

Parent Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

Week 1

Monday 7th Oct

Public Holiday

Boarders return

Tuesday 8th Oct

Day School resumes - Day 3

Year 12 2014 HSC Info Evening

Wednesday 9th Oct

Day 4a

Thursday 10th Oct

Day 5

UWS Young Writers Day - Cobbity

Yr 10 Digital Media & Photography

Task 3 Assessment

Friday 11th Oct

Day 6

Week 2

Monday 14th Oct

Day 1

HSC Exams

Yr 7A Music Task 3 Assessment

Yr 8 Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Tuesday 15th Oct

Day 2

HSC Exams

Yr 8 Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Yr 7Y5 Technology Mandatory Task 3 Assessment

Yr 7DA11 Technology Mandatory Task 3 Assessment

Yr 7D Music Task 3 Assessment

Wednesday 16th Oct

Day - 3a

HSC Exams

Yr 8 Visual Task 3 Assessment

Junior Schools Frisbee - Cabramatta

Thursday 17 Oct

Day 4

Yr 8 Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Illawarra Spring Fair - Berry Showground

Yr 7I Music Task 3 Assessment

Yr 8DA12 Technology Mandatory Task 3 Assessment

Friday 18 Oct

Day 5

Yr 8 Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Yr 7R Music Task 3 Assessment

Yr 7Y Music Task 3 Assessment

Yr 8 English Task 5 Assessment

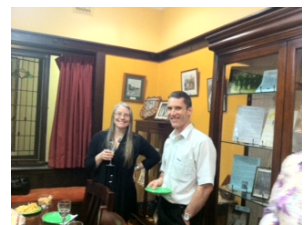
Yr 10 Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment



It was an enjoyable occasion to welcome some members of the Country Fair committee who were able to attend the "Thank you" celebrations. Light refreshments were enjoyed for a relaxing hour before the P&C meeting last week.

Ayrshire Calf Day was hosted at HAHS last weekend, celebrating 30 years for the Ayrshire Breeders Society. The event was an incredibly successful day supported by fine weather. I was delighted to receive the following correspondence from Mr Ken Robinson, ayrshire breeder, Wagga Wagga who attended on the day:

"May I take this opportunity to congratulate your teachers and staff for their assistance ... the event was again an outstanding success thanks to you all. It was a privilege to be in attendance and to be involved. A special mention to all the students who were involved in showing their animals, they presented themselves as students who were proud of their school and themselves and they confidently demonstrated their enjoyment in showing calves"



Year 12 have been enjoying the celebrations this week with a year assembly, graduation ceremony, morning tea, afternoon mocktails and the formal. The improved performances from the half yearly assessments to the HSC trials for over seventy per cent of our students should boost the confidence. And hence, for a little while, year 12 are most deserving of some celebrations. Congratulations to the boarders who won the annual boarder- day student touch football match. Thank you to boarding school staff and students who hosted a most enjoyable farewell dinner for year 12 boarders this week; an event shared by several parents, year advisers and staff.



Thanks to year adviser Tim Trotter and staff for organising the Creating Connections activities last week. Year 10 leaders are selected as peer support leaders for year 7 students, a traditional and highly successful welfare program for students.



I wish staff, students and families a restful holiday. School resumes term 4, Tuesday 8 October.

Kerrie Wratten

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Lockout and Lockdown Plan – Day School Students

Lockout

Lockout – procedure to stop unauthorised persons from entering the school. It is used when the threat is general or an incident is happening off school property. This allows school activities to continue with the least disruption as possible during the event.

Lockout procedures:

1. The sound that prefaces announcements will repeat itself before an announcement is made to alert staff and students to implement the lockout (or a message will be sent out around the school).
2. Students who are in the playground or outside day school area (farm, ovals, etc) are to immediately return to the nearest school building and classroom where a staff member will stay in each classroom to supervise.
3. Staff and students in perimeter classrooms should draw curtains and blinds to gain privacy.
4. The only entry during the lockout is through the main entrance.
5. Provide the all clear signal (as in point one above).
6. At all times, follow directions given by staff.

Lockdown

Lockdown – should be used when there is an immediate threat to the school – e.g. intruders. Lockdown minimizes access to the school and secures staff and students in rooms.

Lockdown procedures:

1. The sound that prefaces announcements will repeat itself before an announcement is made to alert staff and students to implement the lockdown (or a message will be sent out around the school).
2. All outside activities will cease immediately. Staff will accompany all students and return to the nearest school building or evacuate to a designated off site location as directed during the incident. If the lockdown occurs during recess or lunch, all staff will assist in directing students to the nearest rooms; a staff member will stay in each classroom to supervise.
3. Staff will secure all doors and move students out of line of sight of doors or windows. Staff should draw curtains and blinds to gain privacy. Students remain calm and quiet.
4. Students in corridors will be directed into the nearest classroom. The door should then be closed and secured.
5. Staff will maintain room security and will not open doors for anyone under any circumstances. Students and staff should stay where they are until official notification that the lockdown has ceased is provided by the principal.
6. At all times, follow directions given by staff.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday 20th September 2013
Term 3 ends

Tuesday 8th October 2013
Term 4 resumes

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.

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

EVENTS

Results from Mathematics Competitions

In the ICAS Mathematics Competition (run by UNSW):
Anton Tran of Year 10 was awarded a Medal.
Anton received the highest mark in NSW and ACT for his division.

In the Australian Mathematics Competition (run by Commonwealth Bank)
Steven Lim (Year 7) and Victor Huynh (Year 8) were awarded Prizes.
The school was also awarded 14 High Distinctions.

Certificates will be awarded early next term (once they have arrived at school). **Congratulations to all of those involved.**

Mr Dillon (on behalf of the Mathematics Faculty)

Environment Committee National Tree Planting Day

On Wednesday 18th September, a group of keen Year 9, 10 and 11 students planted trees along the school's boundary fences near Glenfield station. These trees will be maintained by members of the Environment Committee and will provide shade for students in the future as well as beautifying the school grounds. This is just one of many activities that the Environment Committee has been involved in this year. Other activities include Clean Up Australia Day, an excursion to UWS Hawkesbury and OZ Green; Youth Leading The World.

Mrs Jodie Hatton
Environment Committee Facilitator

Year 10 Debating Team Success

After winning the Zone 5 Premier's Debating Challenge, the Year 10 Reds Debating team became the South-West Sydney Regional Champions defeating Elderslie High School. On Wednesday, 11th September, Hurlstone debated against Smiths Hill in the State Quarter Finals. As winners of this debate, they will now debate against Caringbah High on the 15th October in the State Semi-Final.

The team work well together and are to be congratulated on their success.



(Left to right)

Anamarija Mrkela, Felicia Tran, Sowmya Padki, Vincent Anthony, Mary Nguyen, Scott Essam, Krisha Umali and Lloyd Cameron (State Debating Coordinator)

Mrs Jodie Hatton
Year 10 Debating Coordinator

RURAL YOUTH REPORT

AYRSHIRE CALF DAY – Saturday 14th September

The NSW Ayrshire society celebrated their 30th Annual Calf Show at HAHS on Saturday. This show has been held at Hurlstone every year since 1983, and there were a number of people in attendance on Saturday who have been to all thirty of those shows. This one was the biggest yet, with over 110 animals being exhibited. Hurlstone's team was also the biggest ever – with 28 students from years 7-12 showing 24 Hurlstone calves as well as a few from other breeders. It was a special honour to have an international judge this year – Mr Jamie McQuat of 'Mapleburn Ayrshires' in Quebec, Canada.

The 30th anniversary celebrations involved a massive group photo, the cutting of a huge cake and the presentation of a commemorative plaque to Hurlstone for our ongoing support of Calf Day. Christine Castle accepted the presentation on behalf of the school, and it will be displayed with pride in the school foyer.

The preparation of Hurlstone's animals (and students) started in term two, as the animals were broken in after school, and new students were introduced to the "art" of preparing and parading dairy cattle. Students worked at least two afternoons every week throughout term 3, parading their animals and learning to wash and groom them in preparation for the 'big day'.

Students spent many hours in the days immediately before the show, washing and clipping the calves and helping prepare the parade ground for the arrival of Ayrshire breeders from all over NSW.

Our farm manager, Leeanne Fraser and her team presented a great show facility for our visitors, with the new wash bay greatly improving the show experience for all exhibitors. Danielle Krix coordinated a tasty and much appreciated BBQ on Friday night, and Mr Schippers and Mr Brassil took on the role of Catering Managers on the day, cooking up a continual supply of refreshments throughout the day!

Thanks also to our 'official' photographer Martin Essam for giving up his Saturday and thanks also to the Ludington's who provided great support to both staff and students behind the scenes in their usual way. It was also great to have a number of parents and staff just 'pop in' throughout the day – your support is greatly appreciated.

Many breeders commented on the day about the great condition of our animals – testament to the hard work of Leeanne and her team, and our animals were rewarded with **many** ribbons in the show ring.

Highlights in the calf classes:

CLASS	CALF	LEAD BY	PLACE
5-7 months	Hurlstone Magical Norma	Polly Donoghoe	1st
	Hurlstone Majors Finale	Scott Essam	2nd
7-9 months	Hurlstone My Valentine Norma	Annie Paton	3rd
JUNIOR CHAMPION	Hurlstone Magical Norma	Polly Donoghoe	Honourable Mention
11-13 months	Hurlstone Laura Gwyn	Sarah Ludington	1st
Bull	Hurlstone Lex Norma	Jamie Whybrow	1st

In the Junior Judging competition, Polly Donoghoe won the junior division with Therese Dinh and Aimee Nguyen also placing and receiving medals. Hurlstone students dominated the Parader competitions. In the junior division, Sarah Ludington placed 2nd and in the seniors, Jamie Whybrow, David Webb and Sarah Nesbitt won all three medals.

The last event of the day is the fancy dress competition, where the handlers and the calves dress to impress. This year's winner was David Webb – he came as a Mexican and his calf was a tasty looking taco. In second place was Michael Webb as a Canadian Mountie with his steed and Dan-Tam Chu who was headed to the beach with her calf was placed third. Many thanks to Eve Webb who again helped our students prepare their costumes and create a fun last event of the day.

Calf Day provides a great opportunity for other breeders to see what our Rural Youth students are capable of, and the biggest compliment possible was paid to Esther Chong of year 10 when several breeders commented on her work ethic throughout the day! Congratulations to Esther and to all members of the team for their efforts.

ALBION PARK - DAIRY JUDGING - REGIONAL FINAL

On Thursday 29th August, students travelled to Albion Park Showground for the Regional Dairy Judging final. Competitors were required to judge three different breeds of dairy cattle, and then present their reasons for one of the classes to the audience. Hurlstone students performed well, not daunted at all by having to use the microphone to speak in public when presenting their reasons. The judge was very impressed with the knowledge and confidence of our students, and complemented them on their public speaking skills.

The Albion Park Show Society provided a very tasty lunch after the competition and gave students the opportunity to chat with local dairy breeders.

Junior Division

Sarah Ludington 2nd

Intermediate Division

Jamie Whybrow 1st

Scott Essam 2nd

Sarah Nesbitt 3rd

Ben Essam 4th

Jamie Whybrow of year 10 placed second overall and will compete in the Dairy Judging State Final at the 2014 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

UPCOMING RURAL YOUTH EVENTS

Wednesday 18th September – Agricultural Education Day – Canberra

Thursday 19th September – Wool judging workshop with AWI experts – HAHS

Saturday 11th-Sunday 12th October - Ayrshire Society Dairy Judging School - HAHS

Thursday 18th-Sunday 20th October - Cootamundra Show

Friday 30th- Saturday 31st October - Jersey State Show - Camden

Sunday 3rd November - All Breeds Heifer Classic - Berry

November – Beef Fitting Workshop (Date TBC)

November – End of Year Barbeque (Date TBC)



Fancy Dress prize winners:
David Webb, Michael Webb and Dan Tam Chu



Junior judging prizewinners
Therese Dinh and Polly Donoghoe.



Christine Castle with the commemorative plaque
presented to Hurlstone



Group photo



Polly Donoghoe and Ethan Anderson



Junior parader competition



David Webb



Annie Paton



Sarah Nesbitt



Senior Paraders Final
Jamie Whybrow, David Webb,
Sarah Nesbitt, Scott Essam



2nd in Pairs Class
Callum Pull, Ethan Anderson



Sarah Ludington leading Hurlstone Laura Gwyn to
first place in the 11-13 month class



Sarah Ludington, Jamie Whybrow, Sarah Nesbitt,
Scott Essam and Ben Essam with other competitors at the
Regional Judging final at Albion Park.



MUNA 2013 Report

In late July, Hurlstone sent four Year 11 teams to Blacktown Boys High School for the Rotary regional **MUNA** (Model United Nations Assembly). This was our largest **MUNA** contingent from Hurlstone over the years we have been involved. At **MUNA**, Students debate on United Nations resolutions and research the politics, economy, environment and human rights background of their nations and engage in an extended debate over two days where they argue their countries views and dress in national costume.

The four Hurlstone teams represented were Indonesia, Israel, Iran and the United States. All teams performed exceptionally and two of the four MUNA teams placed at first and second in the region. These teams then progressed onto the National MUNA in Canberra in August. Again, the Hurlstone teams engaged in high level debating and rebuttal over this weekend. At the conclusion of the competition, Mexico was awarded the International peace prize perpetual trophy for their contributions to world peace in their debating arguments.

This year MUNA teams built on their success from last year winning a prizes at both regional and national level. On the Friday evening in Canberra, the students attended a black tie dinner at the Australian National University where they had the opportunity to meet several consular officials over a 3 course dinner and celebrate reaching a national level.

Overall, the weekend was a great success with Hurlstone building on their success from last year. We look forward to continuing to build on these results in 2014.

Regional MUNA TEAMS 2013

TEAM IRAN

Andrew Kay

Pranav Moore

Lezan Sarraj

TEAM USA

Claire Cao

Jessica Huang

William Zhu

TEAM INDONESIA- 1st Place

Vincent Anthony

Anamarija Mrkela

Janeda Ong

TEAM ISRAEL-Runners up

Tegan Carre

Catherine Londos

Luke Pereira

National MUNA

TEAM MEXICO- Won the Perpetual peace prize trophy.



Vincent Anthony

Anamarija Mrkela

Janeda Ong

Team India and Team Mexico enjoying the black tie dinner



(L to R) Vincent, Anamarija and Janeda



the perpetual trophy

INDIA

Tegan Carre

Catherine Londos

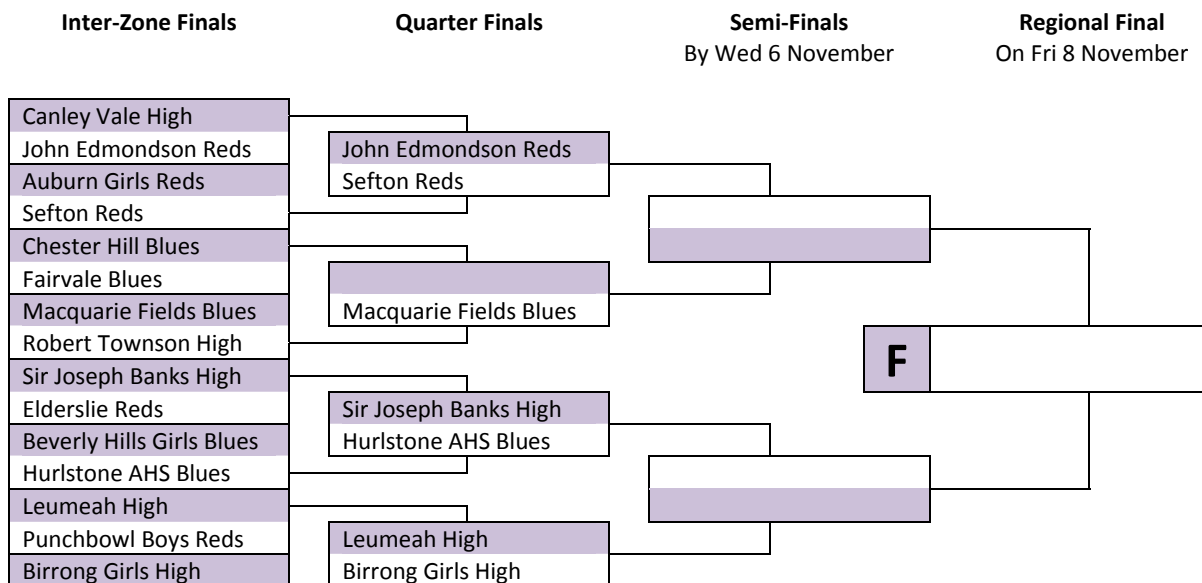
Luke Pereira



(L to R) Tegan, Catherine and Luke

Year 8 Premier's Debating Challenge

The year 8 Premier's Debating team have recently won their zone and interzone debating competitions and are on their way to the Regional semi-final in October. They will next debate against Sir Joseph Banks High School to gain a place in the Regional Final. The team comprises of Nicole Baxter, Samuel Nicholson, Kylie Nguyen, Visnja Vlahovic and Rhuten Yeole. They are enthusiastic about their upcoming debates and we wish them the best of luck.



The draw leading to the Regional Final

The Future of America Debating Competition

Students from the Year 11 Premier's Debating team have been competing in the *Future of America Debating Competition* at Sydney University. This is a unique opportunity for students to debate real world issues and deepen their awareness of the strong links between the US and Australia. Sixteen teams have been competing for the grand prize of three 16GB Wi-Fi iPads with Retina display.

Dominic Bui Viet, Alicia Lam and Christine White are representing Hurlstone and have advanced to the finals of this competition in October. They have defeated North Sydney Girls High School in their first round and debated the affirmative 'That the US needs an austerity program'. In the second knock out debate, they defeated students from The Hills Grammar School and were debating the negative, 'That the US should implement Australian-style gun control'. Both debates were challenging and saw Hurlstone emerge as winners.

Currently, the team is in preparations for the Grand Final against Pymble Ladies College. They are the affirmative side in the topic 'That race relations in the US have not improved during the Obama presidency'.

We wish them the best of luck for their upcoming debate and will update the school community on the result of this debate.