Ayr High Rocks the Burdekin

by Miss Maree Longworth, Director

Wow! What an amazing show! This year’s performance of The Great Australian Rock Musical was a spectacle not to be missed. Over 100 students from all year levels participated in this production which set a buzz through the whole community. The audience celebrated and cheered the amazing efforts of the cast and crew with three standing ovations! Three months of rehearsals and finally opening week had arrived! For over a week the cast and crew were at the Burdekin Theatre for over 12 hours a day, preparing, singing and refining their routines, tricks and flips and all of the work paid off! The three shows were close to sell outs and the energy the cast felt throughout the performance was reflected in their energy on stage. It is safe to say that The Great Australian Rock Musical was one of Ayr High’s most successful productions to date. The tears, frustration and long rehearsal hours were all worth it. Audience members were left wondering if they were actually only school kids! With the performance came on the on stage antics, whether it was Kyle Taylor’s fascination with kissing all of his cast members on stage, or Adam Dudley feeling the need to lick Nathan Price’s fingers – the audience was in hysterics.

However, all good things must come to an end. The show closed but the memories will stay with the cast and crew forever. For all of the Year 11 and 12 students, we hope this was a good way to end your education years and remember your final major production with the school. For Year 8’s to 10’s we hope to see you and more of your friends back for another go next time.

Finally, a huge thank you must go to all involved; the staff members who spent hours making props, costumes or designing the show; the backstage crew who made the performance a realisation and with swift handy work; the band for playing the songs over and over to polish the performance and finally the parents who spent time dropping off and picking up performers as well as providing food for our breaks.

Until next time! Rock on!
From the Principal
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal
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s predicted the Ayr State High School Musical was a resounding success! The performance, the music, costumes, props and production were all first class and a real feather in the cap of all who were involved. I would like to give a big congratulation to Miss Maree Longworth and the entire cast and crew for providing such a wonderful event.

The Arts continue to be showcased here at Ayr State High School with a Visual Arts exhibition ‘Reflections’ showcasing student work from Year 8-12. The evening is on 24 August from 6 - 9 pm at the Art ‘n’ Ayr Gallery. I am really looking forward to this event as we have some extremely talented artists within our student body.

Congratulations to Cook on their win at the 2012 Athletics Carnival. It was great to see such wide spread participation in the events and a high level of sportsmanship shown across the two days.

Year 10 students and their parents attended a subject information evening this week. As I discussed on the night this is the start of some of the most important decisions of the Year 10’s school, the choosing of their senior subjects. Students are developing Senior Education and Training Plans which highlight a student’s career aspirations. As part of this process students are required to complete a subject selection interview. Interviews will be held on 4 and 5 September. The school will send out notification of interview times.

Unfortunately our school community has suffered another tragic loss with the passing of ‘Little’ Nick Miller. Nick graduated in 2010 and was a well-liked and respected student both by his peers and the staff at Ayr State High School. As a mark of respect the school community stood in a minutes silence. Staff, past students and members of the Student Executive attended the funeral. Our thoughts go out to Nick’s family and friends in this time of sorrow.

Term 3 now starts to return to some normality with the big events of the Musical and Athletics carnival completed. I encourage all students to refocus on their school work and plan for the coming assessment period. Year 12s will sit the QCS test on 4 and 5 September.

I wish everyone luck in the upcoming examinations. I hope you are all as well prepared as well as rested and in a confident frame of mind.

Senior Education and Training Plans

Craig Whittred
Principal
The Interhouse Athletics Carnival was held over four days of competition with the main carnival on Friday 10 August. The previous Monday saw the running of the 3000m and the 1500m on Wednesday, with both events highly participated. ‘Spirit Day’ was also held on Wednesday with students able to wear their House colours and dress-up in their House themes. 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 had a slightly different start with no House skits but plenty of passion was shown with the war-cries. Over the course of the week and throughout the day, Macquarie led the charge with their enthusiasm, passion and vocal support taking out the spirit stick. As the Carnival progressed it came down to two Houses, Cook and Phillip, battling it out for first and second place. It then came down to Macquarie and Banks to fight it out for third and fourth place as the lead at the top grew greater. Cook eventually took a stranglehold on the competition winning for the fourth straight year. Phillip finished in second place with Macquarie and Banks third and fourth respectively. The final scores were Cook - 1946, Phillip - 1853, Macquarie - 1633, Banks - 1525. Much credit must go to the efforts of the Cook House Captains/Leaders and Teachers.

There were five records broken over the carnival and eight new records created as new weights had been introduced to the Girl’s U14-U19 Javelin and Shot Put events. Congratulations must go to the age champions who delivered outstanding performances, particularly Stephanie Monday (U/19) who won the “Individual Athletics Champion” trophy which recognizes the highest points scorer of the Carnival. Steph finished with 150 points with 10 first places. Special mention to Liam Vitale (U13) who finished with 135 points and 9 wins.

A squad will be selected from this carnival and will compete at the Burdekin Interschool Athletics Carnival on Friday 24 August at Home Hill State High School (but is being run by Burdekin Catholic High School).

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 Judy Kierle and the band of students who provided food for the day; the Interact Club (especially Gareth Modra and Tiernan Harris) who manned the drink stall and the Ayr Lifesaving Club and A & B Rural for the use of their tents. Special thanks goes to Mr Shane Baxter, Kyle Taylor (Sports Captain) and all House Captains, Year 12 PE class, Mr Alan Henaway (Groundskeeper), Miss Victoria Augustis and the many students who helped in preparation of the carnival. Your efforts are appreciated.
Getting Married......

by Mrs Saskia Vollema-Creek

Last week marriage celebrant, Mrs Carol Porter, gave a presentation to the Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies class about the legalities of getting married. The class had the opportunity to fill out a Notice of Intent which they learnt had to be filed at least a month before the wedding. A discussion about who they were allowed to marry and what paperwork was required to complete the marriage application forms followed. Carol also brought in wedding photos and samples of vows people can choose from which everyone in the class found interesting. All up it was an informative presentation which will aid the students in their study of Family Law this term.

Congratulations to Caitlin Granshaw in Year 12. Caitlin’s art piece ‘Dalbeg Roots’ was accepted into the Creative Generations Exhibition for Excellence in Visual Art and Design. Her art piece was 1 of 27 accepted into the regional stage of this state wide art competition. Caitlin’s art piece will be displayed in the Pinnacles Gallery at Riverway in Townsville from Saturday 25 August. ‘Dalbeg Roots’ represents the relationship and connection Caitlin has with the place and environment in which she lives.

Upcoming Events

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Music Support Group Meeting
Monday 20 August 2012
7.30 pm, A12

Ayr State High School Music Support Group
Bingo
Saturday 2.00 pm
Anglican Church Hall
Jackpots $400, $300, $200

Interschool Athletics
Friday 24 August 2012
9.30 am - 2.30 pm
Home Hill State High School
(hosted by Burdekin Catholic High School)

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Sports Gear for your School
Collect more vouchers, get more gear.
Collect 1 voucher for every $10 you spend at Coles.

Coles Sports for Schools finishes this week. Please drop any vouchers into the box at the office or the Ayr SHS box at Coles as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Sport News
Interschool Touch 07/08/12
U13 Girls: vs BCHS Win 1 - 0
U13 Boys: vs BCHS Win Forfeit
U15 Girls: vs BCHS Win 3 - 1
U15 Boys vs BCHS Win 6 - 2
Open Girls: vs BCHS Win 10 - 2
Open Boys vs BCHS Win 5 - 4
Interschool Touch 14/08/12
U13 Girls: vs HHSHS Loss 0 - 1
U13 Boys: vs HHSHS Win 7 - 2
U15 Girls: vs HHSHS Loss 1 - 5
U15 Boys vs HHSHS Win 10 - 5
Open Girls: vs HHSHS Win 3 - 2
Open Boys vs HHSHS Win 12 - 1

Vibe Alive/
Burdekin Crew
by Amber Sutherland and Isabel Tabo

Three weeks ago on the 26 – 27 June, fifteen Indigenous students participated in the Vibe Alive Festival in Townsville where we competed against approximately 3000 students from other schools.
The Vibe Alive Festival is a two day celebration of Aboriginal and Islander cultures, allowing young Indigenous students to develop confidence, career pathways and gain new friendships.

We proudly represented Ayr State High School with two groups, a junior and a senior team, which both competed in activities throughout the two days. Activities included painting, performing, dance and health workshops, sport and storytelling. Overall our juniors proudly won first place while the seniors, with an amazing effort, took out third place in the competition.

It was two very enjoyable days for the students and was a good experience for the juniors and a great last year for the Year 12s who were involved. Also, another exciting development is the production of a professional music video clip made with the assistance of Desert Pea Media which stars the Ayr State High School’s Burdekin Crew.

The Song Nation Project’s latest video is now showing on YouTube. Simply type in ‘Burdekin Crew – Eyes Wide Open’ to view the song. The Burdekin Crew would love to have your support by viewing this clip, so check it out because it is OFF THE CHAIN!!

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Burdekin Maths Quiz Champions
by Mr Rod Williams, Competition Co-ordinator

On Wednesday 8 August two teams of Ayr State High School Year 8 students represented the school at the Burdekin section of the Queensland Association of Mathematics Teachers Year 8 Maths Quiz. One of our teams consisting of Dean Webber, Alix Leckenby and Michael Trevilyan finished a close second in the competition won by Home Hill State High School. Our second team consisting of Lachlan Wilson, Rachael Zani and Nathan Masatto finished a creditable fourth in the quiz. Lachlan Holmes also attended as a reserve for the competing teams.

Former Origin Greats in Sport (FOGS) Inspire Students
by Mr Andrew Kos

On Wednesday 25 July FOGS or FORMER ORIGIN GREATS in SPORT was held at the Townsville Entertainment Centre. We had a bus load of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attend this important event. The day was about motivation and presenting information to students so that they could further focus their thoughts about the future in terms of career opportunities. Students were encouraged to feel proud of who they are and where they have come from. Over 60 exhibitors including industries such as the mines, health, service sector and government agencies displayed information and provided activities. In addition many well respected football players were present to give motivational talks by sharing their own life experiences. Overall, the day was informative and entertaining and has definitely assisted students in making informed decisions about their own futures.