2 September, 2014

Principal’s Message

Our Year 12 students are now heading into some serious assessment time, where final results are starting to be compiled. In addition to this, the Queensland Core Skills Test will be conducted next week. A number of key teachers have been involved to ensure our students are extremely well prepared. On behalf of all of the teachers and students at Isis District State High School we wish our Year 12 students involved in the 2014 QCS the very best.

Students have been participating in a number of fun lunchtime activities this week as part of the National Literacy and Numeracy Week. From impromptu public speaking, spelling games and the art of beautiful writing, to folding paper and problem solving searches, the activities have occurred in the quadrangle each day creating plenty of interest and keeping literacy and numeracy exciting. Year 10 extension English and Mathematics students worked with students from St Joseph’s Primary School leading a number of literacy and numeracy activities. Thank you to the English, Social Science and Mathematics teachers for supporting this great event.

Year 10 Work Experience Profile

Name: Jacob
Work Experience Location: Whites Tractor & Auto
Work Role: Mechanic
Feedback from Employer: “Punctual, well-mannered and willing to do any job asked of him.” Helen White, Owner Whites Tractor & Auto

Name: Billy
Work Experience Location: Federal Hotel Childers
Work Role: Chef / Cook
Feedback from Employer: “Billy always arrived early with good presentation and willingness to observe and work. Billy was extremely courteous and pleasant. He was a pleasure to work with.” Jackie Bainbridge, Federal Hotel Childers

During National Skills Week, students and maybe some parents as well who are thinking about a future career path should check out the Queensland Skills Gateway. You can search for training courses and providers, learn what skills or qualifications are needed for different occupations and find out if you are eligible for government subsidised training. This is a great way to learn about the opportunities vocational education and training can lead to.


Kind Regards,
Brett Kavanagh – Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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“Every Day Counts” is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community to improve students’ attendance at school.

We at Isis High support this initiative and encourage regular attendance at school by all students.

Under Queensland law, children of compulsory school age (under 16 or not completed Year 10) must be enrolled and attending school regularly, unless they have an acceptable reason. Our attendance targets are for 95% or higher.

The school’s procedures for attendance are:

- Rolls are marked during roll groups, assemblies and at the commencement of each class.
- If a student is marked absent, an SMS message will be sent to notify parents/guardians.
- On receipt of SMS message, parent/guardian notifies school of student’s reason for absence. Please Phone Sheryl Nimmo direct – 4192 1252, but you are still able to call the student absences line on 4912 1260. Please note that if you are on a Telstra plan, you may be entitled to free calls to landlines. Check your policy.
- If you do not respond to this message, your child’s absence will be marked as ‘unexplained’. If the ‘unexplained’ absences cover 3 or more days, a letter will be sent home requesting an explanation.

Leaving school grounds:

- If students request to leave the school (recess 1 only) to go into town, they must have parental permission. Again, this can be given by phoning Sheryl. A reminder: Students are not given permission to leave to buy lunch; to have an ‘authorised’ pass, they should have an approved reason for leaving e.g. buying food items for cooking, medical appointment.

Gloria Davey – Student Services

Traineeship Student Profile

Name: Hannah
Traineeship Course Title: Business Administration Certificate III
Employer: A1 Realty Wide Bay Burnett
What are your work days and Hours?
‘Thursday afternoon – 1:30pm – 5:00pm
Friday 12:30pm – 5:00pm’

What are your work duties?
‘Mailing, Using business technology, photocopying and helping agents where ever I’m needed.’

What do you enjoy most about your traineeship?
‘Learning something new every day and the knowledge that I gain. At the end of it, I will be qualified.’

What do you consider to be the main benefits of your traineeship?
‘It opens up more pathways, career wise for me as well as giving me something to do and somewhere to go once school finishes.’

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Maryborough Eisteddfod Results

Students from Isis High excelled at the Maryborough Eisteddfod last week, receiving places in almost every section they entered.

The String Orchestra was very excited to receive second place against some much larger and more experienced groups.

The Concert Band competed in a very large section and received Highly Commended.

A small group of instrumentalists from Isis, called the “Isis Groovers” played a very cool rendition of the piece “Groovin for the first time” and received second place.

In the closely contested under 15 year’s string solo section, Tay-Lah Bradford won first place with her violin solo, “Spanischer Tanz.”

Chelsea Whitaker also won first place in the instrumental duet section, playing a Jamaican folk song Tinga-Layo with her two sisters.

All students played well and were a credit to the school.

Isis results are listed below.

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Kerryn Haaksma – Music Teacher

The String Orchestra celebrating after receiving second place at the Maryborough Eisteddfod

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Abbey Museum Excursion

Year 08 History excursion to Abbey Museum at Caboolture was a great success. All students participated in archery and enjoyed stories and information given to them by a Medieval Historian.

The students were fascinated by a display of armoury and medieval artefacts. It was an excellent day and a wonderful educational experience to support the students’ unit in History Medieval times and The Black Death.

Karen Chambers – HOD/Social Studies

Students practicing archery at the Abbey Museum

Students raise funds for struggling communities

World Vision does a lot to relieve hunger and develop viable communities in some of the most impoverished communities on the planet, in places such as Rwanda, Malawi, and Ethiopia. The annual “40 Hour Famine” is one of the ways that funds are raised for this work.

A team of over a dozen students (and myself) volunteered to give up something that we all take for granted for 40 hours on the 15 to 17 August. Some of us gave up food, whereas others gave up furniture, or electronics, or talking – all just to demonstrate what life is like for hundreds of thousands of people every day. The students are using the occasion to raise funds and develop awareness of hunger worldwide.

If you are interested in donating to this cause through the Isis District SHS team, you can do it online by bringing up our team website: First go to www.40hourfamine.com.au, then put ISIS DISTRICT in the search bar to bring up our website. Alternatively, you can make a cash donation to any one of the students involved.

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It’s a Gas

Year 11 Chemistry students are experiencing their first Extended Experimental Investigation (EEI) and are performing extremely well. Students have been required to design and conduct an experiment into the production of an atmospheric gas. Students use stoichiometry to calculate the volume of gas that should theoretically be produced from the reaction and then utilise volumetric techniques to measure the actual gas produced. Students conduct around 60 experiments, record the results and then analyse them to determine trends. The “EEI” culminates in a full scientific report in which students compare their results to theory and attempt to explain the variations and suggest improvements.

Emily prepares equipment to collect hydrogen whilst partner Jasmin checks calculations.

Andrew Davey – HOD/Science

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Childers Cultural Centre

Friday 17 October 2014

Doors open at 5:30pm
Show begins at 6:00pm

Drinks and supper available

Come along for a fantastic night showcasing the best of the Arts at Isis High.