



HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Term 2, Week 5B

→ Calendar update

Monday, 23rd May

Yr. 7 – 10 Assessment period commences

Tuesday, 24th May

Da Vinci Decathlon - Knox Grammar Wahroonga

STEM Excursion - Google HQ Pyrmont

School Social - Edmondson Hall

Yr. 7 – 10 Assessment period

Wednesday, 25th May

Crossroads Camp (Yr. 11) - Broken Bay.

Musical Rehearsals - Edmondson Hall, Dance Studio

Yr. 7 – 10 Assessment period

Thursday, 26th May

Crossroads Camp (Yr. 11) - Broken Bay.

Table Tennis Championships - Whitlam Centre Liverpool

Childrens' Hospital Career Day - Randwick

Yr. 7 – 10 Assessment period

Friday, 27th May

Crossroads Camp (Yr. 11) - Broken Bay.

Volleyball Training - Edmondson Hall

Yr. 7 – 10 Assessment period

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Due to both design and circumstance this is my first Principal's message for 2016. In terms of circumstance it was unfortunate that one of last term's publications coincided with me being overseas, in terms of design, I intentionally did not write a message for the first edition of the Newsletter as the only topic of conversation for most members of the community, the transition of Hurlstone to Hawkesbury, was an issue on which I was unable to shed any light. Rather than discuss other issues, and seem disingenuous or evasive, I decided better to not say anything at all.

Since that time there have been many developments in the plans regarding the school, which will continue at the current site of Hurlstone. These developments can be divided into two streams of action, firstly the process to rename the school and secondly the proposed upgrade of the site.

In terms of the naming of the school which will remain on the Glenfield site, a communications company has been engaged to canvass the community about the values and ethos which they wish to be encompassed in the name of the school. This process will primarily take place in an online environment but each stakeholder group will get an opportunity to be briefed about the processes and then canvassed for their views. Staff will get the opportunity to discuss the naming at a staff meeting at which the online survey will be explained. Parents and caregivers will be given the opportunity to discuss the issue at the P and C meeting on 7th June, the P and C Executive will then asked for feedback before parents are asked to respond to the online survey tool. Alumni will be given a briefing about the online tool before it goes live (hard copy responses for those alumni that would prefer this form of communication will be made available). Students will be canvassed in two randomly selected focus groups garnered from across all years.

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The entire school will then be briefed on the online tool and individuals will be given the opportunity to make their views known. The wider community in the Liverpool-Macarthur area will be made aware of opportunities for their voices to be heard in local media in the near future. All of this data will be collated and will help to inform the decision regarding the name of the school on the Glenfield site.

In terms of the upgrade to the current Hurlstone Agricultural site at Glenfield, a company has been appointed to oversee the project and meetings of the project reference group have commenced. The process of the upgrade is in a very preliminary stage and at present the meetings are concerned with establishing overarching design and educational principles. At this time there is no definite decision with regards to how the upgrade will proceed and there have been various concepts mooted. The school is presently being surveyed both in terms of the physical landscape and the educational operations in order to ascertain the current state of the resources available and to make informed decisions regarding what the needs are for the future educational provisions of the site. As well as these actions the project reference group is beginning the process of ascertaining not only the pedagogical bases for the educational success of the current school but also the requirements of pedagogical practice to replicate this success throughout the 21st Century. This process will not only take in the opinions of people currently associated with the school but best practice in gifted and talented education, within the Department of Education, around Australia and across the world.

The company charged with managing the upgrade has initiated the consultation process with the school community by looking at the very broad precepts, which underpin this upgrade. They began this process recently by having an information booth at the school and will continue to pursue this line of communication both on the school site and in the local area. This process has also begun online. If you are interested in contributing to this initial information you can respond to the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HAHS_survey1

Now that both of these processes have begun I am sure that there will be much more to relay in future.

SRC UPDATE

Welcome back to another school year! Terms 1 and 2 have kicked off with a bang, and the SRC has already started hosting events, which have been massively successful.

→ Anti-Bullying Day 2016

Ran by the Welfare Team and supported by the SRC, Anti-Bullying Day was a fantastic event on Friday the 18th of March. The SRC catered the event, putting on a sausage sizzle, selling sausages and drinks for \$1. The event was a huge success, with both beef and vegetarian sausages and all soft-drink cans selling out.

Students then participated in workshops in which they created anti-bullying poster, and talked about bullying with their teachers. They then attended an assembly run by the SRC in which they were educated about bullying by SRC members, given a talk by Ben Manisier of Year 11 about Gossip, and shown a variety of anti-bullying videos made by students themselves. The assembly wrapped up with the entire school standing up and saying no to bullying.

SRC UPDATE

→ European Cup

The suspense. Sitting on the edge of your seat, praying that your team can bypass that final defender and get a solid strike into the back of the net. The sweaty palms, the anger and frustration at a blocked pass and the celebration of victory. These are all things that the European Cup allows Hurlstone to experience and the atmosphere was like never before.

The SRC hosted its annual soccer extravaganza tournament this term and once again, it was a massive success. With over 170 players across 27 teams, the entirety of the school was involved, whether they were players or spectators, and the atmosphere was alive, with students getting behind their favourite teams. The tournament spanned over 4 weeks, transitioning from group stages into a finals series, culminating in the Grand Final between the Virgin Islands and Cyprus. The game was intense and finished without a goal, resulting in a high-tension penalty shoot-out. The eventual winners were the Virgin Islands, including members Rohan Saini, Sean Sneddon, Sophian Dakash, William MacLeod, Dominic Tjong and Patrick Feghali.



(Left to Right) Back – Sean Sneddon, Rohan Saini, William MacLeod | Front – Dominic Tjong, Patrick Feghali, Sophian Dakash

The SRC would like to thank everyone who supported Euro Cup, including players, spectators, referees, the organisers (Monica Higa, Thomas Evans and Addam Dinh) and Mr Seblani for allowing this event to take place. The winning team will be presented with a prize for their achievement. We look forward to our next tournament and hope that you enjoyed this SRC initiative.

Thank you for supporting the endeavours of the SRC throughout

Term 1. We have a mountain of events and initiatives planned for the rest of the year, so get excited! Be sure to check the noticeboard and all of our social media pages for updates on the SRC's activities and good luck to all for half-yearly exams.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

→ Photo gallery: ANTI-BULLYING EVENT - UNITING THE SCHOOL



→ Photo gallery: EURO-CUP FINALS



INTERACT

→ MAIN EVENTS: TACO STALL & OUTDOOR CONCERT FOR THE MALALA FUND

Over the past few weeks, the Interact student body has been working hard and cooperatively to coordinate two largely successful events, aiming to raise funds to improve the livelihood of those less fortunate than ourselves. Of these events include a Taco stall for our World Vision sponsor children, Duy and Jose, and an outdoor concert for the Malala Fund. The successes of these events were only possible through hard work and dedication of students and teachers alike, who together promoted awareness for the issues facing our global community through enjoyable collaborative events.

Earlier this year, our Year 9 Interactors held a fun and exciting Taco Stall to raise funds for Interact's sponsor children, Duy and Jose. The team served many delicious tacos to Hurlstone students and staff, reeling in a healthy profit for World Vision. Congratulations to our Year 9's!

A few short weeks ago, Interact and EPIC came together to coordinate an incredible outdoor concert, successfully raising money and awareness for the efforts of the Malala Fund. This beautiful night consisted of a laid back atmosphere under the stars, where numerous students volunteered and showcased their talents in the name of raising awareness for girls' education. A full crowd trickled in through the night armed with blankets and rugs, some even sporting pyjamas for maximum comfort. Interact held a sausage sizzle throughout the night to provide some comforting hot food in conjunction with the amazing line up of performances organised by EPIC. Our night under the stars raised over \$220 for the Malala Fund, and more importantly, provided vital awareness for the 60 million girls who do not have access to the fundamental right of education that we are so fortunate to be able to indulge in.



For more information about The Malala Foundation, head to malala.org

Interact has many exciting upcoming events planned for the coming term, including the World's Greatest Shave and the Biggest Morning Tea, which are two of Interact's most highly anticipated events. We are very excited to see the school band together once again to support the Leukemia Foundation and the Cancer Council for two very worthy causes, and we hope to have your support! If you are interested in any of Interact's events or you are passionate about a particular cause, please come to our weekly Wednesday meetings in the Dance Studio. We hope to see you there!

Interact Executives

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

→ Update: Clean up Australia day, Devil ark conservation program

The Hurlstone Environment Committee's primary objective is to educate and raise awareness within the school community on environmental issues as well as promote sustainability and other means of preserving the environment. Members of our Committee share a passion in taking a responsibility and creating a positive impact on the world for a better and brighter future.

During the course of this term, Enviro participated in the annual Clean Up Australia Day event where students cleaned up Fairfield Park and its surrounding areas, with support from the Georges Riverkeeper Program. We also held a stall to raise funds for the Devil Ark Conservation Program, which aims to protect Tasmanian Devils from a serious and deadly disease currently endangering the dwindling population.

Over the next term, Enviro will be working collaboratively with the Prefect Body and Interact on a project which aims to develop and broaden the school community's understanding of war and its effects on people and the environment. This will be provided through a number of workshops as well as a fundraising drive aimed at supporting displaced refugees.

The Committee will also be offering a wider range of opportunities through volunteering programs such as tree planting as well as an in-school initiative with the TAS Faculty, seeking to install vertical gardens around Hurlstone – so stay tuned and get involved!

→ Photo gallery: clean up Australia day



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PREFECT UPDATE

→ Prefect sausage sizzle

On Tuesday 8th of March, the 2016 Prefects had their 1st sausage sizzle. All proceeds were donated to Movember Australia; a great men's health charity raising awareness to major health issues affecting the male population. The day was a great buzz, prefects of 2016, Anish Anand and Ryan Southwell, were organisers of the day. The sausage sizzle created an awesome atmosphere for all grades to mingle and have a good bite to eat.

Overall the day was a great success, special thanks to Mr Geerling and Ms Garrick, who assisted the boys in cooking the snags and supervising the event. Special thanks to Mr Wenban who provided the boys with expert advice on how to run a sausage sizzle in true Hurlstone fashion. A big thank you to all students who supported us, we hope everyone enjoyed their day. Stay in tune for more events by visiting our noticeboard.



PREFECT UPDATE

→ Prefect Soccer Match - HAHS vs. MFHS

The soccer game was a blast, simply put. It was a great atmosphere as the whole school was involved in the game and it definitely was something else seeing all members of the Hurlstone community cheering on the school football team. The event was a massive success in terms of enlivening the school spirit and as both a heifer and a prefect it was a humbling privilege to see how actively involved the student body was with the game.

Personally, we would really like to thank Mr Wilson Snr for giving a hand with the organisation of this game. Mr Seblani also, who ran the boys on the day as well as the maintenance team and the Macquarie Fields teaching staff who helped transform our vision to a reality. Special thanks to students Cailyn Loveday and Matt Gregory who were the referees for the day. We were extremely grateful to have a special visitor, Mr Paul Reid who is an ex-Hurlstonian came down and supported the boys as well as inaugurating the community shield. Overall, it was a great event which left everyone with a smile on their face, even Macquarie Fields! Congratulations to the Heifers again for their win, and hopefully this can continue next year and beyond!

Harsh Pawars and Romith Manju



RURAL YOUTH

Rural Youth is a group that provides students with the opportunity to work with dairy and beef cattle and show them at different cattle shows all over NSW, including the Royal Easter Show, Cootamundra and Camden. It is mainly for anyone who is interested in working with animals or would just like to have a go.

Students are charge of breaking in animals, washing, clipping and parading. In the group you will meet people who are like-minded and plenty of seniors to teach the basics.

So far, in the fresh year of 2016, our cows have competed in the Camden and Sydney Royal Easter Show.

At this year's Easter Show, our dairy show team was awarded two second place prizes and one third place prize. Also, our Hurlstone students came first and second in the Young Farmer's Challenge.

You may be wondering why we are all wearing bright green shirts. No, it's not for making sure we don't get hit by a bus, but for another fun challenge called Semex. In it, four of our students had to clip (shave/haircut) one cow in 30 minutes.

Another three had to parade and another three had to judge cows in the order they thought was best.

Despite our very best efforts, Hurlstone came 9th out of nine teams. However Nive Lembit (Year 9) received high praise for her judging and was awarded with a trip to a NSW Youth Camp.

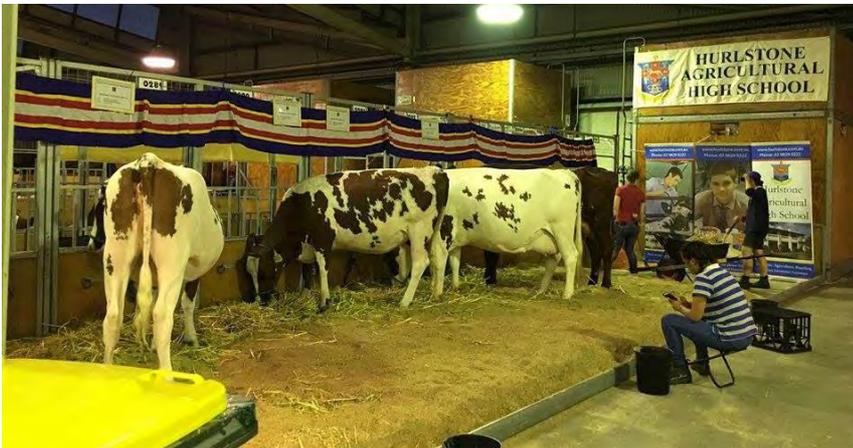
Rural Youth is a very fun experience where you can learn many skills. We have many shows ahead and would love to have newcomers to come see how it's done.



*Pictured (left to right):
Back row – Tiarna Scerri, Nive Lembit, Matthew Gregory,
Amanda Ong, Luke Whale, Sarah Ludington, James Bush
Front row – Claire Balcombe, Mekaela Hockey, Tamara
Robertson*

RURUAL YOUTH

→ Photo gallery: The royal easter show



THE MUSICAL – THE WIZARD OF OZ REPORT

→ Update: THE BEHIND THE SCENES

The path down the Yellow Brick Road is a long one, and the journey is difficult, and may all be for nothing – will the scarecrow get his brain? Will the Tinman get his heart? Will the Lion get some courage? And will Dorothy ever get home back to Kansas from the mysterious land of Oz?

These questions will be answered when you see Hurlstone Agricultural High School's production of 'Wizard of Oz' on June 24th, 25th and 26th. We are well into production, engaging with all corners of the school, including the music department and orchestra, the art department, TAS departments including textiles and woodwork, sound and lighting, and the science department.

We are all working hard under the direction of Director Mr. Jonathan Millar, and Student Directors Abirami Kandasamy and Nicole Baxter (both of year 11). Ms. Wendy Wuhrer (Music Director), Ms. Sandra Gutesa (Producer) and Mr. Rob Craig (Technical Director) make up the rest of the administration team.

We are delighted to announce our lead roles:

- **Tayte Brown** as *Dorothy*
- **Addam Dinh** as *Scarecrow*
- **Natasha Langdon** as *Tinman*
- **Lusia Pikula** as *Cowardly Lion*
- **Labiba Rahman** as *Aunt Em/Glinda*
- **Cassie Bush** as *Uncle Henry/Oz Guard*
- **Elizabeth Meiklejohn** as *Miss Gulch/The Wicked Witch of the West*
- **Sienna O'Dea** as *Professor Marvel/The Wizard of Oz*



Look forward to seeing our production late this term and ensure that you buy your tickets as soon as they are available. We are creating a fabulous musical, with special effects, staging and musical numbers like no other show Hurlstone has ever produced. We're off to see the Wizard... won't you join us?

HURLSTONE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

→ WHO ARE WE?

We are part of an Inter-School Christian Fellowship (ISCF) ministry. It is a Christian youth ministry that operates within high schools across many countries including Australia. Hurlstone Christian Fellowship (HCF) is the ISCF equivalent at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. It runs at lunch time usually in the Dance Studio on Fridays and on the days we are not there, we'd be up in Room 8 or in front of the English Cottage (with cushions!).

→ WHAT DO WE DO?

Our lunch time HCF sessions are mostly catching up throughout the week and having a good time with one another. The latter half of lunch is where a speaker, a HCF leader (Senior Students) or a HCF supervisor (a teacher, currently Mr Trotter), will lead a Bible study about any questions asked, topics raised, an event (Easter, Christmas, etc.) or just go through a passage from the Bible to provide understanding and perspective.

→ DO I NEED TO BE CHRISTIAN TO JOIN?

Absolutely not! Although the term fellowship, in the context of Christianity, means to bond uniting Christians as individuals and groups with each other, HCF does not require you to have a Christian faith. If you are curious about God, wonder why we believe in him or have questions or a social topic on your mind (e.g. Feminism, Homosexuality, why there is suffering, etc.) we are happy to discuss it with you!

To sum up, if you have any questions or just want to visit, we're (usually) down in the **Dance Studio** all of **lunch on Fridays**. Hope to see you there!

➤ 2016 Team

Supervisor: Mr. Trotter

Student Leaders: Harry Fuelling (Year 12)

Lisa Huynh-Le (Year 12)

Ben Manisier (Year 11)

THE HURLSTONE UNION

→ Update: THE BEHIND THE SCENES

The Hurlstone Union aims to promote extra-curricular groups and their causes. The Union is currently facilitated by Prefects Jessica Chau, Sanjay Alapakkam and Katherine Cai.

Recently, the Union held their first ever Amazing Race for Year 7s. On March 2nd, during periods 3 and 4, hectic Year 7s could be seen dashing around the school (although repeatedly told to not run). Scattered around the day school were stations, each activity run by a different extra-curricular group. Given pun-derful clues to each location of the next station, year 7s were able to explore the day school, while learning about the vast range of extra-curricular groups available at our school.



Station run by *Innovate*



Interact Station – Danny Ng with Year 7's



Activity by the *Hurlstone Archive Group*

These lovely photos were taken by Lisa Huynh-Le and Jess Chau with the cameras bought by Union, giving all extra-curricular groups access to quality cameras to record their event.

At the end of the race, Edmondson Hall was met with rosy-cheeked Year 7s, who certainly had a fun experience. The Union is looking forward to holding this event exclusively for Year 7s annually.

The Union also acts as a platform for communication between extra-curricular groups. Representatives from extra-curricular groups attend meetings every fortnight. During our meetings we discuss pending events or activities, allowing for cross-curricular support, providing ideas and experiences.

Check out our Facebook page for more photos from the Amazing Race, and to keep updated with events across the school. Also be sure to check out other Facebook pages run by numerous extra-



Hurlstone Union
Community, Values, Service

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

→ SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

Final results from the school swimming carnival:

1 st	Wentworth	617pts
2 nd	Farrer	600pts
3 rd	Lachlan Macquarie	521pts
4 th	Macarthur	506pts

Swimming age champions from the school carnival

12yrs	David Stewart	Nisha Arcot
13yrs	Anthony Nguyen	Marina Jovanovic
14yrs	Damien Quach	Elka Devney
15yrs	Alex Quach	Jaskiran Kaur
16yrs	Raymond Trinh	Cailyn Loveday
17yrs	James Jo	Leanne Nguyen



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Swimming age champions from the Hume Zone carnival

12yrs	-	-
13yrs	Anthony Nguyen	Marina Jovanovic
14yrs	-	Elka Devney
15yrs	Alex Quach	-
16yrs	Raymond Trinh	Cailyn Loveday
17yrs	-	Leanne Nguyen



Outstanding performances at the Sydney South West swimming carnival and students who have qualified for the NSWCHS swimming carnival:

Alex Quach - 15yrs age champion and set 6 records

14 girls 4x50 relay (Damien Quach, Jeremy Ang, Adam Dela-Torre, Titus Zhao)

14 boys 4x50 relay (Elka Devney, Bronte Clifford, Shivanti Vinod, Maya Franz – to be replaced by Cassie Bush due to injury)

15 boys 4x50 relay (Alex Quach, Dylan Bay, Gordon Chau, Mitchell Wells)

16 boys 4x50 relay (Raymond Trinh, Long Le, Peter Smolovic, Jailin Li)

Open boys medley relay (Nathan Cheung, Mitchell Wells, Alex Quach, Dylan Bay)

Marina Jovanovic 2nd in 100m Backstroke

Anthony Nguyen 3rd in 100m Butterfly

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

→ PHOTO GALLERY



ARCHIVE GROUP

→ Update: debutante ball

Debutante Ball is coming up soon. All girls turning 15 years or older are eligible to participate in the Debutante Ball. For more information or if you would like to participate, please contact Ms Leglise in the Science Prep room or email johanna.leglise@det.nsw.edu.au. We are also looking for volunteers to assist us in the preparation for the Ball.