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THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

# Lawson's Latest



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Our excursion to *School Spectacular* was spectacular. Even though we spent hours on the bus, the show was a feast of sight and sound: fantastic music and dance all by school students; an incredible ever changing light show and an amazing showcasing of talent. We all saw Francesca Fenton in the opening two numbers; that was exciting. Other schools would burst into applause and cheer as individual or groups of students from their schools performed. If you asked about highlights, it would be hard to say. The 1300 voice choir, the signing choir, the D'Arte Ensemble performing *Happy* in their wheel chairs or with their support teachers, the stars from the *Voice* and *X Factor*, or the finale that had over 3000 students singing, dancing or playing music. We will be back next year, but as performers: a group in the choir, or dancers or singers or instrumentalists.

A group of singers, instrumentalist and dancers performed for the senior citizens at their Christmas luncheon out at the Country Club. Vanessa Knight and Francesca Fenton accompanied singers Kira Gibson and Shannon Best, and Melissa Causer performed a solo dance to *Hallelujah*. The audience loved the beautiful music and the dance, showing the breadth of talent of our students.

Year 6 enjoyed their last transition day. They saw and learnt a lot about how we work here and part of our culture. With more mini lessons, they experienced secondary lessons in different areas, on assembly they listened to Jaykob Gavin present a very thoughtful and moving VC moment on Philip Hughes, heard about and saw a past act from *Henry Has Talent*, saw some of the work students do in other classes including some animation work and took part in the SRC fun afternoon that was quickly changed to a trivia afternoon after the rain hit. We look forward to Year 6 coming back next month!

Year 10 headed off to Lake Burrendong for their Crossroads camp where they not only enjoy the great outdoors but do a series of workshops that address issues of health, safety and wellbeing at a time when they face significant changes and challenges in their lives. It is an appropriate follow up to *True North* their collaborative project on discovering different places around the world. For the project, the students were put into teams, given an international destination and then had to create a range of experiences, both good and challenging, that the visitor might have on that trip. The students had to investigate a whole range of aspects and then create the experience for the potential travellers. The students in Years 7 -9 had a chance to test out the experiences: a raft trip in Vietnam, the hazards of walking through Cambodia, the food of Nepal, a visit to Victoria Waterfall in Zimbabwe and a lot more. The visitors enjoyed the range of international experiences, and the Year 10 students learnt a lot about their respective nation as well as working together to a tight deadline. Thanks to Mrs Reidy and Mr Barclay who developed the concept and along with other teachers supported Year 10 along their journey.

The SRC hosted the final social for the year. There was a big crowd of students enjoying the loud dance music, with Sonja Cotter on duty providing refreshments that were needed for this hot summer's night where the theme was summer. It bought out a lot of the old favourite Hawaiian shirts.

Grace Kelly returned from Sydney, after representing Western Region in the Junior Debating School State Championships. The students took part in a range of workshops run by adjudicators which really helped to develop and focus their skills. Their debate against New England on Australian politics earned them a win. Though the debating was a challenging experience, Grace said staying at Sydney University and meeting lots of similar minded students really made the experience.

The P&C met while the students danced. There were some early Christmas gifts. A very generous donation of \$500 was made to Presentation Day, which included money to buy the gifts for the students who gain over 30 points for their houses. The P&C also donated \$700 to purchase two new microscopes; \$700 for lego to build robots; and \$200 for learning assistance resources. The staff are very appreciative of the support and no doubt the students will gain a lot from using these resources in the future. We are lucky to have such a supportive P&C. Next year, part of the fund-raising will focus on sporting equipment and facilities.

Thinking of 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 8 December

**Monday**  
**Tuesday** Veronica Hazel  
**Wednesday**  
**Thursday** Kate Taylor  
**Friday** Kath Holz



## PRESENTATION DAY

This year our presentation day will be held on **Wednesday 17 December**, commencing at **11.00am**. All parents, family members and friends are welcomed to attend.

### Numeracy: Problem of the week

When a number is divided by 3 the remainder is 2.  
When it is divided by 4 the remainder is 3.  
When it is divided by 5 the remainder is 4.

What is the smallest possible number which satisfies these conditions?

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

### 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](http://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](mailto:grenlib@grenfell.org.au)

## FIRST AID

Royal Life Saving will be conducting the most current First Aid Qualification at our school.

When: Monday 8 to Tuesday 9 December 2014  
Where: The Henry Lawson High School  
Time: 9.00am—3.20pm  
Cost: \$70 payable to front office  
What to bring: pencil case, paper

This course is open to all senior students years 10 - 12 and staff wishing to update. See Ms McCulloch

## GRENFELL SWIMMING CLUB

Swimming club news – week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2014

Each time we run an event at swimming club the list of swimmers gets organized into heats and lanes according to their times. This is called **Seeding**. It doesn't take very long and it's not hard. It's the printing out of the marshall lists, timekeeper sheets and getting them delivered to everyone that takes time. That's okay. When someone withdraws from an event, even if it's for a valid reason, *reseeding* takes time. That's okay too, things happen. It becomes a problem when someone withdraws just before, and then someone else, and someone else ... and someone else... It holds up the entire event. It took us a long time to start and finish the 50m freestyle on Friday, especially considering there were so many swimmers away, and there were mix ups with sheets because of reprinting and redistributing. This is why we need to know well beforehand if a swimmer is withdrawing from an event. Sometimes if everyone has some understanding of the process it helps things run smoothly. Every year as the season goes on we all get better at whatever we do at swimming club, we always do.

Emails have been sent regarding two carnivals that our club members have been invited to. West Wyalong are having a twilight carnival on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Condobolin on the Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. It's great experience to get together with other members of our club and head off to another town for a carnival. Have a talk with some friends and consider going to one. We would need to know by this Friday if you want to enter.

Our regular Friday night raffle was won by our chief marshall, Sonia Cotter.

**Next week's timekeeper/raffle roster:**

**Day, Mitton, Hooper, Aspin, Hunter, Beasley**, (spare spot yet to be filled).

**Our next club meeting will be Monday 8th December at 8pm in the club house. All welcome.**

# Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to those students that completed the 2014 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge! Official certificates were presented at this week's assembly.

It's great to see so many of our students keeping up our school's fine tradition of participating in this major event.

Special mention must be made of Hannah Cartwright ,Year 7 who received a gold certificate for completing the challenge for a fourth consecutive year and to Kate Robinson, Year 9 and Bryce Warnke, Year 7, who were the first and second students to complete the challenge way back in April.



*Hannah Cartwright*



*Bryce Warnke*



*Kate Robinson*

## Canteen Volunteers Needed

Our canteen needs volunteers for just one day a month, that's two or three days a term.

A day in the canteen helps you understand what's going on with different events at school and what exciting things are happening around our school.

You get to put a face to the people teaching and changing the lives of your teenagers.

You get to see your children having fun with their friends, and believe it or not, the kids enjoy seeing you in the canteen, even though sometimes they say different.

Volunteers come in about 10.30am and help prepare food, assist with serving the students, refill chips and fridges and help wash and wipe up. Lunch and tea or coffee is provided. The day ends at 2.30pm.

Everyone is welcome, mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends.

If you can help, please fill in the slip below or ring Sonja at the school on 63431390 or at home on 0487612258, as soon as possible so the roster can be made up for next year.



To Sonja Cotter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Day: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 will be notified by next 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.







*Olivia with Jethro reading,  
at Grenfell Public School.*



*Work experience  
at the Grenfell Swimming Pool  
for Melinda and Bethany.*



# True North







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