24 Hour Human Powered Vehicle Race
by Mr Jamie Vacher, Human Powered Vehicle Co-ordinator

On Thursday 8 September, a total of 18 Year 10 and 11 students set off on the 1000 km bus trip to Maryborough to compete in the Technology Challenge, “24 Hour Human Powered Vehicle race”. The boys had been busy for the past three months organising sponsorship, fundraising, and training in the school gym and on the ‘Juru Walk’ footpath at Plantation Park. The 24 hour race, from 12.00 pm Saturday to 12.00 pm Sunday, was made even more gruelling with pouring rain in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The boys performed very well, finishing only one lap apart, placing 53rd and 54th out of 148 competitors. An awesome effort as a lot of the front runners were open class.

The Airborne team (Year 10) won the Best Presented Vehicle, which was a credit to Daniel Huckett, who spent many hours on the airbrush finish. Airborne also won Best Presented Team.

The boys would like to thank Mr David Huckett for his invaluable help preparing the bikes and travelling with the teams. The trip would not have been possible without our valuable sponsors: Pro Start Auto, Ellsley Metal Recycling, Pio Burelli Constructions, ALM Book Keeping, WILMAR, AMDETT Services, Chiropractic Care, STRADACON PENNA, Blakey Welding, Woolworths, Brandon Wreckers.

Need for Feed
by Mrs Rebekah Williams, Teacher

For eight weeks last term, 18 students from Years 7 - 10 came after school to participate in the Need for Feed Program.

Need for Feed is a practical cooking program that provides students with the opportunity to master their culinary skills and confidence in the kitchen while increasing their understanding of healthy foods.

Congratulations to these students on their participation in the program.
Welcome back to Term 4, and what a busy term it will be with numerous events happening including, cultural, sports and academic awards nights, as well as Year 12 graduation ceremonies. We also have a term packed full of learning as we near the end of Semester reports. Next week we will be sending home a Term 3 interim report to families. We felt that this was a good initiative to keep parents/carers abreast of their child’s progress so far in Semester 2. It is only a short report with ratings for Level of Achievement, Effort and Behaviour. As always, if parents/carers would like to discuss their child’s progress with any of their teachers, they can contact the school and we will organise a time and place for the meeting.

At this week’s whole school assembly it was great to see many of our students awarded certificates in a variety of areas. Students were recognised for their efforts in Numeracy, Literacy, Visual Arts and Sports, showing once again the depth of talented students that we have at Ayr State High School. Tonight we have our Art Exhibition which showcases student work from throughout the year. At this event we will also be officially opening the murals and banners which now adorn our Visual Art precinct. This work has been completed by students and looks absolutely amazing and really adds to our school’s overall visual feel. So please come down and visit the exhibition and enjoy the work of our talented students.

Coming up, we have our Year 11 students heading to camp to help develop both themselves as individuals, bond also as a group with a range of activities based around teamwork, leadership and self-discovery. At the same time we have our Year 10 students completing work experience. This is extremely important to help students make informed decisions for their Career plans. Once again we have been supported by local employers taking students on placements and really investing in the future of the Burdekin. Finally, congratulations to our Human Powered Vehicle team who competed in the 24 hour race in Maryborough. They performed well above average with an outstanding result. Again this year our program would not have been possible without the help and support of Mr David Huckett. He puts in many hours into helping prepare the cars as well as travelling to the event with the boys. I would also like to thank all the sponsors who supported us, programs like this really help bring alive leaning and engage students at a much higher level, so thank you again.

Yours in education
Craig Whittred
Principal

From the Principal
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal
Editorial - Newsletter No. 13 07/10/16

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.

Welcome

Grad Committe Trivia Night
by Mrs Saskia Vollema-Creek, Teacher

On Friday 9 September, the Grad Committee ran a Trivia Night. Nine teams turned up to play and many discussions were to be heard about what could possibly be the answers to all those questions. The two Year 12 teams played really well with Alix Leckenby’s team in particular shooting to the lead first. Mrs Gemellaro’s team took out the honour of winning the trivia night and collecting the $180 dinner voucher at Peppers.

The Grad Committee would like to thank everyone who played on the night, set up and cleaned up afterwards, brought food for supper, purchased and organised the drinks, who collected prizes and wrote questions. Kelsey Borellini and Erin Saroglia did a great job at running the evening and Mikayla Giddy for marking the answers. Overall, they made over $400 profit which will go towards their graduation dinner in November. I would also like to recognise and thank our sponsors for supporting the Grad Committee and donating such awesome prizes: First prize - Peppers (Country Ayr) and Fahey and Walsh; Round prizes - Butterfly Blue, Penny Lane Homewares, Amcal, Domino’s, Harvey Norman, QLD Country Credit Union, Sport First, Chill, Selections and Dominique’s. The two raffle prizes were donated by Toyworld. First prize went to Rachel Zani, second prize to Mrs Saroglia and third prize to Ms Carrigan. The highlight of the evening was the mother’s team who donated back the $60 which came with the piggy banks donated by the Queensland Country Credit Union. All up, it was enjoyable evening!

Welcome

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.

Winning Team

Mrs Saroglia, Rachel Zani, Nathan Masatto, Ms Carrigan

Welcome
12 Recreation (RCJ) Host Successful Junior Touch Tournament
by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Teacher

In Term 3, Year 12 Recreation students studied Event Management. The unit required the students to form a club, ‘12 RCJ Touch Club’, make a constitution and run weekly meetings with the goal of running a touch tournament (part of their assessment). Students were assigned a sub-committee, which included Sports Board, Publicity and Results, Equipment and Facilities, and Officials, in which they had roles and responsibilities to complete prior to and during the tournament. The 12 RCJ students needed to decide on the competition format, type of draw, nomination process, organise a canteen, publicise the event on assemblies, through notices and with posters, know and understand the rules of touch and the hand signals used, organise equipment needed and arrange the venue and other facilities required, among other things. It was decided that the tournament was open to Year 7-9 students, consisting of mixed teams and at a cost of $2 per player and would be played on the Ayr State High School oval.

The tournament was a big success with five teams, a total of 40 students, participating in a round-robin format on Friday 2 September from 2-5 pm. Each team played each other once and after five rounds of competition semi-finals were held between the top 4 teams - Elemental Force (1st) and Aussie Roos (4th), and Dion’s Team (2nd) and Goobie Woobie’s (3rd). Goobie Woobies took it to Dion’s Team forcing golden point with Dion’s Team scraping through with a touchdown soon after. This set up a final between the undefeated Elemental Force and Dion’s Team, with Dion’s Team running out unexpected victors. The Sports Board sub-committee also ran a canteen selling drinks and a sausage sizzle which was a big hit. All students ended the tournament with a refreshing icy cup, donated by Mr Williams. The 12 RCJ Club made a $46 profit which they will be donating to the Year 12 Graduation fund. Congratulations to the 12 RCJ class for organising and running the tournament and to the students who participated.

adidas School Fun Run - Fundraising
by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

Once again the students of Ayr High put on their running shoes to raise money to boost sporting facilities through sponsorship of the adidas School Fun Run. The event was held earlier this year in Term 2 but we have only just received confirmation of money raised. The students put in a fantastic effort to raise $1830.45. Students sought sponsorship from family, friends and members of the community. Past money raised has helped finance or subsidise such things as sports uniforms, sports team bus costs and various pieces of sports equipment. The highest fundraiser was Daniel Trenfield (7B) who raised $216.60 - a fantastic effort. Prizes have been distributed to eager students through year co-ordinators at the end of Term 3. The sports department would like to thank all the staff, parents and students that were involved in making the adidas School Fun Run such a huge success and a big thank you to all the sponsors who supported our athletes.

Northern (NQ) Selections
by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Northern (NQ) for Track and Field:
Wesley O’Rourke (Year 10) - 200m, 4x100m relay
Thomas Kastner (Year 12) - Shot Put
Liam Vitale (Year 12) - Triple Jump, Discus

Should the students accept their selection they will compete at the Queensland State Championships on 20-23 October in Brisbane.

Sports Awards - Thursday 27 October

Students who have represented the school in their chosen sport or sports and who have subsequently been selected to represent the Burdekin district or beyond are eligible for special sports awards. The students have been advised that they need to nominate for a special award by seeing Ms Carrigan.
Term 3 Reporting

This year we will be sending home an interim report for all students in Years 7 - 12 to show how students are tracking at this time in the school year. This report will be distributed on Tuesday 11 October to students to take home. Historically we have always collected the data contained within the report to establish eligibility for students to receive the various academic awards at our annual Academic Awards Night. Please take the time to see whether or not your child is eligible for an award for Awards Night.

Criteria for Awards Night: 2A’s and 4B’s or better in Years 7 - 10; 5B’s or better in Years 11 - 12.

Similarly the grades for Effort and Behaviour (Very Good and Excellent) will be used to establish eligibility for the Principal’s Award.

If you are concerned about your child’s progress in any subject, please contact the teacher to arrange for a follow up interview to discuss your concerns and to make a plan for improvement.

ANZAC Spirit Lives On
by Mrs Saskia Vollema-Creek, Humanities Co-ordinator

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The flight to NZ was longish especially for those who didn’t realise they needed the Virgin app to watch movies. However, many of us found ourselves asleep throughout the flight even though some of us made enough noise to keep anyone awake. I think the other passengers were more excited to escape our noise when getting off the plane.

When we landed we were greeted by an incredibly cold and windy night and though we were excited to find some sheep and hear our first Kiwi accent, we gratefully piled into the bus and headed for the warm cosy cabins awaiting us in Methven. Methven is a small town with an assortment of different coloured pubs - The Brown Pub, The Blue Pub, you name it! The next three days were spent up at Mt Hutt, a short drive from Methven. Each morning we were greeted by a nerve racking and for some unbearable drive up the mountain, beautiful scenery and ski lessons with quality instructors! Though we all started at the beginner level slope, the ‘Magic Carpet’, many of the students progressed to tackle steeper trails. This led to many student’s face planting, crawling, sliding and rolling down the more challenging slopes. Some of the more co-ordinated skiers and snow boarders actually managed to conquer the mountain, especially Shona Scalia who surprised us all as she out skilled even the teachers.

Our wonderful journey didn’t stop in Methven as we travelled around five hours to our next destination, Wanaka. On our way, we got to admire beautiful green paddocks filled with cattle, deer and sheep, especially everyone’s favourite, little baby lambs. On our journey we stopped at many tourist destinations including the breathtaking Lake Tekapo where the water was amazingly blue with beautiful landscapes of snowy mountains in the background! We then ventured to Puzzling World where we experienced many illusions and the world’s first modern 3D Maze which many found difficult to complete.
Everyone was keen the next morning to wake up in Wanaka ready and excited to travel up to Cardrona which was our final skiing or snowboarding destination. Everyone started the day in lessons, some on the beginner’s course, while other extreme snowboarders tried the exciting jumps the courses had to offer. After the lessons, everyone ventured out on their own to discover the many courses Cardrona had to offer. Some even found exciting courses which lead them around the whole mountain allowing for many photo opportunities. Cardrona seemed to be a fan favourite for most students, however Joel McKeough would beg to differ as he injured his shoulder racing Mr Lacey down one of the slopes. None the less, this didn’t stop him from getting back on the snowboard and racing others down the same slopes.

Our journey then took us to Queenstown. Just before arriving, we detoured to Goldfields Jetboating under the impression we were only going to get ‘a little wet’, we jumped into two ‘Jet Boats’. Little did we know that the majority of us were about to be soaked from head to toe. It was a great experience, none the less, and we were actually surprised to hear that the screams coming from Blaise Heron weren’t heard back in Australia! Her facial expressions made the boat ride even more enjoyable. When we arrived in Queenstown we checked into our flash hotel and got ready for a great dinner! The hotel, walking distance from the main shopping and tourist area of town, allowed us to enjoy Starbucks, Cookie Time, Fergburger, luging, SkyLine and shopping! I think everyone would agree that the dinner at SkyLine would be the best anyone would ever experience. This five course buffet meal was amazing, especially since there was a whole room designated to DESSERT where many experienced their first Crème Brule. We were then lucky enough to watch ‘Kiwi Haka’, a show performed by Maori people and where all the boys and a selected few girls got to attempt their native dances. The highlight for some, and not for many others, was also going into Fear Factory which is the scariest haunted house in New Zealand. This was an experience I would personally not do again, however the more daring students were keen for another go. Overall, it was an incredible trip with great friends! An unbelievably huge thank you to Ms Carrigan, Ms Stephens and Mr Lacey for coming along with us and making sure we made it through customs, didn’t lose our phones and survived each other’s company for eight days! And although we nearly missed our flight back to Townsville, (we had to run through the Brisbane Airport), this was an unforgettable experience that we will all treasure in our memories for many years to come.
Teacher Tour
Agricultural Industry
by Bianca Fullarton, Agriculture Workforce Officer,
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AgForce, Rabobank and Queensland Agriculture Workforce Network have joined forces to deliver a tour which promotes local agriculture industries to local high school teachers. On Friday 26 August 2016, approximately 20 teachers from Home Hill High School and Ayr State High School undertook a tour of Pacific Reef Fisheries and Ryan Jones cattle and cane property. The aim of the tour was to strengthen collaborative partnerships and to ensure that teachers are aware of local agricultural industries and the opportunities available for students.

The tour began by visiting the 98ha Pacific Reef Fisheries Farm which produces prawn and cobia to domestic markets. It was interesting to learn about the environmental regulations on the farm and water quality measures in place. Mr John Maloney discussed the current expansion of the operation in Guthalungra and the opportunities for local people and linkages to school students. From there the teachers travelled to Ryan Jones cattle and cane property in Jarvisfield. Ryan spoke about his operation and how he has utilised the things he learnt during high school in his business today. The night finished up with a BBQ on the property with plenty of discussion and ideas about how to continue to promote the industry.

The tour demonstrated the diversity of the industry and its relevance in a wide range of subject areas and was of particular relevance to teachers who are new to the region, as they learned about the size and breadth of the industry. Education about the agriculture industry amongst teachers will lead to greater promotion and acceptance of the industry amongst young people and an interest and uptake in work experience and future agricultural study opportunities. If teachers are aware of the industry and the opportunities available, they will be able make students aware and provide guidance and assistance.

Over the past 10 years, the number of students enrolled in agricultural courses at the university level has dropped significantly, however with the recent advances in technology and science; professional and technical staff are in short supply. Agricultural science graduates, for example, are in high demand with many of these roles located in capital cities. The industry can provide opportunities far beyond farm hand positions. Modern agricultural businesses require highly trained business managers, technical officers and agronomists just to name a few.

The Rabobank Client Council Ayr branch have facilitated the teacher tour for second year in a row. The Client Council is made up of local producers who are passionate about a range of issues within their industry including the promotion of careers in agriculture and have been the driving force behind the initiative. AgForce provided funding for the tour and Queensland Agriculture Workforce Network and local schools also supported the program.

Time Is Running Out...
Rotary Community Raffle

Please return your sold Rotary Community Raffle ticket coupons and money to the school office by MONDAY MORNING (10 October) or as soon as possible afterwards.
THANK YOU to those families who have bought or sold your coupons and to those who sold books of tickets. Your support is much appreciated.
TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT Ayr State High School office or Chiropractic Care on Beach Road until October 14.

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After School
By appointment

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