Isis High has enjoyed an extremely busy, but very rewarding couple of weeks. You will read some of those activities in this Newsletter. While those events do much to assist in the development of our young people, they are of course secondary to our main priority of teaching and learning to achieve maximum student achievement outcomes. Over the next four weeks students will be involved in a number of end of term exams and class tests. As well, students will also have assignments due throughout this period of assessment and it is important that they comply with timelines. While teachers will continue to remind students about good study habits and assignment deadlines, parent/carer support and encouragement will help keep students on task to be beneficial to student learning outcomes. This is a particularly important period for Year 12 students as preliminary decisions about each student’s final level of achievement in each subject studied will be made at the end of the term, so particular support for these students will be critical.

The school’s annual Parent Information Evening, held last Tuesday 21 August, was a very successful evening. It was well attended by nearly 200 families demonstrating the strong interest our parents have in their child’s education. Our band and strings students provided entertaining music and delicious hospitality treats kept all well-fed. The information sessions were very positive and there was a clear regard shown by parents of the work being done by staff to deliver a high quality education for students. There was a range of very interesting subject displays in the Resource Centre and many staff on hand to answer parent queries (pictured). Parents I spoke to certainly were appreciative of the evening which provided information for parents who have students entering Year 08, Year 09 and Year 11 in 2013. Thanks to all those students and parents who attended. Of particular interest was information provided to parents of students entering Year 11, in 2013, about the Queensland Certificate of Education and the Senior Education and Training Plans. All current Year 10 students and their parents have the opportunity of an interview with a school officer, to help with program selection.

Congratulations to the Isis High Athletics team who last Friday won back the North Burnett Champion Athletics School trophy. An excellent carnival was hosted very successfully by our school through the good work of Sports Coordinator, Ms Clewes (assisted by Mrs Heap, Mr Cutler and many more staff). Well done to our athletics team members who performed so well on the day.

Finally, tonight (Friday) will cap off a busy week with a spectacular presentation of the school’s cultural production Cabaret! Events such as this are a huge undertaking for a school and congratulations must go to all students and staff involved in the long hours of hard work undertaken to prepare for tonight’s show. Tickets will be still available at the door, so it is not too late to come along and enjoy hospitality, licensed drinks from a P&C Association bar and enjoy a wonderful evening of entertainment. Best wishes to all school members involved for a great evening!

Kind regards

Allan Cook – Principal

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Last week was National Science Week and Isis High celebrated by having a week of science activities and a roll group science quiz challenge. Monday started the week with ‘slime’, which turned into a fabulous mess while Tuesday was ‘super ball’ time. Wednesday was ‘sherbet making’ and Thursday explored the science behind why pancakes rise. Throughout the week each roll group battled it out to become the ultimate group of ‘science nerds’ and B5 led by Miss Clewes proved to be the ‘nerdiest’ with a strong win.

A successful week that highlighted the place of science in our lives culminated in a party ‘science style’ with ‘periodic table cupcakes’ enjoyed by anyone who could name the element symbol on the icing. A big thank you to all staff and students who helped out this week and we look forward to next year.

Catherine Christesen - Acting HOD/ Science

When students were asked to decide upon a product that they can sell to the school community as a part of their Year 10 Business Education studies, the possibilities seemed endless and interesting. This time around we had products in team colours available for the athletics carnival, beauty products and the opportunity to smile for the camera for a memorable snapshot. These ventures allow students a great learning experience to reflect on their business processes and how improvements changes could be made to increase sales and profitability.

The trip to Dreamworld to collect physics data is a highlight of the school’s senior Physics program which focusses on applying Physics equations to analyse real life problems. This year the school travelled with the students from North Bundaberg State High School to Dreamworld, which provided an opportunity to compare experiences on the rides. Both schools use similar state of the art equipment which provides excellent data for the students to use in assignment work when they return to the school laboratory.

Andrew Chung - Senior Physics teacher

The Agricultural Department has two young adult black pure Australorp roosters that need to be re-homed. Please ring the School Office on 4192 1222. Also in the next few weeks we will be tendering our school pigs. Keep an eye out for future tender notices.

Catherine Christesen - Agriculture Coordinator

Dreamworld Physics

“Yeah”, “Woohoo”, “Let’s go again” were the calls from the 2012 Physics students after their third consecutive ride of The Claw during the annual scientific investigation excursion to Dreamworld. The ‘go it again attitude’ made the Isis High students the unofficial ‘iron gut’ team compared to the other schools who struggled through one ride of the Giant Drop. Apart from a few incidences with a camera and a garden decoration the trip was one of the best ever with possibly the most number of rides ridden.

Year 10 Business Ventures

Thank you to the students and staff who supported any of our ventures this year and we look forward to bringing products to you again in 2013.
Animal Antic New-borns

It has been a busy few weeks for the Agricultural department at Isis High. We have had twin goat kids born who have been named Tim Tam and Milky Bar, a lamb called Thug and another lamb called Amy. Amy was three weeks premature and unfortunately her mother rejected her, so she is now being bottled fed and living outside the science building. However she is doing extremely well and loving the attention from all the students (pictured here with Year 8 students Katelyn and Gemma). The Year 12 Rural Operations class have been showing off our new additions to the Family Day Care kids, introducing them to farm animals.

The Year 12 class also have been on a day tour of the Biggenden feedlot and Maleny dairies. They learnt about the feeding and animal welfare issues associated with both of these industries. They also enjoyed having a go at hand milking and tasting milk straight from the cow. These opportunities assist student appreciation of the subject.

Cath Christensen - Agriculture Coordinator

Students shine at Maryborough Eisteddford

The Maryborough Eisteddfod was held last week in the wonderful Brolga Theatre and involved our String Ensemble and Concert Band, as well as various small ensembles. Our Percussion Ensemble, featuring Lachlan, Zachary, Billy and Lleyton, made their Eisteddfod debut, with a respectable 90 points, which placed them second in their section, while the String Quartet of Emily-Rose, Celina, Sian and Kathryn were awarded a Highly Commended. Two String Trios also competed, with Holly, Laura and Simone receiving first place in the 15 Years & under age group and Dana, Skye and Bonnie taking Second Place in the 20 Years & under age group.

The large ensembles also fared very well at the Eisteddfod. The String Ensemble played on the Wednesday afternoon and took out Second Place with 91 points in their section, against strong competition from Hervey Bay and Maryborough schools. In the evening, the Concert Band competed against two other secondary school ensembles and was beaten by just one point to receive Second Place on 91 points.

This is the best result that the band has received at the Eisteddfod, with the adjudicator particularly pointing out that there are many young members in our ensemble providing a strong future for our group. Indeed, for all groups to come away with an award of some kind is an excellent result! Congratulations!

Peter Pagett - Music teacher

North Burnett Athletics Champions

Last Friday at Childers Showgrounds, approximately 200 students from Biggenden, Gayndah, Mundubbera, Eidsvold and Monto battled it out to claim the title of Champion Athletics school of the North Burnett district. It has been several years since Isis High has won the North Burnett Athletics Carnival, but our 70 member squad defeated its nearest rival (Gayndah) by nearly 150 points to bring home the trophy. Isis High had four individual Age Champions (pictured below) that certainly helped our cause. Kathryn also broke two records on the day, the 200m and the triple jump. In addition, Grace from Year 12, who was runner up to Kathryn in the 17 girls age champion contest, also broke two records, the 1500 and 800m.

North Burnett Age Champions (1-17) Matthew (U16), Kathryn (U17), Phoebe (U14) and Simone (U13) with Carnival Coordinator Ms Clewes

There were many other great performances from our students, including numerous personal best efforts and a large number have qualified for the Wide Bay trials to be held in Gympie during the last week of this term. Good luck to these students at the next level of competition.

Analee Clewes - Sports Coordinator

Isis District Little Athletics

Sign On

Friday 07 September
At 5:15pm at Childers Showgrounds
Cost
Tiny Tots (under 6) - $40.00
6 yrs to 17 yrs - $90.00
There will be a competition run on the night