

16 June, 2017

Principal's Message

With the end of Semester One fast approaching, we begin to reflect on the many activities, events and positive achievements by our students in the academic, cultural and sporting areas. Next Monday 19/06/2017, during Recess 1 at the Stadium, a significant number of students will be presented with Semester **Merit Award** certificates to recognise their positive approach to schooling throughout the semester. Parents/carers will be most welcome to attend.

I should also remind all parents and carers that **Term 2 finishes on Friday 23 June**. The last week of school is as important as any other and students in all year levels (apart from Year 10 on Work Experience) should be in attendance at school up until that day. A number of other important school activities will also be undertaken in that last week including; QCS Practice testing for Year 12 OP students, all Year 11 Students engaged in the YLead program, Merit trips for Years 7, 8 and 9 students deemed to be meritorious in their efforts during Semester 1 and of course regular classwork focusing on important learning activities. **Your support in ensuring student attendance remains high is anticipated and appreciated.**

Last week at the annual Queensland Secondary Principal's Association our Principal on leave, **Allan Cook was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award** in acknowledgement of his outstanding commitment and contribution to that organisation. Allan was presented with the award by the Director General of Education, Dr Jim Waterston and Andrew Pierpoint, President of the QSPA. As a representative of the Isis High community I felt a great sense of pride and satisfaction that our community has been portrayed in such a positive light through Allan's success.



The beginning of term 3 is already filling up with important school activities such as the Year 7 information evening, Report card distribution, Parent Teacher Interviews and Year 11 and 12 Student Performance Interviews. These are important opportunities for parents/carers and the school to interact.

Our Head of Department for Junior Secondary and Student Wellbeing Coordinator, Gary Munks will be taking leave during term 3 and will be replaced in this role by Meryl McCulloch. Meryl is a highly regarded and very experienced member of staff who will take on this very important role in the school. **Congratulations Meryl and best wishes to Gary for his leave.**

I must thank all school staff for their hard work this Semester, their professionalism and constant support of our young people is the reason for the great outcomes that occur in our school. I would also like to congratulate the student body on their commitment to learning over the Semester and wish all a happy and safe Semester break.

This will be the last Newsletter published in this format, it ends a long tradition of printed newsletters being distributed to families every second Friday of the school year. From the beginning of next term fortnightly School Newsletters will be sent via an email link which can be accessed via a web browser. For those that make a request a printed version will be available and will be distributed to students. Copies will also be available from the school office.

Kind Regards,

Chris Gill, Acting Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

19 Jun	Yr 10 Work Experience	19 Jul	Merit Awards 11am Stadium
21 Jun	Yr 11 YLead Camp	20 Jul	Bundy Winter Sport competition commences
23 Jun	Last Day Term 2	21 Jul	Yr 12 Tertiary Trip - 21-22 Jul
10 Jul	First Day Term 3	25 Jul	Parent-Teacher Interview Evening 3.00 - 6.00pm
14 Jul	1st Newsletter Distributed via email link	28 Jul	Arts Gala "Aladdin" - 28 & 29 Jul

PARENT INFORMATION 2018 Yr 7

For parents of 2018 Year 7 Students -Tuesday, 18 July – 10am, 5.30pm

Changes to Subjects on OFFER in 2018

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Over this term, we have been conducting a review of the subjects we currently offer as well as the time allocations for them across school. One of the key reasons for this review is the introduction of the new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance (SATE) system which will replace the current OP system from 2020. This will affect those students currently in Year 9 or below. It is the biggest change to impact on Queensland education in 40 years. As such, we want our students and families to be informed and thus, prepared for what the senior years will look like from 2019 Year 11 onwards.

Whilst change can sometimes be scary, it is also exciting as we introduce new subjects in order to broaden student choice and ensure students are prepared for life after school in 2021 and beyond. There will be more choice for students across all junior years (Yrs 8-10). This means that all students in Years 7 -10 will be undertaking subject selections for 2018 in Term 3.

It is important both students and parents are fully informed of these changes the following information sessions are planned:

Year 6 to 7 parents - Information Sessions on Tuesday 18 July, 10am and 5.30pm in Resource Centre

Year 7 to 9 parents - SATE information session Tuesday 8 August 6pm

Year 7 to 10 parents - Subject Selection Information evening Tuesday 22 August 6pm

Natalie Brandon, Deputy Principal

Reporting

Semester 1 reports will be completed in week 1 of next term. Parents with access to QParents will gain access to their students' report as soon as we press the complete button on Thursday 13. We will then print the reports and emailing them on Friday 14. The Report Pack will be distributed to students on Monday 17 July. This pack will include information for booking parent teacher interviews on 25 July.

Also in the first week of the term, students will complete their Attendance Passport with their Term 2 data.

Chris Gill, Acting Principal

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week (2-9 July) celebrates the rich diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week is

Our Languages Matter:

The 2017 theme aims to celebrate the essential

role that Indigenous languages play in both cultural identity, linking people to their land and water, and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

The National NAIDOC Committee encourages all Australians to embrace the 2017 National NAIDOC theme and to explore the use of Indigenous languages in their community. Many place names for our towns, rivers, mountains and parks have Indigenous language words



e.g. Cordalba (place of koalas) and Booyal (ironbark tree). Observing and learning about these words will generate greater appreciation and respect for the significance of Indigenous languages among all Australians.

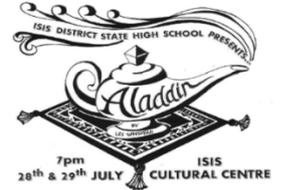
Isis High will acknowledge NAIDOC Week in a brief, but important ceremony prior to Recess 1 Friday 14 July at 11am in the School Quadrangle.

Gloria Davey – Indigenous Education Coordinator

Arts Gala

On 8 June Arts Gala and band students represented the school at the Childers Festival Launch. What a wonderful celebration of this exciting festival. Our Aladdin production is part of this year's festival and we are so honoured to be involved. Make sure you get your tickets to one of the two shows on the 28 or 29 July at 7pm. Tickets are on sale at Charts (72 Churchill St).

Tickets also sold at Isis High office.



Angela Pfeffer, Performing Arts Coordinator

Girls Rugby League



The Karyn Murphy Cup was launched for first time this year, it is a state wide knock-out competition run in schools. The open girls of Isis District SHS drummed up the support and were able to get a team to nominate. Last week, the team headed to Hervey Bay to play in the final for the Wide Bay Region against Urangan SHS. The girls didn't come away with the win, but they played fantastically, especially since for most of the team, it was their first time on a rugby league field. The girls are now very excited to take the same team and participate in the Bundaberg Interschool Sport competition next term. A special mention must also go out to Akiza who played for the North Burnett U14s team, playing against Hervey Bay SHS.

Emma Liesegang, Sport Teacher

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Applications for tender will be available from Isis DSHS Admin Office 8am to 4pm.

Offers close 3pm Friday 23 June

Year 9 HPE

This term has been a highly positive one for the students of year 9 during their HPE lessons. With touch already a very popular sport within the community the students adapted a 'Sports Education' Model to the high paced and skilful game. As part of their practical lessons students participated in the Cutler Cup. As part of the touch competition students were required to referee, score and carry out other officiating duties to ensure a smooth operation of events. In the lead up during class time students developed their touch skills as a team to bring it all together in competition on Friday's for 5 weeks. We saw many competitive games between classes with all teachers impressed with the all students' willingness to compete, officiate and support each other on and off the field. As the rounds progressed and the leader board started to take shape, finals round saw a couple of upsets. The two teams set to play in the final were the best of Mr Cutler's and Mr Ferriere's classes. Coming home too strong in the end were Mr Ferriere's crew taking out the Cutler Cup 4 -1. A special mention goes to Sam and Joanna who took on the officiating duties for the final and did a stellar job! All the Year 9 HPE teachers were very impressed with the students' positive attitude and enthusiasm towards the competition along with the sportsmanship and quality of touch football that took place. Well done to all involved.



Nick Truloff, HPE Teacher

Roadshow Visits

Over the past two weeks, Ms. McCulloch (Year Seven Level Co-ordinator), groups of our Year Seven Students Ambassadors and Mr. Munks (HOD Junior Secondary) have been visiting our feeder primary schools presenting information about what Year Seven in 2018 will be like. The Year Six Students very warmly received these talks. As part of each of the presentations the Year 6's were given the opportunity to question the Ambassadors about what they can expect the transition to Secondary School to be like. Our Ambassadors spoke confidently and did a great job representing our school. A top effort!



Gary Munks, HOD Junior Secondary

Isis District State High School



Preparing Pathways Honouring Traditions

PARENT INFORMATION

YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7

Prospective Year 7 Students

Tuesday- 18 July, 2017

Daylight Talks- 10:00 am

Twilight Talks- 5:30 pm

Join us at the

Resource

Centre

Register interest by Monday 17 July

☎ 41 921 222

QParent invitations have just been resent via email. It is a great time to join as End of Semester reports will be released first to QParent users on the 13 July and you can check your student's attendance records. If you need help with registration please call the school. Further information is on the school website under (right hand top tab Support and Resources) then Parent Resources.



Update you CONTACT Details

It is vital that we have up to date contact details for our families, this includes address, mobile phone numbers and email addresses.

If you have changed any of these, or would like some details added to your students' profile, such as an email address, you can email directly: or call the school office.

enrolments@isisdistshs.eq.edu.au

Natalie Brandon, Deputy Principal

NEWSLETTER FORMAT

From Semester 2, we will be changing our newsletter format. It will allow much more space for us to celebrate all the great things that are occurring here at Isis High. It is many more articles as well as photo galleries. This is in line with the parent feedback we received earlier in the year. However, we do acknowledge that some families do not access information digitally or simply prefer the paper copy. Parents wanting to take up that option, should indicate this to the school office, either by return the slip below or calling the office.

We look forward to launching this new format with our first newsletter in Term 3 on 14 July, when the link to it will be emailed.

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Natalie Brandon, Deputy Principal

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