

24 April, 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome to term 2. We have a very busy term ahead of us, starting with Parent Teacher interviews on Tuesday 6 May. I do hope that you can take the time to come and meet with your child's teachers and gain a better understanding of the learning programs and how your child is progressing. I always encourage parents to bring the student to the interviews as well, so that an even richer discussion can take place and that all issues can be clarified together. If you are unable to attend these scheduled interviews please do not hesitate to call the school and arrange for an alternative time that is more suitable for you and your family. We always welcome parents to come and have meetings with teachers at any time there is a need, no matter how big or small the issue is.

Year 09 NAPLAN testing is only three weeks away and our students have been engaged in specialised preparation programs to ensure they are familiar with the style of testing and have the skills to approach a variety of tasks and questions. Good luck to all our Year 09 students (this is your last NAPLAN test!).

Many of the schools classrooms and workshop spaces have seen a significant facelift over the last couple of months. At the end of Term 1, seventeen interactive data projectors complete with speakers or large screen TVs were installed into learning spaces. Every classroom and key practical workshops are now equipped with a permanently mounted visual and audio display devices to enhance the delivery of lessons. All general learning environments have been brightened up with a 'cool' coloured feature wall and new carpets. This work has complimented the major exterior building painting program that occurred during Term 1 too.



Two public art spaces have been established for our talented visual art students to hang and display their work. One of these spaces is in the Resource Centre which is highly visible to all students on a daily basis. The other is in the main foyer of the Administration Building (pictured left). Both spaces are proudly displaying paintings, drawings and sculpture work. The works are changed regularly to keep the interest thriving. Congratulations to the Year 10 students who have their Figurative Emotion pieces on display in the Administration building. Why not take 5 minutes to call into the Administration Building and view the high quality work for yourself?

Kind Regards,

Brett Kavanagh - Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25 Apr ANZAC DAY	06 May Parent Teacher Interviews 3:00pm – 6:00pm
29 Apr Youth Music Expo 6:30pm	06 May Bundaberg Careers Expo
30 Apr-01 May Year 11 BCT Exc Brisbane	07 May Yr 10 History Pop Culture Forum 10:00am – 11:30am
02 May North Burnett Cross Country	13 May – 15 May NAPLAN Tests

Every lesson, Every day ... COUNTS!

NAPLAN

On the 13, 14 and 15 May, some 200,000 students across Australia will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. All students in Years 03, 05, 07 and 09 in schools across Australia will have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar over these three days.

This testing provides important progress information to students and families about student progress in these important areas of basic skills. At Isis High, students in Year 09 have been receiving focussed literacy and numeracy instruction and preparation throughout their time at this school. Students have also completed practice assessments in the Literacy and Numeracy test papers to ensure familiarity with the style of assessment. This week all Year 09 students have received a letter to take home to their parents with additional information about NAPLAN preparations.

The students will complete their tests in the newly air-conditioned Resource Centre in order to minimise distraction during the tests. The school is coordinating the provision of a high protein breakfast for students prior to the exams on each day to ensure they commence the tests 'nutritionally fortified'.

The school would appreciate parents ensure students get ample sleep during the week of NAPLAN testing and provide any support necessary for students to be 'at their best' during these days. Please contact me on 4192 1222, if you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN testing program.

Michele Kirkland – Deputy Principal

QCS Preparation Program Update

Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and action-packed term 2! At the end of last term our QCS students participated in further rounds of testing as part of their QCS preparation program. Isis District High was extremely fortunate to have Dr Terri Bourke from our partnership with the Queensland University of Technology visit the school on Tuesday to support our preparation program by providing a Boot Camp session to students and an information session to the whole staff.

Dr Bourke provided an analysis of the students' progress to the group and delivered some keen insight and wisdom for students as they approach these tests in September. Staff were also exposed to additional ways of supporting our students in the classroom, to help them achieve greater success in 2014.

It is positive to note that the hard work of our dedicated QCS preparation team and our students is paying off in regards to their data. It is definitely full-steam ahead as the students begin the second phase of their preparation program this term!

Josh Neumann – HOD/Student Services

Students rehearse for Music Concert

A number of very brave students from our school and/or our district will perform and compete for top honours at the Youth Music Expo on Tuesday evening, of 29 April at the High School Stadium (6:30pm to 8:30pm). The event, put on by Isis District State High and supported

by the Bundaberg Regional Council, will feature some great music of every variety.

The general public are welcome to come and "feast" their ears on what promises to be some outstanding performances. Adults are admitted for a gold coin donation, which will raise funds towards more and better musical equipment at the Isis District State High School. Therefore, be sure to invite your friends, neighbours and relatives to enjoy the night!



Flautists, Rachael (year 08) and Chi (year 09) practise enthusiastically.

Ralph Thurlow – School Chaplain

Term One reports

The reports pertaining to your child's attitudes, behaviour, performance to date and engagement with the learning process for Term 1 will be posted to families by Thursday 24 April. Please read the accompanying information about this attached to each report.

Please ensure you review and discuss the findings on the report with your child and don't hesitate to contact teaching staff to discuss further if you desire. Also parent teacher interviews are to be held on Tuesday 6 May. It is essential that you take this opportunity to meet with the teachers of your child and gain quality feedback regarding his or her progress.

Deamne Beatson – Deputy Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews are on Tuesday the 6 May from 3:00pm to 6:30pm in the Resource Centre. The Parent-Teacher Online (SOB) booking system will again be used so that parents can make their appointments and manage their own bookings directly. The SOB system opens on Monday the 28 April at 9:00am and closes on the 5 May at 5:00pm.

Deamne Beatson – Deputy Principal

Strings News

Term Two String Orchestra Dates:

25 April – Civic Anzac Day Ceremony at the Cultural Centre at 10:00am in school uniform.

29 April – Youth Music Expo at the stadium in free dress. Please arrive at 6:00 pm.

Students are reminded to regularly play their instruments at home and attend all rehearsals in preparation for these upcoming performances.

Kerryn Haaksma – Music Teacher

Fanfare

Fanfare will be held on **Tuesday May 27** for the Concert Band and String Orchestra. Fanfare is Education Queensland's biennial music festival for school Bands and Orchestras. An Adjudicator visits schools all over Queensland and gives feedback on the performance of each music group.

The Childers heat will be held in the Childers State School Hall from 8:00am – 11:00am. Dress for this event is music performance uniform. Please use the holidays to check your child's performance uniform to make sure it still fits, and find some **black** shoes. Media consent forms for Fanfare have been distributed and extras are available at the office. Please return these ASAP.

Kerryn Haaksma – Music Teacher

Grin and Tonic Theatre

Jessica and Toby from Grin and Tonic Theatre Group visited Isis District State High School Friday on 4 April for a Shakespeare workshop with Year 12 Authority English Students and Year 11 Drama Students. The workshop was arranged by the English Department to help students understand the complexities of Shakespearian texts and to further the students' knowledge of the universal themes in Macbeth that are still relevant in modern society. The workshop was enjoyed by all teachers and students who attended the workshop. Jessica and Toby were delighted with the response from the students and have encouraged some individuals to follow their dream of an acting career. We look forward to working with Grin and Tonic again later on in the year for a workshop on Romeo and Juliet for our Year 10's, who will be studying this text as part of their English courses.



Karen Chambers – HOD/ English

Year 08 Ambassadors

Roadshow Visits to Local Primary Schools during Week Nine, saw our Year 08 Ambassadors and Mr Munks touring our feeder Primary Schools. The aim of these visits was to discuss High School Transition with Year Six and Seven students.

The Primary students were keen to hear all about Isis High. Questions from the Year Six/Sevens were interesting and on a number of occasions our Year 08 Ambassadors were able to 'set primary students straight' around what it is really like to transition to High School.

In total, we spoke to over 120 pupils in various sized groups, ranging from just two students at Booyal Central

State School to a large group of approximately forty students at Childers State School.

A 'pat on the back' to our Year 08 Ambassadors. Their contributions to the presentations were well prepared, relevant and interesting for the audience.

Well done!



Our Year 08 Ambassadors- Jessica and Cooper with the Student Leaders- Cordalba S.S.



Claudelia and Nicole (Year 08 Ambassadors) with the Student Leaders at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Gary Munks – HOD/Junior Secondary

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