We have almost made it to the first school holidays!!

by Ms Claire Cheyne, Year 8 Co-ordinator and Ms Andrea Aleksic, Deputy Principal, Junior Secondary

We are in the final countdown to the Easter break, but there is still much to be done beforehand. Parents and carers please make sure to check your students’ assessment calendar to ensure they are on track with assessments for these last few weeks of the term. They should have important dates noted in their planners.

In the coming week you will receive the permission letter for the Year 8 Celebr8 days at Alva occurring Thursday 8 and Friday 9 May and form a core component of your students’ educational experience. It is the school’s expectation that these days are a part of the student wellbeing curriculum and that ALL students are required to attend. The good news is that all food and transport will be provided for both days. The cost of the two days is $35. (Payment plans can be arranged by contacting Ms Priscilla Lee in the office on 4790 4333).

Changing of the guard

I would like to thank our 8B form representatives, Kai Northwood and Tiana Augustis, for leading the way with our year level assemblies. This week, 8C form representatives, Joel Horan and Kirra Hodder, will be taking on this responsibility. I am sure everyone will be very supportive of them as they learn the role.

Hats Please!

We spoke with all parents and carers at enrolment interviews last year and during our recent Meet and Greet Evening. We require students to have a hat at school every day and to wear it. This is a part of our school uniform policy. This is the first year that we are rolling out this policy and enforcing it with students. Some of your students may comment that older students don’t always wear their hats and I acknowledge this. BUT CHANGE HAS TO START SOMEWHERE. We will be enforcing this as part of our Junior Secondary Programme in 2015 across Years 7 – 9, and our current Year 8’s are going to be the leaders of this group. It is essential that they are on board and following this policy. Hats can be purchased from the office for $15. If your student does not already have one please arrange to get an Ayr High Hat ASAP!
Champion Form Class Term 1 Winners are 8C!

Students were encouraged to get any points they could for their form class over the last week including attending every day, having hats and planners at all times, and getting all collected Hawk Points in to their form teachers. 8C had been in the lead all term, and 8B gave them a run for their money, but 8C remained on track and triumphed in the end! They will receive a pizza lunch on Friday 4 April (last day of term).

Champion Form Points Tally (end of week 9)

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We encourage our students to achieve their personal best each week HONESTLY by:

1. Lining up quietly on year level assembly, ready for the 8.50 am start – be there by 8.45 am
2. Have planners with them at all times - in class spot check for all Year 8 classes
3. Have no outstanding absences – meet the 95% attendance target
4. Wear the correct uniform (including hat) – weekly spot check during form class
5. Living the Ayr High Learner Code.

Points will be tallied across each term as follows:

- Average Hawk Points recorded for each class per week
- 1 point if more than 75% of the class meets the attendance target, 5 points if 100% meet the target
- 1 point if all students in the class have their planners during spot checks
- 1 point if all students are meeting the uniform code, including having their hat with them during weekly spot check
- 1 bonus point for the first form class sitting ready for assembly.

Weekly Focus Award Winners

Focus awards are given weekly on year level assembly to one person from each class nominated by the form teachers and form representatives for living the Ayr High Learner Code – safe, respect, and personal best. The coveted Ayr State High School pen is given to each award winner on assembly.

And the winners were:

**Week 7:** Lachlan Murdoch, Caitlin Holmes, Amber Kelly, Shannen Wood, Chloe Rehbein

**Week 8:** Wesley O’Rourke, Monique Stone, Max Robinson, Jade Woodford, Riley McCloskey

WHERE ARE WE?

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Celebr8 Year 8 @ Alva

2 Days of Activities
Thursday 8 – Friday 9 May 2014

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Celebr8 Year 8 @ Alva
2 Days of Activities
at
Ayr Surf Life Saving Club
& Alva Beach

Thursday 8 May
Friday 9 May
2014

Cost – $35
(Bus, smoko & lunch for two days)

Aim of the Camp

The Celebr8 Year 8 Activity Days are held early in the year and designed to address a number of key areas at this important time. It provides opportunities for students from our 10 Partner Primary Schools to:

- Particip8 100%
- Toler8 others
- Appreci8 differences
- Gener8 friendships
- Communic8 with other students and teachers
- Activ8 house spirit
- Amalgam8 our year level
- Celebr8 Year 8 @ Ayr High

We understand the start of a school year can be an expensive time for families so we have devised the activities so as they are conducted locally in order to minimise costs.

We are confident the benefits of the camp will be measured in improved learning outcomes for all. Students who feel secure, safe and confident will be better learners.

It will be possible for families to negotiate a payment plan by contacting Ms Priscilla Lee, Business Service Manager.