



LAWSON'S LATEST

THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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We have had the shortest day of the year, the winter solstice, this week. So the days will start to get longer; weather warmer and drier, we might just have to wait.

Our dancers have been thrilling audiences across the Central West. Last Wednesday they performed *The Plight of the Refugees* at the Western Dance Festival and this week they performed all three pieces at the Forbes Eisteddfod. The senior girls won with their performance of *Plight*. The performance of *Revolting Children* took second place; and *Nine to Five* were awarded a highly commended. Congratulations to our dancers, a big thank you to the parents who provided such great support and thanks to Ms McCulloch for her guidance and coordination of the dancers.



Year 10 is out at work this week, relying heavily on local employers to find out about possible career paths and the demands of the routine of going to work. Students are working in the health, education, retail, construction, automotive, publishing, service and agricultural industries. Ms McCulloch says the feedback from the employers has been very positive: our students do as asked, and quickly adapt to the work environment.

Year 9 took part in wellbeing sessions on Wednesday. Health workers from Grenfell, Cowra, Bathurst and Orange visited the school to run one workshop on alcohol and mental health and another on sexually transmitted infections. The workshops were presented in a fun and entertaining way and students were engaged throughout. But the serious messages behind the activities were clear and students came away with important information and enhanced understanding.

Next Wednesday we are celebrating NAIDOC. Wiradjuri elders will be presenting a smoking ceremony and dance performance, followed by a range of workshops for students in Years 7 – 10. Last week a group of students, Stephanie Davies, Tara Schaefer, Ethan Reid and Georgia Brenner took part in the NAIDOC public speaking competition. The topic was on the significance of songlines to Aboriginal culture. Though the team did not win either debate, they felt they had learnt a lot, not just about public speaking, but Aboriginal culture. Mr Lynch said they were a very enthusiastic and engaged team.

A group of Year 12 students attended Charles Sturt University for the HSC seminar day. Students had the opportunity to listen to a range of speakers: HSC markers and experienced HSC teachers. The day allowed the students to hear a different voice assert the messages they hear at school, and reassure them on their approach to learning in a range of courses. Thanks to Mr Harris for organising this valuable activity for his Year 12 group.



I am away again for the second half of this week, this time in Sydney. I am part of a panel looking at how vocational education is to be delivered across our schools. At the moment our students access courses through school and TAFE. For the first time, private providers have been able to tender. The panel's job will be to review all the tenders, aiming to ensure the best delivery for students. Students will still be able to study vocational learning through school, but TAFE may be one of several deliverers.

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Next week students in Years 7 to 10 will receive their first semester progress reports. This will provide students with an ideal opportunity to reflect on their progress and achievements for the first half of the year and direct their focus and goals for the start of the new term. Parent-teacher interviews will be held in term 3, but if parents want feedback beforehand, they only need to contact the school.

Margaret Carey

Principal

Star Picks

This week's star pick, chosen by Abbey, is ***Diamond Spirit*** by Karen Wood.

At the start of the summer holidays, the unthinkable happens when Jess's pony Diamond has a terrible accident. Why won't Shara, Jess's closest friend, tell her what happened down on the river flats that day? Jess suspects the worst, and feels as though she's lost not just one best friend, but two. But new friends and new horses come into Jess's life, along with the chance to compete in the Longwood campdraft. And there's one little filly who needs her help ... can Walkabout heal Jess's broken heart in return?

Borrow Abbey's star pick from your library today.



Silver Merit Award Day

Coming up on Thursday 30 June is our first Silver MAD. Students that have received 5 blue merits and have handed them in to convert to a silver merit, will be invited to a soup kitchen lunch prepared by our senior hospitality students.

Get your 5 blue merits in asap!
Cut off date is Tuesday 28 June.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday	Keryl McCann
Tuesday	Lisa Day
Wednesday	Tristen Matthews
Thursday	Vacant
Friday	Vacant

Well-being Corner

“My whole life is an adventure. But you don't have to do something racy and wild to have an adventure; you can have one in your own backyard”. Gary Paulsen

You don't have to wait until you've finished school to begin having an adventurous life; you don't have to be big, strong, daring or wealthy to be an adventurer. It's a matter of attitude and perspective – with creativity, imagination, and inventiveness thrown in the mix. An adventure doesn't have to mean jumping out of an airplane or sailing around the world. It can be a journey of self-discovery, a quest, an achievement, a positive risk, an event, a project that excites you ... whatever you want, big or small.

TODAY
I'll plan an adventure.



What's happening in Visual Art?

Year 9 and 10 art have been studying surrealism this term, focusing on the life and work of Dali. Did you know that Dali designed the Chupa-Chup logo? His art making included painting, sculpture, furniture design, fashion design, film work and graphic design. Dali was a shameless seeker of publicity, often performing stunts to gain media attention, who was actually expelled from the surrealist movement by its founder. The students have engaged with this, passionately debating in class the validity of Dali's work, a debate which has informed some fantastic Dali essays. The students are now developing their own works, exploring their dreams, their fears and their subconscious minds through painting.



GRENFELL FAMILY CHURCH

Impact Youth Hosts...



details at facebook.com/thequicknthead

Sunday 26th June 4 – 6pm
Henry Lawson High School Hall

**FREE
ENTRY**

Years 7 – 12 welcome Contact: Caitlin 0439 709 294



Term 3 18 July to 23 September

MEETINGS

2 August 7pm in library

6 September 7pm in library.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Father's Day raffle

12 and 13 August street stall

Year 12 farewell dinner – catering

Stall at 150 year celebration weekend to sell postcards
(weekend 1 - 3 October).

Term 4 10 October to 20 December

MEETINGS

1 November 7pm in library

6 December 7pm in library.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

P&C yearly thank you dinner venue TBC end of Nov/Dec.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

