Welcome back to term 4 – a very busy term ahead for everyone. Our first event on the calendar is our Annual Awards Evening which is being held on Tuesday 29 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.

The Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association will be holding a FREE BBQ on Saturday 26 October, 12 noon at the Senior Annex. This opportunity is open to all community members to come wander through the schools agricultural facilities. The Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association support a wide variety of education pursuits here at Isis District State High School and many of our local primary schools. I will be turning sausages on the BBQ so please come and say hi.

Teaching your child to be cybersafe will help them to engage with the online world safely and positively protect them from online risks. Common cybersafety issues for children include cyberbullying, accessing or sharing inappropriate content and protecting their personal information. The school plays a vital role in working with families to help keep your students safe. Over the coming weeks I will include a series of different information to assist families with online safety.

Awards Night 2013

About our guest of Honour - Michael Jeh

Michael Jeh is passionate about making a difference to the lives of young people. Finding ways to engage and connect with youth is something that inspires him every day. He runs life skills programs for elite sporting teams, schools and community groups.

Michael graduated from Brisbane State High School in 1986 and then a Commerce degree before going onto a postgraduate scholarship at Oxford University (Keble College) where he was awarded two Cricket Blues. He played first-class cricket, was Professional League cricketer for 12 years and is now based in Brisbane where he lives with his young family.

He writes for various magazines, newspapers and websites and is a regular panellist on ABC Radio Evenings show every Monday night at 8:00pm. Michael is also a wildlife ranger/guide in Africa and regularly takes clients on exciting conservation/charity focused safaris with his business, ‘Barefoot in Africa’. Michael describes his life as being a series of lucky coincidences all joined up together!

Kind Regards,
Brett Kavanagh – Principal

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As always, parents who consider there is a legitimate reason for their children not attending this very worthwhile presentation should confirm this reason by letter, if they have not already done so. These students will complete supervised alternative work. Please ensure your son/daughter is able to pay this to avoid embarrassment.

The very important process of student leadership selection for 2014 continues this week with the close of nominations for School Captains and Vice Captains. These are very important positions within a school and so the selection process of written application, interviews, speeches and ballot is rigorous. The selection for School Captains will occur in week two and be announced on Awards evening.

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**No Limits**

‘No Limits’ is a small group program supported by chaplaincy which consists of several sessions plus a full day excursion. An ‘adventure based learning’ approach helps students to understand and experience that there are no limits to their potential.

The full day excursion involved a climb of Mount Woowoonga (near Biggenden).

Religious Education at Isis District State High School is offered by the Childers Ministers’ Fraternal. Students are encouraged to actively participate in this worthwhile aspect of the school curriculum.

For Year 08 and 11 students, the Ministers’ Fraternal has elected to use professional speakers, Jim and Faye Lyons of Straight Talk Australia, to provide a seminar titled ‘The Price Tag of Sex’. The program presents a Christian lifestyle view of sexuality and the choices to be considered by young people when confronting the concept of ‘teenage sex’.

The seminar has been shown to students in schools all over Australia with overwhelmingly positive responses from students and parents. The Isis District State High School Parents and Citizens Association has approved this presentation as a worthwhile activity for students.

The program will be offered during a session by year level on Tuesday 15 October. The regular subject teacher for students will be in attendance during the session. The Ministers’ Fraternal have requested an entrance fee by way of donating $2.00 to be paid by students on the day to help defray the costs of the presenters. Please ensure your son/daughter is able to pay this to avoid embarrassment.

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— Ralph Thurlow – School Chaplain

**School Uniform**

The school uniform is valued by the school community and should be worn with pride. It is for this reason that I have been working with all students and their families to ensure the uniform worn is perfect and complies with the school expectations. In particular I have been focusing on jewellery and piercings. The following information regarding jewellery comes from the schools Dress Code policy available on the schools website.

The following pieces of jewellery may be worn at school:

- A wrist watch.
- A plain ring.
- A plain single neck chain of moderate size worn under blouse or shirt.
- Plain sleepers or stud earrings (no more than 3 per ear and no attachments).
- It is not permissible to wear any other form of visible body piercing/adornment. All facial piercing must be covered.

A significant component to academic success is the students’ approach to their learning and learning environment. Wearing the school uniform with pride shows the extent to which the student is committed to their learning.

My door is always open, feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Brett Kavanagh – Principal

**Religious Education – Term 4**

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Dearne Beatson – Deputy Principal

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Cyberbullying

Children using the internet can be cyberbullied or harassed through internet services like email, chat rooms, instant messaging, social networks or through websites. Bullying through mobile phone technologies such as SMS is also considered cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying includes teasing, spreading online rumours and sending unwanted or threatening messages or defamatory material. While it can have a damaging effect on children and young people, parents can encourage them to take control of the situation. This may be done by:

- Advising children not to reply to any messages from a bully. Often if bullies don’t receive a response they will give up
- Learning how to block a bully, so they can’t make contact
- Keeping a record of the harassing messages and any replies. This may help parents, or the authorities, if necessary, to find out who is sending them
- Keeping usernames and passwords secret. If someone misuses a username and password to post damaging information about a child it can be difficult to remove
- Children recognising that if messages are threatening, a parent or carer should be told immediately. Cyber bullying, if threatening, is illegal and can be reported to the police
- Contacting the website administrator (often known as the webmaster) to ask for content to be removed, if bullying information has been posted on that website.

Parents can:

- check the privacy settings for your internet services
- Visit the Cyber smart website for cyber bullying information
- Use support services such as the Kids Helpline or the Bullying No Way website
- Talk to the child’s school if cyber bullying involves another student
- Report threatening messages to the police
- Contact the Cyber safety Contact Centre on 1800 880 176 for advice.

Brett Kavanagh – Principal

Isis High Arts Gala

The Isis District State High School drama students have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and showcase their achievements throughout the year by performing at the Childers Cultural Centre next Friday 18 October. Tickets are only $5.00 and sold at the door which will be open from 5:30pm. Food and drink will also be available.

Come and be entertained for a most enjoyable evening.

Anneka Lloyd – HOD/Drama

Year 08/09 Handball Tournament

Last term, a handball inter-house tournament, supported by chaplaincy was held in lunchbreaks. A cup was presented to the winning house (Badilla) near the end of term and prizes were given for the best players:

Top players in the year 08/09 handball competition (from left): John Veitch, Silas McGregor and Lachlan Rackley. Towards the right: Badilla House Captain, Jessica Bloom is presented with the “Handball Cup” by School Chaplain, Ralph Thurlow.

Ralph Thurlow – School Chaplain

Free Dress Day

Next Friday 18 October will be a Free Dress Day in the school organised by the Student Council. Students out of uniform will be required to donate a gold coin. All money raised will be donated to Joshua Ruane of Year 10.

Closed in foot wear, no midriffs showing and shirts / blouses with sleeves must be worn. Clothing must not display offensive images or words. Students not following these expectations will be required to change into a school uniform which will be loaned to them for the day.

Brett Kavanagh – Principal

Bundaberg Netball Association

Bundaberg Netball Association are currently accepting nominations for players who are interested in trialling for the 2014 Bundy Flames teams. If you are turning 11 or over in 2014, go to our website (http://www.bundaberg.netball.asn.au/ResourceLibrary.asp) & download the Nomination Package & Nomination Form.

Nominations close 30 October with trials starting Sunday 3 November.

Any queries or questions please email BNA’s Rep Convenor, Bronwyn Walker at bronwyn_walker@bigpond.co

QLD SELF-DEFENCE AND TAEKWON-DO ACADEMY

Wide Bay’s most popular martial arts Training is at the CHILDERS COMMUNITY STADIUM Mondays and Thursdays 5:30pm to 6:30pm

FIRST LESSON IS FREE

Ctc: Garth Ovenden on 0403 873 1290 or 4155 0448