Country Fair Wrap Up
Country Fair 2012 was a mixture of past favourites and some new attractions. There were around 50 market stall holders selling a mixture of handicrafts, giftware and food, some awesome face painting and lucky dips. This year stall holders were invited to donate something from their stall to be included in the auction.

Food was available from the BBQ run by boarder parents, the popular International Food stall and the cafe in the hall which served Devonshire teas and barista made fresh coffee. Cakes were donated by a number of families and were sold at the cake stall and the Rural Youth display.

The major auction items were a $500-00 gift card donated by Woolworths, a bar fridge donated by Electrolux and garden tools donated by Fiskars. Auction items were donated by Colgate, Fiskars, Icons of Sport, Betta Electrical Dubbo...........

New attractions at the Fair this year included a model airplane display, Sydney Blue Sox Baseball, sheep shearing demonstrations by Dubbo TAFE, and a careers in agriculture stand courtesy of the Department of Primary Industries. This year we were able to put together a showbag containing items donated by Dairy Australia, Cotton Australia, AWI, Australian Water, along with HAHS promotional material. These bags were donated by Reuben F Scarf at Campbelltown and packed by Volunteers from Hurlstone Mothers' Club.

HAHS showcased the school in a number of ways. The talents of the students were displayed in the art show, musical performances by the band and buskers and cadets. Tours of Clarke House were available where there was also a military display.

A group of volunteers met on Thursday evening prior to the fair to prepare for the second hand goods and book sale which was held in the dance studio.

The rides were limited by the restricted access to the school as a result of roadworks associated with the railway upgrade. Rides included mini jeeps, zorb balls, bungee trampoline and a jumping castle.

We were pleased to have the historic steam engines and machinery and the fire brigade support the event.

The agricultural offerings were much improved this year. Rural Youth Club had the animal nursery, a pen of sheep and lambs, cow pat lotto, guess the weight of the cow, farm tours, hay rides and ran whip cracking clinics all day culminating in a whip cracking competition. Two stock whips donated by leather worker Peter Stower were won by two of the entrants. Rural Youth were supported by Steve and Linda Allingham who conducted the dairy display including milking and making butter and cheese. Dayne West from TAFE Western at Dubbo did the shearing demonstrations and David Gale from the Department of Primary Industries had a stall promoting careers in agriculture.

It is worth noting that Dayne West from TAFE spent Friday prior to the Fair with HSC Primary Industries students and gave them the opportunity to shear a sheep and learn about employment opportunities in the wool industry. Dayne was very impressed with the students he met and is keen to foster a continuing relationship with HAHS. Mr Ian Evans, program Manager, Shearing Industry Development, Australian Wool Innovation Limited, is
now supporting Hurlstone as a site for training the rising generations of farmers and metropolitan students in sheep and wool handling.

Peter Stower the leather worker who had a stall and donated two stock whips for the stock whip cracking competition has also been back to Hurlstone and ran two weekends of stock whip making classes for the Rural Youth Club. He is keen to continue his association with Hurlstone.