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THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

Lawson's Latest



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Congratulations to our Archibull team. Last Friday, Mrs Reidy and Mr Robinson accompanied by Bridget Baker, Marie Knight and Isabelle Hunter were presented with the team's efforts: finalist in all three sections: animation, blog and artwork. Overall they won the best secondary school blog and were reserve champion secondary school and reserve grand champion in the artwork. What an amazing effort. Mrs Reidy said they were totally overwhelmed as they were kept being called out to accept yet another award. For the best blog, they received a cheque for \$250. On assembly all the students who had been involved in the project stood up – it was half the school including the Year 10s who are away this week. All those students were entered into a draw for two tickets to next year's Royal Easter Show. Both Will Bucknell and Stirling Taylor were the lucky recipients. There is already talk about next year's project. Both Mrs Baker and Mrs Reidy are already thinking about a range of possibilities.

More success from the creative arts. Caitlin Dixon won the MEYE Photography Competition Junior Category run by the Macular Disease Foundation Australia. Last week she received her award from Ita Buttrose and Rex Duprain, son of renowned photographer, Max Duprain. Rex, also a very successful photographer, spent some time talking to Caitlin about her photograph discussing how they had considered it for the overall prize. To see more go to this link. <http://www.mdfoundation.com.au/page12204324.aspx>

Kate Robinson entered the Lions District Leo of the Year and was convincing in her presentation to be awarded the district's Leo of the Year. Kate will now move on to the inter-district competition at Coogee. Our Leo group continues to be active, meeting monthly at school, supported by the local Lions group and they in turn support Lions in all their community activities.



Elly Oliver joined us on assembly this week. She is just back from being one of six Australians to take part in the Commonwealth Youth Parliament that was held in Darwin earlier this month. She mixed with representatives from across the Commonwealth including people who are actively involved in the politics of their respective countries. Her enthusiasm and excitement were evident in how she spoke in describing how politics is a vibrant process which can bring about real change. Elly talked about the skills she gained in public speaking while at school and taking that attitude of stepping up for the opportunities and being part of a team. It is good to see our past students return with such a sense of excitement about the future.

Year 6 enjoyed their final transition day on Wednesday that culminated with an afternoon of activity lead by the SRC at the pool. It has been great to see Year 6 come in with their parents and talk about themselves including their learning, making a plan for that transition into secondary school. Year 6 will return in 2016 – Thursday 28 January.

The school seems quiet this week with Year 10 busy at work experience. They are learning in education at both primary and pre-schools, working under cars, assisting customers and learning to make good coffee, discovering aspects of the health industry, using the tools of a variety of trades, working in local government including at the local pool, working with animals and discovering how to get the best out of a photographer. Ms McCulloch says the feedback is very positive from both employers and students. Thank you to all our local employers who help our students in showing them the world of work and the particular aspects of their industry. We appreciate this invaluable support.



The CHS open girls cricket regional final was abandoned after 8 overs last week when the rain came down and just looked like it was never going to stop. Blayney elected to bat, and lost four wickets before it poured. The match has been rescheduled for next week, when both teams are keen to make a good start and follow through.

During the week we had a great evening with past and present parents of Year 12 students talking about the challenges of that last year at school. A discussion was lead around a range of topics from assessment tasks to study, to how you maintain motivation and positive mental health, to the social aspects of being a young adult. The conversation, lead by Jen Bell had everyone talking with opportunities to share their experiences, ask questions and off tips that worked for them. Thanks to all who participated – parents past and present and staff.

Uniforms. Uniforms. Uniforms. Last week the committee met and reviewed all the feedback. Overall the feedback was very positive but with some consistent suggestions around a couple of adjustments. These have been acted upon: a collared shirt for the senior boys along with the option for the polo shirt; and the polo shirt an option for the senior girls. We are keen to introduce the changes for the start of next year. A representative from Midford will be here during the week to go through the timelines for ordering and receiving of goods. Once we have that timeline we will be able to plan the next step. I would like to thank the committee who have been very open and considered in the way they have worked. It has been a positive and constructive team to work with. Thanks to our: student reps - Grace Kelly, Madison Knight and Haydn Raumat; parent reps – Sonja Cotter, Jannette Dixon, Joalee Knight, Rebecca Knight and Kath Holz; and teacher rep – Nicola Mitton. Watch this space.

Margaret Carey

Principal



Wednesday night saw the annual volunteers thank you dinner and Christmas party held at the Railway Hotel. Although it was only a small gathering it was a great night of food, laughter and conversation. The P&C would also like to acknowledge and thank all parents and caregivers who have given their time this year and assisted at the many different fundraising activities and in the canteen: your time and support is greatly appreciated.



SWIMMING CLUB NEWS

Another 'touch and go' weather call last Friday – thunder, rain and lightning all around us at 5.15pm and sunny and clear twenty minutes later! We do our best to make the right call but sometimes it is after 5.30pm before we can. An email (and the texting grapevine) will get the cancellation message out as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Rob McClelland, winner of the Friday night raffle. Thanks to the Holz family who donated the prize - a Grenfell Gift card. Donations of raffle prizes are gratefully accepted!

Stroke Correction classes are available for all ages, for anyone, non-club members welcome, \$5 per person at 4.30pm on Mondays.

A reminder to forward your Working With Children Check information to Jen Bell or Leann Logan to add to our data base.

Our club is part of the **Mountains and Plains** area of Swimming NSW. We endeavour to forward carnival information on to our swimmers (it is also placed on the club notice board at the gate) but often receive it with little turn-around time. Entries have been submitted for the Parkes carnival on 22 November. The next is at Bathurst on 6 December. For more information, visit

<http://mountainsandplainsnsw.swimming.org.au/>

Next week's timekeeper/raffle roster for 20 November is:
Mawhinney, Troy, Griffin, Holmes, Wood, Schaefer

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?



The canteen is looking for volunteers:

Thursday 26 November
Friday 27 November
Tuesday 1 December
Tuesday 8 December
Wednesday 9 December
Thursday 10 December

If you are able to assist on any of the above days, please contact Sonja on 63431390.

Canteen Roster

Week commencing 23 November

Monday	Trudie O'Byrne
Tuesday	Tristen Matthews
Wednesday	Lyn Hucker
Thursday	VACANT
Friday	VACANT



Work Experience

Year 10 have been out and about on work experience this week. We have many local employers who have agreed to work with our students over the week. The Henry Lawson High School would like to sincerely thank all those employers for the expertise and time they have generously given. Take a look at the list below:

Grenfell Public School
LAM Smash Repairs
Caragabal Public School
Grenfell Preschool
St Joseph's Grenfell
Weddin Shire Council
Grenfell Multipurpose Health Service

CJ Anderson & Co
Best Automotive
Grenfell Pharmacy
Weddin Community Services
Hardy's Garage
Peter Melon Motors

Quandialla Central School
DA Yates Photography and Design
Oliver's Hardware
Mingle On Main
Beaurepairs
Thriftylink Hardware

Years 7 & 8 Careers Excursion

Years 7 & 8 have the opportunity to visit Canberra Institute of TAFE on Thursday 6 December. Students will leave at 6am and return to school at 6pm.

We will be visiting Reid Campus where students will complete four workshops, then on to Fyshwick markets for lunch; bring money for lunch or bring our own lunch. We will then go to Fyshwick Campus. At this campus, students must change into their long pants and have enclosed leather footwear to complete the planned activities.

Bring your own morning and afternoon tea and water. We will stop in a park but there will not be a venue to purchase food.

Bullseye hits the mark!



As the only Australian-owned and operated dedicated agribusiness bank in the country, Rural Bank, is committed to backing the Australian farming community.

We are pleased to be offering three scholarships in 2016, as part of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited Scholarship Program, to encourage young people to choose a career in, or in support of, the farming industry.

Your questions answered

How many Rural Bank Scholarships are available?	There are three (3) Rural Bank Scholarships on offer across Australia for first-time undergraduate university or college students enrolled in agribusiness studies or studies that will enable the student to contribute to the Australian agribusiness sector.
How much is each Rural Bank Scholarship worth?	Each Rural Bank Scholarship will provide the successful student applicant with funding up to the value of \$10,000 (\$5,000 each year for two years) to assist with his or her tertiary studies. The scholarship funding aims to support study related expenses covering such things as accommodation costs, course costs, study-related materials and equipment, textbooks or tutoring.
Is this a new Scholarship Program?	No, Agribusiness Scholarships were offered in 2015 as part of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited Scholarship Program.
How does the Rural Bank Scholarship work?	The Rural Bank Scholarship will provide each successful student applicant with funding to assist with his or her tertiary studies to the value of \$5,000 per annum per student for a period of two years. The second year of funding is dependent upon satisfactory academic progress in the first year of study.
How is a Scholarship recipient selected?	A selection committee will determine successful applicants based on the submitted details and with reference to established criteria.
What are the eligibility criteria for the Rural Bank Scholarships?	The scholarship criteria stipulate that the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a first-time undergraduate tertiary student; • Has been offered a full-time place to study at an Australian university or college campus, an agribusiness-related bachelor degree or a bachelor degree that will enable them to contribute to the Australian agribusiness sector; • Is a school leaver (or has taken a gap year); • Can demonstrate how their study will enable them to contribute to the Australian agribusiness sector; • Can demonstrate the challenging circumstances (financial and/or social) which are hampering the student's ability to undertake their study; and • Is an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
What are the relevant dates?	Applications open on 1 December 2015 and you must have your application submitted online by 25 January 2016. Successful applicants will be notified after 12 February 2016.

Want more information?

Further detailed information about applying for a scholarship will be released at the time of opening the Scholarship Program for applications on 1 December 2015. In the meantime, you can find out more about our Scholarship Program at www.ruralbank.com.au/scholarship.

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: _____