Principal’s Message

The final term for 2012 is now well underway. Term 4 is always a very busy term as final subject study work and assessments are combined with celebration of achievements and for our Senior graduates, the end of their school years. I took the opportunity to remind students on assembly, that Term 4 is a critical time for maintaining a focused approach to study. Consistent hard work, through to the end of the school year, is the key to achieving the best possible outcomes. With support, encouragement and a little self discipline all students are capable of achieving well. Please support the school by reinforcing this belief with each of your children.

The very important process of student leadership selection for 2013 continues this week with the close of nominations for School Captains and Vice Captains. These are very important positions within a school and so the selection process of written application, interviews, speeches and ballot is rigorous. This has ensured for the Isis High school community, a long tradition of ‘high calibre’ School Captains and Vice Captains, with our current School Captains, Grace Randell and Robert Suter and School Vice Captains, Kathryn Cole and Mitchell Avery, certainly no exception. The selection of School Captains will occur in week two and be announced on Awards evening.

During the Spring vacation, our school community was saddened to hear of the tragic passing of one of our former student, Mark Elliott, as the result of a dreadful campdrafting accident in Gin Gin. Mark attended Isis High in 2007 and 2008 when he completed his senior years of schooling. Mark was very highly regarded by his fellow students and staff members for his honesty, integrity and preparedness to always ‘have a go’. He won several awards for his vocational achievements (including nationally) as a school-based trainee at Biggenden Butchery. I proudly, but sadly represented our school community at his recent funeral service when I shared aspects from his School Reference which read ‘Mark is a polite, well mannered student whose likeable personality is a great asset. He is always courteous and obliging towards others and he has proven to be a totally trustworthy and responsible student whose leadership qualities and personal integrity have been apparent’. Last Tuesday, our School Assembly acknowledged Mark’s life in prayer led by School Chaplain, Ralph Thurlow and took a minute’s silence to reflect on his passing.

As Year 12 students approach the end of schooling and the opportunity to celebrate their achievements, the school will once again do what it can to ensure students are well-prepared for what can also be a period when they take greater risks than they should. A period of what should be great enjoyment can quickly become life-changing with an incident of reckless behaviour. In the coming weeks, Year 12 Coordinator, Ms Adams has organised speakers to cover topics which include road safety, ‘Schoolies Week’ and personal safety.

This year the very important Awards Day and Evening ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, 31 October. A further Newsletter article provides greater detail. These ceremonies are a celebration of the achievements of our students and your support by way of your attendance would be much appreciated by both staff and students.

Kind Regards,

Allan Cook – Principal

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Awards Day/Evening – Wednesday 31 October
Invitation to Awards Ceremonies

The annual presentation of awards for student achievement throughout the year will occur on Wednesday, 31 October. There will be two ceremonies conducted on this day at the Childers Community Stadium in the school grounds.

A morning Presentation Ceremony will commence at 10:00am and will acknowledge students receiving awards for meritorious behaviour throughout the year, as well as Music Awards, Sports Merit Awards and Bronze Awards for sporting achievement. In addition, House Trophies from throughout the year will be presented to the winning House Captains. The evening Awards Ceremony will commence at 7:00pm and recognise achievement in academic, sporting, service and cultural fields, as well as Special Awards. The ceremony will also feature the naming of the School Captains and Vice-Captains for 2013.

Parents and friends are invited to attend these most enjoyable functions where we celebrate student achievement.

Allan Cook – Principal

The University of Queensland Young Scholars Program

The University of Queensland’s Young Scholars Program (YSP) provides high achieving secondary school students with an opportunity to discover learning and engagement with the University of Queensland’s (UQ) academic community and with other like-minded students from across Queensland. Designed to nurture and develop future leaders, the Program also presents students with a unique opportunity for academic extension and enrichment. Two high performing Isis High Year 11 students have been selected for the program (pictured above) Kristie Krieger and Troy Stark.

‘UQ Young Scholars’ are challenged to think critically about some of today’s major global issues and throughout their participation, are exposed to a wide range of potential study areas and career opportunities. Students will participate in two visits, each extending over several days when they will stay in residence at the university.

This is a prestigious program that recognises student effort and achievement and Kristie and Troy should be congratulated on their selection. Well done!

Michele Kirkland – Deputy Principal

Cameron Milne and Jack Cole Engineering Achievers

Cameron Milne and Jack Cole (pictured below) have been recently recognised for their outstanding efforts as a part of the Bundaberg district Australian Institute Engineers and Manufacturers (AIEM) Network Talent Program’. The AIEMNet program is a prestigious and innovative partnership between Bundaberg district high schools, Wide Bay TAFE (Bundaberg) and a number of engineering employers. It involves high achieving students, with a career goal in the engineering industry, being selected to develop a broad range of experience in engineering over two years. Cameron and Jack have attended TAFE one day a week to complete their Certificate II in Engineering and worked every school vacation at a different engineering firm. In this way, the boys have developed a comprehensive range of knowledge and skills in the latest engineering initiatives across a variety of workplaces.

In their recent Awards Evening for the students from all Bundaberg schools who participated in the program, Cameron was acknowledged as the best performing engineering student. He was awarded a full toolbox valued at $500 that he will be able to make great use of in the future. Jack Cole was also acknowledged as the second best performing student and also received a toolbox valued at $250. The achievement by Cameron and Jack as best students amongst this ‘select group’ of other engineering students is a very significant one for which they are to be congratulated. It goes to show the reward of hard work and commitment.

These achievements maintain a strong involvement in this program by Isis High students. In 2009, Joseph Vella was also awarded the best achieving student and current Year 11 student, Luke Mittelheuser is also performing very strongly. Well done to Cameron and Jack!

Allan Cook – Deputy Principal

Music Tour of primary schools

In the last week of Term 3, the Isis High Concert Band visited six primary schools in the Isis district. The tour was conducted over three days and encompassed Cordalba, Howard, Goodwood, Torbanlea and Childers State Schools, as well as St. Joseph’s Primary School. The ensemble performed a varied program, ranging from pop music such as Michael Jackson’s ‘Thriller’ through to lesser-known concert band pieces. Undoubtedly, the highlight of each performance was the special guest conductor at each school, where a student or staff would be invited to conduct the last piece in the program – LMFAO’s ‘Party Rock Anthem’. Various members of the ensemble were also afforded the opportunity to showcase their own instrument and abilities by demonstrating their instrument with a short solo.
This is the third year that the ensemble has visited various primary schools in the area and it has played a large role in improving support for the Arts in the district, especially in the field of Instrumental Music. All students are to be commended for their involvement and performances during this tour, which has improved their performance skills and confidence.

Looking ahead, we have the **Community and School Bands Extravaganza**, which is going to be held in the Childers Community Stadium at **6:30pm on 20 October**. This event will include the three state school bands in the area, as well as the visiting **Moreton Youth Concert Band** and **Bundaberg Municipal Band**. Last year’s massed band performance of the *1812 Overture* will be repeated again this year with over 60 musicians performing this incredible work! Entry is only $2 each or $5 for a family at the door with doors opening at 6:00pm.

**Peter Pagett – Band Director**

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### Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art

This year the North Coast *Creative Generation* exhibition is being held at Gatakers Artspace, Maryborough. The exhibition was officially opened last Saturday 06 October by Mayor, Fraser Coast Regional Council, Gerard O’Connell. The opening was well received by over 50 viewers, who also enjoyed the delightful Isis High String Quartet (pictured playing below). This exhibition contains the work of four Isis High students including, Kathryn Cole, Grace Randell, Ashley Allard and Hannah Hutchinson. *Eclipse*, by Kathryn Cole received a Highly Commended that was judged from 527 works across Queensland from the state selection panel. The exhibition will be open at Gatake’s Artspace until 31 October.

If travelling into Bundaberg over the next month, you may also wish to view **Emerge** Bundaberg Regional Secondary Combined Schools Exhibition at the Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery. Emerge is open until November 04.

**Liz Clout – Creative Generations Coordinator**

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### Student-Free Day

A reminder to parents there is a student free day in Term 4. This day will occur on **Monday 22 October**. This day is set aside as a Queensland Studies Authority meeting day for teachers serving on District Review Panels to monitor Year 12 assessment materials and student work. Teachers not involved in this activity will be completing work in the school associated with their specific subject areas. **Students should NOT attend school on this day.**

**Ian King – Deputy Principal**

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### Free afterschool tutoring kicks off this term!

Monday afternoon saw a number of students take advantage of free after-school tutoring (*pictured below with Mr Jones*) in Mathematics and English. Students in any year level are able to sign-in at the school Resource Centre between 3.15pm and 5.15pm every Monday afternoon and will be tutored by a qualified Mathematics and English teacher.

**Michele Kirkland – Deputy Principal**

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### STOP PRESS: Wide Bay Athletics Carnival

In the last week of last term, our students competed successfully in the Wide Bay Track and Field carnival. Best wishes to four of our students, Kathryn Cole, Phoebe Arbon, Coby Gibbs and Simone Manski selected to contest the State trials. A full article will occur in the next Newsletter.

**Childers Community Prayer Breakfast supporting School Chaplaincy**

- **Date:** 23 October **Time:** 6:30pm
- **Venue:** Isis Club **Cost:** $25
- **Special Guest Speaker – PHIL SMITH**
  - ABC Radio Announcer; Air Force Reserve Officer; Campus Minister (Chaplain), Author; Storyteller

More information and RSVP by Friday, 19 October  
Rev Peter Taubner 4126 1735  
p.taubner@exemail.com.au

**Childers Craft Bazaar**

The Craft Bazaar is known as one of the best craft markets in the region to purchase quality hand-crafted goods and craft supplies.

- **Date:** Tuesday 16 October **Time:** 8:30am to 2:00pm
- **Venue:** Isis Cultural Centre **Cost:** Adults $3, Children Free
  - Proudly presented by Grace Lutheran Church
  - For more information contact: Nene on 4126 8885 or Trish 41266 357

**New Theatrical Group – Pilotlight Productions**

- "Olde Tyme Music Hall’ presentations
- Starting Saturday 20 October - $15/$10 tickets
  - More information: 4126 2323