



HURLSTONE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 4, Week 2A

→ Calendar update

Monday, 17th Oct

Yr 7 Ag Assessment

Yr 8 Art Assessment

Yr 9 Art Assessment

Y 12 HSC PERIOD

Tuesday, 18th Oct

Yr 7 Ag Assessment

Brickz for Kidz – Library

Y 12 HSC PERIOD

Wednesday, 19th Oct

Yr 7 Ag Assessment

Yr 7 Art Assessment

Y 12 HSC PERIOD

Thursday, 20th Oct

Yr 7 Ag Assessment

Yr 7 Art Assessment

Harper Collins Excursion - City

Y 12 HSC PERIOD

Friday, 21st Oct

Yr 7 Ag Assessment

Yr 7 Art Assessment

Yr 8 Art Assessment

Sculpture in the Vineyards –
Wollombi

Public Speaking – Art Gallery

Y 12 HSC PERIOD

SRC UPDATE

→ SRC Induction

On August 22nd, SRC got officially inducted. At the induction assembly, MC's were Adeline and Nicole, Mr. Seblani gave out badges to the deserving new SRC of 2016-2017. The SRC executives also got inducted and our new president Thomas Evans made a presidential speech. In addition, SRC made a music video, which was shown at the assembly and was hilarious. Congratulations to all SRC members, our President Thomas and Vice-President Katrina.



→ Country Fair

On the 3rd of September, Hurlstone held its annual Country Fair and as usual the SRC had a stall. In last year's stall we sold smoothies and milkshakes but this year we chose to do something different. The SRC stall for this year involved two sections; the first being a food stall where we sold items such as brownies, chocolate crackles and drinks.

→ Country Fair (cont.)

The other section involved mini-games where people could compete to win prizes. It was great seeing so many people having fun at Country Fair and coming over to our stall. The day went wonderfully and our stall was able to run very smoothly and we were able to sell a lot of foods and drinks. The mini-games were a hit with everyone as people of all age groups came by and had a go. We thoroughly enjoyed this experience as it allowed so many people to come and get involved with us. The Hurlstone SRC hopes to see you again at Country Fair next year!



→ Jeans for Genes Day

On the 12th of August, SRC held 'Jeans for Genes' day at Hurlstone. Students came in jeans to show support for the Children's Medical Research Institute. SRC also hosted fun mini games during lunch at the main quad to encourage school spirit. These mini-games included, the No-Hands bottle flip challenge, beer pong, Three-Legged Race, and Pin the Tail (on Mr Wenban's face). The games were free to enter, however many people donated to the cause. An Instagram frame was also floating around the school during the day if anyone wanted to pose with their friends – all photos can be found on the Hurlstone SRC Facebook Page!

The SRC would like to thank everyone who came in their best denim, as well as all the students who participated in the games and made the Hurlstone environment that day as bubbly and lively as possible.

PREFECT NEWS

→ Wear it Purple Day

Wear It Purple this year was not as bright and bold as 2015 yet memorable nevertheless, as it was topped off with a delicious and free sausage sizzle. Thanks to all volunteers involved and a special thanks to Ms West. All donations collected go towards the Wear It Purple organisation which advocates and pushes for LGBTQI+ students in schools around the country be treated the same as their peers, and promoting for them to feel safe and accepted. Our school is remarkable in that it has been open minded and accepting to diversity and it is also amazing that we are helping to promote similar mindsets across the country.

→ Hurlstone Spirit Day

Monday the 5th of September was Hurlstone Spirit Day. Students flocked to the Main Quad at recess to play the Potato Sack Races and to the Dance Studio for Bingo at lunch. Altogether it was an amazing and fun day. Share your stories from the day at [askfm /hurlstonespiritday](https://askfm.com/hurlstonespiritday)



COMMERCE STALLS

On Monday the 29/8/2016 and 5/9/2016 year 9 had their Commerce stalls. All commerce classes of year 9 were presented with an assessment task. This assessment task that we received was one that required us to run a food business that was attracted the Hurlstone community and all profits we received would go to a chosen charity organisation. For many groups, (if not all) this was the first time where they had run a business, despite the lack of experience our commerce classes did a great a job selling their products to the Hurlstone community. Many of the groups sold; Waffles, Brownies, Cookies, Pizza, Chicken wings and Asian street food. This task was a challenge that set the stalls apart based on their creativity, marketing, pricing and good business men/women. Overall for most of the classes this project was a great success and an even better way to learn how to run a business. Our year 9 commerce group would like to thank the Hurlstone community, and we would especially like to thank Mrs. Cheng, Mr. Cavallaro and Mr. Nikoloviski as they helped us bring our stall together giving us a great learning opportunity.

EPIC REPORT

By Elizabeth Meiklejohn

On July 31st, we held this year's annual variety night! It was the first event that junior EPIC directors, Bettina, Octavia and I, had a part in organising. We all had ideas and we all helped to make it the night that it was, which was a great success. Here were the winners:

- 1st place: Tayte Brown singing Skyfall by Adele, accompanied by Wesley Honey on the piano, Jonathan Lam on the violin, and Catherine Rong and Kai Lavers on cellos
- 2nd place: Katie Hawkins dancing
- 3rd place: A tie between 8DHD (Raajon Sen, Marco Bucci, Samuel Cordiero) and David Duong dancing to Michael Jackson

If I'm being honest, though, when I was in year 7 I didn't even know what EPIC was. I didn't even know it stood for anything, and when I found out that it did, I thought it just a random bunch of words added together to make a nice acronym (which it probably is). But then over the years I realised how important EPIC really is, especially in a school like ours. We have more musical talent than just about any other school, and a lot of us don't even show it. At Hurlstone, we're often afraid to express ourselves and put ourselves out there and perform, despite having skills. That's why events like variety night are so important - not only for music, but for our own confidence. Performing used to terrify me, but now after a lot of practice (and failure) on stage, I feel completely comfortable with it. I owe a lot of this to EPIC and the opportunities it gave me - in essence, this is the reason it's such a great community.

Octavia, Bettina and I are extremely proud to be Hurlstone's new EPIC directors. We were inducted last assembly, and after that it was straight to working on variety night.



OPPORTUNITY TO HOST A JAPANESE ASSISTANT TEACHER

Once again we are lucky enough to have a Japanese assistant teacher with us terms 3 and 4 to help our students with their studies. Her name is Makiko Nakamura and she is 31 years old. We need host families for Term 4. This is a wonderful opportunity for your family to learn about another culture and it will definitely help students with their studies of Japanese. Host families are paid \$120 per week. If you are interested in hosting for 2 weeks upwards please contact Mikala Hewett or Esther Eun in the LOTE staffroom.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ

Bricks 4 Kidz are starting after school enrichment classes Term 4 for Years 7 and 8. These LEGO building workshops use motorised LEGO to explore the concepts of STEM. They will run every Tuesday after school in the Library. Sign up is essential.

Boarding students need to direct their interest to Ms Webber in the Library. Day students: see the website on the advertisement below for sign up details.

AFTER SCHOOL LEGO® BUILDING WORKSHOP

Make learning **FUN** with Lego® bricks!




Bricks 4 Kidz after school enrichment classes now open at Hurlstone Agricultural High School for Years 7 & 8

The one hour classes explore science, technology, engineering and maths concepts using motorised LEGO®.

Students participate in weekly classes throughout the term.

Term 4 - Week starting 11th October (10 weeks) \$130
Tuesday afternoons 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Spots are limited so for more information and to register visit our website ASAP!
Spots are limited so sign up now!


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COUNTRY FAIR

Hurlstone's P&C would like to express their gratitude.

The 77th annual Country Fair was a success. Our event came off with perfect execution due to our tireless coordinators, Nevine Youssef and Joyce Honey. While the weather had other plans, we still had a fun day.

The County Fair would have been nothing without all of the volunteers. Everybody went above and beyond to help, just think of all the families of past students that turned out and those who travelled such great distances to support the country fair. We are humbled by your commitment to Hurlstone. It was fantastic learning from you and we hope to see you again next year.

There is plenty of appreciation to go around.

The maintenance crew made sure everything was in order on the day and afterwards. I'm constantly amazed by how they would work their magic even before we knew what needed to be done. Fantastic crew.

Daniel, from the boarding school, you were ever so gracious in letting us use your kitchen and equipment.

We are greatly appreciative of the teachers and office staff who helped plan the day and the sacrifice of their time to make the country fair happen. Jo Leglise, you are a self-created person that knows no definable class or definition. Thank you.

To those parents and member of communities who donated items to the Auction and White Elephant, we would like to say that it made a "motza for HAHS", as one parent put it.

Most of all, I would like to thank the students who volunteered. Whether it was to pack our thousands of show bags, entertaining the crowds with music, setting up the hall and sorting through the white elephant, or volunteering for the day, you have the gratitude of the P&C.

We realize it is hard to volunteer when one has one hundred and one things to do. But giving of one's time is among the kinder and nobler deeds one will ever do. You may strive to become an engineer or a doctor but remember that giving back to the community has it's own rewards.

Desmond Tutu said it best as, "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world".

Thank you for being passionate about Hurlstone and making country fair a success. See you next year.

Jacinta Tran
Vice President P&C

THE CHRIS LAWRENCE CUP

On Wednesday 31st August, a team of year 7 and 8 boys represented the school in the Chris Lawrence Cup. The rugby league nines gala day was run by the NRL and saw our students compete against teams from a number of schools from South Western Sydney. The Hurlstone team competed in 3 games on the day, each containing two 9 minute halves. The team was comprised of students of a diverse range of skills and experience in playing rugby league and the gala day was the first time that the boys had played together as a team. Whilst not the most physically dominant or skilled team in the competition, the boys showed true grit across each of their 3 games, doggedly competing against the other teams and showing true Hurlstone team work. Each member of the team should be proud of his efforts on the day.

Special thanks goes to Luke Moore from year 11, who ran training drills for the team in the run up to the Cup and acted as trainer on the day.

Chris Lawrence Cup team: James Bush (c), Tom Cummings, Anthony Donoghoe, Jeremy Donoghoe, Tom Gill, Lachlan Hillier, Newton Nguyen-Lam, Tristan Oesch, Hamish Paku, Cameron Umpleby, Zak Wilson, Titus Zhao

PUZZLES

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STUDY TIPS

By Adeline Kwong

Keeping a Binder

Keeping a binder was one of the best decisions I had made in my life. In this article, I will be talking about the pros and cons of keeping a binder, the materials and costs needed and how to use it.

- Pros and Cons

A binder saves a lot of time. You don't need to waste time packing books, finding loose worksheets or going to your locker. A binder keeps all of your books together at once, improving organisation skills. Also you will never need to paste worksheets into your binder again.

On the other hand, a binder is very vulnerable to rain, it is very bulky and if you lose it, you've lost everything. A binder can also be expensive if you don't choose materials carefully.

- Materials

Inside my binder I keep the following essentials:

	Store	Price	Rating
4 Ring Binder	Officeworks	\$3.99	4 Stars
Hole Punch	Big-W	\$5	5 Stars
Grid Paper	Officeworks	\$4.49	5 stars
Dotted-Matrix Paper	Officeworks	\$4.49	3 Stars
Document Wallet	Officeworks	3 for \$4.49	5 Stars

→ How to use it

Inside my binder, I keep a section for every subject except for PE or Japanese. In each section, I keep all class notes, worksheets and study notes. I write class notes in my binder, review them when I get home and later rewrite them into condensed study notes. I keep all material in my binder. I purchase a new binder at the start of each term and dispose of useless material to condense my new binder and make room for the next terms content.

That is all for this week's edition, I'll see you next week where I show you how I write my notes.