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Legendary Singer/Songwriter Visits The Henry Lawson High School

On Friday 10 March, John Schumann, ex-lead singer/songwriter from *Redgum*, visited The Henry Lawson High School and was very excited to do so. As the Year 7-10 students discovered, John is a very keen fan of Henry Lawson, so much so that he joined with other great Australian artists, such as Shane Howard from *Goanna*, Robbie Hirst from *Midnight Oil* and Russell Morris, to produce an album of Lawson's songs. John spoke to our students about Lawson and the adversities he faced during his life as well as his significance as a prominent Australian writer.

John also talked about his own iconic song, *I was Only 19*, backgrounding the Vietnam War and how that influenced the creation of this song. An early film clip was played, back when John had darker and longer hair, and these visuals helped students understand the issues in the lyrics. He answered student questions and hopefully left them with the awareness that attending a school named for Henry Lawson is certainly a powerful thing.

John then spent time with the school band discussing musicality, the 'feel' and 'groove' of music. Again students asked questions and he was impressed with the quality of these. He explained his musical background, how he moved from being a drummer to a guitarist, as it was much easier to lug a guitar around. John had no formal training, but that didn't stop him from teaching himself how to create songs. The theme of his interaction was that music is wonderful and to be able to make his living from writing and playing has been an absolute privilege, but even if the students play solely for themselves that is a very pleasing result.

John visited the school library to sign a copy of the picture book version of *I was Only 19*, which was presented to him by Year 8 students Tom Hazell and Bailey O'Loughlan.

On Saturday, a group of almost twenty students took part in a free two and a half hour song writing workshop at the Grenfell Hub with John and his two friends, Rohan Powell (guitarist) and Ian 'Polly' Politis (keyboards). The three musicians played excerpts from songs and explained their song writing processes for lyrics and music. John gave the young writers some handy hints on creating effective word play in songs, based on his experiences. The workshop, which was as great as the previous night's concert, ended with a live version of *I was Only 19*.

This was a one-off opportunity to have such a legendary Australian song writer visit Grenfell. Thank you to the P&C for their financial assistance as their contribution was greatly appreciated. Now, when students hear a John Schumann song on the radio it will have far greater significance, and maybe a few may even dust off a copy of Henry Lawson's verse or short stories and have a read.



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From the principal.

Another fantastic full week of learning at THLHS this week! Last Friday John Schumann visited the school and spoke with students from Years 7-10. He spoke about his own life and the experiences that lead him to write many of his songs. Part of this was reflecting on our daily lives and what he believes it means to be Australian. John's connection to Grenfell is strong through his musical interpretation of some of Henry Lawson's poems. Students enjoyed hearing about John's own personal history, with many asking questions of John at the end of his presentation. Thank you again to the P&C for supporting this local Grenfell initiative and also to Cath Sullivan for organising his visit to the school.

Last Monday and Tuesday our Year 7 students, with Year 10 peer mentors, travelled to Wyangla Dam for the Year 7 Camp. There was a buzz of excitement around the school as students lined the footpath in anticipation of the many activities that lay ahead, all orchestrated by the expert camp coordinators, Mrs Griffiths, Mr McKnight, Mrs Kuhn and Mrs Troth. I had the pleasure of attending the camp on day two, which started with a digital treasure hunt around the local area. I reflected whilst climbing up and down the nearby hills with Year 7, about how much county kids enjoy just running around, having a good time and enjoying the outdoors. For the remainder of the morning Mr McKnight involved the students in many games designed for enjoyment, strategy and the development of teamwork. One game, 'wasp', reminded me just how important it is to exercise your lungs on a regular basis. I enjoyed my time with Years 7 and 10, and their faces told the story of just how valuable, important and memorable these experiences are for our students.

Year 9 visited the *Spirit of ANZAC* exhibition in Orange on Tuesday. Taking many workers seven days to build the exhibition, the hi-tech displays worked seamlessly with technology to make the experience very rewarding. The exhibit is free and I encourage anyone going to Orange or looking for an activity for the weekend to take the time to visit.



Spelling bee round 2 was conducted last Friday. Congratulations to all students in Years 7 and 8 for your participation. Your effort and improvement is the true winner; well done! The final round will be held soon. Who will be the overall spelling champion?

Parent/teacher interviews will be held on Monday 20 March. Education is a partnership between the school, parent/carers and the student. Taking time to come and discuss your student's learning is money in the learning bank. The discussions held at these meetings help us all to develop a common understanding of the educational requirements of our students; any insight

gained about a student's learning by a teacher or parents is like compound interest, it is repaid over and over again, day after day. Please take the time to attend. If you are unable to do so, please call the school to make alternate arrangements.

Congratulations to our state swimming representatives Tom Robinson and George Mitton. All our representatives at the Western Carnival swam their best with many PB's achieved. Tom and George were presented with their P&C sports award at the school assembly on Wednesday. Thank you P&C for supporting our talented athletes.



Our P&C held their AGM last Monday. The secretary's position is still vacant, so if you're interested, please contact Carly Brown. Tickets are now on sale for the fabulous quilt made by the P&C. The goal is to sell 1200 tickets which will raise over \$2000 dollars for the school. Please help the P&C reach this goal by buying or selling tickets.

Next week the Buckley Shield boys and open netball girls are in action. Captain's Cup has reached the final series. Which will be the victorious house? I wish all our students the very best.

Thank you Stewart House. Recently, three Henry Lawson students had the opportunity to participate in the Stewart House program. Each year 1,800 public school students attend this 'school away from school' near Curl Curl Beach. During their 12 day stay students participate in educational programs and excursions which aim to inspire students by offering experiences that are difficult for country kids to access. Meals, accommodation, transport and entertainment are all provided at no cost to students. Then there are expenses such as staff salaries etc., all funded by donations to Stewart House. These costs amount to some \$3.8 million each year. To help support this worthwhile cause go to:

<https://www.stewarthouse.org.au/> and click on the get involved menu to make a donation.

Enjoy your week.

Ian Pattingale

Principal

Year 7 Vaccinations

Community health workers will visit school this Thursday 23 March for round one of the vaccination program. If you have not already completed and returned your student's vaccination consent form, please do so ASAP (i.e. **URGENTLY**).



P&C Major Raffle

The Henry Lawson High School P&C are thrilled with the results of their patchworking efforts. P&C members, along with members of the Grenfell community have donated many hours of their time to make this stunning queen size quilt.

Made to support the fundraising efforts of their Henry Lawson Festival Queen entrant, Ms Vanessa Knight, the quilt will be the P&C's major raffle for 2017.

Tickets are \$2 each and may be purchased from the high school office. The lucky winner will be drawn at the Henry Lawson Festival.

Please support your P&C and purchase your tickets in this beautiful quilt.

CANTEEN ROSTER Week commencing 20 March

Monday	Keryl McCann
Tuesday	Sandra Hughes
Wednesday	VACANT
Thursday	VACANT
Friday	Beth Knight

Vale Monica Diprose

Longer serving staff members of The Henry Lawson High School were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Monica Diprose (nee Lafavre) of 'Elon', Greenethorpe.

Born in the Netherlands and one of five daughters, Monica came to Australia with her family when she was just eight years old. In 1966, following her graduation with a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education from the University of New England, Armidale, she began teaching at The Henry Lawson High School. Shortly thereafter Monica met, and later married, local farmer Ralph Diprose. She put her job on pause to raise her children, Belinda, Alanna, Melanie and son Mark. All four were students of The Henry Lawson High.



As the children grew, she was able to volunteer at the Greenethorpe Public School library, cataloguing their resources, and later rejoined the paid work force as a casual teacher. Monica covered my position as teacher-librarian on both occasions I took maternity leave.

The school extends its sympathy to the Diprose family at this time.

Ms MLynch
Teacher-librarian

Teachers Noel Stonham, Moncia Diprose, Bob Southwell, Marcia McFayden and Ken Terry at THLHS Rose Street.

Parent Teacher Interviews

20 March 4-6PM

If you are unable to attend and would like to make an appointment to see your student's teachers, please contact the school to arrange a suitable time.

Help needed!

The Henry Lawson High School will be running the annual athletics carnival on Friday 7 April. If you are able to assist on the day, please contact Mr Barclay.

History excursion - Spirit of ANZAC



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

Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales

It's not too late to register for Grenfell Junior Rugby Union!

It was great to see some new faces at registrations last Wednesday and some of our senior players taking on mentoring rolls with our new junior players. If you haven't been able to make it to a registration night so far, it's not too late. We will be having another registration night on Wednesday 22 March at the Rugby grounds. Come along and enjoy a game of touch and some light training, then stay for a sausage sizzle. Coaches and club executive will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. If you can't get there, that's OK. Contact Liz for a rego form.

Does the thought of travelling to games daunt you? Most games are no longer than an hour away from Grenfell with gala days being held in Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra, West Wyalong and Griffith during the season. A family friendly option, junior Rugby enjoys the flexibility of playing two games every second Sunday, leaving parents and players free to enjoy other activities things on free weekends. School holidays are also free of any Rugby commitments.

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

Registration fees for boys is \$60 per player with new players **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. Once registered, all players will receive a Brumbies membership card allowing them free admission to all Brumbies home games.

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.





Last Monday night saw the P&C hold their AGM and March ordinary meeting. All positions were filled at the AGM except for secretaries. The 2017 executive would like to acknowledge and thank the executive of 2016 for all their hard work.

Your P&C executive for 2017:

President: Carly Brown

Vice president: Cathy Gilbert; Cathy will also chair the canteen sub-committee

Vice president: Helen Carpenter; Helen will also lead the fundraising working group

Treasurer: yet to be accepted, but Ken Schaefer will fill this position

Year 12 farewell working group leader: Veronica Hazell

Canteen bookkeeper: Tristen Matthews

Canteen manager: Sonja Cotter; Sonja will also continue to look after the uniform shop

Your P&C needs you!

The secretary's position was not filled at the AGM. The secretary is responsible for:

- administration of the local association
- preparation of agenda in consultation with president
- preparation of minutes after meetings and distribution to financial member
- record keeping
- receipt and dispatch of correspondence
- carrying out decisions of the meeting, unless alternate is delegated
- collecting mail from the school.

The position entails roughly around half an hour a week and you will be fully supported. For further information please contact Helen Carpenter, out-going secretary, on 0428542708

Last Friday also saw our first fundraising activity for the year, also our first for festival queen entrant Ms. Vanessa Knight. We would like to thank everyone for their support of the street stall, especially Helen, Vanessa, Carly, Cathy, Heather, Rae, Sonja and Ian for looking after the stall, and those who donated goods for the stall.

Friday also saw us launch ticket sales in our major raffle, the beautiful queen size patchwork quilt. Tickets are \$2.00 each and the quilt will be drawn on Saturday of the June long weekend. Tickets are available from the school office.



Wool You Support us???

Soccer Club SHEEP DRIVE

Grenfell Soccer Club Inc. are raising funds to complete the construction of the clubs change rooms and toilet block.

This is a good opportunity for local growers to offload that old ewe or ram during this current dry spell and support our club. We anticipate a fair quality, mixed yarding with a few sheep lacking bloom.

During the month of March, we will be rounding up the mob to be sold in the first week of April. If you ewe wish to support this fine cause, please contact:

Shane Troth 0427 475312

This is some of last years flock of lambs who have all cut teeth and are ready to take on the next season.



WESTERN REGION SUMMER VOLUNTEER SPORTING SPIRIT AWARD

YOUTH + OPEN CATEGORY



The Western Regional Summer Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award is an opportunity to recognise volunteers who are the lifeblood of grassroots sport in country NSW.

Sporting club and association members are invited to nominate individual volunteer(s) or youth (25 years and under) who would be deserving of such an award.

To be eligible for the summer award the nominee must have been a volunteer with the club or association during the period from October 2016 to March 2017.

Nominations close on Friday 31 March 2017. Terms and conditions apply.

To nominate your volunteer, tell us in 150 words or less why your nominee is the most deserving volunteer. This might include the:

- Time they dedicate to the club, association or committee
- Positive attitude they demonstrate while volunteering
- Positive role model they provide to younger, and other club members
- Expertise and knowledge they bring to volunteering
- Encouragement they give to others in the club, association or committee.

In September 2017, there will also be an opportunity to nominate someone for the Winter Volunteer Sporting Spirit Award (for those who volunteer between April 2017 and September 2017).

Submit nomination online at
sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraward

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