Dear Parents/Carers and Community

This week we had the very hard task of interviewing and selecting the 2016 Water Festival Ambassador for East Ayr. The Water Festival Ambassador participates in a very rigorous program designed to build confidence, public speaking and community spirit throughout the months leading up to the Festival Grand Parade on Saturday September 3. Last year, being my first time as panel chair and then observing the development and growth of our Ambassador, cemented the importance and privilege of this opportunity for current Year 6’s. We are fortunate that our P & C supports the ambassador through a financial contribution of $500 and through assisting at the community event designed and planned by the Ambassador, their family and school working co-operatively.

This year we had eight very worthy students apply for the Water Festival Ambassador. All candidates did a great job in their interview. Congratulations to all of you. Please join me in congratulating Taryn Delle Baite who we announced, and she excitedly accepted yesterday. A very special thank you to Mrs Boland (Year 6 Teacher) and Mrs Corryn Innes (P & C President) for being on the selection panel, and of course, thank you to all nominees’ parents for assisting children to be prepared and well researched about our local area. Taryn will provide us with information about her experience, float contribution and organised events in newsletters to come.

Each fortnight the growth in our learners is something we are always proud of. This fortnight my focus has been on our Instrumental and Choir programs. On Monday, 23 May, Ayr State High School students and staff...
visited to conduct workshops with our students. Our Instrumental Music program has been growing as a direct result of $12000 being spent on additional/replacement instruments allowing for interested students to give it a go. The result of this brought music to our ears! Congratulations to all students and teachers of both great state schools! We look forward to showcasing our work in the Performing Arts at the upcoming Burdekin Festival of Arts.

Our Prep Open Day for 2017 is fast approaching and we can’t wait to meet families and children this Friday. The purpose and focus on the day is providing short activities for children and parents, some important information around enrolling and parents seeing firsthand the type of learning that occurs in Prep classes (including Prep/1) within the first six months of schooling. We look forward to talking with you Friday.

Year 6 Camp – WOW!!! What a blast! The students, teachers and parents have all positively enjoyed and gained from our renewed leadership focus at Seaforth (just north of Mackay). Students found the camp to be one that forged new friendships, developed their skills in co-operation and teamwork and “some serious fun”! I received a phone call from the camp providers complementing our school on the outstanding behaviour, participation and enthusiasm. Congratulations Year 6!

As we head towards the end of semester, our teachers are continuing the work in classrooms whilst attending to reporting for Semester 1 Report Cards. These will be sent out in the last week of school, Term 2.

Looking forward to the fortnight ahead.....school disco Thursday 9th June and of course, GO QUEENSLANDER!

Kind regards

Helen McCullough
Principal

Fun Run

We have finalised our Fun Run for 2016. Thanks to the efforts of the students and the support from home we managed to raise $4315.80. Our highest fundraisers and those students who raised $50 or more have received their incentive prizes.

Our incentive prize winners were:

Highest Fundraisers:
- Lawson Sorohan (1B) $250
- Ashayla Morello (4C) $186
- Chloe Hook (3C) $140

Those who raised $50 or more were:
- Annelise Calligaro
- KodyWy borg
- Reese Bradford
- Bailey Hudson
- Millie Lyne
- Braelyn Cole
- Kashton Ferguson
- Ayden Barnett
- Kelsey Cox
- Sarah O’Shea
- Logan Flanagan
- Anthony Towning
- Jake Sartori
- Lincoln Balom
- Ryley Sartori
- Angus Innes
- Cohen Marano
- Tahlia Walker
- Bella Lawry
- Neenah Ivory
- Mia Power
- Tia Sorohan
- Mikayla Giddy
- Korban Gaviglio-Moore

The class that raised the most money was 1B. 1B, after raising $461, will be enjoying a class party.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s Fun Run Raiser.

Burdekin Representatives

On Sunday 5 and Monday 6 June the NQ Touch Trials are being held in Ingham. The following students have been selected in the Burdekin teams to participate at these trials:

Cooper Horan, Pacey Horan, Taryn Delle Baite, Julia Neal, Shawnee King.

Congratulations and good luck at the NQ Trials.

Book Fair

This week is our Book Fair. On Monday and Tuesday the students were able to peruse a wonderful display of books.

The Book Fair theme Monster Book Fair: Reading is so much fun, you’ll get goosebumps. There will be hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for them to discover. Giving students access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more and like most acquired skills, the more children practise reading, the better they’ll achieve.

Water Festival Ambassador

Congratulations to Taryn Delle Baite who was successful with her nomination as our 2016 Water Festival Ambassador. Taryn will represent the school at the Water Festival functions and on one of the floats in this year’s parade.

We wish Taryn all the best of luck at the Water Festival functions and look forward to supporting Taryn throughout this event.

Annual Burdekin Festival of Arts (Visual Arts/Writing)

Students who are interested in visual arts and writing are welcome to enter these sections. Information on these sections was sent home last week. Students need to return their permission form and entry money by June 10.

Students will be supervised in their lunch hours completing their entries.

North Queensland Regional Readers’ Cup 2016

East Ayr will participate in the Readers’ Cup on Thursday 16 June. The Readers’ Cup will be held in Townsville. Our team of Korban Gaviglio-Moore, Sienna Tait, Isabella Tait, Jessica Cox and Madisyn Grant...
have been busy reading set books. At the Readers’ Cup there will be set questions on each book that the students have read. Congratulations to these students and best of luck at the Regional Finals.

These students have been prepared and guided by Mrs Jennifer Elliott. Thank you to Mrs Elliott.

**Prep – Year 6 Disco**
The Prep – Year 6 disco will be held on **Thursday 9 June**. Entry is $2 and this will give students a ticket into the lucky door prize. The disco will again be held in the hall.

An area near the kitchen in the hall will be roped off and tables will be placed in this area and students will be able to purchase food and drinks from the kitchen and eat at these tables.

The disco will be split into two time slots:
- Prep-Year 2  
  
  5:30pm – 7:00pm
- Year 3-Year 6  
  
  7:00pm – 8:30pm

The theme is come dressed as a favourite character of either a book or movie.

**Food for Sale**
- Hot Chips  $3:00
- Cups of Spaghetti  $3:00
- Drinks  $2:00
- Cup Cakes  $1:00
- Marshmallows on Sticks  $1:00
- Lolly Bags  $1:00

Glow product prices range from $2 to $5.

A reminder the tuckshop is selling delicious fresh fruit salad made daily as ordered from Tuesday through to Friday. This is a great healthy option that we have on the menu using seasonal fruits and is only $4.

We are still asking for helpers for the 3-6 athletics carnival (17th June) and the P-2 athletics carnival (24th June). We would like parents to help out around the course, help serve, cook food and sell drinks. This year we would also like to have a cake stall and would appreciate if parents are able to bake some sweets. We will send out a letter in the next week regarding this. We would greatly appreciate if you could please consider helping out.

The next P&C meeting is Monday 13th, 6.30pm in the staff room. All are welcome as we appreciate any suggestions and feedback that you may have. If you are unable to attend the meeting we are contactable on the above email.

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**Interschool Sport – Year 5 & 6**
The second carnival day is this Friday the 5th June. If your child returned their permission note and money for the 1st carnival day they will be able to attend this 2nd carnival day. If your child did not attend the 1st carnival day they are welcome to collect a permission note from the office and participate in the 2nd carnival day.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO TUCKSHOP FOR YEAR 5 AND 6 FOR FRIDAY CARNIVAL DAY.**

**Year 1 Fire Safety**
During term 2, Year 1 and Prep-1 learnt about Fire Safety. Firefighters visited the school where each class revised the importance of “Stop, drop and roll”, and “Get down low and go, go!” along with other important messages. Our last exciting session with the Firefighters included a tour of the Fire Truck and a turn at holding the powerful water hose! Thank you to the Ayr Fire Brigade for this worthwhile and educational experience!
StUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PA  Addy Chandler
PB  Jake Sartori
PC  Lincoln Innes
P1D  Pascale Crooks
1A  Indiana Lampton
1B  Nash Power
1C  Aaliyah Schatkowski
2A  Ruby Jenkins
2B  Ryder Crothers
2C  Layla Pavone
3A  Benjamin Laidlow
3B  Dallas Musumeci
3C  Luke Politis
4A  Hayley Jenkins
4B  Savannah Jarvis
4C  Cooper Raitelli
5A  Capri Robinson-Millar
5B  Shakyis Morris
5C  Tia Sorohan
6A  Hunter Cowen
6B  Dylan Meinicke
6C  Stella Sitton

CLASS AWARDS

PA  Jonas Todeschino
PB  Kylyn Cole
PC  Jorja Jerkic
P1D  Tamika Caltabiano
1A  Elizabeth Nielson
1B  Amaya Boland
1C  Natalie Batts
2A  Kamryn Pearmain
2B  Shae Laidlow
2C  Tahlia Lawson
3A  Elizabeth Ellison
3B  Jye Ravizza
3C  Chelsea Juan
4A  Phoebe Booth
4B  Blake Walker
4C  Khyla Cursio
5A  Macee Cursio
5B  Joel Ellsley
5C  Faith Taylor
6A  Seth Malas
6B  Korban Gaviglio-Moore
6C  Hannah Przesmycki

PA  Christopher Zaro
PB  Coby Christensen
PC  Sophie Papale
P1D  Hannah Eakins
1A  Bella-Rae Walker
1B  Sophie Michelin
1C  Ben Stockdale
2A  Summer Stennett
2B  Sophia Moloney
2C  Jack Parker
3A  Melody Curro
3B  Shaveece Campbell
3C  Isaac Ghee
4A  Layla Kelly
4B  Noah Arboit
4C  John Cislowski
5A  Ashton Marano
5B  Holly Zaro
5C  Dylan Booth
6A  Harvey Arboit
6B  Louisa Ghee
6C  Nuzhatul Mannan

Burdekin winners in each then compete in Townsville for the North Queensland final.

This year we had two ex-East Ayr girls in the VOY, Taia Favale (Mrs Favale’s daughter), who was last here in 2014 in 7B; and Sarah McDonnell, also here in 2014, in 6A. Sarah was also a Water Festival Ambassador entrant that year.

Taia came first and Sarah, second in the Junior section of the VOY NQ Final! Taia will now compete in Brisbane for the Queensland final! That is exciting!

There is a lesson here for all of us: You too come from this great school, and you too have the ability to compete with the best in Australia, in whatever your passion is – our two girls have proven this!

So have a go at things, do the hard work and training, and you too can rise to the top!

Chappy John

Attendance

WELL DONE! To the 110 children who have 100% attendance since the start of the year. This is an awesome effort! 😊

There are 323 children attending (green zone) 100% – 96% is excellent to see! In the amber zone 95% - 90% there are 149 children, which place 60 children falling in the red zone for 89% or less.

Attendance is linked with our schools PBL system and much work goes on behind the scenes to improve attendance and academic achievement. This information can be

High School Stars from East Ayr

I am a member of the public speaking club named Rostrum. Each year we hold a competition amongst the Burdekin’s four High Schools, called “Voice Of Youth” (VOY). It has a Junior section for Grades 7 to 10, and a Senior for Grades 11 and 12. The
sighted on the Queensland Education website: http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/

To complement our PBL – attendance, letters are issued to advise parents around student attendance and lateness. These letters are issued as a support and to raise awareness.

Students and parents of East Ayr, thank you for making attendance important in your homes. Excellent Job! 😊

**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

Please note that we are now working from the office each Thursday and not the library.

**Competition Time**

Don’t forget about our in-house deposit blitz competition for East Ayr SS students only. Those students who bank THREE times between Week 6 - Week 9, will go into the draw to win a Dollarmites prize pack. All eligible students will have their names go into a hat and the winner will be drawn on parade during week 10.

**Rewards Orders**

After banking this week, we will be ordering our final rewards for Term 2. Look out for your student number below to see if you are eligible to order a reward. Please fill out your rewards coupon that was distributed at the beginning of the year, OR, on a piece of paper; include your name, class, banking number as well as the reward item you want and we’ll see that it is ordered for you.

**Available Rewards**

Reward items for Term 2 include:
- Dollarmites Money Box – 2014
- ET DVD – 2015
- Galaxy Glider - 2015
- Intergalactic Rocket - 2015
- Outerspace Savers Money Box – 2015
- Flying Snake Trail Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball – New
- Outback Pat Tag – New

**Spot Your Student Number?**

The electronic records show the following student numbers are eligible to order rewards this week: 9 tokens (eligible to order a reward if they bank this week):
129 137 165 169 205 218 238 243
267 271 292 303 307 320 321 322

10 or more tokens:
149 170 223 247 257 273 277 287
186 236 240 259 275 319 324 144
200 210 230 241 283 312 282 286
290 195 204 311 197 235 300 291
194 2 226 138 159 202 248

20 or more tokens (eligible to order 2 reward items):
187 207 221 268 285 87 134 140
249 246

Please note: I may have included younger sibling’s student numbers. To order rewards, a student must be currently enrolled at East Ayr.

Thank you for your continued support with school banking. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to leave us a note in your child’s bank book, or drop by the office at 9am on Thursdays.

Neva Neal
School Banking Coordinator

**2017 Prep Open Day**

On Friday 3 June we will be holding a 2017 Prep Open Day. This will be held in and around the Hall. There will be a variety of activities, enrolment information and a visit to the prep classrooms. Please spread the word for any child intending to enrol at East Ayr in Prep 2017.

**At School Before the Bell?**

Please remember that all students are to remain under Block C until the first bell at 8:30am. While waiting under Block C all students are to be reading.

**Absent from School**

(Do not let it be Unexplained)

Ph: 0417 003 685
Send a text or leave a message
Drop by the office or send a note
**ALL DAY - EVERY DAY!**
Aiming for 95% or better

**Interschool Junior Disco**

(Years 7-9 only)

7 - 10pm

$5.00

(Tickets to be purchased)

**Ayr Showgrounds Hall**

**Friday 10th June**

**Come dressed as your favourite famous person**

**Food and Drinks**

**Ayr Showground Games**

**The Ayr High P&C presents the 2016...**

**Aim for 95% or Better**

**John and Kristen Bonanno from SportsFirst have Advised That They Will Take Late Orders for the Sports Shirts. They Are $22 Each and There Are a Number of Shirts at the Office for Parents to Check the Sizing.**