

20 September, 2013

Principal's Message

Woodgate Beach was a hive of activity last weekend with the first 'Park to Point Fun Run'. Just over 160 people registered and participated in the 10km, 5km and 2km divisions. It was wonderful to see the community get behind this activity and support our school's P & C Association. Special thanks must go to Sandra Webb and Kymm Cole for the many hours they put into the organisation of the event. Thank you to the many community members and organisations that donated time and equipment to ensure the events success.

Last weekend we had two teams, one junior and one senior, compete in the Maryborough Technology Challenge. The challenge takes place every September with over 2,000 students from schools throughout Queensland racing human powered vehicles, smilee pushcarts, C02 Dragsters, solar boats and cars all vying for four state titles in the 24 hour non-stop event. Our senior team took out first place for the third year in a row in the tandem division with our unique 'pushme-pullyou' bike. Special thanks must go Andrew Cole and Alastair Williams for their work in preparing the student teams and spending their weekend away with the students.

Applications have opened for the 2014 School Captain positions. These positions are opened to all current Year 11 students. Taking on a leadership role as a young person is a very rewarding experience. The School Captains represent the voice of the students and represent the school at school and community functions. Application forms can be downloaded from the schools website and close on Wednesday, 09 October. I encourage all Year 11 students to consider taking on one of the variety of leadership positions available as this will lead to 'Preparing Future' pathways.

Congratulations to Abbey Madders, Tara Hocking and Jessica Harper who had their Year 11 and 12



Artworks selected in the '2013 North Coast Creative Generation Excellence Awards' in Visual Art. I had the pleasure of being at the official opening of the exhibition along with a number of staff, students and their parents on Saturday, 07 September at the Gatakers Artspace, Maryborough. This is a wonderful achievement and demonstrates the high standards of academic excellence at Isis District State High School. To have three students work selected from the large number of entries from all of the state and private schools in our region is an excellent outcome.

I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with

you all again in term 4. School resumes for all students on Tuesday, 8 October.

Kind Regards,

Brett Kavanagh – Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

08 Oct	First day back Term 4	16 Oct	Interviews for 2014 School Captains
08 Oct	P & C Meeting 7:15pm		
09 Oct	Nominations close for School Captains	18 Oct	2014 School Captain candidate speeches and voting opens

Every lesson, Every day ... COUNTS!

Park to Point Fun Run

The PARK TO POINT Fun Run was held on Sunday and was heralded a resounding success. Over 160 participants of all ages and fitness levels took to Woodgate Beach on a perfect Sunday morning to enjoy a wonderful family morning out. A huge thankyou to all those people: parents, staff, students, community members and significant others that volunteered to shared their Sunday morning with us and make it a great event. The P&C could not have done it without you. Planning is now underway for PARK TO POINT 2014!



Runners on Woodgate Beach

Sandra Webb – P & C President

Senior Students assist with Chaplaincy Fundraiser

On Sunday 25 August almost 200 people from far and wide converged on the Isis State High School Stadium to spend an informative afternoon with high profile liver expert Dr Sandra Cabot. The event was held as a fundraiser for chaplaincy in the Isis district.

Dr Cabot gave an in depth seminar about healthy aging, weight loss and liver health, and then mingled with patrons to answer their questions.

Several senior students from Isis High donated their Sunday afternoon to assist with the function and the afternoon tea that followed.

The fundraiser proved to be a great success, both for helping chaplaincy and for increasing awareness of very relevant health matters.

Ralph Thurlow – School Chaplain

Sports Report

Our students have managed to once again fly the Isis State High School colours across a range of sports. AFL, touch, rugby league and athletics have all been on the menu for our enthusiastic sportsmen and women.

On Thursday 05 September Mr Anderson and I took two teams of boys and a team of girls to Mundubbera to compete in the North Burnett AFL gala day. AFL was a new game to many of the students and despite this, they all performed well. The year 08 and 09 boys team proved to be particularly strong, winning all of their games and impressing Mr Anderson (an ex-AFL player himself) with their skill and determination.

Just three days later (Yes, on a Sunday!) Mr Anderson, myself and many of the same students boarded the bus again early in the morning this time, destination Murgon for the Wide Bay All Schools Touch Carnival. After a gruelling day in the heat and on the rock-hard fields of Murgon High both our boys teams narrowly missed making the finals, however our girls in a combined effort

with Burnett State College from Gayndah, played their way into the major semi-final. Here they met an extremely well-drilled St Lukes team (containing two state players) and despite battling hard, were defeated. I would like to thank all the students who attended both days, for their positive attitudes, determination and enthusiastic participation. It was a pleasure to be with you! A big thank-you goes to Mr Anderson for coaching and driving on both days.

The following weekend, three of our year 08 girls (Jade Golchert, Louise Roberts and Samantha Bartlett) went to Hervey Bay as a part of the North Burnett girls rugby league team to attend the Wide Bay carnival. After a long day, the North Burnett team emerged victorious and were crowned winners of the inaugural secondary schools girls rugby league carnival. Thank you to Mr Darren Golchert who coached and accompanied these girls on the day.

Finally on Monday and Tuesday of this week nineteen of our students competed in the Wide Bay track and field trials in Bundaberg. After two days running, jumping and throwing in some very trying conditions (cyclonic winds, high temperatures and even a few spits of rain) five of our squad earned themselves a position on the wide bay team. Simone Manski (100m, 200m), Kelsey Vellacott (Long Jump), Jade Johnson (Long Jump), Coby Gibbs (100m, Long Jump) and Phoebe Arbon (Long Jump, Triple Jump) will all be off to state titles in Brisbane early next term. Phoebe also finished runner-up age champion (by three points!) in the 15 year old girls age group. Congratulations to all who participated and best of luck to those competing at the next level.

Analee Clewes – Sports Coordinator

Attendances

Regular attendance at school provides children with opportunities to develop the basic skills for learning and assists in the development of social skills including communication, self-esteem, teamwork and friendship building.

Attendance is a precursor for learning and onward skill development. Understanding that attendance patterns are established in the early years of school and the nature of the relationship between attendance and achievement can help maximise learning opportunities for all students.

A recent study by the Centre for Child Health Research at the University of Western Australia showed that in all analyses, average academic achievement on tests declined with any absence from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased. The nature of the relationship between absence from school and achievement across all sub-groups of students strongly suggests that every day of attendance in school contributes towards a child's learning, and that academic outcomes are enhanced by maximising attendance in school.

To give you some idea of the compounding effect of attendance, a student with 75% attendance will miss a full term every year or three years of schooling over their 12 years of schooling.

Truly everyday counts and there is no safe threshold.

Have a great holiday!

Dearne Beatson - Deputy Principal (Senior Schooling)

Maryborough Tech Challenge

On the weekend of 14 and 15 September, Isis District State High School entered two Human Powered Vehicles in the 2013 RACQ Maryborough Technology Challenge. The weekend was extremely successful for the Isis High School team, bringing home one of the event's major trophies.

The technology challenge is an event that brings together schools from all over Queensland to compete in a range of activities related to the Industrial Technology and Design subject area. The flagship event is the 24 Hour Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) race. Schools are encouraged to design and build a pedal powered vehicle of either three or four wheels. The rules state that the seating position must be recumbent. Teams may consist of eight riders and two pit crew. The 1.5 km event circuit is conducted on a section of Maryborough's streets, which are closed to traffic for the duration of the event. This simulates "real world" riding conditions and consists of a long downhill stretch and a substantial hill. Vehicles reach in excess of 50km per hour before needing to negotiate a "hair pin" bend. This year 118 HPVs were registered for the event.

Isis High entered two vehicles. A single seat "delta" designed vehicle raced by students from years 08 and 09. The other was a unique tandem HPV affectionately known as "push me pull you" (PMPY). This vehicle was raced by a team of eight year 12 students who have raced this vehicle for the previous two years.

The junior team did phenomenally well considering some of the last minute team recruits had not even ridden the vehicle prior to racing. Some students had to be shown how to use the gears and brakes while sitting in the pit lane. Over the weekend, the team gained a lot of experience, learning on the go how to manage dietary requirements, sleep patterns, working as a team under adverse conditions and practical skills such as replacing tubes and tyres. The junior team can be very proud of their achievement as they managed to keep the HPV running until finally riding under the checkered flag.



Junior HPV team (l-r) Joshua Facey, Thakdanai Dinmuang, Aleisha Nugent, Billy Freeman, James Joughin, Caleb Spark, Victor Vella and (in bike) Aleisha Thomas

The senior team had a lot of pressure riding on their shoulders this year. As their last opportunity to participate in this event and having won the tandem category for the previous two years, the whole team was very keen to continue their winning streak and exit on a

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high. The boys have grown a lot over the previous 12 months in both size and strength and there were concerns about the PMPY's ability to take the strain. Until a new section of chain was provided and the team developed a reliable gear change technique, the tandem was continuously plagued by a snapping chain. Added to this issue, spokes in the front wheels were breaking. After exhausting the supply of spare spokes the situation was looking dire. Thanks to the loan of a spare wheel from Maryborough High School the students were able to carefully ride the vehicle to a comfortable category win, completing a total of 309 laps.



Senior HPV team (l-r) Troy Stark, Dylan Metzroth, Hendrikus Balk, Adam Stark, Sjaak Balk, Angus Monley (in bike l-r) Matthew Maroney and Corey Sadler

All students who participated in this event had a fantastic time. It was a testament to what students from a small school can achieve when they take the opportunities provided. The junior team are already enthusiastically discussing their plans for next year's event.

Alastair Williams – Manual Arts Teacher

2013 NAPLAN RESULTS

Year 09 students will have their 2013 NAPLAN report posted home today and provide parents and carers information about their child's achievement in literacy and numeracy.

Once again Isis State High School has continued to improve upon our results with almost one-quarter of our student cohort achieving in the upper - two achievement bands in numeracy, whilst all of our results were above or similar to other schools in Queensland.



A special mention must go to Lleyton Ritchie (pictured) who achieved a scale score of 779, the highest score ever achieved by a student in numeracy at Isis High.

These results are strong validation of the school's strategies to improve literacy and numeracy and of the hard work of staff and students in this important area of learning.

Michele Kirkland – Deputy Principal

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