

# HERITAGE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the tenth Alumni newsletter and the second for 2011. During the year a number of Hurlstonians have been added to a Famous Hurlstonians section on the alumni website. In late 2011 a Writing Challenge has begun with three prizes on offer for writing in Science, English and History/Geography. The Prizes have been named after distinguished alumni Tim Soutphommasane, John Tranter and Alan Trounson. They will also be involved in the judging. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, a morning tea was held with numerous alumni in attendance. It enabled students to access the stories of Hurlstone's past. Staff member, Johanna Leglise, was the organiser and has been given the task of organising the school's archives.

## Where are they now?

This section details the achievements of old Hurlstonians after leaving these hallowed halls of learning. We would like to hear from past students and staff and to use their information to let readers know what alumni have been doing. To do this contact Alan Pollock at [pollocks4@optusnet.com](mailto:pollocks4@optusnet.com) or write to him at HAHS, Roy Watts Rd, Glenfield, 2167.



Terry Bolin was born in Newcastle and completed his secondary schooling at Hurlstone in 1951. He gained "A" passes in English, Agriculture and Modern History at his Leaving Certificate. Terry played Rugby and was involved in athletics, debating and public speaking. He later represented Australian Universities in Rugby

and Water Polo. He went to Medical School at the University of Sydney qualifying as a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 1958. He then qualified as a Doctor of Medicine at the University of New South Wales in 1971 and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh in 1983.

He has written a number of books and completed numerous research papers on his specialty of gastroenterology, which is the treatment of the diseases of the digestive organs. He was the Honorary Secretary of The Sydney Gut Club from 1972-1983.

He was a Council Member from 1978- 1980 of the American Gastroenterological Association and Inaugural President in 1983 of The Gut Foundation .

His present position is Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of New South Wales and he is currently working in the Gastrointestinal and Liver Unit at the Prince of Wales Hospital.



Brenton Banfield was a student at HAHS from 1961-1965. His brothers Warwick, Milton and Kendall also attended Hurlstone in the 1960s and 1970s. Brenton died on the 7<sup>th</sup> November, aged 62, following a long battle with motor neurone disease.

Brenton was elected to council in 1991 and served two terms as mayor, from 2002 to 2005. In total he served on council for seventeen years. He was also a successful solicitor who ran two legal practices in Liverpool and Campbelltown.

Councillor Banfield was well-known for his plan to have a million trees planted in Campbelltown, his transport ideas and his love of the Campbelltown Arts centre.



Current Labor Councillor, Aaron Rule, said Brenton was a great example of public service and public leadership. Mr Banfield is survived by his wife Ruth, two adult sons and four grandchildren.

# Student Achievement

Hurlstone's Mock Trial team consisting of :- Avishay Kumar, Emily Cannings, Wendy Tran, Ilesha Bapat, Monica Waters-Neil, Jordan Kerr, Luke Prior, Amy Mathai, Jinan Hammoudi and Ayesha Ardati have performed brilliantly in the 2011 competition. As of writing they have made it to the state final against John Paul Catholic College, Coff's Harbour on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wesley Centre. Along the way they have defeated eleven schools, public and private. This would be the first time Hurlstone has won the highly prestigious competition which attracts over 250 schools yearly.



The following Year 8 students :- Vincent Anthony, Elaine Chua, Elaine Kong, Sowmya Padki, Felicia Tran, Krisha Umali made the Regional final of the Premier's Debating Challenge and were defeated by Prairiewood High School. They defeated seven high schools to make the final.

The Australian Defence Force recognizes and rewards outstanding student leadership and teamwork through the Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards. The 2011 recipients of these prestigious awards include Cameron McQueeney, Cheryl Ann The and Ben Winter.

Year 10 student Jay Kajale reached the Lions Club Youth of the Year Final on Wednesday 2nd November. Jay performed very well in both the impromptu and prepared speeches.

Christine White of Year 9 reached the final of the NSW Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition held at the Art Gallery of NSW on Friday Oct 21. Christine's speech *Facebook: The Phenomenon* was polished over a number of weeks. She won the zone final at Sarah Redfern High, the regional final at Lewisham and the State semi held at Parliament House.



Jennifer Han Le (Year 11) attended a prestigious awards ceremony at NSW Parliament House. Jennifer's entry in the annual Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition was amongst the best thirteen Division 1 entries in the competition.

Eighteen Interact students from HAHS volunteered a combined 86 hours of service last Sunday as waiters and waitresses in an effort to raise funds to support recovery in mental illness.

With over 80 calves, 15 breeders and 250 guests, the annual Ayrshire Calf Show at Hurlstone Agricultural High School was a sensational success. Hurlstone students were excited to learn their calf achieved Junior Reserve Champion.

In a convincing display of outstanding public and impromptu speaking, Jordan Kerr of Year 11, won the 2011 Student of the Year QUEST finals conducted by the 35th District of QUOTA International at Menangle.

Jordan Kerr participated in a program called the Global Young Leaders Conference or GYLC;

'Preparing the leaders of to-morrow for the global challenges and responsibilities of the future'. The conference focuses on international diplomacy, international business and finance and cross cultural communication. It was held in Washington D.C. And New York. While at the conference Jordan spoke at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to fellow international delegates.



The Remembrance Day ceremony for 2011 at Hurlstone was run by Kabir Dulichan with Monica Waters-Neil giving a moving speech. HAHS cadets provided the catafalque party for the Liverpool City ceremony where Year 10 student Sai Ananthapadabhan gave a thoughtful oration.

During January 2012 a number of Hurlstone students, staff and parents will be participating in a study tour of Italy ( Rome & the Cities of Vesuvius), Belgium and France ( the West-



ern Front). On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm Hurlstone students will lay a wreath at the Menin Gate during the Last Post Ceremony at Ypres in Belgium.

## The History of Hurlstone

A regular part of the alumni newsletter is a tidbit from Hurlstone's illustrious and colourful past.

The following is a story from Geoff Kelly 1944-48:-

*Many were the great times during our weekly sporting ventures around the Sydney Sporting Fields but a most memorable time was Victory in the Pacific Day signalling the end of the war against Japan. We were able to go into Sydney and join in the excitement of that day. This meant a lot to us as around Hurlstone as we had army camps at*



*Ingleburn, Glenfield, Moorebank and Holsworthy, while the United States Army Camp was at Warwick Farm. After going to "the pictures" on a Saturday afternoon in Liverpool we walked past three hotels on the way to catch the train back to school. It was great to watch the interaction between the Aussie and Yank soldiers especially after they had had a few beers. They were by no means the friendliest as our men received their "6 bob a day" while the "Yanks" were far better paid and were more of an attraction for the female population. This led to a lot of jealousy and, at times, animosity.*