

Parent Newsletter

Hurlstone Agricultural High School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

Week 5

Monday 4th Nov - Day 4

Yr 7 Technology Mandatory Task 4 Ass.
Yr 8 DA12 Tech. Mandatory Task 4 Ass.

Tuesday 5th Nov - Day 5

Yr 10 Workshops with Syd Uni -S Davis
Ag Workshops -R Schippers
End of Year Concert -W Wuhrer

Wednesday 6th Nov - Day 6a

Thursday 7th Nov - Day 1

Yr 8 ICILS Test
Yr 9 Food Technology Task 3 Ass
End of Year Concert -James Ruse HS -
W Wuhrer

Friday 8th Nov - Day 2

Boarding students travel home -
Closed Weekend

Week 6

Monday 11th Nov - Day 3

ESSA Test -N Mahfouz
Remembrance Day Service

Tuesday 12th Nov - Day 4

ESSA Test -N Mahfouz

Wednesday 13th Nov - Day 5a

Thursday 14th Nov - Day 6

Yr 8 Ag Workshops -S Davis
Janene Best Debate -R Keegan

Friday 15th Nov - Day 1

Yr 11 Science Hall Incursion -R Morante



In the Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads thirteen of thirty eight participating Hurlstone students ranked in top 10%. Congratulations to the following students Rahul Ahluwalia, Shravan Padmanabhan, Anik Biswas, Kenin Cao, Myra Cheung, Patricia Nguyen, Winnie Yang, Gordon Chau, Hannah Chau, Vrinda Jain, Steven Lim, Timothy Lin and Petar Smolovic. Thanks to maths teacher Mr Graham Huxley for coordinating the mathematics competitions program.



A very successful trip to Cootamundra was enjoyed by nine students who won a total twenty seven ribbons with four students qualifying for the state judging finals at Sydney Royal next year. Thanks to the Bush family for hosting the students and staff and teacher Mr Rupert Jones for his persistence in getting the students to their destination which involved a long road trip to avoid the bushfires.

Congratulations to the year 10 debating team competing against Caringbah High School in the state semi final at Canterbury Girls High School this term. Despite the loss, the team, under the supervision and coaching of English teacher Mrs Jodie Hatton, has enjoyed an incredibly successful journey to this point. Congratulations to students Vincent Anthony, Krisha Umali, Scott Essam and Felicia Tran.

Vincent Anthony has also been invited to join the regional debating team where he has attended workshop training in debating techniques. Vincent will also participate in a debating camp where he will compete against other regional debating teams in a state competition.

Clarke House was a focal point for recent alumni reunions held 19 and 20 October. Graduating classes of 1983 and 1963 respectively shared morning tea and a tour of the new archives room and Clarke House. Thanks to school archivist Johanna Leglise who hosted the events with the assistance of boarding students eager to provide retail assistance with the sale of memorabilia items.

Last week the 2013 Alumni morning tea attracted past Hurlstonians spanning 70 years in the history of the school, including our earliest members from the class of 1942 Mr Alan Osmond and Mr Peter Benson. Amongst the very important guests was Hurlstone old boy and Mayor of Campbelltown Clinton Meades. School captains William Xu and Precy Zea directed the official ceremony, the school orchestra played the Great Escape in honour of the alumni and the function concluded with a rousing war cry from the prefects.



The yearly exams have proceeded well and concluded last Friday while the HSC continues to Wednesday 6 November. Thanks to the exam supervisors who have managed the exams very well and we are fortunate to have had so few students affected by the bush fires. Some early news has arrived for three of our 2013 graduates; the University of Sydney has offered places in environmental systems, science in agriculture and combined law to Anna Chen, Tina Cheng and Eden Lam, subject to conditions.

We were delighted to receive the posters, seen below, advertising the UTS Bachelor of Information Technology program for successful 2012 graduates Luke Prior and Shivani Kumar.



School improvements continue with the replacement of 98 fire extinguishers and the interior painting of Clarke House museum.

In the weeks ahead I look forward to past student Michael Aspinall's workshop with cadets, the boarder parent AGM and P&C meetings 23 November, Performing Arts Evening 2 December, Transition Day and parent luncheon 4 December, Advisory Board meeting 5 December and Presentation Day 13 December.

Kerrie Wratten

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

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.



EVENTS

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians (MCYA)

The MCYA is organised by the Australian Mathematics Trust as a series of activities. They involve elite students receiving a number of complicated problems for which they are required to present written solutions. Students take the problem booklets home and work on them during their own time.

The "Challenge Stage" involves attempting 6 problems during a 3 week period and was held early in the year. 31 Hurlstone students from Year 7-10 accepted the challenge. Highlights of the results were as follows:

Intermediate Level:

High Distinctions: Yr 10 students Johnny Bui, Riyan Fahim, Jonathan Lam, Melissa Zhang, Joseph Zhuang and William Thlang.
Yr 9 student Jahanvi Khatkar.

Distinctions: Yr 10: Henry Veng. Yr 9: Dan Nguyen.

Junior Level:

Distinctions: Yr 8: Kevin Cao and Rahul Ahluwalia. Yr 7: Leo Li and Steven Lim.

During the latter half of the year, students were further encouraged to take part in the "Enrichment Stage", which comprised of 12 or 16 questions to be attempted over a 12 week period. Hurlstone entered 7 students in this stage of the competition. Results were:

"Polya" (Year 10)

Distinction: Johnny Bui. Credits: Jonathan Lam, Melissa Zhang, Ryan Farhim.

"Noether" (Year 9)

Credit: Dan Nguyen.

"Gauss" (Year 8)

Distinction: Shravankrishna Ananthapadmanabhan. Credit: Kevin Cao.

These results are excellent, considering that a relatively small number of elite mathematicians who love doing Maths in their spare time even attempt these competitions. Congratulations to all those who participated.

Mr G. Huxley, Maths Competitions Co-ordinator.

Musical 2014

Hurlstone Agricultural High School has secured the rights to "Leader of the Pack" for 2014. "Leader of the Pack" is the story of Ellie Greenwich, a songwriter of the 1960s - 80s. It follows her life as she begins writing as a teenager, her partnership with Jeff Barry and her emergence as an independent songwriter in the 1980s. Ellie was responsible for such massive hits as Da Doo Ron Ron Ron, Chapel of Love and the Tina Turner great, River Deep, Mountain High. The performance dates for "Leader of the Pack" are from June 12-14, 2014. Auditions for cast will be occurring in weeks 6 and 7 this term. An edmodo site will be setup for students to gain audition resources. Students are to register interest through darren.payne@det.nsw.edu.au

Performing Arts Presentation Night

To acknowledge the efforts and achievement of students, Performing Arts Presentation Night will be showcased on Monday December 2 in John Edmondson Hall with doors closing at 7pm. Entry is free. The presentation night and showcase includes performances from dancers, rock bands, ensembles and solo performers. Make this night free to recognise the extraordinary talents of our students.

'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.



Future growth: Year 9 Hurlstone students Ozair Karim, Alec Nguyen (back), Divya Padavala and Manisha Prakash plant some of the 10,000 trees along a corridor at the school. **Picture:** Jonathan Ng

Trees will form a wildlife corridor

By **Scott Dougherty**

SOME 10,000 new trees will be planted at Hurlstone Agricultural High School as part of a new wildlife corridor.

The school, famous for its farming and agriculture, successfully obtained a \$47,000 grant from the Sydney Management Trust.

The grant's purpose is to increase the area of the green corridor for nature wildlife movement including birds, frogs, lizards and possums.

Danielle Krix, the enterprise development manager at Hurlstone, said the new trees would help animals move freely and easily down the school's grounds.

"It's fantastic the kids get to be involved in helping with the planting and they will get to see the progress of this," she said. "They will have stewardship over it and it shows them they have to take responsible ownership over the ecosystem that surrounds them."

Students, including those in year 9 who study a "trees on farm" unit, helped plant hundreds of the trees last week, with a professional company doing the rest.

The corridor is about four metres wide and runs for a kilometre from near Glenfield's Panorama estate at the northern boundary of Hurlstone with plans for it to reach as far south as Bunburry-Curran Creek, Mrs Krix told the Advertiser.

COOTAMUNDRA SHOW

2013

EVENT	AGE	PLACE	NAME
Grain Judging	13 Years	1st	Michael Webb
		5th	Callum Pull
	14 Years	1st	Matthew Gregory
	Open Zone Final	1st	Jack Bush
		3rd	Sarah Nesbitt
		5th	David Webb
Merino Sheep Judging	13 Years	5th	Michael Webb
	Open Zone Final	2nd	Fergus Ryan
		5th	David Webb
Fruit and Vegetable Judging	13 Years	1st	Michael Webb
	Open Zone Final	1st	Jack Bush
		2nd	David Webb
Fleece Judging	13 Years	3rd	Michael Webb
	14 years	4th	Matthew Gregory
	16 years	2nd	Jamie Whybrow
	Open Zone Final	3rd	Sarah Nesbitt
Meat Breed Sheep Judging	13 Years	2nd	Michael Webb
		3rd	Callum Pull
	14 years	2nd	Matthew Gregory
	Open Zone Final	4th	Jack Bush
Beef Judging	13 Years	3rd	Callum Pull
	14 years	4th	Matthew Gregory
	Open Zone Final	3rd	David Webb
		5th	Jack Bush
Beef Parading	15 Years	3rd	Daniella Stewart
Beef Challenge	15 Years	2nd	David Webb
Herdsmen Award	13 Years	1st	Michael Webb



COOTAMUNDRA SHOW 2013

**Jamie, Sarah and Daniella competed in the
Junior Showgirl competition**



Showing Cattle for the Glenholme Hereford Stud





Showing Cattle for the Glenholme Hereford Stud





**The trip to Cootamundra should have taken four hours...
not eleven!**





COOTAMUNDRA SHOW 2013





Hurlstone finished 3rd in the School's Shield

9 students – 27 ribbons



South Coast and Tablelands Spring Heifer Classic

Sunday 3rd November – Berry Showground

After 7 hours of washing, parading and clipping heifers in the extreme heat on Saturday, the bus pulled out of Hurlstone at 5.30am on Sunday morning full of excited (but tired!) students on their way to Berry Showground.

The day started with the Showmanship classes, where competitors are judged on their ability to parade and display a heifer. Hurlstone students received a total of \$130 in prize money in these sections!

Our farm hand, Kory Graham, renowned for his skills with beef cattle demonstrated his versatility by placing second in the 18-25 years age division!

Showmanship Class	Student	Place
Under 15 years (11 competitors)	Matthew Gregory	2nd
	Sarah Ludington	4th
	Polly Donoghoe	5th
	Ethan Anderson	6th
15-18 years (8 competitors)	Scott Essam	2nd
	Zoe Hall	3rd
	Sarah Nesbitt	4th
	David Webb	5th
	Daniella Stewart	6th

The standard and condition of our animals was complimented by many other breeders, and the judge agreed with their comments, with a number of ribbons being awarded to our Ayrshire, Holstein and Jersey calves and heifers. Team Leaders Scott Essam and Sarah Nesbitt of year 10 did a great job of getting their animals and teams into the ring throughout a very busy day.

Class	Calf / Heifer	Leader	Place
Calf under 3 months	Hurlstone Midnight	Ethan Anderson	3rd
	Hurlstone May Norma	Matthew Gregory	5th
Calf 3-6 months	Hurlstone Missy Moo Frauline	Sarah Ludington	1st
	Hurlstone Madelaine Norma	Matthew Gregory	4th
	Hurlstone Mystique Twilight	Zoe Hall	5th
	Hurlstone Mabel Twilight	Davis Webb	6th
	Hurlstone Mocha Bright	Ethan Anderson	7th
Heifer 6-9 months	Hurlstone Majors Finale	Scott Essam	4th
	Hurlstone My Valentine Norma	Sarah Nesbitt	9th
	Hurlstone Magical Norma	Polly Donoghoe	10th
Heifer 9-12months	Hurlstone Laura Gwyn	Sarah Ludington	1st
Heifer 12-18 months	Hurlstone Lou Solax	Sarah Nesbitt	8th
Senior Champion	Hurlstone Laura Gwyn	Sarah Ludington	2nd

The highlight of the day was the Senior Championship Class where Hurlstone Laura Gwyn, paraded by Sarah Ludington, was awarded the Reserve Junior Champion Ribbon and Prize Money.

The South Coast and Southern Tablelands Dairy community welcomed our students and animals and there were many compliments received by Mrs Hackett, Mr Houweling, Kory and Wayne about the standard of both our animals and our students. Leeanne and her team must be congratulated on these excellent results at a highly competitive show that is attended by the best dairy breeders in the region.



Sarah Ludington and Polly Donoghoe in the showmanship competition



Sarah Ludington with Reserve Senior Champion heifer Hurlstone Laura Gwyn



Kory Grahan receiving his second place prize in the senior showmanship class.



Hurlstone heifers getting ready for the Showring



Scott Essam being judged in the Intermediate Showmanship class



Sarah Ludington, Polly Donoghoe and Ethan Anderson receiving their ribbons in the Junior Showmanship class