

Hurlynews

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An Outbreak!

We need to report that there has been a serious outbreak of "cricket pitch fever," with most of our male staff and many of our students being unexpectedly struck down. Symptoms include slack-jawed staring at the field, an inability to focus, and rambling on about the marvellous process of installing a cricket pitch. The fever has been exacerbated by the appearance of big trucks, rollers, and other such machinery on our field. It has been rumoured that the current situation will abate upon the commencement of the cricket season! We will keep you updated!

Love is in the Air

Love was indeed in the air in the weeks leading up to Valentine's Day. The excitement of exchanging little items of endearment with friends—or just spoiling yourself—was a top priority among our children. The day of the Valentine's social was a flurry of arranging dates and deciding on which outfits to wear. Many a teacher declared their surrender at trying to get anything done and consoled themselves with the thought of a return to normality afterwards. But alas, this was not to be! The gossip and chatter have continued, as the social has been discussed and gushed over ever since!

Reading "allowed"

Read-Aloud Day is always memorable, as our Grade 7s read to our Grade 1s. Apart from the cacophony of over 100 seniors reading together, the admiration with which our youngest learners regard our oldest is simply heartwarming. Teachers are once again reminded that in a few short sleeps, these "gradies" will be reading to their juniors, and it is a sobering thought. Our children are loaned to us but for a short time.

Interhouse Antics

In the lead-up to the Interhouse athletics, the staff sneakily tested our children's observation skills, and it went like this: On Monday, the staff all wore blue (in support of Kingfisher). Very few children noticed—or at least voiced their observation. On Tuesday, the staff donned yellow, and curiosity was piqued. By Wednesday, all the learners were asking, "Are you going to wear green tomorrow for Swallow?" It was intriguing to see how alert our learners are and how long it took them to notice their teachers' secret scheme.

Footy

The absolute highlight of each day seems to be our organized soccer clashes during break. Not only is it evidence of our Grade 7s' epic energy levels, but also a testament to the fitness and stamina of Mr. Coetzee and the interns who arrange it. The atmosphere becomes electric as the crowds gather on the stands in a scene reminiscent of the Quidditch tournament in Harry Potter.

The teams enter to cheers and applause and take their positions. The whistle blows, and the ref is a blur of takkies and arms as the two Teutonic teams clash for the duration of the break. The noise is punctuated only by shrill whistles and crazy dancing once one side scores. The crowds on the grandstands are as much a part of the game as any of our gladiatorial contestants.

After the dreaded bell rings, the crowds disperse with animated analysis of the game: "That was offside! Did you SEE that bicycle kick? What's Jackson thinking? He HAD the ball!" This, all while shuffling off to line up.

Interhouse

Interhouse athletics once again provided good, wholesome fun and some all-around deep tanning for our Hurlyvale family. Amongst the breaking of records, endless cheering, and sugary drinks, our children had an energetic, fun day. For many, the highlight of the day was the appearance of a dinosaur, and many a suspicion was confirmed that some of the grown-ups are indeed prehistoric. For more details, head over to the sports section of our newsletter or Facebook.

Knowledge is power

An interesting read about packing lunch boxes.

Providing children with healthy snacks is essential for maintaining consistent energy levels and cognitive focus throughout the school day. Unlike sugary treats that lead to a rapid "crash," snacks rich in complex carbohydrates, fibre, and protein—such as fruit, nuts, or whole-grain crackers—stabilise blood sugar and support better concentration in the classroom. Research indicates that proper nutrition directly impacts memory retention and mood regulation, helping students stay engaged during long lessons. By prioritising nutrient-dense options, parents provide the necessary brain fuel for their children to reach their full academic and physical potential.

So, let's make a concerted effort to provide healthy options for our children in order to give them the best advantage in the classroom possible.

Take Note!

- 7/03 Drummies Festival at Hurlyvale
- 3/3-5/3 Book People in the hall
- 21/03 Annual Fun Day
- 23/03- 27/03 Maths Week
- 27/03 Break up day