Big Day Out (BDO)

by Mrs Claire Brock, PBL Team

What an awesome way to end the school year for Year 10 and Year 11 and what a fantastic celebration for great Ayr High Learners in Year 7, 8 and 9!!!!

Congratulations to the 250 students who were invited to enjoy an action packed afternoon of water bombing, bounce boxing, laser skirmish and face painting. The pie wall, where students threw a plate of cream at their favourite teacher, was hugely popular. Calmer activities of temporary tattooing, guess the spot, rubik cube challenge and lucky dip entertained many. Talented students also participated in the annual Ayr High’s Got Talent competition with Giselle Le Feuvre winning the Music Support Group’s cash prize.

Thanks to the teachers who organised activities and to the Year 10 cohort for helping run the day.

BDO is one exciting way that Ayr High celebrates our great learners, it is a positive reward system organised by the PBL team.

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As 2016 comes to an end, I look back fondly on many achievements this year. Achievements across many fields including, academic, The Arts, civic duties, leadership and on the sporting field. This goes to show what a well-rounded school Ayr State High School is and what a fantastic and talented group of students we have. I am looking forward to 2017 starting and being able to do it all over again. There are many people who come together to make Ayr High great. A big thanks to all the parent/carers who become involved in our P&C whether on the committee, with the Music Support Group and Saturday Bingo, your support helps provide the little "extras" that make a world of difference in our students lives. I also like to thank all parent/carers who have attended/worked at any of our school events. “It takes a village to raise a child.” Your commitment, shows your kids, you are part of the ‘whole education’ experience of each student, the impact will last generations.

This year we will also say goodbye to a number of staff who have all worked tirelessly to provide the best educational experiences for our students. We say goodbye and well wishes to Ms Stacey Alloway, Mrs Megan Breen, Miss Stephanie Durden, Ms Rebecca Irvine, Mr Bruce Johnson, Ms Kelda Johnstone, Mrs Judy Kierle, Mr Kevin Lee, Mr Charlie McIntyre, Mr Chris Milne, Mrs Maree Milne, Mrs Jessamy Nicolaides, Mr Adam Snook and Mr Rod Williams. On behalf of our school we thank you for your efforts and the difference that you have made in the lives of the students of Ayr High. You will always remain part of the Ayr High Family, and in leaving know that you are a big part of the reason our school is such an awesome school. I am looking forward to 2017. Last week we ran our Year 6 into 7 Orientation days and I was extremely impressed with the quality of the students who have enrolled for next year. The two days were a great success with a lot of House spirit shown by both the new students and their older buddy LIP Leaders. Apart from the new enrolments I am very excited about the improvements the staff have been working on to be implemented in 2017. Each year we look to create improvements in student outcomes by honing our practices and procedures to provide educational excellence to the students of the Burdekin. By focusing on both our teaching and learning practices and developing student wellbeing, we are striving not only to produce outstanding scholars, but more importantly outstanding people, who can go forth into our community and make a real difference. I wish everybody a safe and happy Christmas and New Year (hopefully the crush has finished by then) and I’m excitedly waiting for the 2017 school year and the achievements we will all make as a close school community.

Yours in education
Craig Whittred
Principal

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.

From the Principal
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal
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Leaving School?

We would appreciate the donation of your school shorts, T shirts and formal uniforms. Items of clothing can be left at the school office.

P&C Meeting
Monday 6 February 2017
7.30 pm, Resource Centre
All welcome.

Music Support Meeting
Thursday 16 February 2017
5 pm, A14
New parents/carers welcome.

Interhouse Swimming Carnival
Friday 17 February 2017
Week 4
More information in 2017

Australia Day Public Holiday
Thursday 26 January 2017

Whole School Photos
Monday 13 February 2017

Upcoming Events

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Yr 12 Results
Final Year 12 results and Overall Positions (OP) will be available in students' learning accounts from 9 am Saturday 17 December.

Students will need their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in to www.studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au. The students have been given their LUI but if lost or forgotten there is self-help on website.
Each year James Cook University offer advice to students who are uncertain about what to study at uni, how to accept their offer, how to make course preference changes based on their OP score and what happens next. This year the Change of Preference Event will be an OP Bohemian Beach Party on The Strand to celebrate the student’s achievements! The event will take place on the Tobruk Pool Foreshore from 4 - 8pm on Sunday, 18 December. JCU students and staff will be available for Year 12 students to get relevant, current information.