

Parent Newsletter

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Friday 22nd February

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1—WEEK 5

Monday 25 February

Swimming Carnival
Year 12 Music Excursion (Evening)
Year 7 Camp

Tuesday 26 February

Master Plan Feedback Meeting
Year 7 Camp

Wednesday 27 February

Year 12 Motivational Workshop
Year 7 Camp
Rehearsal—School Musical

Thursday 28 February

Zone Swimming Carnival
Farm Meeting
Year 10 Elective History Task
Year 8Y Japanese Excursion

Friday 1 March

Closed Weekend—Boarders Travel Home
Robertson Show
Year 10 Japanese Task
Year 9 (M&E) Geography Excursion

Saturday 2 March

Robertson Show

TERM 1—WEEK 6

Monday 4 March

Year 9N&R Geography Fieldwork Trip

Tuesday 5 March

Year 11 Assembly
Year 9N&R Geography Fieldwork Trip
Year 7 Creating Connections

Wednesday 6 March

Rehearsal—School Musical

Thursday 7 March

Year 12 English Excursion
Year 11 PE Task
Year 8I Japanese Excursion
Year 7 Visual Arts Task
Farm Meeting

Friday 8 March

Castle Hill Show
Formal Assembly
Year 11 PE Task
Year 7 Visual Arts Task

Saturday 9 March

Castle Hill Show

Sunday 10 March

Beautiful Minds High Tea

TERM 1—WEEK 5

Monday 11 March

Year 12 Japanese Task
Year 7 Visual Arts Task

Tuesday 12 March

Master Plan Feedback Meeting
P&C Annual General Meeting
Year 12 Senior Science Task
Year 10 Commerce Task
Year 7 Visual Arts Task
Year 7 Creating Connections

Wednesday 13 March

Year 7 Visual Arts Task
Rehearsal—School Musical

Thursday 14 March

Selective Schools Test
Farm Meeting
Year 8D Japanese Excursion
Year 7 Visual Arts Task

Friday 15 March

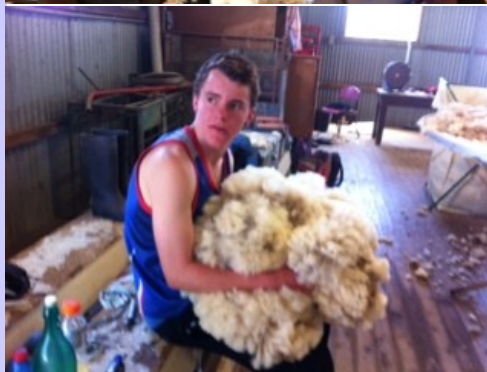
Camden Show
Year 8 Visual Arts Task

Saturday 16 March

Camden Show



Mr Ian Evans, Program Manager, Shearing Industry Development, Australian Wool Innovation Limited (pictured below with Head Teacher Agriculture Ross McGregor), is supporting and promoting Hurlstone as a site for training the rising generations of farmers and metropolitan students in sheep and wool handling. Recently, Hurlstone students Laura Nesbitt, Erin Goodacre, Teague Studholme and Emma Rice were joined by students from Braidwood Central, Oakhill College and Bede Polding for a one week residential at Hurlstone. All students successfully completed a Certificate in Sheep and Wool Handling. The future is bright for such training to continue and expand at Hurlstone with growing demand from external agencies. In response, construction of shearing stands has doubled. In May, later this year, further training will be held for teachers in preparation for the National Merino Challenge.



The 2013 Lion's Club Youth of the Year program zone competition was held at Ingleburn RSL this week. School Vice Captain, Christina Wu, won the round against contestants from Sarah Redfern HS, Ingleburn HS and Macquarie Fields HS. The students were judged on their performance across a range of criteria including a written resume, two impromptu speeches and a five minute prepared speech. Congratulations to Christina who will advance to the regional competition on 3rd March, where she competes against students from Fairfield, Liverpool, Cabramatta, Camden and Ingleburn.



School improvements continue with laundry renovations in the boarding school. In addition, the pool has been drained and now the real work begins in moving the Master Plan into action. Further, I was delighted to receive, on behalf of the school, a tree mural courtesy of state rail. This beautiful stainless steel structure with panel dimensions 2440x1220mm will be positioned on the wall at the entrance of our school.



Years 7 and 8 boarding students thoroughly enjoyed their 'innings' this week. The My Kitchen Rules set would have had tough competition if our girls were anywhere in sight. Pizzas and crepes were on the evening menu. Thanks to HT Welfare Boarding Roxanne West and boarding staff member Jess Garcia for organising this event.



Consultation around the three key areas of the Master Plan continues. Very shortly I will be asking for your feedback on the Peter's Inquiry recommendations across the core areas of curriculum, residential boarding school and farm. Thank you to the parents who attended the selection panel training last week.



Finally, I look forward to seeing you all at the P&C AGM, 7:00pm 12 March, in the Staff Common Room, followed by the P&C meeting.

K. A. Wratten
Principal

CAMPBELLTOWN LIBRARY YOUR-TUTOR SCHEME

Campbelltown Library Service is again offering the YourTutor Scheme. This is an on-line homework help service for students in Years 7-12.

Students can access YourTutor from the Library or home from Monday to Friday between 4 & 8pm.

Support is provided by qualified tutors in a wide range of subjects including English, Mathematics & Science. The service is free-of-charge; students simply need their library card number to access the service through the Library's website.

More details can be gained through Campbelltown Library, their website at www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au or through the Youth Librarian on 4645-4451.

STUDENT STUDY SKILLS

Hurlstone Agricultural High School is a subscriber to the ELES Online Study Skills Handbook. This handbook provides a comprehensive and interactive online guide for students as to the study skills needed for success in high school.

To access the handbook, go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and login in with these details:

Username: forhurlstoneonly

Password: 88results

We encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their study skills through this online resource. Two units which could be of use right now, and are specifically for assisting students in transition, are 'Starting Secondary School' and 'Becoming a Senior Student'.

SCHOOL MUSICAL—GUYS & DOLLS

It is with great pride that the Musical Committee of HAHS announces the completion of auditions for the 2013 musical, *Guys and Dolls*. To be presented from 20th to 22nd June, *Guys and Dolls* will highlight the talents of Tabassum Hussain as Sarah Brown, Catherine Londos & Phoebe Ludemann as Adelaide, Jesse Taunton as Sky Masterson & Luke Pereira as Nathan Detroit. Rehearsals for the cast & ensemble have begun & will continue on Wednesday afternoons for this term & next.

BOARDER PARENTS—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please make sure when visiting your children in the boarding school you sign in with the duty room first. No parent should be on site without doing so.

All leave for boarders must be done in advance. It not only assists kitchen staff with weekend meal orders it makes life easier for duty staff on Friday afternoon not to waste time entering leave when they need to be supervising students and preparing for prep. Please send leave faxes for students at least two days in advance. Please also use the correct form which can be picked up in the duty room.

Telephone calls regarding leave cannot be accepted by Duty Room staff.

Duty Room staff cannot take money from parents for boarding fees and other activities. This must be paid directly to the registrar, who can now accept EFTPOS for payments.

Boarders are being given the opportunity on Wednesdays after sport to be taken by bus to the Aldi store at Macquarie Fields to purchase toiletries, washing powder and other items of need, at a price much cheaper than in shops at Glenfield. The first trip in week two had 41 students take up the offer.

Steve from Glenfield Post Office has requested that mail be addressed as indicated below:

"Attention: (Boarders Name to be put on the front of package/letter.)

Hurlstone Agricultural High School (on front of package/letter.)

Roy Watts Road, Glenfield, NSW, 2167

This will expedite the efficient delivery of mail throughout the year.

The Uniform Shop advises that they do not have sports shirts in stock at present.

Supplies will be available again by the end of February.

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Payment of the \$50 P&C membership entitles one member from each family to vote upon issues that are raised at meetings and help shape the future of the Hurlstone community. **These funds go directly back to the students.** Over the past few years P&C have purchased and supplied HAHS with text books across all faculties, sporting equipment (including the newly completed Volleyball court), interactive whiteboards in classrooms, replacement of examination tables and chairs, iPads, robotic kits and musical equipment. Families are encouraged to pay their membership and come along and participate in these meetings.

The P&C is urgently in need of a Country Fair Assistant Co-Ordinator to assist Eve Webb, the current co-ordinator. If you are interested please contact the P&C President, Phil Wall.

The AGM will be held on March 12th at 7:00pm in the Staff Common Room. To have voting rights at this meeting membership fees must be paid to either the school finance office immediately or via cash or EFTPOS.

APPLICATION NO. []
HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
APPLICATION FOR GRANT THROUGH STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME
SECTION 2

Anonymous Section

INTRODUCTION

After some years of experience in assessing applications from parents for financial assistance, the committee has reached the conclusion that some parents do not provide enough information for their circumstances to be given proper consideration. The relative evaluation of applications from an objective viewpoint, is becoming more difficult with each succeeding year due to the increase in the numbers of families asking for assistance. The data we suggest you may wish to provide in this section is considered to be beneficial in enabling the disbursing committee to reach a balanced and reasoned decision based on common criteria.

Please note that:

- Provision of this information is NOT compulsory but it is very difficult to assess need when no evidence of family income is provided.
- All information supplied will be treated by the Principal in such a way that no other person is able to identify the applicant. The reviewing committee will be given a copy of Section 2 only; the Principal will be the only person who will see sections 1 and 2 of the applications together.

FAMILY DETAILS

a. Parental status

The following information may be provided: Centrelink documentation confirming any of the following: sole supporting parent/single parent in receipt of maintenance/single parent not in receipt of maintenance/two-parent family living together domestically with no regular employment incomes.)

b. Indication of family income with supporting evidence attached.

For example: annual taxable income/unemployed/unemployment benefits/welfare payments

c. Additional information

For example, social/economic factors such as sudden financial trauma, loss of a family member, drought, business failure, etc. In these instances, whilst the matter is no doubt private and the source of some distress, it would be helpful to the application if some details were given.

d. General School Contribution

Have you paid the General School Contribution?

YES/NO?

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR (from Section 1) []

AMOUNT GRANTED (to be completed by committee) []