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THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

Lawson's Latest



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This is our last *Lawson's Latest* for the year. We will be celebrating our achievements next Wednesday at our Presentation Day assembly which starts at 11.00am. Our special guest is Sally Hunter, returning to school to be part of the celebration. Following the assembly, the SRC will be hosting what has become an annual event, the *Henry's Got Talent* quest. It will be a great way to end the year.

Year 10 returned from their Crossroads camp at Lake Burrendong tired and happy with lots of stories of their exploits of rope climbing, canoeing and other activities but what many were proud to tell of was that the staff complimented them on being the best group they had ever had. This is high praise as groups of students are constantly going through the sport and rec camp. The students just got involved and took on the physical challenges, confronting some of their fears, and really engaging in the workshop discussions. A big thanks to Mr Harris and Ms Bell who accompanied Year 10. They were very happy to be the teachers identified with the group of students.

A large group of Year 10 completed their first aid certificate with NSW Life Saving. They were a bit overawed with the need to be successful on the assessments, and discovered that practising the skills helped with the understanding. Another group of Year 9/10 students commenced their TAFE course with a week block at Cowra studying automotive.

The Lachlan cricket team had their final match of the year against Canowindra last week. Though Curtis Meier was named man of the match for his bowling and batting, and Hamish Starr was praised for his captaincy, Canowindra won the match aided by the hat trick of golden ducks. Mr Lynch and Mr Rob Newton, who accompanied the students said it was an excellent day out and that the team played as a team and were unlucky.

Four Year 9 students were guests of Rotary during the week. Shannon Best, Rachel Causer, Daniel Edwards, and Josh McCue gave a report on their weekend experience at RYPEN. They told about the range of physical activities from raft building to rock climbing, the inspiring speakers, the chance to meet other young people and their own sense of greater confidence and motivation. Again, the Rotarians were impressed with the students' unassuming confidence to speak to the group, and the fact that this activity continues to be highly valued, meeting the needs of potential youth leaders.

All the Year 7-10 reports are being finalised and will be distributed after the Presentation Day assembly. There are excellent reports on student achievement and progress. It is great to see how students value their learning and take the opportunities to develop their skills. The most important things for students to do is to recognise what they can do, and to address the skills, concepts or behaviour that will impact positively on their learning.

A big thanks to our parents and school community for all the support in 2014. Our students have had many great experiences that have been supported in so many ways: from great food in the canteen; to drivers and additional adults for excursions; more dollars from the wallet; the fundraising activities; the extra-curricular activities run by community organisations and coming into school for a range of meetings. Thank you.

To all our staff. Thanks for all that you have done to ensure that our students have the best learning experiences and additional assistance in whatever shape or form was required. All the best to Mrs Jill Hamilton and Mrs Margo Taylor who have both decided to pursue others life styles beyond work. Thanks for all your positive contributions, the pride you took in doing your jobs well and being part of our great admin staff team. Enjoy all that comes.

Thanks to all our students for making school life a positive, happy experience. We are lucky to have an essentially happy and cohesive school community where lots of great things happen, where our students, and ultimately our community, here and beyond, benefit.

Have a relaxing holiday break, enjoy the Christmas gatherings and we will see you all in 2015.

And the dates that matter for 2015: the students return over two days. Wednesday 28 January is the starting date for Year 7, 11 and 12, plus the Year 10 mentors. The rest of the school, that is, Year 8, 9 and the rest of Year 10 start school on Thursday 29 January.

Margaret Carey
Principal



Canteen Roster

Week commencing 15 December

Monday Keryl McCann
Tuesday Sandra Hughes
Wednesday Carly Brown
Thursday
Friday



PRESENTATION DAY

Wednesday 17 December,
commencing 11.00am.

**All parents, family members and friends
are welcomed to attend.**

Call for expressions of interest from individuals and groups of artists for 2015 exhibitions at the Grenfell Art Gallery

Grenfell Art Gallery is the community gallery of Weddin Shire in a modern, well equipped space. The large light towers in the gallery mean the room is full of natural light, enhanced by good lighting and exhibition systems. The gallery is staffed by volunteers and is open 5 days a week (Tuesday to Saturday). Exhibitions feature local and regional artists.

Expressions of interest close 22 December, 2014.

Recent exhibitions have included traditional painting, contemporary art, photography, textiles, glass art, ceramics, found object art, sculpture, historical exhibitions and work of local art groups.

Exhibition spaces of 4 - 6 weeks are available for individual artists or groups of artists with complete exhibitions. Works can be for sale (the gallery takes 20% commission).

Complete an expression of interest form and return it to the gallery coordinator by Monday 22 December for consideration in the 2015 program.

To obtain a form please go to <http://www.grenfell.org.au/artgallery/> or visit the gallery in the Grenfell Community Hub and request a printed copy.

Swimming club news – week commencing 8th December, 2014

The December meeting was full of discussion surrounding various issues and upcoming events. The committee wishes to pass on especially:

Some good news – a grant submission prepared by Liz Robinson has been successful. We will purchase lockers in the New Year which will be very handy for swimming club members and anyone who uses the pool.

Some important information – regarding who can be at the pool on Friday nights. The pool is not open to the public after 6pm on Fridays. **Only registered club members and their parent/carer** who is responsible for them, **as well as siblings and family**, can be there.

Can I bring my friend who is not part of swimming club?

If your friend is not part of swimming club they should not be there. If they are with you on a club night, they must be under the *direct supervision of your parent/carer*.

Some organizational matters – Swimming club will run **as normal on Friday 19th December**. This will be a short season as the pool is closing early in March, so although the Christmas Carnival is on, we will continue as normal. All those with little children might find that it fits in quite nicely – once the swims are over then you can join in the fun in the park!

Friday 26th December – No swimming club. Christmas break

Friday 2nd January – Swimming club resumes

Monday (evening) 26th January – Australia Day Pool Party.

Timekeeper/raffle roster for 12th December:

Fenton, Heathcote, Hughes (M&M), Ewers, Johnson (M&R), Schaefer, Bruce

2014 P&C Wrap Up

The parents and citizens of THLHS have had a great year which has seen lots of things achieved and in the pipeline.

At the AGM in March we re-formed a fundraising committee to look at and plan activities. Late in the year we also formed a uniform committee made up of parents, staff and students to look at the quality of our existing uniforms and canvas both Students and Parents for any changes they may like to see to the uniforms – this is progressing well and there are some changes planned for the future which will be exciting.

Throughout 2014 the P&C have held their usual street stalls, Mothers and Father's Day raffles and a bowls night. This money has been used again for something really special, the design and purchase of the new representative sporting and academic uniforms which will make our students stand out and look great. These uniforms were designed by staff and the students and should be available for the 2015 season of representative events.

Again this year the P&C and parent helpers catered for The Henry Lawson Festival Concert and the Year 12 farewell. Both were great nights and everyone involved had a lot of fun.

This year also saw the P&C fund the Students Insurance Policy as it has done in previous years, and agree to also help fund the new School App, a wonderful new communication method between the school – students and parents.

In the middle of the year we were lucky enough to be awarded a grant through FRRR for \$3000 which saw a new automated curtain installed in the hall and a few other changes made to the stage area.

To end the year on a high, the P&C asked the Principal if she could provide them with a wish list of items the teachers would like. A small wish list was bought to our final meeting and \$1600 was donated to the school for the purchase of Lego, microscopes and learning assistance items. The P&C at this meeting also donated \$500 towards the THLHS presentation and awards days and \$100 to Caragabal Public School awards.

2015 will be another great year with the P&C already planning to donate monies raised from our bowls night at the start of the school year and the fun run later in the year to the purchase of sporting equipment.

On another note our major plan and goal for 2015 is to re-design, plan, fundraise and implement along with the school staff and students, the redevelopment of new cricket pitches, shot put area and Thompson Oval along with covering the western basketball court for shade.

So why not come along to our AGM on the 3rd March at 7.00pm in the school library and get involved with these exciting plans to benefit our school community.

GET READY FOR ADVENTURE

The Grenfell Public Library invites everyone to join its 2014/15 all-age Summer Reading Club. The theme this year is ADVENTURE and members are challenged to read ten books of a suitable level of difficulty between 15 December and 31 January. Reading Club kits will be available from the library from 13 December or children can register from today for the national online Summer Reading Club at www.summerreadingclub.org.au and participate in a wide range of activities and competitions.

For more information ring Anne on 63431334 or email grenlib@grenfell.org.au

Numeracy: Problem of the week

A large empty tank can store 1000 gallons of water. There are two pipes; one can fill it in 9 hours and the other will empty it in 12 hours.

If both pipes are open, how many hours will it take to fill the tank?

Give your written solution, with working out, to Mr Jones by next Tuesday for a chance to win a reward.

The solution to the problem last week was 59.

Solution can be found by trial and error, making lists or by observing that in each case, the remainder is 1 less than the divisor.

3, 4 and 5 divide evenly into 60, so will be 1 short when divided into 59.

PRESENTATION DAY 2014

An explanation of the awards to be presented on Presentation Day follows. Under the house points system, students will be awarded points for **academic** performance, **sport** and contribution to **school community**. Students have been tracked all year and given points for their contribution over all three areas. At the end of the presentation, the **Special Awards** will be presented as well as the house shields and cup.

Academic Awards

The award for *Academic Excellence* will be given to the student in each year level that is placed first, second or third in the most courses. Any student who is placed first in a course will receive an *Award of Achievement*. Academic certificates will be awarded to students in all years that are placed first, second or third in three or more courses.

Sport Awards

Individual students will be recognised for their performance in team events.

Students who have represented State and/or Western Region will receive blues. Championship certificates will be presented to swimming, cross country and athletics champions.

The most successful junior and senior boy and girl will also be awarded. These special sports awards are given to the students who score the most points across all sporting areas.

School and Community Awards

Individual students will be recognised for their contribution across many areas of school and community including leadership, public speaking and contribution to band.

The student who gains the most points for their contribution to school and community will be awarded the P&C School and Community trophy.

Special Awards

In each year, the student who gains the most points for their House will receive the award for *Outstanding All Round Achievement*. From these six students, the student who gains the most points in the school will be presented with the *Student of the Year Trophy*.

All of the major award recipients in each section will receive substantial monetary prizes.

House Awards

Shields will be awarded to the winning house in the three areas of academia, sport and school community. The *House Cup* will be presented to the champion house. All of these awards will be determined by points scored by each house.

Students **will not** know what awards they are receiving until they are announced. No names will appear on the program, except for the sporting awards where the recipients are already known. After the ceremony, award winners will be given a special souvenir program that will list all the award recipients.

All students who are receiving awards have been notified this week. Award recipients will need to be dressed in full school uniform on the day, this includes black shoes, otherwise they will not be allowed on the stage to accept their award.

It is guaranteed to be a very exciting occasion. The ceremony will be held Wednesday 17 December in the school hall and will **begin** at **11.00am**. Please be seated by 10.45am. The ceremony will be followed by a sausage sizzle.





THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

- ✓ Relaxing
- ✓ Fun
- ✓ Great value
- ✓ Safe

Tick every box this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation Camp. Our popular Kids' and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, mountain biking, surfing, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more, and relax knowing you're in good hands. Kids' Day Camps start from \$47; Family Camp weekends start from \$168 for kids and \$238 for adults. Kids under five years attend free of charge. Cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

Bonus! Residential Kids' Camps include supervised transport from:

- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wallington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.



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THLHS 2015 Calendar TERM 1 Starting 26/1/2015

1		27/1/2015 Day 2 SDD	28/1/2015 Day 3 Year 7,11 & 12 return To school	29/1/2015 Day 4 Year 8, 9 & 10 return To school	30/1/2015 Day 5
2	2/2/2015 Day 6	3/2/2015 Day 7 P&C Meeting	4/2/2015 Day 8	5/2/2015 Day 9	6/2/2015 Day 10
3	9/2/2015 Day 1	10/2/2015 Day 2	11/2/2015 Day 3	12/2/2015 Day 4	13/2/2015 Day 5 Swimming Carnival
4	16/2/2015 Day 6	17/2/2015 Day 7	18/2/2015 Day 8	19/2/2015 Day 9	20/2/2015 Day 10
5	23/2/2015 Day 1 Year 7 Camp	24/2/2015 Day 2 Year 7 Camp	25/2/2015 Day 3	26/2/2015 Day 4	27/2/2015 Day 5
6	2/3/2015 Day 6	3/3/2015 Day 7 P&C Meeting	4/3/2015 Day 8	5/3/2015 Day 9 Science and Engineering Challenge Young	6/3/2015 Day 10
7	9/3/2015 Day 1	10/3/2015 Day 2 RYDA Year 11	11/3/2015 Day 3	12/3/2015 Day 4	13/3/2015 Day 5
8	16/3/2015 Day 6	17/3/2015 Day 7	18/3/2015 Day 8	19/3/2015 Day 9	20/3/2015 Day 10
9	23/3/2015 Day 1	24/3/2015 Day 2	25/3/2015 Day 3	26/3/2015 Day 4 Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams	27/3/2015 Day 5 Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
10	30/3/2015 Day 6 Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams	31/3/2015 Day 7 Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams	1/4/2015 Day 8 Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams	2/4/2015 Day 9 Athletics Carnival	3/4/2015 Day 10

WHAT STUDENTS NEED

Students are required to have the correct materials for each lesson. The basic items for all classroom lessons include:

blue/black pen, red pen, pencil, eraser 30cm ruler, textbooks, homework diary, glue and scissors.

Students in all years should have a scientific calculator and a geometry set for use in Mathematics classes. Calculators are available for purchase at school at a considerably cheaper price. (Casio fx 82AU \$22.00).

Students are not to bring liquid paper or permanent markers to school.

Students of Years 7—10 are required to have

- 1 x **A4 ring-binder folder**
- **A4 ring-binder exercise books** (NOT loose leaf) for each subject unless otherwise specified below.
- It is also suggested that folders include clear display sheets for keeping class handouts.

YEAR 7

ENGLISH

128 page A4 binder book
A4 display folder

MATHEMATICS

240 page A4 binder book
scientific calculator
geometry set
30cm ruler, HB pencils

SCIENCE

128 page A4 binder book

GEOGRAPHY

96 page A4 binder book

HISTORY

128 page A4 binder book

AGRICULTURE

64 page A4 binder book

MUSIC

Olympic music book

TECHNOLOGY

Work book supplied

VISUAL ARTS

A4 spiral back sketchbook
(Buy from Office) \$4.00
2B Pencils X 2, Soft rubber

PD/HEALTH/PE

128 page A4 binder book

YEAR 8

ENGLISH

128 page A4 binder book
A4 display folder

MATHEMATICS

240 page A4 binder book
scientific calculator
geometry set
30cm ruler, HB pencils

SCIENCE

128 page A4 binder book

HISTORY

128 page A4 binder book

GEOGRAPHY

96 page A4 binder book

MUSIC

Olympic music book

VISUAL ARTS

A4 spiral back sketchbook
(Buy from office) \$4.00
2B pencil x 2, Soft rubber

TECHNOLOGY

Work book provided

LOTE

128 page A4 binder book

PD/HEALTH/PE

64 page A4 binder book

AGRICULTURE

64 page A4 binder book

YEAR 9

ENGLISH

128 page A4 binder book
A4 display folder

SCIENCE

128 page A4 binder book

GEOGRAPHY

128 page A4 binder book

MUSIC

12 stave manuscript
64 page A4 binder book
A4 Display folder

VISUAL ARTS

A4 spiral back sketchbook
(Available from office)
2B Pencils x 2, soft rubber

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

64 page A4 binder book
A4 display folder

MATHEMATICS

240 page A4 binder book
scientific calculator
geometry set
30cm ruler, HB pencils

HISTORY

128 page A4 binder book

COMMERCE

128 page A4 binder book

PD/HEALTH/PE

64 page A4 binder book

AGRICULTURE

64 page A4 binder book

TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

64 page A4 binder book
A4 display folder

YEAR 10

ENGLISH

128 page A4 binder book
A4 display folder

SCIENCE

128 page A4 binder book

GEOGRAPHY

128 page A4 binder book

VISUAL ARTS

A4 spiral back sketchbook
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COMMERCE

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MUSIC

12 stave manuscript
64 page A4 binder book
A4 display folder

AGRICULTURE

64 page A4 binder book

TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

64 page A4 binder book
A4 display folder

YEARS 11 AND 12

In all subjects, students may use loose leaf pages plus folder plus divider **OR** a folder plus A4 ring-binder books.

The school supplies the textbooks used in the school courses.