Art Students Excel at Creative Gen/Art Now Exhibition

by Mrs Lynda Hoey, Art Teacher

On Saturday 27 August, six of our Year 11 and 12 Visual Art Students exhibited in the Creative Gen/Art Now Exhibition at Pinnacles Gallery in Townsville. It was a night for all students to shine with their creative talents and what a night to remember. All students represented our school with confidence. It was also very warming to see so many new faces at the event.

Out of 50 plus entries Ayr State High received two awards with David Ballin winning the Excellence Award for the Art Now Exhibition and Tiana De Zolt receiving a Highly Commended Award for her contribution. Emma Lyons and Samantha Whittred both produced Ephemeral pieces which shone against the black walls of the gallery while Rahni McCullough and Lauren Bozzetto contributed with striking multi-media drawings from their Year 11 studies. It was truly a wonderful night. The exhibition is on until the 18 September at Pinnacles at the Riverway Arts Centre.

Don't forget, if you did miss out seeing the students work, we are holding our annual Connexions Art Exhibition on 7 October at 6 pm in the Ayr SHS Art rooms, I Block. Official Opening is at 6.30 pm and light refreshments will be served.

More NYSF Success

by Mr Luke Cathcart, Acting HOD - Maths & Science

The tradition at Ayr High continues again this year, one of our top Year 11 students, Maddi Collins has been successful in gaining selection to the prestigious National Youth Science Forum in Canberra.

Maddi will attend a two week Science experience with other students from across the country in January 2016. 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 19 years, Ayr High has had a very high success rate of gaining selection to this Forum. This is testimony to the quality of our students, the parental support and guidance from teachers. Maddi follows on from the following more recent participants - Ben Brandon (2005), Rohan Watt (2008), Monica Saunders (2009), Genevieve Fahey (2011), Josh Great (2012), Matt Wight (2013) and Liam Shannon (2014).

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.

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Are you heading overseas soon? This September we have an exclusive in-store offer! Receive an extra $10 bonus credit when you activate in September (in addition to the already $5 included credit). That’s $15 of credit for your next overseas adventure! Come in store and grab yours today! “HELLOWORLD AWARDED AUSTRALIA’S BEST TRAVEL AGENCY GROUP 2016” us on 4783 2122 or ayr@helloworld.com.au
From the Principal
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal

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With two weeks to go in Term 3 students’ right across the school are engaged with assessment. The Year 12 students will be starting their assessment block next Monday, a really important set of assessment and I wish all the students the best of luck. As we know “luck” is not a strategy that brings good performance. Study, revision, and utilising teacher feedback, are all key strategies that are proven to bring about improved performance, so I encourage all of our students to use these strategies over the next week.

Term 4 will bring about a flurry of work with Cultural, Sports and Academic Awards nights on the horizon. These nights allow us to acknowledge student’s talent and effort across a wide number of areas.

Term 4 will also see our P&C continuing to work hard to support our school through two major fundraising efforts. Firstly, through the selling of tickets in the Rotary Community raffle. The tickets are $5 and for each ticket sold, the school receives $5, your ticket gives you a chance to win $10,000! If you would like to buy tickets and support our school, please contact the school office. Secondly we have our 80th Anniversary Ayr State High School cookbook. At this stage we are looking for people to donate their favourite recipes. This could be current parents/carers or students or past parents/carers and students. Recipes can be for entrees, mains or desserts or even favourite lunchtime treats you cook for your kids. To find out more see the school’s facebook page or contact the office.

Congratulations to Mrs Milne and Mr Vacher for their groups’ efforts at the Water Festival parade. Both the Grease themed costumes and the our 24 hour challenge team's bikes, caused quite a stir and showcased what a diverse range of activities students can get involved in at Ayr High.

As we work towards the end of the term, I would like to encourage parents/carers to think about getting involved with our School’s P&C Association. Very early next year we will be holding our AGM with our entire executive relinquishing positions, as their youngest child graduates. At the moment we have no clear replacements available, as the other parents who come to the meetings are staff members who are precluded from being on the executive. We are really looking for some strong replacements for 2017 and beyond. To help our school move forward and continue to meet the needs of our community, P&C meetings are on the first Monday of the month. See you there.

Yours in education

Craig Whittred
Principal

Interact has been busy!
by Mrs Nyree Woods, Teacher

Last Saturday, 20 August 2016, the Interact Club at Ayr State High School held a cake stall at the front of Jay Jays. There was a delicious range of goodies that were made by parents/carers, grandparents, students and friends of our Interact class. Items that the happy public purchased from our stall included cakes, biscuits, slices, fudge, coconut ice, chocolates, nuts and bolts, sugar coated peanuts and more. All were delicious, and our cake stall was very successful.

We also had plants and craft donated. Funds raised in this venture will go towards our World’s Greatest Shave target. This year, Gabby Stace in Year 12 will be shaving her locks to raise awareness of the good work being done by the Leukaemia Foundation. Thanks are extended to all who supported our stall by either cooking, creating or purchasing. We couldn’t have done it without you!

The Interact Club at Ayr High has also been busy providing well-deserved goodies at our two sports days held at school. We sold drinks (softdrink, water and sportsdrinks), a range of chocolates and chips on both days to students, parents/carers and staff. Again, thank you to the student body for their support and to the helpers on the day. Both events were successful in raising funds for Interact that we will donate to worthwhile causes.

Awards Evenings Abound in Term 4

Cultural Awards
Thursday 13 October 2016
A Block Gardens
5.00 pm

Sports Awards
Thursday 27 October 2016
Ayr Showgrounds Hall
7.30 pm

Academic Awards
Thursday 3 November 2016
Burdekin Theatre
7.30 pm

A wonderful showcase of the depth and breadth of talent in Ayr State High School.

P&C Meeting
Monday 10 October 2016
7.30 pm, Resource Centre
All welcome.
Interschool Athletics Carnival
by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

On Friday 19 August Ayr High hosted the Interschool Athletics Carnival with over 250 students competing in various track and field events. Ayr High finished second overall with a total of 1338 points, and third in the average trophy (which takes into account overall school enrolment numbers and overall points on the day). Congratulations to Daniel Ballin (U15), Sharni Wight (U16), and Liam Vitale (U19) who were Age Champions.

Five records were broken by Ayr High students:
- Giselle Le Feuvre (U12) Long Jump 3.79m (3.63m, 2015); 100m 13.86 secs (14.84 secs, 2015)
- Morgan Noah (U12) 200m 28.59 secs (29.12 secs, 2015)
- Noeleen VaeVae Pare (U19) Shot Put 11.86m (11.27m; 2012); Discus 30.55m (28.65m, 1978)

A squad of 26 has been selected from this carnival and will represent the Burdekin district at the North Queensland Track and Field Trials on Friday 2 September. Ten members of this squad are from Ayr High. Also four Ayr High 12 year old students were selected to represent Burdekin at the 9-12 Years NQ Track and Field Trials, which were held on Tuesday 30 August. Congratulations to all students.

Year 7 HPE Kicking Goals in AFL
by Lauren Raitelli & Grace Bach, Year 7 Students

Kicking a ball up and down a grass field is not our idea of fun. Well at least it wasn’t. However, after meeting Blake Cooper, AFL Queensland Development Coordinator for Townsville, that idea changed. 7C and 7B were lucky enough to get involved in various games and activities run by Blake to improve their AFL skills. We learnt some of the essential skills of the game such as how to drop punt, catch and handball. Year 7 student, Antonia Dennes said, “I really liked the games and activities we played. It was really fun!” We are very grateful for having Blake come into the school to help us with our AFL and we would like to say a huge thank-you to him.

Blake Cooper, AFL QLD Development Coordinator said, “It was a fantastic opportunity to engage students of Ayr SHS in some AFL content. This is great in promoting the game in the Burdekin and hopefully engaging these students in either School or Club AFL programs in 2017. We can't wait to get back out to Ayr SHS soon!”

Tara to Attend School of Excellence for Golf
by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

Tara Jenkins (Year 10) will continue to practice and develop her golf by spending week 10 of this Term at Kelvin Grove State College. The school is well known for its golf excellence program. Tara will attend regular classes as well as participate in coaching sessions for golf whilst at the school, just as Sam Spelta (currently Year 11) did in 2015. She will then participate in the Katherine Kirk golf tournament in week one of the school holidays and attend another Queensland development clinic.

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.

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Academic Awards Night - Thursday 3 November
by Mr Kerry Flynn, Acting Deputy Principal

With the completion of Term 3 assessment across all subjects, collation of students results in 2016 will inform those eligible for an Academic Achievement Award. Students whose achievement equates to 2As and 4Bs or better in Years 7 - 10 or 5Bs or better in Year 11 - 12 will be acknowledged at Awards Night as will those who are subject duxes or those nominated for a Principal’s Award for Academic Excellence.

Formal uniform will need to be worn to accept these awards. There is a need to order/purchase these uniforms in advance, so students need to check if they are eligible. Student’s can refer to their Semester 1 Report to check if they were eligible at that point in time. Please be aware that these results are subject to change before Awards Night. Early in Term 4 students will be formally advised if they have met the criteria for an award.

Girls uniforms can be tried for size at the canteen. The canteen has a small number of second hand uniforms available for purchase and also has a small number of uniforms available for hire. Contact Alison at the canteen to arrange a fitting.

Ayr State High School Read-A-Thon
by Mrs Linda Attard, English Teacher and Support Teacher - Literacy

Ayr State High School will open a new chapter as it hosts its very first school Read-A-Thon. Not only is the Read-A-Thon a fundraising event for our school, it is also an opportunity for students to improve their reading and literacy skills as well as earn some amazing incentive prizes for their efforts.

To recognize Book Week and National Literacy Week in August/September, students are encouraged to read and record the reading they do. This reading can be done in any class, lunchtimes or at home.

Sponsorship booklets will be distributed at the end of Term 3, with the two week fundraiser set to begin the first day of Term 4, Monday 3rd October. There will also be a number of literacy based events during the two weeks with prizes up for grabs. HOWEVER, students may like to get a head start and begin their reading on the holidays.

We ask parents/carers to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to participate in this event. Students who raise $10 or more will receive a reward for their efforts. For any further details, students can see either their English teacher or Mrs Attard. We look forward to your support.

Thank you, good luck, happy fundraising, and most of all, HAVE FUN READING!

Upcoming Events

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Sunsafe Expectations
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal

As we move into our warmer weather we would like to remind families about our Sunsafe expectations. It is an expectation that students wear a broadbrimmed bucket hat if they are not under a solid roof. If students are wearing caps these will not be considered Sun Safe and students will need to remain under a solid roof structure eg MPS or under A Block. School Bucket hats can be purchased from the school office for $15.

Footwear Expectations
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal

We are also reminding families that our footwear expectations are for solid laced running shoes worn with white socks. These uniform expectations have been developed through consultation with our School's P&C Association.

Rotary Community Raffle

Here’s a great way to support Ayr State High School - purchase tickets in the Rotary Community Raffle. All funds raised come back to the school…EASY!! If you did not receive a letter from the school you may collect one from the office.

FIRST: $10,000  SECOND: $5,000  THIRD: $2,500

$1000 TO THE ORGANISATION SELLING THE WINNING TICKET

Music Support Meeting
Thursday 15 September 2016
5 pm, A14
New parents/carers welcome.

Pupil Free Day
17 October 2016

Year 10 Work Experience
17 - 21 October 2016

Year 11 Camp
18 - 21 October 2016
Kinchant Dam

School Holidays
19 - 30 September 2016
TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, 9th September
Ayr State High School
I Block
6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

* $30 per team
* Teams up to six people
* Great prizes
* Money board
* Raffle
* Softdrinks for sale
* Supper provided

In aid of the Ayr High Year 12 Graduation Committee

To register your team, email either Mrs Vollema-Creek (svoll4@eq.edu.au) or contact the Office on 47904 333