31 May, 2013

Principal’s Message

Last week our school community was pleased to recognise *Chappy Week* when the work of school Chaplains is acknowledged. A major event involved school and Chaplaincy Committee representatives attending a Bundaberg Regional Council Mayoral Chaplaincy Breakfast in Bundaberg. I, together with Ms Clout (Head of Department, Student Services), our School Captains and Chaplain Ralph enjoyed an early start to the day to join with many other Principals and students to congratulate Chaplains on the fine work they do as a support person to young people in schools. On Friday of last week, our school community showed their appreciation of the work of our Chaplain Ralph by holding a ‘free dress day’ with funds raised to be used by our School Chaplain in working directly to support Isis High students. The Student Council will be pleased to present Chaplain Ralph with a cheque for $350.

One of the stories inside the Newsletter reports on the achievement of Year 11 student, Hayden Marvell in being selected to attend a prestigious science school at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane on the June school holidays. This latest selection by an Isis High student competing with many other high quality students throughout Queensland, continues a strong and proud tradition of high student academic achievement, particularly in the science/maths areas. It is particularly reassuring to have validated that the quality of programs and teaching at Isis High in this area prepares our students sufficiently well that they can more than adequately compete with the best students in other schools. Congratulations to Hayden on his very well deserved selection and our best wishes for a busy and rewarding week of science learning during the holidays.

Our school is currently preparing for one of the highlight events for Year 11 students in Australian Business Week (ABW) being held in the last week of term. All Year 11 students are expected to participate and year after year, they report that it’s one of the best experiences for teaching them how to problem-solve, to work with others and how to discover and practise their leadership skills and has been the wonderful week of learning. Coordinators Mrs Chantler and Ms McCulloch have been working hard to ensure the week is up to the usual excellent standard.

As we move into June, the next few weeks will see all students involved in a variety of assessment activities (eg. tests, submission of assignments etc). It is terribly important that at this time in the semester, students put in the extra study effort necessary to maximise the results they are able to achieve from their assessments. Any support and encouragement that you can provide to your children during this important assessment period would no doubt benefit student achievement.

Kind Regards,

Allan Cook – Principal

Liz Clout (HOD/Student Services), School Captains Bernadette Steinmann and Troy Stark and Isis High School Chaplain, Ralph Thurlow at the Bundaberg Mayoral Chaplaincy breakfast.

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Science school for Hayden Marvell

Isis High Year 11 student, Hayden Marvell (pictured) has been selected to participate in an elite science and maths four-day camp at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane during the June school holidays.

The camp will give just 120 top school students from throughout Queensland an opportunity to apply their creativity and investigative skills to a range of global challenges related to energy, food, the environment, IT and security.

Entry to the camp was hotly contested and QUT’s Executive Dean of Science and Engineering, Professor Martin Betts, said the teenagers selected and their schools should be very proud of their involvement.

Hayden’s selection was well deserved as he has shown very high achievement in science and maths subjects and has a real desire to study science and engineering at a university level and go on to work in these areas.

This camp is fully funded and a great opportunity for some of the best Year 11 science and maths students in Queensland to get a better understanding of degrees and careers in these areas and meet professionals working in those industries.

Congratulations to Hayden on his selection and good luck for an enjoyable week of science and maths in June.

Allan Cook – Principal

Isis High Partnerships

Isis District State High School understands the importance of fostering a broad range of strong partnerships with community associations and local industries. One of those is the Isis Central Mill with which our school has enjoyed a long and worthwhile association, to the benefit of our district youth.

Last Friday, the school welcomed the opportunity to support the ‘Mill’ at their most recent Shareholders lunch at the Isis Cultural Centre. A number of our Year 12 Hospitality students supported the function in providing a table wait service for guests at the lunch. It was a good opportunity for students to practice their skills in a real-life context as they work towards their vocational qualification, but also ensured the good reputation of Isis High was promoted within the community.

Feedback from many of the guests was very complimentary of the excellent service from the students and, as usual Ms Adams coordinated and oversaw the service with her skilled and watchful eyes. The Mill was appreciative of the students’ efforts and provided each with a small gift, as well as a donation to the school. Congratulations to Ms Adams and the students on another successful community endeavour.

Allan Cook – Principal

Footprints in the Isis – Art Project

Last Thursday, Year 11 Art students participated in the “Footprint Project” with ephemeral artist, Sue Berry (pictured below). Sue Berry has/will be facilitating 12 ephemeral public art installations that engage communities across the Burnett region throughout May and June 2013. The project was made possible by funding under the Community Development and Recovery Package. The ‘Footprints’ are assembled with materials the participants collect representing them or their environment. It can include things from nature or home or reflect any aspect of student experience of the flood and recovery. The collection of materials from the environment is about connecting to place and generates environmental awareness and a sensitive interaction with the land. The artist Sue Berry has created a Facebook page and would like to upload footage of students’ stories of the floods and also of them creating the footprint. Her Facebook page is located at the following URL: https://www.facebook.com/InArtUnite

Liz Clout – Year 11 Art teacher
Childers Show

Isis District State High School students and staff are proud to maintain strong participation with the Childers Show in a number of varied ways.

Each year teacher-aide Mrs Chris Cook does a fantastic job of co-ordinating a school display in the local pavilion and this year was no different (pictured below).

Four junior school Cattle Club members from Years 09 and 10 assisted local Dexter Studs to wash and prepare their cattle for the competition and also helped to lead and organise cattle during the events. Mrs Julie Thompson from the Dexter Association was ‘very impressed’ by the high school students attitude and handling skills exhibited at the show. Some of the breeders had over 15 animals to look after for the day and so were very appreciative of the student assistance. Students are off to Bundaberg and Gin Gin show this week to show the school’s Brahmosin Steers.

Our school also had strong involvement again in the rejuvenated Miss Showgirl competition. Congratulations to one of our students Kandace La Rocca (Yr 10) (pictured) who took out the Miss Junior Showgirl competition, narrowly defeating another Isis High girl in Courtney Sinnett (Yr 11). Isis High Senior of 2009, Miss Nicole Harney won the Miss Showgirl.

Our school continues to enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship with this important community activity.

Bundaberg Maths Team Challenge

Every year some 500 students converge on the Bundaberg Civic Centre for the Bundaberg Maths Team Challenge. This year we took a team from Years 08, 09 and 10 to fly the Isis High colours. The Challenge provided the opportunity to not only conquer difficult maths problems, but to work as a team and then in pairs as part of relay race.

Year 08 students (pictured l-r) Laura Everett, Brianna McMahon, Mitchell Anderson and Georgiana Rutherford were hard at work in the Maths Challenge

While the teams worked hard and placed well they also had the opportunity during their break time to participate in an unexpected highlight with the Queensland State of Origin parade through Bundaberg (which conveniently was at the same location as the Challenge). Our students managed to get a few photos and autographs from the league legends as seen by Mitchell Anderson and ‘Alfie’ Langer.

The teams were ably supported by Ms Danielle Ney, Mrs Donna Arnold and Mrs Helen Lunn who acted as team supervisors to ensure every team was participating fairly.

Term 2 School Social

The next school Social will be held on Wednesday evening the 19 June at the Isis Cultural Centre. Doors will open at 6:30pm (close at 7.00pm) and the evening concludes at 9:30pm. The cost of entry will be $6 or $4 if in theme dress. The theme for this Social is ‘Movie Characters’. Socials at this school are enjoyable events at which student behaviour is very co-operative. Students are reminded that all regular school rules apply. Dress needs to be appropriate and modest for a school event, which means no singlets, no thongs, no clothing with offensive messages. We look forward to another successful and enjoyable evening.

Emily Murphy – School Social Liaison Teacher

Wide Bay Cross Country

Around a dozen students travelled to Bundaberg last Tuesday to compete in the Wide Bay Cross Country. Students found the course challenging, which wasn’t helped by the unpleasant, showery and bleak conditions. A number of students performed very creditably with Hayden Marvell (pictured) the best performing at sixth in his age group and making him eligible to contest the Queensland Cross Country Championships later in the year. School Captain Troy Stark narrowly missed out with a seventh and there were several other good performances. On confirmation of placings, a full report will be provided in the next Newsletter.

Andrew Cole – Coordinator