Students Showcase Their Public Speaking Skills in Rostrum Heats

by Mrs Linda Attard, English Teacher and Rostrum Co-ordinator

On the evening of Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May, Ayr State High School’s auditorium was filled with audiences ready to witness our junior and senior students ready and willing to showcase their public speaking skills. Ayr High’s 2017 Rostrum Voice of Youth heats were packed with participants, with 21 students competing over the two nights - we had the most number of students nominating, again, from any Burdekin school. Each student spoke convincingly and conveyed their informed opinions on a range of topics including ‘Life Without Limits’, ‘Creating History’, ‘Hidden Agenda’, ‘An Unlikely Hero’ and ‘The Lottery of Life’. The speeches on both nights were exceptional and the high calibre of competitors was evident in the quality and material of the speeches that stirred the audience’s passions.

The senior division winners were Holly Cranston and Kacee Bromham, with junior division winners announced as Lauren Raitelli and Sarah McDonnell.

All winners captivated the audience with their fervent embrace of their chosen topics and presented with steel-like nerves, where most others would falter. These four students, along with winners from Home Hill High, Burdekin Catholic High and Burdekin Christian College, battled it out on Wednesday 24 May, at the Burdekin Regional Finals. From here, Sarah was awarded overall Junior winner, with Holly announced as runner up in the Senior division. Within a matter of days, these confident public speakers presented their prepared speech along with a three minute impromptu speech at the Townsville finals. The girls gained invaluable insight into this level of the competition.

All students who participated in the competition are to be congratulated as they did themselves, their families, and their school, very proud. It was an absolute privilege for me to work with such a dedicated and talented group of young people.

This year, we also celebrated the achievement of a group of Year 12 students who have competed in this competition since Year 9. Lauren Bozzetto, Kacee Bromham, Maddi Collins, Jasmin Timm and Shona Scalia were deserving recipients of the Ayr State High School Public Speaking Achievement Award for their continued participation in the competition. We look forward to showcasing our talents again next year.
This week we celebrated Harmony Day. Ayr State High School is a very diverse school with student's family heritage coming from a wide range of backgrounds, as well as a very diverse range of family circumstances. We teach students that difference is a very positive situation that provides each of us with the opportunity to learn and grow. We encourage students to embrace each other as part of a bigger Ayr High family and stand strong and proud together with our differences but united in our commitment to learn, grow and achieve as individuals.

This week I attended some important meetings with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. These meetings are in response to the Queensland Government introducing new senior assessment and tertiary entrance arrangements for students who commence Year 11 in 2019. In 2019 our current Year 9 students will be part of the first cohort of Queensland senior students to engage with the new system. There will be three major changes to the new system;

- **Curriculum**
  - Queensland schools will begin the delivery of the new Australian Senior Secondary Curriculum
  - this will see a change in subjects available for delivery
- **Assessment**
  - reduction of the number of assessments
  - strengthening of school-based assessment
  - introduction of subject-based external assessment
- **Tertiary Entrance**
  - moving from an OP to an ATAR.

As a school we have made a commitment to be at the forefront of any new developments with the new Senior Secondary system, ensuring our students are best placed to achieve strongly in the new system. We will start to work with parents and students in the very near future with the first of a number of information sessions we will roll out over the next two and a half years. I encourage all parent/carers of students in our current Year 9 cohort to come along and engage in these sessions.

As winter falls upon us, I would just like to remind students and parents/carers that our uniform policy states that there are only two options for jumpers. Either the school polar fleece jumper or the Senior Jersey for Year 12 students only (soon to be delivered). The School jumper can only be purchased through the school office for a cost of $30.

Yours in education

Craig Whittred
Principal

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**New Directions in Small Business**

by Deanne Ruge, HOD Business - Information Technologies and Humanities

As part of Small Business Week celebrations recently, a group of business students attended an informative presentation by the Queensland Government’s Office of Small Business. Student representatives from Year 10 Economics and Business, Year 11 Business Communication and Technologies and Year 12 Accounting, were alerted to the increasing importance of both entrepreneurship and project management skills in the business world. As members of a society undergoing the fourth industrial revolution, students were informed about the changing landscape of business and the changing demands for its participants. Among these are a need to adopt design thinking methods in order to remain innovative and competitive in an increasingly global market. A big thanks goes to the Burdekin Shire Council and Mayor Lyn McLaughlin for making this opportunity available to students in our local area.
This year, five boy’s teams competed at the North Queensland School Futsal Titles which were held in Townsville on Friday 19 May. Ayr High had two teams each in the U15 and U19 divisions (Ayr High Green and Ayr High White), and one U16 team.

The U15 division was split into two pools with a total of eight teams competing. Ayr High White finished first in their pool and progressed to the Final where they unfortunately had their first defeat of the day (see all results below). Ayr High Green finished an agonising third in their pool after an early loss saw them regroup and play some great futsal. They had a great win in their final game to claim 5th overall.

The U16 boys finished second after the round games in a tightly contested division. With only three teams in their division, each team played each other twice, with all games being played out in extremely tight circumstances. Ayr High finished second overall after the round games and progressed to the final where they went on a goal-a-thon to win overall by the biggest margin of the day 6-0.

The U19’s fielded two teams in a division of five where both Ayr teams lamented at the bottom of the pool. In order to see who was going to progress to the semi-finals, it came down to an Ayr High vs Ayr High game which saw Ayr High Green take the honours. From here, the boys took on Kirwan but did not progress any further.

All students played incredibly well and should be proud of their efforts. Lastly, thank you to the staff and parent drivers, whom without, we could not participate in this event.

**Results:**

**U15 Ayr High Green:**
- vs Kirwan Black: 1-2 Loss
- vs Gilroy: 12-2 Win
- vs Kirwan: 3-3 Draw
- vs Kirwan Red: 9-2 Win (playoff for 5th/6th)

**U15 Ayr High White:**
- vs Kirwan Red: 5-2 Win
- vs William Ross: 5-4 Win
- vs Ryan: 4-2 Win
- vs Kirwan: 3-3 Draw (semi-final)
- vs Kirwan Black: 0-1 Loss (final)

**U16 Ayr High:**
- vs Kirwan: 6-5 Loss
- vs Gilroy: 2-2 Draw
- vs Kirwan: 2-1 Win
- vs Gilroy: 3-3 Draw
- vs Gilroy: 6-0 Win (final)

**U19 Ayr High Green:**
- vs Kirwan: 1-8 Loss
- vs Ayr High White: 2-1 Win
- vs Town High: 1-4 Loss
- vs William Ross: unknown Loss
- vs Kirwan: unknown Loss (semi-final)

**U19 Ayr High White:**
- vs Town High: 1-2 Loss
- vs Ayr High Green: 1-2 Loss
- vs William Ross: 0-5 Loss
- vs Kirwan: 1-5 Loss
Interschool Cross Country

Thirty-five students represented Ayr High recently at the Interschool Cross Country this year. The 12 year old competitors competed first at the Burdekin District Cross Country (9 Years-12 Years) event held at the old Ayr Racecourse on Friday 5 May, with the 13-19 Years students competing on Tuesday 16 May on Burdekin Catholic High School's cross country course. There were a number of outstanding performances with thirteen students finishing in the top three of their age group. These students were:

- Under 13 - Lauren Kmet (2nd), Damon Pitcher (2nd), Giselle Le Feuvre (3rd)
- Under 14 - Ashley Green (2nd), Connor Brown (2nd), Adriana Higgs-Ward (3rd)
- Under 15 - Mekah Bonato (2nd), Kelly Meinicke (2nd), Logan Cox (3rd)
- Under 16 - Aletheia Pacey (1st), Dion Papadimitriou (2nd)
- Under 19 - Sharni Wight (1st), Gavan Jones (3rd)

The top two in each age-group qualified them for the Burdekin Cross Country Squad. These students attended the North Queensland Cross Country Trials on Tuesday 23 May in Townsville. All students are to be congratulated on their performances and enthusiastic participation.

Upcoming Events

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Congratulations to Sharni Wight (Year 12) who was selected in the Northern Schoolgirls Basketball squad. Sharni recently competed at the Queensland State Basketball Championships in Cairns where the Northern Girls were victorious, claiming a convincing win in the final.

Northern (NQ) Selections

Congratulations to Aletheia Pacey (Year 11), Tara Jenkins (Year 11), Declan Dowson (Year 10) and Kelly Meinicke (Year 9) who were selected in Northern (NQ) squads recently. Aletheia finished fourth at the recent NQ Cross Country Trials to earn her place in the Cross Country squad whilst Tara won the Ayr Junior Open to qualify for the NQ Golf squad. Declan and Kelly have been selected in the U15 Football squad and will travel to Cairns in July. Aletheia will travel to Brisbane and Tara will go to Toowoomba in July to compete at their respective Queensland State Championships.

Well done and good luck!
All Year 11 students who are thinking about doing Engineering as a career should take the opportunity to attend the annual Engineering Camp. This is a wonderful opportunity to mix with other students, apply your science and mathematical skills to solve real problems and to find out what it really takes to be an engineer.

When: 17 - 18 July 2017

Letter and information available from Mr Flynn.

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**Year 11 Engineering Camp @ JCU**

**Academicus Holiday Program at JCU**

by Mr Kerry Flynn, HOD - Maths and Science

A series of workshops for high achieving students is being offered at JCU during the June/July school holidays. Cost is $39/session and numbers are limited. Any student who would like to go, are to see Mr Flynn to collect relevant forms and process for enrolling. All students will need a letter of nomination from the school to take with them on the day.

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APPRENTICESHIP READINESS EVENING

Presented by Ayr State High School

Ayr State High School
Resource Centre—Auditorium
Edward Street, AYR Q 4807

Wednesday
21 June 2017
6.30-8.30pm

Hear first hand from the industry about what they are looking for.

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Phone: 4790 4333
Email: smatt212@eq.edu.au
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Ayr Surf Lifesaving Club
QLD Day Fun Run Registration

Events
8.30am – Kid’s (12 and under) 5km
8.30am – Youth/Adults 5 km

Course
The Ayr Surf Lifesaving Club Fun Run will commence and end at the Ayr SLSC Clubhouse, Sandown Street, Alva Beach. The run is approx. 5km and is run on roads and along the hard sand on the beach front. Water Stations and First Aid Tent will be available.

Registration
Pre-Registration: $5
Please return completed registration and $5 in an envelope to Dotty Daisy Flowers
Registration on the day: $10

FUN RUN DAY CHECK IN
7.30AM – 8.15AM Ayr SLSC Clubhouse

Ayr SLSC Fun Run Registration Form – Sunday 4th June, 2017
Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Gender: ____________________________ Age on 04/06/2017 ___________

NOTE: For the safety of all participants, strollers, skateboards, scooters and skates of any kind are prohibited in this event.

Waiver of Liability: In consideration of my entry being accepted, I waive any and all claims for myself, my administrators, and my heirs against all officials, sponsors, and organisations connected with Ayr SLSC Fun Run and Burdekin Shire Council for injury or illness that may directly or indirectly result from my participation in this event. I attest that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, and am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event.

Signature:_____________________________Date: ______________ Email __________________________

Parent/guardian if U18 years of age

For more information, please contact Burdekin Shire Council’s Community Development Team on 4783 9800.