



# LAWSON'S LATEST

THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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## Around the grounds ...



### An argument worth having

Our senior debating team was in action last Wednesday. A strong junior team from previous years, they have moved through to the senior ranks and with plenty of silverware already in the cupboard, there is an air of excitement in relation to the 2017 competition. The team of Isabelle Hunter, Sarah Knight, Jessica Pereira and Paige Hughes debated against Parkes High School, taking the negative on the topic *That sponsoring of sporting events by gambling groups should be banned*. Our team came away with a convincing win. Well done to all involved.



### More eisteddfod success!

Congratulations to our dance ensemble on achieving first place at the Cowra Eisteddfod. The judges commented positively on costuming, staging and the overall high quality of the performance, achieving a mark of 90. This was the first stage performance for many new members of the dance troupe, and they acquitted themselves in a most professional manner.

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## Welcome to another wonderful week

### Show Champions

Another wonderful week at THLHS. The Dubbo Show team did tremendously well – congratulations to Stephanie Davies who achieved first in meat sheep junior judging, Taylor King, first place wool handling and second place wool sheep junior judging, Caitlin Stock, top 10 placed handler and Marie Knight who placed sixth in open (up to 25 years) meat sheep judging. Fantastic results, all students should be very proud of their efforts. Thank you to students, parents and staff that attended and helped with such a great excursion; well done!



### Dance the night away

Our school dance troupe were in action at the Cowra Eisteddfod on Thursday; another worthwhile experience, with students enjoying the action and prestige of performing before others on stage. The troupe performed very well, winning first prize. Thank you to former student Francesca Fenton for assisting with the choreographing and development of the routine, and to staff and students involved.

### Silver lined burgers

Wednesday saw our silver merit awardees receive a free hamburger lunch as reward for their efforts over a number of areas – academic, sporting, community and more. It's great to see so many students acknowledged via our merit system. Thank you to our senior hospitality students for providing such great burgers. So good ... some students needed to eat more than one.



### Netball Cup

Last week our Years 7, 8, 9/10 boys and 9/10 girls teams made it through to the next round of Netball Cup to be played in Orange later this year. Well done to all the teams.

### Rugby League

Our 17 years Rugby League team will be in competition on Friday at Forbes. I wish the players all the best and look forward to hearing about the results on Monday. Work hard and enjoy.

### Next Week

Our Year 7 and 8 debaters will be in action on Tuesday. The senior agriculture students are travelling to Forbes to look at farming enterprises in the area, including irrigation and feedlots. Our marvellous school band will compete at the Cowra Eisteddfod on Wednesday. Wishing all our students the very best.

### Henry Lawson Festival of Arts

The float for the festival is taking shape due the backbreaking work of Mr Robinson and Mr White. Just a reminder for parents, students have been informed of their roles for the float so please ask your student what needs to be done. Let the festival begin!

*A Parody of Fairytails* – our student drama club has been working hard for months preparing for their upcoming performance to take place on Sunday 11 June. Please come along at 1.00 pm to be a part of the audience - a not to be missed spectacle of talent and enthusiasm. Can't wait to see the performance, get in quick before tickets sell out!

### Principal's tip - procrastination

Do you ever find yourself procrastinating? You mean to start work on an assignment, but you just keep putting it off until it ends up being a mad rush the night before. Setting work targets with rewards at the end of the each completed step is a well-known strategy, but an example of a less commonly known technique is the *two-fer* concept. For this technique you have two tasks, one you don't mind doing and one you have been procrastinating about. Decide on a set period of time that you will work. During this time, if you have any trouble working on one task or reach a point where you have a bit of a mental blank, you should then switch to the other task and alternate between them. Of course, it is better to focus solely on one task but if this isn't working, by alternating between two tasks at least you are being productive for the whole period of time and forcing yourself to do some work on the less favoured task. (Source [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au))

Ian Pattingale  
Principal

### Well-being corner

**"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle". Plato**

You can't know what's really happening in someone else's life. The most popular, attractive, and successful person at school might have problems you're clueless about. Even on your own bad days, you can spread a little kindness – a smile, a gesture, a word, a generous and unexpected act. You might brighten another person's day, and you'll feel better about yourself too.

**TODAY  
I will be kind.**



## Where are they now with Sophie Hancock.

It's crazy to think that I left school five years ago! During my time at THLHS I was involved in the debating team, public speaking, choir, sport and fundraising activities. My favourite subjects included English, hospitality, ancient and modern history. As for my favourite memories, it's hard to beat excursions and socials.

I completed the HSC in 2012 and was accepted into Charles Sturt University to study a Bachelor of Journalism, something I had always wanted to do.

Half way through my last year of study I landed a full-time job at Southern Cross Austereo. I was responsible for producing and presenting the local news for Orange and Dubbo on HitFM and Triple M and this meant waking up at 3 am; many deadlines; talking on air with the brekky announcers; lots of research for the stories I was covering and double checking pronunciations of places I had never heard of quite often with my dad.

I worked at SCA for about a year and half and during that time I was nominated for an ACRA (Australian Commercial Radio Award) for Best Country News Presenter. This was definitely a career highlight! Other highs included interviewing Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce, the Governor General of NSW, a White Ribbon ambassador, Birds of Tokyo and learning about the people in our communities and their stories, local organisations and issues that affect us.

I have recently started a new job as a media adviser for a federal member. This involves researching and writing speeches, managing social media accounts, writing press releases and travelling in our electorate and to Parliament House for sitting weeks. Although this job falls in the public relations field, I consider it another avenue that journalism has allowed me take.

If I were to give any advice to current students, it would be to work hard, take care of yourself, say yes to every opportunity that comes your way and don't let anything stop you. I was once told that because I came from a small community and a small school I wouldn't get to where I wanted to be. I strongly believe that coming from a small community and a small school made it even more possible to get to where I am because I always had, and continue to have, an incredible support network like no other.



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## Year 8 English - Australian Voice

In Year 8 English we have been learning about *Australian Voice*. Identifying how purpose and context can influence the meaning of a text, as well as how a text is presented to an audience in a way that engages and entertains. We have studied a classic Australian poem by Banjo Paterson, *Clancy of the Overflow*. As a class, we identified differences between a traditional reading of this poem and an alternate reading.

We have strengthened our knowledge and understanding of poetic techniques as we had to create our own performance poem, representing a specific Australian voice. A diverse range of Australian voices were created including: outback farmers, tour guides, miners and bogans, all describing the culture of the Australian population. We have had lots of fun including some quirky Aussie slang in our performance poems.









# The Henry Lawson High School presents ...

## A PARODY OF FAIRYTAILS

Snow White Special

Forty Winks Beauty

Red Hot Cinders



When: Sunday 11 June 2017 (June long weekend)

Time: 1 pm

Where: The Henry Lawson High School hall, 49 South Street, Grenfell

**Tickets: \$5 single, \$10 with afternoon tea, \$20 family  
(available from the school and Louisa's Locker).**

**Get in quick to avoid disappointment!**

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### Learning Centre

A learning centre is to operate in the library after school each Tuesday. The aim of the centre is to provide students with the opportunity to stay after school and work with teachers and fellow students on tasks 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 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. All students from Years 7-12 are welcome to come and it is a great opportunity to establish the habit of making time to plan and revise learning.

The library will be made available from 3.35 - 5 pm. This enables students to have a quick break after period 5 before starting at 3.35 pm. Students will also have the opportunity to break during the sessions, but 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 may decide week to week if they wish to attend.

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



## 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.



Can you help?

**Talented in the  
kitchen?**

We need you!

## CANTEEN ROSTER Week commencing 5 June

<b>Monday</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Helen Carpenter
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Veronica Hazell
<b>Friday</b>	Beth Knight

## Catering request

As in previous years the P&C are catering for the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Concert on Friday 9 June. To ensure as much proceeds from this event go towards our school and students, we are asking for donations of cooking such as cakes, slices, biscuits etc. Whatever you can manage will be greatly appreciated. Remember, if we all do a little it makes a lot. Donations of cooking can be left with Sonja in the canteen on the day.

## Thank you

The P&C would like to acknowledge the support of Mr Pattingale, Ms Vanessa Knight Festival Queen entrant, Carly Brown, Cathy Gilbert, Heather Winfred, Keryl McCann and Helen Carpenter, who have given their time at IGA selling raffle tickets for the quilt for the past three weeks. This group of people raised just over \$1300. This money will go a long way in supporting our students and school community.

## Raffle ticket reminder

It's not too late to return your raffle tickets for the commemorative quilt. The P&C sent out 125 books to families at the school and to date only seven have been returned purchased. Please show your support for the students and school by purchasing the book of tickets. Remember, all money raised goes towards our school. Last day to return tickets is Tuesday 6 June. The quilt will be drawn by our Festival Queen Entrant Ms Vanessa Knight at the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Concert on Friday 9 June.

## Next meeting

Our next ordinary meeting is Monday 14 August at 7 pm. We welcome all new members, so come along and learn about the amazing things the P&C is doing for our school. Come and share your ideas and be a part of this dedicated group of parents and carers working together for our children's future.