

Parent Newsletter

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2013 Issue 5 - Term 1 - Week 10

Friday 5th April

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 1—WEEK 11

Monday 8 April

Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams
Year 7 & 9 Vaccinations
Year 10 Engineering Studies Task
Year 10 Drama Task
Year 9 IST Task

Tuesday 9 April

Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams
Year 11 Ancient History Task
Year 9 English Task
Year 8 Mandatory Technology Task
Year 7 Japanese Task

Wednesday 10 April

Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams
Year 11 Geography Field Trip
Year 9 English Task
Year 8 Music Task

Thursday 11 April

Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams
Farm Meeting
Year 9 English Task
Year 8 Mandatory Technology Task

Friday 12 April

Year 12 Half-Yearly Exams
Last Day of Term—Boarders Travel Home
Anzac Day Service
Year 9 English Task

TERM 2—WEEK 1

Monday 29 April

School Development Day—No Students

Tuesday 30 April

School Development Day—No Students
Boarders Return After 3pm

Wednesday 1 May

Rehearsal—School Musical
Year 12 Japanese Excursion
Year 8 Visual Arts Task

Thursday 2 May

Year 11 Half-Yearly Exams
Year 12 English Extension 2 Task
Year 12 Visual Arts Task
Year 9 Japanese Task
Year 8 Mandatory Technology Task
Year 8 Visual Arts Task

Friday 3 May

Year 11 Half-Yearly Exams
Boarding School Expo—Deniliquin
Year 9 Japanese Task
Year 8 Visual Arts Task

Saturday 4 May

Boarding School Expo—Deniliquin

TERM 2—WEEK 2

Monday 6 May

Year 11 Half-Yearly Exams
Year 8 Visual Arts Task

Tuesday 7 May

Year 11 Half-Yearly Exams
Year 9 Food Technology Task
Year 8 Visual Arts Task
Year 7 Japanese Task

Wednesday 8 May

Year 11 Half-Yearly Exams
Year 7 Japanese Task
Rehearsal—School Musical

Thursday 9 May

Year 11 Half-Yearly Exams
Year 10 Digital Media Task
Year 7 Japanese Task

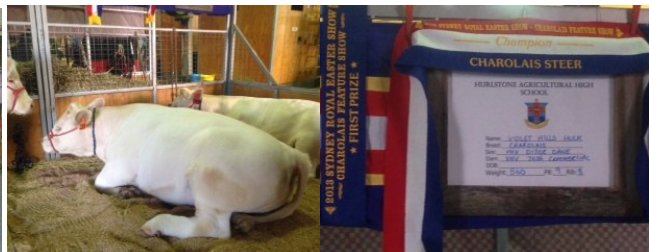
Friday 10 May

Year 11 Half-Yearly Exams
School Cross Country



The school's performance at the 2013 Royal Agricultural Show has been excellent. Enterprise Development Manager, Mrs Danielle Krix provided the following report: Beef- Charolais were the feature breed in 2013 at Sydney Royal. One of the school's Charolais steers eartag 61 was placed 1st out of all the 50 Charolais steers present. This steer, among others, was supplied by the Jenkins family (father and son, Old Boys of the school). This is a great credit to the school as the school is competing against the best in the Charolais industry in NSW. This same steer placed 3rd when

against all other breeds in the heavy weight division. While another Hurlstone Charolais steer – eartag 248 placed 2nd in another heavy weight class. Students are to be congratulated for all their hard work: Laura Nesbitt, Emma Rice, Anna Markey, Jack Bush, David Webb, Fergus Ryan, Sarah Nesbitt, Michael Webb, Daniela Stewart. The sheep team (showing Suffolks for the first time in the school's history) conducted themselves with professionalism and enthusiasm. While no places were gained this year, invaluable industry contacts were made with other breeders who were very impressed with our students. Many thanks to the teaching staff who assisted the students with particular thanks to Kory Graham (farm staff) who drove the steer development and assisted greatly with student skills development. On a side note Kory participated in the poultry judging State Final at Sydney Royal and placed 1st – congrats to Kory.



Steer 70 (Black Limousin steer) was awarded a bronze medallion in the middle weight carcass section. Steer 248 (Charolais Steer) was awarded a bronze medallion in the Heavy weight carcass section. In addition, steer tag 61 was selected to be part of the Stanhill team. Each breed selects live what they believe will be their best 3 steers when later assessed as carcasses. The Charolais breed placed 2nd in the Stanhill competition where all breeds are competing with market criteria which are industry standards across all breeds of cattle. The students are to be congratulated again for obtaining 5th place in the herdsman competition. This is where approximately 35 schools compete on how they present their animals, keep their cattle beds tidy and promote the school. The Limousin breeder benefactor was so impressed by the students and their application, they have gone from offering a 50% subsidy to the school to offering the full 100% of the Limousin proceeds return back to the school. The Charolais breeder has invited the students to his on farm bull sale. In addition, another Limousin breeder (previously not acquainted with the school) who gained Reserve Champion carcass, approached the school and offered to the school a 50% arrangement for steers later in 2013 and at Sydney Royal 2014. In the RAS sheep competition HAHS entered two black Suffolk sheep for the first time. These were paraded by Esther Chong, Matthew Gregory and Therese Dinh.



Mrs Sandra Hackett provided the following report on the 2013 RAS dairy team's performance: In the SEMEX Youth Challenge HAHS finished last for the first 7 years, 2nd last in 2012. Teams of ten people aged under 25 years compete in all aspects of showing dairy cattle – parading, clipping and judging. This year the HAHS team of year 8-10 students finished first! Clipping – Jamie Whybrow (team captain), Ben Essam, Sarah Ludington and Ethan Anderson. Parading – Zoe Hall, Daniella Stewart and Polly Donoghoe. Judging – David Webb, Scott Essam and Matthew Gregory. Students each received a blue ribbon, a jacket (specially imported from Canada) and the school received the Broad Ribbon. In the Junior Paraders Competition - Under 15 years – Zoe Hall 7th, Polly Donoghoe 10th.

15—18 Years – Jamie Whybrow 5th. In the Youth Classes - Matt Gregory lead *Butter Midori* to 4th place in the 12-18 month Heifer class. In the Ayrshire Section- Heifer 6-8 months – *Lou Solax* 3rd – lead by Ethan Anderson, Heifer 16-20 months – *Butter Midori* 3rd – lead by Daniella Stewart, Heifer 20-24 months – *Kerrie Solax* 4th. Pen of three females under 2 years – 3rd. Pen of five females any age – 2nd Best Maintained Ayrshire Team (over 5 head) – winner.



I was delighted to receive the following email from a member of the public regarding the outstanding conduct of our 2013 Sydney Royal team:

To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my thanks to the students we encountered at the Royal Easter Show this year who were fantastic ambassadors for your school. My family including 2 young children visited the cow pavilion where we found one young man particularly helpful and knowledgeable about his exhibit. He was very obliging and even took the time to let my children pat his cow. I was very impressed with his knowledge of the animals as he was able to answer questions put to him in a confident and friendly manner. I now wish I had caught his name so that you could pass on a personal thanks to him but I think your whole team should be congratulated on the way they presented themselves and probably more importantly from a school perspective, were great representatives of your school. People are quick to criticize the younger generations but this was indeed a pleasant change to encounter some helpful, friendly and polite young people, so again well done to your students!

Amongst several visitors to the school recently, I particularly enjoyed spending time with 1956 HAHS graduate, Wally Peart, and his lovely wife Helen, pictured below left. The couple live on their beef property in Arcadia Valley, QLD. Wally humbly shared his substantial career achievements in agri-politics, practical conservation and sustainable farming over 40 years. He has served on the national boards of Greening Australia, Landcare and the NFF Conservation Committee. Wally has also received an OBE for service to the cattle industry. The artistic couple belong to the group known as the Six Artists From Out of Nowhere and their artistic work centres on the use of metal and paints depicting rural QLD scenes. Also 1986 graduate, Michael Aspinall has returned to HAHS want to give something back to his "old school". Michael, a commercial pilot, has established his own business inspiring and motivating HR teams in the area of leadership and team effectiveness. We are delighted to have him working voluntarily with our student leadership teams next term.

Thanks to members of the P&C's International Food committee (pictured below right) whose efforts this term raised \$1383. The school is highly appreciative of the parents' efforts.



Congratulations to PDHPE teacher and SRC co-ordinator, Samir Seblani, for organising an outstanding SRC Induction ceremony. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance. I look forward to the implementation of the 2013 SRC strategic plan.



Finally, I wish all members of our community a happy and safe Term 1 vacation. Term 2 commences with two pupil-free school development days on Monday and Tuesday 29-30 April; boarders return after 300pm on Tuesday 30 April and day school students return Wednesday 1 May.
Kerrie Wratten

WINTER & THE FLU!

As the colder weather approaches, a reminder that if your child is displaying any flu like symptoms, to please keep them home until they are better. This will hopefully prevent the spread of illness throughout our school community.

PLEASE MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO SEE STAFF!

A reminder to all parents and carers to please ring and make an appointment if you would like to speak to a member of staff.

Schools are incredibly busy places therefore if you turn up at the front office wanting to speak to a specific member of staff, your request may not be able to be accommodated in a timely fashion.

Once again, please make an appointment.

CHESS NEWS

On Tuesday April 2nd 47 students participated in a Chess tournament at Cabramatta HS; 20 from Year 11, 9 each from Years 10 & 9, & 9 from Years 7 & 8. Seven Divisions were formed: Kevin Chou won Division 2, Alex Wu won Division 3, Chris Trinh won Division 5 and Petar Smolovic won Division 6. Other schools competing included Cabramatta High, Blacktown High and St Dominic's.

The students expressed appreciation for the opportunity to compete & were a very co-operative group.

SPORTS SHORTS



Swimming - Hurlstone sent a 50 swimmer strong team to the Hume Zone carnival on Thursday 28th February at Macquarie Fields Pool. Hurlstone were named the champion school of the carnival and 29 of our swimmers qualified to compete at the Sydney South West regional carnival which was held at Bradbury Pool on Monday 18th March. From that carnival the following students have been selected to compete at the NSW CHS carnival at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre: Kate Diamond (5 events), Alex Quach (6 events), Timothy Jong (2 events), Marco Bucci (1 event) and the 14rs Boys 4x50m relay team consisting of Alec Nguyen, Harry Fuelling, Dan Nguyen and Peter Phanouvong.

Tennis - congratulations to Henry Carta and Zarif Mashrur who represented Sydney South West Region at the NSWCHS Tennis Championships on 5-8th March at Parramatta.

Touch KO – both our boys and girls touch teams won their way to the regional championships which was played on Thursday 28th March at Minto. At the championships the



girls team lost in the quarter finals and the boys lost in the semi final.

Table Tennis – our boys team defeated John Edmondson High School in the 2nd round of the state knockout competition. The team consists of Hammill Prasawat Year 10, Dennis Tran Year 10, Kevin Nguyen Year 11, and Matthew Leung Year 9.

Basketball KO – both our boys and girls open state knock out teams have qualified for the regional central venue competition. The boys won 3 games to get this far and the girls won 2.

AFL – congratulations to Jack Lawrence of Year 9 who has been selected in the Sydney South West Regional AFL U/16 team to compete in the Sydney Championships on 2nd May.

Touch - congratulations to Matthew Gregory of Year 8 who has been selected in the Sydney South West Regional touch U/16 team to compete in the NSW Championships on the weekend of 4 & 5th May.

Netball – Brittany Berry of Year 11 has been selected in the Sydney South West regional netball team to play in the NSW CHS championships at Tamworth in May.

Soccer – congratulations to Year 11 boys Luke Pereira, Jesse Taunton and Andrew Kay who have been selected in the Hume Zone open soccer team to compete at the Sydney South West regional championships. Our boys state knockout open team won their first round match against Strathfield South High School and are waiting on other results to see who their next opponent is.

Hockey – Celeste Dao Year 10 and Zoe Hall Year 9 represented Hume Zone at the Sydney South West girls regional hockey championships on Tuesday 26th March. Zoe was selected in the regional team and Celeste in the shadow team.

Cricket – our girls open state knockout cricket team lost their first round game against East Hills Girls' High School. Our boys team defeated Macquarie Fields High School in the 1st round and stay alive in the competition.

Volleyball – our boys state knockout team lost their first round match against Leumeah High School.

END OF TERM 1 & BEGINNING OF TERM 2

Term 1 ends on Friday 12th April. Boarders will travel home on this day.

School resumes for all students on Wednesday 1st May. Monday & Tuesday are staff-only School Development Days.

Wednesday's return day will be Day 3A—it is also a sport day, so come prepared!

Boarders return after 3:00pm on Tuesday 30th April.

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW RESULTS

Hurlstone has continued to be successful at this year's Royal Show. The students are to be congratulated again for obtaining 5th place in the herdsman competition. This is where approximately 35 schools compete to present their animals, keep their cattle beds tidy and promote the school through verbal interactions with public and RAS officials alike.

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL'S
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012
IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013 LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14–16 May 2013.

TUESDAY 14 MAY	WEDNESDAY 15 MAY	THURSDAY 16 MAY
Language conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) Writing	Reading	Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 17 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions that severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments that reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, you must sign a parent/carers consent form. Consent forms are available at your child's school.

Please make an appointment with the school principal if you would like further information about your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:
<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

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