Welcome back to term 4 – a very busy term ahead for everyone. Our first major event on the calendar is our Annual Awards Evening which is being held on Tuesday 28 October. I look forward to seeing many of our Isis District families in attendance. It is always a wonderful night of celebration and recognition of achievement for our families and staff.

Our Year 12 students have a very busy few weeks ahead of them with final assessment being a crucial deciding factor with levels of achievement and the calculation of Overall Positions (OP) and Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). I ask all Parents to support their students by ensuring they maintain their study routines and not be distracted by the upcoming celebrations.

This week Michael Jeh returned to Isis High to work with all students from Years 8 to 12. In specially designed Life Skills sessions he led discussions 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. I encourage you to talk with your student regarding the key messages they took away from these sessions. The parent session on Wednesday was attended by a small number of parents from around the Isis Cluster who also found Michael’s presentations useful in understanding the adolescent mind. More information can be found on Michael’s website www.michaeljeh.com

The Department of Education Training and Employment has confirmed with me that I will remain at Isis District State High School as Principal for Term 4, 2014.

Brett Kavanagh
Principal

Year 10 Work Experience Profile

**Name:** Ethan  
**Work Experience Location:** Isis Central Mill, Coy. Ltd.  
**Work Role:** Mechanical Engineer  
**Feedback from Employer:** “Ethan spent his time here in the machine shop. He was courteous and showed a good willingness to work. Ethan asked a good range of questions. If Engineering is Ethan’s preferred pathway, I believe he would be well suited if he continues to apply himself with his learning” Brett Blair, Isis Central Mill.

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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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As our school approaches the end of the 2014 academic year, we’re very conscious of the fact that there are 48 school days till we have our first Year 7 students attend Isis High.

The school community can be assured that we’ll be ready to provide the best education possible for Isis High’s new Junior Secondary students.

The end of Term Three saw the following positive actions taken to progress our Year 7s learning agendas:

- An audit of next year’s Year 7 curriculum was commenced.
- On September 10 and 11 - Ms McCulloch, Miss Marsh and Mr Munks attended the Leading Change-Junior Secondary Conference down at Caloundra. This conference was themed around ideas that can be used by Junior Secondary teachers to make classrooms more exciting and interesting places for students.
- The school has now taken delivery of thirty laptop computers and associated equipment for use at the Annexe.
- The physical environment at the Annexe continues to receive attention and updating. During the holidays, carpets in the Annexe Office were replaced, painting of the Admin Area and Art-room occurred and new blinds were installed in the Annexe Office space.
- Enrolment interviews were undertaken with numerous families.

Literacy tips

Literacy skills underpin learning in all subject areas. As such, students who have good reading and word skills have a huge advantage – they learn more easily and achieve at much higher levels.

- As parents you can easily check your child’s skills in this area by picking up one of their work books or text books and asking them to read a passage to you or by asking them to spell some of the key words (texts usually have these highlighted in bold print).
- YOU can help them improve their skills by administering quick spelling and reading sessions. As a parent, I found it helpful to use this in connection with some reward for their participation (TV programs, computer time, game time etc).
- Encourage your child to read anything – car mags, bike mags, Dolly - as only by practice they will get better!
- Finally, roughly 80% of the key information will be contained in the first and last paragraphs and the first and last sentences of the paragraphs in between. Whilst this really only applies to well-written text, it is useful for students to know this.

Andrew Davey – HOD/ Sciences/HPE

USQ Indigenous Connections

On Thursday September 18, a number of our Indigenous students travelled to USQ Fraser Coast campus for a day of cultural experience and future pathway sessions.

After the initial registration process, students were welcomed with the traditional smoking ceremony while having their faces painted. This was a day where all students were given a more hands-on experience in cultural activities such as making emu feather headdresses, participating in traditional games, singing and listening to stories of the past and present by Indigenous Elders and community representatives.

Past and current university attendees spoke about their journeys, showing that success is something everyone can achieve if they want it. The message for the day was to have a goal – nothing is impossible.

Lunch and morning tea was provided by USQ and eagerly devoured by the well-behaved student attendees. Overall, this was a fantastic experience for our students and hopefully this has supported them in making choices for their future pathways.

Gloria Davey – HOD/Student Services

Visual Arts – Emerge Exhibition

Congratulations to Jasmin, Year 11; Claudia, Year 12; and Laura, Year 10. These students have had their work chosen by the curators of the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery from hundreds of contenders. They have won the opportunity to exhibit their art won in the Emerge Exhibition which showcases the best in the district’s student works. The exhibition opens on October 29 and closes on November 10.

An invitation to the opening event Friday October 31 at 5:30pm is extended to all.

Kerry Hetherington – HOD/Art

Our school is ready for Year 7 in 2015.

Gary Munks – HOD/Junior Secondary

Girls making emu feather headdresses

Kyle, Matt and Ryan enjoying lunch

Our school is ready for Year 7 in 2015.
Science Facts

- A speck of dust is halfway between the size of an atom and the Earth!
- Astronauts can't burp in space because a burp would need gravity to separate the liquid from the gas in their stomachs.
- No matter its size or thickness, no piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times. Try it!

Andrew Davey – HOD-Science/HPE

Rummage for Relay, Bundaberg Regional Council

Bundy’s mega community garage sale
Do you want to be a part of the Garage Sale Trail without the hassle of opening your home?

Join our mega community sale at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct on October 25 and help us to raise money for Relay for Life.
Sites are reasonably priced and all funds raised will support the Cancer Council.
Suitcase site (inside 1.5mx1.5m) - $5
Stall (inside 3mx3m) - $10
Car boot (outside) - $10
Stall (outside 5mx10m) - $15

Find an application form at bundaberg.qld.gov.au or call 1300 883 699 for more information.

If you don’t want to hold a sale, but have some unwanted items to giveaway you can contact the team to donate them.

2015 Year 7/8 Enrolment Interviews
Isis District State High School
Now Open
Need to book an interview?
Call our Office on 4192 1222

For Sale – School grown beef
Orders are now open for a ¼ or side of highly ethical (happy), low carbon footprint beef. The ¼’s are made up of both fore and hind meat so everyone gets the same quality. They are $7.50 /kg and each ¼ will be approximately 75kg each. Final weights will be determined in week 3. You are able to choose how the meat is cut up and in what size portions. There are 8 ¼ left on offer so please leave your name and a $50 deposit at the school office. Why not go halves with a friend or neighbour? See Cathy Schouten the Agricultural coordinator for more details.

Free – Chickens
The school has several chickens to give away or for a donation, we have 2 year old Australorp laying hens and a white leghorn hen, also several young purebred roosters, several breeds. Contact Cathy Schouten the Agricultural coordinator for more details.

Childers Craft Bazaar
Tuesday 21 Oct
Childers Cultural Centre

candle wicking, embroidery, children clothes, wooden toys bears, dolls, decorative art and lots more

Awards handed out to the Isis District High School Writing competition

Light lunch – available all day
Admission $5.00
Children Free

Enquires – Trish 4126 6357 or Roslyn 4126 8778

This event is part of the Crush Festival, a Bundaberg Regional event supporting regional arts.
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