

Parent Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 2019 Prefect Executive
- 2018 Age Champions
- SBS Insight
- Marsden Prize

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CALENDAR

Please see below the link for the school calendar –
www.hurlstone.com.au

October 2018

M	TU	W	TH	FR	SA	SU
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Principal's Message

Our HSC students 2018 are powering ahead with their examinations and we are very proud of the way they have approached their study and demonstrated determination and resilience to strive for their personal best. On behalf of our school community we wished them all the best during their graduation week.



I would like to thank all the staff who helped prepare your children for their HSC. Our careers advisor Ms Keegan has been instrumental in assisting and preparing early entries and scholarship applications for the 2018 HSC cohort, her dedication to ensuring every student was individually catered for was exceptional and we will look forward to sharing their success in future newsletters. In particular I would like to congratulate Mr Trotter and Ms Cheng who organised an elegant graduation and formal event for their cohort and take the opportunity to acknowledge our P&C for hosting a spectacular mocktail on the Clarke House lawn.

Our assembly last week highlighted our gifted students and their many achievements. Included in this newsletter you will find the details of our talented students sporting achievements, artistic endeavours and the celebration of our school leaders across the school particularly Prefects, Peer Support Leaders, Interact, SRC and our Environment group. We look forward to sharing their vision for our school with our community. I would like to thank Ms Pham in preparing the prefect selection process for the 2018/2019 school leadership team. I have placed a picture of our new Prefects taken on the day of their induction.



Principal Report Continued...

During our recent school break and as a part of our school plan for strategic direction, Differentiating 25 staff members were trained by the University of New South Wales team from GERRIC and successfully gained a Certificate of Gifted Education. Our school aim is to have all teachers upskilled in the latest research in Gifted Education and achieve certification by 2020. I would like to thank Deputy Principal Ann Young for organising this event for our staff and I am looking forward to seeing what our teachers will be able to produce in collaboration with your children as we strive to maximise each young person's promise of potential.

If you would like to know more about GERRIC please follow this link as there are many resources for parents. <https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/>



Attendance of Students in Term 4, 2018

All students in Kindergarten to Year 11 are required to attend school until Wednesday 19 December, the last day of teaching for 2018. Prior to this date, students in all year groups should be engaged in meaningful work based on the curriculum and syllabus requirements.

If parents are seeking permission for their child to be absent from school for a period of time the Exemption from School - Procedures should be followed.

As in previous years, students who complete Year 12 in 2018 will be signed out from school on dates determined by principals to align with local school management practices.

If you require further information, please contact your Director Educational Leadership.

Yours sincerely

Murat Dizdar

Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance



Hurlstone will be giving away 80+
older layer hens on
Friday, 2nd November 2018
for one day only.

If you would like to come and collect, please
bring your own boxes.

No box, No chook.

Collection time **9am to 4pm** from the
Farm Pure Bred Shed.



From the DP Desk

Game Changer



I am a gamechanger.
 I am a game change, change game, low age,
 no rage, onstage arranger.
 I am both yes and now, stay and go, catch and throw, goodbye and hello, forest ranger.
 I am the lightning that makes thunder – rumber.
 I am the space – outside of the box.
 I am the space – outside of the box.
 I am the magnetic field between the moon and the sea.
 I am the quality – in equality.
 I am the undiscovered myth in wordsmith.
 I am the reality, of my own big dreams.
 I am the curve of the world, that I can only just see.
 I am a game changer.
 I am a curly hair very rare level of sublimity.
 I am a square of fresh air.
 I am the fair in share, a spare pair of prayers for stairs to infinity.
 I am a gamechanger.
 And no matter how much **you** change,
 No matter how much the **world** changes,
 No matter how much **change** changes.
 I will always be changing, as, **I**, am a gamechanger.

Solli Raphael, "Limelight" (2018) Penguin Australia

We decided to include a poem written by a thirteen year old published poet, Solli Raphael in this newsletter because it was something different for our community to read. The poem Game Changer reminds us that there are a lot of changes afoot this term. Some of these changes are routine such as:

- Year 12 students have finished their HSC course
- Year 11 students have commenced their HSC course
- Year 7-10 students will be pouring over the "books" as they prepare for their final assessments

And then there are changes which are prompted by things beyond our control such as the weather, train delays, bad haircuts..

So what do we do to encourage our students to rise to these challenges?

- Have conversations
- Ask open questions
- Seek support within the school and wider community
- Participate in activities offered
- Be flexible (Yes, we know its hard. We're older so sometimes its really difficult)

Which brings us back to the original inspiration of the piece that we want our students to "always be changing, as, **I**, am a game changer."



2019 Prefect Executive

2019 School Captains

Cassie Bush

Kai Lavers

Kaylen Lim

Gowtham Ravikumar

2019 School Vice Captains

Nicole Alcantara

Tommy Lam

2019 School Prefects

Emily Chua

Anita Nguyen

Teagan Colless

Benjamin Nguyen

Adam Dela Torre

Catherine Nguyen

Anurag Dhar

Jayden Nguyen

Mekaela Hockey

Sienna O'Dea

Lily Hua

Quang Phan

Michael Le

Rachel Porter

Congratulations!!



2018 Age Champions

Congratulations to these students who were presented with age champion trophies at the assembly on Tuesday 16th Oct.

Athletics

<i>Age</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
<i>12yrs</i>	<i>Krish Shinde *</i>	<i>Taylor Scerri</i>
<i>13yrs</i>	<i>Leon Ngo</i>	<i>Natalia Jovanovic</i>
<i>14yrs</i>	<i>Raqeeb Chowdhury</i>	<i>Anita Ung</i>
<i>15yrs</i>	<i>Milith Dheerasekara</i>	<i>Aimy Frang</i>
<i>16yrs</i>	<i>Hamish Paku</i>	<i>Fahlia King *</i>
<i>17yrs</i>	<i>Alvin Chen</i>	<i>Angela Pidgeon</i>

Cross Country

<i>Age</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
<i>12yrs</i>	<i>Russell Royal</i>	<i>Taylor Scerri</i>
<i>13yrs</i>	<i>Hamran Kumar</i>	<i>Natalia Jovanovic</i>
<i>14yrs</i>	<i>Rupert Fuelling</i>	<i>Alisha Nguyen</i>
<i>15yrs</i>	<i>Darrick Ung</i>	<i>Marina Jovanovic</i>
<i>16yrs</i>	<i>Titus Zhao</i>	<i>Bronte Clifford</i>
<i>17yrs</i>	<i>Jordan Gregory</i>	<i>Rachel Porter</i>

Swimming

<i>Age</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
<i>12yrs</i>	<i>Russell Royal</i>	
<i>13yrs</i>	<i>Jerry Sun</i>	<i>Chloe Ang</i>
<i>14yrs</i>	<i>Nathan Fran</i>	<i>Vivian Nguyen</i>
<i>15yrs</i>	<i>Anthony Nguyen</i>	<i>Marina Jovanovic</i>
<i>16yrs</i>	<i>Jeremy Ang Alexander Fran</i>	<i>Bronte Clifford</i>
<i>17yrs</i>	<i>Alex Quach</i>	<i>Sonia Truong</i>

** Krish and Fahlia were age champions at the zone carnival along with William Nguyen (16yrs) and Alisha Nguyen (14yrs).*

Student Leader News Update

Induction Ceremony 2018 - 2019 Student Leaders

Recently on the 16th of October, Hurlstone held an Induction Ceremony for the 2018-2019 student leaders. With the student leaders working hard to get this far, Induction was a huge success. Many thanks to Deputy Principals and teachers for help running the ceremony smoothly. Additional thanks to the parents for their support and attendance on the day. As proud members of this team, the prefect body are determined to run many exciting events coming soon so look out on the prefect noticeboard!



Boarders

Boarder Dinner

On Wednesday the 26th September we held our Boarder Year 12 Dinner in the school dining room. The boarding school community gathered together to farewell our wonderful year 12 students. The boarders appreciated that they got to celebrate this special dinner with fellow boarders, staff members and their families. We had students from each year speak about their fondest memories of the Year 12's. School Principal Mrs Castle also spoke about her memories of the Year 12 boarders and we wish them all the best for their HSC. It was a wonderful night for all of us to gather together and honour and celebrate these remarkable young adults.



Year 12 Students

Year 12 Mocktails - Clarke House Gardens

On Thursday 27th September we had our Year 12 mocktails in Clarke House Gardens. We had the majority of the year 12 students come down in their best suits and gowns celebrating with their friends and family before heading off to their formal. It is a day when we staff and parents are astonished at how wonderful our Year 12's look all dressed in their formal attire: the boys very handsome and the girls beautiful. The students then departed, all very excited for their special night ahead.



Careers Corner with Ms Keegan

MORE THAN AN ATAR

Increasingly application to study at university is determined by a range of selection methods which bypass the ATAR or combine it with other criteria. An excellent ATAR is not enough! Selection methods such as interviews, portfolios, auditions and admission essays enable universities to get a more complete picture of student aptitudes not captured by a tertiary ranking, as well as gathering the more contextual factors necessary to determine how well a student is suited to a particular field of study. Universities recognise experience gained through community service, volunteering, working part time, caring for family, participating in school leadership, excelling in sports, creative and performance arts, competitions and more.



At ANU (Australia's National University) a compulsory co-curricular or service requirement has been introduced at <http://www.anu.edu.au> to promote the concept of holistic student assessment and enhance the success of graduates both at university and after university for their employability. Details of accepted skills and activities can be found at: <http://www.anu.edu.au>.



Admission to the University of Sydney Bachelor of Veterinary Biology and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine is dependent upon a statement of commitment and evidence of experience with animals at veterinary or related establishments. A checklist at <https://sydney.edu.au> of animal handling experience is also required.

Students who apply for entry into the Bachelor of Medical Studies / Doctor of Medicine (BMed/MD) at the University of New South Wales will be ranked on three parameters; ATAR, UMAT and performance at an interview. A high score in one of the components will not compensate for a low score in another. <https://www.nie.edu.au/the-university-of-new-south-wales>.

Australian Catholic University Community Achiever Program values commitment to communities. Ethical, moral, social and environmental duties are emphasised and evidence of volunteer work and participation in social justice, sporting, performance, cultural or religious groups is required <http://www.acu.edu.au>.



Macquarie Uni's Global Leadership Entry Program (GLEP) supports and inspires global leaders of tomorrow who have already made a positive change in their community through leadership and service. Macquarie welcomes students who have made a significant and active contribution to society at large and show initiative and commitment. <https://www.mq.edu.au>.

Applicants to the University of Sydney teacher education degrees must complete a personal statement to demonstrate suitability for teaching and the right combination of qualities to become an effective teacher <https://sydney.edu.au/arts/study/study-areas/teaching-professional-education/teacher-education-personal-statement.html>. A recently published article confirms the decreasing number of undergraduate admissions

made on the basis of an ATAR <http://theconversation.com/your-atar-isnt-the-only-thing-universities-are-looking-at-93353> and suggests that exclusive focus on the ATAR causes an alarmingly high level of stress and anxiety as a result of study pressures. It also distorts student choice as they may select subjects they *think* will maximise their ATAR over pursuing talents and interests. More detailed exploration of the use and usefulness of the ATAR by researchers at the Mitchell Institute, Victoria University (Melbourne) can be found at : http://www.mitchellinstitute.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Crunching-the-number_Exploring-the-use-and-usefulness-of-the-ATAR.pdf



Mathematics Department

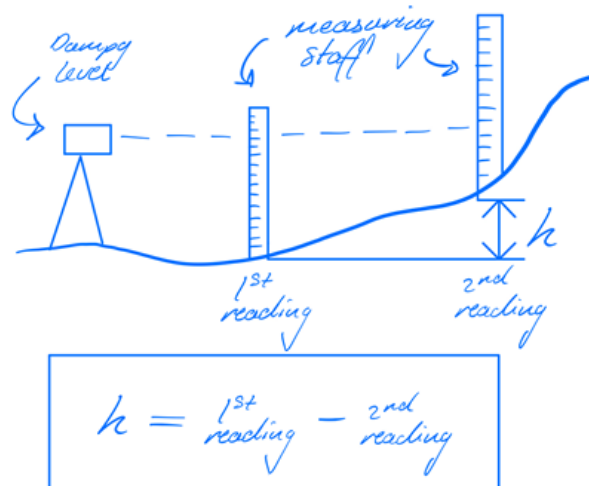
Trigonometry, Surveying and Accessibility

During week 9 of term 3, Mr Potaczala's year 10 class applied their knowledge of trigonometry to the field of surveying. Students learnt about the concept of differential levelling to find the changes in height of the main quad and calculate angles of the changing slope.

The equipment used was a dumpy level (optical device to view horizontal lines of sight), a measuring staff (measures vertical height) and tape measure (measures distances along the ground).

Students found the main quad sloped at various angles, ranging between 1.8° to 3.2° .

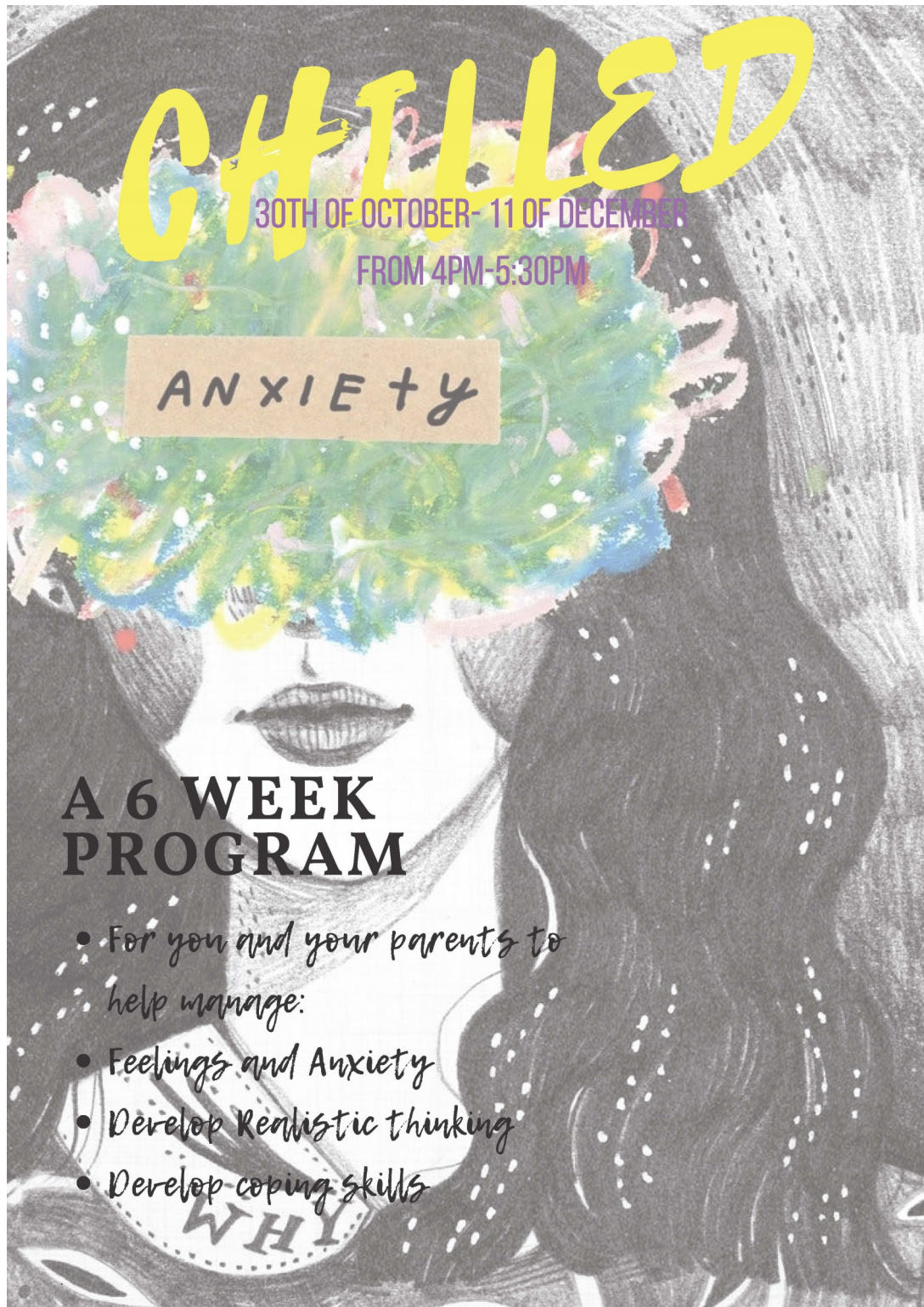
Why did we bother with this measuring and calculating? Apart from a great learning experience, we were curious as a class to know if the slope of the main quad was accessible for people with mobility issues. According to the Building Code of Australia and Australian Standards the maximum slope an access ramp for wheelchairs can be is 1:10, that is an angle of 5.7° . This means, from our initial measurement, the main quad is accessible.



Head Teacher - Teaching & Learning

Do you have children who suffer from anxiety?

Headspace at Liverpool are running a 6 week course related to families working through ways to support children who suffer anxiety related issues. Please contact them to arrange enrolment. Contact details can be found here <https://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/liverpool/>



CHILLED

30TH OF OCTOBER- 11 OF DECEMBER
FROM 4PM-5:30PM

ANXIETY

A 6 WEEK PROGRAM

- For you and your parents to help manage:
- Feelings and Anxiety
- Develop Realistic thinking
- Develop coping skills

Extracurricular - Agriculture

SBS INSIGHT

On Wednesday the 19th September, Year 12 students had the privilege to be part of the audience for the SBS Insight program, which looked at the drought and how the next generation plan to make a go of life on the land.

SBS brought together an audience of all young people aged 16-25 , those who are interested in the future of agriculture in this country. 6 Schools, including Hurlstone were selected, the main themes: to have aspirations to work in farming in the future, or studying agriculture with a view to broadly working in the field in the future.

The population of our planet grows by around 200,000 people every day, and more people means a lot more food is going to be needed. For that to happen, farms will need to grow more, and farming practices have to adapt. That's why contemporary Agricultural Science learning has a focus on innovative new methods of food production and sustainable farming practices. During the day our students were very privileged to hear from young entrepreneurs who have studied agriculture at Tertiary level. They are the young pioneers who are introducing innovative ideas and are using relevant modern technologies that will increase production and the quality and the sustainability of Agricultural production in Australia.

The following students from Year 12 Agriculture were selected. Grace Tassell, Izzy Fletcher, Lizzie Cowden, Annie Paton, Michael Webb, Nick Monk, Oscar Cole, Max Lawson, Raymond Wong, Bogdan Vlahovic,, Courtney Chhor, Luke Whale, Tiarna Scerri, Bridget Lim, Kristina Petkovich, Tarun Ram and Cassie Bush from year 11.



Extracurricular - Mathematics

Maths Competition Report

Results for the Australian Mathematics Trust's Australian Mathematics Competition have been received. Here is a copy of the highlights page:

Best In School Award Winners :

Year	Top Students	Total Score	Total Right	Total Wrong	Percentile	Standard Score
7J	LYN DUONG	108	26	3	100	3.04
7J	RYAN LE	95	24	4	99	2.27
7J	RASHID ABUZAROV	93	24	4	98	2.15
8J	EMILY LY	109	26	4	100	2.70
8J	NEVIN JOHNSON	102	25	5	99	2.29
8J	AMELIE TRINH	99	24	5	98	2.12
8J	ANNIE KHUU	99	24	6	98	2.12
9I	HELEN MAC	97	24	6	100	2.58
9I	BRENDAN ANDERSON	91	23	6	99	2.23
9I	JENNIFER NGUYEN	86	22	8	97	1.94
10I	VICTOR TANG	102	25	5	100	2.66
10I	TITUS ZHAO	100	25	5	100	2.54
10I	AMY LUONG	96	24	6	99	2.31
11S	ANITA NGUYEN	71	18	9	91	1.38
11S	RIFA JAMAL	64	16	13	81	0.94
11S	AIMUN AZMAT	56	16	13	67	0.44
12S	STEVEN LIM	113	27	3	99	3.12

Standard Score Total Score :

12S STEVEN LIM 3.12 113



Congratulations to these students and to all of the 365 students from HAHS who took part. Coming in a newsletter soon: results for: ICAS Maths, Australian Intermediate Maths Olympiad, Australasian Problem Solving Maths Olympiad, and the Maths Challenge Enrichment stage.

Mr Huxley

HAHS Maths Competitions Co-ordinator

Extracurricular - PDHPE

Hume Zone Gala Day

On Thursday September 6th 2018, Several hundred students from schools in the Hume Zone converged on Hurlstone for the annual Hume Zone year 8 Gala Day. Students competed in guys and girls divisions across 5 sports : Volleyball, Netball, Soccer, Touch and Frisbee, all contested on the grounds of Hurlstone. Weather conditions were favourable and many games were played throughout the day. Fair play and high skill levels were displayed throughout the event and a special mention must go to the amazing staff and students from Hurlstone who volunteered their time to coach, umpire and co-ordinate sports throughout the day. Much praise was given to our umpires and coaches from year 9 & 10 from visiting teachers. Thankyou also the amazing canteen, cleaning and maintenance staff for assisting with setup, cleanup and running of the day. Most reports considered the day a success and many of the visiting staff and students were in awe of the facilities and behaviour of the students of our fantastic school. Special mention to Mrs Barry, Ms Cologon, Ms Cheng, Mr Seblani, Mr Shenouda, Mr Wilson Snr and Mr Willoughby for all of your assistance throughout the day and in the lead up to the event. It was great to see all visiting schools walk away with at least one title.



Hume Zone Champions for the day:

Event	Champions	Event	Champions
Girls Volleyball	James Meehan High	Boys Frisbee	Hurlstone
Boys Volleyball	Hurlstone	Girls Touch	Casula
Girls Netball	Ingleburn	Boys Touch	James Meehan
Boys Netball	Hurlstone	Girls Soccer	Ingleburn
Girls Frisbee	Macquarie Fields	Boys Soccer	Holsworthy



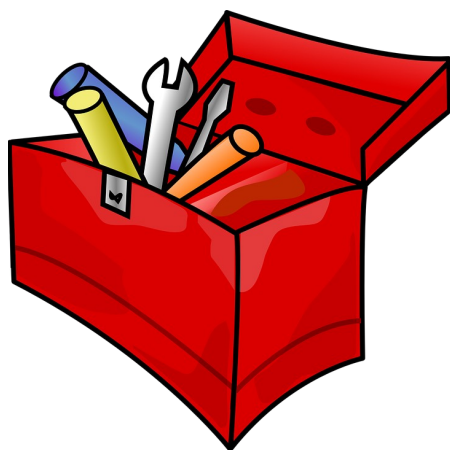
Extracurricular - Visual Art

Bunnings Recycled Art Exhibition

Year 9 Visual Arts have submitted two sculptures to the BUNNINGS RECYCLED ART EXHIBITION. These works were made from unwanted building materials donated by Bunnings. These sculptures were exhibited at Bunnings Crossroads from Saturday Sept 15 to Sept 22. Our school won the people's choice award and was awarded a \$150 voucher from Bunnings.

Students involved were Year 9 Visual Arts:

Mabel Chen	Trinity Doan
Sophia Hayden	Lucy Huynh
Jayden Luc	Siddhi Mahajan
Katherine Muy	Kyouko Nagatsuka
Jennier Nguyen	Jennifer Van Thanh Nguyen
Zoe Ray	Liora Tran
Sophia Tran	Selina Wu



Extracurricular - Marsden Prize & Hachette Australia Prize

Young Writers Festival

The **John Marsden & Hachette Australia Prize for Young Writers** is an annual developmental award open exclusively to Australian secondary school students across the nation.

The prize recognises excellence in three creative writing categories: fiction, nonfiction and poetry. The Prize is named after and supported by international best-selling author **John Marsden**, sponsored by **Hachette Australia** and administered by **Express Media**. The prize is judged by John Marsden, alongside representatives from Hachette Australia and Express Media.

The Prize was awarded on Thursday August 30 2018, at a special Melbourne Writers Festival event.

This year, **Octavia Chandler** of Year 12 was awarded the non-fiction prize for her composition. The link to her winning entry is below. Please enjoy her outstanding work.



All successful shortlisted participants, with Robert Watkins, Publisher at Hachette Australia, and John Marsden Express Media Patron at the 2018 Melbourne Writers Festival. Photo: Connor O'Brien.

Read Matilda Bolt's winning short story, [The Hawk](#) on the Express Media blog.

Read Octavia Chandler's winning nonfiction piece, [In My Mind](#) on the Express Media blog.

Read Niamh Brazil's winning poem, [Camelot](#) on the Express Media blog.

Prize winners received a \$500 cash prize and a book pack of YA titles, courtesy of Hachette Australia, publication of their work on the Express Media website and their names and an acknowledgement printed in *Voiceworks*, Australia's premier youth literary journal.

Link to prize information: <https://expressmedia.org.au/programs/john-marsden-prize/>

Link to Octavia's online interview:

<https://expressmedia.org.au/news/meet-the-2017-john-marsden-prize-shortlist-nonfiction/>

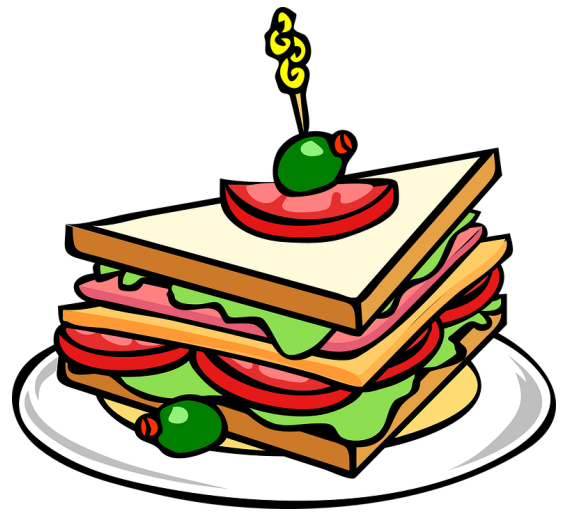
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Canteen News

Hurlstone Canteen catering reaches new highs providing SASS functions with gourmet platters.

Hurlstone Canteen Catering has introduced gourmet cheese platters accompanied by delicious hummus and other spreads, cheeses from around the world and Australia, and the best quality Italian antipasto; a culinary display worthy to enter The Royal Easter Show alongside Hurlstone's Rural Youth cattle display!

The catering does not stop there. We also provide a wide selection of sandwiches made with rustic breads, wraps and delicious cakes.



Hummus and Antipasto Platters



Sandwiches, Wraps and Cake Platters

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Canteen News Continued...

Everyone's warm favourite pizza platters and hot finger foods such as mini spinach and ricotta rolls, spring rolls, mini sausage rolls, mini pies and vegetable samosa are always available.

Click Here
to view
HAHS Website
for Canteen
List



Pizza Platters



Fruit Platters



To top it off, deluxe fruit platters are provided to finish any occasion.

Healthy food made with love from your Hurlstone Canteen Team xxx

Uniform Shop

TERM 4

The wearing of blazers is compulsory for years 10, 11 and 12 as part of the formal winter uniform. To ensure you receive your order by end of Term 1 2019 students need to place their orders by end Dec 2018. From now until that date they will be reduced to:

Girls 30-40 Boys 12-18 \$208.00

Girls 42-46 Boys 19-26 \$228.00

Please see uniform opening hours below:

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS	
MONDAY	10.00am to 4.00pm
TUESDAY	10.00am to 3.30pm
WEDNESDAY	8.00am to 3.30pm
THURSDAY	CLOSED
FRIDAY	8.00am to 4.00pm

