



HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 3, Week 9

→ Calendar update

Monday, September 11th

Yr 9 Camp

Yr 10 Commerce Assessment

Yr 11 Yearlies Exams

Yr 12 HSC Period

Tuesday, September 12th

Yr 9 Camp

Yr 7 Maths Assessment

Yr 11 Yearlies Exams

Wednesday, September 13th

Agricultural Education Day

Yr 9 Camp

Yr 11 Yearlies Exams

Thursday, September 14th

HIA Future Advisor Visit

Yr 8 Japanese Assessment

Yr 9 IT Assessment

Yr 10 Japanese Assessment

Yr 11 Yearlies Exams

Friday, September 15th

Yr 9 IT Assessment

Yr 10 Japanese Assessment

SRC REPORT



→ Jeans for Genes Day

Every year Australians put on their favourite jeans to raise awareness for genetic disorders and birth defects.

On the 28th July, SRC celebrated its annual Jeans for Genes day in full mufti! There were mini-games in the donut quad such as the 3-legged-race (Jeans Edition). There was a store selling blue-heaven flavoured jelly, muffins and merchandise, with all of the proceeds going to the Children's Medical Research Institute. It was a major success and we can't wait for next year's.



→ Talent Quest

Hurlstone SRC's annual Talent Quest was a huge success, being a clear demonstration of the talent Hurlstone students have. Winners will be announced soon.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A rose by any other name.....

The 78th Country Fair took place on Saturday 2 September 2017 and was well attended by both members of the Hurlstone community and the wider Liverpool-Macarthur populace.

It was heartening to see so many students, staff, parents, caregivers and other members of our school community work hard to ensure the day was a huge success.

While I was on leave I followed from afar the trials and tribulations of the Country Fair preparation period as requests for support and assistance flooded the emails of all our community and a call to arms was sounded in order to ensure the preservation of this tradition.

At no time during my kibitzing of this correspondence did I fret or fear that Country Fair would not take place.

This was not because I am a hopeless optimist but because the Hurlstone community, in my experience, always responds to a request for assistance to ensure that the P and C can continue to support our students via their major fundraiser.

There has always been complications with the preparation of Country Fair, and it has faced imminent extinction on several occasions, but the character of the school has ensured its longevity and I don't see that trend waning any time soon.

There have been those in the community that have said that the 78th Country Fair may be the last, but it is obvious to me that these people do not know and understand the intent of the day nor the spirit of the people that take responsibility for it.

I have no doubt that the Country Fair is here to stay and, regardless of any decision made beyond the school, believe it will continue to be a major event on the school calendar.

The pessimistic view of Country Fair's future is predicated on the fact that the school name will be changing and that the farm and boarding operations will be transitioned to a school built on the Hawkesbury campus of WSU.

However, this doomsday scenario is misplaced for two main reasons.

Firstly, the 78th Country Fair will not be the last in Glenfield as Hurlstone Agricultural High School remains on this site until the end of 2022 which means that, with the good will of the community, another five years of Country Fair are guaranteed.

Secondly, the transfer of the Hurlstone name to the newly built school in 2023 does not mean that the Country Fair comes to an abrupt end at this site.

On day one 2023, even though the school will have a new name, the same students, teachers and community will be in existence at the Glenfield site.

Knowing the school community as I do, I cannot see that Country Fair will cease to be a priority.

Indeed I would imagine that it would continue unabated, despite being sans farm and boarding.

In 2023, I would imagine that Country Fair will not dwindle but be enhanced as it continues into its 84th year at Glenfield and its first year at Hawkesbury.

Anyone who says that the traditions embedded at the Glenfield site will fade away does not know or respect this community.

What makes Hurlstone Agricultural High School special is not invested in its name but in the people which make it special and those people will "smell as sweet" regardless of the nomenclature used to describe them.

SPORTS REPORT

→ Frisbee Report

The 2017 Australian Youth Ultimate Championships has been run and won. The country's top 179 players across 11 teams came from around Australia to take part in this peak youth event hosted at Albert Park in Melbourne, Victoria on July 7-9.

The girl's division saw 5 states compete across the three day event with a dream run from the New South Wales team to clinch the championship title over Victoria in an exciting showdown Sunday afternoon. Whilst the boys Division saw the result reversed with VIC overpowering NSW in the final.



Girls Championship Results

1st Place: NSW

2nd Place: VIC

3rd Place: WA

Guys Championship Results

1st Place: VIC

2nd Place: NSW

3rd Place: WA

Hurlstone was well represented at the tournament with: Matt Gregory, James Wu and Oscar Cole in the guys team and Emma Hannigan, Cailyn Loveday, Ping Sheng, Janet Nguyen, Teagan Colless and Bronte Clifford in the girls, as well as former Hurlstonian Iris Firat (class of 2015) as coach.

Also of note, Emma Hannigan of Year 12 was selected in the Green & Gold team to take on NZ in Sydney in September

A MASSIVE THANKYOU TO THE P & C for supporting our students and to all the families and friends who made the trip down to windy Melbourne to support our players.

SPORTS REPORT

→ Frisbee Report

If you would like to watch replays of some games, links are below. Both finals were played in horrendously windy conditions on the Sunday afternoon.

Girls final NSW v VIC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jj7N5k35gp0>

Boys final VIC v NSW: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9M6mdxrQfl>

Girls NSW v VIC pool game: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5yYYYyw9Ag>

NSW boys v SA pool game : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ixwUFV_8B8

→ 7/8 Regional Touch All Schools Competition

On Wednesday 26th July, Hurlstone competed in the Year 7/8 Regional Touch All Schools Competition at Vale of Ah Sportsground Bankstown. Hurlstone was represented by 2 girl teams and 1 boy team.

All teams participated with enthusiasm and high team spirit.

Our top girls team played with skill throughout the day finishing in 2nd place overall.

Our 2nd girls team and boys team displayed improved ability throughout the day and showed excellent potential for future competitions. Congratulations all players.

A big thank you to our referees, Manon, Lily, Tahlia and Bronte.



Girls A: Kyra Leal, Elisha Tieu, Nadia Gunn, Alyssa Doeur, Lena Lam, Monique Yousef, Alisha Nguyen, Luca Squires, Chloe Doan, Jessica Le, Anita Ung.



Girls B: Noen Wongruechu, Madison Chang, Sophia Tran, Lucy Huynh, Katerina Trung, Rachel Chhoeu, Bianca Pham, Jennifer Nguyen, Dorothy Nagatsuka.

SPORTS REPORT

→ 7/8 Regional Touch All Schools Competition



Boys: Rupert Fuelling, Isaac Duong, Devinn Chuan, Alex Nguyen, Hamish Raman, Guven Gergoy, Kenneth Chung, Abdul Haadi Siddique, Raymond Chau, Jason Chen, Pranav Bhosale.

Coaches: Mrs M Barry, Mr D Coombes



SPORTS REPORT

→ 7/8 T20 Cricket Cup

On Tuesday 22nd of August, the Hurlstone Junior Boys Cricket Team travelled to Blacktown International Sports Park to compete in the Year 7/8 T20 Cricket Cup. 30 boys teams participated on the day.

Our team played with skill and passion finishing the day with 3 wins and 1 draw to come 7th overall.

Congratulations to the following boys;

Milith Dheerasekara, Vyom Nanavati, Shazaib Cheema, Ben Augustine, Nishant Goyal, Rushil Sherieff, Ayaan Asif, Taha Amir, Suyash Tripathi, Nahiyen Mahmud.

A special thanks to Om Rami for umpiring/scoring on the day.

Coach: Mrs M Barry



HSIE REPORT

→ Monday, August 14th

On Monday the 14th of August six representatives from Year 11 Modern History, and Mr Mackinder, went to the “Victory in the Pacific” Memorial service at Cabravale Memorial Park. The six students volunteered for the event as school representatives and were invited by Cabra-Vale Diggers to attend as school representatives.

The service began with a march to the Memorial Park from the RSL Club led by the Police Marching Band and veterans from past conflicts and their descendants. The students participated in the march to the park and then attended the ceremony. The highlight of the service for the students was the flyby salute by a C27 “Spartan” Aircraft from the RAAF Base at Richmond which performed a low fly over. Jaskiran Kaur and Finn Wallace later laid a wreath on behalf of the students and staff of Hurlstone Agricultural High School to commemorate and remember the sacrifice of all who served during World War Two.

Overall; Romman Ahmed, Nicholas Chan, Elizabeth Cowden, Jaskiran Kaur, Tiarna Scerri and Finn Wallace represented the school with the professionalism and maturity that students of HAHS strive for. These students exemplified the strong emphasis Hurlstone places on community involvement and have helped emphasise Hurlstone’s strong connection to the past and its dedication to the nation- Pro Patria.



From left to right: Jaskiran Kaur, Finn Wallace, Elizabeth Cowden, Tiarna Scerri, Nicholas Chan and Romman Ahmed before they marched to Cabravale Memorial Park.



The many wreaths laid at Cabravale Memorial Park for the fallen from distinguished guests, military personnel, Police leadership, RSL leadership and school students (such as the representatives of HAHS- Jaskiran Kaur and Finn Wallace).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK TO A BOARDING SCHOOL STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER?

If you are a boarding school student and you would like to speak to Nicole (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) or Jo (Wednesday evening), you can fill out the form that is attached to the flyer and place it in the letter box that is located at the front of Clarke house.



We will try our best to follow up at the preferred day and time but if this is not possible we will follow up as soon as possible.