Principal’s Message

Last week our school community celebrated State Education Week with several events acknowledging the important role that state education plays in the important role of preparing young Queenslanders for their future.

We were pleased to welcome Mr Stephen Bennett MP last Tuesday as Principal for a Day, which is a promotion as a part of our celebration together with school communities across Queensland. A report on Stephen’s day appears later in this Newsletter.

There was strong school involvement in the Childers Show held last weekend. Whether it be our school display in the Hall, our involvement in various competitions or even our participation by teachers and students in the Miss Showgirl quest, the support of our community by our local public high school was on display in the best possible way.

Congratulations to students and staff who supported the local Show.

Our school community was also pleased to recognise Chappy Week when the work of school Chaplains is acknowledged. We had school and Chaplaincy Committee representatives attend a Mayoral Chaplaincy Breakfast in Bundaberg and students showed their support with funds raised from a Free Dress Day donated to the local Chaplaincy Committee. The Student Council will be pleased to present the Childers Chaplaincy Committee with a cheque for $345.

As we move into June, the next few weeks will see students involved in 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 your student’s Semester 1 achievement.

Kind Regards,
Allan Cook – Principal
Year 10 History

The Year 10 History class was pleased to recently welcome Vietnam war veteran Mr Brian Semler of Hervey Bay to talk with our class about his experiences. He gave us a very moving presentation of both factual information and personal experiences from his time in the Vietnam War. We found it very interesting and thought provoking to learn history through the eyes of a survivor and soldier who was actually there in the middle of the conflict. The information that Mr Semler shared with us was very valuable as we could get an understanding of how the Vietnam War had an impact on the soldiers and how in a split second things could change. His presentation has definitely helped us with our current term’s study of the war.

Sarah – Year 10 History Student

School Concert Band

It has been a very busy term so far for the School Concert Band. Earlier this term, on Friday, April 27 nine members of the Isis High Concert Band travelled to Brisbane as part of the school music program. After observing the Queensland Symphony Orchestra’s open rehearsal on Friday, the group spent the night at the Frederick Marsden Youth Centre in Kallangur before combining with the Moreton Youth Music Ensemble’s (MYME) Concert Band for the weekend rehearsal. Over the space of two days, the ensemble learnt four new pieces, working with Isis High’s band conductor Peter Pagett and MYME’s band conductor Rebecca Verbeek. The combined group learnt two pieces that featured music from musicals – Sound of Music and West Side Story – as well as a piece featuring the marches of Sousa and a lyrical piece called A Hymn For Band. The weekend culminated in a performance by the combined group with parents of MYME and a few ex-students in the audience.

While I’m sure the students enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot, I would like to thank them for their wonderful behaviour and application to the new music learnt. Thank you also to the parents of students in the program for their continuing support. A very special thank you to Childers State School Chaplain, Shane Turner, for giving up his weekend at short notice to drive the school bus.

The MYME will be travelling to Childers for a repeat performance later this year on October 21. This is becoming a major event for music in the area with all primary schools being involved, and the Bundaberg Municipal Band also performing. This combined performance will be something to look forward to with nearly 80 musicians coming together to play the 1812 Overture.

The Concert Band also performed recently at Gin Gin, as part of the Bundaberg Regional Emerging Talent Showcase (BRETS) which aims to promote and encourage young people to get out and perform, whatever their area of expertise.

School Concert Band members (back l-r) Emily, Sarah, Gemma, Lleyton, Matthew, Billy (front l-r) Kathryn, Aleisha, [Name removed] preparing to enter the Queensland Symphony Orchestra

The concert was held on Sunday, May 20, and was a mammoth show of talent, running for 3 hours. Our band represented the school extremely well, performing three pieces that they also presented at the Fanfare performance on Tuesday, May 29. The audience and organisers were very impressed and Ms Kirkland was proud to receive a phone call on Monday from the organisers commenting positively on what wonderful ambassadors they had been for the school.

The music program at Isis High continues to play a very important role in the school and in the development of our young people.

Peter Pagett – Music Teacher

Year 7 Students Visit Isis High

Last week Isis High had the pleasure of hosting Year 7 students from all of our surrounding primary schools over three days for an afternoon of Science and Manual Arts activities. The aim of the session was to expose primary school students from Year 7 to the secondary school learning environment and ensure their movement to a high school was something that students would look forward to.

The afternoons proved very successful with Mr Felstead (Science) having students working with Bunsen burners (pictured above) and getting their ‘Bunsen Burner License’) and Mr Williams (Manual Arts) having students learn some woodwork skills in making a model plane.

Our school will be continuing to work with our primary schools in Term 3 through our Transition Program as students build anticipation for the next phase of their schooling.

Michele Kirkland – Deputy Principal
**Principal for a Day**

Isis High enjoyed the presence of a new Principal recently when the newly elected Member for Burnett, Mr Stephen Bennett MP took over running the school. The promotion *Principal for a Day* was a part of State Education Week recognising the important role played by state schools in delivering quality education to Queensland’s young people.

Mr Bennett started his day as Principal with a School Assembly at which he spoke with students about the importance of school as a pathway to the future. He reminded students to enjoy their days at school and work as hard as they could.

Mr Bennett had a tour of the school, a number of meetings with staff groups and interviews with students.

Principal, Allan Cook, School Captains Robert and Grace and P&C President Mrs Roxanne Harney were happy to meet with Mr Bennett at a special Morning Tea

A Morning Tea attended by school leaders from staff and students, as well as the P&C Executive and school supporters was also conducted. He had a busy day of meetings with staff groups and students, as well as inspecting several facilities jobs currently in progress at the school.

As a result of the visit, Mr Bennett is now more familiar with many of the operations at the school. He was impressed with the efficient and organised manner with which the school goes about their work and with the achievements of students. Our school very much enjoyed having Mr Bennett at the school.

Allan Cook – Principal

**Cyberbullying**

Cyberbullying occurs when technology, such as email, mobile phones, chat rooms and social networking sites such as Facebook, are used to verbally or social bully another person. This could include sending or posting abusive, threatening, humiliating or harassing messages, images or videos. The incidence of bullying through such mechanisms, generally in the evening is increasingly becoming a significant concern for young people due to its negative effects.

The government guide has recently been published, *Cybersafety and Cyberbullying – A Guide for Parents and Caregivers*. This guide provides important information for parents about cybersafety and cyberbullying. It provides strategies for what parents and caregivers could do if their child is the target or is responsible for inappropriate online behaviour. An electronic copy of this guide can be found at:


Liz Clout – HOD Student Services

**Student Semester Reports**

Student Semester Reports – Issued Friday 20 July

Parent-Teacher Interview Evening – 31 July

**Cattle Club - Show Team**

The school Cattle Club Show Team has now competed at two agricultural shows this season; Biggenden and Fraser Coast. Both students and steers conducted themselves extremely well and were rewarded for their efforts. At Biggenden Show [Name removed] received 3rd place in Junior Handlers while Hannah received an Encouragement Award in the Junior Judges. This was the first show in which either of the girls had competed.

Cattle Club members (l-r) Brooke, Matthew and Emily with their prize ribbons at the Fraser Coast Show

Meanwhile at Fraser Coast the weather was not as pleasant but the team did not let that dampen their spirits or talent with Brooke and Emily both receiving second place and Matthew Roper gaining 6th place in his division for Junior Judging. Our steers did not come away empty hooved either with ‘Krypton’ receiving 2nd place. Miss Christsen held her own in the ‘geriatrics’ handler’s competition leading a ‘kid’ of the goat variety and receiving 2nd place. The team is also competing at Bundaberg Show and Gin Gin Show.

Catherine Christsen – Agriculture Coordinator

**Tender Meat for Tender**

Despite the good behaviour and talent of our steers their time has come to feed the community of Childers. There are eight quarters available and they will be distributed by tender (Tender Forms available in the Office). If you would like more than one quarter please nominate this on your Tender Form, however we will give preference to sharing the delicious meat with many families first. At this stage, the quantity of each quarter is unknown however on previous experience there will be approximately 70kg per quarter at $6.50 per kg costing approximately $455. Tenders open on Monday 04 June 8:30am and close Tuesday 12 June 4:00pm. A $50 deposit is required at notification of winning tender, with the balance to be paid on delivery of the meat.

Catherine Christsen – Agriculture Coordinator