Academic and Cultural Awards 2013
by Ms Lesley Olsen, Deputy Principal

What an excellent night at the Burdekin Theatre on Thursday 31 October! Staff, parents and friends were justifiably proud of the outstanding achievements of so many gifted students.

Awards were presented for outstanding performance and commitment in Performing Arts as well as for academic achievement across all grades. In each grade a small number of students were recognised with an Academic Excellent Achievement. The Award presentations were complemented by performances from the Performing Arts students – the Concert Band, the Choir, the Jazz Ensemble and drama groups.

It was indeed a night to be impressed and awestruck as a plethora of student talent crossed the stage. Congratulations and well done to all involved. (A full list of award recipients is provided in this newsletter.)
Welcome to Ayr State High School

Our school acknowledges the Bindal and Juru community as the first owners of this country. 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.

From the Principal
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal

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This week saw the Year 12 students finish their formal schooling. This was celebrated through our graduation dinner and assembly. At both of these events we witnessed how the students had not only successfully completed Year 12 but had matured into young adults ready for the challenges that lie ahead for them in the next phase of their lives. All of our students have developed over the last three years a career plan which will see many of our students gain placement to university, others will start apprenticeships and traineeships and some will enter directly into the workforce.

In support of the senior students over the past five years has been the talented staff of Ayr State High School who have challenged and nurtured these students with a commitment to provide quality outcomes for all of our students. To the parents and families I say thank you and congratulations for without your support we would not have been able to produce the outstanding results that the seniors have achieved.

To the seniors, well done, make the most of your formal schooling. This was celebrated through our graduation dinner and assembly. At both of these events we witnessed how the seniors have developed over the last three years a career plan which will see many of our students gain placement to university, others will start apprenticeships and traineeships and some will enter directly into the workforce.

Let’s stay focused and finish our year off at the same high standard that we have had throughout the year. Yours in education

Craig Whittred
Principal

School Leaders 2014
by Ms Lesley Olsen, Deputy Principal

The long, gruelling selection process has, at last, been completed and we can confidently announce the Student Executive and House Captains Elect. The processes have been rigorous and extensive. Candidates have supplied written applications, been shortlisted from staff and student balloting, and in the case of the Executive position successfully negotiated an interview process. The Vice Captain, Indigenous Students, has still to be decided. This has been held over as one of the nominees has been absent due to a family matter. Congratulations to the successful candidates. 2014 is YOURS!

Student Executive:
- School Captains: Sharni Lennox, Matthew Wight
- School Vice Captains: Hannah McKeough, Jack Vacher
- Community Service Vice Captain: Laura Sloan
- Cultural Vice Captain: Zoie Muir
- Sports Vice Captain: Blake Hollywood

House Captains:
- Banks: Molly Barbagallo, Kurt Boxall
- Cook: Megan Mastrantoni, Blake Hollywood
- Macquarie: Chantel Mohle, Sean Wright-Parker
- Phillip: Zoie Borellini, Tyler Boxall

Music Support Group Meeting
Final Meeting for 2013
Monday 18 November
7.00 pm, A12. All welcome.

Bingo
Saturday 2.00 pm
Anglican Church Hall
Jackpots $400, $300, $200

P&C Meeting
Monday 2 December 2013
7.30 pm, Resource Centre
2013 Awards Night Winners

**Year 8**

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS**
- David Bukowski
- Lamya Loring
- Shani Shaw

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
- Lauren Bozzetto
- Harper Dawson
- Lauren Geco
- Elizabeth Jordan
- Julius Prior
- Sam Spital
- Sophie Sudcliffe
- Shani Shaw

**SUBJECT DUX**
- Art: Lauren Bozzetto
- Drama: Kaori Brinham
- English: Harper Dawson
- Home Economics: Joel McGreehey
- Music: Kaori Brinham
- Science: Shani Shaw
- Studies of Society & the Environment: Shona Scoka

**Cultural Awards**
- Best Instrumentalist: Jordan Scardell
- Outstanding Commitment to the Music Department: Anna Wood
- Junior Sportswoman of the Year: Shani Shaw

**Sports Awards**
- Senior Sportswoman of the Year: Molly Barbagallo & Shani Shaw
- Senior Sportswoman of the Year: Shani Shaw

**Identification**
- Issue No 14 - 2013
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- Keeping you informed

**Year 9**

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS**
- Emma Lyons
- Hayden Mensa
- Tyler Northwood

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
- David Baker
- Daniel Holmes
- Renee Le Fevre
- Samantha Whitford

**SUBJECT DUX**
- Business & ICT: Emma Lyons
- Health & Physical Education: Riley Northwood
- Japanese: Shani Shaw
- Mathematics: Emma Lyons
- Music: Riley Northwood
- Studies of Society & the Environment: Alex Leckenery

**Year 10**

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS**
- Alex Leckenery
- Luke Sockih

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
- Matthew Blayney
- MaLouise Brock
- Andrew Doherty
- Julie Fox
- Renee Le Fevre
- Taylor Pearson
- Samantha Whitford

**SUBJECT DUX**
- Art: Shani Shaw
- Business Management: Luke Sockih
- Drama: Grace Packer
- English: Shani Shaw
- Food Studies: Leni Whyte
- Health & Physical Education: Alex Leckenery
- Industrial Technology (Manufacturing): Jonathan Hackett

**Special Awards**
- Principal’s Award for Scholastic Effort:
  - Jordan Scardell
  - Dean Dawson
  - Hannah McKee
  - Zoe Mil
  - Jack Vacher

**Year 11**

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS**
- Nicholas Gray
- Jordan Scardell

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
- Kem-Ann Cammotto
- Hollie Grant
- Megan Loring
- Jordan Scardell

**SUBJECT DUX**
- Biology: Jessie Shaw
- Business Communication & Technologies: Anna Saunders
- Chemistry: Holli Grant
- Construction: Tiernan Harris
- English: Lauren Myles
- History: Lauren Myles
- Industrial Graphics: Darcy Breen
- Industrial Technology Studies: Daniel McGonnachie

**Year 12**

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS**
- Lauren Myles

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
- Nicholas Gray
- Shani Shaw
- Jordan Scardell

**SUBJECT DUX**
- Information Technology Systems: Nicholas Gray
- Legal Studies: Caitlin Bihl
- Mathematics: Jordan Scardell
- Music: Lauren Mensa
- Physics: Jordan Scardell
- Preparatory Mathematics: Ashley Paker
- Recreation Studies: Corey Mason

**Principal’s Award for Scholastic Effort**
- Jordan Scardell

**Special Awards**
- Music Support Group Awards: Sarah George
- Cathe D'Urso Award: Megan Loring
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Award: Obodhah Doyle
- Andrew Kervie Award: Laine Magarelli
- Rotary Award: Loui De Vet
- Linda Gooding Award: Marcella Campbell
- Bartekin's MTG Award: Debra Bartekin
- Boy's Award: Marcella Campbell
- Best Of The Best Award: Megan Loring
- JCU Encouragement Award: Tin Honnay
- Arrow Energy Award: Hannah McInerney
- Cats All Rounder Award: Sara Jezzi
- All Rounder Award: Kayleigh Borelli
- ADF LA Team Award: Luke Borelli
- Leadership Awards: James Kennedy
- McDonald's School Leaders Award: Hannah McInerney

**It's not OK to be away**
- Ayring - Keeping you informed
Terrific Maths Competition Results in 2013
by Mr Kerry Flynn, HOD - Maths & Science

In term 3 it was very encouraging to see over 50 students choose to participate in the annual Australian Maths Competition. The certificates and results have been returned to the school and there have been some tremendous results. Thanks to Mr Rod Williams for organising the event.

The major award winners were:

High Distinctions
Year 11 Jordan Holmes
Year 12 Jordan Scarabel

Distinctions
Year 8 Kacey Bromham, Sharni Wight
Year 9 Tiaran Walsh
Year 10 René Le Feuvre, Joel Loring
Year 11 Travis Mogg
Year 12 Hollie Grant, Jessie Shaw

Credits
Year 8 Flynn Fraser, Taylor Jensen, Kara Sutcliffe
Year 9 Daniel Holmes, Nathan Masatto, Karina Thompson, Liam Vitale
Year 10 Laine Magatelli, Liam Shannon, Luke Sockhill, Ryan Taylor, Micaela Zeilstra
Year 11 Molly Barbagallo, Cassienne Darwen, Jared Haller, Jack Vacher
Year 12 Jai Blakey, Shane Kennedy, Callan Nicholson

World of Maths Visit
by Mrs Teresa Gemellaro, Maths Teacher

Recently, a selected group of Year 8 and 9 students attended the World of Maths presentation. The students were able to engage with a wide variety of hands-on, real-life problem solving activities, enriching the curriculum. These activities ranged from; developing an understanding of the maths in music; maths in transformation such as reflections; to physical processes related to the centre of gravity problems. Students managed to solve problems where optimum values such as the maximum and the minimum had to be found (for example fence perimeters and layout of water pipes). Modelling problems, such as these, become increasingly important as students continue through high school. The event was an excellent opportunity to provide enrichment in the field of mathematics.

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Rewards Day
Friday 29 November 2013

Year 11 Assessment Block
22 - 27 November 2013

Students must attend at the scheduled times unless the absence is supported by a medical certificate.

Upcoming Events

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Academic Excellence Awards 2013

Year 8

LtoR: Lauren Bozzetto, Sharni Wight, Lyam Loring, Shona Scalia, Kacee Bromham

Year 9

LtoR: Merinda Greenwood, Matthew Wight, Jack Vacher, Dean Cislowski, Cassienne Darwen

Front LtoR: Alix Leckenby, Katurah Saunders, Emma Lyons

Back LtoR: David Ballin, Hayden Menso, Tyler Northwood

Year 10

LtoR: René Le Feuvre, Liam Shannon, Luke Sockhill

Year 11

LtoR: Lauren Bozzetto, Sharni Wight, Lyam Loring, Shona Scalia, Kacee Bromham

Congratulations to all Award Winners

SWPBS - Winners are Grinners
by Mrs Claire Brock, SWPBS Committee

SWPBS is the framework adopted by our school in 2013 to focus on the positive things our students do during their school days. Students received Hawk Points for being safe, respectful and doing their personal best. So it was fitting that Year 12’s scooped the pool for the last HAWK POINT DRAW of the year. Congratulations to Jamahl White, Dana Sutcliffe, Ashly Parker and Gianna O’Brien for displaying the three key characteristics of an ASHS Learner (Safe, Respect, Personal Best) and having their names drawn for prizes.

Information Session for Parents/Carers and Students interested in including TAFE studies in 2014

When: Wednesday 20 November, 5.30 pm
Where: Auditorium ASHS

Information will be available about:
- How to enrol at TAFE
- How to pay for TAFE courses
- How to secure a place in your preferred course
- Transport arrangements
- Impact of TAFE on the school timetable (sessions TAFE students will need to catch up)

Ashly Parker (One D Collection Card), Gianna O’Brien (Fuel Voucher), Dana Sutcliffe (Fuel Voucher), Jamahl White (Cook Book)
Last week Year 10 students undertook work experience – many with local employers and some with employers outside our district. Students are currently making decisions in Year 10 about which subjects to study in the senior school in order to meet their career goals. Work Experience is a critical feature in this decision making process. Many employers have provided positive feedback about the change from Year 11 to Year 10. “Students can actually experience what is required by the job and select subjects that will prepare them for that career. It is sometimes too late by the end of semester one to make these changes.” Some students have used the experience to alter their career path and will now return to school to make changes to their subject choices for 2014. Others have seen the benefit of school based traineeships and are pursuing this option. For a few, they see the need to return to Year 11 with a stronger work ethic in order to achieve career goals.