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Camping out with Year 7

Last week Year 7 went on their first camp to Wyangala Dam; Year 10 tagged along with us, to help out with some activities, cooking and cleaning up.

When we arrived it was raining, so we unloaded the buses and ran into the hall to begin our activities including a smartie relay, tug-o-war, ball games and a scavenger hunt. It was fun. We had a nice lunch; yummy chicken sandwiches. When it stopped raining we went for a swim, which was a bit too refreshing, so then we headed to the showers to warm up. Sometime later we played mini Olympics in our peer mentor groups, there were lots of fun games such as, leap frog, equestrian and to list one more, the human relay. Later we went on a walk to Reception Rock. It had a super view of the dam; we took a few photos and everyone was eager to run down the hill back to the hall. We played another game called the priest of the parish. This game was really good to work on our teamwork skills. When we had enough of the game, we enjoyed dinner that the peer mentors had prepared for us. We were all excited because hamburgers were for dinner. After we had finished we played a challenging game of trivia, and when all brains were hurting we had a nice supper consisting of cookies, brownies and hot milo, followed by a good game of dodge ball. Not long after, we all set up our beds for the night.

In the morning we were woken up by flashing lights and some really loud music (which was not ideal). We were ready to start yet another great day! We had a bathroom trip and then breakfast. We then again found ourselves on a scavenger hunt, but this one was much more exciting as it was more difficult. We then had balloon relays and left the dam, heading to Cowra for lunch. We stopped at the park to have McDonalds, for about half an hour. Then it was time to go back to Grenfell. We had fun on the camp. Thanks to Mr McKnight, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Kuhn, Mrs Troth and all the peer mentors for a great day and night!

By Imogen Brenner & Niamh Mitton



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From the principal.

Thank you parents, students and staff for your fantastic attendance at our first parent teacher interviews for 2017. The teachers were very busy the entire time and it was great to see so many parents attend. Parent teacher interviews are always a very important part of student learning; the partnership between parent, students and teacher can never be underestimated. Any amount of information gained from these meeting can make a real difference to student learning. If you were unable to attend and would like to discuss your student's progress, please call the office to arrange a meeting time with staff.

Clean-up Australia Day is on this Friday. Great to be involved in this community event. Rubbish if left unactioned, can become a real issue for the environment and for our health. The school is always free of rubbish and I thank our students for taking responsibility for this. Well done.

The Buckley Shield Rugby league was washed out this week. It will be rescheduled very soon and Mr Barclay will let parents and students know of the change in date. Again, good luck.

The THLHS Chessnuts played against St Raphael's Cowra on Wednesday. The matches were very close. Our number one player Peter Armstrong gave the team a strong start with a good victory over his opponent. Number two Dylan King played out an enthralling stalemate in a match which could have gone either way. Sam Carpenter, our number three, was unfortunately checkmated early in his game, only to realise after the handshake that there was a move left on the board that could have saved his king. After the hand shake the players reset the board to the checkmate situation and were shown the missed moved. From here Sam went on to win the game. Unfortunately, the result cannot be reversed after the hand shake. Number four Frazer Ryder was representing THLHS for the first time in chess. The game was very even on points and both players jostled to take an advantage. His opponent gained an advantage late in the game, which was enough to take the win. Well done team! The team will play another round of the chess competition early next term.

Captain's Cup final was also washed out this week. The final round will be rescheduled to another day, probably next term as the remainder of sport this term is taken up with events leading up to the athletics carnival; this will be held on the last day of term 1.

Lookout for the teachers versus students volleyball game next week. Not sure about the previous results but the teachers team has gained the experienced volleyball coach from Cowra High School amongst its player roster. With several Western Region volleyball round wins to his credit, he is sure to make a stronger line up for the staff.

Our senior netballers are in action today (Thursday) in Orange at the WSSA netball opens division 2 knockout round. The squad has been training well at lunchtime under the watchful eye of coach Mrs Griffiths. Enjoy the games today.



From the staff and students of the THLHS I would like to wish Mr Dan Barclay and Miss Jordan Crutcher all the best for their wedding on Saturday. He has remained very calm and has shown no signs of nerves this week despite the weather and sport cancellations. Mr Barclay is an excellent teacher and I'm sure he will make a fantastic partner. You're a very lucky young lady Jordan.

Out and about with the principal this week; Stage 6 hospitality were learning about coffee this week. Some of the staff had the chance to sample the black gold on offer. I'm sure coffee is high on the list of crucial factors in the operation of a highly dynamic and successful 21st century school. I would like to say the coffee was really good (which it was) but in fear of not being offered another sample, I don't want to give out too much praise too early. I'm sure more practice is required before the students move onto the next unit of learning. Well done.

I also visited Mr Barclay's Stage 5 who are working on body systems. Students were broken into groups in order to develop a range of learning events. The events were structured to organise and show the key concepts they have learned (concept mapping) with revision questions using strategic questioning. The projects students were working on included creating video, Sway presentations, Quizlet and Kahoot quizzes. The idea is that the groups would then share to learn from each other now and in the future. Mr Barclay also showed me his strategic questioning soccer ball. The ball has many varied question prompts written on the faces of the ball. When a student catches the ball, they must ask questions based on the prompts that their finger is touching. Amazing kinetic activity coupled with a great learning habit from HOW2Learn.

Have a wonderful week

Ian Pattingale

Principal

Help needed!

The Henry Lawson High School will be running the annual athletics carnival on Friday 7 April. If you can spare a morning or afternoon or even the whole day to assist teachers to run events or time keep, please contact Mr Barclay.



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 27 March

Monday	VACANT
Tuesday	Carly Brown
Wednesday	VACANT
Thursday	Helen Carpenter
Friday	Jen Kelly

School contribution and subject fees

Families will soon receive notice of school contributions and subject fees for 2017.

To access the early bird discount for instrument hire and tuition, contributions must be paid in full by Friday 28 April 2017.

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website www.henrylawso-h.schools.nsw.edu.au by selecting *\$ Make a payment* and follow the prompts. **Other** is used to make a complete payment of a family Statement of Account.

When you access the *\$ Make a payment* you must enter:

- the student's name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the student's name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

PLEASE NOTE: this online payment system replaces the existing process where parents have made payments via their own bank's internet banking facility to the school. If you have been using this method to make payments to the school, please delete the school from your internet banking list of payees, to avoid accidentally making payments by this method.

THLHS DRAMA CLUB

As many know, Ms Higgs and Ms Wilkinson have recently put together a drama club and we will be putting on three plays on June long weekend. However, as we wish to channel our moderate budget into other aspects, we are asking for people to volunteer any clothes or fancy dress items you may have and are willing to loan. If you have anything from the list below, please label items with your name and hand it to Ms Wilkinson as soon as possible. Thank you.

White button-up shirt	Black bowtie	Vest x2
Top hat	Crown x2	Cape
Dark coloured (purple?) dress	Kerchief	White apron
'Gnome' hats x7	Baggy pants x8	Boots
White beard	Green cape/cloak	Brown boots x3
Pointy hat	White shirt	Cloak
Pretty, light coloured dress x4	Wings x3	Wand x3
Tiara	Flower crown x3	Long dark coat
Light sweater/Coat	Black slacks	Statement, flashy necklace
Dark coloured dress	Smart black dress shoes x4	Smart black dress pants x2
Red military-style coat	Fedora x2	Light dress pants
Black tie	Long overcoat	Fake cigarette
Navy blue pants	White jacket	Red sash
Pretty, blue gown	Light coloured ballet flats x2	Rag-like overalls/coat
Dark coloured dress	Blue dress	Hair accessories (eg. feathers)
Brown blankets	White pants	Brightly coloured, large feathers
Grey blanket	Billowing shirt (white)	Tight pants (light coloured jodhpurs??)
Traditional Snow White costume	Ill-fitting dresses x2 (big enough to fit Aiden Skinner and Frazer Ryder)	
Clunky high heels x2 (big enough to fit Aiden Skinner and Frazer Ryder)		

Careers News

Work Experience Opportunity

University of NSW is offering a week of work experience in their Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. This opportunity allows students to experience engineering projects first hand in practical applications across the city.

When: week 9, 19-23 June, 2017.

Applications close: 21 April, 2017 – see Ms McCulloch for details.

Year 11/12 Tertiary Awareness Day

Year 11 and 12 have been invited to tertiary awareness day, to held this year at Red Bend Catholic College. This is an opportunity to talk to all tertiary institutions in NSW & ACT about courses offered, entrance requirements and 'tertiary life' in general. Some other local industries and TAFE will also be represented, for those not interested in university.

When: Tuesday 2 May, 2017.

Cost: \$10.00

CSU MyDays

Charles Sturt University offer numerous MyDay opportunities for students in Years 11 and 12 to attend their various campuses focussing on specific courses. Please see the attached information and contact Ms McCulloch if interested.

ANU Girls in ICT Day

6 April 8.30am to 3.30pm.

Years 9 to 12 girls have the opportunity to speak with current university students, women in industry plus workshops.

<https://cecs.anu.edu.au/events/girls-ict-day>

ANU Girls in Engineering and Technology Program

19 July 8.30am to 4.00pm

Years 11 and 12 girls keen on an engineering or technology career. Register at:

<https://cecs.anu.edu.au/events/girls-engineering-and-technology-program-get-set>

UNI

University of Sydney Scholarships Year 12 Information Evening

20 June 6.00pm to 8.00pm

ABS auditorium

Abercrombie Street & Codrington Street, Sydney.

If you are a Year 12 student, join us on campus for a informative evening where current students and staff will answer the important questions on scholarships: What scholarships are offered at the University of Sydney? What does it take to submit a successful scholarship application? what are the broad range of opportunities available to scholarship holders? Representatives from our residential colleges and Elite Athlete Program will also be on hand to answer any further questions you may have.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/scholarships-information-evening-tickets-31743384317>

Spoken Word Poetry Performance @THLHS

The Henry Lawson High School is pleased to welcome Zohab Zee Khan to perform for all students in Years 7-10, on Monday 15 May, week 4 term 2. This will be a one-hour performance in the hall from 9:10am by the 2014 winner of the Australian Slam Poetry competition.

Zohab Khan is a multitalented spoken word poet, hip hop artist, didgeridoo player, harmonica beat-boxer and percussionist. His award-winning poetry is presented surrounded by music and rhythm, and his high-energy performance combines rap, slam poetry and freestyle improvisation with audience participation, encouraging the audience to develop techniques in self-expression.

Since 2006, Zohab has built a career in spoken word poetry, performing at festivals in over 20 countries across the world. His words have taken him to stages across Western Europe, South East Asia, China, Pakistan, the Middle East and the UK, and his first collection of poetry *I Write* reached best seller status within five months of its launch in 2015. As a 4th generation Australian of Pakistani heritage, and having been raised in rural NSW, Zohab has channelled his distinct life experiences into stories with the intent to educate.

Many aspects of this performance will have direct relevance to what will be happening in English classrooms at this time: Year 7 will be learning about public speaking; Year 8 will be writing and preparing to present their own performance poem; Year 9 will be about to start their study of voices in poetry; and Year 10 will be learning to critically examine the different cultural perspectives presented through texts. Consequently, we are encouraging all students Year 7-10 to attend. The school has made this easier by significantly subsidising the cost, meaning that students only need to pay \$3.00 each to take advantage of this great opportunity.

PLEASE NOTE: Through his poetry, Zohab confronts a range of social justice issues from racism to gender inequality and socio-economic disparities, and, as such, his performance contains strong political content. You can find out more by following Zohab on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or view his YouTube videos. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the English faculty.

ALL YEAR 7-10 STUDENTS: please pay your \$3.00 to the front office by Friday 5 May.



Healthy School Canteens and The Henry Lawson High School.

You may have recently seen or read material relating to the NSW Premier's Healthy Canteens Strategy. The strategy contributes to the Premier's priority, to reduce childhood overweight and obesity by 5%, by 2025. There is a timeline for implementation for the strategy, and schools must be prepared to develop self-assessment tools. By 2018, NSW canteens will be required to submit progressive reporting on the implementation of the strategy.

In a move which has put THLHS on the front foot with the strategy, our P&C canteen manager Sonja Cotter, and P&C canteen committee member Trudie O'Byrne, attended a healthy schools training seminar in Bathurst this week.

With around half of all school students buying their lunch at school at least once a week, school canteens can contribute to the Healthy School Canteens Strategy, by supporting healthy eating through a revised strategy focused on increasing the availability and promotion of healthy food and drinks in schools.

Canteen manager Sonja Cotter returned inspired after attending the new healthy canteen information day on Tuesday. Sonja believes we are ready to start making a few changes to our canteen menu. The basis for the new strategy is 75% everyday foods and 25% occasional foods. All this will become clearer in the up and coming months as the changes are implemented. I'm looking forward to receiving some positive feedback from our P&C, school staff and our students."

The P&C fully support the Healthy School Canteens Strategy. We hope to generate positive attitudes towards a Healthy School Canteen from within the school community. We also want to encourage interest and momentum amongst the student body and broader community.



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

Caragabal Public School

"From The Bottom Up" Wicking Boxes!



Caragabal students are starting their first small business. They are producing wicking boxes for sale in the local community. The boxes are an all inclusive kit that contain every material needed to build a self-watering garden system to grow plants, "from the bottom up". It's a great way to get children involved in growing and eating healthy food.

For more information including a video of how to make the boxes, their contents and how to order please visit our website:

<http://www.caragabal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/new-product>

or call us on 02 6347 5225

**WESTERN REGION
SUMMER VOLUNTEER
SPORTING SPIRIT AWARD**

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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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