Next Friday will bring to an end 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.

Today we celebrated the semester’s work on a high note with the presentation of Merit Level Certificates. The Year Coordinators introduced the recipients and I took much pleasure in presenting certificates to 207 Year 8 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 have been very pleased this week to announce two permanent appointments to our school leadership team (pictured right). Michele Kirkland has been appointed Deputy Principal and Mr Chung has been appointed Head of Department (Mathematics). These are key appointments at the school and are very well deserved after both staff members have been acting in these positions for a period of time. Congratulations to them on their successful promotions and we look forward to their continuing service to our school. Mrs Fay Harvey has been a long-standing and loyal staff member of Isis High, but for the last two years has been acting as the Head of Department at Bundaberg North State High School and she has now been permanently appointed to this position. Congratulations also to Fay. I also want to recognise another long-standing and committed staff member, Mr Alan Hagenson, who will be retiring from teaching at the end of this semester. Mr Hagenson has been teaching at Isis High for 16 years and we thank him for his service and wish him well in retirement. Next term will see Mr Alistair Williams and Mrs Kirsten Williams taking some very well deserved long service leave and wish them a pleasant break from teaching. Ms Kirkland has been working hard to ensure we have quality teachers to replace Mr and Mrs Williams for the term.

It is an interesting exercise at the end of each semester to revisit previous newsletters. The level of commitment by staff, the engagement and support for the school by the community and the huge number of significant achievements by our students is a credit to us all.

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 22 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 22 June and parents’ support is appreciated. Where students are absent on the last day, the school will be randomly selecting absent students names and phoning 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 9 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 20 July.

Ian King – Deputy Principal

At the end of May, Central Queensland University conducted their first ever business challenge between Bundaberg district secondary schools. Isis High was well represented by Emily Steadman, Ashleigh Vella and Emily-Rose Ellis (pictured l-r). The competition involved a number of rounds of questions based on legal studies and business topics, as well as general knowledge and sport. The girls performed extremely well and were vying for the lead throughout the whole competition and were in the lead until the final round. Ultimately, they were very narrowly defeated in the last round. The girls won for Isis High a ‘high definition mobile digital camera’ for the second placing, which they recently presented to Mr Cook on school parade. Congratulations to Emily, Ashleigh and Emily-Rose on your excellent efforts.

Mrs Chantler – Business Education Coordinator

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 8
Tristan Abbott, Shay Anderson, Hannah Blee, Shantel Brown, Emma Badgen, Leah Badgen, Thomas Cole, Georgie Copeland-Murray, Katelyn Digier, Laura Fredriksen, Billy Freeman, Trent Geissler, Kate George, Dean Haack, Jacob Hampton, Blake Harbourne, Jasmine Harper, Tayla Hayes, Tyler Hutchinson, James Joughin, Siobhan Katt, Brianna Lee, Liam Leverett, Simone Manski, Aleishia Nugent, Ben Parkinson, Jasmine Patfield, Caine Poole (Watters), Maddison Powell, Leo Rieck, Lleteny Ritchie, Kyle Rowlingson, Nerida Smyth, Caleb Spark, Abigail Symes, Aleisha Thomas, Samantha Vella, Victor Vella, Jayden Verbkael, Elyse Wallace, Georgia Welldon, Jacob Wiemers, Daniel Zielinski.

Congratulations to all of these students on their efforts in Semester 1. It is wonderful for your commitment to schooling 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 – Student Services HOD

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P&C Association – Trivia Night

Unfortunately, the P&C Association Executive had to make a late decision to postpone the Trivia Night fundraiser scheduled for 2 June, when it became aware of a number of other events in town that were impacting adversely on people able to attend. This decision was further validated when heavy showers all Saturday further forced people indoors.

The good news is it has been re-scheduled for late next term on Saturday 8 September. The same arrangements will apply, that is at the Isis Cultural Centre at 6:30pm, for a 7:00pm start. There will be teams of six and the evening will be licensed. This is a practical way in which you can support the P&C and have an enjoyable night with friends. More information on ticketing will be available early next term.
Cross Country

Tuesday 29 May saw 18 Isis High students brave the cold and a very early start to travel to Murgon to compete in the Wide Bay Cross Country. They competed against the best distance runners from Gympie, Hervey Bay, Bundaberg, Maryborough and the surrounding areas. The small Isis contingent performed beyond all expectations with seven students placing in the top fifteen in their age groups. Kelsey Vellacott and Hayden Marvell were both placed 10th in their respective age categories.

Kelsey Vellacott, Grace Randell and Hayden Marvell are pleased with their cross country efforts (Absent: Bethany Holthouse)

Our Year 12 girls saved the best for last with Bethany Holthouse crossing the line in 3rd place and Grace Randell close behind in 6th place in the 17 years age group. Their efforts saw both girls earn a place on the Wide Bay Cross Country team that will compete at the Queensland State Titles in July. It is the first time in a number of years that multiple Isis High students have made a Wide Bay Cross Country team and we wish them well in Maroochydore. Well done girls!

Analee Clewes – Sports Coordinator

Defence Technical Scholarship

The latest Isis High student to be recognised at a national level is Year 12 student Hayden Wagner who was recently announced as the successful recipient of an Australian Defence Technical Scholarship.

Hayden (pictured being congratulated by Mr Cook) was selected by the Australian Defence Force after he and the school submitted his nomination. The scholarship is to encourage Hayden’s successful completion of senior schooling, incorporating trade subjects and is valued at $3000. This is another prestigious award for an Isis High student and Hayden should be congratulated on this achievement. Well done!

Allan Cook – Principal

Year 10 Business Studies Excursion

Last Wednesday 06 June, Year 10 Business Studies students (pictured below at the Markets) braved the cold weather and set off at 5:30am on an excursion to Eumundi Markets.

The students were investigating marketing methods and business structures used by stall holders. They were exposed to a large variety of stalls, from ready-to-eat food to handmade soaps, metal sculpture to face painting. Students interviewed a number of stall holders about their choice of running a stall instead of a traditional shopfront and their use of the Internet to broaden their customer base. It is safe to say that all students had an enjoyable morning (despite the early start!) and are now brimming with ideas for the ventures that they will be running in Term 3. A big thank you to Mr Jones for ‘coming off leave’ to drive the bus for us and congratulations to all students who attended for their impeccable behaviour.

Mrs Onoprienko – Business Studies teacher

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Ms Robinson coordinated an Isis High celebration of Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea this week to raise funds for cancer research (and instil strong community values in students). Staff held a ‘baking afternoon’ on Tuesday and the ‘goodies’ were sold to raise funds on Wednesday (and provide a tasty morning tea). Senior Leaders and staff assisted Ms Robinson in providing a ‘delicious’ and worthwhile experience. Well done!

Senior leaders Becky Wical and Grace Randell and teacher, Ms Robinson (back l-r) serve students Tori Pershouse, Lachlan Walker and Phoebe Arbon some delicious fare at the Isis High Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

HOLIDAY TENNIS

Bundaberg Junior Tennis Association have a range of tennis programs available on the vacation, including a ‘Come n Try, Get Active’ Tennis Clinic (2-4 July)

Venue: Rotary Park Tennis complex, George Street, Bundaberg,

Coaches: Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner

More information from Kevin: 4152 0753 / 0409 520753