Principal’s Message

Once again the school is grateful to those parents who took the opportunity to attend the important Parent - Teacher Interview Evening held in the school’s Resource Centre recently. It was well attended and the feedback from parents and teachers has been very positive. The involvement of parents in their child’s education in a positive partnership with the school and understanding how their students are progressing continues to be proven as a critical factor contributing towards student success.

In early September, Year 12 students seeking an Overall Position (OP) Score will be completing the important Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test, as will other Year 12 students throughout Queensland. Isis High ensures that students are very well-prepared for this important test and have now been completing a comprehensive preparation from the start of the year. In addition, a ‘practice test’ was held last week (pictured right) that simulated the exact conditions of the test so students are familiar and confident with how the test will be conducted. Students (and their families) can be assured that they will have every opportunity to perform at their very best on the QCS Test and we wish them well in completing this test.

The school will hold a Parent Information Evening for current Year 07, Year 08 and Year 10 students and their parents, in the Drama Auditorium. Following these presentations parents are invited to view Subject Area Displays and meet with teachers in the Resource Centre. This way parents get a much clearer picture of the subject offerings and have an opportunity to talk informally with teachers to gain a better understanding of each subject being offered throughout Years 08 to 12. On this evening, Tuesday, 21 August, we will take the opportunity to once again showcase the wonderful talent of our School Band and String Quartet as well as our Hospitality students, who will provide some light refreshments. A timetable for the evening is shown in the advertisement below.

Our school’s annual cultural presentation for 2012 is the entertainment revue of singing and dancing Cabaret! (see advertisement below). It promises to be a very exciting and spectacular presentation of Isis High talent and we ask for your support in what will be a wonderful evening of entertainment.

Kind Regards,
Allan Cook – Principal
An extremely successful school track and field carnival was held last Friday at the showgrounds in beautifully pleasant conditions. The day was the culmination of field events and an afternoon of competition. Students did a wonderful job of participating enthusiastically and competitively and enjoyed a day in each other’s company that will surely contribute well to their school memories. The day commenced with the keenly contested ‘marchpast and warcry’ competition. The choice between Badilla beauties and geeks, Pindar prisoners, Trojan titans and Vesta villagers was difficult, but it was Badilla that triumphed in the first event of the day.

Some mercurial supporters from Trojan Titans included (l-r) Cuba Erihe, Kate Bauer, Brooke Royan, Becky Wical, Cameron Milne, Isaac Voss and (front) Robert Suter

During the competition, Phoebe Arbon (Yr 09 – Badilla) broke three records (triple jump, shotput and 100 metres) and Coby Gibbs (Yr 09 – Vesta) broke one record (200 metres). Coby was also a part of the Vesta 14 years relay team that broke the 4 x 100 metres relay event.

At the completion of the Carnival, points were tallied and the Champion house for 2012 was Vesta. Pindar had a bad day finishing last while Badilla competed well but could only manage third. Trojan was in second place, but Vesta swept all before them in a dominant performance.

On Tuesday’s school parade, Age Champions were recognised

Athletics Age Champions (back l-r) Open Adam Stark (Vesta), Kathryn Cole (Vesta) U16 Troy Stark (Badilla), Kayla Templeman (Vesta) U15 Dylan Zelinski (Pindar), Ella McGregor(Vesta) (Front l-r) U14 Coby Gibbs (Vesta) U13 Thakdanai Dinmuang (Trojan) (absent U14 Phoebe Arbon (Badilla) U13 Simone Manski (Vesta)

The Isis District School Athletics Team will now compete at the North Burnett Athletics Carnival which will be held this year at the Childers Showground on Friday 17 August. This will be a major activity of the school requiring many of our teachers and senior students to officiate in events. Senior students not involved in assisting teachers will be able to spectate events. There will be no timetabled classes for senior students on the Friday. Parents and supporters are welcome to attend what will be another enjoyable and successful event.

Subject Selection Evening

Over the coming weeks, the important subject selection activities for Year 10 students going into Year 11 (2013) and Year 08 students moving into Year 09 (2013) will be completed. Students in Year 10 will develop a plan for the next two years. While other options outside school are available, with such a high premium on well-skilled employees, most students choose to complete Year 11 and 12 to try and attain a Queensland Certificate of Education. Certainly, our school has the expectation that all students in Year 10 will move into Year 11, unless the student has definite employment or definite alternative education plans. Year 10 students, their parents and the school, will be required to complete Senior Education and Training Plans (SET Plans) that will help students review past achievements and plan a program of education for Years 11 and 12. While the decisions students in Year 08 need to make, in choosing Year 09 subjects, are less critical than those of Year 10 students, no less importance is attached to the process by the school.

The subject selection process for both year levels commences in the week beginning 13 August with students receiving information booklets, talks and Subject Selection Forms. A Parent Information Evening is being held on Tuesday evening, 21 August 2012. An advertisement on the cover page of this newsletter provides further details. Parents can be assured that the school provides every opportunity for ensuring that students have all the information to make good decisions about selection of subjects for the next phase of their schooling.
Isis High has been pleased to support international students completing a period of exchange at our school. Our students are always advantaged by having the opportunity to interact with students from other countries as it does so much to enrich our understanding of other cultures. In turn, international visitors appreciate the opportunities afforded by our wonderful Australian lifestyle.

Our latest youth exchange visitor, Marina Garcia Unger (pictured) from Osnabruck (near Hamburg) Germany, commenced enrolment in Year 10 last week and will remain until the end of this year. Marina has a German mother and Spanish father and speaks those languages as well as very good English. Marina is a very open and friendly young lady who has immediately developed friendships with her fellow students. She enjoys participating in the range of activities most young people do such as watching films, listening to (and playing) music and the like.

Marina has completed the first half of the year at a large high school on the Sunshine Coast and is now looking forward to a different experience in a small country high school. We welcome Marina and wish her well for the next few months.

Allan Cook - Principal

Year 11 students, Angus Monley, Brandon Thomas and Matthew Maroney attended a three day Engineering Link Project at Central Queensland University (Rockhampton) during the recent school winter vacation. Matthew’s attendance was sponsored by the Burnett Group of Engineers Australia.

The first day’s activity involved designing and building a bridge out of wood and twine. Our boys were proud their bridge won the prize for being able to support the heaviest load between two saw-horses (pictured).

Well done boys! Perhaps the boys might start a design on a bridge from Burrum Heads to Woodgate! On the second day the boys were involved in designing conveyor belt systems and building a DC motor and a welder using 9V batteries. The third day saw the dynamic trio working in separate groups designing and building cranes that had to be able to support their load on a bed of jelly!

The boys were impressed with their CQU living arrangements and enjoyed meeting students from other schools around Queensland. These opportunities are important in helping students decide future pathways. Well done to the boys on taking advantage of this opportunity.

Andy Davey - HOD/Science

This week saw around 55 students from Isis High, Childers and Cordalba State Schools and St Josephs’ School involved in a two day music workshop at our school Stadium. The purpose of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for students to extend their skills on their musical instrument. The students were involved in participating in sectional workshops based on their instruments by specialist visiting musicians who gave of their time to come into the school to assist students (clarinets workshop pictured below).

Those individual skills were then further extended with the chance to play together within a large group orchestra. The two days concluded with a wonderful Thursday afternoon performance as a combined orchestra for an audience of appreciative and impressed parents and supporters. Music teacher, Mr Peter Pagett did a marvellous job of organising this excellent workshop. Isis High was pleased to have students from some of our primary schools participate in this activity which contributes to the important place music plays at our school.

Allan Cook - Principal

This week I have had a wonderful time visiting students from our Year 7 feeder primary schools, to talk about Year 08 at Isis High, hand out Enrolment Packages and informing about the Parent Information Evening which will be held on Tuesday 21 August at 6:00pm. I have been accompanied on our visits by Miss Lloyd, Year 08 Coordinator and Year 08 students Aliesha Thomas, Hannah Blee and Maddison Powell. These students have done an excellent job; explaining the difference between high and primary school and highlighting many of the opportunities which are available for students at Isis High. Each student we have met has been incredibly polite, well-mannered and cooperative.

Alliesha Thomas, Maddison Powell and Hannah Blee with Ms Kirkland, Ms Lloyd and Year 07 students at Dallarnil State School

We are looking forward to their visiting our school during the Year 07 Transition activity later on the year and, of course welcoming them as Year 08 students in 2013.

Michele Kirkland - Deputy Principal