



HUONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Forward Horizons

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Key Dates for 2017

Thur 13 April
(Student Free Day)
(Moderation Day)
Term 1 ends

Thur 13 April
to Fri 28 April
Easter & Holiday break

Mon 1 May
Term 2 starts

Fri 7 July
Term 2 ends

Tues 25 July
Term 3 starts

Fri 29 Sept
Term 3 ends

Mon 16 Oct
Term 4 starts

Thur 21 Dec
Term 4 Ends

Message from the Principal

This edition of the newsletter highlights the outstanding achievements that both staff and students are able to achieve here at Huonville High School. Last week Assistant Principal Pam Lane was recognised as one of the nation's top educators, and an item identifies three of our students who attended the Year 11/12 Extension program who have enrolled in University of Tasmania courses. As a school community we are all extremely proud of these achievements, ones that clearly show the students at Huonville High School have opportunities to work with teachers who are both passionate and highly skilled in their work.

School Association

The School Association is made up of parents, students, staff and members of the broader community. The School Association Committee manages the operations and activities that may be undertaken by a School Association. It is elected by the groups that form the School Association - the parents, students and staff. Members of the broader community may also be appointed to the Committee, often for the special expertise that they can bring.

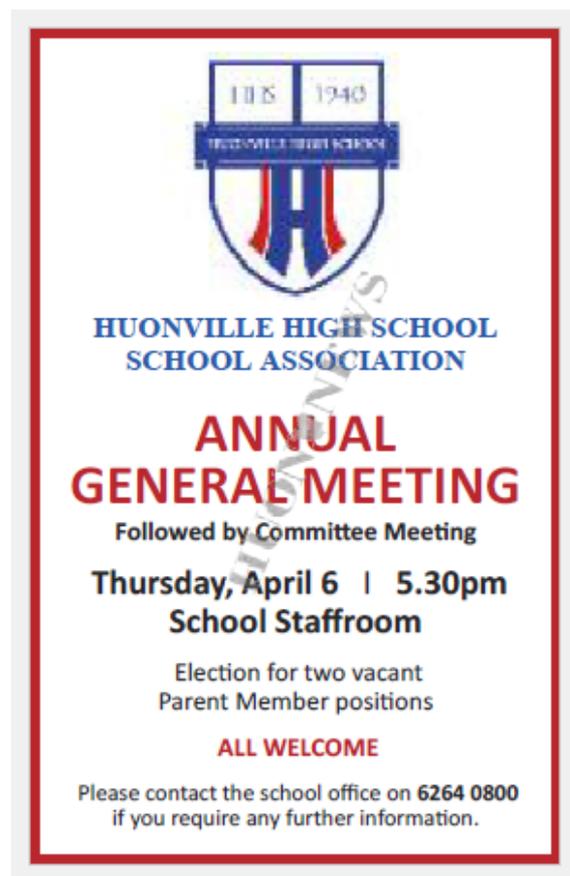
The school association has the following functions.

To:

- participate in the formulation and development of:
 - a set of beliefs, values and priorities for the school; and
 - the school policies and code of conduct;
- provide advice and recommendations to the principal in relation to the general operations and management of the school;
- participate on the selection panel in respect of any advertised permanent vacancy for the position of principal;
- foster cooperation among teachers, students, members of the school association, parents and the community;
- provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on any matter relating to policy;
- approve the school budget; and
- any other function the Minister determines.

Depending on Term breaks, meetings are held approximately twice a term at 5:50pm on the third Thursday of the month.

The AGM of the Huonville High School Association was advertised recently in the Huon News. This identified some vacant positions which we hope can be filled through the nomination/election process. Should you be interested in joining the committee, please contact the Chairperson, Leann Thorpe. Nomination forms are available from the School Office.



All members of the School Association (parents, students, staff and members of the broader community) are invited to attend the AGM at which I will present the School's 2016 Annual Report.

This morning I was privileged to join in on the first Human Library session that is part of the Let's Get Together diversity training program with our Year 7 classes. The understanding of stereo-typing and confidence of several of the students in talking to a group that included employees from the Huon Valley Council was fantastic to witness. As the human 'books' told their stories, the respectful manner in which our students participated was also pleasing to note, with appreciative comments coming from many of the adults in the room.

Geoff Williamson
Principal

Pam Lane wins National Award

A teacher who believes that the ideal model of education is based on the old African proverb that 'it takes a village to raise a child' will receive a national award at the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (ASG NEiTA) today at a ceremony in Melbourne.

Pamela Lane from Huonville High School is the only Tasmanian recipient and will join 12 other outstanding educators from across Australia in receiving the top awards.

Selected from more than 1350 nominations in 2016, the 13 national award recipients will be honoured for their inspiring and innovative contribution to teaching.

Ms Lane is the assistant principal and was nominated by the school's Parents and Friend's Association for her 'outstanding commitment to education'. She has been described as the face of the school in the local community and will receive an ASG NEiTA Leadership and Development Award.

Ms Lane has actively built connections with local businesses, clubs and organisations linking students with opportunities outside of school walls helping them to achieve success through individual work placements, mentoring programs, school based apprenticeships and collaborative projects.

She says having access to as many resources, environments and skills as possible is essential to providing engaging, meaningful and innovative learning opportunities for all of the students.

"Securing the support of all community stakeholders, including parents, in a child's education is a critical component of my philosophy as an educator.

Given the demand for trained hospitality staff in the local area I worked with local café and restaurant owners to develop the Coffee for a Cause program. It is an example of how to work strategically to engage local businesses to support learning and engagement."

The school's flagship program is a fully operational social enterprise where students are taught industry standard barista skills and money from coffee sales is used to support humanitarian projects around the world.

ASG NEiTA Chairman Allen Blewitt says Ms Lane is a wonderful ambassador for the teaching profession who goes the extra mile to support students' broader learning and future career prospects.

"Ms Lane has been instrumental in developing authentic learning opportunities where students receive hands-on and government recognised vocational training skills. These school-business partnerships have also equipped students with vital communication skills, knowledge of how a service industry operates, meeting deadlines and problem solving. Their confidence grows and their engagement with other curriculum areas often increases. Businesses also reap the rewards on their triple bottom line, recognised as being good corporate citizens who care about their local community."

Parents, grandparents, secondary student councils, school boards, councils, parent associations, committees of management and community organisations throughout Australia nominated these inspirational recipients.

Chief Executive Officer of ASG NEiTA, John Velegrinis says the ASG NEiTA recipients have all been recognised by their local communities for making a genuine difference to education and for supporting the educational aspirations families have for their children.

"I congratulate Ms Lane along with the other ASG NEiTA recipients. These outstanding teachers and educators have earned the respect of their communities through their hard work, building trusting relationships and ensuring their love for education gets passed on to their students, creating a culture of lifelong learning.

Teachers have an enormous responsibility and our ASG NEiTA recipients take on this responsibility with humility, striving to always be accountable for their actions, working beyond what is expected of them and expecting nothing in return. Their joy comes from the challenge of ensuring their students flourish academically and socially, giving students choices and offering holistic solutions. This is why ASG NEiTA has thrived for the last 22 years. As national ASG NEiTA recipients, the Australian community says thank you and applaud you for your contribution to teaching the next generation of young Australians.

The national awards are divided into four categories: leadership and development, innovation, community engagement and introducing, early career teacher. For more information on the 13 national awardees, including profiles go to: <http://www.asg.com.au/neita>

Eleven national award recipients will receive \$5000 professional development grants with one teacher getting the incredible opportunity to go to Space Camp in the U.S. One teacher is also awarded a \$2000 Disability Inclusion Grant.

Drama News!

Anzac Day preparation:

Huonville High school will be represented by two of our students Jaimee Narracott and Jasmin Gardner-Brown who will present poems at the Anzac Day Ceremony in Huonville. They will recite "No Sacrifice too great" as well as "In Flanders field the poppies blow". We acknowledge and thank them for the effort they have put into memorising their lines and speaking the poems with sincerity.

Rostrum Voice of Youth competition:

Rostrum is a national student development program which provides an excellent opportunity for secondary students to gain experience and confidence in expressing their views and communicating a message. Student from Huonville High have achieved excellent results in the past years and I am happy to be working with 4 students who are entering this year. They are constructing a 6 minute speech which will be presented to a panel of judges in May at the Friends' school. Topics range from Where to from here, Blank canvas and People matter. After school workshops have been running for the past few weeks so that they can fine tune their speeches.

Josie Robinson
Drama Teacher

Parents & Friends Meeting
Thursday 23rd March 2017
Huonville High Staff Room
6pm General Meeting
6.30pm Annual General Meeting

All Welcome to attend

Project Booyah



Project Booyah is designed to re-engage young people back into education and/or create pathways into employment. The program provides intensive support to young people with the aims of developing life and employability skills, improving physical, social and emotional health and identifying vocational/employment goals.



The 'Booyah Boys' learning valuable path clearing and track building skills at the Meehan Range.



Some huge challenges to over-come carrying heavy packs.



The final leg of the journey helping their mate with a gruelling stretcher carry.



The Booyah Boys facing and then overcoming their fears.

Tie Dying in Textiles



HHS Year 12 Students Commence University Study

Three 2016 Year 12 graduates of the Huonville High School Advanced Learning Centre have recently commenced studying at the University of Tasmania.

Caitlin Philp is enrolled in a Bachelor of General Studies (Business) while two students are undertaking one of the new Associate Degrees introduced this year.

Mel Sward is undertaking an Associate Degree in Agribusiness while Joseph Proud is doing an Associate Degree in Business.

This is an outstanding achievement for the students concerned, particularly for Caitlin, who will be the first to admit that she didn't have the most rewarding experience in the earlier years of high school.

"I appreciate what all you guys have done for me so much. I honestly don't know where I'd be right now (and probably don't want to know), if I hadn't had your support constantly," said Caitlin after receiving her acceptance into UTAS.

This is the first year that HHS Year 12 graduates have been eligible to qualify for University and to have three students do so is a testament to the dedication and quality of teaching at the ALC. Teachers Lisa Colombo and Barb Gilbert (now at Tarooma High School) have done an amazing job.

We wish Caitlin, Joseph and Mel all the best for their future studies and careers, and are very proud of their achievements.

SRC FUNDRAISER
Friday 24th March 2017
FREE DRESS DAY
Gold Coin Donation

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2017 are Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May.

The benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

- NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.
- NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.
- The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child's results and a comparison of your child's performance against all other Australian students in their year level.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child's areas of strength and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.
- School teachers use the online NAPLAN Toolkit to analyse your child's results. The Toolkit provides detailed information right down to the individual question with links to teaching strategies.
- Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give

them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html>

Calendar 2017

17 March	Immunisations – Grade 7
21 March	Grade 7-10 Assembly Multi Purpose Room– Primary School
23 March	Party Program Excursion Yr 10
24 March	Free Dress Day 7-10 Gold Coin Donation
28 March	Grade 7 Excursion – Parliament House – Lets get Together
30 March	Zayed Future Energies Project Launch
31 March	Engineering Challenge
3 April	Surfing Competition
5 April	CBA StartSmart Financial Literacy Incursion
6 April	CBA StartSmart Financial Literacy Incursion
10-11 April	Athletics Carnival
12 April	Grade 7-10 Assembly Multi Purpose Room – Primary School
13 April	Student Free Day – Moderation Day
9-11 May	NAPLAN
17 May	Cross Country
26 May	Immunisations – Grade 7
1 June	School Photos
1 June	Gr 7-10 School Assembly
18 Sept	Grade 7 & 8 Drama Show - 6 Decades of bullying
21 June	Gr 7-10 School Assembly
7 July	Gr 7-10 School Assembly
12 Dec	Swimming Carnival Grades 7-9

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