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Sports Awards 2021



Back LtoR: Lacy Horan (Junior Sportswoman of the Year), Matthew Kolb (Senior Sportsman of the Year), Blake Jorgensen (Senior Swimmer of the Year), Bailey Parker (Senior Swimmer of the Year), Jared Poletti (Senior Athlete of the Year, Senior Encouragement Award), Chloe Hook (Junior Athlete of the Year)
Front LtoR: Zandi Bonanno (Junior Encouragement Award), Lila Martin (Junior Swimmer of the Year), Charley Ruskin (Senior Sportswoman of the Year), Hogan Smith (Junior Sportsman of the Year)

Cultural Awards 2021



LtoR: Ellie-Mae Wellington (ROADIE Award), Cecillia Cason (Junior Instrumentalist of the Year), Lauren Raitelli (Andrea Aleksic Memorial Shield, Senior Performer of the Year, Senior Choralist of the Year), Brianna Whittred (Andrea Aleksic Memorial Shield), Brooklyn Ivory (Audrey Hazle Recognition of Cultural Excellence, Senior Instrumentalist of the Year), Lucas Donovan (Junior Performer of the Year), Zale Ivory (Instrumental A.C.E. Award), Mahala Thorne (Junior Choralist of the Year), Jessica Cranston (Choir A.C.E. Award). Inset: Clara Hutton (Drama A.C.E. Award)



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From the Principal

by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal

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As we draw closer to the end of 2021, there is still a significant amount of work ahead of us. We must stay focused on achieving our Personal Best in all the goals we have set ourselves this year.

Term 4 is an extremely busy term, so we moved Sports Awards to the last week of Term 3. It was a terrific celebration of sporting talent and Ayr High Hawks pride. Congratulations to Macquarie who were announced as Champion House for 2021 and awarded the Denis Donovan Trophy (spirit). Well done to the students of Macquarie!

Cultural Awards was held in week 1. It started off with a fantastic display of student artwork at the Art Exhibition. Artwork from students across all year levels showcased a range of mediums and it was truly impressive. Congratulations to all students who had artwork displayed. We then moved to the awards ceremony which celebrated our performing arts students. We saw performances from our Choir, Concert

Band, Year 12 Vocal Ensemble and the cast of *Rock of Ages*, our school musical. Congratulations to all award winners. I would also like to thank our Music Support Group for the continued support of our Cultural Awards; your support is greatly appreciated.

The Year 11 students headed off to camp this week whilst our Year 12 students are preparing for their final assessments and external exams starting in week 4. I am confident our students will achieve highly in these exams. They have worked hard over the last two years and have been supported by our very talented teachers at Ayr High. They will continue to be supported all the way through the three and a half week exam block by our staff. I encourage them to remain focused, have confidence in themselves and give it their best effort. Good luck students, remain positive, you've got this!

For the rest of our students, we will be working towards our final assessment pieces in this term. A focus at our



Welcome to Ayr State High School

Our school acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land. Today, they are still the custodians of the cultural heritage of this land. Further to this, our school acknowledges there are other Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Island people who have lived, worked and contributed to the cultural heritage of our community.



school remains around high levels of student attendance. Our expectation is for all students to maintain an attendance rate of 95%. This is just as important in the younger years as it is in the senior years. Developing good habits of attendance give the best chance of staying up-to-date with our learning, enabling us to achieve at our best. To maintain 95% attendance in this term, means only being away for two days for the entire term. I challenge all students to have less than two days off this term. Let's finish the year off strong and make the most of the wonderful learning offered at Ayr State High School.

Yours in Education


Craig Whittred
Principal

Lucy cuts her locks for Shave for a Cure

by Mrs Saskia Vollema-Creek, Teacher

Year 12 student, Lucy Creek, will be cutting her hair on Monday 29 November. Currently, she is raising money for Shave for a Cure by selling number boards and tickets in a raffle. Ten prizes have generously been donated by several local businesses including Selections, Sugar Bush Hair Studio, TerryWhite Chemmart and Repco. Lucy's goal is to raise at least \$2000. To donate go to <https://worldsgreatestshave.com/>, click on donate, search for Ayr High Hawks.



10 amazing prizes to be won!



Raffle tickets
\$2.00 each

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Academic Awards

Thursday 21 October 2021
Burdekin Theatre
7.30 pm

Tickets will be allocated prior to the event.

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- phone the hotline - if unanswered please leave a message with reason for child's absence,
- respond to school text message or
- hand in a note, on return, to Ms Land at the office.



Sports Awards 2021



by Ms Courtney Carrigan, HOD - HPE, The Arts, LOTE and Sports

Ayr High's annual Sports Awards was held on Thursday 16 September, giving family and friends the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our many sportsmen and women. The event, hosted by our Sports Captain Connor Brown and Year 11 student Kya Olsen, recognised students who have excelled this year in school sport as sporting individuals or team members in competition extending from Interhouse to Northern representation.

The awards recognised age champions and representative honours in swimming, cross country and athletics as well as representative and outstanding efforts in individual and team sports. This year again, saw our students excelling in further competition, with fourteen students competing for Northern (NQ) in their respective sports. The Australian Olympic Change-Maker (AOCM) Award, which recognises and rewards students who are demonstrating the Olympic spirit through leadership and driving positive change in their communities, was presented to Giselle Le Feuvre and Sam Vaevae Pare. The evening culminated with the announcement of the 'Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year' awards: Senior - Charley Ruskin and Matthew Kolb Junior - Lacy Horan and Hogan Smith

These students are to be congratulated for their outstanding achievements, as are all award recipients (listed on page 4).



Australian Olympic Change-Maker Award
Sam Vaevae Pare & Giselle Le Feuvre



Champion House & Denis Donovan Trophy - Macquarie
Miss Alix Leckenby, Lachlan Wellington, Hannah Lewis, Miss Deni Caspanello





Sports Awards 2021



INTERHOUSE AGE CHAMPIONS						
	SWIMMING		CROSS COUNTRY		ATHLETICS	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
U12	Lila Martin	Ayden Barnett	Zandi Bonanno	Angus Innes	Shakeela Campbell	Hogan Smith
U13	Liyah Priddle	Tate Mann	Callie Mills	Laurence Tomasetig	Layla Todeschino	Zander Dallectort
U14	Sarah O'Shea	Jett Castello	Chloe Hook	Nate Wyburg	Lacy Horan	Ethan Caltabiano
U15	Charley Ruskin	Blake Jorgensen	Charley Ruskin	Matthew Kolb	Charley Ruskin	Matthew Kolb
U16	<i>Student has left</i>	Bailey Parker	Kya Olsen	Jack Shears	Emma King	Bailey Parker
U19	Rory Jorgensen	<i>Student has left</i>	Giselle Le Feuvre	Damon Pitcher	Giselle Le Feuvre	Jared Poletti

INTERHOUSE ACHIEVEMENTS	
SWIMMING:	Macquarie
CROSS COUNTRY:	Banks
ATHLETICS:	Macquarie
DENIS DONOVAN TROPHY:	Macquarie
CHAMPION HOUSE:	Macquarie

BURDEKIN AGE CHAMPIONS		
	CROSS COUNTRY	ATHLETICS
U14		Lacy Horan
U15	Charley Ruskin	Matthew Kolb
U16		Bailey Parker
U19	Damon Pitcher	Jared Poletti

NORTHERN SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES	
Basketball:	Zandi Bonanno, Hogan Smith, Lacy Horan, Jaydon Sgarbossa
Football:	Charley Ruskin, Milla Arboit, Brody Hughes, Matthew Kolb, Matthew Walker
Golf:	Khylla Cursio
Rugby League:	Geoffrey Terare, Hogan Smith
Triathlon:	Lachlan Mills
Track & Field:	Bailey Parker, Jd Wilkins

AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC CHANGE-MAKER AWARD
Giselle Le Feuvre & Sam Vaevae Pare

PETER MOSS MEMORIAL TROPHY
Staff

SPORTS CAPTAIN	
	Connor Brown
HOUSE CAPTAINS	
BANKS	Eliza McMullen & Thomas Shepherd
COOK	Chayse Feeney & Steven Abraham
MACQUARIE	Hannah Lewis & Lachlan Wellington
PHILLIP	Lucy Creek & Kyle Magatelli

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS AWARDS – BEST & FAIREST	
SPORT	WINNER
Softball [2020] (U15 Girls)	Naryssa Robberds
Cricket [2020] (U15 Boys)	Jack Gimson
Netball (U13 Girls)	Kelsey Cox
Netball (U15 Girls)	Tyla Cox
Netball (U19 Girls)	Kya Olsen
Rugby League (U13 Boys)	Riley Stockham
Rugby League (U15 Boys)	Jye Olsen
Rugby League (U19 Boys)	Jesse Ballin
Volleyball (U14 Mixed)	Zandi Bonanno
Volleyball (U19 Mixed)	Riley Christensen
Futsal (U13 Girls)	Milla Arboit
Futsal (U13 Boys)	Charlie Shears
Futsal (U15 Girls)	Charley Ruskin
Futsal (U15 Boys)	Matthew Kolb
Futsal (U19 Girls)	Natasha King
Futsal (U19 Boys)	Riley Christensen
Basketball (U14 Boys)	Ethan Caltabiano
Basketball (U14 Girls)	Zandi Bonanno
Basketball (U19 Boys)	Jett Castello
Basketball (U19 Girls)	Kya Olsen
Touch (U13 Girls)	Taylor Viero
Touch (U13 Boys)	Landyon Chatfield
Touch (U15 Girls)	Tyla Cox
Touch (U15 Boys)	Blake Walker
Touch (U19 Girls)	Giselle Le Feuvre
Touch (U19 Boys)	Jaydon Sgarbossa

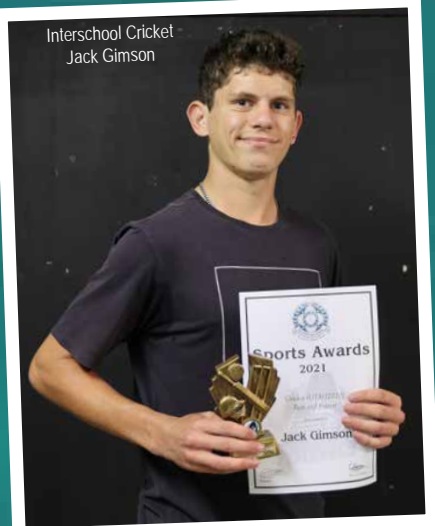


MAJOR AWARDS	WINNER
JUNIOR SWIMMER OF THE YEAR	Lila Martin
SENIOR SWIMMER OF THE YEAR	Blake Jorgensen & Bailey Parker
JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Chloe Hook
SENIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	Jared Poletti
JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Zandi Bonanno
SENIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Jared Poletti
JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR	Lacy Horan
JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	Hogan Smith
SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR	Charley Ruskin
SENIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR	Matthew Kolb



Sports Awards 2021

Interschool Cricket
Jack Gimson



NQ Representatives



Lachlan Mills, Matthew Kolb, Jaydon Sgarbossa, Matthew Walker, Bailey Parker, Geoffrey Terare, Geoffrey Smith, Brody Hughes, Zandi Bonanno, Lacy Horan, Charley Ruskin, Milla Arboit

Interschool Futsal
Riley Christensen, Matthew Kolb, Charley Ruskin, Milla Arboit,
Charlie Shears



Interschool Netball
Kelsey Cox, Tyla Cox



Burdekin Representatives
Lacy Horan, Matthew Kolb, Bailey Parker,
Jared Poletti, Charley Ruskin





Sports Awards 2021



Thank you to the following businesses who donated items for our lucky door prizes:





Cultural Awards 2021

by Ms Courtney Carrigan, HOD - HPE, The Arts, LOTE and Sports



AYr High's annual Cultural Awards, hosted by Cultural Captain Lauren Raitelli, was held on Thursday 7 October and celebrated the achievements of our students in the performing and visual arts. The Art Exhibition opened proceedings, showcasing all visual arts students who challenged typical ideas and responses through a range of media; drawing, painting, sculpture and installations. The awards ceremony followed, acknowledging students for Extra-Curricular Cultural Awards, Instrumental Level Achievements and Year 12 Medallion Awardees. An upbeat flash mob by the Musical cast of *Rock of Ages*, opened the ceremony, with the Choir, Concert Band and Year 12 Vocal Ensemble all providing outstanding performances throughout, showcasing their talent and improvement over the year. The evening culminated with the announcement of our major awards:



Audrey Hazle Award - Brooklyn Ivory

Andrea Aleksic Memorial Shield: *Lauren Raitelli and Brianna Whittred*

Audrey Hazle Recognition of Cultural Excellence: *Brooklyn Ivory*

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding achievements, as well as all award recipients:

Drama A.C.E. Award:	<i>Clara Hutton</i>
Junior Performer of the Year:	<i>Lucas Donovan</i>
Senior Performer of the Year:	<i>Lauren Raitelli</i>
'ROADIE' Award (Backstage):	<i>Ellie-Mae Wellington</i>
Choir A.C.E. Award:	<i>Jessica Cranston</i>
Junior Choralist of the Year:	<i>Mahala Thorne</i>
Senior Choralist of the Year:	<i>Lauren Raitelli</i>
Instrumental A.C.E. Award:	<i>Zale Ivory</i>
Junior Instrumentalist of the Year:	<i>Cecillia Cason</i>
Senior Instrumentalist of the Year:	<i>Brooklyn Ivory</i>

Instrumental Level Awards

Level One: *Isabella Neill*

Level Two: *Chloe Hook, Seaton Ivory, Michael Lindley, Jye Ravizza, Sophie Robertson*

Level Three: *Cecillia Cason, Brooklyn Ivory, Zale Ivory*

Senior Medallion Recipients: *Brooklyn Ivory, Kyle Magatelli, Lauren Raitelli*



Andrea Aleksic Memorial Shield
Lauren Raitelli and Brianna Whittred



Year 12 Medallions
Kyle Magatelli, Lauren Raitelli, Brooklyn Ivory



Cultural Awards 2021



Junior Performer of the Year
Lucas Donovan



Senior Instrumentalist of the Year
Brooklyn Ivory



Junior Instrumentalist of the Year
Cecillia Cason



Junior Choralist of the Year
Mahala Thorne



Instrumental Level Awards
Isabella Neill, Chloe Hook, Seaton Ivory, Michael Lindley, Jye Ravizza, Sophie Robertson, Cecillia Cason, Brooklyn Ivory, Zale Ivory



Cultural Awards 2021



Drama A.C.E. Award
Clara Hutton



Senior Choralist of the Year
Lauren Raitelli



Instrumental A.C.E. Award
Zale Ivory



Senior Performer of the Year
Lauren Raitelli



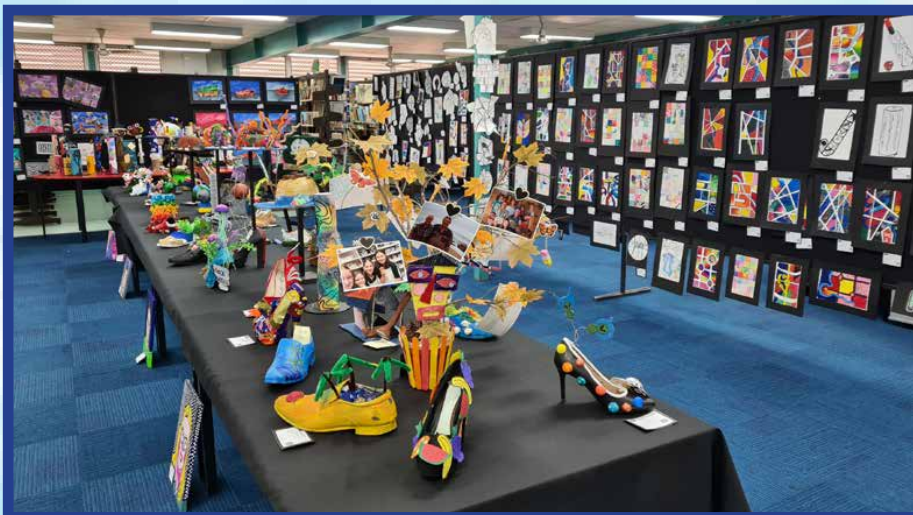
'ROADIE' Award (Backstage)
Ellie-Mae Wellington



Choir A.C.E. Award
Jessica Cranston



Cultural Awards 2021



Thank you to the
Music Support Group
and
the Webber Family
for the sponsorship of
awards.

Dale Last Discusses Politics with Year 10 Civics

by Mrs Saskia Vollema-Creek, Humanities Teacher

Last week, Member for Burdekin, Dale Last, spoke to the Year 10 Civic classes about government and local politics. In Semester Two, Year 10 students study Civics as a precursor to Legal Studies where they gain knowledge and understanding of the Australian government and political system, and have the opportunity to discuss topical legal issues. Dale Last spoke to the students about his role in government and issues concerning Burdekin residents.



Northern (NQ Selections)

by Ms Courtney Carrigan,
HOD - HPE, The Arts, LOTE
and Sports

Congratulations to Bailey Parker (high jump) and Jd Wilkins (javelin) who were selected in the merit 13-19 Years Northern (NQ) Track and Field squad at the end of Term 3. Due to the COVID-19 outbreaks that occurred in Brisbane and the lockdowns in other states, there is no State or National Championships for Track and Field this year. We congratulate Bailey and Jd for their efforts in qualifying.



Bailey Parker



Jd Wilkins



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Interschool Horse Sports

by Dana Wyllie (Yr 11 Student) & Tyla Cox (Yr 9 Student)

The first day of September school holidays (Saturday 18 September) saw five Ayr High students (Hannah Lewis, Emma King, Tyla Cox, Dana Wyllie and Summer) compete in the Interschool Horse Sports Competition at Woodstock. The competition was against a range of schools from Townsville to Rockhampton and we competed in a series of events - Running Tee, Bending, Sporting Figure of 8, Egg Timer, Straight Barrel and Olympic Rings. The day concluded with presentations:

- Tyla Cox - a second and fourth ribbon in events for Year 9-10
- Dana Wyllie - two ribbons for fourth place in events for Year 11-12
- Ayr High was awarded 'Best Presented Secondary School'.

Competition was tough and we were proud to represent our school, demonstrating our hard work and determination in a sport that we all enjoy. We look forward to entering as a team in future Horse-sport competitions.



World Mental Health Week

by The Student Support Team

Mental Health Australia is funded to run a national awareness campaign for World Mental Health Day on Sunday 10 October. This year's campaign has been developed with the aim of challenging negative perceptions around mental illness and encouraging people to take a more positive view of mental illness. This year Ayr State High School acknowledged this awareness campaign on Wednesday 6 October by encouraging students to wear odd socks and normalise the perceptions around mental illness. The Student Support Team also ran a stall at lunch to open up conversations with students and increase awareness within the school community. Thanks to all the students who participated in the day.



Upcoming Events

- 18 Oct** Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)
Concert Band Rehearsal (3.15-4.30 pm, A13)
- 19 Oct** Interact Meeting (2nd Break, I Block)
Music Support Group Meeting (5.00 pm, A14)
- 20 Oct** Academic Awards Rehearsal (S4)
Interschool Sport - 15 Yrs Softball & Cricket
- 21 Oct** Academic Awards Rehearsal (S1-3)
ARTIE Launch (12.00 pm)
Academic Awards (7.30-9.30 pm, Burdekin Theatre)
- 22 Oct** Yr 10 Community Event Day - Pyjama Foundation
Yr 7 & 8 World of Maths
Yr 9 \$20 Boss Launch (9.00 am-1.00 pm)
Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)
Yr 12 General Subjects Student Prep Day
- 25 Oct** Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)
Concert Band Rehearsal (3.15-4.30 pm, A13)
- 26 Oct** Yr 5 Transition Day
- 27 Oct** Yr 5 Transition Day
Interschool Sport - 15 Yrs Softball & Cricket
- 28 Oct** Yr 10 Case Management Meetings (S4)
STEM Academy (1.30-3.30 pm)
- 29 Oct** Day for Daniel - Free Dress Day (wear red)
Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)
- 1 Nov** Yr 11 Trial External Exams (this week)
Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)
Concert Band Rehearsal (3.15-4.30 pm, A13)
- 3 Nov** Interschool Sport - 15 Yrs Softball & Cricket
- 4 Nov** STEM Academy (1.30-3.30 pm)
- 5 Nov** Yr 11 External Exam Trial
Shave for a Cure (1st Break)
Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)