

LAWSON'S LATEST

THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Congratulations to our student performers at the Cowra Eisteddfod. Last Thursday, three groups of dancers competed. The 7-10 and secondary open received highly commended. Group feedback commented on their high level of rehearsal, the concepts explored and the overall appearance and appeal of their pieces. The 11/12 won their section with what the adjudicator described as a heartfelt performance. Thanks to Ms McCulloch for her guidance of the dancers and all the parent supporters. The band performed in two sections, winning one and highly commended in the other. The adjudicator gave some valuable feedback particularly around the confident start to pieces, and commenting on the performance of different sections on the bands at points throughout the compositions. Mr McKnight was pleased with their performance and how the band is developing especially with their larger group of Year 7 and 8 players. Both the band and dancers will be performing at the festival concert on Friday 10 June; another good reason to go.



The 7/8 debaters also went to Cowra this week. In their two rounds against the Cowra team the students had to explore some thought provoking ideas. The Year 8 team of Aydan Eyles, Caitlin Nealon, Josh Pargeter and Tom Robinson had to argue the negative case that all schoolwork apart from art should be done on computers. The Year 7 team of Lachan Aspin, Hugo Fenton, Anna Hunt and George Mitton had the affirmative line that all sporting events should be on free to air TV. Mr Lynch said both teams were very clear and articulate speakers, confidently promoting their arguments and refuting. What both teams need to do is develop their arguments with greater detail on the topic. It was this aspect that allowed Cowra to take out both debates, being able to demonstrate greater depth in their understanding of the topic. Our two teams now go into the final round against each other. Mr Lynch is planning to give the students ample time to explore the topics so that they can develop strong arguments.

Last Friday, highly acclaimed writer and ex-student, Inga Simpson ran a writing workshop for a group of students. The students, though initially quiet really engaged with the writing activities, starting with writing about familiar things then adding extraordinary situations to create a new perspective. Inga also spoke about her life and her journey to be the writer she is today. Through the twists and turns of life she kept coming back to writing, particularly about what she knows and loves: the Grenfell area and the natural world. Perhaps the most salient point was, that at each point in her life when she had faced a challenge or disappointment, things actually turned out for the best, leading to where she is today – writing. She also spoke about her perseverance, in life and in the writing process; that writing a novel takes a long time and that is before the editor reads it with all the suggested feedback on how it can be improved. Thanks to Ms Lynch for coordinating the event; we love seeing, hearing and learning from our ex-students.

Congratulations to our Vocational Education Teachers led by Ms Megan Crossley. As part of the Registered Training Organisation requirements an audit of processes was carried out last week. The audit team were highly complementary of the systems, processes and level of instruction provided for our students in vocational learning. Year 11 are in the workplace this week, part of the mandatory requirement of vocational learning. Thanks to all the local employers who are supporting our students in the construction, agricultural and hospitality industries. These experiences allow students to apply their learning to the workplace and develop an understanding of industry standards.

Our teaching staff joined Grenfell Public school staff for a second evening of learning around the *How To Learn* modules. Our learning was around the impact of labels; whether they are positive or negative, that they limit learning and that intelligence is not a fixed commodity; that the brain is a muscle that can adapt, change and grow intelligence. We also explored our intrinsic motivation for doing what we do, teach, and the culture for learning and its importance in school and student growth and improvement. We all meet again at the next staff development day in term 3 to continue this exciting learning.

The plan for the cross country and Rainbow Run is next Wednesday 8 June. Our P&C meets next Tuesday 7 June at 7.00pm. Join us for both occasions.

Margaret Carey
Principal

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Change of Assessment Date

Stage 5 Art - task "surrealist essay" was due week 6 term 2; now due Friday 17 June 2016.

HSC English Standard - task "distinctively visual" was due week 5 term 2; now due Friday 24 June 2016.

Preliminary English Studies - task "model interview and reflection" was due week 7 term 2; now due Tuesday 28 June 2016.

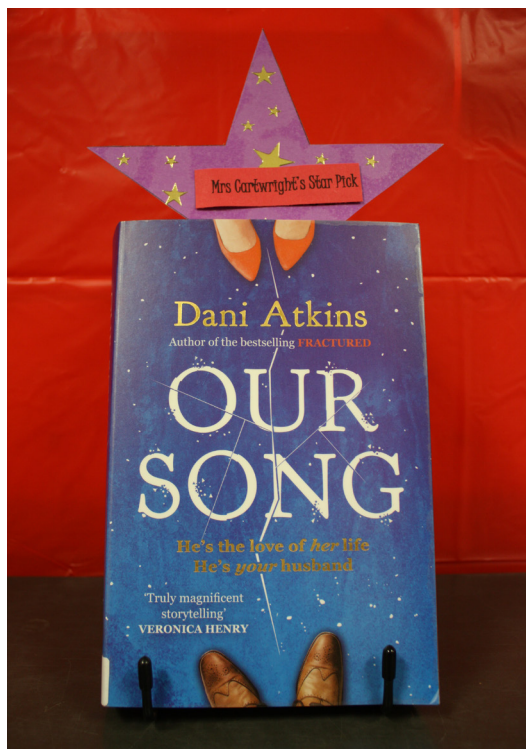
Star Picks

Mrs Cartwright's star pick is *Our Song* by Dani Atkins.

It's the story of Ally and Charlotte, whose paths have intersected over the years though they've never really been close friends. Charlotte married Ally's ex and first true love, David. Fate is about to bring them together one last, dramatic time and change their lives forever. With breath-taking plot twists, this novel explores themes of serendipity, friendship and love as readers navigate the dilemmas faced by the characters. What would you do if your husband was the love of somebody else's life? And when faced with an agonising decision, could you put the past behind you and do the right thing?

From the moment Mrs Cartwright picked up this novel, she was charmed by its moving story, stating it was one of the best books she had ever read. She may have even shed a tear

Borrow Mrs Cartwright's star pick from your library today.



HSIE ASSESSMENTS

Year 9 – geography - natural disasters task – 7 June Tuesday week 7.

Year 10 – geography - field work report – 9 June Thursday week 7.

Year 11 – business studies – in class test – 16 June Thursday week 8.

Year 12 – business studies – Finance assessment – 9 June Thursday week 7.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday	vacant
Tuesday	vacant
Wednesday	Lyn Hucker
Thursday	Carly Brown
Friday	Shirley Mawhinney

Well-being Corner

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle".

Plato

You can't know what's really happening in someone else's life. The most popular, attractive, and successful person at school might have problems you're clueless about. Even on your own bad days, you can spread a little kindness – a smile, a gesture, a word, a generous and unexpected act. You might brighten another person's day, and you'll feel better about yourself too.

TODAY

I will be kind.

NETBALL ROOKIE PROGRAM

The Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) will be holding a netball rookie program in Bathurst on 9 and 10 July 2016. Enrolments close on Tuesday 14 June 2016. Netballers from the western region born in 2000, 2001 or 2002 are invited to enrol.

The rookie program is open to netballers of all level and is also used to identify talented players to be invited to trial for the WRAS 2017 netball squad.

Further information is available on the WRAS website under downloads

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call the WRAS office on 6338 4821.

Year 11 Seminar Day

On Friday 10 June all Year 11 students will be participating in the annual seminar day. This day has run successfully for a number of years and it will be presented in a similar format with some slight changes to scheduling. All students will participate in a session on *How 2 Learn*, featuring the importance of a growth mindset. After morning tea they will attend a number of different workshops of their choice, as well as a session on relaxation techniques. After lunch students will be treated to the ever popular panel of ex-students who are returning to share their different experiences of life after school. The day will be held at school at no cost to the students. Students are asked to bring their own morning tea and lunch for the day.

If anyone has any questions or would like further information please contact Mrs Mitton (Year 11 Adviser) at school.

Inga Simpson Comes Home to Grenfell – and THLHS!

The school was delighted last week to receive a visit from former student and successful author Inga Simpson. Inga's published novels to date include *Mr Wigg*, *Nest* and her latest, *Where the Trees Were*; each has received critical acclaim. In between engagements at the Sydney Writers Festival and the Australian Booksellers Conference in Canberra, Inga made the time to visit her old school to share creative writing tips and skills in a two-hour long workshop with senior English students. Feedback from students was highly positive; they were shown concrete ways with which to be able to make their creative writing more interesting. We thank Inga for her generosity and time.



In the coming weeks the P&C are going to be busy. To start the ball rolling our next monthly meeting is on Tuesday night 7 June. The following day (Wednesday 8 June), weather permitting, the school will hold their cross country and at the conclusion of the cross country students will be able to participate in our Rainbow Run supporting our festival queen entrant Ms Amanda Livingstone. If students haven't already returned their sponsorship forms there is still time to do so. Students are also asked to bring a change of clothes to wear during the Rainbow Run.

Following this, on Friday 10 June the P&C will again this year cater for the Henry Lawson Festival Concert and will be seeking donations of cakes, slices and biscuits to serve at interval. If you are able to cook a slice, cake or biscuits for this event, or if you are able to help serve on the night please contact Sonja Cotter in the canteen or message our Facebook page or group.

The P&C is always looking for VOLUNTEERS to help in the canteen. If you can help for one day a term, 10am to 2pm, it is greatly appreciated. Or if you can't commit to a day but maybe able to help at short notice please contact Sonja and she can add you to the P&C canteen helpers and volunteers message group on Facebook.

If you would like to know what the P&C have planned and are working on and towards, why not come along to a meeting and join the team of parents and caregivers in supporting our students, teachers and school community. The P&C are always on the look out for new members and new ideas.



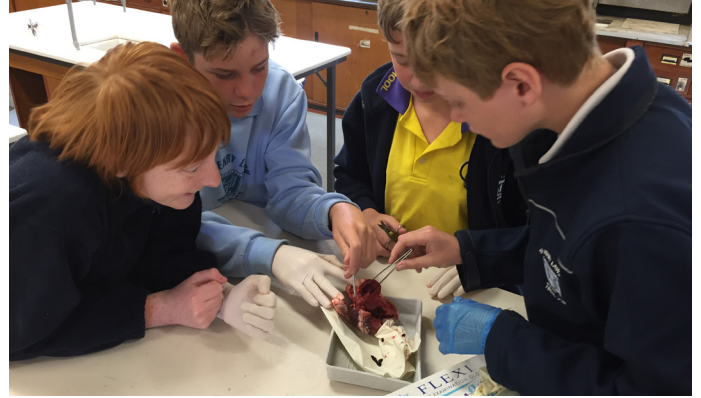
Year 12 students Hannah Joyce and Clare Hunt have competed in their last Cowra Eisteddfod band competition. They have been part of the band since Year 7 and guided many clarinet and saxophone students through countless band pieces.

The 7-10 dance troupe before performing at the Cowra Eisteddfod last week.



Year 8 Science - Body Systems

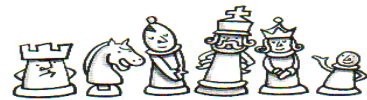
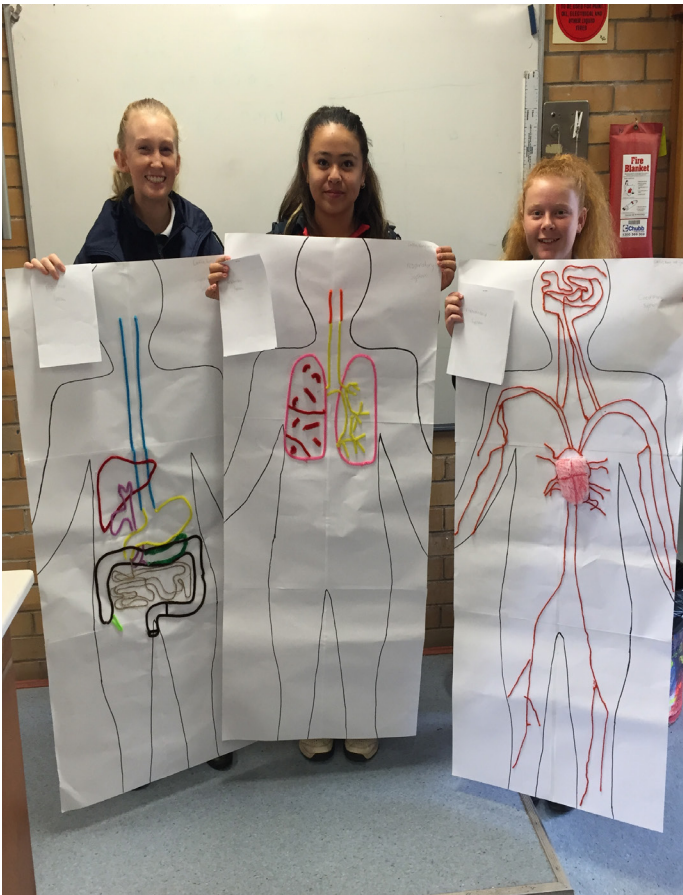
After learning about the different human body systems and dissecting some organs,



Students planned how to represent the different body systems in a life sized diagram or model.



Their work was then presented to the class and Ms Bell (Biology teacher).



SCHOOL HOLIDAY JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT IN ORANGE

- WHERE:** St Barnabas Anglican Church Parish Hall
Corner Dora and McLachlan Streets
East Orange
- WHEN:** Thursday 14 July 2016
- TIME:** 9:45 am to 3:30pm
- ENTRY FEE:** \$10 [\$5 for additional family member]
- PRIZES:** Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
in Under 18 and Under 12
Coaching Voucher for 1st place in U18 and U12
- REGISTER BY:** 12 July 2016 by contacting one of the
following Junior Chess Coordinators:
1. Alexander Aich Ph 6884 4561
alexander.aich@gmail.com
2. Joe Cummins Ph 6362 6882
heather.cummins@optusnet.com.au
- WHAT TO BRING:** Your own lunch [soft drinks and bottled water for sale]

You don't have to be good, this is a fun tournament, but a knowledge of the rules is required and tournament conditions will be applied. The games will be timed with chess clocks. Don't worry if you have never played with clocks. You'll be told how they work. The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.