

LAWSON'S LATEST

THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Another great week at THLHS. Students are charging ahead with learning and it's great to see some of the fabulous activities the students are engaged in when taking my almost daily tour of classrooms.

This week I observed Year 7 science during their teamwork, communication and problem solving challenge. The students were given this problem - who can make a steel ball roll the slowest and longest using only a box, tape and cardboard? The room was alive with discussion and enthusiasm which was great to see. Not sure who the winner was however; I think learning was the biggest winner.

Our Aurora students have settled in well. Upon visiting the Aurora learning space, I never get much of a response as both Charlie and Kieran are totally immersed in their online learning environment. Year 9 are enthusiastically learning about the best way to use their new laptops. The ability to collaborate and organise information online are important skills they will develop throughout the year.

The first P&C meeting of the year was held this week. There was a good turnout of parents and many activities were discussed. The P&C are doing an excellent job supporting students, teachers and parents at the school. Many of the excursions and activities run by the school would not be possible without the financial support offered by the P&C. There are plenty of events coming up so if you have some time please help support our students via participating in P&C events.

Kate Robinson attended the National Youth Science Forum at ANU during the holidays. At assembly this week Kate gave a presentation about the forum. Wow, I was amazed at the activities; famous scientists met and opportunities the students who attended, including Kate, were given. It must have been an amazing experience and I encourage our Year 11 students to apply. I'm sure it will be something Kate remembers for a long time.

Our swimming carnival will be held on Friday 17 February with the final two events to be held on Wednesday 22 February. Unfortunately, the Grenfell pool is still under construction and the carnival will take place in Young. The swimming carnival is one of the great activities that make up the school's learning and sports program. It's always a great day and students are expected

to attend. The regional carnival will be held on 9 March in Dubbo.

Yongyan Xia is at Heywire this week. She is spending the week in Canberra discussing issues affecting regional and rural Australia with other finalists in the competition. I look forward to her report when she returns about the exciting and wide ranging interviews, workshops and debates she has participated in as part of the competition.

Students started round 1 of Captain's Cup enthusiastically this week. Despite the heat, many students are showing great athletic skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. The students are enjoying this inter-house competition. What a great way to develop house ownership, patriotism and friendly rivalry amongst the student body. Not sure which house the principal supports yet. I am a fan of the colour green, yellow is sunshine and red (and white) are part of the Sydney Swans and Dragon's uniform. These are all important considerations – hmmm.

Next week - The school's spelling bee starts. I hope Years 7 and 8 have been revising the words in the newsletter in readiness. Snake Tails will be visiting the school; Years 7-10 will be given the opportunity to learn about reptiles. Additionally, students are taught about what to do when meeting uninvited guests in the wild and how to treat bites if they occur. Important skills for country kids.

New subscription to online study skills handbook

Our school has recently subscribed to the *ELES Study Skills Handbook*. This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns as well as learn new ways to improve students' results at school. The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as lots of interactive activities, multimedia experiences and useful resources. More information in coming weeks about access and use of the site.

Enjoy your week.

Ian Pattingale

Principal



Year 7 History spent time in the Library researching the Narrabeen Man.

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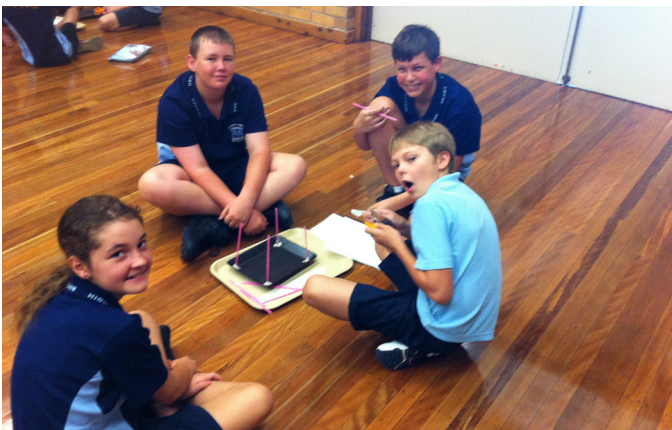
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Year 7 Technology



Year 7 technology spent the first two weeks of their class time learning in teams and developing an understanding of the design process and how it is used to solve a problem or meet a need. The students were set the brief of building a tower out of paper, straws and masking tape. The challenge was to build the tower as high as possible, yet still make it strong enough to hold the greatest mass. The students experimented with different ideas and solutions and with much excitement and anticipation each of the finished towers were tested by adding varying weights to the top of the tower. Our champion tower builders were Niamh Mitton, Angus Troth, Jayden Southwell and Bridgett Scott whose tower held 3kg. The students finally evaluated their towers, considering design, structure and materials and everyone had plenty of ideas on how they could improve on a future design.

In technology classes over the next two years, students will have the opportunity to apply the design process many times through designing and creating their projects.



Junior State Debating Competition

On 28 November 2016, I flew from Parkes to Sydney to compete in the Junior State Debating Competition with other members of the Western Region Junior Debating team who I have only met once. Lin Eccleston, the Western Region Debating Coordinator, met myself, Josephine, Mikayla and Swastika at the airport. From there we went to Sydney University Women's College, where our accommodation and debates were held. We dumped our luggage there and went walking around Newtown mainly to get chocolate from Max Brenner. We then walked back to the Women's College to get into our uniform and conduct our first debate.

Over the three days we conducted various debates on the topics education, sport, politics and law and order. The sub-topics being that any sport and extra-curricular activities should go towards the HSC (negative), that there should be an equal amount of broadcasting of men and women's sport (affirmative), that all Australians should, before they vote, take a test on politics and democracy (affirmative), and that under 18's should never be imprisoned (affirmative). Our team, unfortunately lost all four debates, but the adjudicators and Lin were all impressed with our ability to debate and how much we had grown since our last debates in Molong. I really enjoyed the debating, it was a great experience and I learnt many skills from watching the debates, as well as being in the workshops, I can now apply those skills into my own debating here at The Henry Lawson High School.

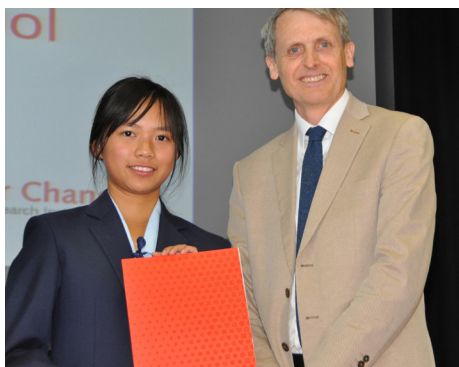
I would like to say a big thank you to Lin Eccleston, Mr Lynch, the P&C, The Henry Lawson High School and the community for the support and encouragement they gave me to make this competition happen.

Paige Hughes



Last year I received a Victor Chang School Science Award along with recipients from other schools in regional NSW. The award ceremony was held at Dubbo College with students being presented their awards before their teachers, families and friends. Awardees are nominated by teachers and principals to encourage students that achieve high distinctions in science and mathematics to consider a career in science in the future. Part of the prize was the opportunity to visit the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute in Sydney. I travelled to Sydney and visited the institute in December. One of the professors delivered a lecture about medical science, the research conducted at the institute and how research changes peoples lives everyday. After the lecture, one of the researchers took us to their research lab to show us through some of the things they do. It was an eye-opening opportunity which taught me much about scientific research.

Yonyan Xia



**FRIDAY
10TH
MARCH 2017**

**LEGENDARY AUSTRALIAN
SINGER / SONGWRITER
IN CONCERT & CONVERSATION**

**AN EVENING WITH
JOHN SCHUMANN
& FRIENDS**

EX REDGUM LEAD SINGER/SONGWRITER,
I WAS ONLY 19, I'VE BEEN TO BALI TOO etc.

"John Schumann is one of the
finest songwriters this country
has produced. He changed the
way our country thinks."

7:30PM **TICKETS \$30**
BOOK EARLY
AT THE GRENFELL COUNTRY CLUB
AND GRENFELL SHOES

GRENFELL COUNTRY CLUB
GOOLOONG RD, GRENFELL
NEW SOUTH WALES

Lawson's Legacy



Monday Writing Group

Is your Year 7 or 8 student interested in creative writing? Or do they just want to become a better writer?

Every Monday afternoon, during the school term, a group of motivated kids meet at the old CWA rooms near the Post Office to learn about writing and to create writing pieces. These may be short stories, poems, song lyrics, scripts or speeches. The aim is to try something new each term. This term we are focussing on song lyrics as our visiting author is John Schumann, ex-Redgum lead singer and composer of the classic song, *I was Only Nineteen*.

Each year we publish the pieces written by students for the Henry Lawson Festival June long weekend. The aim of the Lawson's Legacy writing group is to promote a love of language and to also foster a desire to write well.

If your student would be interested in joining the group, the costs are paid each term, usually for a 9 week period, at \$15 per session. (\$15 x 9 = \$135). Please give Cath a call to discuss other payment options.

Location: old CWA rooms - time: 3.30 to 5.00pm (one and half hour sessions).

Afternoon tea provided.

Cath Sullivan, coordinator of Lawson's Legacy, was an English/history teacher for twenty years and has always been passionate about creative writing.

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2017 THLHS Spelling Bee

Spelling is important because autocorrect is not always write!

To raise awareness of the importance of spelling, and to encourage our students to become more active in improving their spelling, we are going to be running a spelling competition for all students in Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8) during this term.

ROUND ONE WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2017.

Round one word lists have been designed with a range of words, across all key learning areas, to suit a range of spelling abilities. In this way we are hoping that all students will achieve some level of success and encourage all students to have a go.

We encourage parents and students to work together in preparation for the spelling bee. There are two initial rounds, which will lead to the Spelling Bee Championship in week 10. This is designed to be a fun and inclusive activity with merits and prizes for students who challenge, encourage and achieve.

A variety of approaches can be quite effective, from look/cover/write, to word jumbles and games. Please encourage regular practice for students to be best prepared.



equipment	fitness	packaging	algebra	painting
school	balance	timber	isosceles	ceramics
copper	discrimination	isometric	diameter	structure
utensil	responsibilities	interview	simultaneous	latitude
energy	harassment	career	adjacent	science
manufacturing	muscles	division	equivalent	cultural
perishable	perishable	remainder	organic	indigenous
environment	refrigerator	symmetry	contour	inequality
celsius	utensil	denominator	palette	urbanisation
measure	spatula	millennium	sculpture	rhythm



Our last ordinary meeting before our upcoming AGM was extremely well attended. It was especially encouraging to welcome our new relieving principal, Mr. Ian Pattingale as he joined us for the first time. We are sure that Mr. Pattingale will agree that we are fortunate to live in a community in which our parents and citizens are passionate about making personal commitments to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of our high school and community.

THLHS P&C has achieved many positive outcomes in recent times. Plans are well afoot to continue with this momentum. At last Tuesday night's meeting a significant financial commitment was made towards supporting the upcoming visit to the school of *John Schumann and Friends*. John Schumann is the legendary Australian singer/songwriter of *Redgum* fame. The school visit is being coordinated by Cath Sullivan, founder and coordinator of Lawson's Legacy writing group. This visit has been confirmed as a fit with the school curriculum and is set to benefit students across a range of areas including academic - English, history, poetry, creative arts, music and specifically songwriting. It is important to our P&C that we foster strong relationships between the school and community and we are proud to be able to sponsor this school visit. We hope that the students will enjoy the experience, and we thank Cath for creating this opportunity for our school and community.

Our upcoming street stall date is March 10 2017. This street stall kicks off our fundraising efforts planned to support our festival queen entrant Vanessa Knight. This will be held at our usual spot, outside the local IGA. The P&C would be grateful for any donation of goods, be it cooking, handicrafts, plants or other creative saleable goods. We are also putting a call out for volunteers to man the stall in hourly sessions from 9am to 4pm. If you can help, please contact Carly Brown or Helen Carpenter via our Facebook page at The Henry Lawson High School P & C or email henrylawsonhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au to confirm your interest in helping out.

The P&C would also like to announce that, in conjunction and with support from the school, we will be hosting the NSW P&C Federation Far West Electorate Forum. These forums are held once a year and are a great opportunity to attend, discuss, and learn about new initiatives being implemented by the federation; they are also a good networking opportunity to learn from and with other P&C associations across our electorate. The electorate covers one third of the state and includes 270 primary and secondary schools associated with public education. Our P&C has benefited directly from attending previous forums by way of the establishment of a *Social Media Policy* and the creation of our successful Facebook page. Attending these forums also saw us implement the *Student Scholarship Program* which offers monetary support to students who represent our school at NSW state level. The Far West Electorate Forum is being hosted by THLHS P&C on Tuesday 4 April from 10.30am to 1pm. All P&C executive and members from across the Weddin Shire are invited to attend.

In other news, our *Community Quilt Project* which celebrates the 60th annual Henry Lawson Festival of Arts and the 150th anniversary of Lawson's birth on the goldfields of Grenfell is well under way. It is intended that we draw the community quilt raffle on the June long weekend 2017. This is also a fundraiser for our festival queen. Our aim is to have the quilt complete by 10 March, so that we can launch ticket sales at our street stall. Many hands make light work, or cosy work, as the quilt will be. There are two more sewing days planned, 18 February and 4 March, from 10am to 3pm at the high school. All sewers and non-sewers are invited to attend. We have many ways in which attendees can be involved.

Important message: at Mr. Pattingale's request to the February meeting of the P&C, a motion to change our 2017 ordinary meeting day was put. A vote in favour was subsequently passed. The following change should be noted:
P&C meetings will now be held on the second Monday of the month in the high school library for the duration 2017.

Our next ordinary meeting date and AGM is Monday 13 March.

All are welcomed to attend.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week commencing 13 February

Monday	Rae Dawson
Tuesday	Ann Best
Wednesday	VACANT
Thursday	Veronica Hazel
Friday	VACANT

Captains Cup Round 1 Points Table

Pool 1	Ladder				
	Rank	Comp Points	For	Against	Differential
Lehane 1	6	1	1	11	-10
Lehane 2	3	5	4	3	1
McNamara 1	1	6	7	1	6
McNamara 2	5	3	4	4	0
McCabe 1	2	5	4	1	3
McCabe 2	4	4	4	4	0

Pool 2	Ladder				
	Rank	Comp Points	For	Against	Differential
Lehane 3	6	0	0	11	-11
Lehane 4	5	1	1	7	-6
McNamara 3	4	3	3	6	-3
McNamara 4	3	4	7	4	3
McCabe 3	1	8	8	0	8
McCabe 4	2	8	8	1	7

Pool 3	Ladder				
	Rank	Comp Points	For	Against	Differential
Lehane 5	1	8	11	5	6
Lehane 6	3	6	13	10	3
McNamara 5	6	0	3	15	-12
McNamara 6	5	1	6	10	-4
McCabe 5	4	3	11	9	2
McCabe 6	2	6	13	7	6

Read all about it!

Welcome back to the new school year. Just added to our collection is *Iron Mac: the legend of roughhouse cyclist Reggie McNamara* - a fabulous biography of the very same Reggie that our McNamara House is named in honour of. Born in the Grenfell district in 1887, Reggie was the ninth child of Timothy and Honora McNamara. He grew up here but later moved to the USA to pursue his sporting ambitions, and was to become known as a legend in the sport of cycling.

One famous story regarding Reggie was the time he went out rabbit-chasing with a few of his brothers (and sling shots). They'd chased one into a rotten, hollow log and Reggie offered to poke around inside in order to scare the rabbit out, but instead felt the bite of a snake's fangs on one of his fingers.

Far from home and concerned for Reggie's survival, the older brothers decided there and then that the finger had to come off. Reggie noted that from this time on, he understood pain, as he bravely allowed his brothers to cut through flesh and bone with a simple hunting knife.

Read all about it in *Iron Mac: the legend of roughhouse cyclist Reggie McNamara*, now available from your school library.

