

Parent Newsletter

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The results of the 2013 HSC ranked Hurlstone 24 in the top 100 schools. Outstanding performances were achieved from nine students who were included in the *Top Achievers* in the following courses: 1st Senior Science: Richard Chen, 1st Primary Industries: Laura Nesbitt, 2nd Chemistry: Roy Fu, 2nd Senior Science: Annika Sood, 3rd Senior Science: Greta Brown, 8th Senior Science: Ellen Egan, 9th Senior Science: Jac Diamond, 10th Agriculture: Julia Kho, 19th General Mathematics: Jay Marshall.

Nine students achieved *All Rounder* status, achieving a score of 90 and above in 10 or more units: Anatha Saikrishna, Finn Cowden, Michelle Dam, Christine Do, Julia Kho, Angela Nguyen, Kathy Quach, Quoc Tran, Victor Vo.

149 Hurlstone students earned a total 360 Honour Roll credits. A credit is earned where a student achieves a mark over 90 in a course. Twenty one Honour Roll credits were earned by students in English and 127 achieved in mathematics.

The following statistics represent the percentage of students who achieved Band 6 in the respective courses: Agriculture – 68.5, Ancient History – 6.66, Biology – 20.63, Business Studies – 44.44, Chemistry – 35.13, Economics – 31.25, Engineering – 23.07, English Standard – 0, English Advanced – 10.13, English Ext 1 (E4) – 36.36, English Ext 2 (E4) – 40, Legal Studies – 28.12, General Maths – 56.66, Mathematics – 39.82, Maths Ext 1 (E4) – 42.45, Maths Ext 2 (E4) – 50, M Hist – 25, Music 1 – 66.66, PDHPE – 15.38, Physics – 23.07, Primary Industries – 16.66, Senior Science – 95.91, Visual Arts – 100.

We congratulate our debating champions. The Grand Final of the Debate the Future of America Competition took place on October 23rd. Christine White, Alicia Lam Dominic Bui Viet won the final Debate against PLC under the expert guidance of Ms Schultz. Each of the debates leading up to the Grand Final required a great deal of research about some very challenging topics related to important political issues in America such as gun control and race relations. Parents present at the Grand Final held at Sydney University and were blown away by the intelligent, carefully researched arguments that the Hurlstone Team presented. The debate was judged by a Professor and 2 other academics from the United States Study Centre at the uni. They were full of praise for the high standard of the students' debating skills and very impressed at the amount of research and preparation they had done. They certainly did Hurlstone proud and were well deserving of the Ipads that they won. Ms Schultz is to be highly praised for the hard work, dedication and time spent encouraging and guiding the team to success. They were exemplary ambassadors for the school and for Public Education.

On the eve of my retirement as Principal of HAHS, I would like to thank the entire community for their support over the last three years. I am hopeful that the great gains that have been made will continue to be built upon. In particular, I would like to thank teachers, staff, students and parents for their support. I would like to acknowledge the commitment of the English, HSIE, mathematics, science and TAS faculties in engaging students in the extra-curricular activities including external competitions and programs that extend and enrich our students; the on-going focus and collaborative practice related quality teaching; the global connections with other learning institutions fostered by LOTE & the boarding school; the development of a dynamic music program across the school; the improvements and innovations taking place in the boarding school; the critical work of the welfare team in developing a welfare curriculum which supports, nurtures and builds the resilience of all students; the growth of student leadership programs which inspire our students to become the leaders they need to be; the exceptional performance of those teachers who inspire and lead our students across a range of co curricula activities and create a positive harmonious student culture; the tireless and highly valued efforts of our administrative, boarding, catering, canteen, uniform, hostel, maintenance and farm teams and the outstanding commitment and contribution of our P&C and sub committees.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and successful 2014 and beyond.

Kerrie Wratten

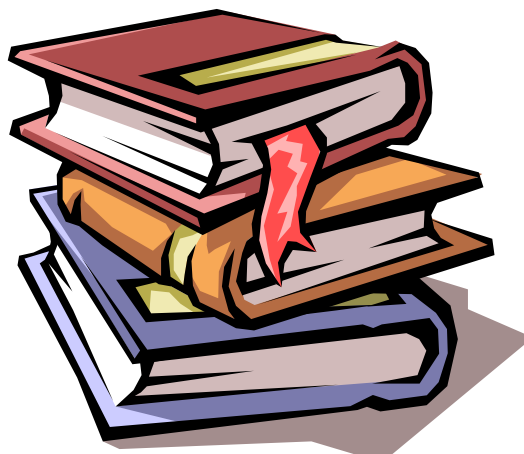
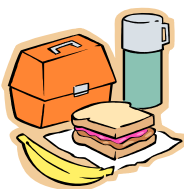
EVENTS

On November 14th the Janene Best Memorial Debating Competition was hosted by Hurlstone Agricultural High School. This competition is open to Year 8 Selective High School students. Schools that participated in the event were Hurlstone Agricultural, North Sydney Girls, Macquarie Fields, Smiths Hill, Hornsby Girls, Penrith, Sydney Girls, Sefton, Normanhurst Boys and St. George Girls. The Hurlstone team members were Visnja Vlahovic, Nicole Baxter, Abirami Kandasamy, Kylie Nguyen, Rhuten Yeole and Samuel Nicholson. The competition is held to celebrate the life of Janene Best, a much loved member of the English faculty from 1981 to 1992. The final debate was won by Hornsby Girls on the topic 'That we have forgotten about the environment'. We would like to thank Ms Robyn Keegan for coordinating this event. We would also like to thank the adjudicators, timekeepers and the Year 8 audience.



UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

Saturday, 18th January 2014 10am to 2pm
Monday, 20th January 2014 10am to 1pm
Wednesday, 22nd January 2014 10am to 1pm
Friday 24th January 2014 10am to 1pm
Normal trading hours from Tuesday 28th January 2014



2014 RETURN DATES

Years 7, 11 and 12 return on Wednesday, 29th January 2014.

Years 8, 9 and 10 return on Thursday 30th January 2014.

See attached pages for Subject Requirements by Year

Future of America Debating Final

On October 25th three of Hurlstone's year 11 Premier's Debating team (Alicia Lam, Dominic Bui Viet and Christine White) represented our school in the Final of the Future of America debating competition against PLC at Sydney University.

The students defeated North Sydney Girls High School and The Hills Grammar in elimination rounds. The other debate topics that we participated in to get to the final were:

- That the US needs an austerity program
- That the US should implement Australian-style gun control

Students were required to research and talk with experts in order to prepare themselves for this competition. This win is a huge achievement for them and us as a school in debating and public speaking. Please see the link so you can see them in action and watch the actual final.

<http://ussc.edu.au/study/high-school/debate-the-future-of-america-2013>

The topic for the debate final against PLC was:

"That race relations in the US have not improved during the Obama presidency".

We were affirmative.

For their efforts these students won an ipad 4 each. Also, thanks needs to be extended to the rest of the year 11 debating team who read, edited and prepared the team for the final. This was definitely a team effort.

This competition was both challenging and required the team to debate against schools that have a long tradition in winning debating competitions at a state level. This competition also demonstrated the skill of the year 11 team and their potential they have in debating competitions in 2014.

As a school community we extend our congratulations to them and please follow the link and watch the debate. It is very interesting and full of tension.



Picture 1: (L to R) Christine White, Dominic Bui Viet & Alicia Lam) Picture 2: (L to R) The entire team- Lezan Sarraj, Catherine Londos, Christine White, Dominic Bui Viet, Alicia Lam & Janeda Ong (Sarah Payne was absent on this day).

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Orientation Day – 4th December 2013

It was marvellous to meet with so many new parents on Orientation Day and to be able to chat and share a little of what we do. Education is at its best when home and school work together as a team to achieve the best possible outcomes for each child. After all, they are *our* kids!

We have over 70 parents registering their details so P&C could send information to them to keep them updated with our activities. Several parents paid their P&C membership on the day to show their support which was greatly appreciated. So far, we had lots of new parents sign up to be volunteers to our sub-committees and it was great to see the new parents show their enthusiasm.

International Food Stall - 6th December

Another amazing result from The International Club, they have raised over \$1,600 on the school Multi-cultural day. This is an excellent achievement by Renu Vishwain, Atula Dhamal and all the parents who help out on the day. It was great to see a few enthusiastic new 2014 parents and ex-students assist on the day. A fantastic effort, thankyou!

And of course, we cannot achieve a successful day without the support from the students, teachers and staff who purchase our Indian food, Asian food and cake.

These funds go towards the resources for our kids at the school.

Merry X'Mas and Happy New Year !!!

On behalf of HAHS P&C, we wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Rebecca La
HAHS P&C President





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2014 Year 7 Subject Requirements

Subject	Student & Classroom Requirements
English	4GB minimum 'English Only' USB, A4 Book, loose leaf paper, plastic display folder, supply of black pens.
Mathematics	Grid book, blue/black pens, red pen, pencil, eraser, ruler. Scientific calculator (preferably CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II {available for purchase from school for \$22}). Geometry set {available for purchase from school for \$3}.
Science	Pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, calculator scientific, 128 page exercise book.
PDHPE	Sport uniform (including hat) for practical lessons. Pens, highlighters and workbook (workbook supplied for students at cost of \$35) for classroom lessons.
Agriculture	Class exercise book (e.g. A4, stapled exercise book – 96 page), Farm note book (small pocket sized, well bound notebook), writing implements (pens and lead pencils, rubber), ruler, calculator required for some areas of work, sturdy leather lace up school shoes, an old shirt to wear over the uniform in practical lessons & a hat or cap. A USB.
Technology	Workbook – A4 96 pages (lined), USB 2GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Music	Music book 96 pages (lined), USB 2GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Geography	Exercise Book (150 pages), calculator, ruler, protractor, compass, pencil, coloured pencils.
History	Exercise Book (150 pages), calculator, ruler, protractor, compass, pencil, coloured pencils.
Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary (bound sketch book) A4 size (-included in the Year 7 book pack), pencils 2B, HB & 6B, eraser.



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2014 Year 8 Subject Requirements

Subject	Student & Classroom Requirements
English	4GB minimum ' <i>English Only</i> ' USB, A4 Book, loose leaf lined paper, plastic display folder, supply of black pens.
Mathematics	Grid book, blue/black pens, red pen, pencil, eraser, ruler. Scientific calculator (preferably CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II {available for purchase from school for \$22}). Geometry set {available for purchase from school for \$3}.
Science	Pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, calculator scientific, 128 page exercise book.
PDHPE	Sport uniform (including hat) for practical lessons. Pens, highlighters and workbook (workbook supplied for students at cost of \$35) for classroom lessons.
Agriculture	Class exercise book (e.g. A4 , stapled exercise book – 96 page), Farm note book (small pocket sized, well bound notebook), writing implements (pens and lead pencils, rubber), ruler, calculator required for some areas of work, sturdy leather lace up school shoes, an old shirt to wear over the uniform in practical lessons & a hat or cap. A USB.
Japanese	Obento Deluxe Workbook \$32.25 (incl GST), 48 pages exercise book.
Technology	Workbook – A4 96 pages (lined), USB 2GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Music	Music book 96 pages (lined), USB 2GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
History	Exercise Book (150 pages), calculator, ruler, protractor, compass, pencil, coloured pencils.
Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary (bound sketch book) A4 size (-included in book pack), pencils 2B, HB & 6B, eraser.



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2014 Year 9 Subject Requirements

Subject	Student & Classroom Requirements
English	A4 Book/folder loose leaf lined paper, presentation folders, 4GB* 'English Only' USB, Presentation folders, laptops (when available).
Mathematics	Grid book, blue/black pens, red pen, pencil, eraser, ruler. Scientific calculator (preferably CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II {available for purchase from school for \$22}). Geometry set {available for purchase from school for \$3}.
Science	Pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, calculator scientific, 128 page exercise book.
PDHPE	Sport uniform (including hat) for practical lessons. Pens, highlighters and workbook (workbook supplied for students at cost of \$35) for classroom lessons.
PASS elective	Sport uniform (including hat) for practical lessons. Pens, highlighters and workbook (workbook supplied for students at cost of \$35) for classroom lessons.
Agriculture	Class exercise book (e.g. A4 , stapled exercise book – 96 page), Farm note book (small pocket sized, well bound notebook), writing implements (pens and lead pencils, rubber), ruler, calculator required for some areas of work, sturdy leather lace up school shoes, an old shirt to wear over the uniform in practical lessons & a hat or cap. A USB.
Japanese	Obento Supreme Workbook \$32.25 (incl GST), 48 pages exercise book.
Multimedia	Workbook – A4 96 pages (lined), USB 4GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Food Tech	Workbook – A4 96 pages (lined), USB 2GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Music	Music book 96 pages (lined), USB 4GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Engineering Studies	A4 binder book 64 pages, USB 4GB, compass, ruler, calculator, pens, pencils, eraser.
IST	A4 binder book, USB 4GB, pens, pencils, eraser, ruler.
Graphics	A4 binder book, A3 Presentation Folder, USB 4GB, 0.5 pacer pencil, pens, pencils, eraser, ruler.
Geography	Exercise Book (150 pages), calculator, ruler, protractor, compass, pencil, coloured pencils.
Commerce - Minor & Major	Exercise Book (150 pages), calculator, ruler, protractor, compass, pencil, coloured pencils.
History	Exercise Book (150 pages), calculator, ruler, protractor, compass, pencil, coloured pencils.
Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary (bound sketch book) A4 size, pencils 2B, HB & 6B, eraser.



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2014 Year 10 Subject Requirements

Subject	Student & Classroom Requirements
English	A4 Book/folder, loose leaf lined paper, presentation folders, 4GB* 'English Only' USB, Presentation folders, laptop.
Mathematics	Grid book, blue/black pens, red pen, pencil, eraser, ruler. Scientific calculator (preferably CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II {available for purchase from school for \$22}. Geometry set {available for purchase from school for \$3}.
Science	Pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, calculator scientific, 128 page exercise book or ring binder and paper.
PDHPE	Sport uniform (including hat) for practical lessons. Pens, highlighters and workbook (workbook supplied for students at cost of \$35) for classroom lessons.
PASS elective	Sport uniform (including hat) for practical lessons. Pens, highlighters and workbook (workbook supplied for students at cost of \$35) for classroom lessons.
Agriculture	Lap top computer, class exercise book (e.g. A4 , stapled exercise book – 96 page), Farm note book (small pocket sized, well bound notebook), writing implements (pens and lead pencils, rubber), ruler, calculator required for some areas of work, sturdy leather lace up school shoes, an old shirt to wear over the uniform in practical lessons & a hat or cap. A USB.
Multimedia	Workbook – A4 96 pages (lined), USB 4GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Food Tech	Workbook – A4 96 pages (lined), USB 2GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Music	Music book 96 pages (lined), USB 4GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Engineering Studies	A4 binder book 64 pages, USB 4GB, compass, ruler, calculator, pens, pencils, eraser.
IST	A4 binder book, USB 4GB, pens, pencils, eraser, ruler.
Graphics	A4 binder book, A3 Presentation Folder, USB 4GB, 0.5 pacer pencil, pens, pencils, eraser, ruler.
History	Exercise Book (150 pages), calculator, ruler, protractor, compass, pencil, coloured pencils.
Commerce - Minor & Major	Exercise Book (150 pages), calculator, ruler, protractor, compass, pencil, coloured pencils.
Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary (bound sketch book) A4 size, pencils 2B, HB & 6B, eraser.



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2014 Year 11 Subject Requirements

Subject	Student & Classroom Requirements
English	A4 book/folder, hole punch, scissors & glue, correction tape (not white-out), stapler and scissors, laptop.
Mathematics	Grid book/ loose leaf folder, blue/black pens, red pen, pencil, eraser, ruler. Scientific calculator (preferably CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II {available for purchase from school for \$22}). Geometry set is optional {available for purchase from school for \$3}. A mathematical template is optional (but advised) for students studying either Mathematics or Mathematics Extension 1 {available for purchase from school for \$16}.
Science	Pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, calculator scientific, 128 page exercise book or ring binder and paper.
PDHPE	Sport uniform (including hat) for practical lessons. Pens, highlighters and workbook (workbook supplied for students at cost of \$66) for classroom lessons.
SLR	Sport uniform (including hat) for practical lessons. Pens and highlighters for classroom lessons
Agriculture	Lap top computer, folder or exercise book, writing implements (pens and lead pencils, rubber), ruler, a calculator that is required for some areas of work and a USB.
Engineering Studies	A4 binder book 64 pages, USB 2GB, compass, set squares, ruler, calculator, pens, pencils, eraser.
Music	Music book 96 pages (lined), USB 4GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Economics	Folder for notes, calculator, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Business Studies	Folder for notes, calculator, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Modern History	Folder for notes, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Ancient History	Folder for notes, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Legal Studies	Folder for notes, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Geography	Folder for notes, calculator, protractor, compass, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Studies of Religion	Folder for notes, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary (bound sketch book) A4 size, pencils 2B, HB & 6B, eraser.



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2014 Year 12 Subject Requirements

Subject	Student & Classroom Requirements
English	A4 book/folder, hole punch, scissors & glue, correction tape (not white-out), stapler and scissors, laptop.
Mathematics	Grid book/ loose leaf folder, blue/black pens, red pen, pencil, eraser, ruler. Scientific calculator (preferably CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II {available for purchase from school for \$22}). Geometry set is optional {available for purchase from school for \$3}. A mathematical template is optional (but advised) for students studying either Mathematics or Mathematics Extension 1 {available for purchase from school for \$16}.
Science	Pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, calculator scientific, 128 page exercise book or ring binder and paper.
PDHPE	Sport uniform (including hat) for practical lessons. Pens, highlighters and workbook (workbook supplied for students at cost of \$66) for classroom lessons.
Agriculture	Lap top computer, folder or exercise book, writing implements (pens and lead pencils, rubber), ruler, a calculator that is required for some areas of work and a USB.
Japanese	Wakatta Workbook 2 (already purchased)
Engineering Studies	A4 binder book 64 pages, USB 2GB, compass, set squares, ruler, calculator, pens, pencils, eraser.
Music	Music book 96 pages (lined), USB 4GB, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Economics	Folder for notes, calculator, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Business Studies	Folder for notes, calculator, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Modern History	Folder for notes, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Ancient History	Folder for notes, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Legal Studies	Folder for notes, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Geography	Folder for notes, calculator, protractor, compass, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Studies of Religion	Folder for notes, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Extension History	Folder for notes, pens, ruler, pencils, eraser.
Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary (bound sketch book) A4 size, pencils 2B, HB & 6B, eraser.