

Parent Newsletter

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Friday 7th June

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 2—WEEK 7

Monday 10 June

Public Holiday
Boarder Students Arrive After 3:00pm

Tuesday 11 June

Classes Resume
Year 12 Biology Task
Year 11 Chemistry Task

Wednesday 12 June

Year 11 Outdoor Recreation Camp
Prefect Elections

APMSO Competition

Year 10 Assembly
Rehearsal—School Musical

Thursday 13 June

Year 10>11 Subject Selection Night
Year 11 Outdoor Recreation Camp
Regional Cross Country
Shakespeare Incursion
Year 12 Business Studies Task

Friday 14 June

Year 11 Outdoor Recreation Camp
Boarding School Expo, Griffith
Rehearsal—School Musical
Prefect Announcement
Year 12 PD/H/PE Task
Year 10 Japanese Task

TERM 2—WEEK 8

Monday 17 June

Prefect Camp
Rehearsal—School Musical
Year 12 Ancient History Task
Year 11 Ancient History Task
Year 10 English Task
Year 9 Japanese Task
Year 9 PD/H/PE Task
Year 9 PASS Task

Tuesday 18 June

Prefect Camp
P&C Meeting
Country Fair Committee Meeting
Year 12 English Extension 2 Task
Year 12 Physics Task
Year 11 Ancient History Task
Year 9 PD/H/PE Task

Wednesday 19 June

Prefect Camp
Rehearsal—School Musical
Year 9 PD/H/PE Task

Thursday 20 June

Guys & Dolls Musical Performance
Rehearsal—School Musical
Year 11 Ancient History Task
Year 9 PD/H/PE Task

Friday 21 June

Guys & Dolls Musical Performance
Year 7 & 9 Vaccinations
Formal Assembly
Gentlemen's Convention
Year 9 PD/H/PE Task

Saturday 22 June

Guys & Dolls Musical Performance



In a special education supplement "Your School", The Weekend Australian reported the nation's top schools based on 2012 NAPLAN results. HAHS achieved the following positions based on 2012 NAPLAN scores in Year 7 and Year 9:

- 18 in the nation's top 100 secondary schools best in reading, writing and numeracy
- 7 in the nation's top 50 coeducational schools
- 22 in the nation's top 50 for reading
- 12 in the nation's top 50 for writing and
- 16 in the nation's 50 for numeracy.

Nineteen performances entertained a keen audience at HAHS's Music Night on Monday evening this week in Edmondson Hall. The quality and diversity of performances was outstanding. Performances included Alex Rookyard's "Vaughn" electric guitar, Victor Vo's "Koln Concert" piano, Susanna Wu's "Nocturne Op 9 No.2 Chopin" piano, Maximilian Groblicki "Intensity" solo drum, Gadiel Dumlaio's "Portrait of Tracey" double bass, the Pops Orchestra "Overture to Guys and Dolls", Gigi Lui's Bach "Fugue in F minor" piano and Thomson Phan and Alan Alamallil "Blues in A" on electric guitars. The talent on display was exceptional. Congratulations to concert organisers Mrs Wendy Wuhrer, Mr Rob Craig and Mr Glenn Armitage. Some of the Year 12 star performers are pictured below: William Betteridge-Spooner, Susanna Wu, Eugene Cheung, William Ellwood, Gadiel Dumlaio,



Brady Shannon, Alex Rookyard, and Victor Vo and Zachary Fernandez-Hocknull.

Mr Seblani has inspired many students to participate in this week's Jump Rope for Heart. Established in Australia in 1983, Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is renowned for being one of Australia's most popular physical activity and fundraising programs in schools. Since the inception of Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart over 30 years ago, more than 90 per cent of all Australian schools, involving 8 million school children have participated in this fun and active program. Each year Heart Foundation Jump Rope attracts over 400,000 students, in over 2,000 schools with over 700,000 sponsors comprising of families, friends and members of local school communities.



Past student Michael Aspinal addressed the school at assembly last week and also found time to visit the senior engineering class. Students and staff were delighted to talk with the 1986 graduate, a boarder prefect and Company Sergeant Major of the cadet unit who also captained Farrer House. As well as leading an innovative leadership program in the school, Michael has been invited to present a keynote address at the next boarding school dinner and the Gentlemen's Convention.

(See next page for photos)



The new laundry is underway. Staff, Annette and Chris, are busily establishing operating procedures for the management of the laundry. New equipment including commercial washers, dryers, storage facilities and tagging machines will enable a smooth process. Staff training will continue to support the operation of an efficient and safe laundry for the boarding school students. The work of all HAHS staff does not go unnoticed. Maintenance staff member Allan Chessell has painstakingly hung eleven newly framed pictures of HAHS principals dating from 1907. Further, I look forward to the outcomes of work currently undertaken by school archivist, Jo Leglise, as she researches the photographic history of HAHS school cadets and prefects. All photo galleries will be on display in the administration area of the school.



Thank you to school administration officer Vicki Healey who has provided much support in arranging quotes for several day school projects. New paving will soon be laid at the school's administration entrance. A sandstone block of the school crest will be the centre piece of this project which is anticipated to be completed in early Term 3. In addition, the new lecture theatre will soon be taking shape with the installation of chairs to commence 26 July. Considerable funds have been allocated to install the latest technology to support the use of the lecture theatre including video conferencing camera facilities, upgraded data projector and projection screens with control panel installation and an AV hardware rack enclosure for effective storage and housing of equipment. The result will provide a contemporary twenty-first century learning space as well as a modern cinema for our community.



I look forward to supporting the work of the P&C at our next meeting Tuesday 18 June. The Country Fair meeting commences at 6:30pm and the P&C meeting follows at 7:30pm. There will be staff presentations on Australian Business Week and a proposed new timetable structure. We hope to see you there.

Kerrie Wratten



Hurlstone Agricultural High School Presents

GUYS

Dolls

Venue - John
Edmondson
Hall

AND

**THEATRE WORLD
AWARD
'BEST ACT'**

*Ticket prices -
Adult \$15,
Student \$10,
Family \$45*

Dates - 20
June 21
June 22
June -
7pm

**LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD
'OUTSTANDING MUSICAL'**



**EVENING STANDARD
AWARD
'BEST DIRECTOR'**

**Being a major success
story on Broadway**

**Guys and Dolls is an incredible musical which
was premiered first in the 1950's and is still
an outstanding performance for all ages.**

LEAVE THIS DATE OPEN IN YOUR DIARY. The 2013 Hurlstone production of Guys and Dolls will be presented from June 20 – 22. Tickets will be on sale for cast and crew from May 27 and for the general public from May 31. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and \$45 for family tickets. Payment is to be made to the Registrar's Office and the receipt is to be presented to Ms Keegan in the Cottage for seating allocation.

MUSIC NEWS

The Music Faculty hosted a successful 2013 Music Night in the Hall on June 3. It featured students from the HSC, Year 11 and Year 10 Music class, an up and coming Year 8 group and the Pops Orchestra. It was well-attended. Congratulations to the performers, the sound and lighting team and the backstage crew.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On the 17th of May, Holly Huynh and I, students of Year 11 in the SRC Executive Body, and two students from Year 10 completing their Student Leadership Programs attended a regional South-West Sydney leadership conference hosted by Prairiewood High School.

We participated in a range of engaging and exciting events and seminars all focused upon the idea of leadership including what is leadership and what makes a good leader. The first thing scheduled was an inspiring speech by the Federal Member for McMahon, Chris Bowen who spoke about his experiences being a leader and how he achieved the position that he currently holds in parliament. This was followed by a keynote speech by Robbie Deans, the Australian Rugby Union Wallabies Coach, who spoke about how a leader is about to create change and the qualities that make a good leader.

After a break with fantastic food and drinks, we were able to network and collaborate with schools in the South-West Sydney region through fun team building activities and challenges which got people out of their comfort zones and working with others whom they had never met.

These activities were then followed by lunch which gave another opportunity for us to speak to other leaders from other schools. The last session of the day was hosted by UN Youth who spoke about advocating for change and how as leaders we were able to inspire and motivate others to create positive change in the world.

Overall it was a fantastic day and we were all able to get great insight into what it takes to be a leader whilst making friends with other leaders from the South-West Sydney region.

Janeda Ong

ULTIMATE FRISBEE SUCCESS

On Thursday 30th May, Mr Wilson, Mr Seblani and Miss Worthington accompanied 4 Hurlstone Teams to the Sydney West Regional Schools Ultimate Frisbee tournament. The weather was perfect for flying discs, some amazing throws and catches were witnessed and all of the students conducted themselves well. At the end of the day, Hurlstone Boys B team, led by the flying German import Hendrik Brunkhorst were crowned regional champions with an intense 15 -13 victory over Greystanes High and will now progress to the State Championships on June 14. The Hurlstone Girls team showed some amazing progression throughout the day and narrowly missed out on state qualification, going down to Greystanes 15 – 10 in their final game, as did Brandon Chau's Hurlstone A team who were unlucky to lose to Erskine Park High, 15 – 10, without any reserves. Well done to all students involved and bring on state boys! Yew!

The following Hurlstone students were selected in the UFNSW Merit teams:

Hannah Ly (Year 10)

Jasmine Miles (Year 10)

Michael Innes (Year 11)

Jay Marshall (Year 12)

Hendrik Brunkhorst (Year 12)





ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR



When: Saturday 31st August, 2013

Time: 9am to 4pm

...work hard...have fun...make friends...support our school

Our Parents & Citizens Association is committed to promoting the interests of the school by raising funds to provide quality education facilities and equipment for teachers and students.

The annual Country Fair is organised by the P & C, through its sub-committee to raise funds. As well as being a major fundraiser, the annual Country Fair is also a day for all students and their families as well as the local community to have a great day out and enjoy the facilities of the school.

Getting involved is a great opportunity to make new friends, work as a team and contribute to your child's school and it would be appreciated if you could help out by volunteering your time and / or by making a donation.

Some ways you can help

- Volunteering to help on the day (set up, serving, cooking, pack up, etc)
- Donation of goods for the Auction or Raffle (small electrical items, wine, chocolates, cosmetics, gardening items, vouchers, giftcards.....etc)
- Donation of goods for the White Elephant Stall (second hand goods)
- Donation of books, CDs and DVDs
- Donation of cakes, slices, biscuits for sale at the cake stall on the day
- Donation of new or pre loved clothing (washed and ironed)
- Buy or sell raffle tickets
- Monetary donation

Should you have any enquiries, you can contact the 2013 Country Fair Co-ordinators via email Mark Latham mwlmw161@yahoo.com.au or Michael Dumlao macrodat@ozemail.com.au.

Alternatively, please complete the form below and return it to the school office marked "Country Fair Committee." You can also reply to hahscountryfair@gmail.com

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Yes, I'd love to help!

TO: HURLSTONE COUNTRY FAIR 2013 COMMITTEE

Yes, I'd love to help!

Please tick as needed

☐ I can volunteer on the day. My preferred times are:

☐ I'd like to donate goods for the Auction or Raffle

☐ I will donate goods for the White Elephant Stall (second hand goods)

☐ I will donate cakes / slices / biscuits / sweets

☐ I will donate books, CDs and DVDs

☐ I will donate pre loved clothing (washed and ironed)

☐ I will buy / sell raffle tickets

☐ I'd like to make a monetary donation

Your Name (*please print clearly*)

Child's name Child's Year

Contact details: Telephone Mobile

Email address

If you have other ways you'd like to help, please write them below

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Thank you so much for returning your form. We'll be in touch soon!