



LAWSON'S LATEST

THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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EIGHT YEARS STRAIGHT!

Last Tuesday, a group of Year 9 and 10 students, along with Mrs Kuhn and Mr Robinson, travelled to Young to compete in the regional Science and Engineering Challenge. We all arrived nervous and excited for the day to come and for the challenges that were sure to arise during the day. After a brief introduction from the coordinators from the University of Newcastle, we got stuck into our assigned activities which included: ElectraCITY; Confounding Communications; Grasping at Straws; Helter Skelter Shelter; Stringways; Catapult; Mission to Mars and the Bridge.

The half day challenges got underway very quickly - ElectraCITY, Stringways, Grasping at Straws, Helter Skelter Shelter and Confounding Communications. With good teamwork, clear communication and thoughtful ideas, our two Helter Skelter Shelter teams and the morning Confounding Communications team received a first place for their remarkable efforts. It was also at the ElectraCITY, Stringways and Grasping at Straws challenges that the students excelled coming second in all three. Meanwhile, the teams with the full day activities were working very hard to create effective plans for their activities, which they could execute well in the time they had. The catapult team constructed an innovative catapult which managed to hurl the ball the furthest with 20 metres, however accuracy wasn't its strong point during testing, but this didn't affect the placings too much. The Mission to Mars group worked on and perfected their Mars Rover, conquering the course in an incredible 9.8 seconds, earning them a first place. Then came the most anticipated part of the day: the bridge testing. During the day, the bridge team had been creating a bridge that was both strong and light, which proved to be a challenge indeed. When it came to the testing at the end of the day, we were in first place, but only by about 50 points, and we knew this could all change with the bridge. The bridge was definitely not the lightest but it turned out to be the strongest, holding five ingots of weight, which was enough to secure us first place overall for the eighth consecutive year.

Well done to all the other schools that competed on the day and congratulations to The Henry Lawson High School team for their huge achievement and fantastic teamwork. Thank you to Mrs Kuhn and Mr Robinson for the wonderful day and for being so supportive throughout the challenge.

Newcastle, here we come!

Marie Knight



CHALLENGE, ENCOURAGE, ACHIEVE

What another great week of learning! The school assembly on Wednesday was a very positive affair. I was so proud to see the number of merit certificates presented, the science and engineering team presented the school with the trophy from the recent competition and Mr Barclay spoke about all the wonderful opportunities that have and will occur through the house points system. I was sitting on the stage amazed at how many activities the school has going and I was so delighted I just wanted to get up and cheer or start a school war cry ... I think I will need some practise first.

Last weekend Caitlin Dixon represented the school in the Lions Youth of the Year competition. Caitlyn was required to participate in interviews, give a prepared speech and give two impromptu speeches. The two-minute impromptu questions were based on the government's banning of greyhound racing and student opinion on uniform in school or work. Caitlin's prepared speech was on the topic of resilience. The judging panel was astonished by the quality of responses given by the competitors. Well done Caitlin and thank you for representing our school and community to a very high standard.



Wednesday this week was P&C Day. There is not an enough praise I can give the parents and community members who volunteer to help with P&C events; the support the P&C provides the school, and extra opportunities they provide our staff and students, is fantastic. Our school is certainly very fortunate to have a very active and hardworking P&C. As I said last week, students need their parents/carers as much today as the day they began kindergarten. One way to be involved is to find a way to participate in and support the P&C.

Year 11 took part in the RYDA program on Tuesday. RYDA is designed to provide practical and powerful workshops to change the way young people think about road safety. I'm sure the program raised awareness of their responsibilities as drivers and the serious consequences that may occur when these are not met. I must add, when I looked at the picture

on the school's Facebook account, I firstly noticed a group of students whose uniform stood out. Well done Year 11 on your exceptional uniform on the day. It was certainly noticed and commented on by the RYDA staff.



Wow is the word for our science and engineering team. They travelled to Young last Tuesday and returned from the competition victorious once again. Our eighth consecutive win! This achievement reflects greatly on the skills of both the staff and students of THLHS; what a fantastic effort.

The school *Welcome to Year 7* social is on next Monday. These are enjoyable events on the calendar. They are fun to be part of, spending time dancing and hanging together, getting to know each other in an 'out of class' setting. I encourage all students to attend.

Thursday saw a game of cricket for the boys open team. While we had some flashes of excellence, unfortunately the score didn't go our way. Congratulations to the team on their good sportsmanship and attitude.

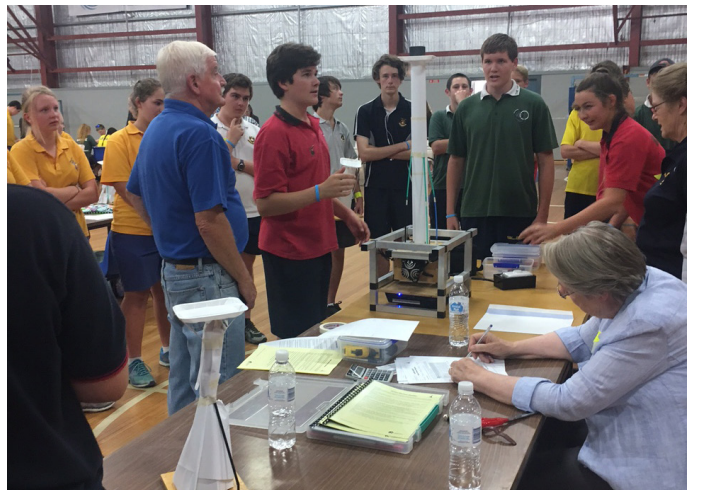
This Sunday at 12 noon *Landline* on the ABC is reporting on the recent Canberra visit by the HEYWIRE competition winners. Year 12 student Yongyan Xia, who attended as one of those winners, will appear. If you have time, tune in and have a listen to the exciting ideas the students have come up with.

Out and about with the principal; spent some time this week with the Stage 5 agriculture class who are preparing for the Dubbo Show. The students have begun training the school sheep for the handling class. This requires them to handle and perform moves which demonstrate to the judges the best qualities of the sheep. Very early stages yet - the sheep are still a little free spirited, but will soon learn to respond to student directions. All good fun!

Have a great week :)

Ian Pattingale

Principal



Local students star in *Broadway on Rose*

Year 7 students Katie Knight and Charlie Allen recently starred in the Grenfell Dramatic Society's production *Broadway on Rose*.

After months of practise and rehearsals, the local production was performed to the public last weekend.

Congratulations to Katie and Charlie; sure a Tony Award or an Oscar is just around the corner!



HOWZAT!

Year 12 student Hamish Starr recently competed at the CHS cricket carnival as member of the Opens Western Region cricket team.

Playing four games over four days, Western Region successfully won two games. Hamish amassed over 60 runs, took one wicket, three catches and a run out.

From this carnival, Hamish was selected as a shadow player for the opens NSW CHS cricket team to play against CIS and CCC teams later this year.

Congratulations Hamish!



2017 Spelling Bee – Round 2

Not long now until round 2 of the spelling bee. Students have been given their new spelling list and we hope they have been practising their words. Round 2 will be held next week.

This round there are only 25 words and we encourage students and parents to practise their lists at home. Ideas for practising include: the look, cover write method; word games such as boggle, homemade find-a-words, and on the spot quizzes. The spelling bee is designed to improve student spelling across the curriculum, whilst being a fun and interactive activity by which students have the opportunity to access merits and awards for their achievements.



Attention Years 7, 11 and 12: 2017 NSW School Vaccination Program

Each year NSW Health works with schools to offer vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

In 2017, the following vaccines will be offered to all **Year 7** students:

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months
- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (dTpa) as a single dose
- Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose

Parent Information Kits have been distributed to Year 7 students to pass on to parents/guardians. **Please sign and return consent forms to the school office as soon as possible.**

The first scheduled vaccination will take place on the morning of Thursday 23 March.

Dates for the remainder are yet to be advised. Note, if your student has had chicken pox, or has already received the vaccination, there is no need to have the Varicella vaccine.

In addition, this year, the NSW Government will also fund a new school-based meningococcal vaccination program for all **Year 11 & 12** students, due to take place on **Thursday 25 May**. *Parent Information Kits* will go home in April.



Street Stall

Friday 10 March

The P&C will be holding its first fundraising event for 2017 on Friday 10 March; this will also be our first fundraising event for our festival queen entrant, Vanessa Knight.

If you are able to help on the day, or you are able to provide a donation of cooking, craft, plants etc. please drop these to the school on Thursday 9 March, or bring to the stall on Friday morning. If you are able to assist on the stall for an hour or so, please contact Helen on 0428542708.

This event will see us launch sales for our commemorative community quilt raffle.

P&C AGM

Monday 13 March

6.45pm meet and greet

7pm AGM in library

8pm ordinary March meeting

The meet and greet is to celebrate P&C day, which falls on the first Wednesday of March and is a way of saying thank you to parents and caregivers, but also a way to welcome new parents to the school who are possibly attending their first P&C meeting in an informal environment.

All positions on the executive will be declared vacant. We will be hoping to fill the following positions on the night:

President

Vice President x 2

Secretary

Treasurer

Sub-committees - canteen and uniform, fundraising.

So if you are interested, please come along and be involved in supporting our lovely, dynamic school.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week commencing 6 March

Monday	Kelli Thomson-Jones
Tuesday	Lisa Day
Wednesday	Lyn Hucker
Thursday	VACANT
Friday	VACANT

Year 9 English

Year 9 English assessment task

Writing Portfolio: *Language in Context*

Due date: 8 March 2017 (please note change).

SRC NEWS

Year 7 Social

The SRC are hosting the term 1 social on Monday 6 March. The theme is **Glow in the Dark**, so come dressed up for the occasion. Tickets are \$3 with Year 7 students free. Prizes for best dressed will be awarded. See you there!

Henry's Hand Me Down's

Donations of school uniforms requested for *Henry's Hand Me Down's*: if you have any items of uniform that no longer fit, *Henry's Hand Me Down's* is looking for donations.

HEAD LICE

Recently there was a reported case of head lice at our school.

We ask that you please check your student's hair tonight for head lice and if you detect any, please commence treatment as soon as possible. Treatment options are available from the local pharmacy.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

Celebrating P&C Day

March 1 marked P&C Day, a time to celebrate the contributions of P&C Associations to school communities across the state. Here at The Henry Lawson High School, we are proud to have a supportive and proactive P&C, who volunteer their time and energy to support, promote and fundraise for our school and students. In 2016, our P&C donated in excess of \$9000 back to our school. Funding went towards refurbishing learning areas, technology for classrooms, student accident insurance, special school uniforms, and in a new initiative, assisted towards the costs involved for all students who represented our school in a Western Region team. With our P&C assisting in the funding of many of these projects, our focus is able to remain on the most important business of our school – providing the highest quality education for your student; this support makes a positive impact on your student's learning every day.

The staff and students at The Henry Lawson High School would like to thank all members of our P&C for the enduring support they provide to our school.

Please come and join us



P&C Federation

would like to invite your P&C Association to attend a forum
information session, hosted by
**Henry Lawson High School P&C
Association.**

When: Tuesday 4 April 2017

Where: Henry Lawson High School,
49 South St, Grenfell NSW 2810

Time: 10.30am- 1.30pm

Presented by P&C Federation

Topics: Roles and Responsibilities of a P&C Association

To attend please click [here](#) to register
or go to our webpage pandc.org.au
and click on Forums to register

By 5 pm Wednesday 29 March 2017

Light lunch and refreshments Provided

Grenfell Junior Rugby Union

Welcome back to another year of Rugby. Two major changes have been made to Southern Inland Rugby during the off season.

Our first news for the girls! We are excited to announce that this year we are looking to field teams in the newly established **VIVA** competition. **VIVA** is a seven-a-side touch Rugby game with age groups in under 10's, under 13's and under 16's. It is a fast-paced fun game for all ages and abilities. To see more, check out viva7s.com.au

Registration fees will be \$30 per **VIVA** player. This small charge is to cover the cost of the new jerseys.

The second is the change from odd age groups to even age groups. Whilst we will still be fielding an under 7's side (two handed touch), in 2017 we will also look to field teams in under 8's, 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's. All age groups from under 8 and above will be tackle. Registration fees will be \$60 per player this year with new registrations FREE!

All new players will need to bring their birth certificates and Medicare card for our records. All players will receive a free pair of socks and shorts.

A family friendly option, junior Rugby enjoys the flexibility of playing two games every second Sunday, leaving parents and players free to enjoy other things on the free weekends. School holidays are also free of any Rugby commitments.

Our first registration day will be held on Wednesday 8 March at 6:00 pm at the Rugby club grounds. We will be having a game of touch with the boys and VIVA with the girls. All are invited to come down and try Rugby or VIVA with no obligation to register, followed by a free sausage sizzle.

So come and get involved in another fun year of Rugby.

For more information, please contact Liz Robinson on 0427227817.



Grenfell Junior Soccer

Registrations will be held Wednesday 8 March and 17 March 3.45 - 5.00pm at Grenfell Public School to access the computers for registration. Alternatively, Saturday 1 March at the Henry Lawson Oval 10 - 11.30 am.

Fees are:

\$70 for players aged 6 - 9

\$95 for players aged 10 - 17

(There will be a family discount for families with three or more children)

Training will be on Wednesday afternoons and commence 29 March.



Grenfell Junior Rugby League
Training starts Tuesday 14 March 2017
Lawson Oval 5:30PM

Training starts Tuesday 14 March 2017 at Lawson Oval, 5:30pm.

To participate in training you MUST be registered.

Registration fees

New player rego fee: FREE

Returning player early bird fee: \$31.00 (available to 28 Feb, 2017)

Returning player full fee: \$51.00 (fees include \$1.00 processing fee).

More information is on the club's Facebook page or go straight to the website and click on:



If you have any questions or need help with the registration process please contact Grenfell JRLFC: Isabel Holmes, grenfelljrl@hotmail.com or M: 0400 395 318 OR register online: google Grenfell JRL, click on contact details – Grenfell JRL – sports TG that will take you straight to the page with the BIG ORANGE DOT. OR come to the oval on Tuesdays and have a chat to the coaches and committee members

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