

# LAWSON'S LATEST

## THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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What a whirlwind of activities over the last week. Where to start?

Our newly elected student leadership team were inducted this week. Stuart Taylor, 2010 school captain was our special guest. He spoke about the relevance of leadership and how it contributes to the organisations that we belong to, and how each one of us has a role to play in contributing to the strength of the organisation and about the importance of setting goals to work towards. Clare Hunt and Ryan Baldwin reflected on their 12 months as leaders as they handed on the responsibilities to Francesca Fenton and Selwyn White who both acknowledged the previous team and spoke optimistically about the next 12 months. Our new team of school captains, student representative council members and house captains were joined by family members in recognising this occasion.



The Year 9/10 Science and Engineering Challenge team had a great day at the state final held in Newcastle. Overall they came fourth, 101 points behind the winning school. Along with Mrs Gorman, the students reported that they had some great successes including the airship, some confronting problems on how to get the robotic hand to sign, and maintained the school's reputation as bridge builders. Yet again, wherever our students went, they were complimented on their behaviour. Again the manager of the accommodation said that our students were the best group that ever stay.



Our Western Region 9/10 debating team competed in the inter-regional debating competition. With the date set as the travel day for the Science and Engineering Challenge, a solution was found with the help of Callaghan Senior College at Jesmond. Through the use of technology, they met Smith's Hill High School in Wollongong via video conferencing; the topic around the role of the victim's statement in the sentencing of the convicted person. Mr Lynch said it provoked a sophisticated argument and that the adjudicators spent some time arriving at a decision; another close debate that went to Smith's Hill. Mr Ross, Principal at Callaghan College spent time talking to the students and specially sent an email complimenting them on their resilience and communication skills.

The Year 11 and 12 sports coaching students completed their Rugby league modified game coaching certificate at Grenfell Public School this week. They are now qualified to coach up to U12s. This has been a great community partnership with Grenfell Public School and the Western NRL development squad. Mr Barclay said the students demonstrated strong mentoring, working well with the primary students.

Congratulations to Hamish Starr on his continual success with cricket, particularly his skills as a bowler. He has been selected for the NSW Metro team to play in an interstate competition later this month.

This is SAS staff recognition week. The theme is *SAS Staff Essential*. The students and staff can't imagine our learning spaces without the support of Jenny Armstrong, Jo Troy and David Armstrong. They are essential in supporting students with their learning. Our admin staff are essential in supporting students, staff and parents in all the interactions that happen across school: Mrs Denise Fennell, Mrs Liz Robinson, Mrs Marian Walker, Mrs Colleen White and Mrs Amy Wood. Mrs Rose Dunkling is essential in supporting people and technology; and Mr Garry White who is at the beck and call of all, ever helpful. We have a great SASS team who are essential in all that happens here.

Some Year 12's have had an initial sigh of relief with the submission of design and technology projects and visual arts bodies of works. These works displayed a great array of skills and ideas that the students explored: tables, armoury, baby travel pack, drawings: both hand and computer; ute tool boxes; a motorised sand sifter; sculptures and artist statement on an installation. The next step is the school end of course exams. Both Years 11 and 12 will be completing their preliminary or HSC trial exams over the next week. The most important aspect of these tests is the feedback and how the students use it to refine their understandings and skills.

Next Thursday 8 September an information evening is being held for Year 12 and their parents on post school options. The evening will start at 7.00pm in the school library. Some of the topics will include educational pathways through TAFE and university; processes for recommendation schemes and the range of scholarships available to students.

## CHALLENGE, ENCOURAGE, ACHIEVE

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Year 10 have completed their transition interviews, making plans about their next stage of learning. Ms McCulloch and year adviser Mr Barclay both commented on how thoughtful the students were about goals and the possible steps that they can take. Year 10 will get feedback on the initial Year 11 lines in the next few weeks.

The teaching and admin staff completed professional learning on Wednesday evening. The admin staff developed their skills on a range of software programs associated with school management. The teachers continued their How 2 Learn modules, looking specifically at the habits that support learning and how they can be built into learning.

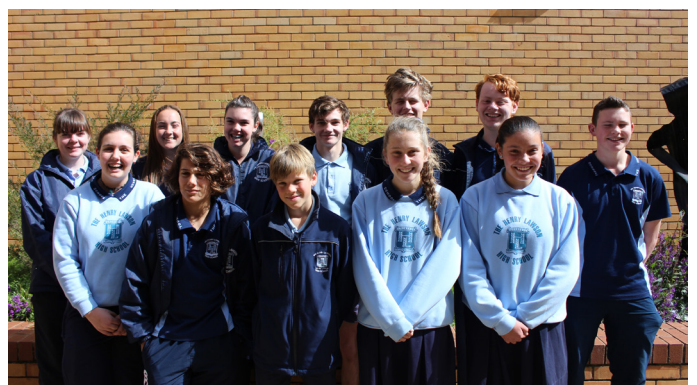
P&C meet next Tuesday: 7.00pm in the school library.

Margaret Carey

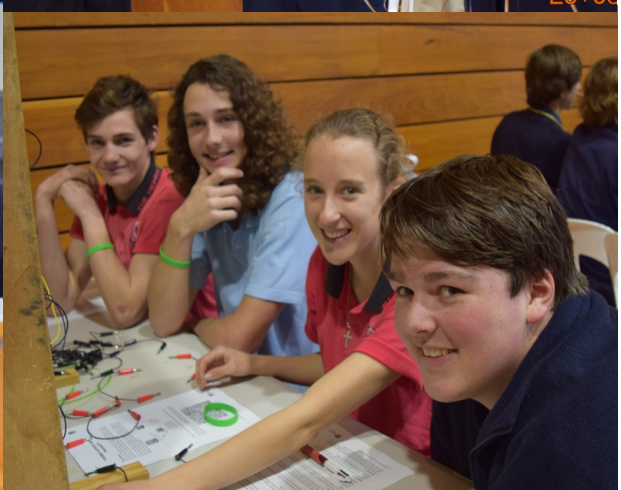
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# INDUCTION DAY



Science & Engineering - 4th at STATE CHALLENGE



# What's Happening in Agriculture?

Year 9/10 agriculture students have finished researching for the Archibull blog and are now carefully checking and adjusting the presentation formats before submitting onto the blog. On August 12 we had cotton industry farming champion, Laura Bennett, visit our school. Her presentations to classes were so inspirational that several students are now considering careers in the cotton industry, as farm employees, agronomists, or in the agricultural business field.



This week we are making final preparations for the Grenfell Show, which is this Friday and Saturday. We have judged apples, clipped and paraded the school's South Suffolk sheep and selected the show team entries.

Year 9 agriculture students have been scripting their play during lunch times, which is part of their Kids Teaching Kids workshop presentation. We will be hosting a Kids Teaching Kids day on October 21. Visiting schools will also present workshops and it will be a great day of peer learning in a fun and enjoyable environment.

On September 7 our year 9, 10 and 11 agriculture students will be attending Agvision, an agricultural careers day run by Junee High School. Over 500 students will be in attendance this year. Career workshops will cover a wide range of career paths including shearing, viticulture, agricultural robotics, rural real estate and agronomy.

Year 7 agriculture have been busy helping with the daily operation of the school farm including growing vegetables, parading and feeding sheep and a variety of other tasks. They have also been learning about poultry and the design process, currently working at home on designing a poultry pen, due for submission by September 15.

Year 11 and 12 agriculture have been revising for their examinations. Recently they completed a practical test which involved identifying grains and fertilisers and they also had to correctly place a halter on a sheep and drench them following the demonstrated methods.

It has been a busy and productive term in the agriculture classes with students working hard to complete both their class work and extra-curricular opportunities; as well, our final lamb count was 15 lambs from 14 ewes.

Mrs Baker

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## Year 7 Excursion

**Where:** Canberra.

**When:** Wednesday 30 November - Friday 2 December.

**Cost:** \$170; this may be paid in instalments. The first installment of \$50 is due by Monday 12 September.

**What will they be doing?** Students will be visiting the following venues: Parliament House, National Capital Museum, a tertiary institution, Australian War Memorial, Museum of Australian Democracy, Questacon Technology Centre and lasertagging.

For more information, please contact Ms McCulloch.

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## Year 8 Excursion

**Where:** Sydney.

**When:** Wednesday 30 November - Friday 2 December.

**Cost:** \$200; this may be paid in instalments. The first installment of \$60 is due by Monday 12 September.

**What will they be doing?** Students will be visiting the following venues: UTS – University of Technology, Luna Park, The Rocks – history & ghost tour, Powerhouse museum, an Indonesian restaurant.

For more information, please contact Ms McCulloch.

# 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.**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Week commencing 5 September

**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
**Thursday**  
**Friday**

Deb Wilson  
Sandra Hughes  
Lyn Hucker  
Helen Carpenter  
Beth Knight

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## GRENFELL CRICKET CLUB NEWS

With Grenfell Cricket Club junior registrations being successful we are able to field teams in 12s & 14s.  
Cost: \$70 per player includes insurance, playing shirt and pants.

If you wish for your child/ren to play cricket you may contact Bec Smith 0407 666 295 or Megan Starr 6343 7159.

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## Go fly a kite!

Year 8 science have been making kites to learn about variables within the scientific method. Everything that may affect the kites ability to fly - tail length, size, weight and shape, are all considered variables.



# Year 8 parents

Your P & C invites you to help with the

## Year 12 Farewell Dinner

Friday 23 September, 2016

(of course other parents are welcome too!)

This event is a highlight on the P&C calendar where we come together as a school community to farewell our graduating students.

Ms Jen Bell is the coordinator for parent helpers and can be contacted at the school on 6343 1390 or [jennifer.m.bell@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.m.bell@det.nsw.edu.au).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Like to help before the function?</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• work with the food tech students in our fantastic kitchen between 11.30am and 3.00pm.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Like to be part of the fun team working behind the scenes?</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• join the carvery team at the roasting barbecue from 6.30pm onwards (bring your knives men!)</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OR</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be part of the action in our commercial kitchen serving and/or clearing pre dinner, main meal and dessert between <b>6 and 9pm</b>.</li></ul> <p>You can stay for an hour or enjoy being part of the whole function!</p>

If you haven't already filled in the Department of Education's volunteer declaration for working with children and provided your 100 points of identification, please see the front office staff. If you have a current WWCC number, please advise the school of your number and DOB. A *Working With Children Check* can easily be obtained online; just Google WWCC or go to <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

It's free and covers you for all volunteer situations for five years.

Contact the school with your WWCC number and DOB to be placed on our ever-growing register of parent helpers.

Questions? Our friendly office staff are happy to assist.

Students who wish to be part of the student team should give their name to Mrs Mitton who is coordinating student helpers.