Annual Report of the Ensemble Committee

12th March 2013

The ensemble committee was formed in 2012 as a sub-committee of the P&C with the purpose of supporting the fledgling Hurlstone Ensemble program through dedicated fundraising and provision of parent volunteer supervision and catering at events.

The first year of the program saw the Ensemble perform at various school events. Highlights of the year included the Play-a-thon, when Hurlstone combined forces with James Ruse Agricultural High School and played all night to raise funds, a huge achievement for students and band leaders alike.

A three day band camp around the South Coast of NSW took place later in the year, providing a range of performance venues for our students, combining public relations and opportunities for students to visit various agricultural enterprises.

In November, Hurlstone again joined up with James Ruse, this time at their school, to perform in a combined school concert, highlighting the talents of students at both schools and providing an evening of high quality entertainment.

Throughout the year a total of $14 448.28 was raised providing a fund for the continued growth of the Ensemble Program, to be used for instruments and equipment in the short term, and towards the long term goal of a purpose built music room at Hurlstone.

Funds were raised through:

- Collection and sale of scrap metal from around the school $8513.00
- Play-a-thon sponsorship 935.00
- Anonymous donation 5000.00

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I am not able to continue as Ensemble Committee convenor this year, as I am not a financial member of the P&C, but Mark Ure and I will continue to contribute to fundraising that is earmarked for Ensemble development and help with man-power at events, as needed.

I cannot provide details of Ensemble events planned for 2013, as I am unable to liaise with Mr Glenn Armitage, Band leader, who is currently not well.

The Ensemble Committee recognises and applauds the efforts of Mr Armitage, the music department and the support of Mrs Wratten, students and parents throughout 2012 and into the future.

Regards

Jane Betteridge.