Next Friday will be the end of another semester that has been an extremely busy and exciting first half of the year with many activities occurring that support the learning and development of students. I’d like to thank all members of our school community, the students for their participation, parents for their encouragement and support of students and especially staff for their exemplary efforts in making it another successful semester at Isis High. Of course, we expect students in attendance until Friday.

Today there was a celebration of a strong semester’s work by many students with the presentation of Merit Level Certificates. The Year Coordinators introduced the recipients and certificates were presented to 221 Year 08 to 12 students. These students have been rewarded for their conduct, hard work and willingness to participate in the life of the school. The list of these achievers appears later in this Newsletter.

The focus of our school is on each student achieving their best, in particular, within the academic area. Students are sometimes reluctant to acknowledge their own success, but it is important to publicly acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding efforts of our students. The merit process is an important part of our School-wide Positive Behaviour Support program that has recognised many students this semester for their good behaviour and makes a strong contribution to helping students achieve success at Isis High.

I was very pleased late last week to announce the permanent appointment to our school leadership team of Mrs Dearanne Beatson as Deputy Principal (Senior School). Mrs Beatson has only been at our school this year, but has made an immediate impact with her friendly, but firm manner and work on facilitating student pathways. Congratulations to Mrs Beatson on her successful and well-deserved promotion.

Next Friday we will farewell some teachers who have provided good service to our school. Mrs Carly Sopronick (pictured right) has taught English and History at Isis High for only a year and a half, but her infectious enthusiasm and passion for her subject area has seen her very well regarded by both students and fellow teachers. Mrs Sopronick will be moving back (to her home area in) North Queensland so that her young family can be closer to the support of friends and relatives as they grow up. Ms Rebecca Nicol (pictured far right) has also taught English and Social Science, but has been at Isis High now for some five years. Ms Nicol has enjoyed the opportunity to influence many students in her subjects over her time at Isis High and she has been a very loyal staff member. Ms Nicol will be broadening her teaching experience in taking an opportunity to work in Thailand for a couple of years. I have previously reported that popular Music teacher Mr Peter Pagett will be taking leave and will also be taking up a music teaching position in Thailand for 18 months. Peter’s commitment and passion in supporting music students in this and surrounding primary schools has been truly outstanding. An article on music appears in this newsletter. We thank each of these staff members for their contribution to Isis High and the education of our young people and wish them the very best for the future.

I’d like to take this opportunity to wish the whole school community a safe, relaxing and enjoyable winter vacation.

Kind Regards,

Allan Cook – Principal

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The two week winter vacation commences on Friday 21 June. Teachers will be completing productive work up until that day. Consequently, there is an expectation that students will attend school up to and including Friday 21 June and parents’ support is appreciated.

Where students are absent on the last day, the school will be contacting parents to ensure they are aware of and approve their son/daughter’s absence.

The first day of next term for staff and all students is Monday 8 July. There is no Student-Free Day.

With the near completion of student assessment for Semester 1, teachers are progressively compiling data for completion of student reports. It is anticipated that Semester Reports will be mailed to families to arrive at the end of the second week of school next term on Friday 19 July.

Deanne Beaton – Deputy Principal

Chaplaincy News

Mr Ralph Thurlow (School Chaplain) provides a valued service to our school community and to individual students, often when we are distressed and are sometimes challenged. In an understated manner he moves around students and fosters community values of care and compassion for others. One of the activities Ralph provides for students is to design and make a model rocket. An award is presented for this simple and fun activity. Students are offered light card rocket templates from which they can make their own rockets. In the contest this year, Alexander Cottam (Yr 9) won the distance contest with a distance of 75 metres – a new record. Runner up for this award was Tyrone Orchard-Felsch with 65 metres. Besides a ‘trophy cup’ received by Alexander, both contestants received tuckshop vouchers.

Rocket Design Challenge winner, Alexander Cottam is presented with his trophy by 2012 winner Ryan Walsh (Yr12) while Ralph holds the winning model rocket.

An award is also available for the most creative original or modified rocket design; however student contestants this year all stuck to the standard design. In future years, students will be encouraged to have a go at designing their own, since this has much relevance to curriculum subjects e.g. Science and Design Technology. This is a good example of trying to ensure a range of activities are available for student interest.

Michele Kirkland – Acting Principal

Musical Achievement

Tom Cole (Yr 10) continues a strong Isis High music involvement in the State Honours Ensemble Program for 2013. Tom has been selected to participate with some of the finest musicians from Queensland schools in workshops at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music. They will be tutored by eminent world-class musicians and conductors and participate in a combined orchestral performance. Congratulations to Tom on this significant achievement.

Michele Kirkland – Acting Principal

Today our school acknowledged the efforts of a significant number of students who have consistently demonstrated a positive approach to school during Semester 1. Merit Certificates were presented to these students at a special morning tea at the Stadium with a number of parents in attendance. This group of students has contributed to their own learning and promoted the good image of the school through their committed work ethic and cooperative behaviour and deserve the congratulations of our school community.

Year 12

Year 11

Year 10

Year 9

Year 08

Congratulations to all of these students on their efforts in Semester 1. It is wonderful for your commitment to school to be recognised in this positive manner. A further round of Merit Certificate nominations will be completed during Semester 2 and students are encouraged to prove themselves worthy of merit through their approach to their schooling.

Liz Clout – Acting Deputy Principal
Farewell Peter - Massed Band Performance

As indicated, Music teacher Mr Peter Pagett will be leaving Isis High at the end of term to teach in Thailand. Mr Pagett has been at Isis High for some four years now and in that time has done a marvellous job at providing music instruction for students and igniting a real passion and enthusiasm for being involved in the School Band.

Tomorrow, Saturday June 15, will see musicians from around the region converge on the Childers Community Stadium to farewell Mr Pagett. Peter has arranged for local music students to be joined by musicians from the greater community for a final performance and to showcase local talent. It is hoped that some 100 musicians might be performing, as well as the debut of the Combined Schools Beginner Band. There will be a workshop held from 10:00am to 3:00pm for any that wish to join in with the performance commencing at 4:00pm. Entry is free and we look forward to your support.

Michele Kirkland – Acting Principal

Cattle Club

Last week the Isis High Cattle Show Team took the three school steers to Bundaberg Show and the Gin Gin Show. All performed admirably as ambassadors for the school bringing home several ribbons. The steers received a first, two seconds and two thirds between them at the two shows. The students did extremely well with most members being ‘first timers’ in the show circuit.

Cattle Club members (l-r) Jacob Wiemers, Louise Collier, Maddison Powell, Hannah Hutchinson, Hannah Wiemers and Hannah Broughton ready for work at the Gin Gin Show

Our ‘diehard veteran’ Hannah Hutchinson attended both shows even with her leg in a brace boot and still managed to receive a third in junior judging at Bundy show and then took out Reserve Champion junior judge at Gin Gin Show which means she will represent the district. If that’s not enough she received a third in the junior handlers at Gin Gin. Jacob Wiemers received fourth in junior judging at Bundy and fifth at Gin Gin. Hannah Wiemers received fourth in junior handlers and third in junior judging. Well done to all involved!

Catherine Christsen – Agriculture Coordinator

EARN & LEARN STICKERS

The LEC has been collecting ‘Woolies’ Earn and learn stickers and are now placing them on to the Woolies sheets. If anyone has spare stickers please drop them into the school office for LEC.

2012 School Annual Report

Isis District State High School emphasises focussed learning in a supportive environment where student outcomes and pathways to the future are of primary importance. We value our important place in community and appreciate the strong partnerships that support our work.

Our accountability to our community is met by providing an Annual School Report that provides a broad range of information on the previous year’s achievements, including school context, staff profile and student performance.

The 2012 School Annual Report has just been published and is available by a link from the home page of the school’s website at www.isisdistshs.eq.edu.au. A hard copy is available in the school foyer and is also available on request from the school office.

Michele Kirkland – Acting Principal

Sports Report

2013 continues to be a busy year on the sports field for Isis High athletes. We have a strong showing with 3 soccer teams, 2 netball teams and 1 rugby league team competing each Wednesday afternoon.

Last Tuesday 23 Year 08-10 students (both boys and girls) travelled to Gayndah to compete in the first North Burnett super 7’s rugby league carnival. Although missing some of our representative players, our 3 teams played well and were competitive with all the other schools. The girls team performed the best, finishing second in their division. This competition also acted as a lead up to the selection trials for the newly introduced Wide Bay girls rugby league team. The strong showing of the Isis girls has certainly put them in good stead for these trials. Well done girls!

Finally, several of our students have been proudly flying the Isis High flag in the Wide Bay teams at recent state trials across a range of sports. Earlier in the year, Caleb Spark (Yr 09) competed in the Wide Bay swimming team and his achievements were published in an earlier newsletter. In addition to him, 3 other students have represented Wide Bay so far this year. Matthew Maroney (Yr 12) travelled to Sunnybank as a part of the Wide Bay 18 years Rugby Union team. Jade Johnson (Yr 11) competed for Wide Bay in the 19 year girls state football (soccer) trials in Northgate. Coby Gibbs (Yr 10) has become our first multiple Wide Bay representative in several years having competed in the state trials for both Rugby League (Wynnum) and Touch (Mt Isa) last month. From all reports these three athletes all competed well and brought pride to Isis High. Well done guys! There are more state trials to come next term. More news on that as it comes to hand.

Analee Clewes – Sports Coordinator

P&C NEWS

Our P&C raises funds, to cater for various morning/afternoon teas. This is done using cakes and slices that have been donated by families. If you can help the P&C with this venture by providing a slice or similar (that can be frozen), it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped in to Jaki at the tuckshop.

Our P&C’s biggest fundraiser is a Fun Run to be held in early September at Woodgate Beach. Many people will be needed. A meeting for those interested in helping will be held this Sunday 16 June at 9:00am in the High School common room. Please come along and share your ideas.

MOUNTAIN BIKING BUNDABERG - FUN DAY

Registration at 8:30am, $5 + gold coin entry, Sunday 16 June, Promisedland Road, Cordalba, PH: 0421 577 860 or 0422 757 095