

Parent Newsletter

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Friday 9th November

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4—WEEK 6

Sunday 11 November

Boarders Return After 3:00pm

Monday 12 November

Year 7 & 9 Examinations

World Interact Week

Tuesday 13 November

Year 7 & 9 Examinations

World Interact Week

School Council Meeting

P&C Meeting

ESSA On-line Science Test

Wednesday 14 November

Year 7 & 9 Examinations

World Interact Week

ESSA On-line Science Test

National Recycling Week Incur-
sion

Thursday 15 November

Year 7 & 9 Examinations

World Interact Week

Advisory Board Meeting

Year 10 Food Technology Task

Friday 16 November

Year 7 & 9 Examinations

World Interact Week

Interact Fashion 500 Show

National Recycling Week Incur-
sion

TERM 4—WEEK 7

Monday 19 November

Australian Business Week

Tuesday 20 November

Australian Business Week

Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion

Year 8 Poetry Performance

Year 7 Technology Task

Wednesday 21 November

Australian Business Week

Thursday 22 November

Australian Business Week

Finance Committee Meeting

Year 11 HSC Biology Task

Year 9 IST Task

Year 8 Agriculture Incur-
sion

Friday 23 November

Australian Business Week

Janene Best Debating Finals

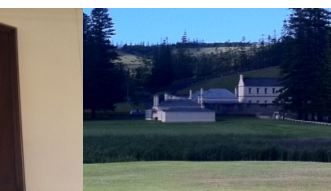
Year 11 HSC Modern History
Task



Our 2012 HSC students have progressed through the exam period in a reasonably calm and controlled fashion. The support provided by our teachers in helping Year 12 maintain a confident, focused and resilient approach has been appreciated. We wish the 2012 HSC cohort all the very best as the exam period draws to a close and they wait for the results available on 19 December. I look forward to welcoming Year 12 back to school for the ATAR Morning Tea, Thursday 20 December.



My brief visit to Norfolk Island (NI) last month provided an opportunity to understand the depth of the importance of our school's relationship with Norfolk Island Central School. It is worth noting the significant contribution HAHS has made and is making to the education of this unique community, with over 50 students attending HAHS since 1984 out of the Island's total population of 1800. Anne Foote, pictured below, has provided the scholarship funds and the valuable opportunity for NI students to attend HAHS. All recipients are proudly displayed on the school's scholarship board in the NI school library. This was my first opportunity to return to NI after 20 years; some things never change... such as the spectacular beauty of this unique part of the world.



The Prefects and Interact worked collaboratively raising funds for Bandana Day and building a positive school culture in the process. Senior student, Lachlan Delves spearheaded the event and demonstrated the power of collective action to drive the sales of bandanas. A competition for the most creative use of the bandana inspired many participants. Positive slogans were attached to noticeboards and trees around the school, making for a very positive tone. Congratulations to all students involved and the support and direction provided by Interact coordinator Ms Ross.



Congratulations to the following students for their recent successes: Tianna Cooper, a recipient of the SW Sydney Region Aboriginal Achievement Awards; Katrina Ukmar's selection in the National Schools Constitutional Convention at Parliament House, Canberra; Jamie Whybrow's first place in the 14-16 years paraders competition Jersey State Show, Camden, 31st October and Laura Nesbitt's first place in the 15-18 years Showmanship Class in the South Coast and Tablelands Spring Heifer Classic at Berry Showground, 4th November. I will attend Government House this month with five students who have been nominated to receive the Governor's Community Service Award; this is an outstanding achievement as no school has ever received so many nominations in the history of these elite awards. I look forward to inviting these and other students to the Principal's Morning Tea this term to personally congratulate each of them on their success.

This week, our international guests, 20 students and 2 teachers visiting from Delhi Public School, Bhopal and Indore, found time in their busy schedule to provide a cultural experience for our enthusiastic student audience. Thanks to Danielle Krix and Fran Campbell for their on-going support and coordination of these groups. (See photos on page 2)



I am very pleased to see the cross KLA collaboration of staff and students led by TAS teacher Zijad Haracic involved in the upgrade of the Dining Hall facade project. A creative display of life sized farm animals are currently under construction to bring life to the Dining Hall, a show piece that will be reflective of our beautiful rural environment. We also made time to have some fun with Halloween last week.



Important dates coming up: School Council & P&C meetings from 600pm 13 November; Advisory Board meeting 15 November; Art Show Clarke House 700pm 7 December; School Council & P&C meetings from 600pm 11 December; Presentation Day Tuesday 18 December 115-300pm; HSC results 19 December; ATAR morning Tea 20 December.

K. A. Wratten
Principal

SOUTH COAST & TABLELANDS SPRING HEIFER CLASSIC

Sunday 4th November – Berry Showground

After 8 hours of washing, parading and clipping Ayrshire and Jersey heifers in the rain on Saturday, the bus pulled out of Hurlstone at 5.30am on Sunday morning full of excited (but tired!) students on their way to Berry Showground.

The day started with the Showmanship classes, where competitors are judged on their ability to parade and display a heifer. This was a great opportunity for our students to show the South Coast dairy community what we have been doing at Hurlstone, and the ultimate compliment was the number of breeders who asked Hurlstone students to parade their animals for them after they saw the high standards they displayed in the showmanship competition.

Showmanship Class	Student	Place
Under 14 years (12 competitors)	Polly Donoghoe	3 rd
	Ethan Anderson	4 th
	Cailyn Loveday	5 th
	Ya Xin Huang	6 th
	Celeste Kadel	7 th
	Renu Bhutkar	8 th
15-18 years (13 competitors)	Laura Nesbitt	1 st
	Jamie Whybrow	2 nd
	Anna Markey	3 rd
	Kristy Wassink	4 th
	Emma Rice	7 th

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The standard and condition of our animals was complimented by many other breeders, and the judge agreed with their comments, with a number of ribbons being awarded to our Ayrshire and Jersey calves and heifers.

Class	Calf / Heifer	Leader	Place
Calf under 3 months	Hurlstone Louise Sheen	Renu Bhutkar	2 nd
Calf 3-6 months	Hurlstone Lacey Bright	Ya Xin Huang	6 th
	Hurlstone Lola Sheen	Celeste Kadel	7 th
	Hurlstone Lexi Norma	Polly Donoghoe	9 th
	Hurlstone Latte Bright	Cailyn Loveday	13 th
Heifer 6-9 months	Hurlstone Kristy Norma	Semih Brassil	12 th
Heifer 9-12 months	Hurlstone Kutie Joy	Ethan Anderson	2 nd
Heifer 12-18 months	Hurlstone Keeping Bright	Daniella Stewart	3 rd
	Hurlstone Kerrie Solax	Jamie Whybrow	6 th
	Hurlstone Kaleidoscope Sheen	Laura Nesbitt	8 th

The South Coast and Southern Tablelands Dairy community welcomed our students and animals and there were many compliments received by Mrs Hackett, Mr Houweling and Wayne about the standard of both our animals and our students. Andy and his farm team must be congratulated on these excellent results at a highly competitive show that is attended by the best dairy breeders in the region.



Cailyn Loveday showing Hurlstone Latte Bright

Polly Donoghoe showing Hurlstone Lexi Norma



Renu Butkar showing Hurlstone Louisa Sheen

Ya Xin Huang showing Hurlstone Kristy Norma

Hurlstone 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in 15-18 years Showmanship:
 Laura Nesbitt, Jamie Whybrow, Anna Markey & Kristy Vassink

JERSEY STATE SHOW—CAMDEN SHOWGROUNDS

Wednesday 31st October

The day began at 6am with early breakfast for the boarders, and the bus departing at 6.30am – right on time (for once). The day at Camden Showgrounds began with the Jersey State Youth Show, which started with the junior parade's competition.

In the parade's competition, entrants were judged on their ability to parade and display a heifer, and they were required to talk to the judge about their animal and how it was prepared for the show. The Jersey State Show saw a large number of entrants in each parade's class. Many of the entrants live on dairy farms, and our students' success in these competitions is testament to the many hours of hard work done with the animals after school and on weekends.

Class	Student	Place
14-16 years	Jamie Whybrow	1 st
	Scott Essam	5 th
17-25 years	Laura Nesbitt	3 rd
	Kristy Wassink	4 th
	Anna Markey	5 th

Next on the programme were the youth classes, where the young animals had to be paraded by handlers under the age of 18.

Class	Calf	Leader	Place
Heifer under 9 months	Hurlstone Lacey Bright	Polly Donoghoe	3 rd
	Hurlstone Latte Bright	Cailyn Loveday	4 th
Heifer 9-15 months	Hurlstone Keeping Bright	Laura Nesbitt	2 nd
	Hurlstone Kutie Joy	Zak Hackett	3 rd

In the junior judging competition, competitors judge a class of four heifers, submitting their written judgements for a score out of 50. Each competitor then speaks about their decisions to the audience, using a microphone and following particular conventions for presenting their opinions. They receive a score out of 50 for the oral component, resulting in a total score out of 100.

Class	Student	Place
Under 14 years	Cailyn Loveday	3 rd
15-25 years	Anna Markey	3 rd

After the junior judging, the State Show commenced, with our animals competing against the best jerseys from across New South Wales and performing very strongly.

Class	Calf	Leader	Place
Heifer under 6 months	Hurlstone Lacey Bright	Jamie Whybrow	11 th
	Hurlstone Latte Bright	Cailyn Loveday	8 th
Heifer 9-12 months	Hurlstone Kutie Joy	Anna Markey	7 th
Heifer 12-18 months	Hurlstone Keeping Bright	Laura Nesbitt	6 th

Thursday 1st November

Thursday saw the start of the State Show milker classes. Hurlstone has a small number of Jerseys in our milking herd, so competing at this level with the State's top breeders is always challenging.

Class	Calf	Leader	Place
Cow 3-4 years in milk	Hurlstone Whistler Royal	Jamie Whybrow	9 th
Cow 4-5 years in milk	Hurlstone Brook Bright	Polly Donoghoe	4 th

These are fantastic results in a very tough competition that reflect the dedication of Andy Scherer and his farm team. A special thank you to Brendan who helped the students prepare the jerseys and spent two nights sleeping at the Showground to care for our animals.

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Jamie Whybrow with her First Place Parader's Ribbon



Laura Nesbitt & Kristy Wassink with Hurlstone Keeping Bright



L to R: Mrs Hackett, Brendan, Scott Essam, Hurlstone Brook Bright, Polly Donoghoe, Anna Markey, Jamie Whybrow, Hurlstone Whistler Royal, Kristy Wassink, Laura Nesbitt



Hurlstone Agricultural High School's

ART SHOW

7th December 7:00pm - 10:00 pm



Andy Scherer

Renowned local artists will display their works in our historic Clarke House. Gifted student works will also be on display.

Canapés will be served and the HAHS Orchestra will perform.

Tickets: Friday \$8

Dress: Smart casual

Address: HAHS Clarke House, Roy Watts Road Glenfield

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** This is an alcohol free, non smoking event**