COOK DEFENDS ATHLETICS TITLE!!!

by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

The Interhouse Athletics Carnival was thrown into turmoil with events set to run in week 2 of this Term, but the unexpected wet weather wreaked havoc on our oval flooding the lower section. Therefore, it was postponed and rescheduled for week 3 around existing excursions and events on our calendar, meaning field events ran first on Monday (and not the traditional Thursday). Spirit day on Tuesday was fun and colourful with student’s dressed in house colours/themes and the traditional skits performed. The 1500m ran on Wednesday at both lunch breaks, with high participation and many spectators on the oval hill. The stage was now set for the main carnival (track and standard events) on Thursday (28 July).

The day started with a quick assembly and then straight down to competition in the first standard events. Throughout the day, Banks led the charge with their enthusiasm, passion and support for team-mates taking out the Spirit Stick. As the carnival progressed it was clear one house stood out from the pack with Cook once again taking a stranglehold on first position. Phillip fought hard to close the gap from a poor start in the field events and edge closer to Cook. Macquarie battled hard for third place with Banks falling away from the pack as the lead at the top grew. Cook’s dominance was evident again winning for the eighth straight year. Phillip maintained second place with Macquarie in third place and Banks in fourth place. The final scores were Cook - 2198, Phillip - 2019, Macquarie - 1968, Banks - 1791.

An extra event was added to the schedule this year with the running of the Ayr High Footrace, a handicapped (staggered start) 100 metre sprint. A female and male race were run, containing the fastest 100m sprinters from all six age-groups (U12-U19). Hannah Lewis and Morgan Noah (both U12’s) were winners of the race, claiming $50 each. It was a great spectacle with all remaining students and staff lining the side of the track to cheer and support the runners. We will look to add the event to the swimming carnival in the form of a 50m freestyle next year.

There were twelve records broken over the carnival. Congratulations to the following students - Giselle Le Feuvre (U12 Long Jump); Lauren Kmet (U12 Triple Jump); Jacob Kendall (U12 Discus); Colby Lennox (U12 High Jump & 800m); Eliza McMullen (U12 800m); Wesley O’Rourke (U16 100m); Sharni Wight (U16 200m & 400m); Noeleen VaeVae Pare (U19 Shot Put); U12 Boys Phillip Relay Team (Colby Lennox, Dominic Augustis, JD Wilkins, Luke Prior); and U16 Girls Cook Relay Team (Sharni Wight, Kelsey Heuir, Emma Lawson, Mariana Williams). Congratulations must go to the age champions who delivered outstanding performances, particularly Colby Lennox (U12) who won the “Individual Athletics Champion” trophy, which recognizes the highest points scorer of the Carnival. Colby finished with 131 points. Special mention to Emma Donovan (U14), who finished second overall with 114 points and Sharni Wight (U16) finishing with an impressive 105 points.

A squad will be selected from this carnival and will compete at the Burdekin Interschool Athletics Carnival on Friday 19 August at our school (Ayr State High School). (Continued Page 3)
From the Principal

by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal

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This weekend is the culmination of months of practice and preparation which will see our Musical performed for the wider community. Yesterday our students were treated to the productions first performance and they returned to school with a buzz after really enjoying the experience. I can’t wait to see the performance myself. Break a leg guys! I know it will be awesome!

Last week we had our Athletics Carnival after delays due to rain from the previous week. Both days were outstanding with participation and school spirit. Congratulations to Cook for winning … again. Congratulations to Banks for once again winning the Spirit Stick. A big thanks to Ms Carrigan and her team for organising the carnival.

Term 3 is a very big term especially for our Year 12 students. Come Monday the Musical will have finished and Interhouse Athletics Carnival is complete. It is now time to refocus on your studies. For students looking to apply to University the QCS test will be coming up soon as well as the end of term assessment block. It is imperative that every student maximises their achievement at the end of this term to ensure the best chance of maximising their own OP score. For all Year 12 students they will only have seven weeks after the holidays to complete 12 years of schooling successfully. So my advice is to knuckle down now so you can enjoy your last weeks of school with us at Ayr State High School. Next week on Tuesday and Thursday nights, Year 10 students and their parents/carers will begin to formalise the Student Education and Training (SET) Plans. These plans help develop students career goals and maps out pathways to achieve those goals. I encourage all Year 10 parents/carers to have discussions at home with your child about what their possible career goals may be. We need you to help encourage all Year 10 parents/carers to come to the Parent Information night on Thursday 18 August to provide an overview of the SET plans. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents/carers to assist in our discussions. So come along to our Parent Information night next week!

Our P&C is running two major fundraisers. The first is selling tickets in Rotary’s Community raffle. Tickets are $5 with a chance to win 1st prize of $10 000, 2nd Prize $5000 and 3rd prize $2500. All students have been issued with a letter asking if their family is interested in buying tickets. Attached to the letter was an envelope and vouchers that are to be returned with cash so tickets can be allocated to you. $5 from every ticket sold comes directly back to the school's P&C to be invested in the development of our school. If you would like to be reissued with the letter and vouchers please contact the schools administration office.

The second fundraiser is to help commemorate Ayr State High’s 80th Anniversary next year. They are developing an 80th Anniversary Cookbook. This will be a hard cover cookbook of professional standard that will comprise of photos of the school over the years as well as recipes donated by students and families past and present. If you would like to add a favourite recipe you can go directly to the website www.createcookbook.com.au and select Ayr State High School, or you can email your recipe to Sharon Bozzetto at dboz25@bigpond.net.au. See you at the Musical!

Craig Whittred
Principal

James Cook University Experience

by Mr Bruce Johnson, Guidance Officer

Twenty-eight Year 12 students from Ayr State High School recently travelled to Townsville for this year’s James Cook University Experience. The students could choose to investigate two areas of interest from nursing to engineering and media arts to education – the range of opportunities was enormous. Each faculty had set up displays relevant to their field of study, organized various activities and arranged for speakers to address the students. Student ambassadors, who were current JCU students, accompanied the students and were available to answer any questions from a personal perspective regarding tertiary study and university life. The excursion allowed students to investigate their career plans and determine if further study at a tertiary institution would be a viable pathway for their future.

James Cook University Open Days will be held in the near future and provide families with a great opportunity to visit the campus, view displays and facilities and discuss career and course information. Open Day at Cairns Campus is 7 August from 11 am - 3 pm and Townsville Campus is 21 August also from 11 am - 3 pm.

Welcome to Ayr State High School

Our school acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land. Today, they are the custodians of the cultural heritage of this land. Further to this, our school acknowledges there are other Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Island people who have lived, worked and contributed to the cultural heritage of our community.

Music Support Meeting

Thursday 18 August 2016
5 pm, A14
New parents/carers welcome.

P&C Meeting

Monday 8 August 2016
7.30 pm, Resource Centre
All welcome.
Queensland Selection
by Miss Courtney Carrigan,
Sports Co-ordinator

Congratulations to Abigail Evetts (Year 10) who has been selected to represent Queensland in U15 Schoolgirls Football (soccer). Abby recently competed at the U15 State Championships for Northern (NQ) and played a pivotal role in NQ’s 3rd placing. Earlier in the year Abby was also a member of the U19 Schoolgirls Northern Football squad and has been a member of the Northern Fury for a number of years. It is tremendous to see her hard work and dedication paying off with selection in these representative teams. Abby will travel to and tour Japan in September with the QLD squad as there are no National Championships for U15’s. Well done and good luck!!!

Absentee Hotline
4790 4353

If your child is away either:
• phone the hotline/leave a message (messages will be attended to by close of business each day),
• text message or
• hand in a note, on return, to Mrs Slattery at the office.
Year 10 SET Planning Processes
by Mr Kerry Flynn, Acting Deputy Principal

All Year 10 students will shortly participate in a three stage process to create a Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan culminating in appropriate Year 11 subject selections to match their career goals. All Year 10 students were given a letter outlining the process and requesting parents to ring the school office to make interview times for stage 1 and 3. The three stages are:

Stage 1: Initial Interview with a member of the School Leadership Team on either Tuesday 9 August or Thursday 11 August to explore career options and draft a SET Plan.

Stage 2: Subject Selection evening in the SMC and School Resource Centre on Tuesday 16 August to explore possible subjects for Year 11 and to discuss options with a range of school staff.

Stage 3: Confirmation interview with a member of the School Leadership Team on either Tuesday 23 August or Thursday 25 August to ratify the SET Plan and confirm subject selections for 2017.

We are looking forward to working with Year 10 students and their families at this critical time in their education as they move into the Year 11 and 12 senior phase of their learning.

Townsville Careers Expo
by Mr Bruce Johnson, Guidance Officer

The Townsville Careers Expo is the region’s most comprehensive careers, employment and training expo that offers visitors the latest information on tertiary studies, further training, hands on demonstrations and employment opportunities. The event offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career to meet with a diverse range of organizations that are both locally-based and from around Australia.

Visitors at the expo will be able to:
- Meet with over 150 representatives and receive expert advice on a variety of topics.
- Try a range of trades in the Worldskills Australia Try a Trade section.
- Find information on training, tertiary studies, apprenticeships and career options.
- Listen to speakers and receive tips for aspiring career seekers.
- Access information on scholarship, bursaries and application procedures.
- Attend seminar sessions.
- Access to "hands on" activities and interactive displays.
- Go in the draw to win an Apple watch!

Each year, the event features around 60 organizations including Universities from around Queensland and interstate, Private Education Training Colleges, National and Local Employers, Australian Defence Force, Government Training, Agencies and Employers, Apprenticeship and Traineeship providers, Student Services and more!

Monday 8 August 2016 - Townsville RSL Stadium - Free Entry - www.careersevent.com
An Ayr SHS Production
by arrangement with Origin Theatrical
www.origintheatrical.com.au

Book, Music and Lyrics By JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY

Tickets on sale from 9th June 2016

Tickets can be purchased
online www.burdekintheatre.com.au or at the Burdekin Shire Council

Ticket Prices

Adult $38.00
Student/Concession $28.00
Family (2 adults, 2 children) $120.00