

# HERITAGE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the thirteenth Alumni newsletter and the second for 2013. This year has been very busy with a multitude of notable achievements from past and present students. The many hours spent by the staff and students of HAHS in preparing and participating in a variety of extra-curricular activities is outstanding. I will endeavour to provide you with a small insight in this hectic world.

## 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 Yelena Vercoe at [yelena.vercoe@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:yelena.vercoe@det.nsw.edu.au) or write to HAHS, Roy Watts Rd, Glenfield, 2167.

### Vale - Amuthan Annamalai

Amuthan Annamalai, from Minto, graduated from HAHS in 2006. He was a final year medical student at James Cook University when he passed away on January 25 following a bacterial infection. He was 23. Mr Annamalai was passionate about global health, particularly about improving health in Third World countries when he contracted typhoid fever during a trip to the Middle East and southern Asia. According to Queensland Health, contaminated water and food are the most common sources of infection and it is not airborne.



Mr Annamalai was an active member of the Medical School's student Association and his passing shocked many of the university's close-knit medical school. The staff at HAHS were saddened by news of his death as many remembered him as a likable student with dreams he was beginning to fulfil.

His parents travelled to Townsville from Sydney to farewell him and the University also conducted a memorial service.

**Dr. Tim Soutphommasane** commenced his appointment as Australia's Race Discrimination Commissioner on 20th August.

Dr. Soutphomassane was born in France and is a first-generation Australian of Chinese and Lao background. He came to Australia in 1985 and was educated at HAHS. He graduated from Sydney University then attended the University of Oxford where he completed a Master of Philosophy and a Doctor of Philosophy in political theory.



"For the most part, Australian society has proven itself to be a multicultural success. But there's still a lot to do in fighting racial discrimination and prejudice," he said.

Dr. Soutphomassane has written extensively on race and politics. His three books include: *Reclaiming Patriotism: Nation-Building for Australian Progressives* (2009), *Don't Go Back To Where You Came From: Why Multiculturalism Works* (New South Books, 2012) and *The Virtuous Citizen: Patriotism in a Multicultural Society* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

## The History of Hurlstone

### Excerpts from "Rugged Day, My Friends" by Joe Costelloe, a student in the 1910s, from an ABC radio talk. (Memories)

... I didn't have to wait long to learn what was intended. I hadn't been in my cubicle more than a few minutes when somewhere about seven or eight of the Monsters packed across the door less entrance to the cubicle. Each of them carried one or more pairs of heavy field boots, mostly hobnailed and encrusted with mud. Poobah, the blue jowled Monster, was the first to speak or take action....he did both with force. "Here, insect," Poobah said, "clean 'em," and tossed a couple of pairs of his boots at my feet. That was the signal for his cronies

to do the same. In a moment I stood knee deep in a pile of muddy bluchers, assailed by demands that I get on with the cleaning. And I might have done so, since this seemed to be the rules of the gate, and, anyway I was confronted with a pretty awesome knot of senior citizens. The trouble seemed to me to be, however, that none of the owners of the footwear had tossed in any polish for me to use. I drew attention to the omission by asking "Where's the polish?" The answer came first from Poobah, then as a chorus the others joined in. I knew I had my own tin of polish that had been packed for my by my mother, but for the life of me I couldn't see why I should use that. To be cont.

# Student Achievement

## 2014 Prefects

The new Prefects for 2014 were inducted during a moving ceremony where the 2013 out-going Prefects passed on their responsibilities to the incoming Prefect body. A leadership camp followed where their ideas have been harnessed.



**Front Row:** Ben Casey, Holly Huynh, David Pangna, Precy Marielle Zea, William Xu, Gabrielle Sherring, Andrea Dye, Emily Kwan **Second Row:** Jennifer Trang, Anne Tran, Davian Liem, Jessica Chuor, Ly Nguyen, Montana Mosca **Third Row:** Jason Do, Glen Tieu, William Lin, Daniel Lam, Alan Cen, Steven Zheng **Absent:** Brittany Berry, Rob Abergas, Dominic Biu Viet, Laura Howard, Michael Innes, Catherine Londos, Luke Pereira, Jesse Taunton, Sid Cremer, Janeda Ong

## Japan Tour - September 23 to October 5

Fifty students and six teachers are eagerly packing for the 12 day educational tour to Japan. For many students this will be their first overseas experience. They will be touring Tokyo, Hiroshima and Kyoto before returning home just days before the new school term begins. Mrs Fran Campbell has been organising this tour for over a year and has become so popular that students are already saving for the next one!

## Mock Trial by Montana Mosca (Year 11)

At the beginning of this year, a group of nine eager year eleven legal studies students (Montana Mosca, Odelle Luong, Precy Zea, Alicia Lam, Christine White, Sarah Payne, Catherine Londos, Jason Do and Tabassum Hussain) came together to form Hurlstone's 2013 mock trial team. We took on board the roles of a barrister, solicitor or witness to solve mock court cases and hopefully walk away with a win.



We began with a kick and secured our first win in the practice round against Thomas Hassall. Moving into the round robin competition, we narrowly lost our first trial on a tie break point to Cabramatta High. The team then moved on to excel in the trials against Patrician Brothers and Liverpool

Girls High, taking away two wins. Due to our high scores in the last two trials, we qualified for the elimination round! First we were up against Elderslie High, who qualified first in our region. We managed to win this round, knocking Elderslie out of the running. Unfortunately, in the second knockout round against Cecil Hills, we lost by one point, meaning we were out of the competition.

Every member of the team thoroughly enjoyed this remarkable experience. We were all extremely proud to have finished in the top thirty-two schools in the state out of the three hundred that participated. The competition has provided us all with the opportunity to learn valuable teamwork and problem solving skills. It was also terrific to experience the feeling of a real life court case. Being part of the team allowed every member to bond with each other and become closer.

Mr Gippel guided the team throughout the year. He provided us with support and advice whenever we didn't know how to approach a case or if we were having a mini meltdown. We are all

extremely grateful for everything he did, including taking us to McDonalds to celebrate our wins. We were a very dedicated team and worked together to push through any disasters that arose last minute. This competition was truly an emotional roller coaster for everyone involved.

## ANZAC Day Service

This year the service was conducted at the Memorial Forest with Celine Li and Mathew Wajzer welcoming the many guests. Rebecca Pecovski and Riyan Fahim described HAHS in both World Wars. The special guest this year was Group Captain Joe Iervasi (pictured) with representatives from the John Edmondson Memorial Club and students from Amity College, Prestons. The Hurlstone Cadet Unit performed the Mounting of the Catafalque Guard and the Hurlstone Guys and Dolls cast with the Hurlstone Pops Orchestra sang the national anthem and the school song.



## Guys and Dolls- School Musical

In June the musical 'Guys and Dolls' entertained audiences with their talents. A record number of cast and crew were involved and spent countless hours rehearsing during the year.

## Hurlstone Heifers Soccer Team

Mr Seblani coached the team to almost become the champions of NSW but unfortunately they lost the state quarter final to Albury in a penalty shoot-out. The boys displayed tremendous sportsmanship throughout their games with the school supporting them at every stage.



**Front Row:** Alan Alampallil, Teague Studholme, Luke Pereira, Steven He, Jesse Taunton, Michael Innes, Usman Haidar  
**Second Row:** Tony Tran, Suraj Kattera, Chinmay Vaishnav, Andrew Kay, Anthony Cominos, Zane Watson, Mr S. Seblani  
**Third Row:** Jackson Treverrow, Stefan Music, Liam Fitzharris, Hendrik Brunkhorst, Riley Harrison, Jackson Marlow-Conway

## Sunrise at HAHS

Mr Mark Latham organised the Channel 7 'Sunrise' program to highlight the school's farming aspects which was aired during their 'Cash Cow' segment in preparation for the Country Fair. Rural Youth encouraged students to wear animal 'onesies' to reflect this theme.



## Country Fair and Farm Open Day

This year the annual Country Fair and the Farm Open Day were combined to promote the many talents and facilities within the school. Boarding school tours and the farmyard animals proved to be popular once again. Former student Kate Ritchie opened the Fair with a heartfelt speech of her memories as a student in the early 1990s. She signed many autographs and posed for hundreds of photos during her visit. Kate was surprised to meet some of her former teachers and students as she toured the grounds. Pictured is Mr Mark Latham, Ms Kate Ritchie and Principal Ms Kerrie Wratten.

