Grease
by Mrs Maree Milne, Director

Three full houses, two standing ovations and three encores; Grease may be the word, but Ayr SHS is the word for the Burdekin. Months of preparation culminated into a five season show of Grease, the school edition. Over 100 of our most talented students spent months rehearsing, painting, constructing, designing and organising the whole school event. Theatre week began on Friday 29 July when our set and costumes were moved into the theatre. What followed were three days, of long hours, rehearsing every element of the show. We began with repositioning ourselves onto the theatre stage for each song, as well as taking the actors through which side of the stage they needed to enter and exit, and which wing to use. We then had specific numbers we needed to coordinate in order to see the full effect; including a full four hour session on the song Grease Lightning. It was also time for the backstage crew to coordinate moving the set, practice using the curtains and co-ordinating the props, adjusting lights and audio as well as the band leading cues. It is safe to say that by the time Wednesday night’s dress rehearsal rolled around, the students were buzzed with excitement over the opening show the next day. Although the students were not in classes for the week, every single one of them learnt from their time in the theatre. Whether it was about how a theatre works, or gaining a new skill in stage production, even more important, students learnt about themselves during the week and grew individuals by developing confidence, working with people they hadn’t worked with before and working as a team, to achieve a common goal. This year, 260 students with 90% attendance and above were invited to watch our first performance, to share the excitement and pride a school musical brings, the Ayr SHS audience was the best audience of the season. We hope all audiences enjoyed the shows, the students improved as the season progressed. We hope all students who participated created memories to last a life time.
As we come to the end of week 6 we see that there is only four weeks remaining in Term 3. For our Year 12 students who are hoping to go to university these are four very important weeks. In week 8 we have the Queensland Core Skills test which is one half of what makes up an OP Score and then in week 10 the Year 12s will have their assessment block. The student’s subject results will contribute the other half of their OP score. It is very important that each and every Year 12 student maximises their results at the end of Term 3, as Term 4 is only seven weeks long. Now that the students have finished the musical I encourage all the Year 12s to prioritise their school work over the next four weeks, to enable them to achieve the best results. This will ease the pressure in Term 4 so they can enjoy their last term, ever, of formal schooling.

Last week a note was sent home to ask consent to participate in the school mailing list to you as a parent/carer. School based information, including the Ayring, general reminders and excursion permission forms will be sent through this list. To comply with the Spam Act of 2003, we needed to request explicit permission to send these emails. If you did not receive a note, please feel free to contact the school to request one, or register for the mailing list on the schools website. Registrations through the school website are verified by our administration team before you are subscribed.

Over the last few weeks the Year 10 students and their families have been involved in developing career plans and then matching those plans with their subject selections for Years 11 and 12. Subject selections will be finalised next week. It is really important for families to find a balance between what is a realistic pathway for your daughter or son and what they themselves dream of doing. At this stage, it is important also, to keep options open as to not limit choices at the end of Year 12. Ensuring that subjects are chosen realistically, meet your daughter or sons motivation and/or ability levels. Achieving well, is more important than what subjects are chosen in most cases, so ensuring that we are making good choices, backed up with information from reports and teachers, will put each individual student in the best place to be successful in Years 11 and 12.

Next year Ayr State High School will be celebrating its 80th anniversary. We are having discussions on how we will commemorate this milestone. At this point in time, the P&C is developing a commemorative cookbook. This will be a hard back professionally printed cookbook, that will feature images of the school over the 80 years, as well as recipes donated by past and present families. If you would like your family to be part of the 80th celebrations, please refer to the information letter that was sent home last Thursday or contact the school office.

Next Thursday is the school disco with the theme of “50s Grease” to continue celebrating our absolutely fantastic musical. It would be great to see all students come along and ‘hand jive’ the night away!

Yours in education

Craig Whittred
Principal

Welcome to Ayr State High School
Our school acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land. 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.
Human Powered Vehicle 24 Hour Challenge Fundraiser
by Mr Jamie Vacher, HPV Co-ordinator

On Saturday 13 August, the Maryborough Technology Challenge team held a sausage sizzle at the Woolworths forecourt. The boys were kept busy and managed to raise over $500 to help cover the cost of refurbishing the race bikes. Many thanks to Woolworths for donating the food and all our sponsors including: Pio Burelli Constructions, ALM Book Keeping, Wilmar, Prostart Auto, Chiropractic Care, Stradacon Penna, Blakey Welding, Brandon Wreckers. The boys have been busy training for the 24 hour race in Maryborough on the weekend of 10 September 2016.

ESSI Money!
by Mrs Nyree Woods, Teacher

Year 10 Business students are enrolled in ESSI Money - an online game that simulates 26 weeks and helps students to understand the fundamentals of Earning, Saving, Spending and Investing - ESSI! Each player has to make financial decisions similar to those in real life, applying for jobs, buying items like mobile phones and shares, and applying for credit cards. They have assistance from online mentors, bank managers and financial planners to help them on their financial journey! They earn income along the way by making choices (and answering questions), but can also lose money if they make poor choices. Budgeting and goal setting are learned along the way, as well as credit and financial management. The game is provided at no cost by the Financial Basics Foundations funded by many sponsors. Students have the opportunity to win money for themselves and our school in the ESSI money competition starting next week! Making money? ESSI!!

World’s Greatest Shave
by Mrs Nyree Woods, Teacher

This Saturday, 20 August 2016, the Interact Club from Ayr State High School will be holding a cake stall outside Jay Jay’s on Queen Street. We are raising funds in support of Year 12 student, Gabby Stace, who has volunteered to lose her locks later this year as part of the Leukaemia Foundation’s “World’s Greatest Shave”. We welcome the support of our school community, Interact members and their families will be baking up a storm to help raise money. Any other avid cooks are also welcome to make donations to the cake stall. If you’re not a cook, no worries! We are sure to have some delicious goodies to tempt you!! See you Saturday morning at the Interact stall!

Tertiary Application Process
Parent/Carer Information Night
Topics include:
• How to apply for tertiary places.
• How to alter your application.
• Applications for Creative and Performing Arts courses.
• Interstate applications.
• Important dates and timelines.
• How to accept an offer.
• How to support your student during QCS.

Monday 22 August 2016
7.30 - 8.30 pm Resource Centre

Upcoming Events

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TWILIGHT FETE

Friday 19 August 2016
5:30 - 9:00 pm

Major Raffles

Father’s Day Raffle: Bundy Rum Esky full of amazing prizes
Wheel Barrow Raffle: Win a wheelbarrow full of groceries
Who sold the most tickets competition

All drawn at the Fete

FUN STUFF

Market Stalls
Jumping Castles
Karen Healy Dancers
Lucky Dip
Car Show

Book Fair
Cent Sale
Show Bags
Face Painting

Coffee/Cold Drinks
On the Spot Raffles
Burgers, Hot Chips, Sausage Sizzle
Entertainment

Main Attraction

Dunking Machine

Come and Dunk
Mr Smith, Mrs Forno, Mr Jensen, Mrs Ellis and Mr Dudley

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.

Download the free QSchool App to stay connected to news and events.

Term 3 Disco
Theme: 50s Grease
Week 7 Term 3
25 August, 7 - 10 pm
Showgrounds Hall
Let’s make it the best!

Year 12 QCS
30 - 31 August 2016

Year 10 Work Experience
17 - 21 October 2016

Year 11 Camp
18 - 21 October 2016
Kinchant Dam

Ayr State School
PREP OPEN MORNING
Thursday 18 August
9 am - 11 am

All children eligible for Prep in 2017
Come along and experience our Prep Classroom in action!
Morning tea provided.
Phone 4790 3333