

Principal's Message

What a wonderful day of celebration it was for Isis High last Wednesday when the school hosted tremendously successful 'Awards Day' and 'Awards Evening' ceremonies. There were a large number of students acknowledged for performing at very high levels in the academic, cultural and sporting areas throughout the year. A list of these young people who have achieved major awards is listed in this Newsletter to remind us all of the rich talent of our youth at Isis District State High School.



The awards ceremonies were celebrated in an atmosphere of justifiably high community spirit and pride, and the support of parents and friends in attendance at these ceremonies was very much appreciated. While students were pleased with their awards, the real reward is that they have conditioned themselves to a program of success that will prepare and motivate them for more success in the future.

One of the highlights of the Awards Evening was the announcement of the School Captains and Vice Captains for 2013. I would like to congratulate Troy and Bernadette (Captains) and Jacob and Kristie (Vice Captains) and wish them all the best for the important tasks ahead.

Of course, this week also saw that nationwide celebration that is the Melbourne Cup. Our Year 9 Art class led by Mrs Hetherington were involved in the design, creation and parading of a 'wearable art' exhibition at an afternoon celebration at the Isis Club. I understand the students performed brilliantly and were enthusiastically received by an appreciative audience. Well done to those students on using this community activity as a worthwhile learning activity.

Finally, this will be the last newsletter for our current Year 12 students. This has been a very strong group of students who have achieved highly and contributed strongly to our school. They should rightly enjoy the end of year celebratory school activities, including the Senior Dinner and Graduation Ceremony. Of course, at all times students need to ensure good decision-making and responsible and safe behaviour. I met with all Year 12 students recently and reinforced the importance of their continuing sensible behaviour. I'd like to thank Year 12 students for their involvement during the time of their enrolment at this school. Isis District State High School is a great school, and we have been pleased to assist in preparing another group of promising young people for a future after school. I wish our 2012 graduating Year 12 students all the very best for the future. *Congratulations!*

Kind Regards,

Allan Cook – Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

12 Nov Laptop Parent Information Evening – 5:30pm	14 Nov Senior Dinner (Arrivals 5:00pm)
13 Nov Announce Senior Leaders	15 Nov Chaplaincy Committee – 3:30pm
13 Nov Announce House Captains	16 Nov Last day for Year 12
13 Nov P & C Meeting - 7:15pm	16 Nov Graduation Ceremony – 10:30am
14 Nov Solar Eclipse viewing – 6:30am	23 Nov School Newsletter

Awards Evening 2012

Last Wednesday, 31 October, the school community celebrated a day of spectacular student achievement, of which we should all be justifiably proud. Some of the more significant academic awards include:

Dux of the School Taylah
 Junior Dux of the School Hayden
 Mayor's Medallists Robert
 Grace
 Student of the Year Kathryn
 Rotary Award for Outstanding Service Sian
 Vocational Excellence Award Cameron
 Year 11 Caltex Best All Rounder Troy
 Year 10 Achiever Hayden
 Year 09 Citizenship Award Tori
 Year 08 Encouragement Award Aleisha
 ADF Long Tan Leadership Award (Yr 12) Sian
 ADF Long Tan Leadership Award (Yr 11) Troy
 ADF Long Tan Leadership Award (Yr 10) Sarah



Senior School Dux, Taylah and Junior Dux, Hayden



Students of each year level were (l-r) Aleisha (Yr 08), Tori (Yr 09), Hayden (Yr 10), Troy (Yr 11) and Kathryn (Yr 12)

In addition to these special awards, students received Academic Achievement Awards, as follows:

ACADEMIC AWARDS

YEAR 12

Kathryn, Emily-Rose, Taylah, Mitchell, Edward, Grace, Ashleigh

YEAR 11

Lydia, Rachael, Kristie, Danielle, Troy



Mayor's Medallists Robert and Grace with Bundaberg Regional Councillor, Tony Ricciardi and Allan Cook

YEAR 10

Guy, Eleisha, Ellen, Stacey, Hayden, Sarah, Hannah

YEAR 09

Phoebe, Rhia, Jasmin, Coby, Georgia, Joshua, Emily, Tori, Jack, Emma-Leigh, Kelsey, Riley, Thomas

YEAR 08

Shay, Thomas, Laura, Siobhan, Aleisha, Lleyton, Aleisha, Samantha, Victor, Elyse, Georgia

In addition to the Academic Awards, a number of special sporting awards were presented:

Pierre De Coubertin Award Kathryn
 Junior Encouragement Coby
 Senior Encouragement Bethany
 Junior Sportsperson Rhia
 Senior Sportsperson Kathryn

Year 12 award winners Sian and Cameron

During the Principal's Report, Mr Cook provided several examples of the high quality of education being delivered at



the school. Deputy Mayor of Bundaberg Regional Council, Tony Ricciardi congratulated the school and students on their continuing educational excellence. Year 12 student Becky delivered an entertaining Valedictory Address on behalf of Year 12 students.

The evening provided the school community with a wonderful night that showcased excellent student achievement. There was no doubt that 2012 has been another outstanding year of success for Isis High.

Allan Cook – Principal

QATSIF Scholarships Awarded

The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation, known as QATSIF, is an independent public trust established to provide young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders with a secure funding source for educational scholarships. The original funds are from the stolen wages of previous indigenous generations and will directly benefit the generations that follow. This year Isis District State High School has been successful in receiving \$6850 for six student scholarships in 2013-2014. This additional financial support will support indigenous students as a permanent and positive legacy for the future.



Congratulations to successful scholarship students (l-r) Aidan, Samantha, Amber, Timothy, Kayla (and Brandon absent) with indigenous teacher-aide support, Mrs Cheryl Butler

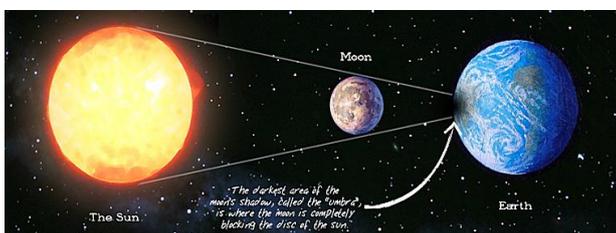
Total Solar Eclipse - Invitation

Cairns and Port Douglas will be the only cities in the world that will witness the full glory of earth's total Solar Eclipse on Wednesday 14 November, from 5:45am to 7:40am. However, at Childers we will still experience a 90% partial solar eclipse. Most of us will never again view a sunrise total solar eclipse...because the next one in our region is on December 17, 2066 in southern Western Australia.

To celebrate Isis High School is inviting students who wish to do so to come along to the school from 6:30am to witness the maximum eclipse view at approximately 6:48am. Special glasses will be provided so that you can look at the eclipse and other viewing options will also be provided. A free breakfast will be provided from 7:00am onwards by the school chaplaincy. The eclipse will end at approximately 7:48am. What a great way for our Year 12 students to remember their Senior Dinner day!

We ask parents to remind all of their children that they should not look directly at the sun unless they are wearing the special glasses. Welding goggles with a rating of 14 or more can also be used to look safely at the eclipse.

NOTE: What is a solar eclipse? It is when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, and the Moon fully or partially blocks the Sun and casts a 'shadow' at a point on the Earth. It can happen only when a 'new moon' is between the Sun and the Earth in a line.(as seen in the diagram below).



Andy Davey HOD – Science

Peer Skills Workshop

At the end of last term, fourteen of our Year 10 students participated fully in the two day Peer skills Workshop and were awarded certificates recently on parade. The workshop aimed to provide students with the confidence and skills they need to respond in the best possible way when a friend turns to them with a concern and/or problem. Research at *Kids Helpline* suggests that while many young people share their problems with their parents, often they first turn to their peers and friends.

The workshop trained students in communication and problem-solving skills, support strategies, as well as providing information about local support agencies.



Year 10 peer mediators with trainers Mrs Monique Anderson (School Youth Health Nurse) and Ralph Thurlow (School Chaplain)

Ralph Thurlow – School Chaplain

State Athletics Trials

Four Isis High outstanding athletes performed well at the recent State Track and Field trails in Brisbane recently. Kathryn was best performed coming third in the State Final of the 100m event, so earning an invitation to the National trials, in Perth. Phoebe, Coby and Simone also competed strongly and gained great experience for the future.



Outstanding athletes (l-r) Kathryn, Phoebe, Coby and Simone.

Analee Clewes – Sports Coordinator

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