

LAWSON'S LATEST

THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Congratulations to our P&C. Their *Come Back to Grenfell* postcard competition is splashed across the cover of this month's P&C magazine. A double page story plus an article about our P&C is included within. Well done to our leadership team on their great local work, and sharing our stories across their network. The P&C meet next Tuesday 2 August. Mrs Tracey Cartwright will start the meeting with a visit to rooms 1 and 2 describing and explaining the nature of the learning within the space.

Zoe Gavin competed at State Cross Country last week. It is always an achievement to make it to State. Zoe was disappointed in her run, falling and hurting herself. Still determined, she finished the race. We wish all the students the best at the Western Athletics Carnival on Friday.

It seemed like preparation for the Rio Olympics opening ceremony when a large group of Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Samba experience on Tuesday afternoon. Exploring the rhythm of music through Latin percussion instruments, the students collaborated to create complex rhythm and movement. Though cautious about the dancing, they enjoyed creating the many sounds. Mr McKnight thought it was a fantastic music event and he happily danced to the rhythms.

Our Year 9 and 10 debating teams had their first-round debate of the Premier's Debating Competition against each other this week. The very experienced Year 10 team of Paige Hughes, Isabelle Hunter, Sarah Knight and Jessica Pereira argued their case to the Year 9 team of Connor Day, Andrew Knight, Marie Knight and Jesse Thomson-Jones. The topic was 'that we should reserve seats in parliament for indigenous candidates.'

Year 9 opened the case for the affirmative with a clear team line about addressing past injustices. The Year 10 negative case challenged the concept that a tokenistic system could undermine the Indigenous cause. Mr Lynch said it was an excellent debate: use of complex vocabulary, dissection of arguments, and a mature and deep understanding of the issues. Adjudicator, Mrs Norma Walker was very impressed by the level of sophistication, awarding the debate to Year 10 for their effective use of time to explore the issues deeply. Both teams will now debate against the Forbes and Wellington teams in the next week.

This week I was involved in further training. All public schools will be validated against the School Excellence Framework. In this process, schools will carry out a self-assessment through the collation and presentation of evidence to an external panel. This panel will talk with school staff, discussing the evidence, validating the school's self-assessment and identified recommendations. We learnt a lot about this new process, both from the point of view of how we carry out our self-assessment and how as a member of the external panel, we provide feedback to the school being validated. All this learning will be built into our processes here.

Our celebration of Education Week is next Wednesday August 3 starting at 10.00am. Come and join us in acknowledging those in our school community who contribute to making our school a wonderful learning environment.

Margaret Carey

Principal



CHALLENGE, ENCOURAGE, ACHIEVE

Cross country and rainbow run

Due to the wet weather, these events have been postponed a number of times. When the oval has dried out and the course is safe, both events will go ahead.

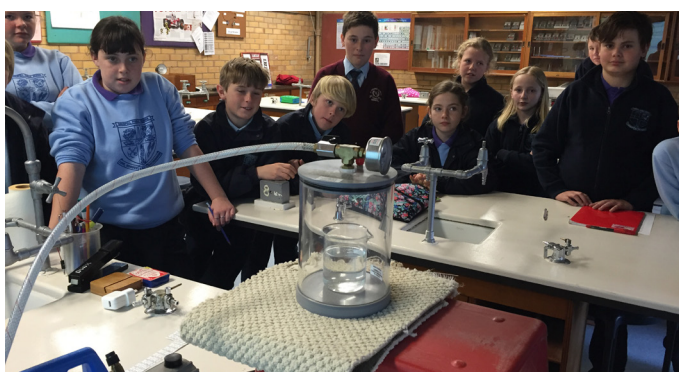
HSIE Assessments

Year 9 Geography – skills assessment
Tuesday 2/8/16 (Wk 3).

Year 10 Geography – waste management and skills assessment
Thursday 4/8/16 (Wk3).

Year 11 Business Studies – business plan due Tuesday 30/8/16 (Wk 7).

Year 12 Business Studies – human resource in-class business report
Thursday 25/8/16 (Wk 6).



Year 6 Science

Year 6 students have been investigating the properties of matter and factors effecting the change of state. This week, using a vacuum chamber, this week they learnt why you cannot make a cup of tea on top of Mount Everest.

Next week we will look at changing from solids to liquids. Sounds like an experiment that could use chocolate

AND SAMBA ...



Well-being Corner

"We can try to avoid making choices by doing nothing, but even that is a decision".

Hmmm ... should I do this; or should I do that? What is the best choice? No one can know for sure, which is why decision making seems so scary. You can agonize over your choices forever, but this won't lead you anywhere. Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

TODAY

I'll make a decision!

CANTEEN ROSTER Week commencing 1 August

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Deb Wilson
Ann Best
Vacant
Veronica Hazel
Jen Kelly

Jason and Kris Graduate from UOW

Last Thursday the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Wollongong (UOW) held their graduation ceremony.

Former students Kris Gorman (HSC 2010) and Jason Causer (HSC 2011) were among the 160 graduates. The ceremony also included engineering honours students, Masters of Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) post graduates. Kris achieved a Bachelor of Engineering in mining and civil engineering over a period of five years. He took up the second major in civil engineering when the university invited the UOW 'miners' to broaden their engineering qualifications and increase their employability to counter the downturn in the mining industry. Jason has graduated with a degree in engineering – mechatronics, which combines the study of mechanical and electrical engineering with robotics and computer technologies over four years.

Both Kris and Jason highly recommend university study to prospective HSC students, but they are now keen to start the next step towards their chosen careers, that is, finding a job!



THE CHESS-NUTS ONLINE

Proving that in the 21st century, distance is no barrier, The Henry Lawson High School chess team, the Chess-nuts, took on Willyama High School from Broken Hill in the fourth round of the Western Region chess competition. Using an on-line chess portal, the team of Yongyan Xia, Sam Carpenter, Peter Armstrong and Dylan King competed against a very strong Willyama team. Our team put up a good fight, but were defeated 4 games to nil at the end.

Team coach, Ms Carey, was very proud of how her team had progressed through the rounds.

Congratulations to our team on progressing so far into the competition and well done to Willyama High School.





Welcome to term 3.

The P&C hopes everyone has had a great holiday and survived the wet cool weather and are ready for another busy term.

This week the P&C received the latest P&C Federation Journal which is published once a term and our *Design a Postcard* competition images, along with article, appear on the cover and a double page spread. If you haven't already seen it check out the Facebook page, or there are a few in the front office.

If you have not already purchased a postcard or the set, they are available from The Tin Cupboard, D.A. YATES, and the school office. Postcards are \$2 each or \$10 for the set. What a great keepsake for Grenfell's sesquicentenary.



VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS SOUGHT.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY 12 OR SATURDAY 13 AUGUST FOR AN HOUR OR SO, OR ARE YOU ABLE TO SUPPLY COOKING?

The P&C are holding a two day street stall and we are looking for donations or cooking or craft and helpers to look after the stall. The stall will start at 8am each day. If you can help in any way please contact Helen 0428542708, Carly or Carolyn at henrylawsonhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or our Facebook page. Funds raised from this street stall will support the Science & Engineering Challenge team and excursions for Year 7 and 8 which are in term 4.

Our Next Meeting

2 AUGUST 7PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY – PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND TOUR THE NEW LEARNING AREAS, WHICH HAVE BEEN PARTLY FUNDED BY THE P&C.

YOUNG, RURAL & MOTIVATED?

ENTER & WIN THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

Win a free 'Power Trip' to Canberra to meet high-profile politicians and CEOs. Plus, score inspiring leadership training, mentorship opportunities, public speaking sessions with TEDxCanberra, access to exclusive events & more!

At least 10 regional, rural or remote young women will win the 2016 prize.

Just submit a 400-word essay or a 2-minute video or podcast answering the following question:

'Why is gender equality important to you and your community?'

Competition opens 27 July and closes at 11PM AEST 9 September 2016.

***Open to Year 10, 11, 12 female rural students.**

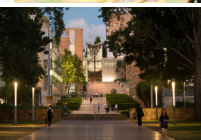
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students are encouraged to apply.

***ACT excluded. See our website for Terms and Conditions, including 'rural' definition.**

More prize & competition details are available on our website:
www.countrytocanberra.com.au



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- Do you want your career to be at the forefront of positive change for society?
 - Do you enjoy using lateral thinking, creativity and design?
 - Do you love problem solving and working in teams?
 - Do you have an aptitude for maths and science?
- If so, and you are a young woman currently in Year 10 or Year 11, join us for a 5 day residential experience and find out about the exciting careers available to professional engineers.

The 2017 UNSW Women in Engineering Camp will be held from Monday 9 to Friday 13 January 2017.

- Opportunities**
- Explore the theme of humanitarian engineering
 - Participate in hands-on workshops in health, aerospace engineering, technology, natural resources, energy systems and the digital future
 - Meet like-minded students and work in teams on engineering design challenges over the course of the week
 - Visit sites around Sydney that showcase engineering in action
 - Hear from female engineers about their careers and where engineering has taken them
 - Attend a networking function with engineering professionals keen to share their experiences
 - Enjoy a number of social events with the other campers and university students and make new friends with interests similar to your own
 - Live on campus for a week

- Eligibility**
- Young women with a genuine interest in finding out about careers in engineering are encouraged to apply. To be eligible you must be an Australian citizen or permanent Australian resident, and be 16 years or older on 9 January 2017.
- How to Apply**
- Visit unsw.edu.au/engineeringcamp for the application form and additional information. Online applications open Friday 1 July 2016 and close AEST 5:00pm Sunday 25 September 2016.
- Available places in the camp are limited so applicants will be selected on the basis of aptitude for engineering, including performance in maths and science subjects at high school.
- Select places are reserved for students from rural areas and rural travel grants may be available.

The photos of women used in this flyer are of previous camp participants.

