Year 9 Drama Performs for Prep Students!

by Miss Maree Longworth, Drama Teacher

Last Tuesday, 12 June, the Year 9 Drama class walked to Ayr State School armed with set pieces, props and costumes to perform for Mrs Southwood's Prep students.

The Year 9 students taught the prep students some valuable lessons through a performance which made them focus on manipulating their voice and working a song and dance into the routine.

The prep students were treated to three very well performed plays, some lollies and even a bubble machine. Well done to the Year 9 Drama students!

New Netball Uniforms

by Miss Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

We would like to thank the P & C Association for their kind donation which allowed us to purchase two new sets of Netball uniforms for the Interschool U15 and Open Team. The girls proudly paraded them at last weeks whole school assembly but will have to wait until next year to show them off. Special thanks also to Mrs Toohey who organised the purchase of the uniforms. We are looking at purchasing more sporting uniforms this year for Basketball and possibly Athletics.

Term 3

by Ms Lesley Olsen, Deputy Principal

Term 3 commences Monday 9 July 2012. It is essential that all students are in attendance and ready for learning from the first day of Semester 2. For all students, but particularly Year 12 students, this term will be the busiest ever. We are excited about the school musical, The Great Australian Rock Musical, and will consider this commitment when scheduling assessment but Year 12 students have a very short time left in which to work towards improving their school learning options; this must be their first priority.

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From the Principal
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal
Editorial - Newsletter No.10 22/06/12 - Mr Whittred is on leave this week.

Uniform Requirements
by Ms Lesley Olsen, Deputy Principal
Please note the school uniform code. It is printed in student planners and reprinted here for your information:

The wearing of school uniform enhances student safety. Students are expected to wear the school uniform. Green polo T shirts, black cotton blend shorts, predominantly white socks and joggers. (The formal school uniform may be worn as an alternative). In cooler weather; long, black cotton blend pants may be worn (not jeans). Jumpers are dark green in colour, available from the school office. To be sun safe students must wear a hat when participating in activities outdoors or on the school oval. We strongly encourage students to wear (the school) broad-brimmed hat. Uniform free days are occasionally held to raise funds for various charities or to encourage participation in sports carnival days. On such days students need to dress appropriately for school: covered footwear, modest clothing without offensive logos (singlets would not be acceptable).

We are concerned about the increasing number of girls who are choosing to wear shorts that are not appropriate for school because they are too short or are not cotton blend, as specified. NOTE: “Lorna Jane” brand clothing is not generally made from cotton blend fabric.

Please ensure the clothing your child wears to school meets our P&C endorsed uniform code.

Year 8 in Semester 2
by Ms Lesley Olsen, Deputy Principal
There will be some changes for Year 8 subject classes in Semester 2. The changes have been made in order to best meet the learning needs of all students. Year 8 parents will receive a letter from Mr Whittred explaining in more detail the rationale behind the changes. As with any change there will be a period of uncertainty and some students may feel anxious. The student support services team will be working with the new subject classes to minimise the impact of the change. We are confident the changes will allow us to better meet the needs of the Year 8 cohort.

Staff Changes for Semester 2
by Ms Lesley Olsen, Deputy Principal
Mr Ken Herbert HOD Teaching and Learning and HPE has transferred to Nerangbah Valley State High School where he will take up a position as HOD, Mathematics. We thank Mr Herbert for his work over the past two years and wish him well.
Ms Natasha Ranke, Ms Sayuri Shirakoma leave us after completing Semester 1 with us; Ms Larisa Antonova leaves us also after assisting in the English Department for the past six weeks. We thank them for their work with us and wish them well with their next endeavour.

A big thank you to parents!
by Miss Maree Longworth, Musical Director
For the past three weekends, volunteer parents of students in the musical have helped staff members with the weekend working bees. A big thank you must go to these parents for their support and valuable time to construct costumes and the set. The production team would like to thank; The parents Mr Shane Great, Mr Greg Pearson, Mr John Menso, Mrs Tricia Land, Mrs Claire Brock, Mrs Terrie Southwood, Mrs Tina Hancock, Mrs Angela De Wit, Ms Anna De Wit, Mrs Helen Price, Mrs Meredith Modra, Mrs Elaine Kaminski, Mrs Debra Wood and Mr Dave Guy.

As well as the students; Nick Previteria, Calen Graham, Bailey Towers, Liam De Wit, Katrelle Granshaw, Maddison Oats.
And the teachers; Mr Chris Milne, Mr Peter Jensen, Mr Andrew Prideaux, Mrs Judy Kierle and Ms Heather Scott.
If you would like to volunteer for either of the upcoming working bees the dates and times are listed as follows;
Sewing bee: Saturday 23 June from 9 am in the Sewing Room – Ayr SHS.
Construction: Saturday 28 July from 9 am at the Lighthouse Theatre, Young Street. Volunteers will be required to move the set and ute from the Lighthouse into the Burdekin Theatre.

Welcome to Ayr State High School
Our school acknowledges the Juru community as the first owners of this country. Today, they are still 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.
Collect Vouchers now at Coles!
by Miss Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

Ayr High is getting involved in the Coles Sports for Schools Program again. Parents, students and staff are encouraged to get behind this initiative and support Aussie kids becoming more active by giving Ayr High the chance to receive new sports equipment. Last year we collected an amazing 22 450 points and purchased a range of sporting goods – athletics equipment, stopwatches, basketballs, tennis balls, an AFL kit, soccer kit, netball kit and plenty more. It’s simple: Every $10 spent at Coles Supermarkets will earn a voucher worth 1 point. Vouchers are provided with the receipt at point of purchase. Students can collect vouchers from family, friends and neighbours (and teachers) and drop them in the voucher collection box which is located in the school office. It’s simple: collect more vouchers, get more gear! Let’s raise more than 2011!!!

Northern (NQ) Selections
by Miss Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

Well done to the students who demonstrated their skills at the U15 NQ trials for Rugby Union, Football and Basketball on Tuesday 5 June. Congratulations to Natalie Holt (Year 9) who was selected for Football and Molly Barbagallo (Year 10), Matthew Wight (Year 10) and Jack Vacher (Year 10) who were selected for Basketball. They will compete at their respective Queensland Championships at the end of July with Nat travelling to Hervey Bay, and the basketball players going to Rockhampton.

Well done to all students and we wish them well. Special mention to Jordan Holmes who was part of the official’s development squad at the recent QLD Schoolboys Rugby Union Championships. Jordan has now been invited to officiate at the Primary schoolboys Rugby Union Championships. We wish him well.

Salvos Red Shield Appeal

Several students volunteered to assist in the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal recently. Their efforts reflect a strong commitment to community service and were certainly appreciated by organisers of the appeal.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 17 July, 5 pm

Student Council
School Project
by Ms Deanne Ruge

The Student Council’s main focus for the year will be the school project, developed and planned by the form class representatives. This year’s project will look at improving the general area of the MPS. Ideas such as updating the murals, include more seating and installing a sports clock will be proposed for approval. Meetings will continue fortnightly to work towards the completion of the 2012 school project.

IT Update #10
Laptop and Home Drive Audits

The school computer technician is currently auditing files stored in home drives and on laptops. Inappropriate files will be deleted eg movies, images, music, games. Please ensure that personal files of this nature are stored on removable devices and not on school equipment.
Chappy’s Corner
by Scott McLean, Chaplain

What a few weeks! We have literally seen the highs and lows of school life this week. By that I mean the highs and lows of the High Ropes Course in Charters Towers. The Tunnel and Light groups in Year 8 and 9 were lucky enough to go on a Team Building/Self Discovery Excursion. It was great to see some fantastic outcomes for these boys who pushed themselves beyond the limits that they had previously set themselves. Highlights of the excursions were Calen Graham who broke the record for the high log scramble previously held by Jamaine White and Jonathon Alamaoina who was the first student in history to ‘Dougie’ on a log 10 metres in the air. Well done to all the boys, we have lots more challenges in store for you as the year goes on.

End of Semester Reports and Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
by Ms Lesley Olsen, Deputy Principal

Reports will be completed in the final week of term. Checking and finalising will occur during the holidays so that the reports can be issued to students on Wednesday 11 July - the first Wednesday in term 3. Parent/Student/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 17 July from 5 pm to 8 pm. Instructions for booking interviews with teachers will be issued with the school report. Parents who cannot attend on 17 July will be able to make alternative arrangements.

Upcoming Events

9 July  
Term 3 Commences
P&C Meeting (7.30 pm, Resource Centre)
11 July  
Semester 1 Reports Issued
12 July  
Yr 12 JCU Experience
School Disco (Showgrounds Hall, 7 - 10 pm)
15-18 Jul  
Yr 11 Engineering Camp
16 July  
Music Support Meeting (7.30 pm, A12)
17 July  
Parent/Teacher Interviews (5 pm)
19 July  
Athletic Carnival Nominations (2.30 - 3.00 pm)
Grad Committee Movie Premiere
20 July  
Assessment Calendars issued

Ayr State High School presents:
The Great Australian Rock Musical

Tickets on sale NOW!!
Tickets purchased at the Burdekin Theatre
$30 for adults
$20 for students/concession
$90 for Family (2 adults and 2 students)

Show dates and times:
Friday 3 August, 8 pm
Saturday 4 August, 8 pm
Sunday 5 August, 12 pm

Our last show sold out, so don’t miss out!

Ayr State High School Music Support Group

Bingo
Saturday 2.00 pm
Anglican Church Hall
Jackpots $400, $300, $200

P&C Meeting
Monday 9 July 2012
7.30 pm
Resource Centre

Music Support Group Meeting
Monday 16 July
7.30 pm, A12

Movie Premiere
The Dark Knight Rises
Thursday 19 July 2012
Tickets are on sale for $16 (from Friday 15 June). Purchase at the office or from one of the Grad Committee members.

School Disco
Thursday 12 July
Showgrounds Hall, 7 - 10 pm
Cost: $5 costume, $6 no costume
Theme is Australian Rock

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