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2016... Here we come!



2016 Leadership Team (l-r):

Christallo Dimos (Girls' Vice Captain), Matthew Hollomon (Boys' Captain), Kaitlin Love (Girls' Captain) and Jake Jamieson

Leading the way... By: Taylor Smilas (Year 9)

The Hunters Hill High Student Representative Council is an integral part of our school leadership team and help run major events within our school.

We have meetings during roll call every morning and discuss issues that we see as important to us and ways in which we can address them as the future leaders of the community.

The leadership team is made up of 4 students from each year group, 2 males and 2 females and lead by male and female captains and vice captains.

Nominations are sought by any students who are interested in becoming a leader in the school community.

Students then vote for who they wish to represent them as an SRC member.

There are many events run by the SRC throughout each year. Major events from 2015 included a mufti day for the Make A Wish Foundation, cake stalls to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, participation in the 40 Hour Famine, a fundraiser for cyclone ravaged Vanuatu and many more.

None of this would have been possible without the guidance and unending support of the SRC organiser Ms Brierty over the last four years.



On behalf of the whole of SRC I would like to say a big thank you to Ms Brierty for all her hard work and effort this year and for making the role of SRC an enjoyable one.

Unfortunately, Ms Brierty is stepping down from the role of the SRC coordinator and we wish her all the best with her year 7s in 2016.

We would all like to welcome Ms Austin as the new SRC coordinator and we are certain she will do an amazing job!

Chickens on the Run—Film Review

By: (Alex Manefield and Zara Mambrakug (Year 7)

The directors of the film “Chicken Run” have gone to great lengths to create this stop motion clay-mation comedic experience. It was produced by directors Peter Lloyd and Nick Park who also made ‘Wallace and Gromit’ and the TV series ‘Shaun the Sheep’.

A staggering 500 clay chickens were made with plasticine moulded onto metal skeletons to create the film’s many hilarious characters and beautiful backgrounds were made to help set the story and deliver an enriching experience for the audience.



Surely Rocky can teach the chickens to fly?

The film “Chicken Run” is an excellent movie which surrounds hilarious attempts by chickens to escape a most horrible future. The chickens have all but given up hope of escaping Tweedy’s Farm, until a cunning, slick and charming rooster named Rocky Roads (voiced by Mel Gibson) flies, or rather falls into the coop.

A bargain is struck between Ginger (voiced by Julia Sawalha), a bold, daring and intelligent chicken and Rocky who agrees to teach the chickens how to fly in exchange for safety.

This series of events makes the film hysterically funny as you ‘egg on’ the chicken’s trying to escape Tweedy’s Farm.

Overall Chicken Run is a sensational film and is perfect for a night in with the family. The film is not only about the laughs though, with thrilling scenes which are sure to keep you entertained throughout the film and on the edge of your seat until the end. “Chicken Run” will not leave you disappointed.

Rating: ★★★★★

Marching to the “Top of the Hill”

By: Manon Perkes, Natasha Tran and Isabella Reichel (Year 7)

On Monday 9th November and Wednesday 11th November a program called “Top of the Hill” ran. This is a program to show primary school students from Years 5 and 6 what it is like at high school. It is also an opportunity for Hunters Hill High School to showcase both creative and academic subjects—from making yummy food with Mr Larter to experimenting with dry ice in Science.



When the 120 students arrived on the Monday morning they were all nervous and excited. Though some felt a little more confident with older brothers and sisters at the school. The kids were divided into five different groups: Carrington, Ferguson, Napier, Rawson and Figtree. The groups were lead by one Year 9 student leader and supported by several Year 7 students.

The Hunters Hill High leaders helped and cared for the young students as they had many new experiences and learned about the cool things you get to do at high school.

Over the two days the groups participated in Hospitality with Mr Larter, Wood Technology with Mr Wilson, Drama with Ms Simpson, Music with Ms Deagle, Science with Mr Aubusson, Dance with Kamilla (our dance teacher) and sporting activities with the PDHPE staff.

Though it was sad to see our young friends go on the Wednesday, it was great watching them at the presentation showing and telling the parents the cool things they had done.

....and yes, that is Jamie Odgers’ cute little sister with Taylor Smilas from Year 9!



“Thanks to all the kids and teachers from Hunters Hill High School for making sure we all had such a great time!”

*Atticus Black
Boronia Park
Public School*



They've Got Chemistry! By: Ms Awesome.... (I mean Ms Austin)

Hunters Hill High School has again been successful in the annual Titration Competition. The competition has been conducted throughout Australia since 1984, with only a select number of teams making it through to the National Finals each year.

Teams undertake a three hour task involving two weighed samples of a solid acid (potassium hydrogen phthalate). The Standard Sample is used to standardise a diluted solution of sodium hydroxide. The difficulty of the analysis is increased by the addition of a small amount of insoluble barium sulfate to the "Unknown Sample".

They are then judged on the accuracy with which each member determines

the amount of acid present in the "Unknown Sample".

Does anybody else's brain hurt?

This year a group of Year 11 students: Abigail Aguilar, Rauri Malcolm and Angelina Tchovetchkova, were successful in making it through to the final round at the national level. This impressive achievement had them up against students from private and selective school students across the country. Though they were unsuccessful in winning, Rauri received a perfect score for his work!

Congratulations Abi, Rauri and Angelina!

History Corner By: Charlotte Wilshire (Year 9)

This term has been really exciting and I have found some really cool things about our school from Mr Roose. I have also discovered another couple of people to interview soon.

In 1968 - 1973 Mr Roose our General Assistant attended Hunters Hill High School (you may know him as the guy who rides the lawnmower around everywhere)

I thought this was pretty cool as it means he has seen HHHS grow from what the school used to be like. Mr Roose still lives in the area and has watched it change from a semi-rural community to a full suburb. Mr Roose was in the conservation club, which was collecting animals and plants. They didn't have much technology like now, they had projector film and overhead projectors.

Mr Roose really liked to play footy on the oval at lunch and he even won Drummoyne's Best and Fairest Award for rugby when he was at school at HHHS.

Learning this made me realise just how many lives and stories have been created because of this wonderful school.

Please feel free to contact the History Department about the HHHS History Project.





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HUMANS OF HUNTERS HILL

The Year 12 English as a Second Language class commenced the HSC with developing their understanding of the Area of Study "Discovery".

The students interviewed staff and students around the school that they may never have spoken to before to "discover" the experiences of their fellow humans.

Here are some of our stories!



Ms Wong—Art Teacher

"I decided to become a teacher when I was in high school. I teach art because when I was young, it was the only subject that I loved to learn. At the time, there weren't many job opportunities in the field of design and art, so I decided to teach what I love.

If I could go back in time, I would probably be in the fashion or design industry. I think I am more of a designer.

But I really love my job, I love watching my students creating and during these moments I always feel happy. "

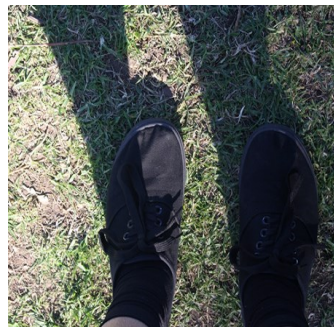
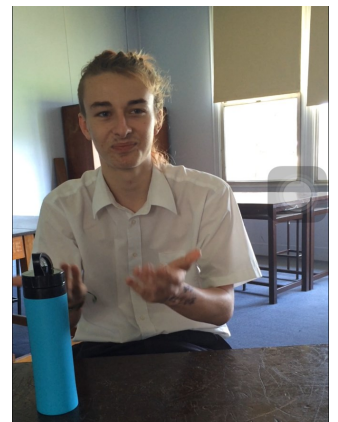
Fergus Marshall—Year 12

"My mum got angry with me this morning because I am not much of a morning person...

So I came to school feeling pretty down.

But I got happy when I got to school because everyone smiled at me.

A smile comes from another smile."



Anonymous—Year 12

My best childhood memory would be waking up 1am when I was overseas in Europe.

I was in my pyjamas and just rolled around in the snow for hours.

Alexia Madoyris—Year 9

"I think it shapes you into a stronger person, having cancer at such a young age. It makes you realise a lot of things— but mostly to just enjoy the simple things in life. Sometimes I found myself gazing at trees just admiring them because they are so much prettier than hospital walls.

You also realise that the world does not just stop for one person and that's why I want to do something meaningful with my life, I just haven't figured out what yet".

