



LAWSON'S LATEST

THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Around the grounds ...



Thimbull has a new home!

Have you wondered what happens to the Archibulls after the competition is over? Some head to the Royal Easter Show, some go on a road trip to rural shows and some take an office job.

We were thrilled to hear the news that *Thimbull* is now on display at the Director General, Department of Primary Industries, Mr Scott Hansen's office.

Thank you for looking after *Thimbull* for us.



And they're off and running in the 2017 cross country...

It was a glorious Wednesday afternoon, just the right sort of weather for a run or a stroll outdoors. See inside for all the winners and fun from the afternoon.

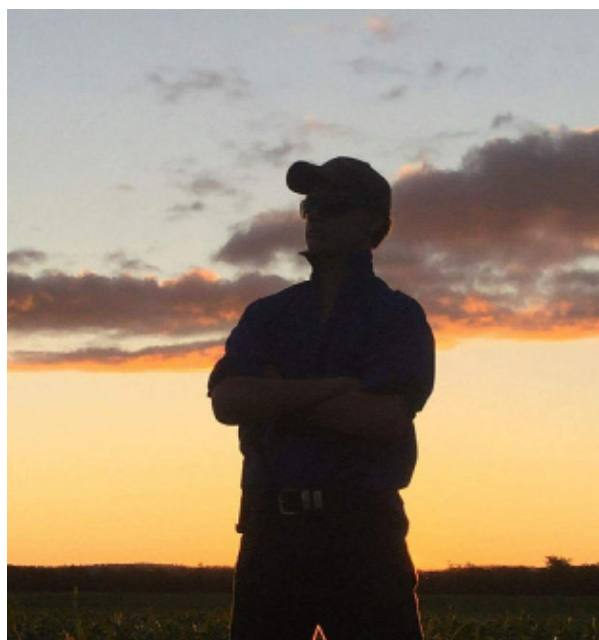
CHALLENGE, ENCOURAGE, ACHIEVE

Great photo Josh!

The HeadOn photo festival launch and awards were announced recently. Josh Carpenter was one of 40 finalists in the Australia-wide competition. Although Josh did not place, his photo will be part of a video slide show shown beside the winners at the Sydney Museum during the month of May. It will then tour as part of the HeadOn festival exhibition around Australia and overseas. Well done Josh on your excellent entry and achievement.

Festival results are out

We have had some very successful students in the poetry and short story sections of the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts. Prizes are awarded for first and second place then usually two pieces are highly commended. In the poetry section, George Mitton's entry *The Door* placed second and Sarah Knight's entry *For Times Like These* received a highly commended. In the short story section, Sarah Knight and Connor Day both received highly commended for their respective entries *The Photo Album* and *Safe Haven*. This year the competition had a record-breaking 375 entries in total for all sections. This makes the students' achievements even more remarkable. Thank you to Cath Sullivan for her ongoing support and development of our student writing ability.



NAPLAN

Our Years 7 and 9 students participated in NAPLAN this week. New national minimum standards for literacy and numeracy for HSC are now in place for our current Year 9. They can achieve these anytime up to five years after starting the HSC. NAPLAN in Year 9 is the first opportunity to meet new requirements. Don't stress. Many students will meet the new standard simply by maintaining consistent effort towards their studies over the next few years. If there are any concerns please contact Ms Jenny Bell or myself.

	2016		2015		2014		3 Year Avg	
NAPLAN Test	THLHS	State	THLHS	State	THLHS	State	THLHS	State
Reading	29.9	33.2	33.5	38.6	39.8	39	34.4	36.9
Spelling	35.5	33.8	42.9	31.7	50.3	34.7	42.9	33.4
Grammar/Punctuation	50.8	21.1	41.3	27.7	8.6	25.1	33.6	24.6
Numeracy	41.7	40.7	62.2	47.6	62.3	50.1	55.4	46.1
Average	39.5	32.2	45.0	36.4	40.3	37.2	41.6	35.3
							% of state	118%

Student growth data – the table below shows the average growth of all THLHS students in the various parts of the NAPLAN test for the past three years. The school performs very well in most areas of NAPLAN and on average across all areas our students growth results are approximately 20% better than the state average across all schools (Independent, Catholic and DoE schools).

Reading is an area that parents can assist with. Encourage your student to read. Peer reading is a good strategy by which your student reads aloud to you whilst cooking or any other activity. All parents need to do is listen, ask your student to retell the story (or part of the story) when finished and ask some questions. Begin your questions with the words “who”, “what”, “when”, “where”, “why” and “how”.

Why do you think ...? How were ... and ... alike? How were ... and ... different? What do you think would have happened if ...? What other solution can you think of for the problem of ...? What might have prevented the problem of ... happening? What are the strengths (or weaknesses) of ... ?

Three times per week for 10-20 minutes can make a significant difference. Reading speed, fluency and understanding is money in the learning bank and accelerates learning every day for the rest of your life.

This Week

Year 10 visited Lake Cowal as part of their studies for geography. From all reports the students really enjoyed the visit and will use the experience as part of their studies

Our P&C held their May meeting on Monday. Great to see a good turnout of parents. Parent involvement is a key ingredient to successful schools. I thank all the outgoing office bearers and welcome new secretary Raeleen Dawson and treasurer Ken Schaefer. If you have some time to support the ticket sales for the fantastic P&C quilt raffle please contact Raeleen or Helen Carpenter.

Next Week

Monday - spoken word poet

Wednesday – NRL Country Cup U15s Rugby League and league tag – Dubbo

Thursday – Cowra eisteddfod

Enjoy the week.

Ian Pattingale
Principal

Where are they now with Tom Lynch.

Hi, I'm Tom Lynch and I graduated from The Henry Lawson High School in 2008 (almost a decade ago)!

Whilst I was at school, I tried my hand at every sport that I could get involved in, especially cricket and Rugby. However, my biggest passion at school was music. I was a member of the school choir, band, and various musical projects with other students. During this time, I was CERTAIN that I was going to be a rockstar upon leaving school. Looking back, I do regret not joining the debate team (keep reading and you'll soon see why debating skills would have come in handy later down the track).

Although music will forever and always be my favourite subject, I had an absolute blast with both modern and ancient history. I was lucky enough to have two extremely passionate teachers in these subjects, and I truly think that understanding the past gives us a greater understanding of the present world around us.

I was also lucky (or not lucky) enough to have my whole family at the same school, including my sister and both parents, who you'll probably know as Mrs and Mr Lynch. Although this made it hard to misbehave, it did come in handy when I needed a few extra dollars for lunch money.

After taking a gap year following my last year at school, I decided to head north to Lismore to study a double degree in Law and Contemporary Music. The rockstar dream was still alive and well, but I thought I'd try my hand at a completely different discipline.

When I first started studying music and law I thought it was pretty black and white – one or the other – but I soon found there was a lot of overlap between the two areas, especially in intellectual property law and contract law. It didn't take long after that for me to realise that I wanted to develop my law skills and use them to help other artists and musicians in their commercial dealings and to protect their art.

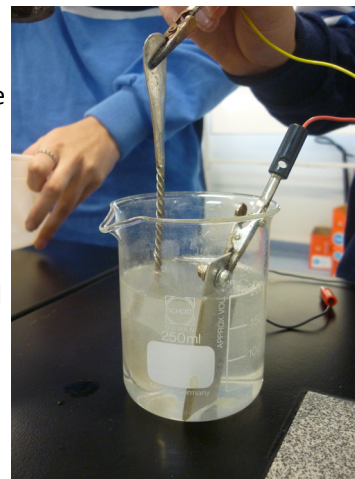
Currently, I am a lawyer at Kay & Hughes Arts & Entertainment Lawyers in Surry Hills, and every day I'm able to combine my passion music and art with my passion for the law. I really do love my work, and everyday presents a new challenge.

Some good advice I can give to anyone leaving school is that it's okay to not know exactly what you want to do. It's important to follow your instincts. So get out there and see what the world has to offer!



On Tuesday as part of our study of shipwrecks corrosion and conservation, the HSC chemistry students used the power of electricity and chemicals to clean tarnished silver. The results were amazing. The silver was coated in layers of tarnish caused by silver sulphide, a natural reaction. It was restored by placing the silver item in a beaker of diluted sodium hydroxide with a piece of steel connected to a transformer. The silver was connected to the negative terminal on the transformer and the steel was connected to the positive terminal.

Two reactions took place at the negative terminal: the silver sulphide turned into silver solid and sulphur solution $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}_{(s)} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow 2\text{Ag}_{(s)} + 2\text{S}^{2-}_{(aq)}$ and the water in the solution turned into hydrogen gas and hydroxide in solution, $2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_{2(g)} + 2\text{OH}^{-}_{(aq)}$. These reactions were taking place at the same time as the reaction at the positive terminal changing water to oxygen and hydrogen in solution, $2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} \rightarrow \text{O}_{2(g)} + 4\text{H}^{+}_{(aq)} + 4\text{e}^-$.



Cross Country - Run and Won!

The sun was shining and the birds were singing as our enthusiastic runners took to the cross country course on Wednesday. (Some may have lost some of the spring in their step when they hit the first hill on Quondong Road.) The competition was strong, with several age groups hotly contested. Congratulations to the winning house McCabe who were on a high after taking out Captains Cup and the athletics carnival.

McCabe
121 points

McNamara
97 points

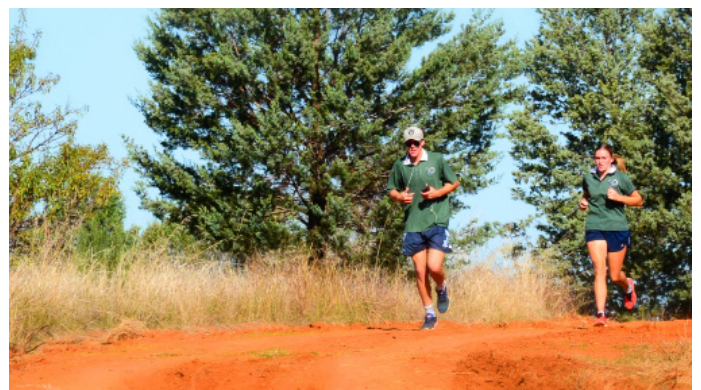
Lehane
81 points

Age
12/13
14
15
16
17
18

Girls
Anna Hunt
Faith White
Mea O'Byrne
Marie Knight
Zoe Gavin
Madison Knight

Boys
Oliver Taylor
Hugo Fenton
Thomas Robinson
Andrew Knight
Jarrad Wilson
Hamish Starr

Congratulations to all our age champions. Western Region Cross Country is just around the corner. We look forward to hearing the results of those who chose to go on.



Parent Online Payments (POP) temporarily unavailable

As part of our school's transition to the new finance and student management system, the 'Make a Payment' button on our school website will be temporarily unavailable for the upcoming week.

The 'Make a Payment' button will be available again from around 8:00 am on Monday 22 May.

Please contact the school on 6343 1390 if you need further information or assistance.

Only 14 weeks until our Science and Engineering Team head to Sydney to compete in their eighth straight state titles.

Mr Peter Warnke has generously donated a load of wood for the team to raffle as part of their fundraising efforts.

Tickets are available from the school, or see our team members at IGA on Saturday 13 May and after school on Friday 19 May.

\$2 a ticket.



Lake Cowal Conservation Centre

Last Monday, with a cold and frosty start, Year 10 travelled out to the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre to complete fieldwork relating to their geography studies.

The group were lucky enough to have a guided tour of the Cowal gold mines that highlighted the huge amounts of money, processing and labour that goes into producing one ounce of gold. Students were amazed by the size of the machinery and the depth of the mining pit.

They then went down to the lake foreshore to conduct some fieldwork tasks that will provide information for them to complete their assessment task. Fieldwork included transects, quadrants, soil and water testing, climatic conditions, field sketches and plant and animal adaptations.

Year 10 now have the task of collating their fieldwork findings into a report, making recommendations to council regarding a residential area on the lake's foreshore.

Year 10 would like to thank Mrs Hargraves, Mr McKnight, Mr Smith and Mrs Griffiths for organising the excursion. A good day was had by all.



Introducing *Gen-Eric!*

*There was movement at the station
For the word had passed around
That the bull named Gen-Eric had hit our town....*

Hot on the hooves of the news of Thimbull, our new Archibull arrived at school. Staff and students are already planning the theme for our 2017 Archibull project. We look forward to learning more about him as the months progress.



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.

ALL YEAR 7-10 STUDENTS: Last change to pay \$3 for the performance is Monday morning.

Years 11 and 12 vaccination reminder

All students in Years 11 and 12 have been provided with information packs and consent forms for the vaccine against meningococcal disease. Vaccinations will be administered on the morning of Thursday 25 May. Please return consent forms to school as soon as possible.

Silver MAD

Coming up on Tuesday 30 May will be our first silver merit award day for 2017, a hamburger lunch prepared by senior hospitality students. If you have five blue merit awards, hand them in to the school office ASAP. **Cut-off date to get your merits in will be Wednesday 24 May.**

GRENFELL SWIMMING CLUB NEWS

Grenfell Swimming Club AGM, Monday 15 May, 7.30pm, Aston and Joyce office. All welcome to help plan a great swimming season in the new pool.



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 12 May

Monday	Kelli Thomson Jones
Tuesday	Sandra Hughes
Wednesday	Lyn Hucker
Thursday	Jen Kelly
Friday	Cath Sullivan

Learning Centre

A Learning Centre is to operate in the library after school each Tuesday commencing week 4, Tuesday 16 May. The aim of the centre is to provide students with the opportunity to stay after school and work with teachers, fellow students on projects or in groups, and to access internet and printing facilities, as well as all library facilities.

Students will be responsible for directing their own learning during the time by choosing to work on any assessments or tasks they currently have due or simply make effective use of the time to complete homework or revise class notes. Students may choose to prepare for tests or exams. Rostered staff will be present to assist students with study ideas and techniques or on any task they are undertaking. Any student from year 7-12 is welcome to come and it is a great opportunity to establish the habit of making time to plan and revise their learning.

The library will be made available from 3.35-5pm. This enables students to have a quick break after period 5 before starting at 3.35pm. Student will also have the opportunity to break during the sessions. Students will be expected to remain for the entire time and will sign on at the beginning of the afternoon so that a roll is maintained. Students can decide week to week if they want to attend.

Please consider the value of this opportunity and if parents or students have any questions contact Ms Crossley at school.

BATHURST MYDAY ENGINEERING

**COME TO MYDAY AT CSU TO FIND OUT
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- Bachelor of Technology / Master of Engineering (Civil Systems)

With four years of paid work placement, workshops instead of lectures, projects in place of exams and our innovative and agile topic tree replacing semester long subjects, this unique degree is the most innovative undergraduate engineering degree in Australia.

Read more at:

<http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/engineering>

For the very first time, Year 12 students have the chance to gain **Early Entry** into CSU Engineering for 2018. To qualify, students need to register for MyDay and complete the Supplementary Application Form. Successful applicants will attend an interview at MyDay, for consideration of an Early Entry offer.

WHEN: Friday 9 June, 2017
9:30am – 2:30pm (approximately)

WHERE: Charles Sturt University
Panorama Ave, Bathurst

DRESS: Casual clothing. **Please note that closed in footwear is a requirement for participation in activities and entry into laboratories**

See your Careers Adviser for a Registration Form or register your interest at: csu.edu.au/myday

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SHOOSH

FOR KIDS WEEK

15-21 May 2017

If your comment is negative, then **SHOOSH!**

Reward good play by both teams with applause; if you can't then **SHOOSH!**

If your comment is directed at a referee or match official, then **SHOOSH!**

If your comment is directed at a player, then **SHOOSH!**

Show respect to players and game officials. **Remember it's their game.**



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Large print books

Our library has recently added a number of large print titles to our fiction collection and they range in genre from adventure, mystery, romance, fantasy and so forth.

Large print is not just a bigger font size that makes reading accessible for the visually impaired. It's also proven to improve letter and word recognition, aid reading comprehension, and increase feelings of confidence and satisfaction when reading.

But that's not all. Here are two more unexpected large print lovers:

- bouncing people: have you ever tried to read a 10pt font size from three feet away while exercising? It's really hard; next time you hit the treadmill, grab a large print book instead.
- tired people: digital eye strain occurs after two or more hours of digital device use. Tech addicts would be well-served to give their eyes a rest with the easy-reading large print format.

Large print improves reading speed and comprehension and is extremely effective in working with readers who are below their age reading level.

Reading larger print allows the eyes to relax more as they read, reducing eye strain. Eye strain can be linked to symptoms such as headaches, red eyes and dry eye, so keeping those eyes relaxed and healthy is an important goal.

