Interact - “World’s Greatest Shave”

by Mrs Nyree Woods

Last week saw the great shave at Ayr State High School for the World’s Greatest Shave. On Wednesday, 30 July 2014, students Cassienne Darwen, Brody Butler and Robert Olsen shaved their locks for the Leukaemia Foundation. Staff members Mr Rod Williams, Mr Kevin Lee and Mr Brandon Cotter (a last minute volunteer) also went bald for the cause. In the lead-up to this event, the Interact Club held a street stall and a trivia night to raise monies for this event.

One of the highlights of the day was the Amazing Leg Waxing Race where several grade 12 boys (Robert Olsen, Luke Buono, Harry Miller, Travis Mogg, Bailey Walsh, Blake Hollywood) AND Mr Whittred and Chappy threw their (very) hairy legs into the ring to raise more money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Aaron Hatfield and Travis Mogg also demonstrated in front of the whole school just what was involved in the leg waxing on Assembly the day before the race. It was surely their reaction that prompted such interest in the activities of the day and lead to such outstanding support from our school community.

The day was lots of fun and many laughs were had! Louisa Calvert attended on the day representing the Leukaemia Foundation. She gave a short speech on the importance of raising funds for the Foundation and how those funds were spent. She was very impressed with the involvement of the school body supporting “The World’s Greatest Shave” at our school.

To date, we have banked just under $3,000.00 for Ayr High’s contribution to the World’s Greatest Shave – a fantastic result for our school. The support and generosity was something to be proud of.

The organisers wish to thank their many sponsors and supporters that contributed so generously to our fundraising appeal: Kimberley Lewty from House of Hair - for shaving the heads on Wednesday; many parents, students and friends for baking and purchasing goodies from our sweet stall; Gurgos Paint and Hardware, Michelle Ardle (Talking Point Photography), Overflow, Selections, Wilmar, Ben Moran Engineering, Burdekin Bowl, Ivy and Burdekin Shire Council for donating round and raffle prizes for our Trivia Night. Mr Rod Williams also organised icy cups to be sold on the day to add to our fundraising efforts.

Keep your eyes open for Interact members selling the remaining numbers on our number board and tickets in our Scratchie Tree. We still have time to reach that $3000 mark!

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Package includes: 2 nights accommodation at selection of Sydney CBD hotels, check in Sat 4 Oct 14, Gold Reserved seating at ANZ Stadium, The Grand Final Extravaganza Cruise, plentiful food including gourmet pies, pastries and noodle boxes, unlimited heavy and light beers and sparkling, red and white wines. Soft drinks, juices, teas and coffee, meet the Sportsnet Cheerleaders, watch the replay of the 2013 NRL Grand Final.

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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.

From the Principal
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal
Editorial - Newsletter No. 11 08/08/14

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We are moving into another period of assessment with mid-term assessments for our Junior Secondary students coming into the frame. For our Year 12 University Pathway students they will sit the QCS test in the first week of September and have been working hard to improve their overall skills to ensure a top quality result on that very important test.

As a school we continue to work towards achieving outstanding results for every student. So continue to work together everyone doing their part and we will achieve this.

Yours in education
Craig Whittred
Principal

English Tutoring
Tuesdays
3.15 pm - 4.15 pm
A4
☺
Your friendly English teachers are available to help you with homework and assessments.

P&C Meeting
Monday 1 September 2014
7.30 pm, Resource Centre

ASHS Music Support Group
Bingo
Saturday 2.00 pm
Anglican Church Hall
Jackpots $400, $300, $200

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Ayr State High School’s Musical
Peter Pan
Friday 8 August 8 pm
Saturday 9 August 12 pm
Saturday 9 August 8 pm
Family $110 Adults $35
Student/Concession $25
Tickets on sale from Tuesday 10 June 2014 from the Burdekin Theatre.

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 Maths & Science Tutoring

Wednesday Afternoon
(3.15 - 4.15 pm)

Thursday Afternoon
(3.15 - 4.15 pm)

D1 Lab

All year levels welcome

Do you want help with homework?
Do you need help with studying for a test?
The Interhouse Athletics Carnival was held over four days of competition with the main carnival on Friday 25 July. The week started with the running of the 3000m on Monday and the 1500m on Wednesday. Both events attracted a high level of participation. The field events were held mid-day Thursday, with a strong competitive spirit across the Houses. The stage was now set for the track, standard and novelty events at Friday’s Carnival. The day started with the traditional House skits with plenty of passion shown with the war-cries. Throughout the day, Phillip led the charge with their enthusiasm, passion and support for teammates taking out the spirit stick. As the Carnival progressed it came down to two houses, Cook and Macquarie, battling it out for first and second place. Phillip hung in close to Macquarie with Banks falling away from the pack as the lead at the top grew greater. Cook eventually took a stranglehold on the competition winning for the sixth straight year. Macquarie battled hard to maintain second place with Phillip succumbing to third place and Banks languishing in fourth place. The final scores were Cook - 2062, Macquarie - 1878, Phillip - 1830, Banks - 1474. There were ten records broken over the carnival. Congratulations to the following students – Sharni Wight (U14 3000m & 1500m); Wesley O’Rourke (U14 100m); Noeleen Vaevae Pare (U15 Shot Put); Tamika Murdock (U15 200m); Liam Vitale (U15 Discus); Kyla Pringle (U16 3000m); Rene Le Feuvre (U16 3000m); Zoie Borellini (U19 Javelin); Molly Barbagallo (U19 Shot Put). Congratulations must go to the age champions who delivered outstanding performances, particularly Jordan Zabel (U16) who, for the second year in a row, won the “Individual Athletics Champion” trophy which recognizes the highest points scorer of the Carnival. Jordan finished with 123 points (one more point than last year’s 122). Special mention to Majella Monday (U14) who again finished second overall (as she did in 2013) with 118 points.

The success of the carnival was due to the enthusiastic input of House Captains, Year 12 students and house teachers and many school staff who helped in preparing, supervising or officiating. They are thanked for their efforts as are Mrs Vicky Bromham and Mrs Nyree Woods and the band of students who provided food and drinks for the day and the Ayr Lifesaving Club and A & B Rural for the use of their tents. Special thanks goes to Mr Shane Baxter, House Captains, Year 12 PRS class, Mr Alan Henaway (Groundskeeper), Miss Victoria Augustis and the many students who helped in preparation of the carnival. Your efforts are appreciated.
**Year 11 Chemistry Excursion to Inkerman Mill**  
*by Year 11 Chemistry Students*

Recently, the Year 11 Chemistry class was privileged enough to take part in an excursion that has been happening for over 10 years. Ayr State High School is the only Burdekin school able to visit the mill as a school excursion. During the excursion the class was able to witness different processes at the mill. Processes like flocculation, HPLC (high performance liquid chromatography), centrifuging, chirality, stereoisomers and Pol. Mr Colin McLean was the host and took his time to show the class around before explaining each process and its uses in the sugar industry. Although the smell wasn’t overly appealing, the noises worrying and the grated floors scary, the class had a wonderful time learning about the mill. A huge thanks is in order for Mr McLean and the staff members at the mill who took their time to assist the class with the excursion.
Ayr High Wellbeing Programme Weekly
Focus: Different Types of People
by Mr Andrew Ballin, HOD - Student Support Services & HPE

SWPBS Focus: Following Reasonable Instructions

As you may be aware, Ayr High is a SWPBS school which has seen some specific developments of school systems. In particular we are developing a focus on reinforcing positive behaviour in a culture of safety, respect and a constant striving to achieve at the highest individual levels in every area of life.

We have seen a focus in the first semester on improving our school attendance levels as we are aware of the correlation between achievement and school attendance. The processes we have embedded in this area will continue as we now address the next of three critical factors that influence overall student performance.

Our school behavioural data overwhelmingly reflects that the single issue at the heart of over 90% of all behaviour incidents recorded relates to students failing to follow reasonable teacher directions.

In short, students’ failure to follow instructions is the most significant issue for managing behaviour in the classroom. Anecdotal evidence also suggests that students want teachers to manage classrooms effectively so that they can have a safe, respectful, and effective learning environment.

Our school Responsible Behaviour Plan already contains detail about this specific issue. Our focus is a recognition that this issue needs to be addressed to create more productive classrooms for all students through supporting teachers and students by reinforcing positive behaviour and clearly outlining consequences.

We acknowledge that it is a legal obligation that students must follow all reasonable teacher instructions. However there is more to this issue than a simple legal position.

There will be a number of measures introduced in the coming weeks which will include:
- Ongoing articles in ‘Ayring’ to keep the school community informed.
- Week 6 (18/8) – Staff meeting with specific professional development on a school wide approach to instruction giving.
- Tuesday (19/8) – Whole school lesson for all students, explicitly outlining the importance and processes of following instructions.
- Positive reinforcement through weekly Hawk Point draws linked to student engagement with teacher directions.

Cleaner’s Enjoy an Afternoon of Pampering
by Alison, Noelene, David, Lyn, Robynne, Brenda, Loyce, Karen (Cleaners)

On Friday 13 June to celebrate Cleaner’s Day, Mrs Bromham and her Year 12 Hospitality students put on an afternoon banquet for the school cleaners. The Home Economics dining room was transformed into a Black Friday theme. The cleaning staff were treated to barista Jorden’s coffee, choc chip cookies in a creepy hand-grabbing biscuit barrel, pizza, bread cases, sausage rolls followed by chocolate mousse, pavlova and butterfly cakes. (Although probably not eaten in that order!) Delicious!! Then there was more... A comedy skit was performed to the song "Work Hard Play Hard" by Jorden, Jemma, Brittany and Mrs Bromham who led the way with the moves. It was hilarious! But wait there’s more... We all chose our lucky numbers and Mrs Bromham put a lotto entry in for us on the Saturday night. The result...well...we are still at work! What an afternoon! The food and drinks were awesome! The atmosphere and entertainment was so much fun! Thank you to all the hospitality team for making Cleaner’s Day special.

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Cooking Classes for Students in Years 8 to 10
by Cassandra, School Based Youth Nurse

We are excited to announce that the popular Diabetes Queensland school cooking program Need for Feed is coming to our school! Students all across Queensland are participating in this hands on program and it is now available for up to 20 lucky students’ in Years 8 to 10. This hands-on approach to cooking will expose students to a variety of dishes, basic skills involved in preparing and cooking meals from scratch and will improve students’ awareness healthy eating. The program will be run outside of school hours with the guidance of qualified staff, making the cooking experience both safe and enjoyable.

All participants will receive a Need for Feed program booklet and a chef’s hat for participating in the program. A small fee of $20 in total will be charged for participation in the cooking class that can be paid to the school.

The program will commence on Wednesday 15 October and will run within the school home economics room after school. The program will run for eight weeks, with one session per week.

As there are only 20 spots available please contact School Nurse Cassandra to register your interest, but hurry, spots WILL fill fast! Cassandra will then give you a registration form to be completed in order to secure your spot.

School Disco
‘Red Carpet Disco’
Thursday 14 August
7.00 - 10 pm
Showgrounds Hall
Come dressed as your favourite celebrity.
$5 in costume, $6 if not in costume.
Don’t forget to bring your ID card.

Interhouse Athletics Records:
U/14 Sharni Wight 1500m 5:46.94 (5:59.70)
Wesley O’Rourke 3000m 13:02.01 (13:46.09)
U/15 Tamika Murdoch 200m 26.46 (27.11)
Noeleen Vaeavae Pare Shot Put 9.9 (9.68)
Liam Vitale Discus 47.1 (39.4)
U/16 Kyla Pringle 3000m 13:58.50 (13:58.65)
Rene Le Feuvre 3000m 11:05.98 (11:24.66)
U/19 Molly Barbagallo Shot Put 10.05 (8.72)
Zoie Borellini Javelin 23.4 (20.45)

Junior Night Fixtures
(for primary and secondary school players)
Begins Friday 15 Aug
7.00 - 8.30 pm
Cost $5.50/week
Contact:
Mick Woods 0437346341 or Kate Casswell 47822126

Good luck to the cast and crew of the Musical

Absentee Hotline
4790 4353
If your child is away either:
• phone the hotline
• text message or
• hand in a note, on return, to Mrs Slattery at the office.

Interschool Touch 22/07/14
U14 Girls: vs HHSHS Win Forfeit by HH
U14 Boys: vs HHSHS Win 9 - 1
U15 Girls: vs HHSHS Win 9 - 0
U15 Boys: vs HHSHS Win 10 - 1
Open Girls: vs HHSHS Win 3 - 2
Open Boys: vs HHSHS Loss 2 - 3
Interschool Touch 05/08/14
U14 Girls: vs BCHS Win 4 - 0
U14 Boys: vs BCHS Win Forfeit by BCH
U15 Girls: vs BCHS Win 5 - 0
U15 Boys: vs BCHS Win 5 - 4
Open Girls: vs BCHS Win 3 - 1
Open Boys: vs BCHS Win 8 - 3

Back LtoR: Molly Barbagallo, Kyla Pringle, Liam Vitale, Zoie Borellini
Front LtoR: Wesley O’Rourke, Noeleen Vaeavae Pare, Tamika Murdoch, Sharni Wight, Rene Le Feuvre