

Parent Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Parents & Carers Save the Date for Parent Teacher Interviews
- 360 Survey Tool
- Country Fair Winner

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Principal's Message



Our P&C held their annual general meeting (AGM) on June 5. Please join me in congratulating your elected P&C executive team, President: Rafay Siddique, Vice President: Greg Quirk, Treasurer: Phil Lavers, Secretary: Johanna Leglise, Uniform Shop: Susan Hemsley, Country Fair Co-ordinator: Johanna Leglise. They will be looking for your continued parent support and our teachers are looking forward to continuing working closely with the group to support our students, your children. Looking forward to meeting more parents at the next meeting.

Year 11 and 12 Parent teacher evening was held last night. I would like to thank our parents who were able to attend the evening and engage in learning partnerships with our teachers. I would also like to acknowledge the teaching staff for their time in preparing the reports and learning profiles for your children.

During the evening I was able to meet many parents personally and most conversations revolved around improvement systems for our school community. In our last school newsletter I introduced the 360 Reflection survey tool. The tool will allow us to collect feedback from students, parents, teachers, other school staff, and community members. Research around the world demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community engagement.

CALENDAR

Please see below the link for the school calendar – www.hurlstone.com.au

June 2018

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

I have extended the cut-off date for the sign up until Monday June 25.

Once all participants' sign-ups are collected the survey will begin. If you would like to participate in completing a survey, please contact the school on 9829 9222 or hurlstone-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Looking forward to your valuable support and participation in our survey.

Kind regards,

Christine Castle
Principal

School Plan 2018-2020 - 360 Reflection survey tool

As a part of our School Plan (2018-2020) our strategic directions, published in our last newsletter and available on the school website are **Differentiating, Engaging and Communicating**. As we reach milestone in our plan we would like to gather data to help us inform our practice. **Hurlstone Agricultural High School** has chosen to take part in the Excellence in School Customer Service 360 Reflection tool. This tool, developed by the NSW Department of Education, is a type of surveying tool which will help us gather feedback on customer service provided to all members of our school community. The tool will allow us to collect feedback from students, parents, teachers, other school staff, and community members. Research around the world demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community engagement. Guided by this knowledge, **Hurlstone Agricultural High School** is making the delivery of exceptional customer service a priority. We are looking for parents, and other members of our school community to fill out an online survey which will ask you to submit feedback on the customer service delivered by the school. Your responses will always be completely anonymous and confidential. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete. We will then use the report to help further develop the customer service provided to all members of the school community.

If you would like to participate in completing a survey, please contact the school on **9829 9222** or christine.castle3@det.nsw.edu.au before **Monday 25 June, 2018**.

Looking forward to your response as your support and participation would be very much appreciated and valued.

Kind regards,
Christine Castle
Principal

School strategic directions 2018–2020



**STRATEGIC
DIRECTION 1**
Differentiating

Purpose:

To enable staff to excel in differentiating teaching and learning practice to cater for the individual needs of gifted and talented learners at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. To encourage improvement in pedagogy, enhance staff potential to be innovative, creative, share and reflect on their own practice to deliver world class, future focussed quality learning experiences that academically inspire and challenge learners to reach their individual potential.



**STRATEGIC
DIRECTION 2**
Communicating

Purpose:

To actively develop and strengthen effective communication across our school community to ensure the needs of gifted and talented learners and their families are met. To continue to foster a culture of trust and respect that enables our school community to feel connected and included.



**STRATEGIC
DIRECTION 3**
Engaging

Purpose:

Engaging all members of the school community in the provision of gifted and talented education by providing a stimulating, engaging, future focused learning environment underpinned by a culture of high expectations and supported by the creation of an inspiring STEAM building and facilities. To challenge our community to think deeply about how education responds to a rapidly changing world and equips future generations to use their individual gifts and talents in informed and ethical future problem solving.

Update's to Building Project

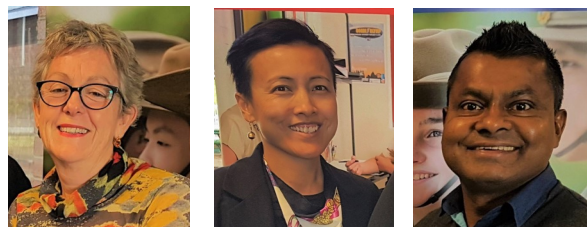
The schedule of work onsite at Hurlstone Agricultural High School Glenfield is well underway. Please check updates at the following link.

<https://schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/schools/hurlstone-agricultural-high-school/hurlstone-agricultural-high-school-glenfield>

From the Deputies Desks

School Hours:

We wish to remind you that school hours for students are 8:15am to 3:15pm. Please ensure your child is on their way home after school.



Hurlstone is going green in line with DoE Environment policy:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/environmental-education-policy-for-schools-guidelines.pdf>

Student reports will no longer be printed. They will be published through the Sentral portal and also emailed to parents. This will save time and boxes of paper.

To access the reports through the Sentral portal, students use their DoE log in name and password. Parents will need to log on too. Parents were emailed details about how to access the portal, but if you need a reset, details will be on the website www.hurlstone.com.au

Update your contact details:

To receive a report copy by email, your family email must be current. If you have changed this since enrolment, please update through the front office.

Update your child's health plans:

We also remind you to update your child's health plans so that we are able to support your child's wellbeing. Health plans may need to change for a variety of reasons. Check with your GP and keep us up to date by providing us with a copy of current paperwork through the front office.

Years 7-10 Parent - Teacher night:

Put the date in your diary: Thursday July 5, 3 pm to 7 pm, Edmondson Hall. Booking sheets will be sent home with students the week before.

Translators will be available for Cantonese, Vietnamese and Bengali speakers.

Parents & Carers – Save the Date

Year 7-10 and/or
Boarder (Year 7-12)
Staff will be available on
Thursday 5th July from 3pm to 7pm

Bell Times 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Roll Call	8:40 – 8:50	8:40 – 8:50	8:40 – 8:50	8:40 – 8:50	8:40 – 8:50
Period 1	8:50 – 9:41	8:50 – 9:41	8:50 – 9:32	8:50 – 9:41	8:50 – 9:41
Period 2	9:41 – 10:32	9:41 – 10:32	9:32 – 10:14	9:41 – 10:32	9:41 – 10:32
Recess	10:32 – 10:51	10:32 – 10:51	10:14 - 10:36	10:32 – 10:51	10:32 – 10:51
Period 3	10:51 – 11:42	10:51 – 11:42	10:36 – 11:18	10:51 – 11:42	10:51 – 11:42
Period 4	11:42 – 12:33	11:42 – 12:33	11:18 – 12:00	11:42 – 12:33	11:42 – 12:33
Lunch	12:33 – 1:13	12:33 – 1:13	12:00 – 12:40	12:33 – 1:13	12:33 – 1:13
Period 5	1:13 – 2:04	1:13 – 2:04	Sport – 12:40	1:13 – 2:04	1:13 – 2:04
Period 6	2:04 – 2:55	2:04 – 2:55	Sport – 2:30	Students Home	2:04 – 2:55

Assembly Day	
Roll Call	8:40 – 8:50
Period 1	8:50 – 9:31
Period 2	9:31 – 10:12
Recess	10:12 – 10:31
Assembly	10:31 – 11:31
Period 3	11:31 – 12:12
Period 4	12:12 – 12:53
Lunch	12:53 – 1:33
Period 5	1:33 – 2:14
Period 6	2:14 – 2:55

Administration

Enrolments for years 8 -11 2019 will be open from the 22 June 2018. General information and application forms will be available on the Hurlstone website from this date. Applications will close on Friday 27 July 2018 at 3pm.

Have your child's medical details changed since you enrolled your child at Hurlstone? If so please update them urgently by phoning Linda Waltho on 98299222 or via email hurlstone-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au. It is important that the school has current details to ensure the specific healthcare needs of your child are met.

Sue Pritchard
School Admin Manager

Head Teacher - Teaching & Learning

Teaching and Learning

With the arrival of week seven it is now time for students to be submitting their gold level applications for term 1. Achieving Gold level signifies a student's significant involvement and achievement across a number of areas of school and community life. Student's need to utilise Gold level status for the application process for prefect elections in Year 11. This is an important consideration for our year 10 and 11 students. Completed forms must be submitted to Mrs Davis by the end of week 7. We will publish a list of achievers in our next newsletter. Application forms for semester two will be available at the beginning of term three. If you have any questions about Gold Level applications you can visit the learning support office to see Mrs Davis.

Badminton

On the 27th of May, Hurlstone's first Badminton team competed in the NSW Badminton Associations Schools invitational competition. We left school very early and travelled to Wahronga and competed as two teams of four players. Both teams were in a pool that included games against James Ruse Agricultural High School. The senior team defeated them and came away second overall on the day. The junior team played some challenging opponents and came third on the day. All students enjoyed the experience and their games and tactics improved with the well matched opponents. We look forward to continuing to build our skills during hitting sessions after school in the hall on Mondays and Tuesdays and hopefully compete in some more competitions later in the year. We welcome new players to join our informal afternoon sessions.

Mrs Sharon Davis

Head Teacher - Teaching & Learning



Extra - Curriculum

University of Sydney—Debating Excursion

DEBATING TRAINING DAY *CAMPERDOWN CAMPUS, U-SYD*



MILICA ALAVANJA
25TH MAY 2018

Extra - Curriculum

University of Sydney—Debating Excursion Continued...

DEBATING TRAINING WORKSHOP

Organised by Mr Malak, Hurlstone's Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 debating teams travelled to the Camperdown Campus, at the prestigious University of Sydney (each team has six people, yet several were away due to school-related reasons, such as a Legal Studies excursion).

The students met promptly at 7:45 am on the 25th May, and were supervised by Mr Pearce during this excursion. They walked to Glenfield station, from which after a lengthy commute they arrived to Redfern station. Following a brief walk they arrived to the enormous and breath-taking University Of Sydney.



They arrived at 9:15 am, in time for the commencement of the workshop, at the John Woolley Building. They were introduced to many other debating students from various high schools (including Sydney Girls High School, Pymble Ladies College, Baulkham Hills High School, Penrith High School and many others).

Following the brief introductory period, the coordinators provided teams with their competitors for the first round, their rooms, their adjudicator, their stance (affirmative -debating for the issue, or negative - debating against the issue) and finally, the topic. For example, School X 11

Affirmative vs School Y 10 Negative (respectively, the numbers represent the grade of the debating team) at Manning Room 1, supervised by adjudicator A for Topic R (that was given to all teams).



Extra - Curriculum

University of Sydney—Debating Excursion Continued...

The topic for the first debate was “That Indigenous Australians should receive sentencing discounts.” Students were provided with 30 minutes of preparation once they had been dismissed by their instructor who had led them to their rooms (negative sat outside, while the affirmative sat in the room). Once the 30 minutes of preparation had concluded, teams gathered into rooms where the ensuing debate was viewed by the adjudicator and the team’s supervising teacher. Due to the sophisticated nature of the debate, speakers were permitted to speak for 8 minutes, with a warning bell at 6 minutes.

Each team had four people, with the 1st affirmative commencing the debate, and concluded with the 3rd negative (each speaker in Debating has a specific role: 1st speaker introduces, proposes a model or a counter-model followed by the team’s strongest arguments, the 2nd speaker rebuts and introduces follow-up arguments, and the 3rd rebuts all prior points raised by the opposition and summarises their team’s case).

It is worthy to note that the 4th speaker in Debating acts as the team advisor, and aids in writing the 3rd speaker’s speech, and with rebuttals.

Once the verdict was provided by the adjudicator, teams were provided with the option to receive feedback: this was extremely important since it is part of the learning experience, and produces better, and more resilient debaters.

Teams then returned to the John Woolley Building from which they had prior convened. Once again, they were provided with their competitors for the second round, their rooms, their adjudicator, and finally with the topic. The topic for the second debate was “That Senators should be elected by a random lottery of all citizens”.

Once again, students were provided with 30 minutes of preparation once they they had been dismissed by their instructor who had led them to their rooms (negative sat outside, while the affirmative sat in the room). The debates were viewed by the adjudicator and the supervising teacher. Teams were also provided with an 8 minute limit speaking duration, with the warning bell rung at 6 minutes.

Following prior structure, once the verdict was given to teams, they were given the option of receiving group and individual feedback from the adjudicator.

Teams once again returned to the John Woolley building, where they were provided with a short break for lunch.

The final topic was “That environmental activists should use extremist tactics to protest environmental damages (e.g. attacking mines)”. Students were provided with approximately 20-30 minutes of preparation (it varied between teams, since many teams had to leave early to arrive at school in time following a lengthy commute), after being dismissed by their instructor who had led them to their rooms (negative sat outside, while the affirmative sat in the room). Due to the shortened preparation time, students were allotted 5 minutes maximum speaking time, with a warning bell rung at 4 minutes.

Extra - Curriculum

University of Sydney—Debating Excursion Continued...

Once the verdict was given, students were provided with the option for feedback.

In retrospect, this debating workshop may have been intense with the constant rounds of debating, 8 minutes of speaking time under a shortened preparation time (normal time given for debates is 60 minutes for preparation), and the high level of competition, yet as promised, it did in fact reinforce 'oral presentation skills' and 'debating abilities'.

The workshop was very insightful: it allowed students to push themselves to perceive what they're capable of under intense conditions, and their ability to construct arguments and rebuttals against sophisticated competitors.

All the students from Hurlstone were very grateful for this opportunity, and would like to thank Mr Malak for organising, and Mr Pearce for taking time out of his schedule to supervise.



Extra - Curriculum

Ultimate Frisbee Development Day

Year 7 Boys Ultimate Frisbee



Year 7 Boys Ultimate Frisbee Team

A team of Year 7 boys participated in the Ultimate Frisbee Development day at Merrylands. The boys learned new skills and games throughout the day. The boys displayed positive behaviour throughout the entire day.

The team consisted of Kamran Kumar, Russell Royal, Krish Ravi, Shyam Raju, Leon Ngo and Farhan Mridha. There was 10 teams in total during the competition phase of the day and the boys won all four of their group games. Unfortunately they were defeated by Hunters Hill 5-3 in the final.

NSW Touch Mixed State Finals

Hurlstone Touch Squad

At the end of term I, a group of the Hurlstone Touch squad attended the NSW Touch Mixed State finals at the Kingsway Playing Fields, Merrylands. After reaching the quarter finals stages for the past two tournaments, this was always going to be a tough task with almost a completely new team for this year. Our students started the tournament strongly with a close win in their first game over Baulkham Hills High and played well throughout the day, unfortunately missing out on the quarters this year and going down to eventual champions Warners Bay High. All of the students are to be commended on their teamwork, attitude and sportsmanship for the day. MVPs for the day: Harry Lawrence, Olivia Cole & Tahlia King.

Extra - Curriculum

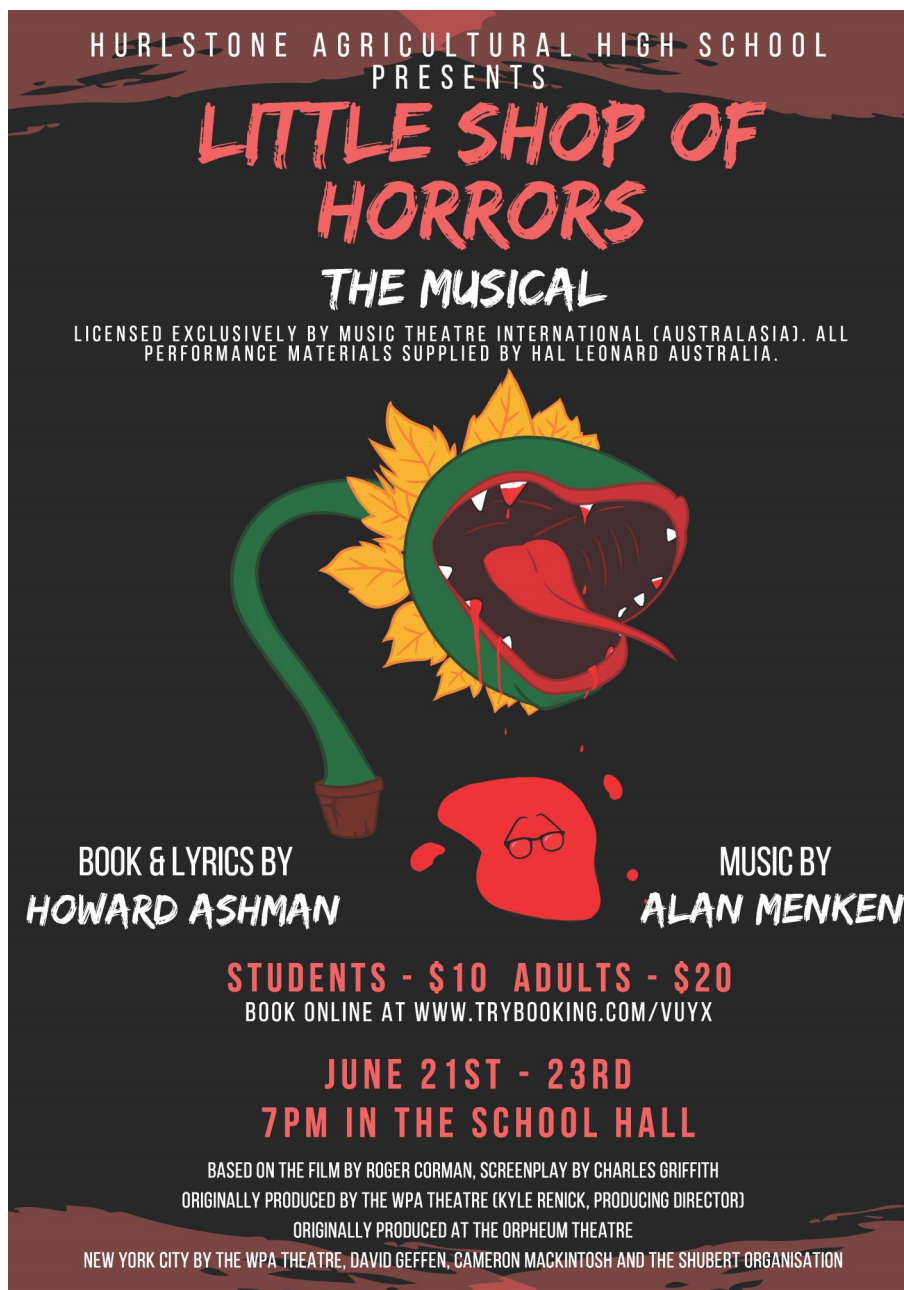
Sound Bites

Little Shop of Horrors

After months of rehearsal, students will be presenting the production of Little Shop of Horrors in the school hall as evening performances, commencing at 7pm on Thursday 21 June, Friday 22 June and Saturday 23 June. The production looks great. Online bookings are available from Wednesday 23 May and are simple to purchase. Click on the URL below and follow the instructions. Do not forget to print tickets to show at the door. The doors will open from 6.15pm.

<https://www.trybooking.com/VUYX>

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=383263>



Hurlstone Interact Report

The Hurlstone Interact body is a large family of students with great passion to advocate for social justice in the world around us. We've been busy holding events throughout this term to raise funds and awareness on numerous social justice issues.

Biggest Morning Tea 2018: Disney ParTEA

Year 10 Interact members recently held their annual Biggest Morning Tea on Monday 28th May 2018. The Year 10s took great honour to be the hosts of this year's charity event, celebrating with a 'Disney ParTEA.' The annual event, currently in its eighth year, encouraged the Hurlstone community to dress up as their favourite Disney characters and share pieces of their childhood in a large, decorated hall filled with nostalgic music and themed food. All proceeds from the event were donated to the Cancer Council, an Australian non-for-profit organisation dedicated to aiding cancer researching, funding treatment for patients and educational programs across the country to reduce risks.

In the previous years, Biggest Morning Tea had been a great success, making the year 10s this year even more eager to live up to the hype. The Interact body and year 10 organisers worked closely together with great effort to produce an amazing event.

Interact are proud to announce that over \$1000 was raised for the Cancer Council- a truly admirable feat!

All of this could not have been done without the Year 10 Organisers and Volunteers, the Interact Execs, Ms Young, Mr Craig, Ms Legise, the P&C and Sound and Lighting student volunteers. We'd also like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated to a cancer-free Australia!

Article written by Year 10 Organiser Hannah Wu



Birthing Kits

Interact will be getting together later this term to assemble birthing kits for mothers in developing countries. One sanitary kit only costs \$3 to make and will go a long way in preventing hygiene related diseases. Interact hopes to build 300 birthing kits, with more information to be released soon!

For more information of any of our past, current, or upcoming events, remember to follow our social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), or simply pop into our meetings Wednesdays during recess in the Dance Studio.

WHAT'S ON IN THE LIBRARY?

Oliver

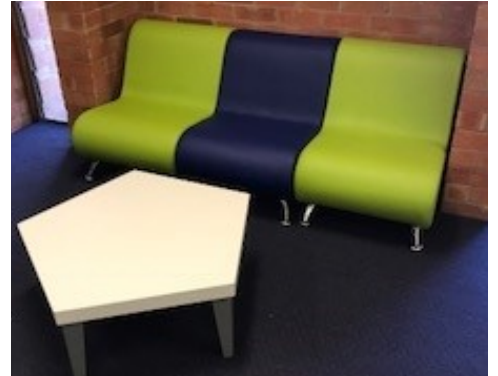
Students who have logged into Oliver recently will have noticed that it has a new search interface making it easier to navigate. It now also recommends books for you based on your past loan history and shows you which books are most popular across the school. You can give the books you read a rating, to help others out.

[Click Here
to Check out
our
Virtual Library](#)

Virtual Library

Don't forget you can also leave a book review on our virtual library. Click on book club, sign-in and tell us all about what you are reading. Whilst you are there, check out some of the resources we have added.

Ms Myles
Librarian



P&C

On Tuesday 5th June P&C had its AGM meeting. All executive positions of the P&C were up for election.

We are proud to announce our new executive members of the P&C for 2018-

President	Rafay Siddique
Vice President	Greg Quirk
Treasure	Phil Lavers
Secretary	Johanna Leglise
Uniform Shop	Susan Hemsley
Country Fair Co-ordinator	Johanna Leglise

We also have started organising Country Fair for 2018. Country Fair for 2018 is on Saturday 8th September 2018. Attached in the newsletter is our Country Fair poster designed by Joel Huang from Year 11. Our next Country Fair meeting is on Tuesday 3rd July at 6.30pm in Clarke House. We welcome all parents/caregivers to attend this meeting.

Canteen

The Hurlstone Canteen has slowly introduced a wide variety of different healthy food options with great success.

The students look forward to the weekly changes to the menu and often ask for favourites from the week/s before.

The canteen has introduced Greek feta and spinach triangles, homemade beef burgers, spinach and ricotta ravioli, veal tortellini, homemade lasagne, pasta with meatballs, crumbed chicken fingers, authentic Italian pizza's with a variety of toppings ranging from vegetarian to meatlovers, mi goreng noodles and delicious chicken burritos.

In addition, a wide selection of assorted affordable food selling at \$1.00 a piece has been introduced.

Our latest introduction of bacon & egg rolls SOLD OUT

These changes are all on top of our traditional staple foods of chicken tender rolls, chicken burgers, pork ribbet rolls, a variety of pies, sausage rolls, flaming chicken wings, hot dogs, spring rolls, garlic bread, fruit salad, salad boxes, cheesy bread and a variety of fresh sandwiches and wraps.

The canteen is committed to providing high quality, fresh, healthy, affordable food options.

In coming weeks you may see some surprises such as a fish cocktail basket. Come and see us at the canteen and give your taste buds a treat.

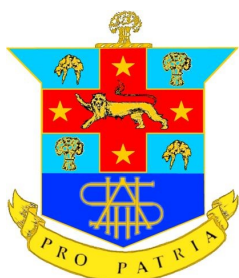
Your Canteen Team



Uniform Shop

Please see uniform opening hours below:

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS	
MONDAY	10.00am to 4.00pm
TUESDAY	10.00am to 3.30pm
WEDNESDAY	8.00am to 3.30pm
THURSDAY	CLOSED
FRIDAY	8.00am to 4.00pm



Joel Huang - Winner of the Country Fair Poster Competition