

28 November, 2012

Principal's Message

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12 GRADUATES



Last week was an exciting week for our Year 12 students with a number of important celebrations. It commenced with the Senior Dinner which was held on Wednesday evening at the Childers Cultural Centre. The evening was well attended by Year 12 graduating students and proud parents/carers and as usual it was a wonderful night of memories and celebration. On Friday we farewelled our Year 12 students with an official Graduation Ceremony also attended by parents and carers and Year 8 students. This marked the completion of twelve years of formal schooling for another cohort of students. We acknowledged each student by presenting them with a graduation certificate, a photograph of the group and a gift from the school community. A morning tea for the graduates, parents and staff was a delightful finish to their secondary education. I must commend the Year 12 students on the sensible and dignified manner in which they engaged in these last week ceremonies. Congratulations to our graduating students and all the very best wishes for a successful future.



It is always pleasing to hear of the achievements of previous students of the school. Louise Cole (*pictured*) completed her Year 12 in 2007 and has been studying a Bachelor of Education at the Queensland University of Technology, where she was selected into a high-performing pre-service teacher education training program. Louise has excelled as the best performing student in this program and will be giving the Valedictory Speech on behalf of other students at their Graduation evening in the coming weeks. This is wonderful achievement for Louise and her proud family. Louise has been appointed a Business Education and Mathematics teacher at Goondiwindi State High School in 2013. She wanted to particularly note teachers from Isis High as strong mentors in her choice of career in Business Education teacher Mrs Kylie Onoprienko and Maths teacher Mrs Carol Giles. We congratulate Louise and wish her well for the future.

As we move rapidly towards the end of the 2012 school year it is important that all students remain on task, attend regularly until their last day (see dates inside) and understand the same school rules that applied on the first school day of 2012 continue to apply to the last. I look forward to the continuing support of parents in this area and can assure students and parents that teachers will be working hard until the last day to ensure enriching, learning activities are provided for students.

Kind Regards,

Allan Cook – Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

28 Nov	Year 11 Senior Camp (28-30 Nov)	07 Dec	Newsletter (final for 2012)
28 Nov	Year 10 End of Year Excursion	10 Dec	Year 08/09 Enrichment Program (10-14)
30 Nov	Last Day for Year 11 & 10	10 Dec	Take Home Laptop Orientation Sessions
03 Dec	Year 07 to 08 Transition (& 04 Dec)	12 Dec	Year 08/09 End of Year Excursion
07 Dec	Year 11 and 10 Reports issued	14 Dec	Last Day for Year 08 and 09

2013 Student Leaders

Since the last Newsletter, further student leaders for 2013 have been confirmed in their positions. Senior Leaders are those Year 12 students who, by their previous actions, demonstrate a capacity to act as good role models for other students and assume a leadership position within the student community. These students nominate for this position and are assessed and interviewed by a school selection panel. Senior Leaders for 2013 are:



(back l-r), Samantha, Matthew, Dylan, Sjaak, Hendrikus, Luke, Brandon (second back l-r) Billie-Lee, Emma, Amy, Caitlyn, Sarah, Hannah, Danielle, Madison Megan, Felicity, (front l-r) Kayla, Lydia, Kristie, Bernadette, Troy, Jacob, Georgia, Gemma.

House Captains and House Vice-Captains assist the Sports Coordinator in organising the range of sporting activities in the school, particularly students for inter-house sporting carnivals. Students nominate for these leadership positions and elections are conducted by each of the Houses. House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2013 are:



HOUSE CAPTAINS: (front l-r) **BADILLA:** Joshua, Jessica **PINDAR:** Matthew, Megan **TROJAN:** Sjaak, Bonnie **VESTA:** Adam, Kayla **HOUSE VICE CAPTAINS** (back l-r) **BADILLA:** Matthew, Skye **PINDAR:** Danielle, Thomas (absent) **TROJAN:** Corey, Madison **VESTA:** Luke, Zepelyn

Student Council leadership positions for each of the year levels will be determined in the first three weeks of 2013. Badges of Office will be presented at the Leadership Investiture Ceremony (19 February) early next year. Congratulations to all of those students elected to leadership positions thus far and best wishes for a successful 2013.

Allan Cook – Principal

Indigenous Student of the Year

An evening function on Friday 09 November was held for graduating indigenous Year 12 students attending Bundaberg district schools. Our school was represented by staff including indigenous support worker Cheryl Butler and a number of our parents of indigenous students. One of our students, Mitchell Avery was awarded one of the premier prizes of the night by being named the 2012 Indigenous Student of the Year sponsored by the Bundaberg Aboriginal Corporation.

Mitchell (pictured with his trophy) has demonstrated strong leadership capacity as our School Vice-Captain this year and discharged his range of duties in a very capable manner. He has also shown leadership through his involvement in indigenous school activities.



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Mitchell has achieved well in his academic study and applied to study a Business degree at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane in 2013. We thank Mitchell for his service to the school, congratulate him on this well-deserved award and wish him well for the future.

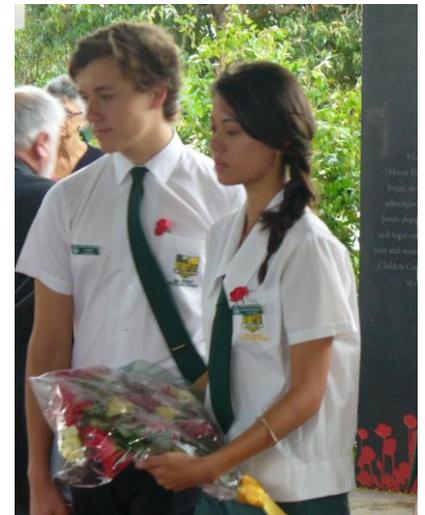
Liz Clout – Head of Department (Student Services)

Remembrance Day

The 2013 School Captains Troy Stark and Bernadette Steinmann (pictured) assisted by Vice Captains, Jacob Alexander and Kristie Krieger attended their first official function representing the school, laying a wreath at the Childers Community Remembrance Day Ceremony on Sunday 11 November at 11:00am.

They took the opportunity to listen to pertinent speeches of dignitaries and were also able to promote themselves, as leaders, and the good name of Isis High. Dressed in formal senior uniform our four Isis High 2013 student leaders certainly had presence and confirmed the good standing of the school in important community ceremonies.

Allan Cook – Principal



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End of School Dates and Reporting

The last day of school for each year level is:

Year 10 & 11 Friday, 30 November, 2012

Year 08 & 09 Friday, 14 December, 2012

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 Monday afternoon*

Year 10 & 11 Semester Report
*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

2013 School Starting Dates

The 2013 school year commences on **Tuesday 29 January for Year 08, 09 and 11 students only**. (Monday 28 January is the Australia Day public holiday). Students in these year levels will be commencing new courses and there may be some clarification required concerning their study program.

Wednesday 30 January will see all students (Years 08 to 12) in attendance. Both days will commence with a school assembly in the Stadium.

Photos for ID cards will be taken in the first few days of school and **payments for the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) will be collected that week**.

The school office will be open from Monday, 21 January and Administration staff will be available during that week for enrolments and/or enquiries.

Ian King – Deputy Principal

2013 Uniforms

The P&C Uniform Shop will be open for uniform purchases on Thursday, 24 January and Friday, 25 January (8:30am to 11:30am) and on Tuesday, 29 January (8:00am to 12:00noon) and Wednesday, 30 January (9:30am to 12:30am).

An increasing uniform concern relates to footwear and the need for compliance with our school policy and the required Workplace Health and Safety legislation standards, particularly in Manual Arts workshops. We have seen an increasing number of coloured, light canvas shoes that are quite unsuitable to the school environment, particularly those practical subjects with potential hazards. 'Volleys' and the like are not acceptable and do not provide adequate protection. In 2013, the school will be seeking to work with students and parents to ensure appropriate school footwear (fully enclosed 'joggers' with a thicker/firm sole, preferably black) are worn. In extreme cases, if students have unsuitable footwear in a practical activity, they may have to 'sit out' a lesson due to a potential health risk.

As parents begin the process over the Christmas vacation of ensuring students have the necessary uniform requirements for the new school year, please consider the Dress Code policy (in Student Homework Diary, website etc.) as the school would appreciate your support in this area.

Allan Cook – Principal

Cattle Club

Well the year is over for the Isis Cattle Show Team. Our final competition was the Wide Bay Hoof and Hook competition at Bundaberg. Both students and steers competed admirably, however as life would have it, all our steers have now gone to the 'paddock in the sky'. To those lucky few who purchased some of this delicious, ethically grown, award winning meat, congratulations! Everyone else will just have to wait until next year. Our new steers will arrive in February and the whole cycle will start again.



This year we were lucky enough to have one of our students' Thelma design and screen print shirts for our cattle show team for next year. Thelma drew the design herself and the cattle students are very excited to be able to show them off. Well done Thelma!

Catherine Christsen – Agricultural Coordinator

Total Solar Eclipse

On Wednesday 14 November the school's Science department ran a solar eclipse social gathering and viewing experience in the school quadrangle. The event could be watched through special glasses or viewed through a telescope projection on a whiteboard. An automated PowerPoint presentation in a nearby classroom also provided information and animations of the event for those in attendance. Attendees started arriving at about 6:20am and by 6:45am over fifty teachers, students and parents were enjoying the experience and socialising. Once the total eclipse event had occurred at 6:50am a delicious breakfast of pancakes and toasted ham and cheese sandwiches was served by our school chaplaincy with the help of 2013 Senior Leaders Troy Stark, Bernadette Steinmann, Kristy Krieger and Danielle McLeod. A very enjoyable and educational morning was had by all. A huge vote of thanks goes to our Chaplaincy for supporting the event by providing and serving the breakfast.

Andrew Davey – HOD/Science

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT
Sunday, December 2nd, 2012

High School Stadium + Grounds
(cnr North + Gee Streets, Childers)

3.45pm Kids' Rides, Food
+ Entertainment Outside

6.45pm Carols by Glowstick Inside

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