



# THE HOOPRA

## Upcoming Events

5th - 9th May  
-Year 11 Half Yearly Exams

13th - 15th May  
-NAPLAN (Year 7 and 9)

15th - 17th May  
-Boarding School Expo

16th May - 23rd May  
-Year 8 and 10 Half Yearly Exams

26th - 28th May  
-Year 11 Crossroads Camp

26th - 30th May  
-Year 7 and 9 Half Yearly Exams

## FEATURED ARTICLE



## Shoutouts

This term is full of exams, so a big "good luck" goes out to all of you!

## STAR OF THE WEEK

It's a new term, so someone has yet to be selected!

Remember to let your rollcall Prefects know if you want to nominate someone to be the Star of the Week!

## Humans of Hurlstone

Our apologies for the Year 12 exam period hiatus, but the Hoopra is back again and will be up and running for another term! Thank you for your patience, we've got a lot in store for you.

That having been said, if you've liked and follow our Facebook page (Hurlstone Prefects 2014), you will have noticed that we've kickstarted a new project inspired by the recently trending "Humans of New York". Our personal take on the original, the aptly named "Humans of Hurlstone" aims to chronicle the interesting lives and experiences of the diverse student and staff population at Hurlstone, a school which we are proud to call our own.

If you have yet to see it, here's a little taste featuring pictures and captions made up of answers to questions which were taken at the recent Athletics Carnival:



**"Nice car sir! What are your feelings towards it?"**

"It's part of my family. I love it as much as one of my children. I've had lots of good and bad times both in it and with it. It also fits all my kids and my surfboards."



**"How did you feel before, during, and after your race?"**

"Before it, I felt nauseous. But, I thought to myself, 'I came to the athletics carnival to run', so I did. I didn't give up. During the race, it felt like gravitational forces were pulling me back, but I tried my best. After it, I felt sick, but happy I came second. Then I ran to the toilet."

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If you're keen to read more, be sure to like our Facebook page! For those who don't have access to Facebook, entries will also be showcased right here, on the Hoopra.

## FOOD REVIEW: Grill'd

Grill'd is an Australian franchise that boasts a unique menu focusing on quality burgers made from local, fresh produce. We begin our quest for tasty food at the Grill'd in Parramatta Westfields, right across from the Event Cinemas.

The hip hangout is softly lit, has funky industrial furniture, and features an open kitchen. In spite of them being busy, the friendly staff are prompt to serve us.



We're given cute menus on mini clipboards and find an extensive range of burgers: beef, lamb, chicken and vegetarian, served in either sourdough or wholemeal bread. Also on the menu are salads and hand cut chips accompanied by homemade sauces.



Left to right: Crispy Bacon and Cheese Beef Burger \$11.50, Moroccan Lamb Burger \$12.90, and Hand cut chips \$3.50

**Jenny:** I choose the Crispy Bacon and Cheese. It gets my tick of approval as the slightly toasted sourdough bread complements a nicely char-grilled patty with fresh salad and a slightly sweet tomato relish. The only downside is the lack of promised cheesiness and crispy bacon.

**Vivian:** The Moroccan Lamb Burger I order has a crunchy salad and succulent lamb patty, married to a refreshing tzatziki sauce. However, the real star of the burger is the sweet and flavoursome roasted capsicum.

The fries are delicious; they are golden, thickly cut, and seasoned with a mixed herb salt. The homemade herbed mayo they are served with is punchy and fresh.

Overall, with the welcoming service, modern décor and appetising menu, Grill'd is great for any burger enthusiast looking for a step above the usual Maccas. If that's not enough incentive, they also offer a movie deal.

By Vivian Duong and Jenny Nguyen

## SCOOP:

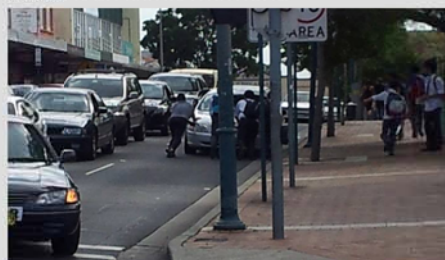
At Hurlstone, it's not just about us. It's also about the community.

On the 14th of March, on the outskirts of Liverpool train station, I had the pleasure of witnessing three dashing Hurlstonians help a young man (and his wife and kids in the car) push a broken down vehicle to a suitable parking spot, away from a major 3:30pm intersection.



Gym membership fees pay off as three Year 12 boys (left to right: Kenny Tran, Richard Nguyen, and Daniel Lam) join forces to assist in moving a broken down car.

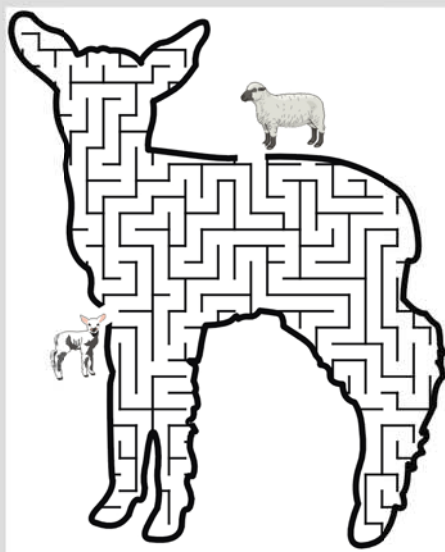
It was their willingness to assist when asked (in fact the enthusiasm could be felt as they ran to the man's assistance) that made it an iconic moment.



Good on you boys. Train hard, work hard, and play hard.

By Jason Do

## Games Corner



## TRIVIA:

Hurlstone is home to how many sheep?

Last issue's answer: Stockings

## CONCERT REVIEW: Kyary Pamyu Pamyu

Unknown to most, Kyary Pamyu Pamyu is not only one of Japan's biggest pop stars, but the token Harajuku Queen. She graced Sydney with her one night only show at the Roundhouse UNSW, and I was lucky enough to attend.

Her big break was back in 2011 with her hits "Pon Pon Pon" and "Fashion Monster". She prides herself in her music being innocent and childish; her unique style being quirky and creepy, yet colourful and cute.



She greeted a small group of fans at her Sunrise debut where she performed her hit Fashion Monster. The concert itself was brimming with people dressed in cosplay, makeup, and Lolita styles. Lining up for almost 6 hours, many fans fawned over each others' outfits and mutual love for all things "kawaii".

As Kyary arrived on stage, screaming ensued from over 2000 fans. The stage was adorned with oversized toys, among them a giant glowing teddy bear. She performed for over an hour and a half with many of her hits such as "Ninjaban Ban Ban", "Invader Invader" and "Mottai Nightland". Fans embraced her first visit to not only Australia, but also below the equator!

Energy beamed from everyone screaming the lyrics to all her "Nanda Collection" album hits. Even her dancers were full of energy and life with elaborate synchronised dance moves and clown costumes.



The breaks were glorious, with a giant blue rabbit dancing on stage, Kyary attempting to speak in English (resorting to charades!) and telling her stories of koalas, aquariums and the scary Skywalk at the Harbour Bridge.



Kyary is the "kawaii" gem of Japan and stole a piece of everyone's heart that night.

Five out of five "kawaii" hearts <3

By Andrea Dye

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