National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Success

by Mr Kerry Flynn, HOD - Science & Mathematics

The tradition at Ayr High continues once again this year with one of our top Year 11 students, Matthew Wight, being successful in gaining selection to the prestigious National Youth Science Forum in Perth. We were fortunate to have two outstanding applicants this year – well done also to Jack Vacher for an outstanding application. It was disappointing that both boys could not attend.

Matt will attend a two week science experience with 144 students from across the country in January 2014. Serious work with leading scientists from across a range of disciplines will occur through lectures, seminars, field trips and laboratory investigations. There will also be plenty of time for social events in order to get to know the other participants.

Over the last 18 years, Ayr High has had a very high reputation of gaining selection to this Forum. This is testimony to the quality of our students, the parental support and guidance from teachers. Matt follows on from the following participants - Ben Brandon (2008), Rohan Watt (2009), Monica Saunders (2010), Genevieve Fahey (2011) and Josh Great (2012).

The Ayr Rotary Club once again has been very supportive in this venture and we thank them for their continued commitment to the young people of the Burdekin.

Science Competition 2013 Results

by Mr Kerry Flynn, HOD - Science & Mathematics

Congratulations to all 43 students who participated in this year’s competition. The overall standard was good and there were a number of students who missed out on a Credit Certificate by 1 question only.

Distinction Certificates
Lyam Loring (8), Luke Sockhill (10), Jordan Scarabel (12)

Credit Certificates
Flynn Fraser (8), Shona Scalia (8), Sharni Wight (8), Adam Barbagallo (9), Emma Lyons (9), Nathan Masatto (9), Tyler Northwood (9), Christopher Ordorica (9), Tiam Walsh (9), Dean Webber (9), Ryan Taylor (10), René Le Feuvre (10), Liam Shannon (10), Jack Vacher (11), Cassienne Darwen (11), Jordan Holmes (11), Travis Mogg (11), Matthew Wight (11), Anna Wood (11), Jessie Shaw (12)

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From the Principal
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal
Editorial - Newsletter No. 10 30/08/13

Last week we saw the Burdekin Secondary Schools Athletics carnival held on the Ayr State High School oval. The day was a fantastic success which was due to the hard work of our Sports Coordinator Ms Courtney Carrigan with the support of the HPE department and staff who helped facilitate the day. I would also like to thank the staff from Home Hill High and Burdekin Catholic High for their support on the day.

Recently we have been focusing on the appropriate use of electronic equipment (Mobile phones and IPods). Our school expectations are that these devices are “Off and away” during class times. This is to ensure that the students are focused on learning during the four sessions a day at school. Unfortunately we are finding that some students are receiving calls/texts from parents and/or family members during these times which is disrupting the learning of others and causing unnecessary conflict between students and teachers. If there is an emergent need to contact your son or daughter during class times please contact the school administration directly and the message will be relayed to your child. If there are non-urgent messages please call/send during our lunch breaks which are from 11.20am-12.00pm and 1.10pm-1.50pm. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated and help us remained focused on supplying your sons and daughters with a quality education.

Over the last two weeks we have seen students’ artwork displayed in a professional gallery in the centre of town. The level of expertise and skill is quite extraordinary and show real artistic talent from each year level across the school. Once again this exhibition would not have been possible without the outstanding work and commitment of our Visual Arts teacher Mrs Lynda Hoey. She has put in incredible hours to not only support students but with the framing and mounting of artwork and the organisation of the exhibition itself. A special thanks the Zaro family for generously allowing us to utilise their gallery and for all the additional support they have given us over the project. I would also like to thank Mrs Rosemary Menkins, Mr Bill Lowis and Mrs Lindy McCathie for attending our official opening and supporting the talented students of Ayr State High School.

Once again our students have shown their true talents in yet another field which should make all of our Ayr High community feel proud.

Yours in education
Craig Whittred
Principal

Engineering Camp
by Jordan Holmes, Year 11 Student

On 22 to 24 July, I travelled to James Cook University in Townsville to attended the North Queensland Engineering Link Project. This was a three day camp for students who had an interest in studying a Bachelor of Engineering at university and making engineering their occupation. I lived like a uni student and stayed at one of the university dorms to avoid driving up and back every day.

Throughout the three days there were numerous activities to show the different sides of engineering and what problemshave to be solved. These activities were engaging, practical, involved some mathematics and were extremely fun. From this project I have made new friends, caught up with old ones and, with the help of the presenters and the engineers, I have expanded my knowledge on what engineering and university are like. I now know I definitely want to study an engineering degree when I go to university.

Welcome to Ayr State High School
Our school acknowledges the Bindal and 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.

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Ayr State High School Music Support Group
“25th Anniversary” Bingo Day
Saturday 26 October 2013
More details in future Ayring’s.
Interschool Athletics Carnival
by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

Last Friday, 23 August, Ayr State High School hosted the Interschool Athletics Carnival. Approximately 90 students represented Ayr High in various track and field events. Ayr High finished second overall with a total of 736 points and third in the average trophy. We trailed BCHS by over 100 points throughout the day but made up for it in the relays winning six out of ten and reducing the overall margin to fifty points. Congratulations to Sharni Wight (U13), Tamika Murdock (U14), Liam Vitale (U14) and Jamahl White (U19) who were Age Champions.

Three records were broken by Ayr High students: Liam Vitale (U14) Javelin 40.24 m (39.97; 2002), Molly Barbagallo (U16) Shot Put 10.1 m (9.05; 2012), Jamahl White (U19) Long Jump 6.55 (6.21; 1986).

A squad of 50 has been selected from this carnival and will represent the Burdekin district at the North Queensland Track and Field Trials on Friday 6 September. Twenty-one members of this squad are from Ayr High. Congratulations to all students.

HPE WEEK 2-6 September 2013
by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

HPE Week is a celebration of Health and Physical Education in schools and communities in Queensland. Ayr State High School will be taking this opportunity to celebrate and promote the importance of HPE to our students, parents and wider school community by incorporating health, physical activity and well-being activities during the week.

We are running a ‘Head to Head Challenge’, a friendly competition within and between registered schools to promote active lifestyles for all. The challenge is comprised of a week of activities, including “Beg-Your-Pardon-Burpees” and the “Longest Rally”, completed in the form of an inter-school competition across Queensland schools.

HEAD TO HEAD CHALLENGE

MONDAY : Beg-Your Pardon Burpees
TUESDAY : Longest Rally
WEDNESDAY : Here to Brandon
THURSDAY : Keep it Up
FRIDAY : Go Go GOAL

TAKING THE CHALLENGE!

ACHPER QLD will be holding the annual Health and Physical Education Week on 2-6 September 2013.

“HEAD TO HEAD CHALLENGE” PROGRAM

Student Free Day
Monday 21 October 2013

Labour Day Holiday
Monday 7 October 2013

ACHPER QLD will be holding the annual Health and Physical Education Week on 2-6 September 2013. Ayr Amateur Swim Club
Sign on & Season Start
Wednesday 4 September
6 pm - 7 pm
Ayr Town Pool
Sign on and sausage sizzle

Student Free Day

Labour Day Holiday

HPE WEEK 2-6 September 2013

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Congratulations to Jordan Zabel (Year 10) who has been selected in the U15 Queensland Merit Football Squad. Jordan recently returned from Cleveland, Brisbane, where he was a member of the Northern squad that competed in the U15 State Football Championships. He played centre mid and was pivotal in the Northern team finishing third overall (their best ever result). The Chairman of Queensland Secondary School Football stated that ‘it was a great recognition for all of Jordan’s effort that he had put into training and development’. Unfortunately, other states do not have a representative program in the U15 age group and therefore there is no opposition or further involvement for Jordan to attend. Well done Jordan.
Performing Arts Tour to Melbourne
by Meggan Loring, Year 12 Student

On Friday 26 July, a group of 44 students, four teachers and one parent, embarked on a performing arts tour to Melbourne. This tour gave students a fantastic opportunity to see two highly acclaimed shows, “King Kong” and “Cavalia”. Friday night saw our departure from Townsville airport and a very late arrival into Melbourne. On Saturday morning students were fortunate enough to visit the ‘Hollywood Costume Exhibition’ and ‘Australian Centre for the Moving Image’. Some of the interesting costumes on display were Spiderman, Captain Jack Sparrow and Eliza Doolittle from My Fair Lady. The next stop was the Old Melbourne Gaol, where students were given a haunting glimpse of criminal life, in particularly Ned Kelly’s iconic past. That night, everyone glammed up to attend the spectacular King Kong. This classic story, brought to life by a six metre tall, 1.1 tonne puppet, amazed us all. The detail to the stage and lighting effects were magnificent and the cast, soundtrack and costumes all helped to make a memorable experience.

Sunday, we travelled by tram to the beach and Luna Park where many students got their thrills before heading to our next great performance, Cavalia. This performance was a mix of equestrian and performing arts, multimedia and special effects. The show features more than 45 horses and performers from around the world. The agility of the performers and the training and obedience of the horses combined with the music and special effects, were awesome. That night, a very exhausted group, braved the 88 storey high ‘Skydeck’. Some extra daring individuals ventured out to the glass deck suspended over the city. It was terrifying!

On our final day, we had time to visit the graffiti wall where local painters legally tagged the walls and we shot our very own dance and music video. Of course a trip to Melbourne would not be complete without a shopping spree in Burke Street Mall. This trip was an amazing experience. Our gratitude and thanks go to Miss Longworth, Mr Milne, Mr and Mrs Jones and Rachel Webber (parent). Our appreciation must also go to the Music Support Group for sponsoring this tour part of their continuing support and encouragement of the Performing Arts at Ayr State High School.

History teachers go back to school
by Mrs Saskia Vollema-Creek, History Teacher

On Tuesday 30 July, Brian Hoepper, a former QUT history lecturer and author of many history texts, visited the school to work with humanities staff. During his presentation, he discussed the philosophy behind teaching history and provided numerous examples of how to creatively teach the different historical capabilities and concepts demanded by the Australian Curriculum. His workshop demonstrated how study of history encourages students to challenge what they read their view the world around them both in the past and the present.
24 Hour Human Powered Vehicle Event
by Mr Peter Jensen, Practical Technology Teacher

The much anticipated Ayr State High entry for the 24 hour Human Powered Vehicle event is undergoing last minute preparation with the race only 2 weeks away. A team of eight drivers and two pit crew have been working hard building, practicing driving, damaging, and repairing their three wheeled creation. Held at Maryborough over the weekend of the 14 and 15 September, the race typically attracts the maximum 120 school entries, with teams in 2012 exceeding 500 laps of the 1.5km closed road circuit (750km).

Support Your Sporting Colours
by Shane Kennedy, School Captain

On Wednesday 17 July, Ayr State High’s Year 12’s hosted their very own ‘Support your Team’ day. Support your team day is a fun day where students get to wear their favourite team colours to show off their sporting pride. It also allows us to recognise the achievements of students in their sporting fields. Funds from this day contribute to the costs of the 2013 Graduation and the Year 12 group is extremely grateful for the donations received.

Senior Schooling News
by Ms Lesley Olsen, Deputy Principal

Year 10
Next week Year 10 students and parents/carers will be involved in SET plan interviews to confirm career pathways and discuss the appropriate course of study for the next two years. To facilitate the interviews no classes will be held for Year 10 students on Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 September.

Year 11
Year 11 students have been participating in leadership activities during their AP lessons in the last week. On Wednesday 4 September all Year 11 students will participate in further leadership discussions in the lead up to the selection process for the 2014 student executive. All students will be invited to apply for one of the formal leadership positions by completing a written application. The applications are due on 11 September.

Year 12
OP eligible Year 12 students will sit the QCS test on Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 September. No classes will be conducted for Year 12 students on these days. Breakfast will be provided for the QCS students at 8.10 am on both days. There are two test each day as per the schedule below. We wish the students well in this challenging test.

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QCS students welcome Bill Gilmore
by Mrs Teresa Gemellaro

Our Year 12 QCS students have been working very hard in their final preparation. On Tuesday, 22 August, they welcomed a visit from Mr Bill Gilmore. Mr Gilmore along with his wife are experienced writers of QCS items. Mr Gilmore has also been in charge of QCS operations for a number of years and have published a book called QCS success. He gave the students many tips to approach the difficult questions they will see on the test papers and used a range of examples to illustrate. The students agree that the session was very helpful. This is the first time our school has engaged the services of an outside professional. It has been a worthwhile extra to the work the students have done in the school preparation. We wish the students all the best in these important tests. As always, our school will offer the students breakfast prior to the tests on both days. This is about supporting the team spirit as much as about having a great meal to start an intense day. Additionally, at our school we ensure that no subjects have any assessment or drafts due in the week of QCS. This allows students the time to be well-rested and approach the tests with a clear mind.

Yr 12 QCS
3 & 4 September, 2013
Good luck!
Teacher vs Student
– Mixed Volleyball
by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

Last Thursday saw another teacher v student (Year 12 only) grudge match. Mixed volleyball was the sport of choice. The score see-sawed throughout the match, with some dubious calls from the Year 11 umpires. It was a very entertaining match that drew a large crowd of spectators. There was some confusion as to who had won the match with the scoreboard indicating the teachers had won but the umpires stating that the students had in fact taken it out. In that case, that leaves the competition at 1-1, with the teachers being victorious in the cricket match held earlier this year.

Year 8 Touch Football Success
by Mr Bruce Johnson, Coach

A team of Year 8 Touch players travelled to Townsville to contest the All Schools Touch Carnival. Teams came from all over North Queensland and our team completed in the Year 8 Mixed division. Ayr High finished third in the competition ahead of five other teams including Tully State High, Burdekin Catholic High and Gilroy College. Unfortunately we were defeated by an Ignatius Park/St Margaret Marys combined team and were beaten in the semi-final by Kirwan High. The team was lead superbly by Taheisha Bulgareli who demonstrated great skills, speed and determination and the top try scorer was Nathaniel Roxburgh who scored 10.

Every member of the team showed great improvement throughout the carnival and their teamwork and sportsmanship were a credit to Ayr State High School. Thanks must also go to René Le Feuvre for umpiring during the carnival and Miss Heather Scott who was the team manager.

Well done
Dylan!
by Mrs Saskia Vollema-Creek, 9C Form Teacher

Recently, Dylan Powell competed in the Innisfail boxing tournament run by the Innisfail PCYC. Competitors came from all over North Queensland and Dylan fought in three rounds with one competitor in his own weight division, the 51 kg weight division. Dylan won two of the three rounds against his opponent and won a trophy. This was the first time Dylan competed in a boxing tournament. He has been training to fight for two years and this was his first fight in a competition. Dylan’s coach, Alex Lawson, was proud of his win.

Donations of Formal Uniforms

We would appreciate the donation of any girls/boys formal school uniforms. Items of clothing can be left at the school office or given to Ms Aleksic.

Townsville Annual Japanese Speech Competition
by Miss Sarah Ellison – LOTE Teacher

On Friday 9 August, four students from Years 8 and 9 represented Ayr State High School at the Annual Japanese Speech Competition in Townsville. Students competed against 14 other schools and performed really well in their divisions. While we are still waiting on confirmation, Tiarn Walsh placed in the top three in the Year 9 division.

The main aim of the contest is to provide those students who are studying Japanese as their chosen L.O.T.E. the opportunity of demonstrating and extending their language skills in an atmosphere of friendly competition with other like-minded students. It also allows students to gain both confidence and experience in expressing and communicating their own ideas in the target language in a public speaking context.

Well done to Tiarn Walsh, Lachlan Holmes, Noeleen Vaevae Pare and Chloe Memery for proudly representing our school for the first time ever at the Japanese Speech Competition.