

6 September, 2013

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 took place this week. A number of key teachers have been involved to ensure our students were extremely well prepared. We are sincerely hoping that our students will exceed their expectations in QCS this year. The QCS is another vital step in pathway preparation.

At this week's assembly I congratulated the 30 students that have taken up the opportunity of being part of the new Emergency Services Cadet program. We have one of the largest groups in the Isis District. A number of the cadets proudly wore their new uniforms to the assembly. Special thanks must go to Mr Ian Anderson for not only his time but his vision for this projects success. I reminded the students of the important role that Emergency Services play in every community and at some point in our lives a family member or friend will rely on these mainly volunteer services. This was especially important as we recognised and thanked our school volunteer's with a special morning tea on Thursday, 5 September.

This Friday, 6 September we celebrate Teacher Aide Day around the state. This recognises the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers. The help they offer goes a long way in our classrooms, providing the extra attention some students need to get the most out of a lesson and supporting our teachers to organise engaging and educational activities each day. This Friday we held a special morning tea to say thank you to our wonderful teacher aides on behalf of our whole school community. I also asked our students on Assembly this week to take the time and thank the many Teacher Aides and support staff that help them on a daily basis.

Congratulations to the Social Committee and the Student Council for an extremely well organised and run student social this week. Over 200 students danced the night away in the Isis Cultural Centre. After joining them on the dance floor for a 'Nut Bush', and a 'Limbo' it was enjoyable to meet a number of parents at the front door. The students must be commended on their behaviour and conduct travelling to and from the venue and during the night. It was a pleasure to spend the night with such a wonderful group of young people.

Don't forget the 'Park to Point Fun Run' at the Woodgate Beach on Sunday 15 September starting at 8:00am. There are 2km, 5km and 10km options to get family and friends together to run, jog, walk or even crawl!!! Register on-line today! You will find the secure 'trybooking.com' link on the 'Home Page' of the school's website or on your QSchools Smart Phone App. Online registration will enable you to avoid the queues on the day. I look forward to seeing everyone support this great school and community event. Don't forget to purchase your Egg and Bacon roll from the P & C's breakfast stand following your event.

Following a lengthy consultation process at the school we have staff and school community support to lodge an Expression of Interest to become an Independent Public School. Our application has been submitted and I will inform you all of the outcome once the process has been finalised.

Kind Regards

Brett Kavanagh – Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

07 Sep	Creative Generation Exhibition	15 Sep	Park to Point Fun Run
	Gatakers Artspace (07-29 Sep)	14 Sep	Maryborough Tech Challenge (14-15 Sep)
10 Sep	P & C Meeting	16 Sep	Wide Bay Track & Field
10 Sep	Nominations open for awards evening		Carnival – Gympie (15-16Sep)
13 Sep	Nomination open for 2014 School Captains and Vice Captains	20 Sep	Last Day of Term 3
		08 Oct	First Day back Term 4

Every lesson, Every day ... COUNTS!

QCE – QLD Certificate of Education Queensland Preparing Pathways

The light at the end of the tunnel can be seen for many of our year 12's. They will soon be heading off into the big wide world! Students are reminded again of the importance of obtaining their QCE on completion of year 12 to further enhance employment and training opportunities. Students are very aware of the requirements (20 credits from a variety of study – School subjects, VET certificates, School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships and many more)

Vocational students in particular are reminded about ensuring their course requirements are in ASAP to ensure RTO personnel have time to collate all the data necessary.

Brett Kavanagh – Principal

RACQ Technology Challenge

Isis High students will once again contest the 24 hour human powered vehicle race this weekend in Maryborough. Riders have been preparing themselves and their machines for this gruelling event and the senior boys are particularly keen to do well, as a win would make it three in a row. Seven of the eight riders were involved in the both of the previous wins and I am sure it would some kind of a record if they were to win again. The junior team consists of year eight and nine students, most of who competed last year. I wish them the best of luck on the track. I would like to also thank our supporters, Childers Concrete and Haulage Julie Green and Kerri Wills.

Andrew Cole – HPV Coordinator



(back l-r) Hendrikus Balk, Dylan Metzroth, Sjaak Balk, Adam Stark, Brandon Thomas, Troy Stark (front l-r) Corey Sadler, Matthew Maroney

Music News

Instrumental Music students have had a busy and exciting time this term:

Firstly, the Concert Band students welcomed their new teacher and conductor, Mr Andrew Little.

In August several students from both Band and Strings attended the Bundaberg and District Multicultural Musicfest, held in Bundaberg over three days. This annual workshop is for the most advanced music students of the district. There they enjoyed being inspired to greater heights on their instruments by John Morrison and Veron Grigorov, and also singing in a choir led by Jacki Cooper. This culminated in an excellent concert at the Moncrieff Theatre. Anyone who missed this experience is strongly encouraged to attend next year.

(#Names and images removed to comply with Information Privacy Legislation)



Bonnie, Holly and Skye Allen, Chelsea Whitaker and Jack Randall at the Multicultural Musicfest

Also in August Jessica Vaughan performed a violin solo in the Brolga Theatre at the Maryborough Eisteddfod. Jessica played the American fiddle tune, 'Cripple Creek'. She performed very well and received a special certificate from the adjudicator.



Jessica Vaughan performed a violin solo at the Maryborough Eisteddfod

Fundraising held earlier this year has resulted in the recent purchase of twenty new music stands and a cart to easily move them around on. The stands are much safer than the old ones, and easier to adjust and use. Many thanks go to those parents who assisted with the fundraising, and also to Andrew Little who voluntarily put all twenty stands and the cart together when they arrived at the school in many pieces. Both strings and band members will benefit greatly from the new stands.

Kerryn Haaksma – Instrumental Music Teacher

Home Economic Volunteers

As many of you may be aware skills in Home Economics can be considerably varied and hands-on, especially when it comes to the textiles department. Thankfully, our Isis Community has some very capable and willing volunteers in people such as Mrs Ellen Dodd and Mrs Jane Schloss who give up their time to help students with tasks such as re-threading machines, re-aligning fabrics, following patterns and developing challenging techniques. The extra skilled hands and shared contributions of volunteers such as these are a positive way to increase student learning and it also provides more opportunities to access knowledge from within our own community.

Yesterday Isis District State High held our annual Volunteer's Morning Tea to thank the many valuable volunteers who visit our school regularly and assist students and teachers with student learning and improving student outcomes. Their ongoing support has always been greatly appreciated.

Renee Adams – Home Economics

PCYC Emergency Service Cadets Sign On

Wow, thanks to all that have signed on and remember sign on anytime – the more the merrier. We have around **28 cadets**, all are extremely happy to see so many kids. A special thank you to Mr Ian Anderson and Brett Kavanagh for their support in this program. It's great to see so many like-minded students who want to learn and have fun, and give back to the community by providing a service now and into the future.



Isis High school cadets and Childers Primary cadets show their skills on the first training day, their MOTO "CHILDERS CADETS STAND TALL".



This week the cadets were able to get in and around the SES flood boat. Adult leaders Phil Baker and John Cottam presented the cadets with the skills and drills required when using a flood boat in flood water and Phil and John were able to explain some of their experiences in the last floods.



Cadets in the police car on sign on day. Thanks to Officer's Sharon and Donna with Liam Phillips and Jacob Wiemers pictured here.

Elise Cottam – Co-ordinator

ISIS DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

Sign On evening

Friday 13 Sep 5:30 - 6:30pm

Isis War Memorial Pool

Free Club swimming cap

Free membership for eligible 7yr old and under

Free membership for eligible "Get in the Game" participants.

Thursday nights are race nights for kids, teens and adults

Tender - Pigs

Three female pigs approximately 65kg up for tender, opens Monday 9 Sep 8:00am closes Friday 13 Sep at 3:00pm.

Winning tenders will be notified on Friday 13 Sep and pick up will need to be organised for no later than Wednesday 18 Sep.

Tenders over \$110 will be accepted.

For Sale - Happy, healthy beef

It's that time of the year where we say goodbye to our school steers. They will be for sale either in mixed quarters (half fore half hind quarter). They will be \$6.50 per kg with final weights not available until week two of next term. Normally they cost about \$440 per quarter which is about 65kg per quarter. Orders must be accompanied by a \$50 deposit to the office with all contact details. Halves are available on request

PARK TO POINT FUN RUN

Run or walk, bring your friends and have some fun. This 2km, 5km or 10km fun run starts at the park near 12th avenue and follows the beach south towards the point at North Shore.

Registration is from 7:00am for an 8:00am start. Breakfast available for purchase after the fun. Great prizes for lucky participants and the largest team representing one group.

If you can't participate you can still be involved! We need helpers for all sorts of easy jobs. Please volunteer.

A fundraiser for the Isis District State High School P&C. For more information contact Kymm Cole 0427262510

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