

28 November, 2012

## Principal's Message

The school has now well and truly settled into the final term for 2012. The term is always a busy one with all-important learning continuing, but also with many staff completing planning activities for 2013. Of course, Term 4 is also a time to celebrate the achievements of many of our students. Next Wednesday, 31 October, academic, cultural and sporting successes will be recognised at our Awards Day and Awards Night ceremonies. These important ceremonies acknowledge groups or teams within our school community for their outstanding efforts, as well as the contribution made by staff, parents and community partners to the development of our young people. They also provide an opportunity to recognise exemplary student achievement that reminds us all of the tradition of excellence long established at this school. I would encourage all parents and friends of the school to attend these important celebratory ceremonies.



*Isis High students aspiring to be the 2013 School Captains include (front l-r) Kristie, Lydia, Bernadette, Danielle (back l-r) Troy, Jacob*

The 2013 School Captain election process is now well underway. Nominations have closed, interviews completed, speeches given and elections conducted. I have great confidence that the school will be very well served in 2013 by whoever are the successful candidates. The 2013 School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced on Awards Night and this announcement is always an exciting one.

*World Teachers' Day* is celebrated in over 100 countries around the world to acknowledge the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex society. Each and every day, teachers make a very real and tangible difference in the lives of young people. There would be few other professions with the capacity to have such a positive and powerful influence in the lives of so many. Year 12 students held a morning tea for teachers today at Isis High to celebrate *World Teachers' Day*. Our School Captains acknowledged the important work of teachers and

presented Certificates of Appreciation.

Our school is very pleased to welcome a second international exchange student in Michala Michala (*pictured*) comes from a small town Vedbaek, just outside of Copenhagen in Denmark. Michala is a delightful young lady who enjoys horse riding, skiing and volleyball. She is a strong academic student and speaks English and German. Michala is living with a family at Cordalba and will be with us until Easter next year. We wish Michala well for an enjoyable and rewarding time in our school.



Finally, with only three weeks remaining for our Year 12 students, it is important that they remain on task until the very end of their studies. The best way Year 12 students can achieve this is to continue to attend school regularly (every day counts) and to work with their teachers who are keen to assist them to achieve the very best they can.

Kind Regards,

Allan Cook – Principal

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

26 Oct	Nominations open Senior Leaders	31 Oct	Awards Day (10:00am)
26 Oct	Nominations open House Captains	31 Oct	Awards Evening (7:00pm)
26 Oct	World Teachers' Day	09 Nov	Newsletter
26 Oct	National Bandana Day	13 Nov	P&C Association Meeting (7:15pm)

## 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*

## Wide Bay Athletics

On 17 and 18 September a team of 27 eager Isis High students boarded a bus in the early hours of the morning to head to Gympie for the 2012 Wide Bay track and field championships. Pitted against the best athletes from the Bundaberg, South Burnett, Cooloola, Fraser Coast and North Burnett districts, the Isis High students stood tall, grabbing a swag of podium places and achieving a host of personal best efforts in their events.

Whilst everyone competed well and did Isis High proud, four students in particular stood out by winning their events and gaining selection in the Wide Bay team that is headed to the state championships in Brisbane on the 25-28 of this month. These students were Simone (100m, 200m & 400m), Phoebe (100m, Javelin, Long Jump & Triple Jump), Coby (100m, 400m, Long Jump & High Jump) and Kathryn (100m, 200m, 400m, Long Jump & Triple Jump).



Isis High 'supreme athletes' (l-r) Kathryn, Phoebe, Simone and Coby with Sports Coordinator, Ms Clewes

Kathryn was declared Wide Bay Age Champion for the 17 years girls age group, which is a very strong achievement for this fine athlete. Coby and Phoebe were runners-up in their age divisions, which augurs well for the future.

Congratulations to all students who competed and we wish Simone, Phoebe, Coby and Kathryn well for the State Track and Field trials to be held in Brisbane this week! GOOD LUCK!!!

*Analee Clewes – Sports Co-ordinator*

## Biggenden Links

The 'Biggenden Links' program was conducted this week for Year 10 students, from Biggenden State School, who will be completing Year 11 and 12 at Isis District State High School in the coming years. It is a transition program that involves the Biggenden students attending our school for two days obtaining information on the school and participating in classes. They are able to familiarise themselves with the school environment and some of the basic school procedures, as well as meeting other students who will be their classmates in the new year.



Biggenden Links students included (l-r top) Matthew, Daniel (l-r bottom) Tegan, Fiona and Jasmine.

These young people present as both sensible and co-operative and we look forward to them attending Isis High in 2013.

*Ian King – Deputy Principal*

## End of School Dates and Reporting

The last day of school for each year level is:

Year 12	Friday 16 November 2012
Year 10 & 11	Friday 30 November 2012
Year 08 & 09	Friday 14 December 2012

Students in Year 12 must be in attendance at school up to and including the last day to be eligible for their Senior Statement. Reporting dates are as follows:

Year 12	Exit Statement/VET Certificates/References Available from the office on Friday, 30 November, 8:45am to 10:00am If not collected, mailed that afternoon
Year 10 & 11	Semester Report & Year 10 Certificate Available from the office on Friday, 07 December, 8:45am to 10:00am
Year 08 & 09	Semester Report Issued to students Wednesday, 12 December

Anyone with queries should contact me on 4192 1222.

*Ian King – Deputy Principal*

## 'National Bandana Day' Fundraiser

The school's Student Council participated in National Bandana Day today, in support of young people fighting cancer. All of this week, students have been able to purchase bandanas and today, Friday, students have been able to wear them anywhere in the school. Funds raised from the sale of the bandanas will mean that 'CanTeen' can continue to run vital counselling and support programs as well as work to establish special youth cancer centres and services to help young people rebel against cancer. Student Council appreciates the support of students and their families in supporting this worthy cause.

*Andrew Cole – Student Council Coordinator*

## School Concert and Community Band 'Extravaganza'

Saturday evening proved to be yet another showcase of talent from the Isis District State High School Concert Band and was well attended considering the many other conflicting events. A concert involving Isis High, Childers and Cordalba State Schools, Bundaberg Municipal Band and Moreton Youth Music Ensembles (MYME) from Brisbane was held at the Stadium. Isis High Concert Band students were given the opportunity to perform three works with the MYME Concert Band. These came together after only a few hours of rehearsal during the day. This is the third time that MYME have visited the region to support Instrumental Music in Childers, using a large percentage of their fundraising towards this trip. Isis High has also attended workshops in Brisbane with MYME over the last two years. The concert concluded with a massed band performance of the *1812 Overture*, with over 60 musicians from Isis High, MYME, Bundaberg Municipal Band as well as some Year 7s from local primary schools finishing off the night with a bang, literally!

Thank you to all of the support from parents and sponsors, as well as a special thank you to the visiting bands. Due to number of factors, this may have been the last visit with MYME. As such, there will be a meeting on Saturday, 24 November at 10:00am in the music room to discuss future band tours as well as fundraising and publicity. All Music parents & supporters are encouraged to attend.

*Peter Pagett – Instrumental Music Teacher*

## Merit Certificates

Students who have consistently demonstrated a positive approach to school are awarded a Merit Certificate. Students who obtain a Merit Certificate in Semester 1 and Semester 2 are awarded a 'Certificate of Recognition' at the Presentation Ceremony this coming Tuesday morning. Students who have been judged as being worthy of a Semester 2 Merit Certificate received it at a Morning Tea with staff today. They include;

**Year 12:** Emily, Nina, Aaron, Michael, Donna-Jo, Kurt, Brooke, Michael, Joseph, Robert, Hayden, Alanna, Shannen.

**Year 11:** Natasha, Jamin, Maddison, Samantha, Emily, Peter, Dylan, Emma, Cayne, Caitlyn, Adam, Erin, Sara, Theresa.

**Year 10:** Rachel, Amelia, Rianna, Marina, Timothy, Jayden, Abbey, Ashleigh, Peter, Dean, Lachlan, Aidan, Laura, Kelly, Dylan.

**Year 09:** Thelma, Rhia, Bronte, Holly, Breannah, Hannah, Jasmine, Coby, Katelyn, Georgia, Nicholas, Jared, Courtney, Samantha, Joshua, Breanna, Markus, Shanella.

**Year 08:** Joseph, Bronson, Carl, Jordie, Emily, Thomas, Thakdanai, Gemma, Billy, Josef, Aidan.

Students who are acknowledged in this way have contributed to their own learning and promoted the good image of the school and deserve the congratulations of our school community.

*Liz Clout – Student Services Coordinator*

## Community Prayer Breakfast

The Childers Ministers' Fellowship held a Community Prayer Breakfast last Tuesday, 23 October, to support the work of the Isis High Chaplain, Ralph Thurlow and his primary school counterparts. Our School captains Robert and Grace with some staff, P&C, Chaplaincy Committee and myself attended this event.



*School Captains Grace and Robert with School Chaplain Ralph Thurlow at the Childers Prayer Breakfast*

The Guest Speaker was Mr Phil Smith who recounted some of adventures as an ABC radio and television presenter, as an Air Force reservist and the implications of some of these on young people. Mr Smith later attended our School Assembly and spoke with Year 10 and 12 students on important strategies for enhancing their esteem and resilience as valuable young contributors to our community.

Students at Isis High are very well supported by our Chaplain who engages many of them in a range of activities and programs. Our school is pleased to be able to support the work of the Chaplain by participation in events such as these. Community members who wish to provide feedback on any aspect of Chaplaincy operation can contact me at the school.

*Allan Cook – Principal*

## Lost Property

The school has accumulated a mass amount of lost property in the forms of jumpers, pants, sleeping bags, etc. This has been advertised on 'Student Notices' a number of times. At the end of the year, any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

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**14 November 2012**

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