Principal’s Report

The year is closing fast and we are working hard to make sure students are in the best possible position to perform at their best. We all want the best results, and this can be assured if students keep their focus to the end of their term and complete all assessment to the best of their ability. Students have advised that all assessment must be completed satisfactorily by the end of the year and we ask parents and carers to check that their children are on track.

We have just had some very special events in our school year where we have the chance to acknowledge the hard work for the year and to recognise performance. At both the Sports and Academic Awards nights, we shared in the success that our students achieved in the year. In my address at Academic Awards night, I drew the parallels between the very important sugar harvest concluding with our harvest festival, and the conclusion of the academic year where our students reap the rewards for effort. Our motto “The End Crowns The Work” reflects this and I am very proud of the work undertaken throughout our school year.

For a small school, we returned a huge harvest of outstanding performances. The list of recognised successes was large, but more importantly, the underlying and not always recognised effort put in by so many students was impressive. Thanks to Ms Allyce Murphy and Mr Rob Scalia for their organisation of the awards nights. We also received much positive feedback regarding the wearing of school uniforms for the evenings – the students looked great and took pride in their uniform. I believe the appearance will be enhanced further as more students take up the black shoe colour next year (our preferred shoe colour – please remember we would like to remove bright and flouro shoe colours for 2014).

To our year 12s who are about to finish their secondary education – well done on a fine year, and on being excellent role models to our student population. We are quietly confident of some excellent results and look forward to seeing where your pathway leads you next. Remember us well, continue to be excellent citizens, work hard and never lose sight of your dreams. Our very best to you.

One of the significant cultural events, the Students Ball, was held recently. To Mrs Edwards and her team, my sincere thanks for your organisation. I would very much like to thank our mums and dads who really made the evening a success – there was so much work going on before the night, and then on the night we had a huge team helping. The evening would not have been the success it was without you. Our staff also put in a big effort on the evening, ensuring a smooth evening. We were delighted that Ashleigh Attard and Reece D’Alessandro won the Belle and Beau of the ball and a number of other Home Hill High students received awards. Well done to the year 11s for all their work with the event – great effort!

As we head towards next year, there is much to look forward to as our students take the next step in their academic journeys. Home Hill SHS certainly does provide the best opportunities for all students, regardless of ability, interests or background and guides them to success – a fact we are enormously proud of.
For the 50th Annual Presentation of Awards ceremony held in the Memorial Hall Home Hill on Tuesday 29 October, a large crowd of almost 400 parents, families, staff, students and invited guests from the Home Hill State High School community proudly celebrated the achievements of the student body. Over 140 awards were presented to acknowledge the numerous and extensive accomplishments of students in academic, vocational, cultural, leadership, community service and sporting fields.

The occasion was dignified with presence of invited guests including Mr Bill Lowis, Burdekin Shire Mayor, Ms Kim Fredericks North Queensland Assistant Regional Director, Rotary Club of Home Hill President, Mr Mike Newton, Mr Sam Harris, Lions Club of Home Hill representative, Mr Mark Biffanti from Ergon Energy, Mrs Karen McKaig, Home Hill Bendigo Bank branch manager, Mr Dave Hunter from the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Dr Margaret Culpan representing the Zonta Club of Burdekin Inc. and Ms Mikaela Dockrill from James Cook University. Also attending were Mrs Lydia Toohey from Toastmasters, Parents & Citizens Association President, Mr Steve Postma and principals of local schools, Mr Craig Whittred, Ayr State High School and Ms Caroline Fuller, St Colmans School Home Hill, Mrs Judith White, Home Hill State Primary School and Ms Hayley Laidlow, Osborne State School.

School Captains, Courtney Woods and Laurance Papale, warmly welcomed the assembly and presented the comprehensive Valedictory on behalf on the 2013 seniors. Presidents of the school Student Council Executive, Mark Barbagallo and Ashleigh Attard reported on the many and varied activities of this year’s student council. Officiating his first Awards Night, Home Hill High Principal Mr Steven Miskin, reminded the school community of numerous achievements which have highlighted 2013. P&C President, Mr Steve Postma, then addressed the gathering reporting on the achievements of the P&C and wishing the Year 12 group the very best for their futures.

During the evening, students from the school concert band under the baton of Mr Leon Stucas, entertained the audience. Supper as usual was impressive with Mrs Anne Kerr and her Hospitality students once again delighting everyone with the extensive and tastefully presented selection.

Congratulations to all students who received awards. Your efforts have been appreciated by your teachers. Special thanks to all parents, guardians, family and friends who attended. A thank you is also extended to all the school staff who assisted in any way in the production of the evening. Many hours of work go into the preparation which then ensures the smooth running of the ceremony.

Home Hill State High celebrates its Golden Anniversary next year and the outstanding achievements of our students continue the school’s history of educational excellence. Congratulations to all awardees.

**Special Awards & Bursaries**

- **Ergon Energy Prize (Year 12):** Ashleigh Attard
- **Rotary Club Home Hill Inc Shield (Year 10):** Christina Postma
- **Caltex Best All Rounder:** Laurance Papale
- **Dale Cooper Memorial Bursary (Year 10 English):** Christina Postma
- **Burdekin Art Society Inc Award (Year 10 Art):** Taminda Stewart
- **Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy Bursary (Year 11):** Reece D’Alessandro
- **Bendigo Bank Accounting Award (Year 12):** Alyssa Steele
- **Zonta Girl’s Science Encouragement Award (Year 10):** Christina Postma
- **Nancy Martin Music Award:** Aaron Cockburn
- **Dawson Medal:** Katherine Hookey
- **JCU Encouragement Awards:** Troy Shand
  - (Year 10): Bradley Free
  - (Year 12): Chloe Natoli
- **Senior Cultural Award:** Reece D’Alessandro
- **Junior Cultural Award:** Rachel Marano
- **Lions Youth of the Year:** Courtney Woods
Sportsperson of the Year: Kate Neal
Pierre de Coubertin Award: Mark Barbagallo
ADF Leadership & Teamwork Awards: (Year 10): Cassandra Loizou
                      (Year 12): Mark Barbagallo
Order of Australia Association Student Citizenship Awards:
School Captains Awards: (Year 10): Cassandra Loizou
                      (Year 12): Mark Barbagallo
Rotary Club of Home Hill Inc Community Service Excellence Award: Courtney Woods
Rotary Club of Home Hill Inc Community Service Award:
Ashleigh Attard, Mark Barbagallo, Rachael Becke, Allison Byrnes, Amos Lipsys, Kirsten Marano, Laurance Papale,
Nicoline Thomson, Eilish Wall, Amelia Wallace, Julia Woodlock, Paul Zamperoni
Leadership Awards:
Ashleigh Attard, Mark Barbagallo, Rachael Becke, Cailin Betteridge, Joel Hanson, Amos Lipsys, Elliott Marano, Kirsten
Marano, Laurance Papale, Nicoline Thomson, Madalin Vassalini, Courtney Woods
ACADEMIC AWARDS 2013

YEAR EIGHT

Level One
Emily Cannavan
Karli Linton
Paul Marano
Elena Postma

Erin Grimbaldeston
Naomi Loizou
Nikola Poli
Lily Woodlock

Level Two
Gabriella Wallace

Level Three
Zoe Oakes

Mitchell Price-Wilson

YEAR NINE

Level One
Luke Carrett
Georgia Dahlenburg
Andi Gelling
Molly Swindley

Branden D’Alessandro
Dana Falco
Sam Marano
Mikaylah Wall

Level Two
Jamie Betteridge
Alana Swindley

Samantha Burbidge
Adam Walton

Level Three
Emilee Gibson
Jacklyn Walters

Christopher Kiehne

YEAR TEN

Level One
Ryan Attard
Rachel Marano
Christina Postma

Cassandra Loizou
Gina Papale
Ben Walters

Level Two
Troy Shand

Daniel Zamperoni

Level Three
Sophie Loizou

Coralie Mannea

Christopher Previtera

YEAR ELEVEN

Level One
Reece D’Alessandro
Kimberley Bourke
Mackenzie Falco
Callan Sunderland

Katelyn Shepherd
Jackson Dahlenburg
Zoe Grimbaldeston
Joshua Previtera

Level Three
Alanna Lazzarini

Callan Sunderland

YEAR TWELVE

Level One
Ashleigh Attard

Julia Woodlock

Level Two
Laurence Papale
Nicoline Thomson

Emily Poli
Madalin Vassalini

Level Three
Mark Barbagallo
Allison Byrnes
Joel Hanson
Amos Lipsys
Alyssie Steele
Paul Zamperoni

Rachael Becke
Tara Creffield
Cade Kovacich
Elliott Marano
Courtney Woods

Assistant Regional Director Ms Kim Fredericks with the year 8 Level One Awardees

Year 9 Level One Awardees with Assistant Regional Director Ms Kim Fredericks

Assistant Regional Director Ms Kim Fredericks with the year 10 Level One Awardees

Year 11 & 12 Level One Awardees with Assistant Regional Director Ms Kim Fredericks

Awards Night 2013
Leadership & Cultural Awards

Rotary President Mr Mike Newton with the year 12 Cultural Service winners: Ashleigh Attard, Courtney Woods, Nikki Thomson, Laurance Papale, Allison Byrnes, Amos Lipsys, Amelia Wallace, Mark Barbagallo, Julia Woodlock, Paula Zamperoni and Eilish Wall. Absent: Rachael Becke and Kirsten Marano

The year 12 Leadership awardees with Mayor Bill Lowis: Courtney Woods, Ashleigh Attard, Laurance Papale, Nikki Thomson, Amos Lipsys, Madalin Vassalini, Mark Barbagallo, Cailin Betteridge, Elliott Marano & Joel Hanson. Absent: Rachael Becke and Kirsten Marano

Community Service Excellence Awardee, Courtney Woods with mum Nyree.

Aaron Cockburn winner of the music award with teacher Mr Leon Stucas

Cultural Award winners Reece D’Alessandro & Rachel Marano with Mr Sam Harris

TEACHERS’ AWARDS

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On Tuesday 22 October, over 50 Sports Awards were presented to acknowledge and celebrate students at Home Hill State High School for their commitment, participation and success in sport over the past year.

10 students received Coaches Awards for effort and participation.

The ‘Level’ Sports Awards acknowledge increasing levels of success and representation with Level 1 representing the highest level.

20 students received Level 4 Awards.
9 students received Level 3 Awards.
11 students received Level 2 Awards.
5 students received Level 1 Awards.

We were extremely fortunate to have ex-Cowboys player, Aaron Payne as our Guest Speaker this year. Aaron spoke about the highlights of his rugby league career as well as the challenges and setbacks he has endured. His tenacity and work ethic have seen him achieve a number of accolades throughout his career. Aaron has visited our school numerous times throughout the year, conducting sessions aimed at improving the skills of students as the Cowboy’s Junior Development officer. It was fantastic to see such an accomplished local sportsperson volunteer his time to attend our awards ceremony.

A big thanks as always to the various people who helped on the night and in its preparation, especially the year 12 Physical Recreation and Physical Education Class, who did a fantastic job with speeches and trophy organisation. Thanks also to year 11 student Callan Sunderland for presenting on the night. Well done to all students who received awards on the night and thank you for your efforts in sport this year.

The major awards for the evening were as follows.

Lloyd Mann Memorial Athletes of the Year: Kimberley Bourke and Laurance Papale
Carol Coutts Memorial House Spirit Trophy: Upstart
Pierre De Coubertin Award: Mark Barbagallo
Vince Toohey Memorial Junior Sportsperson of the Year: Christopher Previtera
John Cook Memorial Senior Sportsperson of the Year: Kate Neal
Don McDowall Memorial Sportsperson of the Year: Kate Neal
Year 8s improve numeracy skills with iPad App

Students in year 8 SET classes recently spent a lesson refining their numeracy skills by using an iPad App which requires them to ‘move’ books on shelves in numerical order according to the books Dewey Decimal number or call number. Prior to the lesson very few students felt confident with decimal numbers but by the end of the lesson every student could order the decimal numbers successfully.

Can you order these books’ Dewey Decimal or Call Number from smallest number to biggest?

ANSWER – 210, 210.1, 210.994, 455.6, 455.601, 699, 789.56
**Australian National Chemistry Quiz**

This year 38 Home Hill High School students entered the Australian National Chemistry, which was open to years 9-12. 19 students (50%) received a Credit, Distinction or High Distinction. The recipients were as follows:

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A special mention goes to the three students receiving High Distinctions: Christina Postma, Ashleigh Attard and Druce Becke who were ranked in the top 2%, 5% and 6% of the State, respectively.

**A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST COMES TO VISIT...**

It’s not every day you can say you met a nuclear physicist, but this dream became reality for the year 12 Chemistry and Physics classes on Tuesday 22 October. Dr David Hoxley from La Trobe University, Melbourne was visiting North Queensland to promote Science, Technology & Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in high schools. After meeting Dr Hoxley at a conference in Townsville, Miss Nicholson and Mrs Thomas were delighted to find that he specialised in nanotechnology – a unit currently being studied at our school. They were even more excited when he said he would come to the school as a guest speaker! Dr Hoxley interconnected the content currently covered at school to his own project in which he utilises diamond biosensors to detect cancer in human cells.

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**Chemistry Joke**

*Question: Why can you never trust an atom?*

*Answer: They make up everything!*
**Chappies Corner**

Well it has been a busy start to the term but there seems to be excitement in the air. Everyone is looking forward to the Christmas holidays and having a long break. Term four can be both busy and exciting. For our grade 12s it can be a time of anxiety but also a time of excitement as a new chapter to their life is soon to unfold. I can’t believe it will soon be time to say good bye to our grade 12s. It feels like yesterday that they were new little grade 8s entering high school for the first time. Now they are almost adults and are soon to head off into the big wide world. I always get a little teary when they say their final goodbyes to the school. But as always, it has been a privilege to watch them grow up and mature over the past 5 years. For some, their journey of high school has not been without personal hardships and trials over the years. But I have seen many students use those hard times to strengthen themselves and to learn from their experiences. I have true admiration for the strength and commitment many of our grade 12s have displayed over the years. You will be greatly missed.

Another exciting thing about term 4, is that Chappie’s Chillax room has been operating again on Fridays. Every Friday during first break, students can come along to Chappie’s Chillax room to play a wide selection of board games or participate in our dance competitions. Students have enjoyed dancing together to the Nintendo Wii ‘Just Dance’ Game. Most times the room is full of students all copying the same dance that is on the big screen. It has been a lot of fun. Even our very own Mr Miskin and Mr Buttsworth took the opportunity to join in and show us some of their dance moves. The students found this very entertaining and let me just say, it is probably a good thing they are our principal and deputy principal and not professional dancers (whoops!). But seriously, it has been wonderful how students have come along and supported Chappies Chillax room. Their behaviour has been fantastic and they all help to set the room up and clean up afterwards. I couldn’t provide this program if it wasn’t for the help of these wonderful students. This is a few photos I managed to take of some of our students dancing on our recent free dress day. Enjoy!!!

Chappy Jennie

**P&C Sporting Subsidies**

A reminder to students who have represented at NQ or state level school sports events. The P&C will contribute towards the costs incurred during these events but we require the students give a short report to the P&C committee on the experience before the payment is made. The next opportunity to attend a meeting is on November 12.

**Remembrance Day 2013**

Remembrance Day (11 November) marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). This Monday, the Home Hill High community will pause to remember those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. A ceremony will be conducted during the morning parade and at 11am during normal classes the entire school will observe one minute silence. Students and staff will then read the ‘Pledge of Remembrance’ written by Rupert McCall and join over 380 000 other Australian students in setting a Wild World Reading Record in the ‘Read2Remember’ program. (A copy of the pledge has been included in this newsletter.) For the remainder of the lesson students will be engaged in Remembrance Day activities unless they are participating in assessment tasks. Students may also participate in the Remembrance Day Competition.
Poppies are for sale for a gold coin donation from the school Library/Resource Centre and all are encouraged to wear their poppy with pride in memory of those who served and sacrificed for Australia.

**Did you know?**

The Flanders poppy has long been a part of Remembrance Day, the ritual that marks the Armistice of 11 November 1918, and is also increasingly being used as part of ANZAC Day observances. During the First World War, red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground. (From http://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/customs/poppies/)

**‘Home Hill High Remembers’ Remembrance Day Competition**

Home Hill High has a strong tradition of honouring ANZAC DAY and Remembrance Day each year. Display how ‘Home Hill High Remembers’ those who have served, or are currently serving our country, Australia by creating a drawing, painting, poster, photo collage, video, movie, power point, letter, short story, poem or song. Please submit your entry to the Resource Centre/Library. It may be on a USB. Please ensure your name and year level are on the item. Individual, Group and Class entries will be accepted.

Entries close on Monday 18 November 2013.

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**Congratulations to the following students who participated in the NQ Athletics trials on Friday 6 September:** Laurance Papale, Mackenzie Falco, Kate Neal, Jamaine White, Boyd Spalding, Chris Previtera, Cassie Loizou, Alana Swindley, Dana Falco, Erin Grimbaldeston. Joshua Previtera was also selected but due to injury was unable to compete.

In addition to this success, Home Hill State High School had 3 students, Laurance Papale, Boyd Spalding and Kate Neal (right) selected in the NQ squad. WELL DONE! The Queensland trials were held from 24 – 27 October in Brisbane. Kate represented the school in the 4 x 100m Relay in which her team came 5th. Laurance placed 6th in Triple Jump whilst Boyd Spalding placed 2nd in shot put. This will mean further representation for Boyd at Nationals. Lucky for Boyd, Nationals will be held in Townsville this year. Good Luck Boyd and well done again to our talented students who represented the school.
We have had a busy month incorporating activities during Mental Health Week and also Nutrition week.

The year 12’s attended an information session run by the Choices Program this term. It is to give them the knowledge and means to cope in situations that they may encounter at “Schoolies”. It is presented by university students from Mackay and the QPS and delivers youthful messages. This is all put to music and acted out as scenarios.

**Safe partying tips**

Alcohol might be part of your party scene, but it’s up to you to decide whether to drink and how to stay out of trouble. Make it easy for your friends to look after you by letting them know where you are going, what you are doing and who you are with.  

**Have a plan for the night.** Agree on a meeting place with your friends in case you lose them. Know how you are going to get home and who you can call in an emergency. Write down your friends’ and emergency phone numbers on paper in case you lose your phone.  

**Look after your friends.** Help them make good decisions about alcohol and never leave them alone.  

**If you don’t want to drink** have a good excuse ready like, “I’ve got a big game tomorrow” or “I’m on antibiotics”. Or just hold any drinks you’re given and put them down later.  

**If a friend is about to start a fight** or do something they’ll regret, tell a joke or try to get them interested in something else.  

**Pour your own drinks** and only drink what you brought. Keep an eye on your drink during the party to make sure it’s not spiked.  

**If a friend is drunk or sick, stay with them.** If they want to lie down, put them on their side in case they vomit. If they pass out, don’t take the chance they will sober up because they could die, call an ambulance by dialling 000.  

**The facts about alcohol**

Alcohol slows down the messages between your brain and your body, so it can make you less shy or more likely to take risks.  

**Alcohol makes whatever mood you are in more intense,** so it can make you feel happier or sadder.  

A recent survey found that in the last 12 months 40% of Australians aged 12-17 have drunk alcohol, 5% drink weekly. This means that most young people don’t drink alcohol. Because they were drunk, 17% of 15–18 year olds have had sex or done something similar that they regretted.  

Mixing alcohol with other drugs, like caffeine, antibiotics and painkillers, can have bad or unpredictable effects, and cause a worse hangover.  

**It takes about one hour for your body to break down one standard** drink (10 grams of alcohol). There is no way to speed this up – cold showers, coffee and water don’t work. You’re less likely to get bad effects from alcohol if you eat before you drink and have a glass of water in between each alcoholic drink.  

**Why delay drinking?**

Research has found that your brain is still developing when you are young, so it’s best to delay your first drink until you’re 18.  

Drinking alcohol when you’re young may damage your brain, which can make it hard to learn, remember things and solve problems, and cause mental health problems like depression.  

After drinking alcohol, you are more likely to take risks than older people because the decision-making part of your brain is still developing. The younger you start drinking alcohol, the more likely you are to drink more and drink more often later in life, including becoming dependent on alcohol.  

**Know the law**

In most states it’s illegal, even on private property, to give alcohol to anyone under 18 without the young person’s parents agreeing first.  

**Drink spiking is illegal** with consequences including fines and possible time in prison. Drink spiking is when a person deliberately adds alcohol or another drug to someone else’s drink without them knowing about it. This includes making a drink stronger than the person was expecting.
The 2013/2014 Interact Committee of Home Hill State High School was elected this year on 23 October 2013. Members of the Interact committee are committed to the development of leadership qualities, caring for others and a willingness to serve; providing encouragement to other students to become more involved with the wider community and also fundraising for the less fortunate.

The changing over of positions this year was a great success with a very large group of enthusiastic and ambitious year 11 students ready to take on the challenge. The previous Interact leaders have done an amazing job, with one member (Kirsten Marano) even travelling to East Timor to participate in the District 9550 Rotary District Conference in Dili. They also successfully organised Shave for a Cure, raising $1500 for those living with or affected by cancer.

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as interact committee members for 2013/2014: Joshua Previtera (President), Reece D’Alessandro (Vice President), Kimberley Bourke (Secretary), Katelyn Shepherd (Treasurer), Mackenzie Falco and Rylee Caspanello (Community Service), Callan Sunderland (International Service), Sophie Authur (Club Service), Kate Neal (Publicity Officer), Natalie Land (Attendance Officer), Jackson Dahleneburg (Sargent in Arms), Cassady Howie, Shenead Gelling and Mikaela McBow (Members). We would all like to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work and encouragement during the year and election process.

Home Hill High hosted the inaugural Harvest Festival Town of Origin rugby league match on Sunday 27 October. Approximately 1400 people gathered on the school oval to enjoy this spectacle. Thanks to the P&C and HHSHS staff for preparing the grounds, manning the bar and helping with the clean-up. Congratulations must also go to the Harvest Festival committee and to Home Hill SHS old boy Ross Moschella for organising this fantastic event.
Under 15 Softball

The under 15 girls have played the first half of their draw with games against Ayr High, Bowen High and BCH. The first two games were a good opportunity to find the best positions for our players but unfortunately we lost both. However last week against BCH we fielded very strongly to get BCH out for just 5 runs in the first innings and allowed them only 2 runs in the second. Meanwhile Home Hill batted outstandingly to score 7 runs in the first innings but just 2 in the second. With a lead of 9/7 at the end of the second innings, just 10 minutes remained and although BCH tried hard in the third, they were unable to catch up and Home Hill won their first match, 9/7.

Jacklyn Walters pitched well to Captain/Catcher Savannah Cannavan with two strikeouts while Elly Caspanello took a great catch. Cassie Loizou displayed great catching skills and took out a number of runners on 1st base. Emilee Gibson has shown great strategy in batting, she and Elly scored two runs each while Amanda Bourke, Cassie and Naomi Loizou, Emily Cannavan and Erin Grimbaldeston all scored one run. Katherine Free has also proved to be a valuable team player. Well done girls. This week we travel to Ayr High and next week to Bowen.

Corona Orders

Order forms for this year’s Corona have been sent home with students. Order forms can also be collected from the school Office.

Price: $23
Order by: 18 November
Year 12s by: 8 November
Around 450 excited, glamorous and stunning students from the three local high schools stepped out onto the red carpet entry to the Memorial Hall last Friday evening. Many proud and eager parents lined the streets to view a glimpse of the assorted arrival modes, formal gowns and attire worn by our very handsome and elegant young adults. Mrs Musumeci, Mrs Warcon, Mrs Barbagallo and Jake Healy snapped hundreds of photos which were later uploaded and watched on a continuous slide presentation. “Alice in Wonderland” was the theme for this year with vibrant and colourful decorations. The hall and lights were truly spectacular. Most students danced the night away to the sounds of DJ Liam Cody from Pooles of Music in Townsville.

P&C President, Steve Postma kindly guided the night’s proceedings. The 2013 judges: Kimberley Taylor-McInnes and Madeline Owens both from Townsville and Daniel Townson had the most difficult task of picking the Belle, Beau and Special Mention as well as the SASS and SWAGGER awardees for the night from a short listed top six boys and top six girls. As well as the above awards a new category titled “Miss Elegance” was sponsored this year by Spearitts Jewellers. The following students received this year’s awards:

- **Beau of the Ball**: Reece D’Alessandro (HHS – Year 11)
- **Belle of the Ball**: Ashleigh Attard (HHS – Year 12)
- **Miss Elegance**: Shenead Gelling (HHS – Year 11)
- **Runners Up**: Brandon Moretto (ASH – Year 12)
  - Kimberley Bourke (HHS – Year 11)
- **SASS**: Allie Cranitch (ASH – Year 10)
- **SWAGGER**: Rullington Zaro (ASH – Year 10)

*Best Dressed in Theme*: Aaron Cockburn (HHS – Year 12)

*Best Dressed Couple*: Chiara Pontarelli and Mitchell Guy (both BCH Year 11)

The following Home Hill SHS students won a Special Mention:

- Rylee Caspanello (HHS – Year 11)
- Mark Barbagallo (HHS – Year 12)
- Mackenzie Falco (HHS – Year 11)

Students entered the Memorial Hall through a beautifully lit doorway created by a very enthusiastic set of P&C parents and the hall walls were decorated with Alice in Wonderland characters created by a successful Student Ball Committee. Many thanks for your participation and efforts and to all other helpers who assisted in any of the preparations and clean up.

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Thank you!
PLEDGE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Australian soldier grows not old, the flame still lights his eyes
Although his body lays to rest, his flag forever flies
On the green and gold horizon where the wattles sweep and sway
It flies amongst the gardens and the classrooms of today

Over ocean streams and backyard dreams, above the sunburnt plain
Through harvest yields, on sporting fields, in rainbows after rain
It defines a life worth living and a day that must be won
For every father’s daughter and for every mother’s son

But more than that, the honour claimed in fighting for the free
The pride of the Australian soldier burns in you and me
When the night is dark and dangerous with the rumble of the storm
His courage calls the sunrise and his spirit makes it warm

We will not forget their sacrifice – the strength of their endeavour For the choices we are gifted with, that flame will burn forever With a smile that lights the future shining brightly in our scope
We will stand as one, together – we will carry on with hope

But as we go, we take the words that rightfully belong

“\textit{I am young and I am worthy, I am brave and I am strong} 
\textit{In the face of any challenge, I will strive to rise above} 
\textit{I deserve this opportunity to live, to learn, to love} 
\textit{I can truly make a difference; my path is up to me} 
\textit{And this is my commitment – be the best that I can be.}”