

Parent Newsletter

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CALENDAR

Term 3

Week 2

Monday, 21st July - Day 2

Yr 7 Agriculture Task 2 Assessment
Yr 9 English Task 3 Assessment
Yr 11 Ancient History Task 3 Assessment

Tuesday, 22nd July - Day 3

Yr 7 Agriculture Task 2 Assessment
Yr 7 English Task 3 Assessment
Yr 11 Ancient History Task 3 Assessment
Yr 11 Chemistry Task 3 Assessment

Wednesday, 23rd July - Day 4B

Yr 7 Agriculture Task 2 Assessment

Thursday, 24th July - Day 5

Yr 7 Agriculture Task 2 Assessment
Yr 9 Drama Task 3 Assessment
Yr 11 Ancient History Task 3 Assessment
Yr 11 Biology Task 3 Assessment
AFL Giants Cup Excursion
Boarding School Expo - Narrabri

Friday, 25th July - Day 6

Yr 7 Agriculture Task 2 Assessment
Yr 11 Ancient History Task 3 Assessment
Yr 11 Agriculture Task 3 Assessment
Yr 12 Engineering Studies Task 3 Assess.
Recognition Assembly
Prefect Induction Assembly



In this newsletter article I would like to revisit the topic which I covered in the issue of 21 February this year not to reiterate any points but to further add to my statements about the burgeoning pride that was developing within me as leader of Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

The decision to revisit the statements I made about pride is a result of several experiences that I had at the end of last term. These experiences revolved around the witnessing of student involvement in several extra-curricular activities and seeing how they contributed to both the school and the wider community. All of these activities added to my growing sense of pride at being Hurlstone Agricultural High School's principal.

The first of these events was the school musical, *Leader of the Pack*. I had the privilege of helping the students throughout this production and to watch them grow both individually as performers and as an ensemble. Even though I was only able to attend the opening night, the cast's commitment to the script, the music, Mrs Wuhrer and each other was an indication of both the pride they felt in their hard work and in the school and the community who came and supported them. At the conclusion of the night not much had to be said as the pride everyone felt in the performance could be seen in the satisfied smiles shared amongst the actors, the dancers, the orchestra, the technical crew, the teachers and the audience.

Another event which made my chest swell was witnessing the senior debating team triumph over Smith Hill High School in the quarter finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge. It was not an easy victory and the two sides were evenly matched in their assessment of the federal budget and whether it should be passed through parliament. However, in the end, Hurlstone's ability to hold a steady, logical and consistent team line saw them move onto the State Semi Final which will be held at Gympie Technology High School on Tuesday 22 July. Regardless of the outcome of this debate both the team and Ms Schultz have done the school proud.

On the same day as the debate I was privileged to attend the Prefects' Camp. This event was a dramatic eye opener for me regarding to what it means to be a prefect at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. There were three aspects of the evening I attended that had a profound impact on the ways in which I view and feel about both the school and its senior students. The first element was the responsibility which was displayed by the outgoing prefects. It was obvious that they felt a deep commitment to both the newly appointed Leadership Team and to the school in general. This was relayed in every aspect of the relationship I saw between the two groups and the legacy that this group wished to leave the school was a palpable entity at the camp. This sense of commitment was transferred to the newly appointed prefects who, in their speeches, displayed true passion for Hurlstone and an emotional determination to make the school the best it could be. Even though it was made clear that the words spoken and the emotions displayed were made within the confidence of the leadership team and the few privileged kibitzers I feel confident in the fact that I can relay to the wider school community the sheer joy, as a school leader, that I felt as a result of the passion, insightfulness and alacrity filling the room. Finally, I was astonished by the ways in which students responded when the votes for the executive positions had been tallied and announced. In any situation of this nature there are bound to be people who are disappointed but this emotion did not raise its head. The students revelled in the announcement of the successful candidates and chose to display joy rather than regret. It was a truly inspirational moment for me as in one crystallised event the best of youth was displayed.

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Term 3

Week 3

Monday, 28th July - Day 1

Yr 10 Agriculture Task 3 Assessment

Yr 11 Economics Task 3 Assessment

Yr 11 Business Studies Task 2 Assessment

Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

Tuesday, 29th July - Day 2

Yr 10 Agriculture Task 3 Assessment

Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

Regional Athletics Carnival

ICAS English

Wednesday, 30th July - Day 3B

Yr 10 Agriculture Task 3 Assessment

Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

Regional Athletics Carnival

UMAT Exam

APSMO Maths Competition

Thursday, 31st July - Day 4

Yr 10 Agriculture Task 3 Assessment

Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

Friday, 1st August - Day 5

Yr 10 Agriculture Task 3 Assessment

Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

Yr 10 Macbeth, Sydney Opera House
Excursion

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Continued

This feeling carried into the last week of the term when I attended the QUOTA Youth of the Year Awards. This was a fantastic showcase of potential from across South West Sydney and the two students who represented Hurlstone, Harsha Chugh and Rachel Daniel, both performed exceptionally well. The night consisted of every student, who put themselves forward for the honour, being interviewed and then performing both a prepared and impromptu speech. The judging was thorough, rigorous and challenging. In the end Rachel was awarded runner up in the competition and both Hurlstonians represented our school with aplomb.

By the conclusion of the term I reflected on my first six months at Hurlstone. I thought about all the things I had written and came across those first meanderings about the ways people thought about their school, the pride I had witnessed and the potential I saw and I realised that Hurlstone was now firmly part of my educational journey and that this was a fact of which to be proud.

Daryl Currie, Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES' DESKS

Student Welfare

Positive Psychology resumed this Wednesday with Katrina Langhorn presenting our year 7 Boarders with a session on the Importance of Sleep in Health.

The following activity will be introduced into our welfare program for year 11 Boarding students. This unique opportunity for "The Urban Challenge" was researched and organised by Mr Andrew Wilson, Year 11 Student Advisor and Duty Team Member. Urban Challenge CEO Paul Colagiuri, in consultation with Daryl Currie, Andrew Wilson and myself, have finalised the program. The students will be taking their challenge on Sunday July 27, we look forward to sharing the Year 11 challenge results with you in the next newsletter.

<http://www.theurbanchallenge.com.au/>

School promotion

Daryl Currie and myself will be promoting our school at the Narrabri Boarding Schools Expo on Thursday 24 July until Saturday July 26. Come along and visit us if you are in the area. Wagga Wagga expo was a great success last term and it was great to see Eve Webb. The expos offer us an opportunity to catch up with our rural families.

<http://boardingexpo.com.au/>

During the holiday period I worked on promoting our School at Small Farm, Mudgee Field Days. Meeting up with current and future students in their home town as well as connecting with alumni and sharing their stories of Agricultural success and fond memories of their time at Hurlstone Agricultural High School was a real highlight. I have attached some copies of the latest editorials from The Land, for our school promotion.

Agricultural opportunities

During this time I was also able to spend some time talking to representatives from the University of New England. I have included some of the opportunities that UNE are offering at the moment.



Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2014? Are you studying and enjoying agriculture and/or science at school? Are you passionate about agriculture and want to undertake tertiary study in this area? Would you like to experience UNE life and see the

opportunities that the UNE School of Environmental and Rural Science

can provide you with? **Then the University of New England's GENERATION 2050 Agriculture and Science Conference is for you.**

CALENDAR

Term 3

Week 4

Monday, 4th August - Day 6

Yr 10 Mathematics Task 2 Assessment

Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

Tuesday, 5th August - Day 1

Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

Wednesday, 6th August - Day 2A

Great Engineering Challenge Excursion

Australian Science Olympiad

Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

Thursday, 7th August - Day 3

Yr 9 Mathematics Task 2 Assessment

Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

Australian Maths Competition

Friday, 8th August - Day 4

Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams

FROM THE DEPUTIES' DESKS



How We Can Get You There

We are giving **100 students** who apply via this website **free accommodation, meals and activities**. 100 passionate agriculture students from around Australia will be chosen to take part in UNE's inaugural Generation2050: Project Feed the World conference.

When: 7 December to 10 December 2014

Where: University of New England, Armidale, NSW

Cost: **Free!** All accommodation in a UNE residential college, meals and activities will be provided free of charge.

Travel to UNE will also be subsidised at the following rates. UNE will assist in organising your travel to and from the conference. Buses will leave from major cities to transport students who travel by plane to UNE. These cities include but are not limited to Newcastle and Brisbane.

Please visit <http://www.generation2050.com.au/>

Christine Castle Deputy Principal Boarding

NEWS

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On show: schools hit the stage

The Advertiser continues to shine a spotlight on students who are showing off months of hard work as the local performance season looms. **Katherine Fenech** reports.

LEUMEAH High School actors will take the stage on an adventure through time when their annual musical opens in a fortnight.

The show, called *Epilogue of Time*, was written by the school's music teacher Michelle Woolley to best suit the talents of the students.

As a result, the musical twists through world events like World War II and visits historic landmarks such as Rome's Colosseum, where gladiators fought to the death.

"It's a bit of time travel and a bit of warped history," Ms Woolley said.

"I really wanted to build the show around a great prop so we have a giant book that the kids can jump in and out of. We're working with tunnels under the stage."

More than 50 students are involved in the show, from acting to set building. Even though it harks back to some truly ancient settings, Ms Woolley said the music was all modern — with a few changes to the lyrics.

■ Over at Glenfield's Hurststone Agricultural High School the music will be firmly set in the 1960s when they retell the life of pop singer Ellie Greenwich in *Leader of the Pack*.

Greenwich and her songwriting partner husband John Barry collaborated on hits like *Be My Baby* and *Da Doo Run Run* with Phil Spector.

The school's musical director and show producer Wendy Wuhner said more than 100 students were involved, including the school's orchestra.

"Students have taken on leadership roles and have had the opportunity to 'own' the show through participation as student directors, student choreographer, set designers, program and poster designers," Ms Wuhner said.

Left: A musical time-twisting effort is in store from students at Leumeah High School. **Picture:** Jeff McGill

Right: Hurststone Agricultural High School students will present a look at pop singer and composer Ellie Greenwich's life in their production of *Leader of the Pack*. **Picture:** Jeff de Pasquale

SHOW DATES

Leumeah High School: *Epilogue of Time*, June 18 at 4.30pm and June 19 at 6.15pm. Tickets: \$10 (adults). Details: 4625 7755.

Hurststone Agricultural High School: *Leader of the Pack*, June 12-14, 7pm. Tickets: \$11. Details: 9629 9222.

St Gregory's College and St Patrick's College: *The Wiz*, June 13, 7.30pm and June 14, 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets: \$15. Details: trybooking.com/XYGT.

John Therry Catholic High School: *Alice in Wonderland*, June 13 and 14, 8pm. Tickets: \$16-50 (adults). Details: jchsdow.catholic.edu.au.

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School: *Snugglypot and Cuddlypot: A Circus Adventure*, June 11 and 13, 7pm. Tickets: \$10. Campbelltown Arts Centre Showcases, June 18 to 19, 7pm. Tickets: \$10. Details: pc.cpahts.nsw.edu.au/boxoffice.

EUROPE 2016 TOUR

An information evening has been organised with Academy Travel for Monday 4th August at 6pm (venue to be confirmed).

This 15 day study tour to Italy, Belgium and France, scheduled for January 2-16 2016, follows both the Ancient and Modern History HSC Core syllabus topics of Cities of Vesuvius and World War 1.

This tour is also useful for senior students, parents and school staff interested in Art, Languages, International Relations and general travel. Current Year 9 or 10 students (i.e. in Years 11 and 12 in 2016) are eligible to participate but students from younger years are welcome if accompanied by a parent.

For further information please contact me via email yelena.vercoe@det.nsw.edu.au or phone 9829 9222.



Agricultural education with Sydney city on its doorstep

HURLSTONE Agricultural High School's focus on agriculture provides unique opportunities to rural, regional and isolated students.

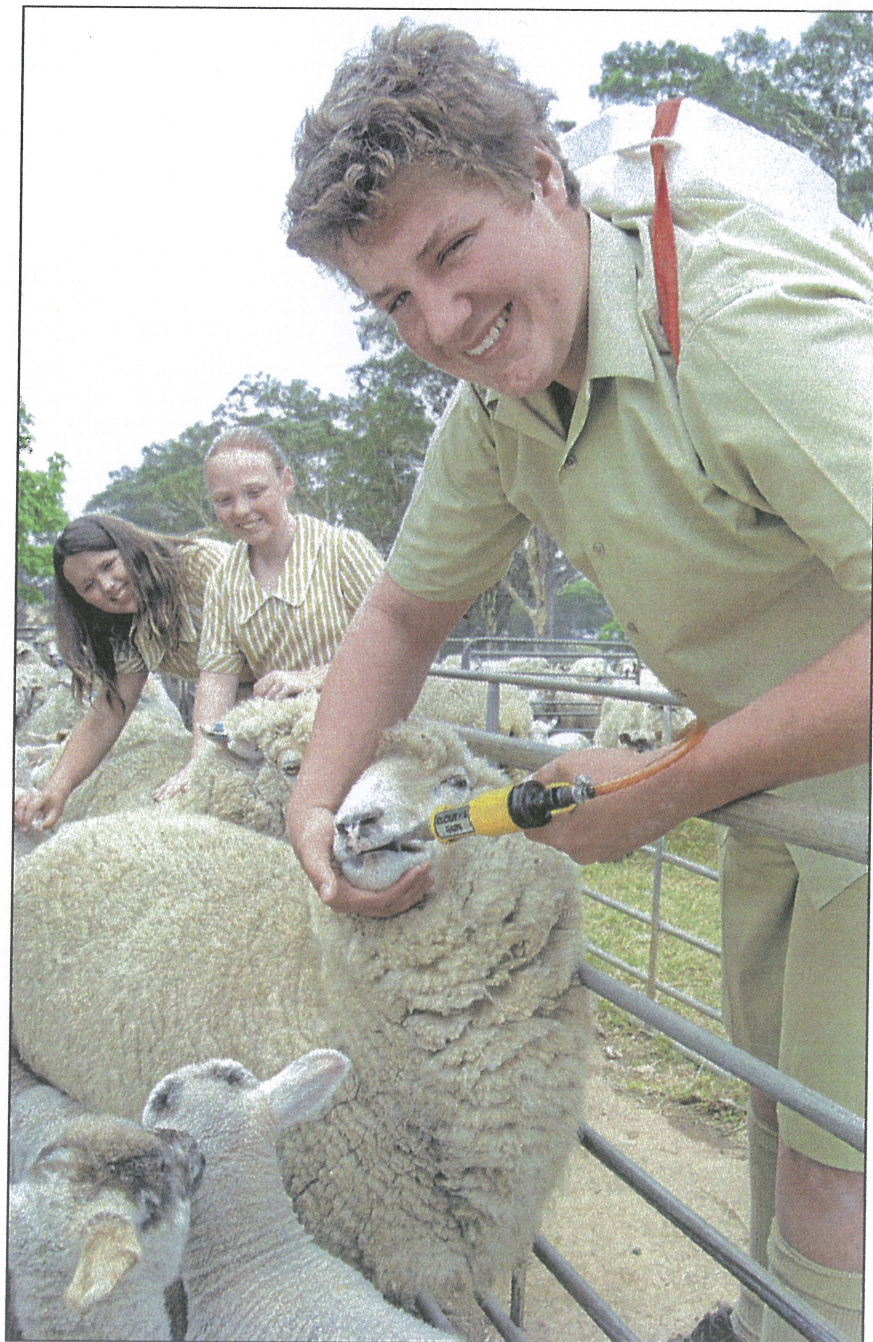
The school has 89 hectares dedicated as an agricultural learning tool, while at the same time being located less than an hour away from the central business district of Sydney.

This dichotomy offers rural boarders the opportunity to continue developing their agricultural expertise while taking advantage of the educational, social and cultural experiences of Australia's largest city.

Hurlstone is part of the Department of Education and Communities selective schools program and its boarding school is designed to give rural students equitable access to a challenging curriculum, which will broaden both their skill set and the post school opportunities open to them.

The school is currently utilising both the Pratley Review into agricultural education and the precepts of the Melbourne Declaration to ensure that the curriculum is preparing students for the agricultural jobs of the future.

A spokesperson says the school's commitment to the future of agriculture in Australia can be seen through



Hurlstone Agricultural High School students.

both the successes accumulated by Hurlstonians at every agricultural show, which they attend, and the large percentage each year of students who enter either

tertiary agricultural studies or the agricultural work force after receiving their academic qualifications.

■ Visit www.hurlstone.com.au

HURLSTONE COUNTRY FAIR & OPEN DAY



**Boarding School Tours
Farm Tours**

**30th August 2014
Saturday 10am to 3pm**
50m from Glenfield Railway Station
Gold Coin Entrance Fee



Rides



Stalls

*Great Day
Out for
the Whole
Family*



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Hurlstone Country Fair And Farm Open Day



When: Saturday 30th August, 2014

Time: 10am to 3pm

... work hard ... have fun ... make friends ... support our school

Our HAHS Parents & Citizens Association is committed to promoting the interests of the school by raising funds to provide quality education facilities and equipment for teachers and students.

The annual Country Fair is organised by P & C, through its sub-committee to raise funds. As well as being a major fundraiser, the annual Country Fair is also a day for all students and their families as well as the local community to have a great day out and enjoy the facilities of the school.

Getting involved is a great opportunity to make new friends, work as a team and contribute to your child's school and it would be appreciated if you could help out by volunteering your time and / or by making a donation.

Some ways you can help

- Volunteering to help on the day (set up, serving, cooking, pack up, etc)
- Donation of goods for the Auction or Raffle (small electrical items, wine, chocolates, cosmetics, gardening items, vouchers, gift cards ... etc)
- Donation of goods for the White Elephant Stall (second hand goods)
- Donation of books, CDs and DVDs
- Donation of cakes, slices, biscuits for sale at the cake stall on the day
- Donation of new or pre loved clothing (washed and ironed)
- Buy or sell raffle tickets
- Monetary donation

Should you have any enquiries, you can contact the 2014 Country Fair Co-ordinators via email Mark Latham mwlml61@yahoo.com.au or Domenic Mosca dom@moscascott.com.au or Eve Webb hahscountryfair@gmail.com

Alternatively, please complete the form on next page and return it to school office marked "Country Fair Committee".

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Yes, I'd love to help!

To: HURLSTONE COUNTRY FAIR 2014 COMMITTEE

Yes, I'd love to help!

Please tick as needed

- ☐ I can volunteer on the day. My preferred times are:
- ☐ I'd like to donate goods for the Auction or Raffle
- ☐ I will donate goods for the White Elephant Stall (second hand goods)
- ☐ I will donate cakes / slices / biscuits / sweets
- ☐ I will donate books, CDs and DVDs
- ☐ I will donate pre loved clothing (washed and ironed)
- ☐ I will buy / sell raffle tickets
- ☐ I'd like to make a monetary donation

Your Name (please print clearly)

Child's name Child's Year

Email address

If you have other ways you'd like to help, please write them below

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***Thank you so much for returning your form, we appreciate your support.
We'll be in touch soon!***

Hurlstone Agricultural High School
“Country Fair and Farm Open Day”
Saturday 30 August 2014
Stallholder Application Form

You are invited to participate in our Country Fair and Farm Open Day being held in the school grounds from 10.00am until 3.00pm, on Saturday 30 August, 2014. The Site Fee is only \$50.00. Each stall holder must have their own public liability insurance and a copy must be provided on payment. We endeavour to have a range of stalls selling different items but complete exclusivity is not implied.

Please reply by 1 August 2014 to ensure your inclusion.

Please note that the school will not allow you to sell silly string, swords or pistols.

The Country Fair and Farm Open Day can be entered after 7.00am in order to set up your stall, using our “School Deliveries” roadway at the Glenfield rail station end of the car park. You are requested to park your vehicles in a special area until 3.00pm when you may dismantle your stalls.

Alcohol or smoking is not permitted on the school grounds.

Stalls will be under the COLA, just to the south of main school buildings. This is a large undercover, paved area. No electrical power will be available and you will need to supply your own tables, trestles, covers, chairs etc.

If you wish to attend this very popular event, located alongside Glenfield Railway Station, please complete the form attached below and send your cheque/ money order to:

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Information Contact: Mark Latham

Ph: 0448 886740

Email: mwl61@yahoo.com.au

Please mail cheques to: Mark Latham, 65 Calf Farm Rd, Mount Hunter, 2570

Please make cheques payable to: Hurlstone Agricultural High School P&C

Name.....

Address.....

Contact Person.....Phone.....

Please list all goods for sale.....

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Are you willing to donate something from your stall to be auctioned for fund raising on the day of the fair Y / N

Attached: \$50-00 and a photocopy of valid public liability insurance.

I/we understand that there is no refund after 1st August 2014

Signature:.....

Canteen Prices – Hot Food

Effective from Monday, 14th July 2014

Beef Pies	\$4.00
Potato Pies	\$4.00
Pizza Pies	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$3.50
Beef, Bacon & Cheese Traveller Pies	\$3.50
Chicken Tenders	\$1.75
Chicken Tender Rolls	\$4.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$4.00
Lasagne	\$4.00
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$4.00
Ravioli	\$4.00
Twista	\$4.00
BBQ Pork Riblets	\$2.50
Riblet Rolls	\$3.50
Chicken Burgers	\$4.50
Hot Dog with sauce	\$3.00
Hot Dog with cheese & sauce	\$3.50
Flaming Wings	\$1.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.50