Interhouse Cross Country & Fun Run

by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

On Wednesday 18 April students participated in the annual Interhouse Cross Country and adidas School Fun Run. Friendships were put aside as students fought for positions and points in an impressive field of 100 runners in the Cross Country. While students were competing in the Cross Country the rest of the student body competed in the Fun Run with points also contributing to the overall Cross Country House Champion. Although it was a stifling hot afternoon students were keen to complete as many laps as possible to gain maximum points and enjoyed a refreshing iceblock at the end of both events.

Cook took out the honours in the combined event, fielding a large team and continuing their enthusiasm and level of participation in the Fun Run to post a points victory of 549 over Phillip on 529. Macquarie finished in third place on 472 points and Banks in fourth place on 452 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 Hollie Grant (Year 11) and Daniel McConnachie (Year 11) who won the Senior Division and Kyla Pringle (Year 9) and René Le Feuvre (Year 9) who won the Junior Division. An Ayr High squad is invited to compete at the Interschool Cross Country which will be hosted by Ayr State High School on Wednesday 2 May. From this event a Burdekin squad will be selected to contest the NQ Trials in Townsville on Tuesday 22 May.

Once again, the success of the event was a result of the time and planning of many people. These include staff, many of whom gave up their time to officiate and supervise; House Captains who organised competitors; Year 11 and 12 students who assisted as officials and supervisors and ancillary staff who assisted in preparations. Congratulations to all students who participated. [Editors Note: Congratulations to Ms Carrigan on her excellent organisation and co-ordination of this event.]

Cross Country Age Results

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Welcome back to Term 2, I hope everyone had a happy Easter break. Term 2 will be another busy term with the school’s Musical cast and crew getting into full preparation mode on Tuesdays and Thursdays and it’s terrific to see the enthusiasm that everyone is throwing into it.

NAPLAN tests arrived in the school last week and our Year 9 students are preparing to sit the test. The results of these tests are an important indicator of your child’s literacy and numeracy ability. The tests also provide teachers with important information about where each child, and the overall cohort are achieving well and where they need work.

Last week the 2012 Cross Country and Fun Run were held. The students showed a great amount of team spirit competing and participating in either event. I would like to thank Ms Carrigan and her team for another well run event.

This week the school commemorated ANZAC day. We had our ANZAC assembly on Tuesday morning and were represented at the Dawn service and March in Ayr, Brandon and Giru. Being new to the school and the community I was really impressed with the students’ commitment and respect shown to such an important day in our Nation’s calendar.

Next weekend on Saturday 5 May we commemorate 75 Years of Ayr State High School. As part of the celebration we will be having an Open Day on the Saturday morning. I encourage all the mums and dads to come along and show your children your names on honour boards, or the academic or sporting trophies you may have been a part of. Mrs Vollema-Creek has organised a number of activities throughout the day culminating in a short official ceremony where we will bury a time capsule to be opened at the 100th Jubilee in 2037. This will be part of wider community celebrations being held on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

We are continuing to build on student expectations. Last term we focused on cyber bullying through electronic media with our “Postcard” program in partnership with the Ayr Police. This week we started on day one with a program called “Power games”. The program is focused on ensuring teachers understand that the adult staff members have a duty of care to ensure the school is conducted in a safe manner and that it is important that students follow reasonable directions without entering into a “Power game” about who is in charge.

We are encouraging students to make quality decisions in all situations and understand that there are consequences when poor decisions are made. This program is to ensure that both within the classroom and in the playground all students are getting the most out of their education.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our 75th celebrations next weekend.

Yours in Education

Craig Whittred
Principal

Celebrating our past, showcasing our future
by Mrs Saskia Vollema-Creek

On Saturday 5 May, Ayr High will be celebrating its past as well as showcasing its future. An Open Day is planned from 10 am to 3 pm on the school grounds. Past and current students and teachers will be able to visit the school and view the historical displays and be entertained at the MPS by various musical and drama performances. Food will be sold on the day. Mrs Vicky Bromham and her catering students will be running a cafe while hot food will be on sale in the A block courtyard.

Other events such as a tree planting ceremony, is also on the agenda. The 75th Jubilee Committee is inviting past students and staff from each decade to plant a tree and then have their group photo taken with it. From 2.30 pm, official events such as the time capsule burial, the cutting of the Jubilee cake and the drawing of the raffle will take place. The day will also provide people with the opportunity to catch up with friends and marvel at how education has changed so much in 75 years. Visitors will be able to purchase 75th Jubilee memorabilia. Whether it be a biro, travel mug, stubby cooler, postcard, tote bag, coaster or a keyring, there will be something for everyone. These items and an order form can be viewed on our Facebook page – “Ayr State High School - 75th Anniversary 2012”. On Saturday 28 April, from 9 am to noon, we will be launching the sale of the memorabilia outside Jay Jays. After this they will be on sale at the Meet and Greet, the Open Day and then through the Office.

The school is still seeking memorabilia to put on display. If you have any old uniforms, musical or speech night programs, photos or magazines from the 70s, please bring them into the Office.

Later in the year the 75th Jubilee Magazine with a photo disc will be on sale and contributions for this continue to be sought from past and present students and staff. Please email Saskia Vollema-Creek on svoll4@eq.edu.au or drop your story into the Office.
NQ School Futsal Titles

U15 and U19 Boys by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Coach

Futsal continues to flourish at Ayr State High School with four teams competing at the North Queensland School Titles this year. The Futsal Titles were held in Townsville on Wednesday 18 April (U15 boys), Thursday 19 April (U16 girls) and Friday (U19 boys). All divisions this year had increased numbers of teams competing which made progressing to finals much more difficult. The U15 boys team tried hard all day but fell short of the semi-finals finishing the round robin competition with one win and three close losses that could have gone either way – a win against Kirwan Red 13-2 and losses against William Ross 6-7, BCH 2-3 and Kirwan Black 1-3.

The U19 boys had some fierce rivalry with 13 teams competing across two pools and only the top two going through to semi-finals. With growing interest Ayr High had two U19 boys teams compete this year. Ayr High B went through the round robin games with four wins and one loss to progress to the semi-finals with wins against William Ross 1-0, BCH B 4-1, Northern Beaches 9-1 and Kirwan 11-2, and one loss against Ingham 3-4. They faced Ignatius Park in the semi-final and unfortunately could not replicate their earlier successes losing 5-10. Ayr High A faced a tough pool and with many new students playing futsal for the first time lost four but finished on a high winning their remaining two – losses to St Anthony’s 2-4, Gilroy 0-6, Ignatius Park 2-6, Kirwan B 2-3 but salvaged wins against Kirwan A 3-2 and BCH A 6-4.

All students played incredibly well in hot and tiring conditions and should be proud of their efforts.

U16 Girls by Mrs Mirella Buffa, Coach

Last Thursday saw the Under 16 girls futsal side travel to Townsville to compete in the North Queensland School Titles. The team consisting of Sharni Lennox, Zoie Borellini, Molly Barbagallo, Natalie Holt, Madeline Molino and Tamara McLean, played extremely well and secured a place in the grand final. In the rounds they successfully beat St Margret Marys 3-1, BCHS 3-1, Kirwan 3-0 and Northern Beaches 9-0, with each player managing to score a goal.

Sadly in the grand final they went down to BCHS 2-1, and as a result came home with a silver medal. All the girls played extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts. The team will travel to Cairns later in the year to compete in the North Queensland Championships.

Interschool Cross Country Wednesday 2 May 2012
Held at Ayr State High School at 1.30 pm.

New Zealand Tour Parent & Student Information Session
5.15 pm Wednesday 2 May 2012
Smart Media Centre - Resource Centre

Fun Run Reminder to return Fun Run Sponsorship booklets (used and unused) and money to the office immediately.

School Disco Thursday 3 May 7.00 - 10.00 pm
Showgrounds Hall
Come in theme: ‘Rags to Riches’
Term 1 Commendation Awards

Congratulations to all students who received Term 1 Commendation Awards from their various subject teachers. The scheme recognises students who are Ayr High Learners - Safe, Responsible, Personal Best.

The Award Winners from each Year level from the prize draw were:
- Year 8: Shaun Johnson
- Year 9: Adrian Friend
- Year 10: Laura Sloan
- Year 11: Michael Rosser
- Year 12: Nathan Price

A prize of a $20 voucher from Delta Music was presented to each of the five students. At the end of the year students can achieve a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Award depending on the number of Certificates gained.

School Jumpers in 2012

- 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.

A way to study

by Mr Kerry Flynn, HOD - Science & Mathematics

In subjects like Mathematics and Science it is important that students not only do set homework but also review lessons regularly. This reviewing of lessons is what we commonly call study. For students, it is difficult to know how to do this study. They often just sit at their desk and stare at the work. Study needs to be a more active process than this. The following technique maybe a useful practical strategy for students to follow:

Equipment: designated notebook for study
Technique: “321RIQ”

Write down 3 Recalls (facts/content/ideas/rules) from the lesson
Write down 2 Insights (“I now realise that…….”; “I now see the link between….. and ……….”)
Write down 1 Question (something still don’t understand or a student generated link “I wonder if ……….”)

Students who are then having difficulties or want their questions answered, can bring along their notebook to their teacher to seek further clarification.

Dreaming you can make a difference?

by Mr Kerry Flynn, HOD Science & Mathematics

Year 11 Science students are encouraged to apply to this year’s National Youth Science Forum. Follow in the footsteps of the many successful students from Ayr High over the last 15 years including Monica Saunders, Ben Brandon, Rohan Watt, Genevieve Fahey and Josh Great in the last five years.

You have the opportunity to:
- live on campus as a university student for 12 days with 150 other students from across the country.
- meet and work with leading scientists and researchers.
- debate the hottest topics in science and engineering and pick up valuable skills to give you the edge through Year 12 and beyond.

But it’s not all work – there is also time for fun.

Is this you? Further information is available from Josh Great in Year 12 and Mr Flynn in Science Staffroom.

Upcoming Events

- 30 April: Music Camp
- 1 May: Music Camp
- 2 May: Music Camp
- 3 May: Interschool Cross Country (1.30 pm)
- 5 May: Interschool Cross Country (1.30 pm)
- 8-11 May: Yr 8 Vaccinations (9 am to 12 pm)
- 10 May: Yr 10 Careers Expo SF4NQ “Skills on Show”
- 11 May: Arts Council
- 14 May: Interschool Football (3.30 pm)
- 15-17 May: Yr 9 Naplan Test (morning)
- 17 May: Interschool Rugby Union (3.30 pm)
- 18 May: Yr 8 Naplan Practice Test (afternoon)
- 28 May: Interschool Rugby Union (3.30 pm)
- 28 May: Music Support Meeting (7.30 pm, A12)

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Information for Year Nine Students and Parents - NAPLAN Tests
by Mr Ken Herbert, HOD - Teaching and Learning/HPE

All Year Nine students around Australia will be sitting the important NAPLAN tests from May 15 to May 17. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. The tests will occur in the morning sessions of these dates:

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Tests will occur in I Block. Students and parents are asked to ensure that all necessary equipment for these tests is brought to school by students:

- HB or 2B pencils (at least two pencils)
- Sharpener (preferably with a container)
- Eraser

Where at all possible, families should avoid scheduling other commitments for the above times.

Information for Year Eight Students and Parents - NAPLAN Tests

All Year Eight students at Ayr High will be sitting NAPLAN practice tests from May 15 to May 17. The practice tests will occur in the afternoon sessions of these dates:

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When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the two cups of coffee...Enjoy the following snippet...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes".

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now", said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - your God, family, your children, your health, your friends and your favourite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else - your God, family, your children, your health, your friends and your favourite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The golf balls are the important things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I’m glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there’s always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend. Don’t sweat the small stuff..."
Defence 2020 Youth Challenge

Defence 2020 Youth Challenge is a multi-faceted education program designed to encourage young Australians to become informed about the role of Australia’s Defence Force and to engage in constructive dialogue on a wide range of Defence related issues such as national security and our rights and responsibilities as global citizens. Liam Shannon, William Webber, Scott Worlein, Teagan Pierotti, Harry Miller, Jordan Holmes and Courtney Muir travelled to Townsville on 19 April to compete in this youth challenge. This day was very enjoyable and a lot of information and new friends were brought home.

Throughout the day we were split up into ten different groups and had to perform a role play of a selection of questions that were given to the groups. Defence personnel spoke to the students describing their job, how far they have come and what has changed in the defence force. A number of prizes were given out to students for different things and luckily one of the Ayr High students Teagan Pierotti was given one of the three lucky dip prizes. Overall this day was an educational and fun day and we are grateful we had the opportunity to participate.

Hospitality students complete RSA Certificate
by Mrs Vicky Bromham, Hospitality Teacher

Year 12 Hospitality class participated in a RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) course run by TAFE at Ayr State High School. The nineteen students participated in discussions, activities and completed a written assessment. They thoroughly enjoyed the course, and just as importantly, the RSA qualification contributed towards competencies in obtaining their Hospitality Certification.

Cowboys Learn Earn Legend Visit
by Isabel Tabo, Year 12 Student

On Monday 23 April, Yasmine and Joel, mentors from the Cowboys - Learn Earn Legend Program visited the Year 12 Indigenous students. Learn Earn Legend is a program that encourages and supports young Indigenous Australians to “stay at school, get that job and be a legend” for themselves, their family and their community. This is delivered by community leaders, sport stars and everyday ‘local legends’ who young Indigenous Australians respect and aspire to be like. The Learn Earn Legend message advocates the importance of education, training and employment. Learn Earn Legend supports events and programs throughout Australia, including: NRL Indigenous All Stars, Former Origin Greats (FOGS), Employment and Careers Expos and All Stars Indigenous Youth Summit. The students received Cowboys membership packages which included a hat, raincoat, posters, season tickets, membership card, key ring and a Learn Earn Legend shirt.