

Principal's Message

Another school year is almost over with just five days to go with our Year 12, 11 and 10 students already finished. 2015 has been another **year of great achievement for the students** of our school as we strive to continue to provide a high quality education for the young people of this district. There have been many wonderful moments and great achievements by a huge number of students throughout the year, as recognised at our recent Awards Evening. The school and staff, with the ongoing support of the community, will continue to work hard in 2016 to ensure students are provided with a broad range of experiences in academic, cultural and sporting areas.



This week Isis High was very pleased to welcome Year 06 students (*pictured*) from Childers SS, Goodwood SS, Cordalba SS, Dallarnil SS, Howard SS, Torbanlea SS, Biggenden SS and St Joseph's Primary School, to experience high school life. Ms McCulloch (Year 7 Coordinator) organised an excellent two day **Year 06 to 07 transition program** and this was implemented with the enthusiastic support of Isis High teachers. Students enjoyed participating in a variety of interesting subject activities. Year 07 is a very important start to secondary schooling and our school does all it can to ensure students have a rewarding and productive learning experience. We certainly look forward to getting to know these young people better in 2016.

The end of each year invariably sees staff changes. Miss Kimberly Webb (Head of Department, Mathematics) has been at Isis High for a year and a half and made a valued contribution to supporting students with their maths learning. Mr Andrew Doyle, also from the Maths faculty, will be transferring and his support for our students is recognised. We thank Ms Hawthorne (Master Teacher) who supported literacy learning amongst students and will be returning to her substantive role as a primary school Principal and Mr Chris Jansen who has worked as our Acting Head of Science whilst Mr Davey has worked in Administration. I acknowledge the work of Miss Lisa Marsh and Miss Megg Matthews-Frederick, who have particularly contributed significantly to the success of our junior secondary school program and are taking leave to teach overseas in 2016. We will also farewell Mr Ben Lecky who is leaving to take-up a permanent position as a Commerce Teacher in another Queensland secondary school. We must also thank Mr Niel Van Huysteen who has replaced Mrs Schouten as the Subject Coordinator for Agricultural Science, whilst on maternity leave and Mrs Christine Daysh, who has supported the school in a variety of teaching positions for which we are sincerely grateful. I must also thank Mr Andy Davey for his contribution to our school during 2015 as Deputy Principal who will be returning to his role as Head of Department (Science) next year. I extend my thanks to all these staff members and my very best wishes to all for the future. The school has quality replacements for these staff who will be introduced early next year.

As this is our last newsletter for 2015, I want to **acknowledge the tireless efforts** of teaching and non-teaching staff at Isis High and also thank parents and community members for the tremendous support given to the school throughout the year. We look forward to continuing this partnership next year to ensure our young people receive the very best education this school community can deliver.

I wish all families and school supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I trust that the festive holiday season will be a safe and enjoyable time for all.

**Allan Cook
PRINCIPAL**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

7 – 11 Dec	Enrichment Week	18 Jan	School Office re-opens
08 Dec	Final 2015 P&C Meeting	27 Jan	First day for Year 7, 9 and 11
09 Dec	Year 7-9 Semester reports posted	28 Jan	All students in attendance at school
10 Dec	Merit 'Carnivale'	29 Jan	Commence payments for Resource Scheme
11 Dec	Final day of school	29 Jan	School Newsletter



2016 School Starting Dates

The School Office will be open from Monday, 18 January and Administration staff will be available during that week for enrolments and/or enquiries.

Uniforms will be sold at the Stadium on Thursday, 21 January and Friday, 22 January (8:00am to 1:00pm).

The 2016 school year commences on **Wednesday 27 January for Year 07, 09 and 11 students only.** Students in these year levels will be commencing new courses and there may be some clarification required.

Thursday 28 January will see ALL students (Years 07 to 12) in attendance. Both days will commence with a school assembly in the Stadium.

Payments for the Student Resource Scheme will commence on Friday (29/1) for Yr 12 & 11 and continue on Monday Yr 10 & 9 and Tuesday Yr 8 & 7.

Andy Davey – Deputy Principal

2016 Uniforms

Parents and carers may be starting to consider the purchase of uniforms for the 2016 school year. The P&C Uniform Shop is open every Thursday morning between 8:00am and 12 noon. **At the beginning of next year, uniforms will be sold at the Stadium on Thursday, 21 January and Friday, 22 January (8:00am to 1:00pm).**

At the last P&C Meeting the issue of our Dress Code, was discussed, particularly the presentation of shorts for girls and, as a result our policy was slightly modified.

Black fitted school shorts should be mid-thigh length and not below the bottom of the knee. The P&C Uniform Shop sell the preferred style of shorts (with school logo). Shorts purchased elsewhere must be of similar style.

The P&C are also aware there have been some concerns with the durability and fitting of our shorts, however most of these concerns were with shorts from another supplier. The P&C have changed their supplier of shorts with a better quality garment now available. However, we will continue to explore continuing improvement of product for students.

Leigh-Ann Fredriksen, P&C Uniform Convenor

National Young Leaders' Program

Recently our 2016 School Captains travelled to Brisbane to attend the *Halogen Foundation's National Young Leaders Day*. More than 3000 students from across Queensland and northern New South Wales schools were in attendance. The *National Young Leaders Day* is an annual event to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The Program consisted of keynote speakers, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that sought a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves and others well. The messages given were "*Master the Little*" and "*Make it Happen*" encouraging students to overcome the hurdles that life throws at them; to set goals and believe in themselves. The school believe it's important for our young leaders to participate in such opportunities for development with other young people from schools throughout the State. The learnings made by our Captains will assist next year and well into the future.

The keynote speakers shared some of their favourite life mottos:

- "set goals – if you don't know where you're going, when you arrive you may not like where you are";
- "have a dream then make it happen";
- "the happiest people are not those with everything but those who do the most with what they have";
- "the mind is like a parachute; it works best when open".



I am sure that our 2016 School Captains (Aleisha, Caleb, Victor and Aleisha, pictured above) have learnt much from their involvement in this day and look forward to their leadership journey next year.

Gloria Davey – Yr 12 Coordinator

Bugs are badright??

Our Year 11 and 12 Agriculture and Rural Operations students recently visited *Bugs for Bugs* in Mundubbera. This is a small business who is finding amazing success in introducing people to alternatives to using chemicals on their gardens. They explained to students how to identify and breed good bugs that will eat the bad bugs in your garden!



Students were fascinated, and at times a little disgusted, by how both the good and bad bugs were bred and fed, then packaged up and sent to a new home. We look forward to purchasing some good bugs next year and giving this a go in the school agricultural citrus orchard.

Lyndon Walmsley, Agriculture Teacher

'Toastmasters'

Congratulations to (pictured below l-r) Joshua, Cameron, Failelei, Georgiana, Emily, Brianna and Johnathon who have completed an eight week *Toastmasters Public Leadership Course* that was available in Term 3 at our school. The students were recently presented with their certificates for completing the course.



The students gained experience in the art of public speaking which will undoubtedly support them in school assessment and future leadership roles the students undertake both at school and in the community. Isis High will offer this again in Term 2 of 2016 and students are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Karen Chambers, HOD (English)

Isis High 'Handball Cup'

You probably won't find 'Handball' (also called 'Downball' or 'Foursquare') in the newspaper sports pages, yet it is extremely popular in schools throughout the nation. The recently completed '*Year 7/8 Handball Cup*' at Isis High provided some welcome recognition for this fast-paced and skilful game, as well as providing students with an opportunity for active recreation at recess.

This year, the tournaments were held in Term 4, and for most of the games, Trojan house dominated.



(From right) Chaplain Ralph presents the cup to Callum and Ashleigh (Badilla Junior House Captains) while Joshua and Hamish (Tournament best players) watch on.

The final battle was between Trojan and Badilla, with Badilla taking the cup in an upset win!

Congratulations Badilla!!

Ralph Thurlow, School Chaplain

Agriculture Education Assured

By now, many parents would have heard of a resolution to the ongoing concern of land for agriculture education. The school is satisfied that a positive outcome has occurred to secure the future for agricultural education program at the school. A letter is included with the Newsletter that provides further details.

Year 9 Business Ventures

Over the past week, the Year 9 Business Studies class have been actively involved in running our own 'business ventures'. As part of our assessment for this term, we



were required to create a business idea and present this idea to the Business Department for funding. Once approved, we were required to plan and implement all components of running a business.

Some of the business ideas included: '*Nom Nom's*' selling healthy thickshakes and home cooking 'goodies', '*2Nice*' selling healthy smoothies and fruit salads and '*Sno-Me More*' selling snow cones and popcorn!

Overall, the businesses were very successful and we would like to thank Mr Lecky for his guidance and support throughout the process. This has been a very unique learning experience for everyone involved as we now have a greater appreciation for how businesses operate. Also, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed and participated in the business ventures over the last week. We look forward to bringing you another addition in the New Year!

Sophie, Business Studies Student

Outstanding school accounts

It would be appreciated if parents/carers would now finalise their student's accounts for the year (there are still some families with outstanding balances). Our students receive the resources for the education they deserve, by all families making their fair contribution. The main School Office is open between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

Karen Webb, Business Services Manager

Childers Twilight Markets

Millenium Park, Churchill Street
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18 December

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