

Parent Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 9

Monday 9th

Yr 11 Yearly Exams
Yr 10 English Task 4 Assessment

Tuesday 10th

Yr 11 Yearly Exams
Year 10 English Task 4 Assessment
7.30pm P&C Meeting

Wednesday 11th - Day 1a

Yr 11 Yearly Exams
Ayrshire Calf Day
Sculpture in the Vineyards
APSMO Competition

Thursday 12th

Yr 11 Yearly Exams

Ayrshire Calf Day

Friday 13th

Yr 11 Yearly Exams
Ayrshire Calf Day
Book Week Character Day

Week 10

Monday 16th

Yr 11 Yearly Exams
Yr 7DAI2 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.
Yr 7DAI3 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.
Yr 7DAI4 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.
Yr 7RY6 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.
Yr 7RY7 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.
Yr 8DAI1 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.
Yr 8DAI3 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.
Yr 8DAI4 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.

Tuesday 17th

Yr 11 Yearly Exams
Yr 9 Information & Software Technology
(Major) Task 3 Assessment
Yr 8RY5 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.
Yr 8RY6 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.
Yr 8RY7 Tech Mandatory - Task 3 Ass.

Wednesday 18th - Day 6b

Yr 11 Yearly Exams
Yr 12 2014 HSC Information Evening

Thursday 19th

Yr 12 Farewell Assembly
Yr 9 Engineering Studies (Minor) Task 3
Assessment
Yr 9 Information Software Technology
(Minor) Task 3 Assessment
Yr 10 Graphics Technology Task 3 Ass.
Yr 9 Engineering Studies (Major) Task 3
Assessment
Yr 12 Formal
Friday 20th
Yr 10 PDHPE Task 2 Assessment
Last Day of Term 3

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

What a wonderful day! The 2013 Country Fair and Farm Open Day attracted large crowds last weekend. The combined events have been months in the planning. The outcome was well worth the incredible efforts. Thank you to the Country Fair committee, the agriculture faculty and farm staff who along with the support of a vast army of parents, volunteers, staff and students gave their time to create a most successful event. Thank you all!



It was encouraging to see increased numbers at the boarder-parent meeting following the Country Fair last Saturday. This forum provides an opportunity for the boarder parents to hear about the new developments in the boarding school and an avenue to discuss boarder related matters.

More students have been selected to compete at the State athletics including Mohammad Shefath, Christopher Fitzgerald, Henry Tan, Tina Dai, and Hafsa Syed.

Year 9, 10 and 11 debating teams have achieved continued success.

Rural Youth's Jaime Whybrow was selected to compete in the Sydney Royal Junior judging for dairy in 2014.

Vice Captain Brendon Kim joined 30 students from across NSW this week to receive the Minister's Award for Student Achievement.

Anton Tran achieved the top score in year 10 for NSW and ACT in the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools Mathematics and is eligible for a University of NSW medal. Congratulations to all these students.



As year 11 prepare for their exams we look forward to celebrating with the year 12 formal and graduation ceremony in Week 10.

Kerrie Wratten
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES DESKS'

On the 10th August this year, HAHS conducted a Selective School Test for entry into Year's 8, 9, 10 and 11 for 2014.

This process involves a lot of organisation and I would personally and publicly like to thank all the people who helped either organise, supervise, mark or set the papers.

A special thanks goes to the many students from HAHS who volunteered to help on the day as well.

These students epitomise the generosity of spirit and giving that is evident at HAHS.

On another note entirely, I would like to remind parents/carers and students that if early leave is required, then the note requesting the early leave must be submitted to either Mr Craig, Mr Butler or Mr Wenban BEFORE the start of the school day.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Parents are able to make online payments to the school for **Day school** amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting the 'Pay Online' button on the left, under Quick Links.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

Instructions can be found on our website under quick links, downloads at www.hurlstone.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open on **Saturday 28th September 2013 from 10am - 1pm** for the sale of summer uniforms.

Please note that the shop will not be open the last Saturday of the school holidays (5 Oct) as this is a public holiday long weekend.



Junior Boys' Summer



Junior Girls' Summer



Summer Sports



Senior Boys' Summer



Senior Girls' Summer

COUNTRY FAIR RURAL YOUTH COMPETITION WINNERS

Guess How Much Milk (5.6L)

Charlie Gay (Year 8) \$20

Guess the Weight of the Steer (324kg)

Paul Matarich \$20

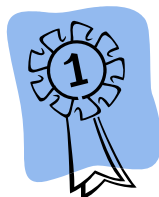
Cow Pat Lotto (J6)

Mrs Davis (Ag) \$30

Emma \$30

Tied – Christine Hoppitt, Bronwyn, Jacky Tran \$10 each

Zoe Diamond \$10



**Thank you to all in the community
who supported our Country Fair**



SPORT



Wednesday August 21, Mr Yates and Mr Wilson accompanied Hurlstone guys and girls teams to the NSW Touch Year 7 & 8 All schools carnival at Pacullio Park Liverpool. Both teams played with great spirit and determination and performed extremely well with the girls team led by Emma Hannigan and top try scorer Angela Liu finishing fourth overall. The boys team led by Matt Gregory also played some fantastic touch and went down in a hard fought semi final against Picnic Point High to finish equal 3rd, with Suhaib Khan scoring the most touchdowns. Well done to both teams and bring on next year!!!



EVENTS

'Bstreetsmart'

On Tuesday 20th August, year 10 attended a safe driving conference called 'Bstreetsmart' along with many other year 10 students from schools all around Sydney. An emergency doctor from Westmead Hospital led us through the whole event and highlighted the importance of road safety through dioramas and speakers and their heartfelt stories. A car crash diorama showing the whole process from the crash to the consequences and even to the emergency, fire and police services that do their job throughout the entire crash was shown and really opened many students' eyes. The actors did their job really well and illustrated the tragic car crash so intensely, but so realistically. When the speakers, all immensely affected by car crashes, shared their crash stories, the true reality of dangerous, distracted and reckless driving and its consequences to those directly and indirectly involved hit all of those listening. Important issues other than road safety were discussed as well, including brain injury, alcohol and drugs and organ donation. How easy it is to be distracted, to be pressured, to be involved in a car crash was such a harsh reality all of the students – soon to have their licences, if not already, had to face. As impactful and serious the Bstreetsmart event was, all involved had a lot of fun, with activities and interactive displays ranging from talking to speakers to playing wheelchair basketball. All in all, it was a fantastic day and most, if not all of the students walked out of the arena with a much more conscious mindset to road safety.

By Krisha Umali (Year 10)



SAS STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK 2013

School Administrative and Support Staff, whether they work in the office, the library, the school grounds or in a classroom setting, are important contributors to the success of the school and children's education.

SAS Staff Recognition Week (Monday 9th to Friday 13th September) is an opportunity for the school community to acknowledge the vital role that SAS Staff play in education.



HURLSTONE HOUSE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now open for the Hurlstone House Education Scholarship. Information and an Application is attached to this newsletter and also available on our website. **Applications close on Friday 8th November 2013.** Please contact Mrs Castle, Deputy Principal Boarding for more info.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Applications are now open for the Semester 2 Student Assistance Scheme. Application forms are attached to this newsletter and also available on our website. This fund has been set-up by the State government to assist needy families in supplying essentials of schooling, such as uniforms & textbooks. If you wish further information, please telephone the School Administration Manager, Mrs Sue Pritchard on 9829 9222. Please note all applications are treated with the strictest confidence and that there is a limited amount of funds available to the school for disbursement. **Applications close on Monday 16th September 2013.**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday 20th September 2013
Term 3 ends

Tuesday 8th October 2013
Term 4 resumes

HURLSTONE SWIMMING POOL

The situation

A 2012 report into the existing school pool recommended it should be closed down unless it is repaired at a cost almost equivalent to that of building a new pool. The school is in the early stages of developing options to repair or replace the pool. A new complex could contain grandstands, classroom/meeting rooms, gym, office space.

Funding

This is the big issue. We wish to explore avenues such as:

- Department of Education
- Private industry
- Clubs
- Sporting associations
- HAHS Alumni
- Grants
- Other

How can you help?

We are seeking to hear from interested parties who are willing to offer assistance or advice. If you are able to help with ideas, advice, providing a service that is in some way related to the planning or construction of this project, please contact the school.



Can you help with any of the following?

- Legal
- Architectural
- Construction
- Engineering
- Design
- Advertising
- Marketing
- Maintenance

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2013 for funding in 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers of boarding students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Applications for the 2013 Hurlstone House Education Fund grants are now open and are due by **Friday, 8 November 2013**. Details about the fund and the application form are included.

The Hurlstone House Education

Introduction:

Mr Theodore Willcocks bequeathed the Willcocks Scholarship in memory of his sister, Kate and to mark their involvement with the Ex-students Union of Hurlstone. Their home, Hurlstone House, at Newtown housed many former Hurlstone students who went on to study at Sydney University. They extended the interest and care given to these boarders to the wider Hurlstone Community.

Kate supervised the Old Boys' Stall at the Hurlstone fetes for three decades. She was a tireless worker for the school and always had a wish to help young Hurlstonians who were in need of financial assistance for their studies.

The Willcocks Scholarships are to benefit students who have been awarded a place at Hurlstone as a boarder and are in Years 7, 8, 9 or 10. **This is needs based and students who already receive a Government Scholarship for boarding are ineligible.**

Those awarded the Willcocks Grants would be students who have demonstrated the values upon which the Hurlstone culture is built. These include accepting individual responsibility, cherishing wholesome values and taking pride in personal excellence. Financial need is also a criteria.

How the Scholarship will be awarded:

A committee comprising the Principal, the Deputy Principal - Boarding, and a staff representative will determine the successful applicants.

The overall quality of the young men and women applying for the scholarship will be considered including their demeanour, academic record, extra-curricular involvement, community service, a submitted prepared essay, and a character reference.

How to apply:

A checklist is provided on the application form overleaf. This form should be used as the first page of the submitted application material.

Extra curricular participation and School Service should be listed. Involvement should be verified by the appropriate staff members.

The essay which should accompany the application should be written on the topic: "How have my experiences at Hurlstone contributed to the kind of person I am?" and this should be no more than 500 words in length.

A letter from the parent outlining the need for the award and a copy of the latest tax documentation should be included. This information will remain confidential to the Principal.

The closing date for applications is November 8, 2013. Applications should be handed in at the front office marked for the attention of Mrs Castle.

Questions

Please contact Mrs Castle, Deputy Principal - Boarding, Hurlstone House Education Fund Trustee, if you need any further information.

Yours truly,

Kerrie Wratten
Principal
Fund Trustee



**Hurlstone House Education Fund Confidential Application Form
2013 – awarded for fees reduction in 2014.**

Personal Details:

Name: _____ 2013 - Academic Year: _____

Parent/Guardians' Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Year you commenced at Hurlstone: _____

Referees:

Please name two referees, at least one of whom should be a Hurlstone teacher, and indicate in what way you associated with these people.

1. Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Association: _____

2. Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Association: _____

Enclosures:

With this application I have enclosed the following:

- A copy of my last school report..... Yes / No
- An outline of my extra-curricular involvement..... Yes / No
- An outline of my community service involvement..... Yes / No
- The set essay..... Yes / No
- At least one character reference..... Yes / No
- Parents' latest tax return and needs statement..... Yes / No

Signed Applicant Statement:

I declare that this application was prepared by me: _____ (Student's signature)

Applications should be handed in at the main office by **Friday, November 8, 2013** and marked: Attention Mrs Castle.

HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
APPLICATION FOR GRANT THROUGH STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME
SECTION 1

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

1. Every family in the school will have access to an application for assistance form through the Hurlstone website – www.hurlstone.com.au. The closing date for lodgement of forms will be the **Monday, 16th September 2013.**
2. Forms should be returned to the Principal in an envelope marked ‘Confidential’.
3. Allocation of funds will be made as soon after the closing date as is practical.
4. A committee comprising the Principal, a community member and 2 other representatives will meet to distribute the funds according to needs as set out in the applications.
5. The identity of applications will be kept strictly confidential and only known by the Principal. The names of applications will not be available to the committee at the time it meets to disburse funds.
6. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed accordingly.
7. School Contributions are not funded under this program.
8. All application forms together with the precise details of the Committee’s decisions will be retained for the Department of Education auditors.

FAMILY DETAILS

Student’s Name: _____
SURNAME GIVEN NAMES

Class/Year: _____

Home Address: _____
 _____ Postcode: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
SURNAME GIVEN NAMES

DETAILS OF SUPPORT REQUESTED

Item	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
School Uniform		
Textbooks		
School excursions or related costs		
School camps		
Subject costs		
Stationery needs		
TOTAL		

PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in the following “SUPPORTING INFORMATION” section is true and correct.

 SIGNATURE

 DATE

AMOUNT GRANTED _____ []

APPLICATION NO. []
HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
APPLICATION FOR GRANT THROUGH STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME
SECTION 2

Anonymous Section

INTRODUCTION

After some years of experience in assessing applications from parents for financial assistance, the committee has reached the conclusion that some parents do not provide enough information for their circumstances to be given proper consideration. The relative evaluation of applications from an objective viewpoint, is becoming more difficult with each succeeding year due to the increase in the numbers of families asking for assistance. The data we suggest you may wish to provide in this section is considered to be beneficial in enabling the disbursing committee to reach a balanced and reasoned decision based on common criteria.

Please note that:

- Provision of this information is NOT compulsory but it is very difficult to assess need when no evidence of family income is provided.
- All information supplied will be treated by the Principal in such a way that no other person is able to identify the applicant. The reviewing committee will be given a copy of Section 2 only; the Principal will be the only person who will see sections 1 and 2 of the applications together.

FAMILY DETAILS

a. Parental status

The following information may be provided: Centrelink documentation confirming any of the following: sole supporting parent/single parent in receipt of maintenance/single parent not in receipt of maintenance/two-parent family living together domestically with no regular employment incomes.)

b. Indication of family income with supporting evidence attached.

For example: annual taxable income/unemployed/unemployment benefits/welfare payments

c. Additional information

For example, social/economic factors such as sudden financial trauma, loss of a family member, drought, business failure, etc. In these instances, whilst the matter is no doubt private and the source of some distress, it would be helpful to the application if some details were given.

d. General School Contribution

Have you paid the General School Contribution?

YES/NO?

AMOUNT APPLIED FOR (from Section 1) []

AMOUNT GRANTED (to be completed by committee) []

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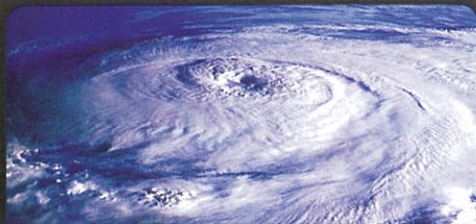
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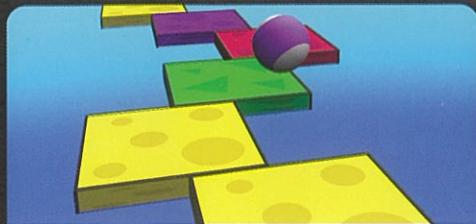
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