



# LAWSON'S LATEST

THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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## And the results are in ...

Congratulations to our 2017 Archibull team! Our team has made it to the finals in the animation and blog sections and Josh Carpenter has been selected as a finalist in the careers in agriculture section. Well done to all involved!

Unfortunately Gen-Eric just missed out on making the finals in the artwork section.

A team representing our school will now travel to Sydney at a later date for the finals.



**Could all trophies from the 2016 Presentation Day, please be returned to the front office as soon as possible.**

**CHALLENGE, ENCOURAGE, ACHIEVE**

## Principal's Report

### A great assembly

Thank you to community members and students for a great assembly last week to debut the hit song *Sunshine on the Peaks*. The project was an enormous success for the entire Grenfell community and the school was very proud to have been involved.

### Boys' cricket

Our Years 7-9 boys' cricket team travelled to Cowra on Monday to play in a Super 8s carnival. Mr McKnight reported that the boys had a great day of cricket and the day was a lot of fun. The team will travel to Blayney next week to play their next game.



### Halloween disco

Our students enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and dance at the SRC Halloween disco. There were some great costumes and fun was had by all who attended. Thank you very much to the SRC for their organisation.

### School changes for 2018

The school is currently preparing for the 2018 school year. There will be some changes introduced to school structures and curriculum. The planned changes for 2018 include:

- the period length for lessons will change from 60 minutes to 55 minutes
- the school will no longer run DEAR
- a 25 minute period will be added to the end of the day called *Learning Across The School* (LATS)
- changes to the start and end time for school and the length of recess and lunch. School will now commence at 8:55 am and end at 3:15 pm
- Year 7 will start a new science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) course focusing on project-based learning using STEM subject areas
- interest electives for Years 9 and 10 will be introduced. These will focus on project-based learning and we plan to link these with community activities and businesses.

The purpose of LATS is to address individual needs and teach and coach students, to meet the learning goals of the school and community. More deeply, it is about assisting students in any way necessary to make them more successful.

The LATS program is designed to:

- assist students to make the transition from school to home learning
- assist students and parents with homework and home learning (study skills)
- address individual students' literacy and numeracy requirements
- support the social needs of students
- develop *soft skills* (personal attributes needed to succeed beyond school).

More information will follow as we move closer to 2018.

## Shakespeare

Years 7-10 attended a production of *Romeo and Juliet* on Wednesday in the hall. The performance was excellent, and the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to experience live theatre. The visiting production company were very impressed with the enthusiasm shown by our students. Students had the opportunity to stay behind and speak with and ask questions of performers. The performers commented on how eager and enthusiastic our students were, stating that the level of connection our students showed is rarely seen. The performers felt privileged to have performed at THLHS. Well done to our students.

### World skills

Sam Carpenter recently represented our school at the regional world skills competition. Well done Sam. World skills is a practical skills competition for students completing VET subjects. It is a wonderful opportunity for learning and competing in a hands-on competition.

### RYCAGS

Last week Josh Carpenter, Harrison Starr, Jack Knight and Andrew Knight attended the Rotary Youth in Crops, Agronomy, Grains and Seeds (RYCAGS) camp in Narromine. Held over a week, students visited Narromine farms to hear owners explain various cereal crops, ground preparation, crop rotation, irrigation, spray methods and fertilizer applications. Machinery retailers demonstrated their machinery and grain wholesalers provided tours of their premises and explained transportation, storage, cleaning, fumigation, germination trial and moisture sampling. The students toured a cattle feedlot to see how grain is mixed with hay, cottonseed and molasses in controlled proportions for a targeted gain weight. They also inspected field trials, learnt how a weather station works, conducted soil sampling at a research station and visited the Narromine Irrigation System.

There were several presentations by professionals providing expertise on various subjects including agronomy, crop finance, crop insurance, grain marketing, genetic modification, tungsten points etc.

The highlight for the boys was meeting like-minded people, the food, games, mock clearing sale, the bus trip, late nights and jokes.

Grenfell Rotary has continued to be a big supporter of our students, encouraging them to attend these camps and we thank them and Mrs Baker for arranging this opportunity once again.



### Student versus teacher soccer

On Friday the international THLHS teachers' soccer team will be appearing at Stan McCabe oval for a friendly student vs. staff soccer match. Agility and speed may be the edge the students need to topple the highly-renowned staff team who have experience, wits and private health insurance advantage. Should be a great match – go team THLHS



## Where are they now with Michael Harris - 1987

I graduated from The Henry Lawson High in 1987. Let's set some context of what was happening around this time - U2 had a number of chart stoppers including *Where the Streets Have No Name* and *With or Without You*; Michael Jackson's songs *Bad* and *I Can't Stop Loving You* were released and our very own Kylie Minogue topped the charts with *Locomotion*. Bob Hawke was our Prime Minister and the first mobile phone call in Australia was made (I know, what did we all do before mobile phone technology?), and Queensland won the State of Origin.



Now you have the setting of the time around which I graduated, here's a little bit about me: outside of school I was an avid horse rider, spending most weekends competing in dressage, show jumping and one-day eventing. This took me and my family to lots of country towns and cities including the Sydney and Canberra Royal Shows; both places I ended up living in once I had left school.

My favourite subjects at school were English and wood technology. One of the reasons I liked English was that my teacher was very engaging, her name was Miss Ayoub (now Mrs Lynch), a person you probably all know quite well; I continue to read a range of fiction novels and have a keen interest in news and current affairs. In my parents' living room, there is still a cabinet that I made at school, evidence of my efforts from my time in wood technology.

My fondest memories of school days definitely centre around our time as a year group, relaxing after the school week, usually at the local Chinese restaurant and then everyone coming back to my parents' house to watch videos and relax. The friendships I formed at school have been enduring and we still have reunions and catch-ups after all these years.

Following school I worked in the bank before moving to Canberra to join the public service. I moved to Sydney in 1999 to commence working in the real estate industry. In 2012 I bought into the Raine and Horne Real Estate Agency in Newtown and am one of the Directors. Career highlights include being recognised as the number one agent in the Raine and Horne Network, 2008-2009, and I have since maintained my position in the top two spots. I have also won a number of industry accolades and have been asked to present at many national conferences.

My greatest achievement and highlight outside of work has been the birth of my two children, Maddie in 2008 and Oscar in 2010. As a gay man, the option to be a father is often not one that we are able to achieve, as the path is less obvious.

My advice for those about to embark on the next stage of their journey in life is to embrace all the opportunities that come your way; don't be afraid to make mistakes, this is often how you learn the most about yourself and grow as a person. If I had to start again, I would have taken more seriously the importance of study and education; this has probably been made more evident to me as an adult as I have progressed throughout my career, and also as I have recruited staff to our business.

Take it from me, I was not the most academic student at school, but once I found my path and passion - entrepreneurship, marketing and sales, there was no holding me back. So, find what you are passionate about and follow your interests and dreams - it is possible to make them happen!

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### A couple of things about THLHS ...

#### Community

We have a whole-hearted and enduring connection with our community. Our staff and students understand that a strong school and strong community go hand-in-hand. Our school and community are one and work together to develop the youth of Grenfell for the future. Community members always welcome and are heartily encouraged to be part of the school.

#### Aspirations

Our aspirations are built on what we know and experience. Our school encourages students to build on and widen their aspirations by exposing them to numerous and varied opportunities, not only in our local area but also beyond Grenfell.

#### Next Week

##### VALID testing

Next Friday Year 8 students will participate in the VALID test. The *Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development* (VALID) program provides online end-of-stage assessments for the science key learning area. The assessments assist schools to monitor student achievement and inform planning, programming and assessment practice.

##### Transition

Our Year 6 to 7 transition program will kick off in week 5 on Wednesday 8 November. The transition program is for all Year 6 students from all schools in the Grenfell area and will start following the conclusion of the current Years 5 and 6 STEM program. Parents and carers are invited to attend the first part of the day from 8.50 am until recess to find out more about The Henry Lawson High School. Starting high school is an exciting time for both students and parents.

Have a great week.

Ian Pattingale

Principal

## HSIE ASSESSMENTS

- Year 12 business studies – Operations business report – due week 8.
- Year 12 legal studies – ICT research and essay – crime – due week 7.

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## Shannon's Study Sessions

English and modern history help  
for HSC students:

- Assignment help
- Rubric concepts
- Textual ideas and themes
- Literary features
- Knowing your texts
- Exam and study tips
- Historical terms and concepts
- Consolidating historical knowledge
- Source analysis
- And more!

\$25 per hour – first session free!

Contact Shannon on 0434 711 496



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## Grenfell Cricket Club Inc.

Registrations are still open for any interested players.

Five – eight years – a six week program focusing on skills and game play will commence on Wednesday 1 November from 4 pm – 5pm at a cost of \$10 paid for the 6 week program.

Under 10s (stage 1) cricket will be held on Wednesdays from 4 pm – 6 pm at a cost of \$50 per player. This program will run until Christmas.

Under 12s (stage 2) and U15s (stage 3) - training cricket will be held on Wednesdays from 4 pm – 6 pm at a cost of \$50 per player. Games are played on Saturday mornings. (Under 12s 20 overs, Under 15s 27 overs.) Games commence at 9 am against Cowra and Canowindra.

Light blue shirt and white pants must be worn. New shirts available for purchase in coming weeks at a cost \$25 each.

Please bring hat, sunscreen and water but always remember to have fun.

Enquiries, please contact:

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GCC Secretary

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## Attention all music lovers!

Inspiring rural songstress is coming to the Greenethorpe Hall.

Fanny Lumsden will be including the Greenethorpe Hall on her famous Country Halls tour, on Saturday 11th of November 2017.

Fanny is an ARIA Nominated and Golden Guitar Winner who has embarked on her 6th Annual Country Halls Tour throughout regional and remote NSW, VIC, SA and QLD. She will be visiting over 30 halls over 5 months including the Greenethorpe Hall, traveling around in her vintage Caravan. This will be a family friendly event and everyone is welcome to join in the fun. There will be something of everyone, lots of singing and dancing and performances from local budding artists as well.

Tickets for the Show are \$25 adults, \$10 for kids 5 to 15yrs, under 5's are free, Family Ticket (2 adults, 3 kids 5 -15yrs = \$75). The Greenethorpe Hall committee will be running a BBQ and bar as a fundraiser for the Hall.

Tickets for the Fanny Lumsden performance are being sold exclusively online, via <http://www.ticketebo.com.au/fannylumsden/country-halls-tour-greenethorpe-hall.html>

A Facebook page has more information <https://www.facebook.com/greenethorpesoldiersmemorialhallevnts>



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## Country Education Foundation of Grenfell

Helping our local young people  
to achieve their dreams.

You can support us by donating; to find out more contact [cefgrenfell@gmail.com](mailto:cefgrenfell@gmail.com)  
or visit <http://engage.cef.org.au/directory/foundation/3085/grenfell>

Applications for 2018 scholarships are now open.

## HELP NEEDED!

The canteen roster for term 4 is open and we are desperately short of volunteers.

If you are able to help or would like more information, please contact Sonja Cotter during school hours on 6343 1390 or after school on 0487 612 258.

Thank you for your support.

## CANTEEN ROSTER Week commencing 6 November

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Peita Chalker
<b>Thursday</b>	Veronica Hazell
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Vacant</b>

## Online trial for Literacy and Numeracy tests

Students are required to achieve a minimum standard be awarded the HSC in 2020. Some students have already demonstrated this standard in the Year 9 NAPLAN test.

***Others can demonstrate they have reached this standard in Years 10, 11 or 12 or even after they finish school.***

There will be online testing next year.

***Would you like to be part of a trial so that you can see what the tests like?***

Choose may which one(s) you want to do.

Our school will be setting up the tests for any student in Year 9 or 10 who wants to be part of the trial.

***WHEN? During sport on Wednesday 15 November.***

***More information below.***

## 2017 trial HSC minimum standard literacy and numeracy tests

### About the test

In order to prepare for the 2018 tests, NESA is inviting all 2017 Year 9 and 10 students to participate in trial online tests in reading, writing and numeracy.

The trial test period is **13 – 24 November 2017**.

The tests will include:

- **Reading test** – 50 multiple choice questions (60 minutes)
- **Numeracy test** – 50 multiple choice questions, (60 minutes)
- **Writing test** – one question based on a prompt. Students will be required to write a maximum of 500 words (45 minutes).

Please note, in the 2018 reading and numeracy online tests, there will be 45 multiple choice questions. It is anticipated that many students will complete the test in less than 60 minutes.

Please note, as the 2017 tests are a trial, the results will not contribute towards the student's HSC minimum standard requirement.



## And they're off and running in the 156th Melbourne Cup ...

The Melbourne Cup is coming up on Tuesday 7 November and the SRC are hosting a mufti day. Prizes are on offer for the best dressed boy and girl in each year, best dressed male and female teacher and the best dressed couple. For a gold coin donation, come dressed in your race day wear to celebrate this iconic day with style!



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## Careers News YEAR 10 FIRST AID

The Henry Lawson High School will again host Royal Life Saving Australia to teach First Aid to Year 10 students. This course is highly recommended and has been a worthwhile experience for our students in past years.

- When: Monday 4 – Tuesday 5 December, 2017
- Where: THLHS
- Time: 9 am – 3.20 pm
- Cost: \$70.00

In order to receive this formal accreditation, students must have registered for a Unique Student Identification (USI) number. To attain one, students must go to [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au) and have identification such as Medicare number or licence number. USI number will need to be submitted before the course date. Other students (who may have missed this training in previous years) are also welcome to participate. Please see Ms McCulloch for details.

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## CAREERS EXCURSION

Years 7 and 8 will be participating in excursions during term 4. Your first payment is now due to secure your position. A deposit of \$70 may be paid to the front office or by using the online POP system.

Year 8 will be in Sydney from 4-6 December and Year 7 will be in Canberra from 29 November - 1 December. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR YEAR 7 EXCURSION.**

We are also seeking a parent volunteer for each excursion. Please contact Ms McCulloch for enquiries.



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## WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 will be participating in their second block of work experience during week 7 (20 - 24 November).

Paperwork **MUST BE SUBMITTED** to Ms McCulloch or the office by the end of **week 5 - NEXT WEEK, ie 10 November 2017**. Please be prompt with your paperwork to allow adequate time for organisation. Students intending to do work experience whilst staying with anyone other than their parents, must collect additional paperwork from Ms McCulloch.

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## Well-being Corner

*“One thing you can’t recycle is wasted time.”* Anonymous

Time’s a-wasting; the clock is ticking; the hours are slipping away; there’s no time like the present. Have you made time for something you really want to do? Don’t put it off any longer. As Benjamin Franklin once said, “Lost time is never found again”.

**TODAY**

**I’ll make time for something special.**