

Alumni Newsletter

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Hello Alumni and Hurlstone community,

I hope everyone had a restful break over Christmas and I am certainly looking forward to another busy year at Hurlstone. First event of the year is our Anzac Day service. It is on Thursday 27th April. We are asking people to arrive at 9am for a 9.30 start. Weather permitting it will be held in the Memorial Forest and a light morning tea will be supplied after the service. We welcome all members to come along to honour this special day with us.

In this edition we are honoured to showcase some of our Alumni's awards and achievements. I sometimes get sent newspaper articles or internet links to achievements of the alumni. I welcome people to continue sending them in. It is nice to share their stories either through this newsletter or the facebook page (HAHS Alumni). In my weekly meetings with the archive group I showcase the alumni achievements and success to our students. I often get some of them to do a little research on an alumni story that pops up and the students get excited. They are learning about different resources like Trove, War Memorial, National Archives, State Archives and the Royal Australian Historical Society to help them in their researching tasks.

This last couple of weeks the Hurlstone Community experienced the sudden passing of our Deputy Principal Nicholas Wenban. He was a much loved staff member here at Hurlstone, especially over the last several years, for our prefects. We will be having a memorial service here at Hurlstone on Thursday 6th April starting at 12.30pm. It will be an opportunity for all staff, students and alumni to join together to honour this good man. The one thing that has helped the Hurlstone Community process Nick's passing is the way we have banded together to support each other during this difficult time. There was a large Hurlstone presence at Nicholas' funeral and I know the family of Nicholas especially appreciated the Hurlstone family attending the service. Like all families we all have our up's and down's but in critical times it was heartening that the Hurlstone family banded together to support staff and students during this difficult time.

In this newsletter is a copy of the latest newsletter from the PRG Group. The construction of the new block begins in October this year. The new block will be a new Science, TAS and Art block and looks very impressive. No other news about the build of the new school at Hawkesbury and the new name of the school here at Glenfield has not been announced. When news comes to hand, I promise to pass it through to the alumni.

Please contact myself through the school on Ph 9829 9222 for any enquiries pertaining to the rebuild of the school. Please also contact the school for those wishing to attend Anzac Day or Nicholas Wenban's Memorial Service.

Johanna Leglise, Archivist

National Finalist Young Australian of the Year 2017

Heidi Prowse

Volunteer and Cystic Fibrosis champion

When the man she loved told her he had cystic fibrosis, Heidi Prowse didn't shy away. Instead, Heidi put her positive attitude and problem-solving skills to great use, volunteering for Cystic Fibrosis ACT and together with husband Andrew, organised the inaugural Santa Speedo Shuffle. The event, which started with seven friends braving chilly conditions to circle Lake Burley Griffin in speedos and Santa hats, has collected \$360,000 in just four years. In 2016, a record 101 people participated, with funds raised providing practical support services, such as equipment, nutritional supplements and sport and recreation grants. Today, as the organisation's Executive Officer, Heidi divides her time between administration, fundraising and meeting with families and medical staff. A woman of enormous capacity, tenacity and integrity, Heidi supports parents of newborns diagnosed with CF and consoles those suffering. Learning first-hand the debilitating effects of CF, as a full-time primary carer, Heidi is determined to make a difference to people living with this chronic genetic condition.



For Alumni / reunion enquiries please contact Johanna Leglise on phone 9829 9222 or email Johanna.Leglise@det.nsw.edu.au

Adam Herman

Adam Herman – A committed vibrant and very talented young man. You may remember Adam's name from his events, MC gigs or his singing – which Mrs. Wuhrrer praises saying that she'll "never forget his performance of 'Jar of Hearts'." He graduated only last year but has already been celebrated by the wider community when he was awarded Young Australian of the Year in Campbelltown and was offered not one but two scholarships to two prestigious universities. His current plan is to study law at USyd.

Of course this achievement wasn't out of the blue; Adam volunteered for many different organisations and, in his own words, soon became addicted to helping out. His volunteering didn't just stop there though; he also MC'd the Fisher's Ghost Festival and countless school events. Both his successors and the teacher-director at EPIC (school performance hub) describe him as a committed leader who could take an event apart and put it together again with his own personal touch. Adam was the student director of EPIC for two years before graduation helping with or organizing Variety nights, lunchtime concerts and MC'ing various other events while at the same time balancing his school work, two part-time jobs and various outside commitments. You could say that he's a pretty epic guy.

It is important to recognise and celebrate young people like Mr Adam Herman, as they are the future and with every shining star like Adam, the future looks just a little bit brighter every day.

I wish him all the best, and raise a glass of lime cordial to another alumnus who makes me proud of our school.

Written by Dean Mokhozaev



Claire Polosak

Claire Polosak will become the first Australian female umpire selected to stand in a final of the International Cricket Council Women's World Cup Qualifier.

It continues a rapid rise for Polosak, 28. Last year she created history, by being the first female umpires appointed to the Women's World T20 in India.

At the beginning of last season Polosak was appointed as third umpire for the Matador BBQs One-Day Cup, becoming the first female to officiate in a men's state domestic competition in Australia.

A month later she was one of four female umpires appointed to an ICC event for the first time when they stood in the Women's World T20 qualifying tournament in Bangkok.

Hailing from Goulburn, the former high-school science teacher has worked her way through men's grade cricket in Sydney, the Women's National Cricket League, and the Rebel WBBL, where she umpired both as an on-field and a third umpire.

A member of the Cricket Australia Development Umpire Panel, Polosak has been surprised by her rapid progress.

<http://www.cricketnsw.com.au/news/nsw-umpire-claire-polosak-to-officiate-in-final-of-icc-womens-world-cup-qualifier/2017-02-21>



Nicholas Wenban

Deputy Principal

HAHS Memorial Service



Date: Thursday, 6th April 2017

Time: 12.00pm for 12.30pm start

Where: Edmondson Hall,
Hurlstone Agricultural High School

RSVP: by Monday, 3rd April to
Johanna Leglise on 9829 9222 or
Johanna.Leglise@det.nsw.edu.au

Donations will be accepted on the day for Nick's favourite charity - Heart Kids Australia.

Anzac Day Service



You are invited to attend

Hurlstone Agricultural High School's Anzac Day Service

Date: Thursday 27th April 2017

Time: 9.00am for 9.30am start

Place: Memorial Forest

Hurlstone Agricultural High School

Roy Watts Rd

Glenfield NSW 2167

RSVP: Monday, 24 April 2017 to
johanna.leglise@det.nsw.edu.au
or phone 9829 9222

(Morning tea will be provided at conclusion of the service)

Johannes McAlpin

Here is a story about Johannes McAlpin who left Hurlstone only a couple of years ago. Johannes an experienced Australian slope snowboarder experienced the Winter Universiade for the first time. He is often asked the question. "How it is possible to practice a winter sport in one of the hottest countries?" "People get the impression that we don't have snow", the young athlete jokes. "But we have snow, winter is about 4 months long, from June to September. We have really good facilities there and people really enjoy skiing and snowboarding". The University of New England student travels over to North America and Europe when the weather is hot here.



Hurlstone Agricultural High School 1930.



War Cry

In the next couple of weeks we will be starting the program of going around to the classrooms to teach our younger years the school war cry. I have heard the war cry many many times over the 10 years I have worked here. I have heard our Year 12 do it on their graduation day. You can hear it on the other side of the school. I have had school reunions who left 50 years ago still chant the war cry with as much passion and gusto as they did all those years ago as school students. I have seen the students perform for alumni and have seen Old Boys and Old Girls shed a tear during the ceremony. I have even had the children of an Old Boy chant the war cry over the phone to me. I have been asked frequently why the war cry is so important and I believe to a lot of Old Boys and Old Girls this was a second home. The war cry is a chant that will bring people together, a sense of belonging to something very special. It is awesome at Country Fair to see alumni gathering around as a group from all different years at my Alumni stand and do an impromptu war cry. I can watch people around us and can pick up who other alumni are by seeing their ears prick up and navigate to my stand, this in turn creates the war cry being performed another 4-5 times. It is a call that helps pull that invisible fabric of Hurlstone together and it still brings a smile to my face and a warm glow to my heart.

Johanna Leglise, Archivist



Hurlstone War Cry

Hurlstone, Hurlstone, yes we are,
Cheer-o-woka, cheer-o-woka ego yah,
Anthropothoguy, Kings of Hurlstone,
Warrah, warrah yah yah yah
Cheer for the hoopra, hoopra, hoopra,
Tap-a-go-yah