

Parent Newsletter

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2013 Issue 3 - Term 1 - Week 6

Friday 8th March

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1 – Week 6

Monday 11 March

Yr 12 Japanese Continuers - Task 2
Leadership development Day.

Tuesday 12 March

Yr 12 Senior Science - Task 1
Yr 10 Commerce 200 hours - Task 1
Creating Connections

Wednesday 13 March

Rehearsal - Guys and Dolls.
SRC Planning Day.

Thursday 14 March

Laser Tag 14th March Year 9
8D Japanese Excursion

Friday 15 March

Yr 8 Visual Arts - Task 2
Camden Show.
International Women's Day

Term 1 Week 7

Monday 18 March

Yr 8 English - Task 1
Yr 7 English - Task 1
Regional Swimming Carnival.

Tuesday 19 March

Yr 11 English (Advanced) - Task 1
Yr 11 English (Standard) - Task 1
Yr 10 Japanese - Task 3
Yr 8 Science - Task 1
Creating Connections.

Wednesday 20 March

Yr 7D Japanese - Task 2
Yr 10 Visual Arts - Task 1
Geography Field
Rehearsal - Guys and Dolls.

Thursday 21 March

Yr 11 Modern History - Task 1
Yr 11 Agriculture - Task 1
Yr 10 PDHPE - Task
8A Japanese Excursion
Enough is Enough Workshop.
Formal Assembly
Yr. 7 Assembly.



Principal's Report

Students performed well at the Castle Hill show on the weekend with the following impressive results: Finn Cowden - 1st in class and qualified for Merino Judging State Final at Sydney Royal; Laura Nesbitt - 1st in class, 1st in class Beef Parading and qualified for Beef Cattle Judging State Final at Sydney Royal; Jack Bush - 4th in class and Fergus Ryan, 6th in class. Students performed exceptionally well with over 150 student participants from 13 high schools. Participation in the Castle Hill Show and Camden Show this week

provide good preparation for the Sydney Royal.



We welcome Leeann Fraser (pictured below left) as farm manager to HAHS. Christine Castle has been appointed as DP Boarding and will commence duties Term 2. Temporary English teacher Kylie Davis (pictured below right) has been appointed to Caringbah HS and will leave HAHS at the end of the term. Ross McGregor, HT Agriculture, recently commenced a lengthy period of long service leave last week, Ross will officially retire at the end of the year.



Last week HAHS welcomed 31 District Guidance Officers and counsellors. The group were engaged in professional learning focusing on supporting young carers.

Representatives from the Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research met with HT English Ann Young and Rlg HT Welfare Therese Ejsak last week to identify opportunities for HAHS students to visit the new Liverpool based research institute. The Institute works with over 200 of Australia's finest research talent who conduct medical research specific to its seven research streams: cancer research, cardio vascular disease, community and population health, early years, infectious and inflammatory diseases, injury and mental health. The group discussed ways to engage our students through diverse work experience across a range of careers from event management to medical research. Selective students will also have opportunities to participate in medical and research seminars.

The Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) has also provided opportunities for HAHS students to connect with the RAS Youth committee on a range of projects including short films and enterprise competitions. Congratulations to Danielle Krix who has been invited to join the National Merino Challenge Steering committee.



Work is underway to improve seating in the boarding media room. By the end of Term 2 we will hopefully have transformed this currently tired space (pictured below) into a modern lecture theatre, a professional learning space that will accommodate not only the boarder movie goers but a space for year groups, extra curricula clubs, professional teaching and learning networks, staff, student and parent and community groups to meet.



Boarding staff organised an evening of drumming for students last week. More than just improving their rhythmic skills, students were engaged in the deeper lessons of collaboration, individual creativity and mindfulness through drumming. It was a whole lot of fun.

HAHS Masterplan staff consultation concluded this week and collation of this feedback underway. The school's purchase of Survey Monkey will enable instant parent and student feedback across these areas before the end of the term. Public meetings will then be held before all the information is presented at the next Advisory Board meeting 2nd April.

Executive planning is underway to ensure our teachers are able to maximise school development time 29-30 April where they will uncover salient aspects of the **national curriculum**, develop strategies to cater for gifted and talented students when implementing the national curriculum, program for a diverse range of learners, collaborate to produce a template for programming at HAHS, develop assessment schedules and a program for a unit of work for trial implementation during 2013.

Upcoming events: I look forward to future conversations on 20 March with Asset Management who have committed to conducting an accommodation review (boarding, school and farm facilities) with associated funding; Principal – Deputy Principals interviews with Year 12; the Principal's Morning Tea 25 March where I will be joined by 12 students who have achieved outstanding results in the extra curricula domain; International Food stall 26 March; visiting Turkish educators group 28 March; Advisory Board 2 April; Visiting Chinese group 4 April.

Kerrie Wratten

Hurlstone Cadets



Cadets is a demanding but satisfying extra-curricular activity that Hurlstone offers to its students. Meetings are held on Friday afternoons from 1500-1730 outside the TAS staff room. Once basic training has been completed, Hurlstone cadets are given the opportunity to participate in extra activities such as abseiling, canoeing and scuba diving. For all students who are interested in joining, there will be an information session on the 15th March 2013 from 1500 – 1600. Questions will be answered and parents are welcome. Although cadets is based upon military content for the youth it is NOT a part of the army and students are not expected to join the army afterwards. Cadets require dedication however it is definitely a rewarding and unique experience.

Sport Shorts

Swimming

Results from the school swimming carnival:

1st - Wentworth 650pts

2nd - Lachlan Macquarie 576pts

3rd - Macarthur 541pts

4th - Farrer 498pt

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed on the day.

Age Swimming Champions 2013		
	Boys	Girls
12yrs	Alex Quach	Jaskiran Kaur
13yrs	Marco Bucci	Cailyn Loveday
14yrs	Peter Phanouvong	Georgina Kingston
15yrs	Harrison Le	Kate Diamond
16yrs	Aaron Johnston	Amy Nguyen
17yrs	Jac Diamond	Brittany Berry

The Hurlstone team went on to compete very successfully at the Hume Zone carnival. At the time of printing we are still awaiting official results from that carnival.

Tennis

The Hume Zone tennis trials were held at Hurlstone on Monday 11th Feb. The Hurlstone students selected in the team were Fahmid Ahmad, Dennis Tran, Henry Carta and Zarif Mashrur. They competed at the SSW Regional carnival which was held on 22nd Feb.

Henry and Zarif have been selected to represent the Region at the NSWCHS Carnival on 5-8th March at Parramatta.

Basketball

Hannah Ly of Year 10 was selected in the Hume zone basketball team to compete at the regional championships.

Competition News - Budding Poet Wins Award



After attending the UWS Young Writers Workshop, Elizabeth Read of Year 12 submitted a suite of poems in the Workshop competition.

Elizabeth's poems not only won her accolades from the judges, but she was also the happy recipient of a tablet and a conditional \$5000 per annum scholarship to the University. Congratulations to Elizabeth.

What Matters? Writing Competition Years 7-12

What Matters? is run by the Whitlam Institute with UWS. Hurlstone has had a history of success in this competition, previous winners being Natasha Langdon (Year 7 2012) and Peter Seaman (year 11 2007). Details about entering can be found on the website, but be assured that The English faculty is promoting and supporting this competition because it fits so well within current programs which include persuasive writing in preparation for NAPLAN (Year 7 & 9) and constructing persuasive arguments in both written and oral modes (Years 8, 9 and 10). Winning entries and entry details can be found on the website. Closing date for entries is Friday May 3.

http://www.whitlam.org/the_program/what_matters_writing_competition

Henry Lawson Society of NSW Literary Awards Year 7-10

The Henry Lawson Student Literary Awards are run by the Henry Lawson Society based in Gulgong. The competition includes both short story and poetry categories.

There are individual awards and school awards. Hurlstone students have always achieved fine results in this competition. Previous winners include Catherine London and Katrina Ukmar.

Details will be available on student Edmodo sites and through The English Cottage. Entry date for students to their English teacher is April 5, 2013. A copy of entry form is attached.

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition has now opened. Details about entry are on the website. www.dorothea.com.au

Premier's Reading Challenge Year 7-9

It's on again and students are able to start logging their book titles from March 4. Any books read since September 2012 are also valid inclusions for this year's challenge. Book lists and further support to encourage reading and participation are on the PRC website:

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Social Media Apps and Websites

Students are increasingly using Social Media apps such as Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter and Instagram to stay in contact with their friends and social groups. We have found that students, in some cases, are using these services to post material late at night or material that is not appropriate. It is important to discuss with your children what social media they are using and how they are using social media to communicate with other people. You may be surprised to find out what they are posting, who they are 'friends' with and what information they are receiving by following other people. Children are increasingly losing sleep due to using social media apps through the night on their smart phones. We are certainly seeing an increase of students arriving at school late because they are not getting enough sleep. We encourage you to have this discussion with your sons and daughters.



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) as part of a school-based program.

In 2013 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 9 Boys only:

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3 – dose schedule at two monthly intervals.

To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/carers are advised to read all the information provided in the kit (handed out at school), complete the consent form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Please ensure your child's class (M.E.R.I.N or O) is clearly printed on the forms.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. It is important that parents/carers provide this to their General Practitioner to ensure records are kept up to date.

Some translated material will be available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au.

Only the English Consent Form should be completed though.

The following dates are when the vaccinations are being administered.

Year 9 Boys		Vaccine
Date of first visit	8/4/2013	HPV
Date of second visit	21/6/2013	HPV
Date of third visit	25/10/2013	HPV

School sport uniform is to be worn on the day please.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wenban at the school.

Yours in Public Education,

Mr Nick Wenban
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In 2013 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough)) as a single dose.
- Hepatitis B (Hep B) vaccine in a 2 – dose schedule, 4 – 6 months apart.
- Varicella vaccine (chicken pox) as a single dose.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3 – dose schedule at two monthly intervals.

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Henry Lawson Society of NSW Inc Literary Awards 2013

Annual Student Literary Awards

Secondary Student Section Years 7 - 10*

Name of Entrant: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title of Entry/Entries: _____

1. _____

2. _____

Name & Address of School: _____

_____ School Year: _____

No limit on number of entries . No entry fee.

This entry form may be used as a cover sheet.

Name of entrant must not appear on entry/entries.

Winners will announced at the Henry Lawson Centre, 147 Mayne St, Gulgong NSW on Sunday, 9th June, 2013 at 10am. Prizes will be posted to School for presentation if students are unable to attend the official presentation.

Further details contact Secretary, Cheryl Peters Ph/Fax (02) 6374 1213.

Declaration: I have read and agree with the Conditions of Entry.

Signed: _____ (Student)

Signed by School Teacher/Principal: _____

**N.B. If you have multiple students entering the competition an overall*

teacher's declaration may be signed to cover all entries. However, an entry form

will need to be completed by the student to be attached to their entry.

Conditions of Entry:

- Entries close 12th April, 2013. i.e. entries must be postmarked on or before this date. **No** entries postmarked after this date will be accepted.
- Entries should be mailed to Literary Awards, Henry Lawson Society of NSW Inc, PO Box 235, Gulgong NSW 2852.
- This section is only open to students in Years 7-10* (*NSW, or other state equivalent)
- All entries are to be the original work of the entrant, in short story **or** poetry form (not necessarily in the style of Henry Lawson), open theme, be a work of fiction and must not exceed 1,000 words in either form.
- Entries must not have previously placed 1st in any competition, as at closing date of entries. Entries under consideration in other competitions are acceptable.
- Entries should be typed, wherever possible, on one side of white A4 paper with generous margins. Personal details **must not** appear on the entry, only on the entry form and/or cover sheet. Please include title and page number on each page.
- Entry forms may be photocopied. Entries forwarded by electronic means are not accepted.
- All entries are to be available for reproduction and /or publication by the Henry Lawson Society of NSW Inc. Copyright will be retained by the author.
- The judge's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Due to the number of entries received individual comments are not possible.



www.gulgong.net

The Henry Lawson Society of NSW Inc. Annual Literary Awards comprise of THE LAND Short Story Award; the Clyde Oakley Memorial Emerging Writer's Award; THE LAND Written Poetry Award; the Clyde Oakley Memorial Emerging Poet's Award; the Leonard Teale Memorial Performance Poetry Competition, proudly supported by Essential Energy; the National Student Literary Award ~ Secondary Years 7 - 10, and the National Student Literary Award ~ Primary Years 3 - 6.

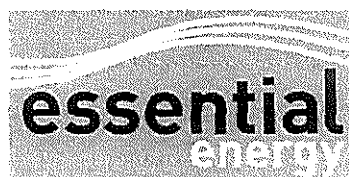
In 2013 we have introduced a new section,. This will be run in conjunction with the Leonard Teale Memorial Performance Poetry Competition, which is proudly supported by Essential Energy. This is an Audience Choice, voted by members of the audience with the winner receiving a Loaded Dog Statuette and \$200.

If you, or anyone you know are interested in an entry form please contact the Secretary. Details within.

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Secondary Student Years 7-10 *

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Third Prize: Book Prize, and \$25 sponsored by Gulgong Newsagency & OFFICEsmart

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The school of the winning student will receive \$100
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All participating students receive a
Certificate of Participation and a copy of the Judge's Report.



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