



## HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### SRC REPORT

#### Term 1, Week 6

→ Calendar update

#### Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

Assembly

Interact Ice-Cream Stall

Lunchtime Concert

Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Stage Band Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Mar

Yr 11 2U English Assessment

Pops Orchestra Rehearsal

SBS Insight Excursion

#### Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar

Year 7 Peer Support

Prefect Positivity Day

Piano Lessons

#### Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar

Yr 12 Japanese Assessment

→ Halloween Movie Night

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, SRC hosted a Halloween movie night for years 9 and 10. We watched Lights Out in the dance studio, while eating free popcorn! We also sold pizza and cans. It was a huge success, with over 50 watchers!



→ Talent Quest

This year at Talent Quest, 16 amazing performers showed off their skills at singing, dancing, playing an instrument and even using a kendama. Every performance was incredible but only 3 (kinda) could win. Congratulations to the following winners!



1<sup>st</sup> – Tayte Brown and Wesley Honey – Performing Dancing on my Own.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Molly Collins and Elizabeth M – Performing Back to Black

3<sup>rd</sup> – A tie between 8DHD – Performing Shut Up and Dance with Me and Mr Rawson – Performing I’m a Teacher

These lucky winners have won canteen vouchers!

→ Orientation Day

This year’s Orientation Day was jam-packed with interesting speeches, activities and Year 6’s. We started the day with an assembly where teachers and students gave speeches. We then moved into peer support groups for an amazing race. Afterwards, we had lunch and in the afternoon we did peer support activities. It was a lot of fun and all of the Year 6’s were super cool.

→ Multicultural Day

Tuesday December the 13<sup>th</sup> was Hurlstone’s Annual Multicultural Day! The day started with workshops ranging from calligraphy to musical chairs to Bollywood dancing. We then had an afternoon of performances and games where we got to watch awesome singing and dancing.



## INTERACT

### → Bandana Day

On Friday the 28th October Hurlstone was proud to again run Bandana Day 2016. Interact spent the whole week selling bandana's during lunch and recess and I am proud to say that with the money raised and P&C honouring their pledge to match dollar for dollar. A total of \$3000 was raised for Bandana Day 2016. Bandana Day supports children who are battling cancer during treatment, recovery. There is also ongoing support available for parents and siblings. Bandana Day has been run here over the last 6 or more years here. Our biggest supporter was Lachlan Delves. He was a student here from 2009-2014. In 2011 Lachlan was diagnosed with cancer and underwent chemo and radiation treatment. Lachlan was always seen with a huge smile on his face selling bandanas or just stopping by for a chat. Lachlan was an inspiration to all of us with his optimism and bravery. Lachlan sold over \$16,000 in bandanas which is an amazing tribute to this incredible young man. Sadly last year Lachlan had a relapse and passed away this year. Lachlan and his family was involved in Country Fair during and after he graduated from Hurlstone. I have met many inspirational Alumni in my journey as school archivist and would definitely say Lachlan has been and will always be in my top ten of inspirational "Old Boys". I encourage everyone to please donate or support this most worthwhile cause. The website is [www.canteen.org.au](http://www.canteen.org.au).





*“Equipping members to advocate for social justice, work together with integrity and transform their passion into action to leave a lasting legacy in our community, our nation and our world.”*



Interact, an organisation run by the students of Hurlstone are always running an event to raise awareness and funds for support groups and sponsor starving children from overseas.

The year of 2016 began with the lovely executive team- Danny Ng, Lisa Le, Ryan Southwell, Sadia Qureshi, Shishira Bindiganavile, Oshanie Hettiarachchige, Lynn Nguyen, Ping Sheng, Charissa Liew, Raajon Sen, Brianne Perera, Khang Nguyen - who were dedicated to take responsibility of the Hurlstone Interact club to create plans to help their organisations grow.

This year, our executive team decided that it is more important to be more informative about the social justice around the globe, thus publicity became an extremely important factor. Which was achieved in the repetitive sharing of common social injustices that are present around the world onto our Facebook Interact Page, and an interesting News Reel presented during each weekly meeting to further inform our students.

### **February 12- Valentines Day**

Interact began the year with our annual Valentines Day! Singagrams and roses were sold to raise a whopping \$972 for the Heart foundation as the amazing day was filled with love radiating from the vibrant school community. Listening to singagrams during class time and reading heart warming confessions on our interact noticeboard that were received by not only the students, but many of the teachers as well.

### **March 1- Union Amazing Race**

It was the time to start recruiting the new year7s, thus the Interact Workshop.

Playing GlobalGoals Mix n Match and DizzyGoals, the year 7s got a chance to see what interact was really about. If failing to test their knowledge on social justice, the students were then taught, and finally put through physically, a small example of the struggles as they pull through the dizzy goals test.

### **March 3- Taco Store**

Year 9 interact organised their taco store to which all funds went towards our sponsor children Duy Tan, who live in South Vietnam, and Jose, living in Honduras.

### **March 22- Malala Fund**

Interact collaborated with EPIC to host an outdoor concert at Clark House where all funds raised went to the Malala Fund(#withMalala). People who attended were able to enjoy the jam-packed day with LIVE performances and music brought to you by our very own Hurlstonians.

### **April 4- Bake Stall**

In light of Autism Spectrum Australia's 50th anniversary, Year 8 Interact held a Bake Stall. Selling donuts, brownies, cupcakes and spiders along with many other scrumptious goodies.

### **May 18 - Birthing Kits Assembling**

Interact saw the students of Hurlstone come together to raise awareness and support such an important cause. The assembling of the Birthing Kits called for an unforgettable memory.

It was so good to see everyone willing and eager to lend a helping hand wherever possible. The Hurlstone spirit shone through the dedication and determination and the honest effort of all those who made the event possible and the entire process easier.



### **June 10- Be Brave and Shave**

Those who shaved and cut their hair off truly inspired and were exceptionally brave as we are so proud of those Hurlstonians that embarked along with the event. It was amazing to see everybody get in the spirit with their crazy and unique hair do's, as a way to spread awareness for The Leukaemia Foundation. The funds that has been raised through our colouring hair station and the individual fundraising of those who participated in shaving or cutting, will go towards cancer research as well as ensuring those who are diagnosed have the necessary practical and emotional help they need to support their families during this tough time.



### **June 26 - Biggest Morning Tea**

2016 BIGGEST MORNING TEA was planned to be the best one yet! With plenty of food, photo booths, mini games and a debuting dance floor, be sure to join us to rock your moves under the disco ball in your best 80's outfit. All profits raised will be going to the Cancer Council so there is no reason not to join the fun. All in all, raising \$2400 and becoming the greatest "Eighteas" day ever!



### **August 18 - Pizza Store**

The Year 9 Pizza Store was held 18/08 for the World Vision Sponsor Kids as the Year 9's worked together in achieving their goal to sell around 40 boxes of a variety of pizzas.

### **September 3 - Country Fair**

The Hurlstone Country Fair held 03/09 was a perfect opportunity to promote Interact as a whole and also to hold a campaign for both The Global Goals-Dizzy Goals and Canteen-Bandana Day as a simple set up was constructed in the Hurlstone playground for visitors to attempt the Dizzy Goals challenge and a table on the side to sell the Bandannas.

### **23 September - Induction**

The year of the senior executives came to an end as a new selection of year 10s were chosen to take part in the new executive team. Those that tried out went through trials before a final screening test that was decided by the whole Interact club itself. The new executive team consists of Lynn Nguyen, Ping Sheng, Charissa Liew, Raajon Sen, Brianne Perera, Khang Nguyen, Kylie Nguyen, Octavia Chandler, An Le, Nidhi Chowkira, Courtney Chhor.

### **August 17 - Global Goals**

Hurlstone Interact initiated the Hurlstone Global Goals trend throughout the school as many individuals chose the global goals they were most passionate about, take the most creative selfie and write in 25 words or less why it is most important.



### **October 21 - Breakfast Club**

In preparation for our Blanket Drive later on in the term, the new junior executive team decided to raise money to help homeless shelters in the Glenfield area by holding a Breakfast Club Stall! All of the favourite breakfast treats were sold during recess and lunch as the new team worked together in unison.

### **October 28 - Operation Christmas Child**

Interact was happy to announce that OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD was happening once again. Our aim was to raise awareness and funds for this amazing foundation. Volunteers were walking around the school selling bandanas at Roll Call, Recess and Lunch to helping to support the amazing cause.

### **November 2 - Humans of Interact**

The executives of the Interact team decided to acknowledge our interact members to a higher extent. Introducing Humans of Interact!! Hurlstone Interact is a large community within the school that strives for change and social justice, however it is the individuals that drive our work. We have started posting messages from some of our awesome members about why Interact is a group they are proud to be a part of.

### **November 7 - Stella Fella Day**

Stella Fella day led a successful and fun event as many wore bowties and it was truly amazing the amount of support we received from all of the hurstonians and donations that will go Project Futures whose mission is to end human trafficking in the world

### **November 23 - Blanket Drive**

Interact's Blanket Drive + Pyjama Day. In collaboration with Salvation Army, we'll be aiming to raise awareness, funds and supplies for homeless shelters in the Glenfield area. Grades 7, 8 and 10 will be involved in this fundraiser as there will be 3 stalls. Everyone who came and joined in the fun also directly supported those less fortunate living homeless in Glenfield and surrounding areas. All profits raised today will go to buy blankets for those in need in cooperation with the Salvation Army.

## CLASS OF 1986 REUNION

On Sunday 23rd October we had the Class of 1986 come in for a school reunion. They came in from all over NSW to join up for a 30 year school reunion at the Crossroads Pub on the Saturday night. The invite was sent out that anyone was welcomed to come and visit their old school on Sunday afternoon. We had over 20 people come in on the Sunday afternoon. We were able to do a tour of the Farm, Museum, Archive Room, School Hall and the ground of Hurlstone. They stopped to pay reverence to the "Bin God" outside the Dining Room, laughed over the detention books (still the most popular books in Archives) and reminisce over the pranks they played on each other especially at Muck Up Day. Special thanks to three boarder girls who came around and helped me with the tour and that was Grace Tassell, Elka Devney and Anastasia Baker.



## SIR WILLIAM KEYS

On Friday 11th November four students, Anna Dinh, Adeline Lam, Ratan Venkatesan and Hubert Zhang along with school Principal Daryl Currie and School Archivist Johanna Leglise travelled down to Bombala the home place of Sir William Keys. Sir William Keys was an "Old Boy" from Hurlstone. He attended here from 1935-1940. He served in AIF in WW2 in New Guinea. He also served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion in the Korean War. He was awarded the Military Cross for courage at Chunchon in 1951. He was knighted in 1979 for his work in Veterans affairs. We travelled to Bombala for the Remembrance Day Service and to officially hand over the Miniature Medals of Sir William Keys to Bombala RSL. We were honoured to present the medals to the township of Bombala. We were also greatly honoured to meet Lady Keys and her family. The Remembrance Day Service on Maybe Street Bombala was attended by over 300 people. Our cadets laid a wreath at the Cenotaph and Anna Dinh and Adeline Lam presented the medals to Mr Rob Letts Sub Branch President of Bombala RSL. We adjourned afterwards to the local café for refreshments and at the request of the Keys family, our students sang the school song and did the war cry. I love the fact that the children of Sir William was taught the War Cry at an early age and could still chant it after all of these years. It was heart-warming to see our students again being exposed to Hurlstone pride but also to instil the importance of community spirit.



### PEER SUPPORT @ ORIENTATION DAY

On the 6th of December, Hurlstone's Orientation Day for new students entering the school next year took place. The assembly was packed with new faces and excited parents to see what Hurlstone Agricultural High School had in store for their kids.

After the assembly, the parents and the new students were invited to morning tea under the COLA, where many extra-curricular groups showcased what they offered.

After a while it was time to say goodbye to the parents and bring in the Year 7 Peer Support Leaders for 2017. These Year 9 students had been chosen after a long and hard elimination process by Ms Chapman, one of their year advisors. It had been mentioned that this year's Year 9s were one of the most enthusiastic grades when it came to peer support, making it even more difficult to narrow a group of over 100 students, to only 45. They actually had to go through two round.

### CAPA PRESENTATION NIGHT

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, Hurlstone hosted their Annual Creative and Performing Arts Presentation Night, jam-packed with many performances to watch and awards to be handed out. It was a spectacular night for all who performed and watched. We are looking forward to next year's CAPA Presentation.



## STATE FRISBEE

Two weeks ago Hurlstone brought teams of Year's 7, 8, 9 and 10's to the State Frisbee Championships in Parramatta. All the teams did really well but here are some special mentions:

The junior boys team: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place overall  
The junior girls B team: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place overall  
The junior girls A team: 1<sup>st</sup> Place overall

Thank you to Wilso for taking us!

## YEAR 9 POETRY INCURSION

Philip Wilcox, multi-award winning poet and the current Australian Poetry Slam champion, recently visited our school in Term 4 where he showcased a few his spoken word poems to Years Eight and Nine. Philip's presentation also included an interactive segment where he prompted the audience to write a line of poem which was then collated and presented by him in slam poetry style. Philip really showed Hurlstone just how interesting and engaging spoken word could be.

After his main presentation, he then conducted a smaller, slam poetry workshop where he suggested prompts, shared tidbits of advice and provided feedback on student's written work. Students went away with new-found enthusiasm for poetry and a lot of inspiration for their own future works.

