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THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

# Lawson's Latest



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Year 7 had a great time on their camp with their Year 10 mentors last week. They looked happy and tired when they returned with lots of stories about all the things they did and the funny stories including Ms Crossley's ability to accurately throw a shoe at a moving fox target. Mr McKnight said the Year 10 mentors were outstanding. They ran the activities, they increased the energy levels of the group and made sure everyone was included. A big thanks to our parent helper, Mr Michael Best.

Congratulations to the swimmers who competed in Dubbo at the Western carnival. Both Angus Brown and Tom Robinson qualified for state: Angus in 100m freestyle; and Tom in the 200m freestyle and 100m backstroke. Their times were personal bests as well.



Over the weekend Kate Robinson took part in the State Leos Competition. Held in Goulburn, Kate represented this district. She had to present a prepared speech and be interviewed by a panel. She won the best speech which talked about the importance of community; and was declared the state runner up. This is an excellent achievement and certainly puts The Henry Lawson High School Leos out in the wider community.

Last year the CWA day group dissolved after many years of service to our community. They gave a very generous donation to the school to continue the annual scholarship to Year 11 and 12 students. This

two year scholarship goes to Clair-Jane McAway, and the Year 12 recipients are Ciaran and Shannon Thomson-Jones.

This week two games of cricket were played. The next round of the Junior Lachlan comp saw our team play against a very skilled Young High School. Batting first, Young amassed 351 runs within the 40 over limit. Set the target, the local team put their heads down, never giving up, but not coming close to the score. Even though they were disappointed the feedback below from Mr Brendan Sheppard, the Young High School coach, certainly says a lot about our students.

*I would like to personally thank you for a wonderful day at your school yesterday. I would especially like to congratulate your junior boys cricket team on how they carried themselves today in all aspects of the game. Their behaviour, attitude and character were faultless from the moment we arrived until the moment we left, and in the sweltering heat having to bowl out 40 overs of cricket and face a daunting task of reaching 351 runs they never displayed anything but great sportsmanship and positivity. They are a credit to themselves, your staff, your school and your community. I look forward to hopefully being able to return with sporting teams in the future.*

Well done boys and thanks to Mitchell Stevens for his role as a match umpire. The girls team played Cowra. With a strong initial bowling spell from Rachel Causer and Faith White, Cowra had lost 5 wickets for 15 runs. This total grew to 87 before the side was dismissed. Our team steadily accumulated the runs, taking out the game. The team and Mr McKnight were very excited about the outcome. Again the game was played in a positive way, well supported by sports coaching students Hamish Starr and Selwyn White.



There is more cricket - 3 more games before the end of next week.

The *Risky Business* performance was a real hit with the students. These circus performers performed progressively more challenging stunts while explaining the way they assessed the risks of each. One of the most remarkable stunts was a performer standing on a round metal pipe atop a table with a woman dancing with a hula hoop standing on his shoulders! It was all very entertaining. Some students still need to pay their \$4. This needs to be paid to the office ASAP.

Last Thursday evening for Year 9 and their parents showed a lot about how technology is used in the classroom. Led by Mr Hetherington, the students and parents took part in a quiz using a program called Kahoots. The parents saw how all the students could interact with the quiz by responding through their own device. A lot of teachers use these quizzes to review information in an inclusive way. The group were led through Google classroom and saw how work was distributed to the students, how they could return work, receive feedback and work with other students on the same document. The parents were amazed at how the students were learning and just some of the ways that technology is used. It was a very informative and lively learning environment.

Our new student welfare teacher, Mrs Gail Farley started at school this week. She will be here every Monday to support our students. Students may self-refer or parents can contact the school to refer their student to this counselling service.

Mobile phones. These are very useful devices and our students have discovered many ways to use them including accessing the eLibrary for reading enjoyment. We do have a very basic rule about their use in class time. Unless a teacher asks students to have a device out for accessing an application, during class times phones are to be turned off and left in a student's bag. If a student is using their phone during class time, they will be requested to hand it to the teacher and have it returned at the end of the lesson. If it is an ongoing problem, the phone will be confiscated and handed to the deputy principal to be returned at the end of the day, or for an ongoing problem, returned to the parent. Please discuss this rule with your student. Class time is learning time.

Look forward to seeing half of you at Monday night's first parent/teacher interviews. If you haven't booked yet, ask your child to take their sheet to the teachers or just come from 4.00pm.

Margaret Carey

Principal

### Year 7 Vaccinations

Just a reminder to return consent forms to the school office as soon as possible. The first round of vaccinations will take place on the morning of Thursday 17 March.

### Well-being corner

*"Focus 90% of your time on solutions and only 10% of your time on problems."*

When you focus mostly on problems, you soon feel helpless and hopeless; your mind becomes filled with negative thoughts like *I can't do that* or *my life is awful* or *why me?* But when you focus on solutions, your mind is filled with possibilities. Problem solving stimulates your brain, boosts your creativity and strengthens your self-esteem. You think in terms of positives, not negatives. Even if you can't solve every problem you face, it's empowering to try.

Today

I will focus on solutions.

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Please contact the office with your email address or email the school at [henrylawso-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:henrylawso-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) to be added to our mailing list.

Have you downloaded The Henry Lawson High School app?

Search "The Henry Lawson High School" in the iTunes or Google Play stores and download - it's free!



### Canteen Roster

Week commencing 14 March

<b>Monday</b>	Keryl McCann
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jen Kelly
<b>Wednesday</b>	Belinda Stock
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Cath Sullivan



School statement of accounts have been raised and posted out. Accounts can be paid by cash or cheque at the front office or by direct debit. The school account details are:

BSB: 032 001

Account Number: 147561

Please enter your student's name as the reference.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A-L MONDAY 14 MARCH 4-6PM

M-Z MONDAY 21 MARCH 4-6PM

If you are unable to attend and would like to make an appointment to see your student's teachers, please contact the school to arrange a suitable time.

# An Invitation

Parents, caregivers, students and staff are invited to join our new eLibrary – read anywhere, anytime!



## Parents and guardians

We are delighted that those who attended the P&C meeting earlier this month have already registered and hope to have many more of you join up. To do so, you must first register by following the steps below:

- download the free **Wheelers ePlatform** app from the App store or Google Play to your device (smartphone or tablet)
- in **find my library** search for **The Henry Lawson High**
- select **register**, or **sign in** (and register will appear)
- username: put in the first part of your email address e.g. margaret.lynch1 (margaret.lynch1@det.nsw.edu.au)
- password: your password must be at least 4 characters long and contain 2 numerals
- complete other details, no need to include telephone or date of birth; in year, put 20

Once your registration has been finalised (you will receive an email informing you of this, you are able to borrow. Loan limit is set at two items, loan period is three weeks. You may return whenever you wish, but note that a loan will disappear after three weeks.

To select, use the search bar to find what you are looking for, or just browse.

Tap on a book to read the blurb; if you like it, select **borrow now**. Select **read now** to begin reading. The next time you sign in, you should be able to pick up from where you left off.

From **settings**, you can change font style and size, backgrounds, select dyslexic settings, night time settings etc. Play around to get to know its capabilities.

## Students and Staff

Most students and staff have already been introduced to our eLibrary, but if you haven't, note that you are **already registered** as a user. Simply download the Wheelers ePlatform app and sign in using your DET username (that is, the username you use to access the internet from school); for students, the password is Student, for staff, the password is Staff.

## Today a reader, tomorrow a leader ...

### Years 7 and 8 well-being day

Coming up for Years 7 and 8 next Wednesday, will be a series of sessions with the aim of promoting student well-being. Sessions will be presented by various local area health workers and for Year 7 will include resilience, bullying and healthy living, while Year 8 will spend time considering issues surrounding smoking, alcohol, drugs and healthy relationships.



# HSIE HAPPENINGS

## Assessment tasks:

*Preliminary Business Studies* – “Role of Business” – due Thursday 17 March

*Year 10 Geography M* – “Issues in Australian environments” – due in class Thursday 17 March

*Year 10 Geography K* – “Issues in Australian environments” - due in class Friday 18 March

*Year 9 Geography P* – “Australia’s Uniqueness” – due in class Thursday 17 March

*Year 9 Geography L* – “Australia’s Uniqueness” – due in class Friday 18 March

*Year 7 Geography* – World Heritage sites – due in class Friday 18 March

Year 7 – email to Mrs Griffiths

**Penalties apply for lateness as per the assessment guide**

**Reminder to Year 10 to hand in notes for the PE/Geography excursion ASAP.**

### Keen to play soccer?

The Grenfell Soccer Club has been running for almost 30 years. In the past four years the club’s numbers have grown significantly. Last year the club fielded one or more teams in every age group - 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 17 which is a great achievement for a small town. The club has been successful in raising funds from raffles and our canteen and when this is combined with the fee reduction from the NSW Football Federation Association we have decided to reduce all fees - \$15 per player in the 6 to 8 age group; \$10 a player in the 10 to 17 age groups. Further, the third or fourth player registering from the same family will receive a \$10 reduction per player.

Our registration fees for 2016 are:

<b>6, 7 and 8</b>	<b>\$60</b>
<b>10- 17</b>	<b>\$85</b>

New players receive a free pair of socks. Shirts are provided. Black shorts, shin pads and soccer boots are required.

Games generally alternate between Young and Grenfell so travel is limited. Some games may be played in Boorowa but they have very few teams in the competition at present.

**Registration will be held at Lawson Park on:**

**Wed 16 March 3.45pm to 5pm**

**First training day will be Wed 23 March 4 to 5pm.**

Once teams have reached the required number a reserve list will be made. If there are sufficient players, another team will be formed. If not, players may miss out so please try to get in early.

Questions? Contact Cath Sullivan – [craig.day@bigpond.com](mailto:craig.day@bigpond.com) 6345 5818 0437 455 818

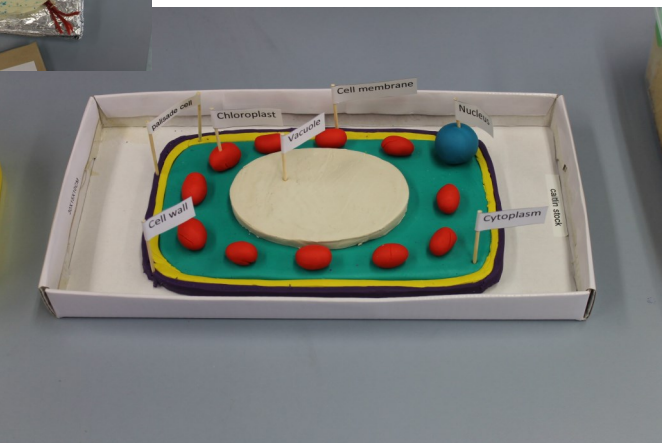
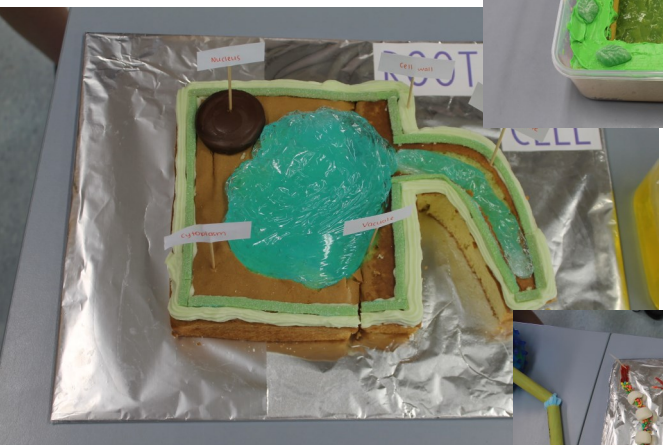
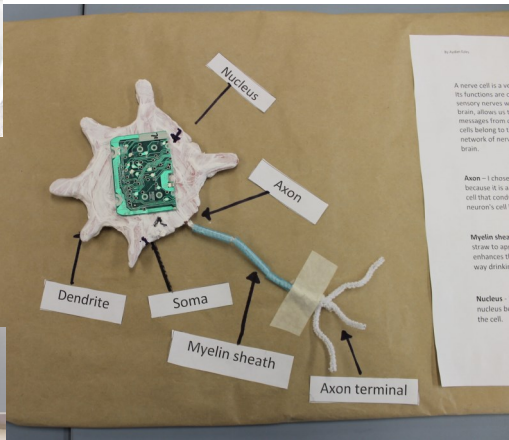
### Grenfell Junior Rugby

The Grenfell Junior Rugby Union Club will be holding registration days for Under 7’s, 9’s, 11’s 13’s and 15’s on Wednesday 16 March from 5-7pm and Saturday 19 March from 12-2pm at the Grenfell Rugby grounds. A free sausage sizzle will be provided on both days with drinks available to purchase. Registration for new players is free, whilst for all other players is \$50, capped at \$100 per family. All players receive socks and shorts as part of their registration as well as a Brumbies card allowing free admission to any Brumbies home games. For more information, please contact Brad Robinson on 0427 124 805.

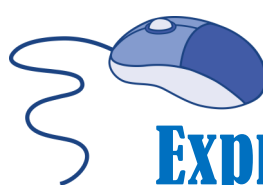
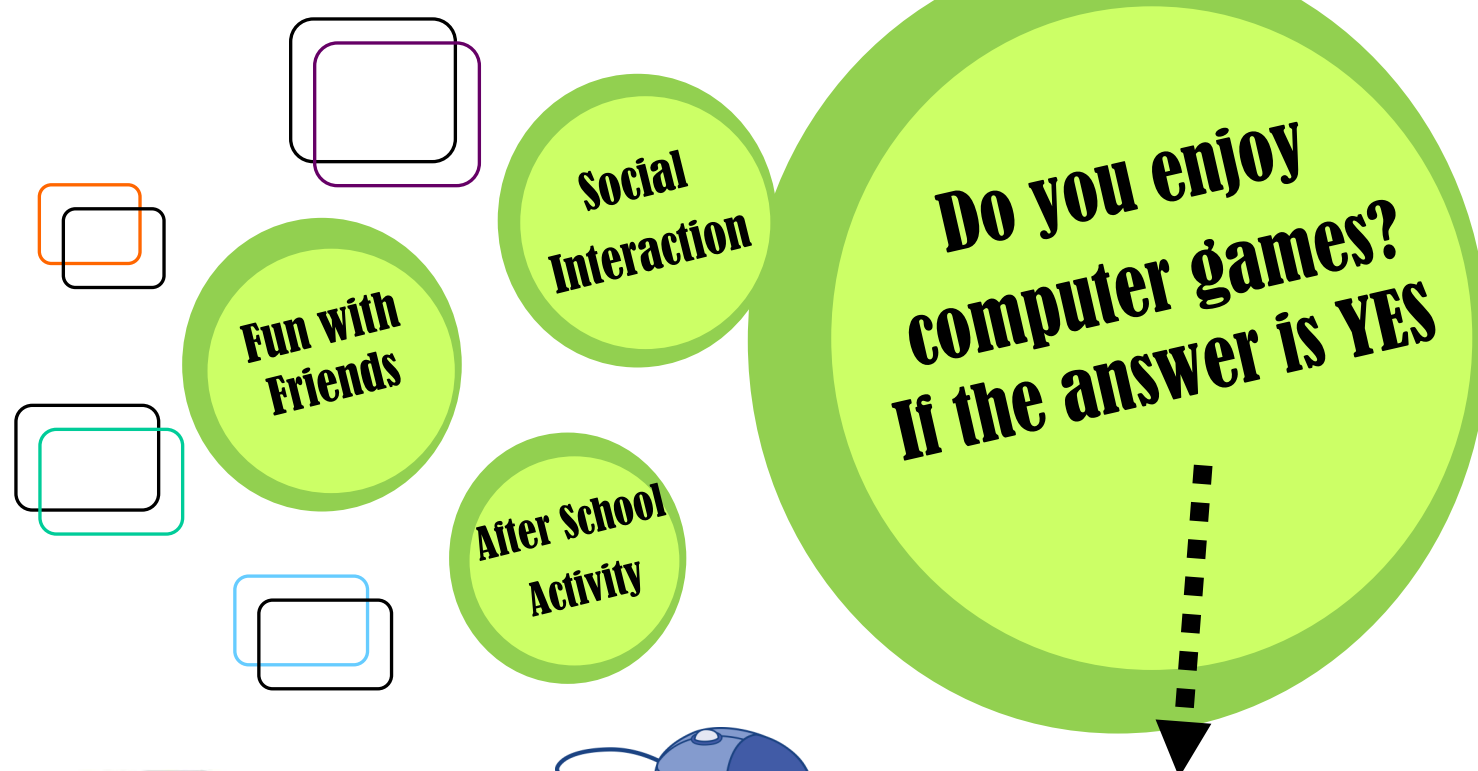




# Year 8 Slytherin Budding Biologists



# ▶ ONLINE GAMING



## Expressions of Interest

Grenfell Internet Centre in conjunction with CareWest Ability Links would like students at Henry Lawson High School to express their interest in an after school computer gaming group held at the Grenfell Internet Centre from 3.30pm to 4.30pm .

### What we would like to know

- Would you be interested in attending a weekly computer gaming group during school terms?
- Which day of the week suits you best (Tues-Fri)
- Would your parent/guardian partake in supervising the group on a rotating roster system?

If you think this is something that you may be interested in please express your interest with Ms Jenny Bell (Learning and Support Teacher)

