

Parent Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

Week 3

Monday 21st Oct - Day 6

HSC Exams

Yr 8 & 10 Yearly Exams

Yr 8 Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Tuesday 22nd Oct - Day 1

HSC Exams

Yr 8 & 10 Yearly Exams

Yr 7 Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Wednesday 23rd Oct - Day 2b

HSC Exams

Yr 8 & 10 Yearly Exams

Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Thursday 24th Oct - Day 3

HSC Exams

Yr 8 & 10 Yearly Exams

Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Friday 25th Oct - Day 4

HSC Exams

Yr 8 & 10 Yearly Exams

Yr 7 Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Alumni Morning Tea

Yr 7 Vaccinations

Week 4

Monday 28th Oct - Day 5

HSC Exams

Yr 7 & 9 Yearly Exams

Yr 7 Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Tuesday 29th Oct - Day 6

HSC Exams

Yr 7 & 9 Yearly Exams

Yr 7 Visual Arts Task 3 Assessment

Yr 8 Technology Mandatory Task 4 Ass.

Wednesday 30th Oct - Day 1b

HSC Exams

Yr 7 & 9 Yearly Exams

Thursday 31st Oct - Day 2

HSC Exams

Yr 7 & 9 Yearly Exams

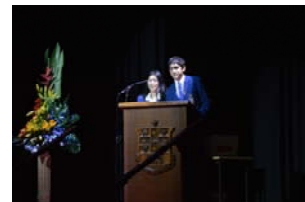
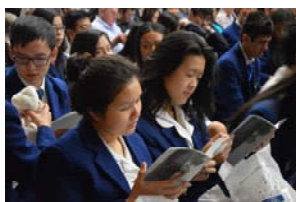
Friday 1st Nov - Day 3

HSC Exams

Yr 7 & 9 Yearly Exams



Welcome to term 4. We concluded term 3 with year 12 graduation and the year 12 formal. Both occasions were wonderful events celebrating the end of formal secondary schooling for our champion students. At the graduation ceremony we had the great pleasure of welcoming back to Hurlstone the school captains of 2008 Lloyd Setter and Jessica Bent. These remarkable young adults inspired and enthused the audience, especially year 12, with their tales of post HSC life at university, travels and the workforce.



Forty-four hopeful enrolment applicants were interviewed by the Deputy Principals and myself last week as part of the process offering positions to year 8 to 11 students. The outcomes of test results, applications and interviews revealed to the senior executive staff that the quality and caliber of students continues to be of an exceptional standard. Offers of placement will be posted to the successful students in the coming week.

Professional learning opportunities have been grasped by staff during the recent vacation with Rebecca Ross, Therese Ejsak and myself attending the Australian Council of Educational Leaders conference in Canberra for three days. Christine Castle, Damian Geerling, Roxanne West and Hall Yates attended a boys' educational conference in week 1 in addition to Rob Craig and Christine Castle attending a school finance workshop this week. The outcomes of professional learning are shared with all staff and play a vital component in improving teaching, learning and student well being and/or supporting school administrative processes.

Thanks to all parents and students who attended the HSC information evening last week. With valuable input from the Board of Studies Liaison Officer, Cheryl Russell and staff our students will continue to be well informed as they commence their HSC in term 4.

The HSC support program for all students commenced this week and will offer 2014 HSC students seven sessions covering topics related to careers, resilience, subject specific support and essay writing. In addition the HSC students are required to develop goal statements around academic achievement, physical fitness and psychological well being. I look forward to discussing these with the students this term.

The 2013-14 INTERACT spent a valuable day with teacher coordinator Julie Smith this week planning activities for the coming year.

Under the supervision of year 12 coordinator Mikala Hewitt, the 2013-14 year 12 formal committee has already been established and is also off to a great start planning strategies to raise funds for their formal next year.

Rural youth students have set off for the Cootamundra show this weekend. Congratulations to Amanda Ong, winner of the overall judging for the Illawarra Dairy Spring Fair. Polly Donoghoe also won her class in judging. This week also senior students Gabrielle Sherring, Emma Crow, Isaac Jones and Sid Cremer were preparing for a photo session with *The Land* newspaper.



The Ingham Institute provided a great setting recently for Year 11 and 12 physics students to learn about the cutting edge work of the antibiotic resistance and mobile elements research group and what it takes to develop a career in medical research. The valuable school - institute relationship, forged by English Head Teacher, Ms Ann Young, will enable students to gain access to information and opportunities empowering them to pursue careers in medicine, nursing and medical research.

Our students are great supporters of Bandana Day, 18 October, a popular initiative which raises funds for cancer research.



Congratulations to Laura Nesbitt, year 12 boarding student, who is keen to promote rural women in agriculture as we celebrated UN International Day of Rural Women on Tuesday this week. To read the article in the *Campbelltown Macarthur Advertiser* this week follow the link: <http://www.macarthuradvertiser.com.au/story/1842358/laura-promotes-womens-roles/?cs=1437>.

This week we bid farewell to school administration officer Chris Finlay and relieving Head Teacher Agriculture Robert Schippers; our retiring colleagues have made an incredible contribution to HAHS, we thank them sincerely and wish them well in their retirement.



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

New Public transport Timetables will commence from this Sunday, 20th October. Further details are available from the website www.newtimetables.com.au

The final round of school vaccinations for all Year 7 and Year 9 boys will take place Friday, 25th October. If your child is being vaccinated, please ensure they wear their sport uniform on the day.

HURLSTONE HOUSE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

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

JOHN EDMONDSON VC MEMORIAL CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now open for the John Edmondson VC Memorial Club Scholarship. Information and an Application is available on our website or from the front administration office. **Applications close on Friday 22nd November 2013.** Please contact Mr Butler, Deputy Principal for more info.

ONLINE PAYMENTS - Please note due to end of School Financial Year, online payments will be temporarily unavailable from Friday, 15th November, until rollover is completed, early December.

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

EVENTS

Hurlstone on Q & A

On Monday 12th August the Year 9 debating team went to the ABC studios to be an audience for the political debating show *Q & A*. The team who went to this excursion consisted of Rachel Daniels, Ryan Southwell, Harsha Chugh, Jahanvi Khatkar, Harry Fuelling and Archita Jaisimha. The show went to air at 9pm. The host for the show was Tony Jones and on the panel was the Minister for Finance Penny Wong; Manager of Opposition Business Christopher Pyne; Deputy Leader of the Greens Adam Bandt; actor, commentator, Kevin Rudd confidante and co-author, Rhys Muldoon and *The Australian's* columnist Janet Albrechsten. There were many issues thrown at the panel, some of which included Tony Abbot's \$5 billion company tax cut, Australia's debt and economy as well as the Murdoch press and policies targeting the print media. The actual discussion was quite fierce with the panel arguing from one end of the panel to another, each finding flaws in one another's solutions but hesitating to give too many figures away. Overall it was a memorable experience and we look forward to doing something like this again in the future. Also, a special thanks to Miss Ross who took the initiative to organise this eventful night for us. If you want to watch the full episode of *Q & A* that we witnessed as a live audience go to ABC iView.

Report written by Archita Jaisimha (Year 9)

'Bring Your Own Device' Parent Survey

As part of our ongoing commitment to 21st century teaching and learning, Hurlstone is considering the implementation of a "Bring Your Own Device" program in 2014.

BYOD refers to students bringing their own personal device to school which has been approved by the school for the purpose of learning. Approved devices can be connected to filtered internet services provided by the Department of Education and Communities.

All parents are asked to complete a survey regarding BYOD by Monday 4 November 2013.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HAHSBYOD>

We recommend that parents do not purchase a device until we provide requirements and specifications, in particular support for the 5Ghz dual band wireless.

Students have received a survey in their DEC email account. Please remind your children to complete this important survey.

If you have any queries, please contact Mr Rob Craig.

UNIFORM SHOP

Students Ordering Blazers for 2014

The wearing of a blazer is compulsory in Terms 2 and 3 for all students in Years 10-12. A blazer is also required for students in certain musical programs or for those representing the school in other areas.

To ensure delivery of blazers by Term 2 2014, orders need to reach the supplier by early February.

To encourage students to order before 7th February 2014, the price will be reduced from now until that date, as follows:

Reduced Price:

Girls 30-40 and Boys 12-18 = \$200

Girls 42-46 and Boys 19-26 = \$220

After 7th February 2014, the prices will rise by \$20. The mark up is kept to a minimum and the Uniform Shop provides a good service of selling second-hand blazers of which the seller receives back 70% of the sale price.

An updated price list is included.



UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST (at 8/10/13)

Prices subject to change

Boys Uniform

Shirt	Khaki	10 – 16 18 – 28	\$30 \$32
	Long Sleeve Grey/White	10 - 22 24 - 28	\$25 \$29
	Short Sleeve White	16 - 22 24 - 28	\$23 \$25
	Wash and Wear	Boys 8 - 16 Mens 3 - 9	\$35 \$37
	Trousers	Boys 8 -18 Mens 3 - 8½	\$51 \$51
Socks	Khaki Wool or Cotton Grey Wool or Cotton	2 - 8, 8 - 11, 11 - 14 2 - 8, 6 - 10, 11 - 14	\$13 \$9

Girls Uniform

Dress	Junior -	6 – 12 14 – 24	\$84 \$91
	Senior	8 – 12 14 – 24	\$84 \$91
Skirt	Junior & Senior	Up to 85 – 90 (new size 16) 90- 95 (size 18) and over	\$99 \$105
Blouse	Junior Long Sleeved	10 – 26	\$28
	Senior Short Sleeved	6 – 26	\$31
	Senior Long Sleeved	6 – 26	\$31
Tights	Nylon/Lycra Grey or Navy	(10 -12) S, Av, T, XT.	\$10
	Cotton/Lycra Grey or Navy	(10 -12) S, Av, T, XT.	\$22

All Students

Blazer		Girls 32 - 40, Boys 12 - 18 Girls 42 - 46, Boys 19 - 26	\$220 \$230
Jumpers		8 - 22 24.- 28	\$83 \$90
Vests		10 – 22	\$74
Socks	White Red Robin Long White Pack	13 – 3, 2 – 8, 5 – 10, 11+ 13 – 3, 2 – 8, 7 – 11	\$7 3 for \$14
Ties	Junior Senior		\$19 \$19
Caps	Boys & Girls - wool		\$18
Hats	- trucker Boys' Cricket Girls' Soft		\$16 \$32 \$26

Sports Uniform

Sports	T-Shirt	80 - 125	\$38
	Short	XXX S - XXX L	\$25
	Tracksuit Jacket	2 - 24	\$84
	Tracksuit Pants	2 - 24	\$49
	Tracksuit Jersey	6 - 24	\$84

Other Items

Backpacks	Litepak		\$58
	Physiopak - M, L, XL		\$91
Scarves	Navy – Boys & Girls		\$10
Gloves	Navy – Boys & Girls		\$6
Leather Belts	Black – Boys		\$16
Laundry Bag			\$23
Materials – to be ordered	Junior – Summer	per metre	\$19
	Junior & Senior Winter	per metre	\$33

Second Hand Clothing available in all items.

Lay-By 2 months with deposit
2 weeks without deposit

Appointments can be made after closing hours on Mondays

Shop phone number: (02) 9829 9251

Opening Times:

Terms 1, 2 & 4:
Monday 10:00 am – 4.15 pm
Tuesday 10.00 am – 3:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am – 4.00 pm

Term 3:
Monday 10:00 am – 4.15 pm
Wednesday 8.00 am – 3:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm



UNIFORM SHOP

The P&C conducts a Uniform Shop located in Roy Watts Road opposite the swimming pool. The shop sells new items of uniform as well as second-hand. The Managers can be reached on 9829-9251 during hours of operation.

Uniform Code Guide:

Summer (informal uniform) – Terms 1 & 4

Winter (formal uniform) – Terms 2 & 3

Senior students can wear their winter uniform in Terms 1 & 4.

GIRLS – SUMMER (INFORMAL UNIFORM)

JUNIOR (YEARS 7 – 10)

Striped sand/white dress

White socks

Cap or hat

Crested blue jumper/vest

SENIOR (YEARS 11 & 12)

Striped blue dress

White socks

Cap or hat

Crested blue jumper/vest

WINTER (FORMAL UNIFORM)

Grey skirt

Junior blouse L/S & Junior tie

Grey tights or white socks

Crested blue jumper or vest

Blazer (compulsory year 10 only)

Blue skirt

Senior blouse L/S or S/S

Navy tights or white socks

Crested blue jumper or vest

Blazer (compulsory)

BOYS – SUMMER (INFORMAL UNIFORM)

JUNIOR (YEARS 7 – 10)

Khaki shorts

Khaki shirt

Khaki socks

Cap or hat

Crested blue jumper or vest

SENIOR (YEARS 11 & 12)

Khaki shorts

Khaki shirt

Khaki socks

Cap or hat

Crested blue jumper or vest

WINTER (FORMAL UNIFORM)

Grey shirt L/S

Grey trousers

Junior tie

Grey socks

Crested blue jumper or vest

Blazer (compulsory year 10 only)

White shirt L/S or S/S

Grey trousers

Senior tie

Grey socks

Crested blue jumper or vest

Blazer (compulsory)

SPORT UNIFORM

The school sports uniform is compulsory for Boys and Girls and is to be worn on sports day. This consists of:

Sports T-shirt, shorts and white socks

Cap or hat

School tracksuit jacket & tracksuit pants or sports jersey & tracksuit pants for warmth in colder months.