



HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 4, Week 6B

→ Calendar update

Monday, 14th November

Slam Poetry – Year 8

Choir Rehearsal – Music Rooms

Yr. 9 Assessment period –
Japanese Major & Minor, PDM

Tuesday, 15th November

Assembly – Edmondson Hall

Bricks for Kidz - Library

Yr. 9 Assessment period –
English, Japanese

Yr 9 Exam – Maths

Wednesday, 16th November

CAPA Presentation Night
Rehearsals – Edmondson Hall

Environment Committee
Amazing Race

CAPA Presentation Night

Yr. 11 Assessment – Earth and
Environmental Science

Thursday, 17th November

Fantastic Food Day – Canteen

Peer support Training Year 9

Yr. 11 Assessment - Chemistry

Friday, 18th November

Jamberoo Excursion – Year 8

Vaccinations (Year 7) – Dance Studio

Lifesaving Instructor Course –
Mac. Fields Pool

Slam Poetry – Year 8

SRC REPORT

Get excited for a new term of SRC events! So far this term we have hosted a Halloween Movie Night where we sold pizza and drinks and watched 'Lights Out'. Coming up is Multicultural Day, Talent Quest and Hurlstone Christmas. Keep an eye on the SRC noticeboard to stay posted.

Multicultural Day this year is packed with a ton of fun workshops, some of these include; Bollywood dancing classes, taco making and AFL. We also have a performance afternoon planned! If you have a cultural performance you would like to share, sign-up sheets are on the SRC noticeboard.

→ Halloween Movie Night

SRC's annual movie night open to Year 9s and 10s this year was a massive success! Year 9 SRC hosted this event, there was free popcorn, a pizza stall in the back of the dance studio, and mats lay out so everyone could make themselves at home while watching the horror movie 'Lights Out'.

On top of the Halloween Mufti Day both Hurlstone H Youth and SRC hosted and everyone dressing up in their costumes, it was a great atmosphere that SRC looks forward to hosting next year!



YEAR 12 GRADUATION

→ Tuesday 20th September 2016 -
Year 12 Picnic Day @ Mount
Annan Botanical Gardens

The Year 12's went to the gardens for their annual picnic day. The day consisted of eating, playing games with their year and relaxing one last time as a whole year, it was pretty amazing to see the great bonds the kids had created through their time at Hurlstone.



→ Wednesday 21st September 2016 - Muck up day & Boarder VS. Day-Go touch football match

The Year 12 students all came to school cross dressed in different uniforms, the day started with a barbecue breakfast for all students made by the teachers who also attended to see everyone in their beautiful attire. After breakfast the students attended their practice graduation before watching a very special and very emotional video of their six years at Hurlstone summed up with people answering questions about their first crush (most said Fergus Ryan and Ivy Ta), their most memorable experience and one word that could describe their high school experience. They then proceeded to play their final game of touch football, boarder vs day go with the whole school heading down to the oval to watch. After the game, school was basically over with the day students heading home and the boarders preparing for their last boarding school dinner. The boarders had a beautiful meal filled with heartwarming speeches and gifts.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION



→ Thursday 22nd September 2016 - Graduation

This was the big day the kids had been waiting for since Year 7, the day that told them they were finally finished. I'm not sure if the kids were more emotional because they were finished and leaving the school and their peers or if they were emotional because they were finally done after the rollercoaster that they had just been on. It was such a wonderful day to see each and every individual's achievements and how happy everyone was for each other. The annual teacher's gift to the kids was a shock to all and turned those frowns upside down... Mr Geerling, Mr Trotter, Mr Rawson and Mr Wenban sung to the kids one last time. The enthusiasm that was in the room sure put a smile on everyone's faces. Once the assembly was over, everyone gathered on Clarke House Lawn for morning tea, the official cutting of the Year 12 cake and one final grade photo before they parted their own ways.

→ Friday 23rd September 2016- Year 12 Formal

This is when everyone saw a completely different side to each other and was their time to shine. Everyone was gathering on Clarke House Lawn and did they look spectacular! The amount of photos that were being taken anyone would think Kim K and Kayne just landed on Clarke House Lawn. Mocktails were being consumed and food was being eaten very carefully... this is something we don't see very often. As 5:30pm grew closer kids were getting in their rides to head off to one of the biggest nights of their life- their Year 12 formal.

At Pier One where the formal was held, the kids couldn't have asked for a better venue, Luna Park was lit up and it made the atmosphere so much better. Speeches were made, some more heart felt than others, tears and laughter and cheering was present which made the night amazing, and when the sashes were awarded this was the most entertainment for the night, the amount of laughter there was made everyone laugh.

Formal King and Queen were awarded to Nic Betteridge-Spooner and Jess Huang.

Written by Caitlin Bonnici

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INTERACT

Term 3 was a very exciting and eventful period for Hurlstone Interact!

→ Country Fair

On the 3rd of September, Hurlstone held its annual Country Fair, and Interact participated by holding Dizzy Goals for Global Goals. This was inspired by the UN Global Goals which was launched in September 2015; a set of 17 goals designed to provide sustainable development in all sectors of society, whether that be in regards to extreme poverty, inequality, or even climate change. Interact also showed their support for young people with cancer by selling bandanas for CanTeen. This occurred both at Country Fair and during the week of the 24th of October, and a combined \$1200 was raised for the cause.

→ Pizza Stall

Midway through Term 3, Year 9 Interact ran a Pizza stall for their World Vision Sponsor Children. Delicious pizzas and cool soft drinks were sold, and it was an immense success. They raised a total of \$350, a commendable achievement.

Semester 2 has brought about the introduction of brand new initiatives which we hope to see in action very soon. We have been raising funds for homeless people in the local community through the Blanket Drive. The Blanket Drive is an Interact based program in which people are donating blankets for those in need. This drive will culminate in something big, so keep your eyes peeled! Newly formed group Hurlstone H. Youth have also been collaborating with Hurlstone Interact to fund beds for patients in local hospitals which will be happening later on this term.

We are looking forward to Term 4 and we would like to thank the school community for their continued support.



JAPAN TRIP 2016

→ September 25th – October 9th

Last holidays, a group of Hurlstonian linguists-in-the-making spent 2 weeks traveling around Japan immersing themselves in Japanese culture, practicing their language skills, and spending way too much money on Pokémon merchandise. Travelling through Ōsaka, Kyōto, Takayama, and Tōkyō, the students (and teachers!) had many opportunities to polish their skills by asking for directions, buying food, and just in general conversation, all whilst spending time at theme parks, cultural landmarks, and with friends. A big shout out to Ms Hewett for doing all of the stressful work (sorry Miss), Ms Campbell for her fun stories, and Mr To for some great quotes.

Quote of the trip

Ms Hewett: When we're at Itsukushima Shrine we might even see a traditional wedding.

Mr To: Sweet, free buffet.



Universal Studios



Himeji Castle



Skytree Tower, Tokyo



Year 9s!



2016 Hurlstone Japan Students at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial

RURAL YOUTH

→ Ayrshire Calf Day 2016

Last term on the 17th of September, Ayrshire Calf Day took place here at Hurlstone Agricultural High School and Hurlstone's very own dairy team took part in this exciting day. I was lucky enough to take part in this great day and I met a lot of new people and learnt a lot of things that I wouldn't have known if I hadn't gone. It took nearly all term to get the calves ready and prepared but most of the work came down to the final days. On Thursday the 15th and Friday the 16th of September we had to wash and clip our own calves as well as helping other people if they needed it. We also practise with the costumes (only the Year 7's students had to enter the dress up as it's a Hurlstone tradition) and the leather halters on so they could get used to them. The leather halters had to be polished and we had to make sure they were the right size for each of them. A lot of the calves came out of the ring with ribbons and so did the people parading them. Even though it was a lot of work to get ready for this show it truly was an amazing day and I can't wait for next year.



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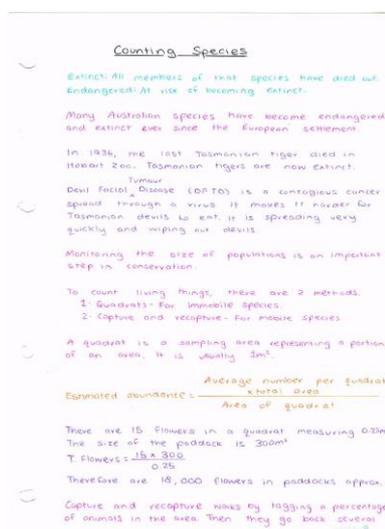


STUDY TIPS

→ Writing study notes

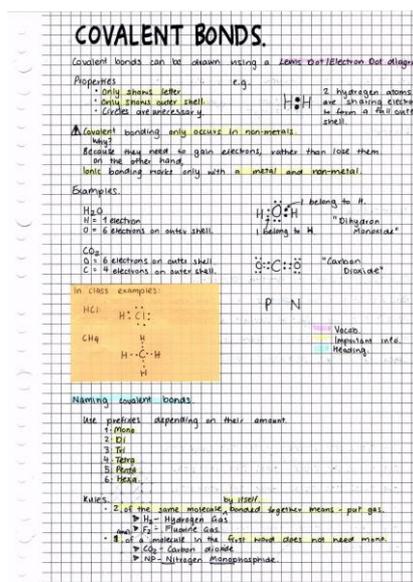
Now that yearlies are finally over, we all have some time to invest into improving our study notes. Throw away your notes with red headings and blue text! In this week's article, I will be sharing 5 ways to write study notes:

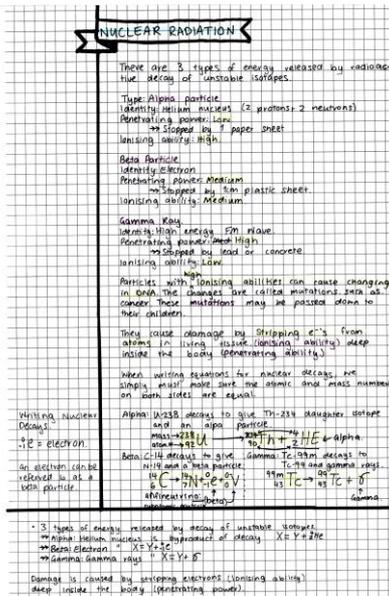
- The Color-Coding Method
- The Highlighting Method
- The Cornell Method
- The Minimalistic Method
- The Box Method



The highlighting method involves writing all of your notes in one color and then later on, highlighting important information. This method is good because highlighting at a later stage helps trigger long-lasting memory. However, this method can cause you to write/revise insufficient information. This method works best for students who like to write down everything during class. Personally, I really enjoyed using this method. I used 3 colors: yellow for important information, pink for vocabulary and blue for headings.

The color-coding method involves writing notes in different colored pens. This method is good because writing in different colors helps kinesthetic learners. However, this method is time-consuming and cannot be used for class notes. This method works best when writing study notes from textbooks. Personally, I wrote my science study notes for yearlies using this method. I used 5 different colors: cyan for vocabulary, orange for formulas, pink for general information, purple for examples and black for headings.

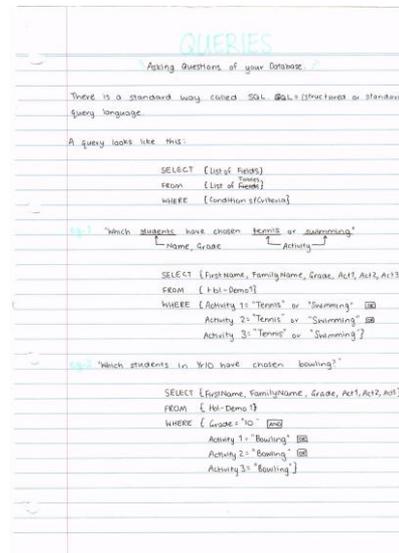
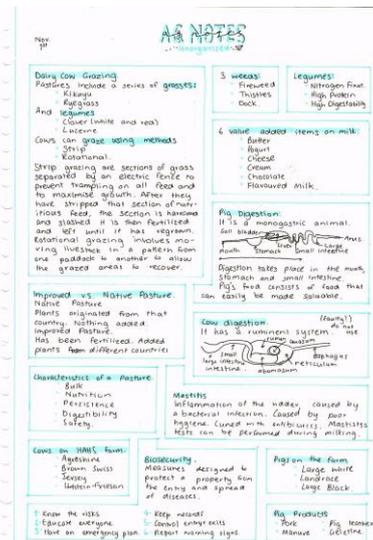




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The Cornell method involves separating your notes into 3 sections: A column on the left for subheadings, vocab and formulas, a large space on the right for the bulk of your information and a small box at the bottom of the page for a summary of all the information on the page. This method is good because it works for all notes and encourages structured thinking. However, these notes are time-consuming and people easily get sick of them. This method is suitable for all subjects as well as textbook notes. Personally, I use this method for my maths notes, except without a summary box.

The minimalistic method involves 2 colors, one for all information and one for headings. This method is by far the prettiest and by far the most useless. This method is good for people who want aesthetic notes and have time in class. This method is suitable for all subjects as well as textbook notes. I use this method when I have a lot of time in class. This is mostly IST.



The box method involves unstructured ideas outlined in boxes. This method is really a hit or miss. It is great for writing cheat sheets and summary sheets. This method simplifies notes and makes it easier to understand. However, the ideas aren't structured and are useless unless you are writing a summary sheet. I used this method to write my agriculture notes this year.

I hope you have become inspired to write prettier, more productive study notes for the next years to come. Next issue, I will share with you 40 things to do in the holidays to build better habits for the next school year. See you next time!

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