



THE HOOPRA

Upcoming Events

24-26th February
-Year 7 Camp

13th March
-Social

21st March
-Harmony Day

FEATURED ARTICLE



STAR OF THE WEEK



Helena Ly
Donated 30cm of her hair
to the Leukaemia Foundation,
and is also fundraising for them.

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A big thanks to everyone who came down to the swimming carnival, and made it the memorable day it was. The annual festivity reminds all about how lucky we are to have such fierce school spirit, hard working leaders, wonderful teachers, and talented swimmers at Hurlstone. The winning house will be revealed at a future assembly, so keep an eye out!

We asked the House Captains about their impressions of the swimming carnival.



"Your favourite moments and impressions of the carnival?"

"Definitely would be the final moments of the event, the amazing effort by all houses during the cheering competition and the Year 12's attempt at taking a group photo while singing and chanting random things!" - *Daniel Liem*

"Dancing around the speakers and then getting told off. The atmosphere was also great, especially around the cheering competition!" - *Aaron Sing*

"Listed as another day I would live over and over again. Also very proud of the promotional videos, we've definitely raised the bar for future swimming carnivals." - *Nina Tran*

"Everyone participating in the races and giving it their all, and the war cry. The selfie game was strong too." - *Tiffany Ha*

"Grades coming together at the end to do the house cheers; amazing. I loved seeing that." - *Brittany Berry*

"Best costumes were Daft Punk and Katy Perry. Really liked the school spirit and participation, and the mosh. To whoever got me that wrecking ball, thank you!" - *Jesse Taunton*

"The perfect mix of house spirit and Hurlstone pride from everyone, and seeing everyone get involved whether it was by competing or cheering." - *Catherine Londos*

"Are you proud of your house?"

"Definitely! The sea of green just stood out in the stands." - *Edward Trang*

"Wentworth Waikiki? More like Wentworth Winners!" - *Veronica Huot*

"Of course! M-A-C 'til the day I die." - *Catherine Londos*



PHOTO EXHIBIT: Summer at Hurlstone

With summer coming to a close, we'd like to see your personal take on what being a Hurlstonian is in the sweltering summer season.

Photo entries, with your name and appropriate captions can be submitted to the Hurlstone Prefects email at:

hahsprefects@gmail.com



"I honestly miss the junior uniform."
-Rob Abergas

Happy snapping! Select entries will be featured in the next issue.

THOUGHTS: Animation

If you asked me what the most beautiful thing in the world was, I'd say it's animation. In the world of animation, normal rules that apply to our world don't apply. Instead of looking unrealistic, animation transforms fantastical scenes into something breathtaking. It's the most dynamic art form there is.

Recently, it seems like everyone and their mother has seen Disney's Frozen. Setting aside the story and the songs, did you know that the single frame in which Elsa walks out onto the balcony of her dazzling ice palace took more than 132 hours to render? I think that animation is sorely underappreciated by Western media, with many people ignoring its endless narrative possibilities by dismissing it as 'something for kids.'



In Japan, anime is used to unflinchingly tell a wide range of narratives; behind each series a slew of artists who create with great care. In mainstream Western animation, however, a complex animated movie is a rare gem. Even in the most beautifully animated of films, there seems to be a constant need to sanitize the material, keeping it accessible for children - sacrificing the story if need be.

There are dozens of exceptions to the rule but, in general, Western animation just isn't on that level. I hope that the recent innovation in animation techniques is a precedent to animators evolving as storytellers too and that, in time, Western media will up its game and fulfil the great potential underneath its fingertips.

By Claire Cao

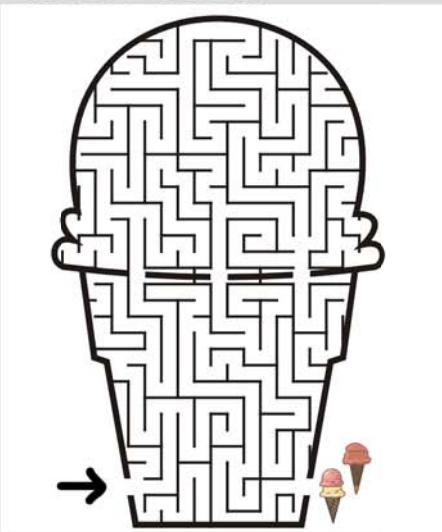
World's Greatest Shave

Hurlstone's annual World's Greatest Shave, organised by Interact to support the Leukaemia foundation, is coming up in the month of March. Are you brave enough to shave? If you are, please express your interests to an Interact Executive member. This applies to teachers too! So far, our roster of brave shavers is made up of the following:



Clockwise from left to right: Sanjay Alapakkam (Yr 10), Khang Nguyen (Yr 9), Danny Ng (Yr 10), Rob Abergas (Yr 12)

Games Corner



TRIVIA:

How many new teachers are there at Hurlstone this year?

Last week's answer: Mr. Currie

If you see any of these boys out on the playground, please consider sponsoring them, and donating to the Leukaemia Foundation. These donations enable them to support families of cancer patients, providing them with practical and emotional assistance when they need it most.

Thank you for your support, and keep an eye out for changes on the Interact noticeboard to keep yourself updated!

Shoutouts

Janeda Ong

"Best of luck as you progress through the Lions Club speech competition."

Year 11 Interact

"Thank you for your hard work in organising Valentine's Day!"

House Captains and Staff

"Thank you for organising the smooth swimming carnival!"

Kate and Alex

"For participating in, and smashing every single race they entered at the swimming carnival."

Ms. Smith

"When you told us this would be your last year, that you were happy to be ending your teaching years with our group, I decided to make this my motivation to put in more effort into English because I really did want to make you proud."

"Thank you so much Ms. Smith for the past 12 months. They were wonderful! You always managed to turn a bad day into a good one through your crazy sense of humour, which made English that little bit easier! We're all going to miss you so much, thank you!"

"Thank you Ms. Smith for everything you've done for us! We all wish you the best, and that things will get better for you. We will try our best to make you proud."

"S - Seems like you'll be leaving forever but
M - Ms. Smith we'll always remember you,
I - I thank you for your encouragement, your help and the knowledge you shared with us. We hope you enjoy your re
T - tirement; full of both relaxation and adventure.
H - Hello! But now, goodbye."

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