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## BANKS win the Interhouse Cross Country Carnival

by Ms Courtney Carrigan, Sports Co-ordinator

This year, the carnival consisted of students competing in the traditional Cross Country, Fun Run and Colour Fun. The Relay being a washout due to the rain we received in week 1 of this Term. Over 80 students fought for positions and points in a competitive field in the Cross Country. While students were competing in the Cross Country, the remaining student body competed in the Fun Run. Students were keen, with many running, to complete as many laps as possible in the 30 minutes, to gain points for their houses. The Colour Fun concluded the afternoon with a colour bonanza awash on the oval with many students keen to be part of this year's event.



Final results were:

- 1st - Banks - 935 points
- 2nd - Phillip - 837 points
- 3rd - Macquarie - 815 points
- 4th - Cook - 654 points.

Congratulations to Banks, who have not won the Cross Country Carnival since 2008. They claimed winning margins in all three events this year (Cross Country, Fun Run and Colour Fun) to attain overall victory. Well done to all students who participated.

An Ayr High squad will now be invited to compete at the Interschool Cross Country. The 12 Years squad will compete at the Primary School event on Friday 7 May, with the 13-19 Years squad to compete at the event on Tuesday 18 May. Both of these events will be held at Ayr State High School. From these events, a Burdekin squad will be selected and contest the NQ Trials in Townsville on Tuesday 1 June.



Banks House Captains Thomas Shepherd and Eliza McMullen



Age Champions

Back LtoR: Angus Innes, Laurence Tomasetig, Nate Wyburg, Matthew Kolb, Jack Shears, Damon Pitcher  
Front LtoR: Zandi Bonanno, Callie Mills, Chloe Hook, Charley Ruskin, Kya Olsen, Giselle Le Feuvre

13-19 Yrs  
Interschool Cross  
Country  
(Hosted by Ayr SHS)

Tuesday 18 May 2021  
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm  
Ayr SHS Oval

Squad members will receive more details via notices and assembly.



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# From the Principal

by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal  
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Welcome back to Term 2.

We have already witnessed a number of exciting events in the first few weeks of the Term. It kicked off with our ANZAC commemorations starting with our own assembly on Friday of week 1. Once again, our school showed great reverence to such an important occasion. Special guests from the Royal Australian Air Force, Mayor Lyn McLaughlin, P&C President Mrs Rebecca Stockdale and local Elders were in attendance. Our assembly was blessed once again with the attendance of Mr Joe Giddy, who played the Last Post and Rouse, along with Mr Roy Paige who played the Lament on his bag pipes. Overall, a very stirring ceremony and something our community can be proud of. We were represented at the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day by our Student Executive, and then again for the community march, with a good number of students and staff marching. School Captain Giselle Le Feuvre co-presented a speech at the ceremony, while School Cultural Vice Captain Lauren Raitelli performed a duet of the National Anthem. Both girl's performances were outstanding. Overall, I was very proud to lead our school community in displaying our commitment to the commemoration of ANZAC Day. Lest we Forget.

Week 2 saw the running of our Cross Country, Fun Run and Colour Fun event. Participation was high and the whole event was held in great spirit. The mighty **BANKS BULLDOGS** won

the Cross Country this year, a feat they had not achieved since 2008. So far, we have had Macquarie and Banks winners at our first two major sporting events, with Athletics Carnival next term. It should make the competition for Champion House very interesting.

Also, last week we held our two-day Music Camp for our Choir and Concert Band in preparation for the Burdekin Eisteddfod. The camp saw our students and teachers engaging with some very accomplished musical experts. All the students involved had a great time and everyone progressed really well over the two days. I can't wait for their performances at the Eisteddfod this year. The Music Camp was once again supported by Ayr High's Music Support Group. Without their assistance we would not have been able to put together such a high activity for our students.

This week, our Year 11 students completed four days of work experience. The students have been placed with a wide variety of employers both in the Burdekin and in Townsville. This is an invaluable opportunity for our students, not only to experience the workplace and the careers that they are looking to enter, but also to showcase their own skills and work ethic to prospective employers. It is not unusual for students from Ayr High to be offered additional work that turns into an apprenticeship or traineeship, kickstarting their career. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the employers who have taken 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.



students. Their commitment to the growth and development of the youth of the Burdekin is absolutely fantastic. Our Musical rehearsals have commenced once again, with everyone making great progress. I'm sure we will all be wowed once again by the talent of our Ayr High students. Lock in the dates 10 and 11 September which is when our performers will take to the stage at the Burdekin Theatre. I can't wait!!

Our Year 12 students are currently in a very busy period either preparing and/or completing assessment. I encourage all students to put in 100% effort into every piece as to maximise their achievement in the internal assessment pieces. This will help set them up for a quality outcome in the externals at the end of the year. Results in both internal and external assessments go together to create an overall result and ATAR score, so I encourage students to make the most of every opportunity where possible.

Yours in education

Craig Whittred  
Principal

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Every Day



## Jumpers for the Cooler Months

As we head into the cooler months, students will want to keep warm. The school jumper has been endorsed by the P&C and is the only acceptable jumper.

Jumpers with the school logo can be purchased for \$30 from the school office. This information can be found in the Student and Parent/Carer Handbook 2021 and is available at the office or on our website.



Download the free QParents App to follow your student's progress.

**Student Absences Text Service**

To advise the school of the reason for your child's absence, please send a text to the following number:

**0400 845 755**

# From the Deputy (Junior Secondary)

*by Ms Anna D'Ilario, Deputy Principal*

**W**ow! What a wonderful start we've made to Term 2! Although we are only in Week 3, our school has held a range of events, including ANZAC Day commemorations, Music Camp, Learning Conversations and Case Management meetings. The highlight of the last two weeks, however, has been Term 1 report cards. I've been impressed with the number of Attendance Certificates and Gold and Silver Awards for Behaviour and Effort that students have received. It has been my great pleasure to deliver these awards on year level assemblies. It is great to see a vast majority of our students receive awards for their effort, behaviour and attendance - factors that they can control and that have a positive impact on their learning.

Next week, we have students participating in the Burdekin Eisteddfod and NAPLAN. I know our students will do their best in both endeavours and I wish them all the very best. Later on this term, we have even more junior school events organised by our wonderful staff, including the Year 9 Camp and the Year 7 Alva Beach Days. And in the middle of all this, we have musical rehearsals! We are so very fortunate to be part of a school that offers so many opportunities to their students.

## Absentee Hotline

# 4790 4353

If your child is away either:

- 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.



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## NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

## NAPLAN

*by Ms Anna D'Ilario, Deputy Principal*

**N**APLAN 2021 is here! From Tuesday 11 May until Thursday 14 May 2021, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Queensland will be engaged in NAPLAN testing.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. All students are expected to participate in the tests.

Our Year 7 and Year 9 English and Maths teachers have been preparing students for their tests by running through the organisational arrangements and familiarising students with the format of the tests.

### Organisation

- Tests will occur in the morning during Sessions 1 and 2 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (11-13 May) in I Block (Year 7) and B Block (Year 9).
- Snacks will be provided in House Family each morning.
- Morning tea will be provided to students on Tuesday.
- On Wednesday, our Year 7 and Year 9 students are cordially invited to Chappy's Breakfast.
- In order to support our students, NAPLAN testing will be administered by their English and Maths teachers in rooms they are familiar with.
- After students have completed their NAPLAN tests, they will resume regular classes.
- Catch-up tests will be held in the afternoon during Session 4 and all day Friday.

### Equipment

Students are required to bring the following equipment for NAPLAN:

- 2B Pencil (no mechanical pencils)
- Sharpener
- Eraser
- Calculator (Thursday only)

Students are not allowed to bring pencil cases, coloured pencils, correction tape, or any other equipment, into the testing rooms.

### Banned Items

Phones and any wireless devices, such as smart watches, airpods, etc **are strictly banned** from the testing rooms. Students are asked to leave their phones at home on NAPLAN test days as phones and bags are not allowed in the testing rooms.

### Catch-Up Tests

If a student misses a test due to illness or other commitments (like Eisteddfod), they will be able to catch up during the allocated sessions.

We look forward to our Year 7 and Year 9 students doing their best on each day!



# Cross Country, Fun Run & Colour Fun





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# McGrath Foundation **Pink Stumps Day** McGrath Foundation

by Connor Brown, Sports Captain

**P**ink Stumps Day was held on Friday 1 April (last day of Term 1) and it was time to wear pink with pride and show our support for the McGrath Foundation. The lolly jar was the first fundraiser up and running with many students (and staff) trying to guess the correct number - Demi O'Shea (12P) and Lauren Raitelli (12M) were joint winners with a correct guess of 203. The Pink Stumps Day stall was also up and running in week 10 with many purchasing a variety of 'pink' products ranging from socks, caps, wristbands, scarfs, coolers, lollies and sombrero hats.



The day itself had arrived with students and staff donating a gold coin for those dressed in pink. Both first and second lunch breaks saw the annual cricket match being played with many students of all ages attending. Pink icy cups, cupcakes and also cookies were available and were snapped up quickly. Overall, Ayr High was very generous and supportive of this day raising \$886 for the McGrath Foundation. Thank you to all those who contributed with special thanks to the following - Miss Carrigan (organiser), Mrs Brock and the icy cup students, Brianna Whittred and Brooklyn Ivory (cupcakes and biscuit chefs), Lucy Creek and Sarah Phillips (lolly jar organisers), Year 12 Stall organisers and sellers, House Captains (collection of gold coins), JD Wilkins (organiser of cricket game) - it is definitely one of the most memorable days on the school calendar.







## Student vs Staff Games

*by Connor Brown, Sports Captain*

The annual staff (teachers) versus student competition is in full swing with the first two games already taken place. In Term 1, we played mixed volleyball. The Year 12 students unfortunately lost to the teachers 47-50. It was a hard and intense game with the score being close throughout until the teachers started to carve up at the end.

Last week (week 2, Term 2), we played our second game - mixed futsal. The students took an early lead with two quick goals but made some defensive errors with the teachers clawing back to 2-2. The teachers scored a third 'controversial' goal late in the game to take the second match 3-2. This gives the teachers a 2-0 lead in the best of 5 competition.



*Mixed Futsal*



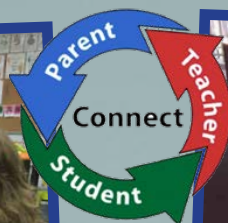
# Learning Conversations

*by Mr Kerry Flynn, Deputy Principal*

This year, we decided to move our first Learning Conversation to Term 2 after the Term 1 Report Cards. We believe that having some formal assessment assists students and families to work more purposefully with teachers in these meetings.

It was great to see over 370 conversations happening in 1 Block over the course of the evening of Thursday 29 April. That was an increase of over 40% on last year's bookings.

Learning Conversations are a terrific way for families and school to come together to ensure that we are all working in the best interests of our students. The staff appreciated the opportunity to talk with families and gain feedback. The next Learning Conversations will occur early in Term 3 after the Semester 1 Report Cards.

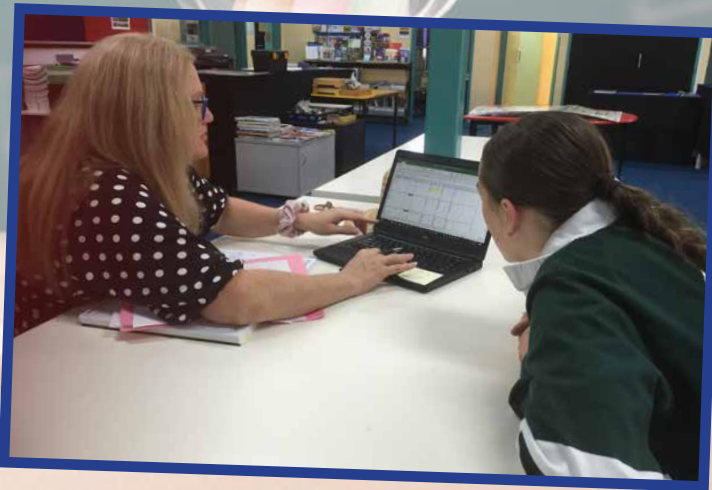


# Senior Case Management Meetings

*by Mr Kerry Flynn, Deputy Principal*



Each term, members of the school leadership team meet with their Year 10, 11 and 12 students to discuss progress in their subjects and career goals. At the time of this Ayring edition, most Year 12 meetings and nearly all Year 10 meetings have been completed. These meetings are an important way that the school can support students on their learning journey through their senior years. Students should be congratulated on the manner in which they have been engaging with these sessions. Staff have been suitably impressed. Well done students!

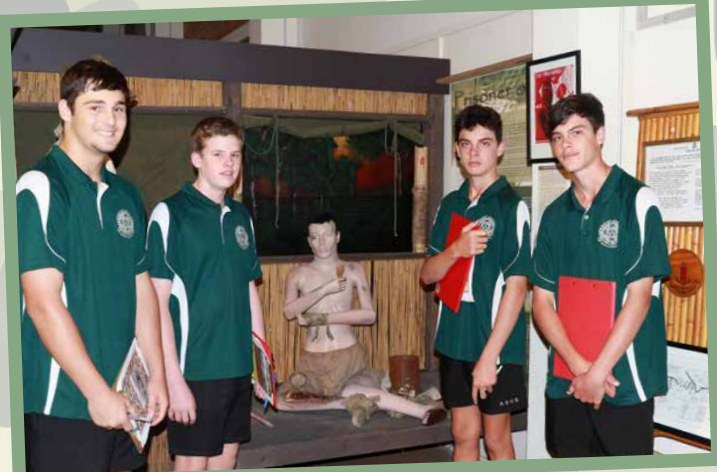




# North Queensland Army Museum Enthral's Students

*by Chelsea Scalia, Year 10 Student*

Trenches, guns, tunnels, bullets, badges, soldier's uniforms and much more was on offer at the North Queensland Army Museum. On Friday 16 March, all Year 10 students travelled to Townsville to learn about Australia's military history. During the visit, the students visited each of the exhibits at the Army Museum and listened to stories by the knowledgeable museum volunteers, many who were ex-military personnel themselves. We recently studied Australia's involvement in World War II and in particular the Kokoda Campaign. Last year, we also investigated Australia's involvement in the First World War. We were in disbelief about the significant role Townsville played during World War II. Afterwards, we had lunch and walked to Kissing Point to view the war memorials that had been erected there in the past five years or so. All up, we had a very interesting day and thank the Year 10 History teachers for organising and supervising this excursion.





# ANZAC Day Commemorations 2021

by Ms Anna D'Ilario, Deputy Principal

On Friday, 24 April, the Ayr High community held its traditional ANZAC Day ceremony. The school Vice Captains, Sam Vaevae Pare and Brianna Whittred, Indigenous Vice Captain Jasyti Tallis, and School Captains JD Wilkins and Giselle Le Feuvre admirably compered the solemn occasion. We were pleased to have a large number of invited guests present to help commemorate this most important occasion, including Flight Sergeant Luke Watson, who delivered the main address, and Corporal Elaine Brooks, who presented the Ode to the Fallen.



During the ceremony, the captains and vice captains paid their respects to those who fell during the Battle of Pozieres which was pivotal in the success of the Somme Offensive of World War I. A very special thanks to Year 10 students Xavier Wood and Macee Cursio who addressed the assembly on the symbol of the Purple Poppy and the contribution of animals during times of conflict. Once again, the Air Force Cadets were on show and their presence added to the importance of the event. Our concert band and choir contributed to proceedings with their rendition of the national anthem and by providing an accompaniment to the laying of the wreaths. The most solemn part of the service, the Last Post and Rouse, was played by Mr Joe Giddy, and the Lament played by piper Mr Roy Paige. A special thank you to both gentlemen for their ongoing contribution to our ANZAC Day ceremonies.

Our students on assembly conducted themselves with the respect and solemn reverence that such an important occasion demands. They were a credit to themselves and our school.

## ANZAC Day Main Services

Students represented the school with pride at all services. From the early morning Dawn Service, which was attended by the Student Executive and representatives from other year levels, through to the main parade where the school contingent marched. All students demonstrated respect and reverence for the sacrifice of our service personnel and the values and freedoms they fought for.

Special mention to Giselle Le Feuvre who addressed the main parade as part of the joint high school's address, and to Lauren Raitelli for her stirring rendition of the National Anthem. A special thank you to Phoebe Lyons and Mahala Thorne who represented the school at the Giru ceremony, and Jessica Cranston who laid the wreath at Brandon.

It was most pleasing to see the large number of students in other community groups also playing a part in this most important day.





# Euphonius Greetings!

by Ms Anna D'Illario, Deputy Principal

Young Street was awash with the mellifluous sounds of Ayr State High School's Concert Band and Choir on 29 and 30 April when we held our annual Music Camp at The Lighthouse.

Under the expert tutelage of guest artists Dr Mark Smith and Madison Hoskins, our band and choir refined their skills in preparation for the upcoming Burdekin Eisteddfod.

Dr Mark Smith is a highly accomplished and experienced conductor, composer, educator and performer (trumpet), who is trained in ensemble direction techniques and who has conducted a vast array of ensembles in both professional and amateur settings. Dr Smith's warmth and expert knowledge served to enhance the skills of our concert band and I know I speak for all students when I say that Ayr High appreciates Dr Smith sharing his love of music with us. Our concert band's resounding rhythm could be heard uptown!

Our choir also rocked the venue with their melodies. Ayr State High School thanks Madison Hoskins from The Voice Singing Studio, who also joined us as a guest artist. Madison shared her performance skills with students and guided our choir to new heights. Over the two days, students worked on developing and co-ordinating their harmonies with the end result being a stellar vocal ensemble.

Madison joins the Ayr High Family as our Artist in Residence for Term 2 and we look forward to her working with our choir and musical leads throughout the rest of the term.

Special thanks to Burdekin Singers, Music Support Group, Mr Phillips and Ms Hueber for their support in making this event possible.





# Year 8 Foundation Maths: Cooking and Maths

by Ms Camilla Robson, Head of  
Special Education

During the last week of Term 1, the Year 8 Maths Foundation class put together a class party for their assessment. The work leading up to this focused on fractions, specifically multiplying and dividing fractions and simplifying them. The students had to choose an appropriate recipe (ideal for a party, such as sausage rolls or muffins), which the class then had to decide how many people they would cater for. Using their knowledge of fractions, the students adapted their recipes, provided their teacher with an ingredients list and developed their method/workplan for cooking their recipes. On the day of the party, ten students, four staff members and two very helpful Year 12 Hospitality students (thank you Dustyn Pryor and Shalon Chapman), worked together and cooked some very delicious party food for their Year 7 friends. It was a great success and the students learned some really valuable life skills from it. A big thanks to Mrs Monckton and Mrs Favero who organised and supported these students.



## Upcoming Events

- 9-17 May** Burdekin Eisteddfod (Choir & Concert Band - evening performances)
- 9 May** Musical Rehearsal (10.00 am-12.00pm, 1.00-4.00 pm)
- 10 May** Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)  
Concert Band Rehearsal (3.15-4.30 pm, A13)
- 10-14 May** **Yr 7/9 NAPLAN**
- 11 May** Musical Rehearsal (3.15-4.30 pm)  
Yr 12 Student Leaders Session (AWP)
- 13 May** Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)  
Interschool Drama Festival - School Rehearsals (3.15-4.30 pm)
- 14 May** Yr 9 & 10 (selected students) - QMEA Robotics Specialist Visit (9.00-11.20 am)
- 16 May** Musical Rehearsal (10.00 am-12.00pm, 1.00-4.00 pm)
- 17 May** Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)  
Concert Band Rehearsal (3.15-4.30 pm, A13)
- 18 May** Interact Meeting (2nd Break, I Block)  
13-19 Yrs Interschool Cross Country Carnival (hosted by ASHS)  
Music Support Group Meeting (5.00 pm, A14)  
Musical Rehearsal (3.15-4.30 pm)
- 20 May** Yr 12 VEP RSG Course (S1-S4)  
Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)  
Interschool Drama Festival - School Rehearsals (3.15-4.30 pm)
- 21 May** Yr 11 VEP RSG Course (S1-S4)
- 23-25 May** **Yr 12 Biology Camp (Cape Hillsborough)**
- 23 May** NQ Trials - 12 Yrs Girls/Boys Football  
Musical Rehearsal (10.00 am-12.00pm, 1.00-4.00 pm)
- 24-26 May** **Yr 9 Camp (Magnetic Island)**
- 24 May** NQ Trials - 12 Yrs Girls/Boys Football  
Interschool Sport - 18 Yrs Basketball  
Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)  
Concert Band Rehearsal (3.15-4.30 pm, A13)
- 25 May** Musical Rehearsal (3.15-4.30 pm)
- 26 May** NQ Trials - 12 Yrs Girls/Boys Tennis
- 27 May** Interschool Sport - 13 Yrs Futsal  
Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)  
Interschool Drama Festival - School Rehearsals (3.15-4.30 pm)
- 30 May** Musical Rehearsal (10.00 am-12.00pm, 1.00-4.00 pm)
- 31 May** Interschool Sport - 14 Yrs Basketball  
Choir Rehearsal (1st Break, A14)  
Concert Band Rehearsal (3.15-4.30 pm, A13)  
'Voices of the Future' Speaking Competition (6.00 pm, SMC Auditorium)
- 1 June** 'Voices of the Future' Speaking Competition (6.00 pm, SMC Auditorium)



## Position Vacant

We are currently looking for a relief Cleaner.

A current Blue Card is mandatory.

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Thank you for your support!

