

Parent Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 12th

Yr 11 Visual Arts - Task 3
Yr 8I Japanese - Task 4
Yr 8Y Japanese - Task 4
Yr 9 Japanese - Task 5
Yr 11 Chemistry - Task 3
Yr 11 English Extension I unit - Task 2

Tuesday 13th

ICAS Maths Competition.
Yr 10 History - Task 3
Yr 8A Japanese - Task 4
Yr 8Y Japanese - Task 4

Wednesday 14th

Yr 8D Japanese - Task 4
Yr. 11 Assembly.

Thursday 15th

Yr. 12 Care Day
Yr 11 English Extension I unit - Task 2
Maths Olympiad.

Friday 16th

Yr 11 Geography - Task 3
Yr 10 Australian History - Task 3
Yr 11 Engineering Studies - Task 3
MUNA Canberra.

Monday 19th

TVET IT Exam.
Talent Quest.

Tuesday 20th

Yr 8 English Task 4
Yr 10 Drama Task 4
Yr 11 Visual Design Task 3

Wednesday 21st

Thursday 22nd

Yr 11 PDHPE Task 4
Yr 12 Visual Arts Task 4

Friday 23rd

Yr 11 General Maths Task



Notable success has been achieved recently by several Hurlstone students and sporting teams. State athletics representative, Alec Nguyen pictured below with champion speaker and Ingleburn QUOTA Student of the Year winner Christine White. Community Language students George Lin (7) and Sanjay Jawaharlal (9) have been selected to receive a Commended Award as part of the 2013 Minister's Awards for Excellence in student achievement in Chinese and Tamil respectively. Teams of students have achieved success at recent regional and state carnivals in soccer, frisbee, athletics, netball and table tennis competitions.



We have recently enjoyed a visit from students and staff of Enbetsu school in Japan. Thanks to LOTE teachers Mikala Hewitt and Alice Yau, HAHS students of Japanese enjoyed a fun-filled cultural exchange establishing buddies, gift giving and sharing lunch. Enterprise Development Manager, Danielle Krix organized a group of educators from Thailand to visit HAHS. After touring the school, the group listened to presentations from staff members Sue Pritchard, Joanne Twomey and myself about the diverse operations and programs operating within the school.



Clear improvements are underway in the boarding school as Deputy Principal, Christine Castle institutes a review of emergency procedures and risk management protocols to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff. With the support of the boarding school duty team, an exciting and diverse recreational program is unfolding for students. There is also investigation and research into the latest administrative software applications to meet the needs of students, parents and staff in a contemporary boarding environment. Boarders recently enjoyed Christmas in July courtesy of the catering staff. School counsellor Katrina Langhorne, will shortly deliver a positive psychology program for boarding students. A newly formed boarder choir has met for their second session with band director Glenn Armitage. I recently travelled with Christine to the Tamworth boarding expo where we enjoyed spending time meeting local families and networking with other boarding schools. HAHS is working hard to let country people know we are a real competitive option for parents seeking boarding accommodation for their children.



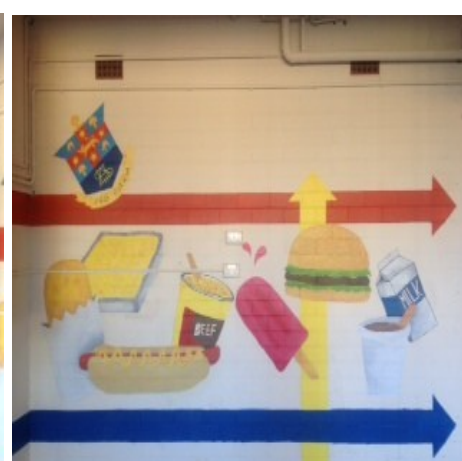
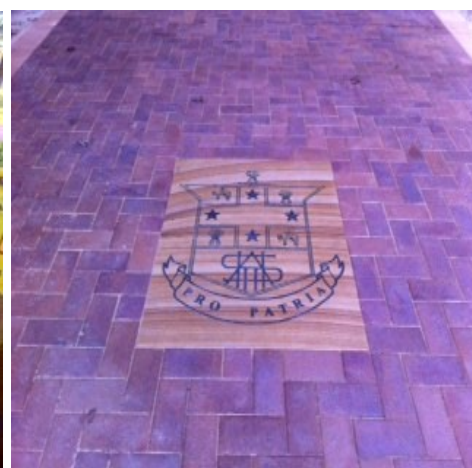
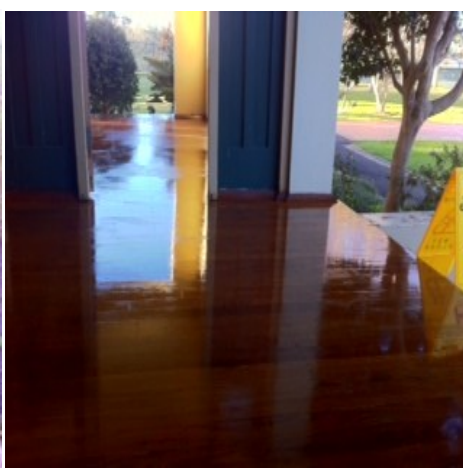
Two staff members have been recently farewelled from HAHS; Therese Ejsak (careers adviser) has taken six months leave to take up an employment offer in Perth and Anna Gomez has accepted a full time science lab assistant position at Auburn Girls' High School. Both ladies have made a fantastic contribution to HAHS. I also thank parents who attended the music P&C sub-committee meeting to develop new strategies to fund raise for the school orchestra last week. Lots of great ideas were generated and I really appreciate the efforts of this small group of dedicated parents. If you would like to assist in fund raising for the school orchestra and band, why not think about attending a parent dinner and social, 6 September 700pm at Chang's restaurant located at the Crossroads, Liverpool. We also need a willing seamstress who would be able to help embroider approximately 60 student blazers with material badges noting their foundation membership of the school orchestra.



The school is a very busy place and I like to acknowledge the on-going work of staff and parents who contribute so greatly to making things happen. To this end, thanks to the three Deputy Principals, Craig Butler, Christine Castle and Nick Wenban who are developing an efficient collaborative team in school leadership and management. Also, I would like to recognise the enormous work involved in planning and organizing school tours; thanks to Fran Campbell and Yelena Vercoe, pictured below, for the organization of the Japan and European tours.



School improvements continue with new paving including a sandstone crest centrepiece layed at the front of the school administration office; seating has been installed in the converted lecture theatre with technology installations to follow; a review of the catering operations will commence this month; carpet cleaning was completed in the holidays (whole school); G block - new carpet installed (day school); D Block - whole block painted, cool room repaired and painted, freezer motor replaced (boarding school); laundry - phone installed; N Block - showers renovated (boarding school); K Block - termite treatment (day school) and 3/7 asset condition assessment conducted for future works; South House-shower renovated; windows and doors check any problems with operation were fixed (whole school); Clarke House verandah oiled; canteen mural painted. All the while... the poppies have continued to grow and we look forward to a magic display of colour in November.



Sports News

The Hurlstone Heifers dream run has come to a devastating end. They narrowly missed out on a playoff opportunity to become champions of NSW by a heartbreaking loss to Albury in a penalty shoot-out. They overcame the odds time and time again to reach this stage of the competition and have done the school extremely proud, ending the competition as champions of Sydney Southwest. On behalf of these boys, Coach Mr Seblani sends a big thank you to all of Hurlstone who got behind these boys, particularly to Mr Wenban and Mr Wilson Senior for their extra efforts to support the team.



Athletics – The school carnival was held at Campbelltown Athletics Centre on Tuesday 21st May with a theme of the “Farm”. One of the highlights was the staff vs students race with athletics being the winner. The age champions from the carnival were:

12yrs
Hubert Zhang
Melanie Truong

13yrs
Oscar Cole
Cailyn Loveday

14yrs
Alec Nguyen
Polly Donoghoe

15yrs
Stefan Music
Helena Ly

16yrs
Mathew Wajzer
Alicia Peachey

17yrs
Jesse Taunton
Brittany Berry

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Tuesdays during Term 3.
Trading hours on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays are as normal.

Hurlstone sent a strong team to the Hume Zone athletics carnival which was held at Campbelltown Athletics Centre on 24th and 25th June. Hurlstone was declared the winning school with age champions from the carnival being: Alex Quach 12 boys, Emma Hannigan 14 girls, Alec Nguyen 14 boys, Helena Ly 15 girls, Stephan Music 15 boys, Alicia-May Peachey 16 girls, Matthew Wajzer 16 boys.

Hurlstone students made up a large proportion of the Hume Zone team which competed at the Sydney South West Regional carnival on 30th and 31st July. We had 10 relay teams competing out of the 12 relay age groups contested which was an outstanding achievement. Students who have qualified for the NSW CHS athletics championships are : 12yr girls relay team (Melanie Truong, Hafsa Syed, Tina Dai, Tiarna Scerri), Oscar Cole, Alec Nguyen, 14 boys relay (Alec Nguyen, Chris Fitzgerald, Shefath Amin, Henry Tanpanny), Stephan Music, Dennis Tran, Mathew Wajzer, Jesse Taunton. Best wishes to this team for the state championships.

Netball – Brittany Berry of year 11 has been selected in the NSW school girls netball team after playing for Sydney South West region at the state championships in Tamworth. SSW won these championships. Brittany was one of six SSW players selected in the state team, the other 5 coming from Westfields Sports High School. The state team will now go on to play the NSW Catholic and Independent schools in September.

Soccer – Our boys open soccer team coached by Mr Seblani (PDHPE staff) have had an outstanding and unprecedented run in the state knockout tournament. The team made it all the way to the state quarter final, on their way defeating Strathfield South, Cabramatta, Casula and then Liverpool in the regional final. The next round was played at Shoalhaven Heads vs a strong Nowra High School team with Hurlstone winning 3-2. The state quarter final was against Albury High School played at Lynwood Park, Campbelltown. The score was locked at nil all after extra time with Hurlstone going down in the penalty shootout. For a detailed report of the series check out the Hurlstone website.



Supporters for the soccer game v Albury

The Deputies Desk: Mr Wenban, Mrs Castle and Mr Butler

Channel 7's Sunrise coming to HAHS

On Friday the 23rd of August "Sunrise" will be coming to Hurlstone to broadcast 3 to 4 live cross-es from the school. Sunrise on channel 7 is Australia's number 1 breakfast show. Hosted by Ko-chie and Mel, Sunrise delivers balanced news, views entertain and humour. As a community we would like to thank Mr Mark Latham for organising this incredible advertising for our annual country fair event.

In conjunction with the broadcast students will be performing tasks around the school and rural youth has organised a whole school mufti-day with a farm theme. Students at Hurlstone are encouraged to wear a farm animal "onesies" to support this great event.

TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT SURVEYS (TTFM)

Hurlstone has been selected from schools across the state to participate in the TTFM pilot school survey. Permission notes have been sent home with further details for parents and these need to be returned to school by Friday 16th August. The school is looking forward to gaining this invaluable information which will allow us to better meet your child's academic and welfare needs at school.

What is measured in the "Tell Them From Me" survey?

Within this pilot roll-out of the TTell Them From Me "surveys, students will be asked a number of questions that, in aggregate, form the following measures. It is data on these measures (and not the questions themselves) that schools will be able to generate reports on.

NSW Pilot Secondary Schools 2013

Social-Emotional Outcomes	Academic Outcomes	DRIVERS of Student Outcomes
Social Engagement ○ Participate Sports ○ Participate Clubs ○ Sense of Belonging ○ Positive Relationships Institutional Engagement ○ Values School Outcomes ○ Truancy ○ Homework Behaviour ○ Behaviour at School Intellectual Engagement ○ Intellectual Engagement Composite ○ Interest and Motivation ○ Effort ○ Skills (Grades)-Challenge Emotional Health ○ Anxiety ○ Depression	○ English ○ Maths ○ Science Demographic Factors Replica School ○ Sex ○ Socio-economic factors ○ Immigrant Status ○ Aboriginal Status	Quality Instruction ○ Effective Learning Time ○ Relevance ○ Rigour School Context ○ Bully-Victim ○ Advocacy at School Classroom Context ○ Positive Teacher-Student Relations ○ Positive Learning Climate ○ Expectations for Success Family Context ○ Advocacy outside of School ○ Aspirations - Finish High School ○ Aspirations - Pursue Trade ○ Aspirations - University



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Dear parents of year 8 students,

As part of the agricultural component of Hurlstone Agricultural High School (H.A.H.S), your child will participate in a program "On the Farm."

All year 8 students will be rostered on to undertake farm duty during periods 3 and 4 on either a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday during Terms 3 and 4, starting on Monday 12th August, 2013.

On the day a student is rostered on farm duty, they will need to bring a change of clothes suitable for farm work, including sturdy footwear. Students will be fully supervised and will work in threes similar to their current office duties.

Students will get changed into their work clothes during recess and report to the farm office (next to uniform shop) for periods 3 and 4 where they will meet with the farm manager. They then change back into their school uniform at the end of Period 4.

The outcomes for the "On the Farm" program include the following:

- impact of stress free handling of cattle.
- relationship between biological, physical and social components in agriculture.
- informed decision-making and effective management of agricultural enterprises.
- practices that conserve soil and water quality and protect the environment, assure adequate and safe food supplies to consumers, while generating profitable returns for producers.

If you have any questions regarding the "On the Farm" program, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours in Public Education

Bob Schippers

Head Teacher Agriculture
7th August, 2013

Nick Wenban

Deputy Principal
7th August, 2013

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 mwlmw61@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!