



## HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



### Term 2, Week 10

→ Calendar update

#### Monday, June 26

Yr 9 Japanese Major Assessment

Yr 11 Biology Assessment

Yr 12 PDHPE Assessment

APSMO – Australasian Problem-Solving Olympiad

Law Society Mock Mediation

Japanese Excursion

Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, June 27

Yr 12 English Assessment

Music Tour Tamworth

Stage Band

#### Wednesday, June 28

Yr 12 Senior Science Assessment

Music Tour Tamworth

SSW Orienteering Challenge

Pops Orchestra

#### Thursday, June 29

Music Tour Tamworth

Piano Lessons

Parent Teacher Night (Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 and Boarder Parents)

#### Friday, June 30

All Schools Touch Football

Last Day Term 2

### SRC REPORT

Heart Foundation

*Jump Rope for Heart*



→ Jump Rope for Heart 2017

On Wednesday June 14, SRC held its annual Jump Rope for Heart initiative, raising money for the Heart Foundation. The day was jam-packed with fun activities such as limbo, obstacle courses and group skipping. Everyone was up and moving, keeping their hearts pumping! There was also a healthy food stall selling snacks such as milkshakes strawberry and marshmallow kebabs. All in all, it was a great event with an even greater purpose – to raise awareness for heart disease.

The Heart Foundation raises funds for cardiovascular research and supports people living with heart conditions. On top of this, they educate Australians about making healthy choices and advocate for improvements in heart health.

Facts:

- 80% of heart diseases are preventable by healthier lifestyle choices
- Your heart will beat up to 3 billion times during your lifetime
- 62% of Australians above the age of 75 are diagnosed with a cardiovascular disease

## SRC REPORT

→ Jump Rope for Heart 2017



→ Coming Up

Keep updated for more information about “Meme Day”!  
Also coming up next term, will be Hurlstone’s Annual  
Talent Quest, Daffodil Day and more!



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A heartfelt Eid Mubarak to all of our school community who have completed their fasting over the holy month of Ramadan and have celebrated Eid al-Fitr over the weekend. During this time of fasting and reflection I am pleased to report that members of the Hurlstone Agricultural High School Leadership Team, both staff and students, were able to share in the experience of Iftar with the community of Amity College.

Our school community has fostered a close relationship with Amity over the last few years through the observance of both ANZAC Day at the HAHS site and Iftar at Amity College. It is a relationship which has grown through mutual respect and the passion which both schools share for the creation of a harmonious community which is based on understanding and acceptance of the diversity existent in Australian society. This is especially significant when the events we share with each other are foundational to our sense of community through nationhood and our sense of community through "breaking bread", a symbol which resonates across many faiths.

It was an honour to be able to go to Amity College with Ms Christine Castle and share in this communal meal and I know I speak for both of us when I thank Mr Deniz Erdogan, Executive Principal, for the hospitality his community afforded us. Another concept which both Hurlstone Agricultural High School and Amity College hold in common is the importance of social responsibility and ensuring that our actions make a difference in the world beyond the school. This has been a long standing trait of 'the Hurlstonian'. As a school community we were fortunate to hear from a very influential and respected Hurlstonian at a school assembly on 13 June. As I foreshadowed in an earlier newsletter, Dr Tim Southpommasane, Race Discrimination Commissioner, spoke to a full school assembly about both his time at Hurlstone and his current role within Australian society.

The assembly included a phenomenal speech by Olivia Bui of Year 10 and a moving musical performance of John Lennon's *Imagine* by the Year 12 Music class but the highlight was undoubtedly the speech of Dr Southpommasane and the question and answer session which followed. In my four years at the school I do not believe that I have ever seen a school audience so enamoured with a speaker. Don't get me wrong, our students are never belligerent or rude to visitors or speakers but in the case of Dr Southpommasane they were enthralled and hung on his every word.

After the assembly Dr Southpommasane enjoyed morning tea with our prefects, which meant that they got to spend time with somebody whose discussion about his role in Australian society had touched them all. I lost count of how many students spoke to me on 13 June and explained how exhilarating it was to be able to listen to a Hurlstonian discuss how his experiences at this site had been able to contribute to the development of a scholar who has had an impact on the lives of all Australians. I often talk to the students about how they have a responsibility to use their intelligence and the opportunities given to them at this school to better their society and to attempt to "serve a greater good". This is often an abstraction which doesn't resonate with students, not because they don't feel any obligation but because they have not experienced the need for such commitment

In Dr Tim Southpommasane students were able to witness such an abstraction put to practice and they were left in awe of how profound an impact somebody can have when they harness the power of intellect, opportunity and commitment to societal values.

Another event which I recently had the good fortune to attend was the screening of the “Brand Without a Bottle” competition which was run by Sydney Water. Ms Ann Young, Head Teacher English, has been working with a group of students from across the school in the creation of an advertisement to “sell” Sydney water in preference to purchasing bottled varieties. Our entry placed in the top six entrants and therefore we were afforded a professional film crew to shoot the advertisement and then it was shown, along with the five other finalists, at Hoyts Blacktown. It was a great night and as well as viewing the excellent advertisements each of our students, parents or teachers who attended received flavoured water, popcorn and a chock top to savour as we watched the creativity of NSW public schools on display. The winning entry came from Chifley Shalvey College with second going to Muirfield High School and third to Strathfield Girls’ High School. Even though Hurlstone didn’t place we are to be the recipient of a water station valued at \$6000 which will be installed in the near future. However, the true measure of success were the intangible rewards our students received from this project focused activity and from seeing their ideas writ large on the screen in a professional production for an authentic audience.

If you wish to learn more about this event then you can see all of the entries at:  
<http://oursydneyourwater.com.au/brand-without-bottle/>

At the beginning of next term our senior boys touch football team will be travelling to Quirindi in order to compete in the state finals. Our team is one of two south West Sydney teams which will be vying for a spot in the finals tournament. The team’s success has been a long time in the making as the core of the team have played together over the last four or so years under the tutelage of Mr Coombes and various members of the PDHPE faculty. I know that the entire school community will be wishing them well as they make the long trip north.

Also traveling north this week is our orchestra who will be taking their significant talent to the Tamworth area in their annual country sojourn. I think that it is poignant that within the space of only a few weeks that the Tamworth region will see both our sporting and musical talent on show, displaying just how diverse the talents of our gifted cohort are.

Unfortunately I will have to hear of any exploits from afar. For the first five weeks of Term 3 I will be on leave and Ms Castle will be relieving Principal. I have not seen my son for eighteen months, as he has been living and working in London. I will attempt to keep in touch with all of the events, and hopefully successes, at Hurlstone while I am away and will definitely look forward to catching up anything I have missed on my return.

Until next term.

Daryl Currie  
Principal.

## SPORTS REPORT

→ 9/10 Touch Football All Schools Competition

On Wednesday 17th May, Hurlstone competed at the Regional 9/10 Touch Football Competition. Hurlstone had two very competitive teams entered on the day. Both teams played 5 games before reaching the semi-finals.

Team A won both the semi-final and final game, finishing undefeated and progressing to the State Finals. Team B lost their semi-final in drop-offs and finished 3rd overall.

Both teams played spectacularly, improving their performance with each game played. They also played fairly and upheld the spirit of the game. Well done to both teams!

A huge thank you to our 3 volunteer referees – Ben Nguyen, Max Lawson and Lizzie Cowden.

Teacher Coaches – Mr Coombes, Mrs Barry



### **Team A**

Bronte Clifford  
Olivia Cole  
Lily Nguyen  
Tahlia King  
Kristie Vu  
Tamara Robertson  
Jennifer Doeur  
Janet Nguyen  
Teagan Colless  
Millie Bonnici  
Manon Fuller  
Cassie Bush



### **Team B**

Nadia Gunn  
Alisha Nguyen  
Alyssa Doeur  
Kyra Leal  
Lena Lam  
Elisha Tieu  
Monique Youssef  
Marina Jovanovic  
Jolanda Nguyen  
Cindy Tran  
Kaylen Lim  
Bianca Tran-Lam  
Lily Hua  
Lisa Ngo

## INTERACT REPORT

### → Biggest Morning Tea

On Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June Interact held it's Annual Biggest Morning Tea! This year's theme was 'Pyjama Par-TEA'.



### → World's Greatest Shave

World's Greatest Shave is fast approaching, so look out for Interact members who will be going around the school with donation boxes. There will also be a donation box in the office. Remember all the money goes to the Leukaemia Foundation and the more money we raise the more teachers shave!



Stay tune on the Interact noticeboard and on our social media pages!

## ENGINEERING REPORT

→ Aeronautical Velocity Challenge @ The University of Wollongong



On Friday June 9, the Year 10 Engineering minor class, accompanied by Mr Krishan and Mr Payne, travelled to the University of Wollongong for the Aeronautical Velocity Challenge. Unfortunately, we were unable to compete but we still had a lot of fun. There were 2 different sections – the bottle rocket challenge and the round-the-pole plane challenge.

In the bottle rocket section, there were 4 teams which competed. We were given 45 minutes to assemble our rockets before they were launched. Our rockets comprised of 2 adjoined 1.25L soda bottles, fins, a nose-cone and a LOT of duct-tape. After assembling our rockets, we shot them! Out of the Hurlstone teams, Zuo-Yu, Nathan T and Nathan H's bottle rocket flew the furthest reaching a distance of over 70m! Close on their tails was Adeline, Anita, Cathy and Dorothy's team reaching 56m. Overall, the furthest bottle rocket of the day soared out of the arena – reaching well over 100m!

Unfortunately, I was too busy with the bottle-rocket section, so I was unable to watch the round-the-pole plane challenge. Although, I heard all the teams built very sturdy planes which all flew very well. It was a close challenge!

Even though we were unable to compete, we still had a great time and learnt a lot about the physics behind aerial motion. I'm definitely looking forward to competing again!

*By Adeline Kwong*

