

13 July 2012

Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 3, particularly to families new to our school community.

This term promises to be another extremely busy one for staff, students and parents, particularly as we begin to focus on transition planning for several year levels of our students. Term 2 concluded in a frenetic, but rewarding manner with successfully completed school activities involving Australian Business Week, Work Experience and Merit Award Incentive Trip for Year 08 and 09 students. It was a fitting end to a great semester in which we consolidated our incentive awards to recognise positive student engagement and regular attendance. Students competed successfully in Bundaberg and representative sporting competitions and the school continued to provide opportunities for students to participate in a broad range of extra-curricular activities and excursions. Despite all of this valuable activity supporting the development of our young people, it remains the priority of all teaching staff at Isis High to work tirelessly to ensure enhanced learning outcomes for all students. Semester One student reports are currently being compiled and will be mailed to families in Week 2.

While a two week winter vacation has been enjoyed by all, the all-important opportunities for student learning have already commenced from Day 1 of this week and will continue for the remainder of the term. As mentioned, Term 3 sees the commencement of processes for students deciding on the next phase of their schooling, particularly those currently in Year 07, 08, 10 and 12. Next week, a number of our Year 12 students will travel to Brisbane to obtain a greater insight into tertiary education opportunities and the week after will see Year 10 students attending the Bundaberg Careers Expo (see advertisement later in Newsletter) and the very important Parent Information Evening supporting subject selection (Year 08 to 09, Year 10 to 11) and enrolment (Year 07 to 08) for students and parents is scheduled for 27 August.



This week we celebrated the rich diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through acknowledging NAIDOC Week. We enjoyed an indigenous-themed morning tea with an art and cultural artefacts display, samples of traditional indigenous foods including crocodile, kangaroo meat and many fruits/berries that have been made into jam (Lilly Pilly, Davidson Plum, Bush Tomato etc). All of this was backgrounded with didgeridoo playing. Our school is pleased to be able to support indigenous students in the school through staff (Ms Clout, Mrs Butler) and an

enthusiastic group led by local indigenous elder, Mrs Nancy Cook. These activities and support also do much to progress the understanding of indigenous issues that assist national reconciliation.

On School Assembly this week, those students who had worked hard at their studies throughout Semester 1 were acknowledged and those who could have done better were challenged to work harder throughout Semester 2. Educational research shows that young people who successfully complete twelve years of formal education will generally go on to achieve what the experts call, a 'comfortable lifestyle'. It is important that our young people attend school regularly, genuinely engage in the learning activities that our teachers spend long hours preparing and receive regular encouragement and support from parents and carers. Working together we are more likely to achieve positive outcomes that will result in a bright future for all.

Kind Regards,

Allan Cook – Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

18 Jul	Semester Reports mailed	24 Jul	Bundaberg Careers Expo (Year 10 and 12)
18 Jul	Parent-Teacher Interview info. mailed	26 Jul	School Newsletter
18 Jul	Yr 12 Tertiary Trip to Brisbane (& 19)	30 Jul	Parent-Teacher Interview Evening
22 Jul	Hospitality Bar & RSA Training (all week)	01 Aug	School Track & Field Carnival (& 02)

Australian Business Week 2013

Year 11 students from Isis District State High School had the opportunity to put their entrepreneurial skills to the test during the recent Australian Business Week. This exciting event, coordinated by Mrs Rhonda Chantler and Ms Meryl McCulloch took place in the last week of Term 2.

Australian Business Week (ABW) is an intensive one week program where students participate as team members in a simulated business experience. The teams or 'companies' competed with each other in the 'market place' and were required to make decisions on all operational, financial and marketing aspects of their enterprise. Companies also created a thirty second television commercial, developed an 'eye-catching' trade display and compiled a written report for their shareholders. The trade displays and commercials were displayed during a wonderful 'trade expo' on the last day of ABW when judging also took place. The program allowed students to develop creativity, initiative and problem-solving skills while working in a team environment. By participating in this program, students not only develop business skills, they also refine their team and leadership skills, cultivate enterprising attitudes and make links between the school curriculum and career options. Australian Business Week also strengthens the links between the school and the community with many local businesses sponsoring teams and community members acting as team mentors, presenters and judges during the event.

This year's wonderful sponsors for ABW were:

Major Sponsor - Vintner's Secret Vineyard.

Team Sponsors - A1 Realty; Grand Hotel Childers; Childers Chamber of Commerce; Isis Club; Apex Club; Rotary Club; Paverock Quarry; Coles Engineering; Isis Central Mill; Subway and Australian Cane Farmers Association.

Program Sponsors - Shorten, Parcell & McGregor; McDonalds Childers; Woodgate Club; HBW Foodservice; Gateway Motor Inn; Central Queensland University; Caltex Apple Tree Creek; Childers Concrete & Haulage.



On Wednesday, students, sponsors and guests enjoyed a Business Lunch address from Mrs Trish Mears, General Manager of Bundaberg Broadcasters (which includes three local radio stations in 4BU, Hitz939 and Kix Country) (pictured above with Aiden Rowlingson and Jade Johnson from Indulgence Cafe Team). Trish has enormous business experience and was pleased she was able to speak with us and emphasised to students the importance of hard work, problem-solving and creativity to business success. She also highlighted that obstacles could become opportunities and to 'never give up'.

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

The all-important awards ceremony was held on the last day of ABW on Friday afternoon. The award winners were:

Grand Champion Team, Best Written Report and Best Oral Report: YMCafe (sponsored by Vintner's Secret Vineyard and Cole's Engineering)



YMCafe team pictured after receiving their prizes from Major ABW Sponsor Marianne Lethbridge were (l-r) Brooke Goldie, Jasmine Prendergast, Rachel Everett, Peter McKenzie, Skye Allen, Ellen Lindsay, Courtney Sinnett, Mrs Kylie Onoprienko (Team Mentor)

Best Computer Simulation

Urban Secret (sponsored by A1 Realty)

Best Video Commercial

Indulgence Cafe (sponsored by Paverock Quarry)

Best Trade Display

Indulgence Cafe (sponsored by Paverock Quarry)

Best Teamwork and Commitment

Sassy Cafe (sponsored by Childers Chamber of Commerce)



Major ABW Sponsor Marianne Lethbridge presented the Best Businessperson of the Week Award to Jade Johnson (left) and an Encouragement Award to Zeppelyn Wegner (right)

ABW 2013 proved another very successful school activity that provided a wonderful learning opportunity for students. The school thanks all businesses and mentors for their generous support. ABW is a significant school project and all staff members who assisted are to be congratulated, particularly ABW Coordinators, Mrs Chantler and Ms McCulloch.

Allan Cook – Principal

Student Semester Reporting

Student Semester Reports are now being compiled by staff to report on student progress during Semester One. Student achievement, effort and behaviour will each be reported on a 5 point scale from A to E. The significance of teacher comments is also critical as they provide greater detail on what the student has achieved and how performance might be improved.

Student Semester Reports provide valuable information for students and parents about performance and achievement from the previous semester. Student Semester Reports will this year be mailed to families to arrive next **Friday 19 July** (or early in the week following).

Also included in the mailing, will be information on booking appointments for the **Parent-Teacher Interview Evening (Tuesday 30 July)**.

Finally, students can expect to have their reports monitored to ensure they are making satisfactory progress on their study program. Where there are progress concerns, discussions will be initiated with students (and maybe supported by parents).

Any questions or comments on the above information may be directed to Mrs Beatson on 4192 1222.

Dearnne Beatson – Deputy Principal

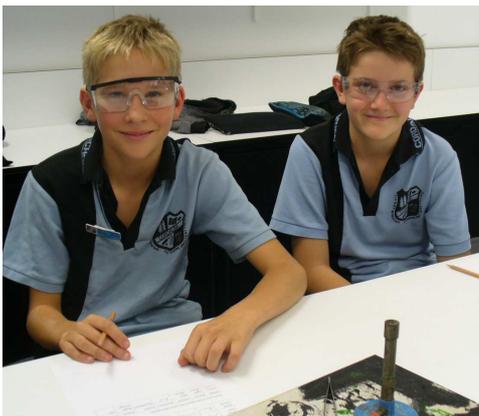
Year 07 Students Visit Isis High

In the last week of last term, Isis High had the pleasure of hosting Year 07 students from all of our surrounding primary schools for a session of Science and Manual Arts activities. The aim of the sessions was to expose primary school students from Year 07 to the secondary school learning environment and ensure their movement to a high school was something that students would look forward to.



Year 08 Isis High student Georgiana Rutherford (second from left) checks out the model boats of Childers SS students (l-r) Mitchell Dilger, Annaleise Gorlick and Maddie Daly

The afternoons proved very successful with Mr Ferriere (Science) having students working on flame testing for elements and Mr Williams and Mr Walmsley (Manual Arts) having students learn some woodwork skills in making a model boat. Students were also provided with a package of school information for parents.



Year 07 boys from Cordalba State School, Callum Hayden and Cameron Cullen enjoyed working on the Bunsen burners during Science at Isis High.



St Josephs School Year 07 students (l-r) Brooke Fitzgibbon, Caitlin Cook and Sophie Fredriksen doing some flame tests.

Our school will be continuing to work with our primary schools this term through our Transition Program as students build anticipation for the next phase of their schooling.

Michele Kirkland – Deputy Principal

Bundaberg Careers Expo

Each year Education Queensland conducts a 'touring' Careers Expo along the coast of Queensland. It includes information booths on careers, as well as universities, TAFE, agricultural colleges, defence forces and employment agencies. The 2013 Careers Expo will be held at the Bundaberg Civic Centre next **Wednesday, 24 July**.

Isis High will be taking Year 10 students to the Careers Expo, during the day, to enhance their understanding of their SOSE Careers Unit of study and the development, later this term, of their Senior Education and Training Plans. **However, there is also an opportunity for families to attend a public session from 4:00pm to 6:00pm in the evening on that same Wednesday.** It is free of charge to students and their parents and is an ideal opportunity for students to obtain information.

Gloria Davey – HOD(Social Science)

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