Commemorating
100 Years of ANZAC
by Ms Andrea Aleksic, Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

The assembly was conducted by School Captains, Taylor Heuir and Liam Shannon; Vice Captains, Sophia Palombi and René Le Feuvre and Tia Henaway who gave the welcome to country on behalf of the Juru people. Our special guest was Warrant Officer Deanne Mahoney, accompanied by Sergeant Dallas Ward. Other invited guests were Mr Dave Last, Member of Parliament - Burdekin, Mayor Bill Lowis, Mr Doug Sockhill, President of Ayr State High School P&C and Mrs Rachael Webber, Treasurer of the Performing Arts Support Group, Mr Ememe Monday, Mrs Christine Monday and Mrs Lena Watego. This year the address commemorated the Veteran Affairs theme of 100 years of service. Four wreaths were laid by our guests. Once again the Air Force Cadets were a prominent feature of the assembly. Under the command of Cadet Under Officer Scott Worlien, 15 cadets took part as the guard. Kacee Bromham performed a heartfelt rendition of Sarah McLachlan’s song “Angels”, while our choir led the assembly in singing the national anthem played by our Concert Band. The significance of the symbols of The Rising Sun Badge and ANZAC biscuits were explained by Caitlin Holmes and Zack Stockwell. The most solemn part of the service, The Last Post and Rouse, was played by Mr Joe Giddy followed by The Lament, on bagpipes, by Mr Roy Paige. Thank you to all those who contributed to our Commemoration service and especially to the students of Ayr State High School who were respectful and considerate as members of the assembly.

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by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal

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ell we have had another heartbreakng period over the last ten days. The passing of our Year 12 student Breannah Piva was very shocking news for our school community. We had many students who needed comforting with this terrible news. I am very thankful of the work of the staff here at Ayr State High School in comforting and reassuring our students in the midst of grieving for a young person that they had been teaching or got to know over the past four and a half years. I would like to make special mention of my student support team who performed outstandingly in this trying time. All gave up their own time working on their days off to be here and support our students. The healing process will take time and we continue to offer support, guidance and counselling to any student and/or parent of our school community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Piva family in this time. Our Year 7 and 9 students all completed the NAPLAN testing for 2015. The students were all well prepared and have come out of each test session feeling confident that they achieved well on each test. Once again this year we provided the students with a breakfast and morning tea prior and between testing sessions. This helps the students settle in and ensures that they are all in the right frame of mind for the testing process. Thanks to Mr Rod Williams who put on breakfast each morning as well as his usual “Chappies breakfast” on Wednesday. I know the students all enjoy some bacon or pancakes in the mornings, and a few staff members as well! Once again our Performing Arts students have done an outstanding job at the Burdekin Eisteddfod. Our Choir and bands have performed at an excellent level and have been awarded for their efforts. Well done guys, I’m sure we will hear more about this in the next Ayring! At our last Parents and Citizens Association meeting a decision was made to alter the distribution of the Ayring. The P&C has asked for the Ayring to be sent to parents/carers via email. I think this is a great idea not only will it reduce our environmental footprint, it will also reduce costs as well. Some of the added advantages will be that photos and the production will be able to be shared in full colour and as an email this can be easily shared with other family members outside of the Burdekin. For this to be successful we need to have our records of parent/carer email addresses up to date. We will be organising an update to contact details (including emails, mobile phone contacts and emergency contacts) through form classes over the next few weeks. Once we have updated the system the Ayring distribution will begin through emails. Yours in Education

Craig Whittred
Principal

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gain, as part of the World War One unit, the Year 9 students ventured down to ANZAC Park to closely examine the war memorials. Commemoration is an important part of remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in battle. The Ayr war memorials clearly symbolise the respect the Ayr community have for the sacrifices made by local servicemen in all wars since 1914. On this excursion, students sketched and labelled the war memorials as well as reflecting on the text, design and materials used. It was concluded that commemoration for the fallen was important to Ayr residents and this was most evident in the plaques placed on the memorial wall by proud families representing not just those who died in service but those who enlisted in the later wars and returned. Later, in term two, Year 9 students will also visit the RAAF and Australian Army Museums in Townsville as part of their study of World War One and World War Two, which they will investigate in Year 10.
The annual Interhouse Cross Country and adidas School Fun Run was held Wednesday 29 April. Friendships were put aside as students fought for positions and points in an impressive field of over 130 runners in the Cross Country. While students were competing in the Cross Country the remaining student body competed in the Fun Run with these points also contributing to the overall Cross Country House Champion. Students were keen to compete as many laps as possible to gain maximum points and enjoyed the free ice-block and icy cups during both events.

Cook took out the honours in the combined event, fielding the largest cross country team and continuing their enthusiasm and level of participation in the Fun Run to post a narrow points victory of 725 over Phillip on 705. Macquarie finished in third place on 622 points and Banks in fourth place on 604 points. Congratulations must go to House Captains for their organisation and for the enthusiastic participation of their respective houses.

Outstanding performances in the Cross Country were achieved by Kyla Pringle (Year 12) and René Le Feuvre (Year 12) who won Division 3 (U16 & U19), Sharni Wight (Year 10) and Ty Everett (Year 10) who won Division 2 (U14 & U15), and Emma Donovan (Year 7) and Declan Dowson (Year 8) who won Division 1 (U12 & U13). The list of individual age-group champions appears below.

Interschool Cross Country
by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

On Tuesday 12 May, thirty students represented Ayr High at the Interschool Cross Country, which was held at Ayr State High School. The senior boys (with the assistance of Hawkeye) led the way out of the school and into the golf course, and down across the touch fields. The junior boys and girls following a short time later. There were a number of outstanding performances with fourteen students finishing in the top three of their age group. These students were:

- Under 13 – Emma Donovan (3rd), Declan Dowson (1st), Dion Williams (2nd), Hayden Doyle (3rd)
- Under 14 – Alethia Pacey (2nd), Caleb Noah (2nd)
- Under 15 – Sharni Wight (1st), Ryan Beckman (3rd)
- Under 16 – Taylor Escriva (3rd), Keon Monday (1st), Joel Mason (2nd), Ryan Pringle (3rd)
- Under 17 – Kyla Pringle (2nd), Rene Le Feuvre (3rd)

The top three in each age-group qualifies them for the Burdekin Cross Country Squad. These students were invited to attend the North Queensland Cross Country Trials on Tuesday 26 May in Townsville (an article will be published in the next edition of Ayring). All students are to be congratulated on their performances and enthusiastic participation.
Golden Glove Softball Competition
by Mr Keven Lee, Coach

On Thursday 7 May, Ayr High sent a girls and a boys team to Townsville to compete in a state softball competition known as The Golden Glove. The girls competed against teams from William Ross High, Townsville High and Bowen High, while the boys competed against Townsville High. The girls beat Townsville High and William Ross High convincingly and narrowly won against Bowen High becoming the best school softball team in the northern region. As a result the girls have qualified for the final of the competition. The boys who beat Townsville High convincingly have also qualified for the final series. The state finals was played in Brisbane on Saturday 30 May. Congratulations to both teams.

P&C News

This year we will take part in the Rotary Community Raffle. As with our Monster Raffle last year, we will send a letter out to families and for those wanting to purchase tickets may do so by sending back to the school, the completed form with correct money. More details will be contained in the letter. All proceeds which we earn will come back to the P&C. Other organisations will be selling these tickets also for their own fundraising; so be sure to purchase yours from us!

Tickets will be $5 - Prizes are: 1st $10000; 2nd $5000; 3rd $2500

School Jumpers in 2015
Be prepared for cooler days

In 2010 the P&C Association endorsed an official school jumper. This is the only jumper acceptable. It is a dark green jumper, available from the school office for $30. If your child needs to wear a jumper for warmth please make it the official school jumper.

Year 11 Engineering Camp
@ JCU
20 - 22 July
Letter and information available from Mr Flynn.

Pink Stumps Day
We raised $728!!!
Thanks for everyone’s support.

NQ Selections
by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

Congratulations to Westley Darwen (Year 8) who has been selected in the U12 Northern Hockey Squad. Special mention to Ashley Green (Year 7) who was selected as a shadow player for the U12 girls. Congratulations to both players.

Upcoming Events

1 Jun  P&C Meeting (7.30 pm, Resource Centre)
2 Jun  Yr 10 QCE & SET Plan Information Evening
3 Jun  ICAS Science Competition
8 Jun  Queen’s Birthday Holiday
9 Jun  U12 visits this week (Maths/Science students)
10-11 Jun  Yr 6 Transition Visit
11 Jun  Yr 12 Fundraiser Movie Premiere - Jurassic World
12 Jun  Yr 10 Careers Expo (S1-3)
15 Jun  Athletic Carnival Whole School Nominations
16 Jun  Senior Secondary Student Council Meeting
17 Jun  Yr 9 - 40 Colours Free Dress
18 Jun  Freedom Tour Whole School Presentation
          Junior Secondary Student Council Meeting
19-25 Jun  Yr 11 & 12 Assessment Period
26 Jun  Show Day Holiday
29 Jun - 10 Jul  School Holidays

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On Monday 4 May, Year 11 Modern History students from Ayr State High School attended Modern History student seminars held at St Anthony’s Catholic College in Townsville. For the first time, student seminars, sponsored by the Queensland History Teachers Association (QHTA) and traditionally held for Modern History students in Brisbane, were held in Townsville. The students attended two workshops relevant to their current studies. In his presentation, "Nazi Germany: Lessons from the Past", Ian Gray, an author of historical texts, and an experienced Senior Modern History teacher, focused on the historical conditions and human factors that made Nazism possible and challenged Modern History students to be gatekeepers. Currently studying Nazi Germany in class, this lecture could not have been more timely!

Dr Brian Hoepper, an author of many historical texts and a former lecturer in teacher education at QUT, continued this theme in his presentation on terrorism where he asked big questions about the causes of terrorism and the factors which motivate terrorists. Students learnt how terrorism can be traced back over 2,000 years, and has been perpetrated by people from many countries, faiths and political traditions.

The Year 11 Modern History students were thrilled that Brian and Ian ventured this far north to present these workshops. They gained so much from their presentations and couldn’t stop talking about it in class the next day.

Later in the year, several Modern History and Legal Studies students will travel to Canberra and visit various attractions such as the Australian War Memorial, the High Court and Parliament House.
**Careers Expo**

by Lauren Bozetto, Year 10 Student

On Thursday 7 May, the Year ten cohort travelled to Townsville to take part in the Careers Expo. Here, there were several stalls which held information that were beneficial to helping us get a closer look as to what we wanted to do with our careers. We were able to participate in an activity, using skills from several career types, gaining knowledge about what it takes to be under pressure in different working environments. All students were able to gain a good knowledge of interesting career choices by talking to the extremely helpful people at the various stalls. Overall, the expo was a successful and enjoyable day for all students.

**Charley Bates Solar Astronomy Project visits Ayr High**

by Mr Kerry Flynn, HOD - Science & Maths

On Tuesday 26 May, local astronomer Rob Black came to work with our Year 7 and 8 Science students. Students in Year 7 are currently learning about astronomy and the sun. Students had the opportunity to view the sun through different telescopes that filter the different wavelengths of light coming from the sun. As a result students were able to see sunspots, solar flares and prominences. Students were well behaved and very interested in the experience and also appreciated the ‘free gifts’ of solar glasses and posters.

At lunch time, students from other year levels also joined in viewing the sun and talking with Rob. Thanks to Rob Black for taking the time out of his schedule to work with our students.

**Commemorating ANZAC Day**

by Ms Andrea Aleksic, Deputy Principal

On ANZAC day, Ayr State High School, was well represented at all the services. The Student Executive attended the dawn and Ayr Service, Emma Lyons represented the school at the Guru Service, Alix Leckenby, Kyra Thomas and Justess Toms represented the school at the Brandon Service. Many students and staff attended all services. At the main service Liam Shannon and a BCHS student delivered the joint schools address and Tayla Hancock and a BCHS student led the community rendition of the National Anthem. Thank you to all who marched and to their families who enabled them to be present. Commemorating ANZAC Day allows Australians to: HONOUR the service of Australia’s veterans; REMEMBER the sacrifice of the fallen; THANK those who have returned; and RENEW our bonds of community and our understanding of the ANZAC traditions of courage and comradeship.