

Parent Newsletter

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2014 Issue 8 Term 2 - Week 6

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CALENDAR

Term 2

Week 7

Monday 9th June

Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 10th June - Day 2

Yr 7 Agriculture Task 1 Assessment

Yr 12 Chemistry Task 3 Assessment

Yr 12 Ancient History Task 3 Assess.

P&C Country Fair Meeting 6.30pm

P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th June - Day 3a

Yr 7 Agriculture Task 1 Assessment

Yr 11 General Mathematics Task 2 Ass.

Yr 11 Mathematics Task 2 Assessment

Yr 11 PDHPE Task 3 Assessment

Yr 12 Ancient History Task 3 Assess.

Thursday 12th June - Day 4

Yr 7 Agriculture Task 1 Assessment

Yr 12 Modern History Task 3 Assess.

Yr 12 Ancient History Task 3 Assess.

Regional Cross Country

7pm School Musical - Leader of the Pack

Friday 13th June - Day 5

Boarding School Expo - Wagga Wagga

Yr 7 Agriculture Task 1 Assessment

Yr 11 Mathematics Extension 1 Unit
Task 2 Assessment

Yr 12 Biology Task 3 Assessment

Yr 12 Ancient History Task 3 Assess.

Yr 12 PDHPE Task 3 Assessment

7pm School Musical - Leader of the Pack

Saturday 14th June

7pm School Musical - Leader of the Pack



Effective and consistent communication is one of the cornerstones of success. This statement is true for every aspect of life including familial relationships, professional cooperation, educational development and community interactions. With regards to our students' educational journey, the school feels that communication both during formative tasks and about summative reports to be an integral part of what we do as an institution.

Last year the school decided to review and refine the ways in which the school communicates with its community about student development. There has been a continuing focus on supplying meaningful and deep feedback to our students across all curriculum areas to enable them to reflect on their work and improve their progress. Likewise there was a move to engage our parent body with a new structure for the communicating of student progress.

Communicating with parents at meetings that took place after the reports was seen to be retrograde and redundant. Having meetings regarding how to improve performance after that performance had been assessed and reported on was seen as not fulfilling the fundamental purpose of feedback. This system did not afford any opportunity for students to allay issues which were raised before their progress was assayed.

This has meant that the school has embarked on a new system of communication with parents that is proactive and at regular intervals throughout the year. This will take the place of a meeting between teachers and parents during Term 1 or early Term 2 which will supply advice to parents about how to support their child before there is any reporting on their levels of attainment. These meetings have already taken place this year and, even though there was some feedback regarding both the format and the intent, they were well received by the many parents who attended.

The second stage of this process is to supply written feedback during Term 2 in the form of a report for each subject. This will then be followed up by another opportunity for parents to talk to teachers about issues during Term 3 and then a final report at the conclusion of the school year (Term 3 for Year 12).

This system will give teachers four points of contact with parents, one in each term and will enable all stakeholders (teachers, parents and students) to work together to ensure that student development is dealt with in a timely and productive manner. It will also ensure that there is no repetition of information and that the information in the report is not just restated in a meeting.

Of course, at any time, parents may call the school and organise a meeting with their child's teachers. We are more than happy to discuss ways in which the school and parents can work together to improve outcomes for our students.

This idea of working together brings me to another important aspect of communication which is important for the school and its development - the ways in which we, as a community, communicate with the wider society. Ms Castle and I have been active in recent months going into regional NSW and spruiking the school and what it has to offer. We were in Dubbo recently and later this week we go to Wagga Wagga in order to let rural and regional NSW know what Hurlstone stands for in terms of agricultural education.

Other members of the school community do not have to travel hundreds of kilometres to fulfil this important role. In August Hurlstone Agricultural High School brings rural life to Glenfield in our annual Country Fair. For 75 years the school has been instrumental in highlighting how important primary industries are to our nation's economy and to our personal wellbeing.

CALENDAR

Term 2

Week 8

Monday 16th June - Day 6

Yr 10 English Task 3 Assessment
Yr 12 Legal Studies Task 3 Assessment
Prefect Camp

Tuesday 17th June - Day 1

Prefect Camp

Wednesday 18th June - Day 2b

Prefect Camp
Yr 12 Business Studies Task 3 Assessment
Musical Rehearsal

Thursday 19th June - Day 3

PDHPE Outdoor Rec Camp
Yr 12 English Advanced Task 3 Assess.
Chemistry Competition
Yr 8 & 9 Slam Poetry

Friday 20th June - Day 4

PDHPE Outdoor Rec Camp
International Food Stall
Yr 7 & 9 Vaccinations
Yr 9 Japanese Task 6 Assessment
Yr 11 Legal Studies Task 3 Assessment
Yr 12 History Extension Task 1 Assess.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Continued

As part of the Hurlstone community it is the responsibility of all of us to help communicate these ideas and ideals. I encourage every member of the community – staff, students and parents to be involved on this incredibly important day. While we are mobilising staff and students at the school, parents should contact the P and C and indicate when they can come and help further the school's endeavour to be a lighthouse school for agricultural education. I look forward to working with all of you on this important day.

Hurlstone's Country Fair & Open Day - Saturday 30th August 2014, 10am to 3pm.

Daryl Currie, Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES' DESKS

Wagga Wagga Boarding School Expo

Daryl Currie and I will be attending the Boarding Schools Expo – Wagga Wagga, 13-14 June so if you are in the area, come along and say hello.

ICPA representatives will also be available at the Boarding Schools Expo, so if you know any families or friends considering boarding school as an option for high school, encourage them to come along and have a chat about the boarding opportunities at Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

The expo will be held at Kyeamba Smith Hall, Showgrounds, Bourke St, Wagga

Friday 13 June, 12.30pm – 6.00pm

Saturday 14 June, 9.30am – 3.00pm

Admission to the Expo is free

<http://boardingexpo.com.au/wagga-wagga-expo/#>

Test dates for the Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Tests from 2016 to 2020

The Department has confirmed the test dates for 2016 to 2020 inclusive as follows.

YEAR	SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (for Year 6 students seeking placement in Year 7 the following year)	OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT TEST (for Year 4 students seeking placement in Year 5 the following year)
2014	Thursday 13 March 2014	Wednesday 23 July 2014
2015	Thursday 12 March 2015	Wednesday 22 July 2015
2016	Thursday 10 March 2016	Wednesday 27 July 2016
2017	Thursday 9 March 2017	Wednesday 26 July 2017
2018	Thursday 15 March 2018	Wednesday 1 August 2018
2019	Thursday 14 March 2019	Wednesday 31 July 2019
2020	Thursday 12 March 2020	Wednesday 29 July 2020

Applications for Year 7 entry to a selective high school will open in October each year while applications for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes will open in late April/early May each year.

Copies of information bulletins and the relevant documents can be accessed from the intranet website at: <https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/high-performance/high-performance>

CALENDAR

Term 2

Week 9

Monday 23rd June - Day 5

Zone Athletics Carnival

Yr 11 Studies of Religion 11 Unit Task 2 Assessment

Yr 12 Senior Science Task 3 Assessment

Tuesday 24th June - Day 6

Zone Athletics Carnival

Yr 11 English (Advanced) Task 2 Assess.

Yr 11 English (Standard) Task 2 Assess.

Yr 12 Economics Task 3 Assessment

Wednesday 25th June - Day 1b

PDHPE Outdoor Rec Camp #2

Musical Rehearsal

Thursday 26th June - Day 2

PDHPE Outdoor Rec Camp #2

Science & Engineering Challenge

Yr 11 Modern History Task 3 Assessment

Yr 12 English Advanced Task 4 Assess.

Yr 12 English Standard Task 4 Assessment

Yr 12 PDHPE Task 4 Assessment

Friday 27th June - Day 3

PDHPE Outdoor Rec Camp #2

Yr 7 PDHPE Task 1 Assessment

Yr 8 PDHPE Task 1 Assessment

Yr 9 PDHPE Task 1 Assessment

Yr 11 Computing Applications Task 2 Ass.

Yr 11 PDHPE Task 3 Assessment

Last Day of Term 2

FROM THE DEPUTIES' DESKS

School enquiries may be directed to the High Performing Students Unit on telephone (02) 9244 5669.

Nick Wenban, Rob Craig and myself attended the 15th Annual Selective Schools Deputy Principals Conference- Bowral NSW, Thursday the 5th and Friday the 6th of June. The professional development opportunity afforded to us by our school community will enable us to bring back to our community some insight into supporting our students. Conference delegates were able to immerse themselves in learning sessions which covered a wide range of topics including, Cross Cultural Communication presented by Shiqi Yin M.Ed.BA (Chinese as a second language), Positive Psychology Coach and Mentor- presented by Mary Ann Das Neves, Leep and Academic Performance presented by Dr Carmel Harrington (BSc, PhD, LLB, DipEd) and an opportunity to connect with Magda Pollack and Sally Watts leaders from the High Performing Students Unit and Selective High School Senior Advisor.

DP Christine Castle

NEWS

Day School Payments

Day School Invoice payments can be made online from our website. Visit www.hurlstone.com.au and click on the 'Pay Online' button on the left. Pay Online Instructions can be found under the 'Download' button.

If you pay your school fees in full by 20th June, you'll receive a \$20 P&C Gift Voucher (redeemable at our School Canteen or Uniform Shop)

Da Doo Ron Ron Ron

Such memories, such fun, such good music.

Hurlstone Agricultural High School's 2014 musical is "Leader of the Pack", the Ellie Greenwich musical. Yes, she wrote those words and many others! "Going to the Chapel", "Leader of the Pack" "River Deep Mountain High".

The show runs from June 12-14, doors open at 6.30 for a 7.00 start and for \$11 you will be able to relive some of the greatest music of the rock 'n' roll era. Tickets are available through the school Accounts office (9829 9222) or at the door (safer to book).

Europe Tour in 2016

Planning has begun for the 2016 Europe tour and information will be forwarded to the current Year 9 and 10 students later this term. The 15 day Pompeii, Herculaneum, Rome, Paris & the Western Front senior study tour has been pencilled in for Jan 2-16 2016. Parents are welcome to accompany their children and an expression of interest list will be made to determine if we have the required 20 participants to form a Hurlstone only travel group. An information meeting in early Term 3 will be held with Academy Travel. For further information please email me yelena.vercoe@det.nsw.edu.au



Term 3

Week 1

Monday, 14th July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday, 15th July - Day 4

Yr 11 Modern History Task 3 Assessment

Wednesday, 16th July - Day 5b

Yr 10 Science Task 2 Assessment

Yr 11 PDHPE Task 3 Assessment

Yr 11 Modern History Task 3 Assessment

Thursday, 17th July - Day 6

Science & Engineering Challenge

- Macquarie University

Yr 11 Physics Task 3 Assessment

Yr 11 Modern History Task 3 Assessment

Friday, 18th July - Day 1

Yr 11 English Extension 1 unit, Task 2 Ass

Yr 11 Modern History Task 3 Assessment

Ultimate Frisbee Champions

Yet again Hurlstone was out in force, ready to protect the schools reputation of ultimate Frisbee dominance at the UFNSW regional championships at The Parade grounds in Centennial Park on Wednesday 21st May. Hurlstone entered 3 boys and 3 girls teams into each division, played in ideal conditions of warm weather and almost zero wind.

The day went almost perfectly to plan with Hurlstone almost making a clean sweep of both Men's and Women's divisions, and with the added incentive of the top two boys and girls teams progressing through to the state championships in term 3.

Both finals were all Hurlstone affairs with our Ladies A team, led by Alicia Peachey completely dominating the final to emerge victorious over Hayley Hudson's B team, 15 -1. Special mention to the B team who have all made the big step up from Junior's last year.

Our defending champion Men's A team, led by Matt Wajzer, survived an early scare during the pool games, against Ryan Southwell's, Hurlstone C boys, with a 13 - 10 result from earlier in the day, being completely turned around when they met again in the final, with the A team again winning the regional final, 15 -3.

Mens Results:

Hurlstone A
Hurlstone C
Erskine Park
Hurlstone B



Ladies Results:

Hurlstone A
Hurlstone B
Hurlstone C
Erskine Park

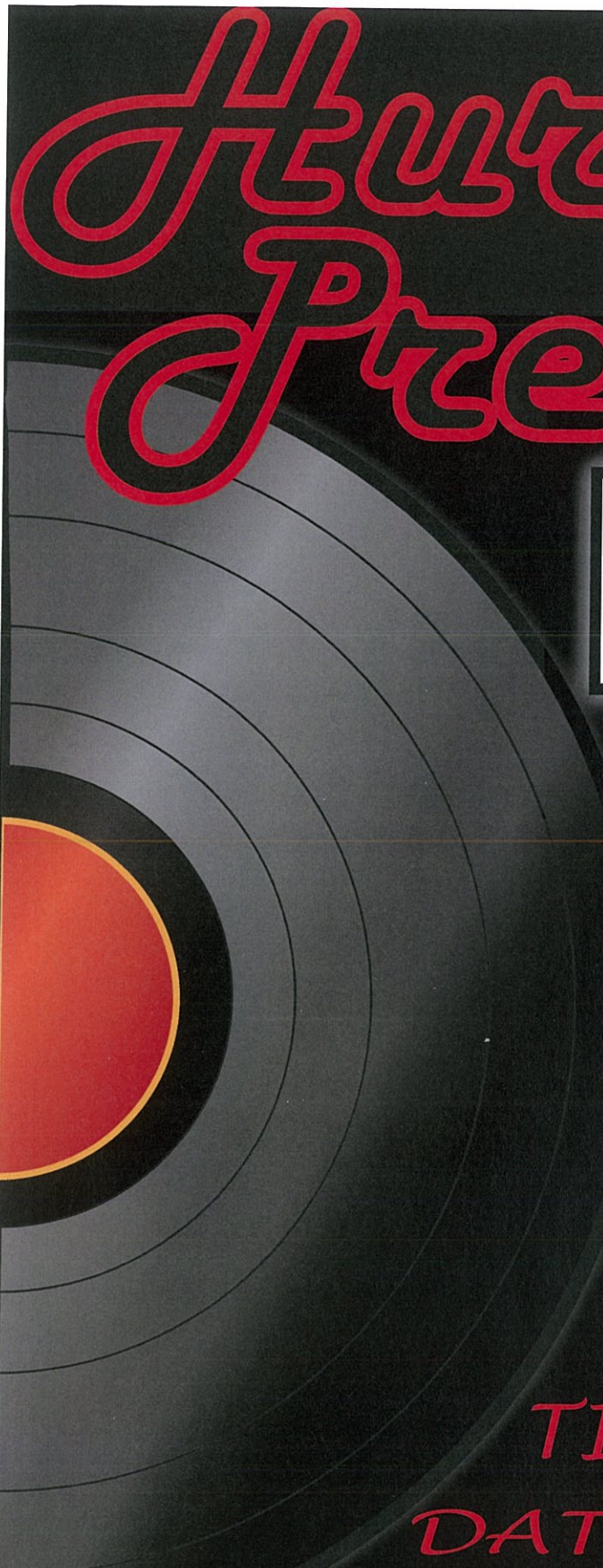


Further congratulations to Matt Wajzer (year 11), Dennis Tran (year 11) & Brandon Chau (year 12), who have been selected to represent the NSW U18 Emus at the AFDA national Championships in Melbourne on the June Long Weekend.

Ultimate Frisbee is a non contact team sport played with a Frisbee that combines elements of netball, touch football and American football into a fast paced, athletic sport. Ultimate is unique in that it is self-refereed, even at world championship level. Players are responsible for adhering to and overseeing the rules themselves whilst displaying good sportsmanship. Ultimate is played in over 30 countries worldwide, is a sport at the world games, and has a strong presence in universities and high schools, and now has 2 professional leagues in the United States, which can be seen on ESPN or their YouTube channels. For more info on Ultimate Frisbee, visit www.ufnsw.com.au or www.afda.com.



1. Senior Boys. 2. Josh Thorn. 3. & 4. Frisbee Regionals. 5. NSW U18 Rep Matt Wajzer
6. Frisbee Regionals. 7. Lisa Huynh Le. 8. Iris Firat. 9. Frisbee Regionals. 10. Alicia Peachey.



*Hurlstone
Presents*

**Leader
Of The
Pack**

TICKETS: \$11.00

TIME: 7:00 PM

*DATES: 12/6/14 To
14/6/14*

*WHERE: Edmondson Hall, Hurlstone
Agricultural High School*

"Leader of the Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Musical" (100%) Music and Lyrics by Ellie Greenwich and Friends Liner notes by Anne Beatts Additional material by Jack Heifner Based on an original concept by Melanie Mintz By Arrangement with ORiGiN Theatrical on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.