Term 2 Commendation Awards

Congratulations to all students who received Term 2 Commendation Awards from their various subject teachers. The scheme recognises students who are Ayr High Learners - Safe, Responsible, Personal Best.

The Award Winners from each Year level from the prize draw were:
Year 8  Kelsey Borellini
Year 9  Jasmin Lawson
Year 10 Sheldon Wagner
Year 11 Anthony Oar
Year 12 Sarah Andersen

A prize of a $20 voucher was presented to each of the five students. At the end of the year students can achieve a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Award depending on the number of Certificates gained.

Year 12s Experience a day at JCU

Twenty-one intrepid Year Twelve students recently made the trek to Townsville to participate in the James Cook Uni Experience. It was an early start. Sam Row was late!! But fortunately the bus was later. A quick trip up the highway with a U turn and detour to pick up the Giru contingent and we arrived at JCU eager to see all that was on offer. The crowd dispersed to all points of the campus to see presentations by the faculties. Business and Creative Arts, Law and Pharmacy, Science and Multi-media Journalism, every student’s career path was catered for (except for André who just has to be difficult). The students reassembled for lunch after the morning session and did their best to devour several tonnes of pizza before dispersing again to participate in the afternoon sessions. The return trip was delayed because Niso was missing, believed lost!! Fortunately she was finally located sitting in the bus, ready to go.

JCU Experience was very beneficial and gave all the students the opportunity to fine tune their career plans and identify courses which will take them on an exciting career journey.

Next events for career planning:
• Mr Johnson's QTAC presentations and interviews
• Townsville Careers Expo, Monday 13 August, RSL Stadium
• JCU Open Day - Sunday 26 August
This weekend the Ayr State High School production of *The Great Australian Rock Musical* hits the stage. Over the last few months students, staff and parents have been working together on the production and over the weekend I’m sure that the Burdekin community will be wowed and all the hard work will be worth it. I wish the cast and crew luck and hope they enjoy this highlight of the 2012 calendar as much as we will.

Next week is our athletics carnival and I have seen many students preparing for the upcoming events. I am looking forward to this competition and I know that Phillip and Cook believe they are favourites but I’ve been told it’s Banks who are the dark horses getting ready for a boil over. Watch this space.

Year 10 students are working through developing their Senior Education and Training plans or SET Plans. I encourage parents to discuss this document with their sons and daughters as this is the key document that helps students decide on a career pathway and then directly informs senior subject selection coming up later in the term.

Finally next Thursday afternoon the 9 August we as a school will be remembering our fellow student and friend Liam Emerson. There will be a short ceremony beginning in the Library SMC starting at 3.30 pm and will finish with afternoon tea. This is open to everyone from our school community.

Yours in Education

Craig Whittred
Principal

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### School Hats

Perfect for the ‘Slap’ on Athletics Day.

*Available in House colours. $15 from the school office.*

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### Townsville Careers Expo

**Nth Qld’s number ONE careers event!**

**Monday 13 August 2012**

10am - 1.30pm & 4pm - 7pm

Townsville RSL Stadium, Murray Sports Complex

The Townsville Careers Expo including the CCIQ Job Shop is the largest and most comprehensive careers and employment event held in North Queensland. It provides information on tertiary studies, employment opportunities, career pathways and further training from a large variety of exhibitors including:

- Universities from Queensland and interstate
- Private education colleges
- WorldSkills Australia Try’a Trade
- Government Agencies
- Local and national employers as part of the CCIQ Job Shop
- Defence Forces
- Police Recruiting
- Student services & more!

The CCIQ Job Shop which is part of the Expo provides students with the opportunity to apply for real jobs, traineeships and apprenticeships. Employers have provided a list of job vacancies which will be published in the Career Expo lift out in the Townsville Bulletin Saturday 11 August. Students can prepare cover letters and resumes and apply for these jobs at the Expo.

The Expo is run over two sessions 10 am - 1.30 pm and 4 pm - 7 pm. Ayr High does not offer an excursion for students to attend the day session however we do encourage students to attend the afternoon/evening session with their parents. More information can be obtained from the website www.careersevent.com and in the Career Expo lift out.

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### Notice

**Ayr State High School is holding a Memorial Service for Liam Emerson**

The service will begin at 3.30 pm Thursday 9 August in the Ayr State High School Library and conclude with afternoon tea. All members of the Ayr State High School Community are welcome.

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### Reminders

*by Ms Lesley Olsen, Deputy Principal*

**Uniform**

The approved shoes acceptable for school are covered, lace-up shoes. (Many students have reverted to the non lace up and less safe canvas slip ons - these are not acceptable.)

**Jumpers**

The school green jumpers can still be purchased from the school office for $30. Whilst we may not have many more cool days the jumper will keep for 2013 and subsequent years.
Mr Baxter wins tennis gear

On Thursday 26 July, Arron Klumpp, from Ayr Tennis Association, presented Mr Shane Baxter (HPE teacher) with equipment that he won last Term at a HPE conference he attended. The equipment included 25 tennis racquets, tennis balls and some other tennis equipment which will be of great use when the Year 10 HPE students study tennis in Term 4.

Arron also took the opportunity to run a Cardio Tennis session during second break for interested students. Approximately 20 students received a great workout whilst improving their co-ordination.

Northern (NQ) Selections

Last week, three year ten students represented Northern at the U15 Queensland Basketball Championships with Matthew Wight and Jack Vacher in the schoolboys squad and Molly Barbagallo in the schoolgirls team. All three tasted success and were instrumental with both teams winning all round games and their respective grand finals (7 wins, 0 losses). Grand final results were: Northern Schoolboys defeating South Coast 67-60 and Northern Schoolgirls defeating Met West 77-50. After outstanding performances, Matt and Molly were selected in a Queensland Honorary Team. This is a great achievement but unfortunately they do not progress to further competition as there is no U15 Schoolboys/girls National Championships.

Annual Student Exchange Information Session

14 August 2012, 7 - 8.30 pm
Kirwan State High, Hudson Street, Kirwan

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students to participate in 2013 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose from 26 destinations to study and experience life with a carefully selected host family.

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for your child, excellent programs to the USA, Canada, Ireland and the UK are also available.

Become a WEP Host Family! Experience the joys of hosting an exchange student and gaining an international family member.

Find out More!
- Attend WEP’s annual information session in Townsville
- Visit www.wep.org.au
- Email info@wep.org.au
- Call 1300 884 733 (for the cost of a local call)
Maths and Science Update
by Mrs Teresa Gemellaro, A/HOD - Science & Mathematics

Tutoring: Just a reminder that free Maths and Science tutoring, catering for all year levels is on every Wednesday afternoon in D1 from 3.15 pm until 4.15 pm. In order to gain the best outcomes, it is helpful if students can bring along work they have attempted and may be having difficulty with, to show one of the teachers there. Additionally, as Mrs Gemellaro is no longer able to assist at these sessions, there will be Physics and Chemistry tutoring on Thursday morning, by arrangement. Naturally, if your child is experiencing difficulty and wants a session for assistance outside of these times, teachers are more than willing to make a time for this in breaks at school.

By now, your child will have received a Unit Outline for each of their Maths and Science subjects, showing the learning for the unit. All students in the school will receive a printed copy of their assessment calendar. Students with take-home laptops can also access the electronic version and link it to Microsoft Outlook.

Encourage your child to use these documents as tools to assist in planning their time each evening and each week. The Unit Outline lists work commenced in class that needs to be completed for homework.

Science week is coming up from 13 to 19 August. A range of events are planned so far, as listed.

Maths Camp: Selected Year 10 Maths students will attend this event, 12 to 15 August.

Maths Competition: 14 August
Astronomy evening: For parents and their students. Wednesday, 15 August, 7.00 pm to approximately 9.30 pm. Gold coin donation welcome. Guided by local astronomer Rob Black. A chance to view the wonders of the night sky with amazing clarity, through quality large telescopes. A take home booklet and easy to make planisphere to aid further night viewing will be available. We hope the weather is favourable and look forward to seeing you there.

Maths and Science trip to JCU: Open to selected Year 8 and 9 students. 17 August. This all day event is sponsored by JCU.

One Idea can change the world: Competition entries from individuals or groups of up to 3 are due by 13 August at the latest. This is open to our Year 11 and 12 students studying any of the sciences, and generously sponsored by QUT.

In-school events/competitions: These will be organised at school. The O-wing competition will be open to all year levels, while the wind turbine competition will be open to Years 10 - 12.