

Parent Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3—WEEK 3 and 4

Monday 29th July
Year 12 Trial Exams
Year 10 Agriculture Task
Year 11 English Ext 1 Task

Tuesday 30th July
Year 12 Trial Exams
Year 10 Agriculture Task
Year 8 Math Task
Year 11 English Ext 1 Task
Regional Athletics
My Guragundji Excursion

Wednesday 31st July
Year 12 Trial Exams
Year 10 Agriculture Task
ICAS English Exam
Year 7 Japanese Task
APSMO Incursion

Thursday 1st August
Year 12 Trial Exams
Year 10 Agriculture Task
Year 9 English Task
Year 11 Legal Studies Task
Year 7 Japanese Task
Year 10 Math Task
Year 7 Japanese task
Australian maths Competition
Enbetsu School Visit

Friday 2nd August
Year 12 Trial Exams
Year 11 English Ext. Task
Year 11 Bus. Studies Task
Year 10 Agriculture Task
Year 7 Japanese Task
Midsummer Nights Dream Excursion

Monday 5th August
Year 12 Trial Exams
Year 7 Japanese Task

Tuesday 6th August
Year 12 Trial Exam
Year 11 English Ext. Task

Wednesday 7th August
Year 12 Trial Exam
Year 11 English Ext. Task
Great Engineering Challenge UNSW

Thursday 8th August
Year 12 Trial Exam
Year 11 Economics Task
Year 9 Math Task
Year 8 Japanese Task
Year 7 Math Task

Friday 9th August
Year 12 Trial Exam
Year 8 Japanese Task



Last term concluded with one of the most successful musical productions at Hurlstone AHS, Guys and Dolls. The effort in bringing this production to life was well rewarded with strong patterns of attendance over three evenings. A special afternoon tea was held this week to recognise and thank the staff and parents involved in the production of the musical. The school orchestra conducted by music teacher Wendy Wuhrer performed magnificently for the musical. I would like to thank parent Mrs Rosemary Payne for her enormous contribution to the event.

The 2013 school band toured the snowy mountains region at the end of last term. At the end of the tour, a most moving ceremony was held to thank and bid farewell to the Year 12 band members. Thanks to parent Michael Dumlao for his support on tour and to staff Glenn Armitage, Wendy Wuhrer and Deputy Principal Boarding Christine Castle who accompanied students.

School development day commenced Term three for all teachers. Under the organization of Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, Joanne Twomey, professional learning on the day focused on assessment practices related to year 10 Recognition of School Achievement (ROSA) which replaces the School Certificate and education in the twenty- first century with a particular focus on gifted education models including Gagne and Renzulli. Staff also utilised valuable faculty time working on programming for the new national curriculum.

Relieving Deputy Principal Curriculum, Craig Butler has established a team of teachers interested in sharing aspects of their pedagogy. Meeting weekly, this community of practice discuss and evaluate teaching strategies that support learning in a selective environment. Volunteer members of this community of practice will conduct reciprocal classroom visits to observe and share elements of best teaching practice. I commend Craig Butler for his innovative educational leadership in this important area.

Work is underway to organise staffing for 2014. Currently two classroom teacher central appointments have been made in the Visual Arts and PDHPE. In addition, merit selection panels are currently being organised to appoint two classroom teachers and the Deputy Principal Curriculum positions. Mr Tony Mulligan, current Deputy Principal Curriculum will be retiring at the conclusion of his long service leave. On behalf of the entire HAHS community I would like to thank Mr Mulligan for his service to the school.

I look forward to another action packed term.

Kerrie Wratten

The Deputies Desk

Cyber Safety Awareness and Mobile Phone Usage

Mobile phones are a great way for children to stay in touch with their parents, family and friends. They allow users to make calls, take photos, play games, send texts (SMS) and images (MMS) and access the internet.

While mobile phones provide immediate contact and can be fun to use, 24/7 access and portability of the devices means that you may not always be available to supervise. Mobile use can expose children to potential risks including:

- **excessive costs incurred from calls, text, premium services and downloads**
- **unsupervised internet access free of parental controls and filters**
- **access to GPS and Bluetooth capabilities which may enable others to locate them**
- **receipt of unwanted content including possible offensive or cyber bullying content**
- **the ability to share images of themselves, including naked or 'sexting' images.**

Advances in technology and the applications of technology, particularly in regards to social media and smart phones, have dramatically changed the way we collect and use personal information. Personal information can be transferred globally and more rapidly now than ever before. This has influenced the way we think about privacy and the protection of personal information.

The features that make your phone 'smart' also make it susceptible to viruses and malicious software. If your phone isn't secure and it is lost or stolen, your personal information, including passwords, banking details, emails and photos could be used to access your money or to steal your identity.

Mobile phones, especially smart phones are mobile computers. They allow you to access the internet and email, download applications and games and store personal contacts, photos and information. You need to protect and secure your phone just as you would your home or mobile computer.

Take time to talk to your child about their mobile phone and the way it is used.

I recommend looking at the following sites for safety tips.

www.cybersmart.gov.au

www.staysmartonline.gov.au

TOP TIPS FOR MOBILE USE AT HAHS

- Treat your smart phone like your wallet - keep it safe and on your person at all times. Remember your smart phone is a computer - all the same security rules apply.
- Turn on the security features of your phone. All phones have security settings, so familiarise yourself with them and turn them on.
- Put a PIN on your SIM card and password on your phone so that thieves cannot steal your phone credit or run up your phone bill.
- **Think before you click.** Do not open multimedia messages (MMS) or attachments in emails, or click on links in emails and SMS messages unless you are expecting them and they are from a trusted source. They could contain malicious software or take you to a malicious website.
- Think carefully about what information you and your phone shares online and how it could be misused. Your smart phone holds a great deal of personal information in a single place, making the job of fraudsters very easy. So it's not just about what you put on your social networking profile, but also that it's probably easy to work out who you bank with, where you've recently made transactions, the names of your family and to glean other details from emails or other documents.

Christine Castle, Nick Wenban and Craig Butler

Senior Schools State Ultimate Frisbee

Friday July 19th Mr Seblani & Mr Wilson accompanied the Hurlstone Senior Boys and Senior Girls Ultimate Frisbee teams to the UFNSW State Championships at Parramatta Park. Several games were played in varying conditions of warm, wet and windy throughout the day. Many amazing 'frisdowns' were scored by our teams and blood was spilled, and at the end of the day our girls exceeded all expectations and finished in 4th place, going down to Catherine McCauley High School in the bronze playoff. The girls showed amazing improvement throughout the season against much more experienced opposition and can only come back stronger next year, as they are all in Year 10 and played the game with great spirit.

The senior boys, fresh from their win at regionals, also surprised their opponents and after some strong results throughout the day, won an intense 'golden point' semi final over Chatswood High. In the gold medal game, the boys went down to defending champions Killarney Heights but also showed amazing skill and determination, despite missing our captain and star German import, Hendrik. Both teams achieved fantastic results considering most players had never touched a Frisbee before this year and some players were still learning the rules throughout the tournaments. All players represented Hurlstone amazingly well and should be proud of their achievements. A big thank you to Mr Wajzer and Mrs Johnston for cheering the teams on and transporting students between Parramatta and state cross country on the day. Bring on next year!



UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Tuesdays during Term 3.

Trading hours on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays are as normal.

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!