



## Junior Debating

'That Santa is a justifiable deception' was the topic the ISC junior debate team had to defend. Jacynnda Solomon, Libby Spannagle and Jessica Irving made an excellent case and spoke with conviction. Unfortunately, they were unsuccessful which means they have been knocked out of further competition. However, all three girls should be immensely proud of their achievement. Special thanks to Ms Spannagle for assisting with transport and more. Any students in year 7,8,9 or 10 who are interested in junior debating next year, please let Mrs McNulty know.



## Trial External Assessment Yr 11 Authority English

Innisfail State College is one of 250 Queensland schools taking part in a trial English assessment this year. As part of the transition to a revitalised senior assessment and tertiary assessment system, our Year 11 Authority English students will sit an *external* exam based on "Macbeth" on 27 May this term.

After many years in which schools set their own assessment, external assessment is set in Brisbane and marked by trained markers, rather than by teachers at the College. The question will be unseen, although the QCAA has provided us with clear guidelines about the exam, which will be an essay based on an unseen question.

Students are being thoroughly supported with a close reading of the play and with plenty of opportunities to consolidate their essay-writing skills.

Year 11 Authority English is considered a *formative* assessment year; this means the marks are not counted towards exit at the end of Year 12. Whilst we have every confidence that our students will acquit themselves well in this exam, parents can be assured that the results will only count towards Year 11 English results.

Participating students have all been given a letter from the QCAA explaining the above and inviting parents and interested people to find further information at: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te>

If you have any queries we encourage you to contact your child's English teacher.

Mrs Deborah Thomas  
Head of Department, English

## NAPLAN

Years 7 and 9 students from all around our nation participated in three days of standardised testing last week, in the annual NAPLAN tests. Good practice for our new senior system of external exams being introduced from 2018—current year 9 students onwards.



## Great science opportunity

Students Performing Advanced Research Qld (SPARQ-ed) offers week-long enrichment Research Immersion Programs, open to all year 10, 11 and 12 students throughout Queensland. Students should be studying Biology or Chemistry and maintaining a B average in these subjects. NOTE: Students must be at least 15 years old to participate in the Immersion program. Regional and remote students can apply for a Lions Medical Research Foundation \$500 travel and accommodation scholarship: <http://www.di.uq.edu.au/lmrfsparqedschol> Students can apply online at: <http://www.di.uq.edu.au/sparqed-rip>

**2016 Immersions:** June 20- June 24, Turning off the Immune response in Rheumatoid Arthritis sufferers: investigating anti-collagen II (AC II) antibodies: Prof Ranjeny Thomas June 27- July 1, Purifying the guardian of your genome hSSB1: Assoc. Prof Derek Richard Sept 12 - Sept 16, Researching gut flora to unravel the links between Type1 Diabetes susceptibility genes and environmental factors: Dr Emma Hamilton-Williams Sept 19 - Sept 23, Stem cells and tissue regeneration: seeding 3D printed scaffolds for bone repair: Dr Mike Doran Nov 28 - Dec 1 (year 10/11 students only): Dynamic tumour heterogeneity in melanoma therapy: exploring this using a novel model system: Assoc Prof Nikolas Haass



## Yr 7 students study Ancient Egypt



This term, and for the second half of term one, Year 7 students have been studying Ancient Egypt in their History classes. Both of Miss Chemello's classes did a practical study of the process of mummification. Before students could mummify each other they learnt the steps - including taking the brains out with a hook - and did some sequencing activities. Students then practised mummifying each other using the toilet paper to mimic the linen used by the Ancient Egyptians. The students had fun mummifying each other and demonstrating what they had learnt. It was great to see everyone learning through such a fun activity.

Miss Chemello - History teacher



## Cross Country win for FITZROY



In an historic upset last week, Fitzroy house claimed its first carnival win, taking first place for the Cross Country. House Captains Alex Ambrum and Cody King paid tribute to the great participation levels of Fitzroy House members and expressed thanks to the staff who ran the event.

With the competition opening up, we await with great anticipation the ISC Athletics Carnival scheduled to take place in week 2 of term 3.

Age Champions are pictured left.



12 yrs	Nyla Stevens & Ezekiel Stavrou	16 yrs	Sandra Vecchio & Luke Lupano
13 yrs	Rahani Whaleboat & Geoffrey Delta	17 yrs	Lauren Calleja & Kevin Daniells
14 yrs	Monica Vecchio, Kylie Vecchio and Ronan Doolan	18+ yrs	Elizabeth Banu & Shira Mait
15 yrs	Jasmine English & Rhaymus Tomarra	<b>Congratulations all Age Champions!</b>	

## Coming events at ISC

Tuesday 17 May	RACQ Free to Go talks for year 11 period 1 RACQ Free to Go talks for year 12 first break Maths tutoring all year levels 3-4pm XG02
Wednesday 18 May	Yr 8 immunisations Maths tutoring senior Maths A, B, C 3-4pm XG02
Thursday 19 May	<b>Peppertree Restaurant</b>
Friday 20 May	<b>Senior Music Concert &amp; Art Fusion</b>
Monday 23 May	Hot Shots English
Tuesday 24 May	Hot Shots Maths & Science Maths tutoring all year levels 3-4pm XG02
Wednesday 25 May	Hot Shots History Maths tutoring senior Maths A, B, C 3-4pm XG02
Thursday 26 May	Hot Shots HPE <b>Peppertree Restaurant</b>
Friday 27 May	QCS Workshop for year 12 OP students Yr 11 English exam period 1 & 2 <b>Young Performers' School Choir day at ISC</b>

*Innisfail State College acknowledges the Mamu People, Traditional Custodians of the country in which this College is located, and pays respect to their Elders past and present and emerging.*

## ANZAC commemorations

ANZAC was remembered at ISC with students and staff participating in both the town march and our own special commemoration ceremony, which focused our thoughts on those MIA servicemen and women who don't return from conflicts around the world. Our year 8 instrumentalist Jachaiya Timms played The Last Post at ISC and at the ceremony of our partner school Mourilyan SS.

