Singing, Dancing, Playing, Painting, Sewing, Filming and Building

These are the sounds and sights that can be seen and heard as the Ayr State High School community gear up for Grease in two weeks. One hundred and ten students are involved in the cast, band, backstage, construction and set design. In addition there are many staff, parents/carers and community members who are involved in all areas of the musical. This is truly a community production.

“As an artist group we have been working extremely hard to create the sets for this year’s musical. We are very excited to show the community our artistic talents.” (Mikayla Giddy)

“Our rehearsals are progressing well as a whole cast with our dancing and singing becoming more refined.” (Brooke McNee)

*Conditions Apply*
Welcome to Semester 2. This will be a very exciting term with our Musical hitting the stage on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 August. It's great to hear that all the shows are almost sold out! I can't wait to see the students' performances.

Semester 1 reports will be issued on Monday afternoon to all students. Our Parent/Carer/Student/Teacher interviews will take place on Monday 1 August from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Information on how to book for interviews will be available with the report. I would also encourage families to include students in the interviews to allow all involved to hear feedback from teachers first hand. We are encouraging our students to become active participants in their own education and hearing the feedback, is crucial to them setting goals and maximising their achievements.

This term will also see all the Year 10 students participating in Student and Training (SET) Planning and Subject selection. Every student will be given a case manager, who will work with the student and families, from the creation of the SET Plan through to subject selection. The case managers will be from the Senior Leadership group, comprising of Deputy Principals, Heads of Department or myself. Most importantly we all should be thinking about career aspirations, the students have been working on this during last term. We will discuss these aspirations and investigate pathways to achieving them. Students crucially need to ensure the career aspirations they choose are their own: not anyone else’s, not their friends, not their parent’s/carers, but a career pathway that they are passionate about and suits their own unique skills and attributes. Once the pathway is agreed then subjects for study in Year 11 and 12 can be confirmed.

Reminder to parents that school Opinion Surveys are due next Friday 29 July. Please take advantage of providing your opinion on how the school is operating. Your feedback is used to help set the direction and future school improvement plans. Your contribution is very valued by us. Athletics Carnival is next week, best of luck to all the competitors. Participation is the key to winning, so I encourage all students to help their house teams by competing in all the events they are nominated for. Also attending on the carnival day so you can participate in the participation events and earn your house extra points. I have a strong feeling that the mighty Banks will see luck to all the competitors. Participation is the key to winning, so I encourage all students to help their house teams by competing in all the events they are nominated for. Also attending on the carnival day so you can participate in the participation events and earn your house extra points. I have a strong feeling that the mighty Banks will see success next week. Go Banks!!

Craig Whittred
Principal

Preparation Engagement and Purpose
by Mrs Bernice Zaro, Youth Support Coordinator

The PEP Programme (Preparation Engagement and Purpose) was launched at the end of last Term 2. Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students were chosen to lead the way with this community Mentoring Support Programme. Five invited guest speakers shared their stories and encouraged students around a Yarning Circle, which was followed by a wonderful cultural lunch provided for guests and students.

All guest speakers focused on student attitude and attending school. One topic was about the lack of opportunity for Indigenous people when they were at school (in the past), and how they overcome social indifferences to achieve great things. Students were reminded to make good decisions and life chooses, as these things effect our futures and families.

Key quote of the day - "If it is to be , it’s up to me." Aunty Sheridan
Northern (NQ) Selections
by Miss Courtney Carrigan,
Sports Co-ordinator

Congratulations to Sam Spelta (Year 11) and Joe Spelta (Year 9) who were selected to represent Northern (NQ) for Golf. Sam and Joe joined Tara Jenkins (Year 10) to compete at the QLD State Championships in Yeppoon last weekend.

Interhouse Athletics Carnival

The athletics carnival was postponed this week due to the weather, with the oval and field event area far too wet to compete on. The carnival has been rescheduled for week 3 with events now on the following days:

- **Mon 25 July - Field Events (12 - 3 pm)**
- **Tues 26 July - Spirit Day & Spirit Session (S4)**
  - student can dress in House colours or theme.
- **Wed 27 July - 1500 m (girls - 1st break; boys - 2nd break)**
- **Thurs 28 July - Carnival (8.50 am - 3 pm)**

Parents/carers and family members welcome.

Students Meet Authors at the Burdekin Readers and Writers Festival
by Mrs Bernice Zaro, Youth Support Coordinator

On Friday 15 July, Indigenous students; Emene Monday, Calen Graham, Tessa Solomon, Diamond Heron along with Mrs Zaro, attended a session as part of the "Ignite your Mind" Burdekin Readers and Writers Festival. Gudjuda Reference Group guest speakers, Lesley and Tammy Williams, who wrote the book called "Not just Black and White". Students heard how, this mother and daughter team, took a nine year journey to write about life in the Cherbourg Aboriginal Settlement and their struggle to survive. This inspirational journey took them all the way to Super Star Michael Jackson's Ranch in USA and together they would find the courage to search for answers and fight for, Lesley's stolen wages.

Back LtoR: Emene Monday, Lesley and Tammy Williams, Calen Graham
Front LtoR: Diamond Heron, Tessa Solomon

Parent/Carer/Student/Teacher Interviews
by Mr Kerry Flynn, Acting Deputy Principal

Interviews will be held on Monday 1 August from 3.30 pm - 6.30 pm in I Block. These interviews are a valuable way for both students and parents/carers to meet productively with the class teacher and to work on plans for improvement. The SOBS on-line booking system will be available for parents/carers to book a time-slot. Further details on SOBS will be enclosed with the student reports. Parents/Carers who need assistance to book interviews or need to make an alternative time to meet with teachers should contact the school office.

Ayr State High School’s Musical
Grease

- Friday 5 August 8 pm
- Saturday 6 August 12 pm
- Saturday 6 August 8 pm

Family $120 Adults $38
Student/Concession $28

Work Experience for Year 10 Students
by Mr Kerry Flynn, Acting Deputy Principal

As part of confirming career pathways and course or subject selections for the Year 10 students as they progress into Year 11, all Year 10 students will be participating in five days of work experience. Although the actual week of work experience is not scheduled until Term 4 (17-21 October), the process of finding placements needs to begin early in Term 3.

Students will be asked to indicate the sort of work they would prefer to sample in the work experience week. The forms will be processed in the order in which they are returned. Prompt attention to this will provide the best chance for students to be placed in their preferred option.

Mrs Vartuli, in the school office, facilitates work experience. She works very hard to find suitable places for all students.

Download the free QSchool App to stay connected to news and events.
Changes for Semester 2
by Mr Luke Cathcart, Acting HOD - Maths & Science

In Semester 1, students were given some choice over their Year 10 Maths course in terms of future directions and interests. This semester, we have been able to refine that choice to allow students to experience the expectations of Year 11 and 12 Maths so that the right choice for the student can be made when it comes to subject selections later this year.

Students have been given the opportunity this semester to select from the following Year 10 Maths electives:
- Preparation for Senior Maths B
- Preparation for Senior Maths A
- Preparation for Prevocational Maths

Students have settled into the new classes and currently working towards their first assessment piece. If changes need to occur to their Maths class as a result of the SET Plan interview process - please contact Mr Luke Cathcart Acting HOD, Maths and Science, as soon as possible.

‘Sensational Year 7’ Activity Days
by Mr Jamie Vacher, Year 7 Co-ordinator

On the last two days of Term 2 the Year 7 cohort travelled to Alva Beach as part of the ‘Sensational Year 7’ Activity days. Students participated in house groups in a variety of challenging activities designed to improve communication skills and promote team building and house spirit. The event culminated in “The Great Race” which had competitors scouring the entire township for clues and mascots.

Macquarie were very successful winning Champion House by only ½ a point from Banks and Cook who also worked well together over the two days. Macquarie were also way too strong in the tug-of-war. Phillip saved their best for last and easily took out the gruelling “Great Race”. Teachers and students all agreed the activity days were a great success and a great way to round up Term 2.

Upcoming Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>25 Jul</td>
<td>Athletics Carnival Field Events (12 - 3 pm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25 Jul</td>
<td>Reports Issued (S4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 Jul</td>
<td>Athletics Carnival Spirit Day &amp; Spirit Session (S4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 Jul</td>
<td>Yr 6 Transition Second Visit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 Jul</td>
<td>Australian Maths Competition</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 Jul</td>
<td>Yr 6 Open afternoon (5 - 6 pm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 Jul</td>
<td>Athletics Carnival 1500m (1st &amp; 2nd Break)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27 Jul</td>
<td>Yr 6 Transition Second Visit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28 Jul</td>
<td>Athletics Carnival (8.50 am - 3 pm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29 Jul</td>
<td>ICAS English Competition</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29 Jul</td>
<td>Musical Week</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Aug</td>
<td>Parent/Carer/Student/Teacher Interviews</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Aug</td>
<td>(3.30 - 6.30 pm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Aug</td>
<td>Grease - ASHS &amp; Small Schools (12 pm)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Aug</td>
<td>Grease - Ayr SS &amp; East Ayr SS (11 am)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Aug</td>
<td>Musical Grease (8 pm, Burdekin Theatre)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Aug</td>
<td>Musical Grease (12 pm, Burdekin Theatre)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Aug</td>
<td>Musical Grease (8 pm, Burdekin Theatre)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
An Ayr SHS Production
by arrangement with Origin Theatrical
www.origintheatrical.com.au

Book, Music and Lyrics By JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY

Tickets on sale from 9th June 2016
Tickets can be purchased
online www.burdekintheatre.com.au or at the Burdekin Shire Council

Ticket Prices

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Adult</td>
<td>$38.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Student/Concession</td>
<td>$28.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Family (2 adults, 2 children)</td>
<td>$120.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Indigenous Youth Leadership Camp - IYLC
by Mrs Bernice Zaro, Youth Support Coordinator

2016 was the first year Ayr State High School chose five Indigenous students to attend this holiday camp in Brisbane. The IYLC is an annual event during school holidays which began in 2012 and is hosted by The University of Queensland (UQ) and International House. The camp provided an opportunity for our students, who maybe interested in future University studies, to attend QU to experience life on campus in a cross-cultural community, by living at International House for four days. The Ayr High Menteel's who attended were, Jaiydn Penny, Calen Graham, Rachael Zani, Blaise Heron and Mackenzee Devow. Mentees had the opportunity to build their leadership skills, acquaint themselves with residential college and university lifestyle, improve their teamwork skills, public speaking abilities and establish strong friendships. Congratulations to these students for leading the way to Stronger Futures. Thanks goes to the Burdekin Shire Council for providing a bus to transport students to/from Townsville airport with special bus driver, Mayor Lyn McLaughlin.