Visual Art Exhibition Success
by Mrs Lynda Hoey, Visual Arts Teacher

The annual ‘Identity’ Visual Art Exhibition held at the Music Loft was well received with many people passing through the doors. A total of three hundred and forty works were displayed with students proudly demonstrating their technical skills and media development through each piece. Year 8’s delivered creations from the Wetlands while Year 9 focused on the Optical Illusion and Fantasy Art. Charcoal Drawings from the Year 10 Visual Art students were viewed with amazement as students were encouraged to represent the tonal values of each piece while also building the visual character of their chosen person. Senior Visual Art students of Year 11 focused on Origins researching the compositional structure of shapes and designs while the Year 12’s proved exploring Self-identity also built confidence and passion. Every student should be very proud of their efforts in producing such wonderful artwork.

The raffle on the night titled ‘Pandanas Poetry’ was drawn on assembly on Tuesday 9 September by Principal, Mr Craig Whittred. It was won by Sharni Lennox. Thanks go to the Giru Store and Ms Anna D’Illario who catered for the night. Thank you also to Mr Malcolm Calder and the theatre staff who assisted in making the night a success and who continued to present the exhibition to the public throughout the week and to the Burdekin Art Society members who supervised the exhibition during the day as well as the many students, staff and parents who assisted with presentation and delivery of the artwork.

“All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once they grow up”...Pablo Picasso

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From the Principal
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal
Editorial - Newsletter No. 14 19/09/14

Term three has been a massive term here at Ayr State High School. It has really showcased the talents of our students across a number of areas. The Arts were showcased with our magnificent Musical and the awesome Art Exhibition. Sport was represented through athletics carnivals and afternoon sport where we once again asserted our dominance. Academics were highlighted in Mathematics, English, Sciences, and Humanities with students participating in a wide variety of events that included national competitions and regional activities. A big congratulations goes out to our Optiminds team who won the regional competition and will now compete in Brisbane at the University of Queensland at the state finals early next term.

Congratulations to our two teams that went away last weekend to the Maryborough Technology Challenge. Once again our students have performed way above what they should have on paper and I have received a great deal of positive feedback about our teams from organisers of the event. Well done. I would also like to thank Mr Hucett for his support and commitment to the team along with our other sponsors.

I would like to thank our P&C Executive and the parents who were involved in the stall at the Water Festival. It was a great success with all of our stock sold and raising over $1000 for the school on the night. Having the support of parent volunteers really helps assist the P&C raise funds that can provide the “extras” that will help our school be a special place for our students. The P&C are still looking for volunteers at the canteen so if you have a few hours to spare once a month come along and support our school.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and even though we will all be having some down time I encourage everyone to do little bit of reading each day. It can be a fishing or hunting magazine, the newspaper or a juicy novel. Just by actively reading each day we can help ourselves become more competent readers which helps us become better writers and supports our learning right across all subjects. So in-between fishing or hunting trips or social outings to the pool or the movies, and even if you are at the Cape, fit 15 minutes of reading into every day!

Have a great holiday!

Craig Whittred
Principal

Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 6 October 2014

P&C News

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We still have a long way to go to reach our $20 000 goal for school computers - please consider what you can do to help us achieve this.

Suggestions:
Organise a fundraiser with our assistance.
Volunteer your time at the canteen. It could be once a semester or a couple of hours a month. Alison at the canteen will be happy to work in with you.
Make a monetary contribution.

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P&C Meeting
Monday 13 October 2014
5.15 pm, Resource Centre

ASHS Music Support Group
Bingo
Saturday 2.00 pm
Anglican Church Hall
Jackpots $400, $300, $200

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Increasingly, we are becoming aware of the benefits of a **positive growth mindset**. Optimism and positivity are important, but poorly understood. They are not about good feelings all the time, but they are the central underpinning characteristics of successful people in all walks of life. Research has shown us specifically what helps us perform at our best and be happy in life.

An easy acronym to remember how it looks in a school setting is:

- **M** - Meta-cognition, understanding your own thinking.
- **A** - Attitude. The desire to strive for your personal best.
- **R** - Respect. Belonging; also sharing a belief in positive mutual conduct with others (students and staff).
- **BL** - Body Language. Assertive but not aggressive, confident but not arrogant, focused but not consumed.
- **E** - Effort. When the going gets tough, we find a way.
- **S** - Sync. Fitting the bits of the puzzle together; linking the preparation to the situation.

None of these things can be taught or even appreciated by reading them on a page. These are attitudes that take time to develop, and they are also reflected in our school policies and daily practice in increasing ways.

At Ayr State High School we are all about developing the whole person. Preparing valued and informed citizens is about providing a top quality academic and extra-curricular education, but it’s also about much more. We see that providing students with the personal and social skills, and thinking and learning skills as well as values that reflect the best of our community that can make them life-long learners and valuable community members is something that will stay with them all their lives.

We encourage all our community to be a part of that journey; to communicate and know what is going on in the lives of young people at our school. Watch and celebrate the growth and development of our students into the outstanding learners and valuable community members is something that will stay with them all their lives.

If you would like to know more about wellbeing at Ayr High, keep watching for this regular article, or contact Mr Andrew Ballin or Mr Craig Whittred (Principal) at the school.

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**Student Ball - Mark this date on your calendar - 31 October!**

The Student Ball is the major inter-school social event. Although run as part of the Harvest Festival Week, this year the theme of our ball will be “A mysterious night in New York - a masquerade ball”. Masks are very ‘in’ at the moment and it is hoped many will buy, borrow or produce one for the night. Our Student Ball Committee is currently working hard on planning table, hall and entrance designs for this more glamorous theme. Being hosted by Home Hill High’s Parents and Citizens Association for students, it is a drug and alcohol-free event and therefore normal school standards apply to behaviour, dress and language.

Only students currently in Years 10, 11 and 12 at the three Burdekin high schools are eligible to attend. While we appreciate that the pre-Ball gatherings play an important part in ensuring the success of the night, we hope that parents will be pro-active in supporting our stance on no drugs and alcohol and therefore ensure that these pre-Ball gatherings are also alcohol and drug free. Students who arrive at the Ball having consumed alcohol will not be admitted. It will be held as usual at the Memorial Hall, and tickets will be on sale at your school mid-week in week two in October. There will be a red carpet entry and doors open at 7 pm and finishes at midnight. It is expected to cost $30 unless the DJ and Hall quotes are increased dramatically. All enquires can be directed to the Office or to Mrs Edwards at Home Hill SHS.

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**Ayr Dental Service for Students**

The Ayr Dental Service is now offering a general course of dental care every year to all eligible students attending High School.

Eligibility criteria for this service include either of the following options:

- If your child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) (aged up to 17 years for any one day of the calendar year), and or
- If your child is currently enrolled in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. (no CDBS required)

If you are unsure if your child is eligible for this service please call Ayr Dental Staff on 4783 3223.

To make an appointment students and parents may phone Ayr Dental staff on 4783 3223. Please leave a phone message if your call is not answered. The Dental staff will return your call to arrange an appointment.

Requirements for treatment include:

- Students should be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian to the initial appointment so that consent medical history can be completed.
- Parents are to notify their child’s school of all dental appointments during school hours.
- It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure their child’s attendance at all dental appointments.
- If your child is unable to attend their dental appointment, please phone the clinic prior to appointment to reschedule.
- Appointments are offered through the Ayr Dental Clinic.
- Please bring your Medicare card to your first appointment.

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**Ayr State High School Sports Awards**

Thursday 23 October 2014

Ayr Showgrounds Hall, 7.30 pm

This evening celebrates students who have represented the school in their chosen sport/s and who have been selected to represent the Burdekin district or beyond.

Keep an eye out on student notices as Miss Carrigan will announce further details in the coming weeks.
Year 11 Leadership Morning
by Ms Margo Johnson, Year 11 Co-ordinator

On Wednesday 3 September the Year 11 cohort spent the morning preparing for their senior year in 2015 and possible leadership positions they can apply for within the school. Mr Kurt Haller, former student and school captain, kindly gave his time to come and talk to students about school pride, supporting each other as a team and leadership skills.

Students then spent time building team and leadership skills through a variety of group activities. Working together in small groups to create a safe container to drop raw eggs from the balcony and crossing a ‘fast flowing’ river as a team were just a couple of the activities they participated in. At the conclusion of the morning students attended an information session on leadership positions for next year.

Year 10 Work Experience
13 - 17 October 2014

Red Carpet Disco
by Hannah McKeough & Jack Vacher, School Vice Captains

On Thursday 14 August we held our third disco for the year with the theme being Red Carpet. Although the attendance was low, we still had a reasonable turnout considering how busy the beginning of the term was.

A big thank you must go out to the Year 12 Hospitality class for organising the disco. Once again we must give a special mention to our DJ, David Cooper, who did a fantastic job all night. We must also thank all the teachers who helped supervise and set up as without their support our disco would not be possible.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at our final disco in term 4, on Thursday 9 October.

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