- "Best of Category – Junior Groups" went to the "DTR" group consisting of Danielle and Trinity on clarinet, and Rachael on flute.

Congratulations to the winners, and well done to all participants! Well done Isis High!

Ralph Thurlow – School Chaplain

Year 07 and 08 tours

Your Chance to Learn More About Year 07 and 08 in 2015

Do you have a child who is going into Year 07 or 08 in 2015? What to learn more about what Isis District State High School has to offer your child?

Join us for a tour of the Junior Secondary facilities at Isis High.

On Tuesday 3 June, we'll be holding two Junior Secondary Tours. The objective of the tours is to show off our facilities and inform parents about the Year Seven and Eight curriculum offerings for 2015.

Tour One will be a daylight tour. The tour commences at 10:45 am with parents meeting over at the Junior Secondary Annexe.

Tour Two will be our twilight tour. Kicking off at 5:45 pm; again parents will meet at the Junior Secondary Annexe.

Interested in attending? Please register by Friday 30 May. You can register by giving us a call on 41 921 222.

Gary Munks – HOD/Junior Secondary School

'Creative Generation'

'Creative Generation' is an awards program that showcases the best in the Arts each year. This program is now open and inviting submissions from secondary schools in Queensland. Isis District State High has an excellent history of success in this competition and we will continue to be involved with submissions from the instrumental music students as well as a number of year 11 and 12 Art students.

Instrumental students Christopher, Jessica and Annika have nominated for the Music awards and were selected to perform as part of the performance with the large string orchestra. Congratulations to this group of student. Well done!

Students are also working hard and are producing art works that have the potential to blitz the field this year. Keep up the good work and keep posted for further progress.



Past student Marnie Edmonston with her work that was accepted as a state winner

Kerry Hetherington – HOD/Art

New Building Signs

Some of you may begin to notice that new block signs have been installed around the school this week. These signs are a welcome addition to our school as they clearly help identify key areas and personnel within our school. For those families that are new to Isis High, as well as community visitors and new staff members, these signs will help facilitate an orderly environment for our Isis High community. Our support services team including the school Chaplin, Guidance Officers,



Indigenous Liaison Officer and Youth Support Coordinator, also have new signage to help students actively identify where these support services are located. In the coming weeks more signs will be installed around the school grounds. These placards will feature key messages of our school's SWPBS values of: Respect, Responsibility and Learning, ultimately serving as a positive reminder to students and our community, what we value at Isis District State High.

Josh Neumann –
HOD/Student Services

Dental Van

The School Dental Van is now at the school. All students in Years 08, 09 & 10 have been issued with a Medical History/Consent form. If your student has not received a form they are available at the school office or the van. Students in Years 11 & 12 are not eligible and need to utilise the Child Dental Benefits Schedule if that applies to your situation.

Narelle Russo – School Dental therapist"

Food Allergy

Keeping each other safe is all about AWARENESS, AVOIDANCE AND ACTION.

Food allergy is an immune system response to a food protein that the body (mistakenly) believes is harmful. When a food, which a person is allergic to is eaten, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering potentially life-threatening symptoms.

What are the signs and symptoms of food allergy?

Food allergic reactions can range from mild to severe, severe being what we call anaphylaxis.

Symptoms usually appear within two hours of a person eating a food (even a small amount) they are allergic to.

Mild to moderate allergic reaction: swelling of the face, lips and eyes, hives or welts, tingling mouth ,abdominal pain, vomiting (these are signs of a severe allergic reaction to insects)

Severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis): difficult/noisy, breathing, swelling of the tongue, swelling/tightness of the throat, difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice, wheeze or persistent cough, persistent dizziness or collapse, pale and floppy (young children)

What foods can cause food allergy?

Any food can trigger an allergic reaction and there are more than 170 foods reported to have caused a severe reaction.

However, there are nine foods that cause 90 per cent of reactions, which are: peanuts, tree nuts (e.g. almonds, walnuts, cashews), egg, cow's milk, sesame, fish, shellfish (e.g. oysters, prawns), soy, wheat

Monique Anderson – School Nurse

Surplus to Requirements



Approximately 25 monitors are available to sell individually at \$20 each.

Please pay school office on collection.

Karen Webb – BSM

Dallarnil Sports Club Inc.

The **Dallarnil Sports Carnival** is an annual all-day event featuring horse events, a hack program, woodchopping, rough riding rodeo, children's rides, stalls, athletics and more.

The Carnival is one of our small town's yearly highlights - bringing our community together, as well as attracting many participants and spectators from around the region.

The 94th Dallarnil Sports Carnival is coming up on Monday, 9th June 2014 - the Monday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend - this year however we are incorporating a Band, Bar and BBQ in place of our usual Sports Dance as has been held in previous years, where the Dallarnil Sports Princess and Dallarnil Sports Girl will be presented.

The Sports Dance has been traditional since the very beginning to crown two young ladies from our region that present as role models for other young girls and ladies of the local area.

We are seeking your support to promote interest from young, talented and worthy young ladies within our community to nominate for these roles.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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