Try Time Programme!
by Mrs Kim Cameron, Junior Secondary HOD

The programme sponsored by Mt Carlton Mining, run by Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in conjunction with the North Queensland Cowboys, is directed at Year 9 students. Our students were thrilled to host Matty Bowen in the school. The Try Time Programme is an educational programme run in secondary schools which focus on influencing students to be making the right individual choices, based on age-appropriate information and practical sessions. The programme will run for three more sessions spread throughout of the year and uses the theme "only dead fish go with the flow."

The students learnt a lot and were a little star struck as well.

Please help for Year 12 Graduation

Do you have any white fairy lights gathering dust, but are still working? The Graduation committee would love to use them at our Graduation! Please drop them off to the front office if you are willing to donate your working, white fairy lights. The donation will be much appreciated and kept at the school for future Graduations and discos.

Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science
by Mr Kerry Flynn, Maths & Science - HOD

Applications open for Year 10 students on Monday 13 June to attend this year’s residential summer school at JCU in December. CSIRO is partnering with BHP Billiton to help ATS students to excel in science, maths, engineering and technology. Each summer school has an academic, cultural and personal development strand and students will be mentored in Years 11 and 12 to support them to reach their goals.

Year 10 students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are encouraged to apply. Further information can be obtained from Mr Flynn in the Science staffroom.
 well as winter arrives so does end of term assessment for our students. With three weeks of the semester left all students will have assignments either at draft or final due date. Many of our students don’t take full advantage of the ‘draft’ for their assignments. When a teacher provides feedback on a draft, it gives students the direction for potential improvement. It is at this point a student can take the assignment away and fine tune it, to maximise their achievement on the task. Many students fall into the trap of handing in a draft that they have spent very little effort on and is in reality substandard. The feedback on that draft is so broad it is very hard for the student to improve on it and achieve at a high/very high standard. If students put the effort in at the draft stage, often times they only have to make subtle changes that will help maximise their achievement. Due and draft dates for assignments are always found in the students planner and/or on their assessment calendar. Mums and Dads might like to have a look at the planners and see how your child is travelling. I just want to congratulate our students who participated at the District finals of the Rostrum Voice of Youth. Sarah McDonnell, Maddi Collins and Jordan Harrington all represented the Burdekin at the Townsville district final. All girls did extremely well and we are very proud of their efforts. This Friday night our P&C Association is hosting an all schools junior disco for students in Years 7 - 9. The entry cost is only $5 and tickets are to be bought from the office prior to the night. This is a key fundraiser and we are hoping for a big turnout with tickets on sale at both Burdekin Catholic High and Home Hill High School offices, make sure you get in early and don’t miss out getting a ticket. Our Musical is really starting to take shape with the Sunday practices looking and sounding great. The students are putting in a great amount of time and effort and they are ably supported by a number of staff. I can’t wait to see the production hit the stage. Next week on Thursday 16 June the Year 12 students are hosting a Movie Fundraiser event with the movie Finding Dory. Tickets are $20 dollars and all proceeds go towards the 2016 Graduation. Come along and enjoy a family favourite Pixar movie. Yours in education

Craig Whittred
Principal

Instrumental Music Choir
Primary School Workshops

Monday 23 May our Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble and Choir held two hour workshops at East Ayr State School and Ayr State School. The younger instrumental music and choir students from Ayr SS, Brandon SS and East Ayr SS, worked with the older students, learning a piece of music and/or vocal song. All the students worked hard, learnt so much and had a lot of fun. The workshops are part of our Transition and Orientation (to high school) Programme. The day provides the younger students with a real and tangible idea of what opportunities lie ahead for them if they continue with instrumental music and choir. Each workshop finished with a mini concert, showcasing the work completed. The sound made by the large Concert Band and Choir was fantastic. Thanks to our students, Miss Lauren Stephens and Mr Luke Jones for your efforts. Special thanks to the Music Support Group who funded the transport and lunch.
The Ayr High P&C presents the 2016.....

Interschool Junior Disco
(Years 7-9 only)

7 - 10pm
$5.00
(tickets to be presold)

Ayr Showgrounds Hall

Friday 10th June

Food and Drinks
Glow Sticks

Lucky Door Prizes
Games

Come dressed as your favourite famous person