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Around the grounds ...



Congratulations to Oliver Taylor and Zoe Gavin who placed first and second respectively at Western Region cross country on Wednesday. Hugo Fenton (9th), Mea O'Byrne (13th) and Tom Robinson (27th) also travelled to Geurie and ran well against large numbers of competitors. Well done!



Our students do amazing things everyday at school, but they also shine in their community:

- Faith White and Georgia Brenner have been selected for the under 14s Group 11 Western Reds league tag team.
- Mea O'Byrne has been selected for the regional Cricket NSW under 15s squad.



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Iron chef cooks up best float for festival

The Henry's party theme designed by the staff, students and Mr White was successfully voted the best float at the festival; thank you iron chef Mr White for making the fabulous cake. All would agree that the cake, presents and party games the students put together for the parade were first class. Thank you to the students and staff that represented our school - fantastic effort.

Congratulations Vanessa and Grace

Congratulations to past student Vanessa Knight and current student Grace Kelly who represented both our school P&C and the local Lions Club in the festival queen competition. Thank you for supporting and promoting our school and community. Well done Grace on being crowned Festival Charity Queen. Thank you to the P&C who did a fantastic job supporting Vanessa and managing the fund-raising efforts. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated by the staff and students. No easy task, and the quilt winner is one lucky person.



Gumboot toss

Ms Kuhn and our science and engineering team students ran the gumboot toss as part of the festival, raising money for the upcoming state challenge. Plenty of fun was had and the male adult gum toss winner was ...

Festival concert

Great to see so many of our students participate and perform so well in the festival concert. We have a very talented group of performing students who we are very proud of. Thanks to Mr McKnight and Ms McCulloch for preparing and organising the students. Also thank you to the students that assisted as crew, and ushers as part of Leos.

A Parody of Fairytails

The student drama club performed to a good crowd on Sunday. I thoroughly enjoyed the performance and so did the students. So much so, that we are planning to have some additional performances for the local schools. It was an impressive performance that kept the audience engaged with a Henry Lawson HS style of humour and jokes. Congratulations to the student performers, Ms Higgs and Ms Wilkinson for all your energy and organisation of the event.

Cross country

Well done to the students that represented the school at the regional event held this week; superb effort by Oliver Taylor who placed first and Zoe Gavin who placed second in their respective events. Both are now off to the state event. A great effort by Hugo Fenton, Mea O'Byrne and Tom Robinson, who also placed well in their events.

White card training

Well done to the 19 students that took on the opportunity to attend WHS white card training this week. White card certification provides students with nationally recognised valuable WHS training that allows them to work and participate in activities on construction sites as part of work placement and work experience.

Forbes Eisteddfod - good luck to our dancers who are going to Forbes Eisteddfod next week.

Where is your career heading?

This week I attended a talk given by Professor Jim Bright at the Secondary Principals Conference. With 20 years experience studying career effects, he has published many books and provides training across Australia. Many of the topics he spoke about have stuck in my mind. Professor Bright talked about the chaos theory of careers (CTC). The CTC emphasises the change, complexity and chance inherent in individuals and in their environment. He spoke about how we need to shift career education away from a supposedly preferred occupation to broadening students' horizons and preparing them for a complex, changing and uncertain world.

I reflect on how I became a teacher and it really was a chance opportunity; a lure of a scholarship, I took the opportunity to apply. Sure I was good at maths and had some skills in the area, but until that point I had not even thought about being a teacher. In the end, my degree was about mathematics and computer programming in which I enjoyed the programming side the most - not something I envisaged when I was leaving high school. This highlights the points made by Professor Bright about shift. Sometimes we have small shifts in our career choices and sometimes we have massive ones. I guess once I was successful in gaining the scholarship this was a big shift in my career choice and the smaller shifts occurred via university experiences I encountered in developing skills in computer programming. I ended up become a computing studies teacher rather than a mathematics teacher. None of this would have happened if I didn't seize the opportunity that day and apply.

We know what we know and we don't know what we don't know. Sounds a bit crazy but we formulate our career aspirations from the occupations we know about, right now. However, there is plenty of discussion about the jobs that our children will take up that don't even exist yet, so how do we prepare them. **Small steps** in gaining experiences, chance (right place right time or wrong place right time) and opportunities are the answers. Under the chaos theory, who knows where you will end up and what major shifts will happen, so experience a wide variety of jobs and take every opportunity to try something new.

Further, there is plenty of data that shows that many students make major changes to career choices. Professor Bright highlighted that 70% of students make a significant change to career aspiration in Year 12, 30% of students at university make changes in the first twelve months and 17% change degrees completely. In trades, 50% of first year apprentices change trade in the first twelve months. I think the message to take away from this data is that once we start on a career path, we are exposed to so many more career paths we didn't even know about. One experience can open opportunities to many more experiences, or chance opportunities which will provide us with a major or minor shift in our career.

So what? As parents and educators, we need to emphasise less on the long-term and more on the right now. How can we encourage the small steps? What are we doing to encourage opportunity awareness and flexibility? What are we doing to encourage exploration and experiences? The school provides many career excursions, university visits, work placement, work experience, community partnerships, online careers websites, careers publications, subsidises travel for all excursions, subsidises performers and runs careers lesson. What opportunities have you taken or provided?

Ian Pattingale

Principal

Where are they now with Steven Carroll - 1981.

Year you graduated from The Henry Lawson High School?

I completed Year 12 in 1981.

Extracurricular and/or sporting activities you were involved in while at school; how you benefited from your involvement in these?

I played Rugby League for THLHS and represented the school in athletics and swimming throughout Years 7-12. I also remember my Year 7 English teacher, Ms McLaren, encouraging (coercing, perhaps) me into playing a lead role in a 'Variety Night' play that we, as a class, had written. It was probably pretty terrible; it was about a family that lived rurally and were being attacked by mutant insects that had been affected by the overuse of pesticides.

I was a prefect in Years 11 and 12 and school captain in 1981. In this role, I had the privilege of being flown with the other school captain, Janelle Astill, by the school P&C, to Sydney to meet the Governor of NSW, Sir James Rowland, at Kirribilli House.

All of these experiences helped me to work with others and to gain a holistic education.

Favourite subject/s at school?

Overall, agriculture was my best subject as I was, and still am, interested in plant science and horticulture and we had a great teacher in Mr Brian Rummung. I enjoyed PE/sport although we didn't have PE very regularly in those days. I recall many hilarious rounds of golf with my mates during Wednesday afternoon sport.

I also enjoyed maths and English intermittently; the enjoyment factor went up when I had teachers like Geraldine Parker for English and Laurie Ashcroft or Janet Love for maths. I found physics and chemistry very interesting and challenging and they really formed the backbone for my further studies.

Favourite memory/memories from your school days?

There are too many to mention but having fun with friends at recess, lunch and after school was a highlight.

My other favourite memories are the successes that I had through sport at school, (Rugby League and athletics) and I loved the school athletics and swimming carnival days. Participating in the annual *Triangular* against Condobolin and West Wyalong was another highlight.

I'm not sure if it still happens but Year 12 used to entertain the whole school on their last day with a type of theatrical performance. We did a re-enactment of the royal wedding which was a lot of fun. It was a great celebration and everyone in Year 12 had a role. I was Prince Charles and Dianne Johnstone was Lady Di. Greg Parker played the role of page boy.

Other favourite memories include the Year 10 week-long excursion to the Warrumbungles, the Year 9 camp to the Weddin Mountain and touring to WA with John Cuddihy in the Western Region Open Rugby League team in Year 12.

What you are doing now? Describe the path you took to get to where you are today.

Following my time at THLHS, I completed a four year Bachelor of Education in Health and Physical Education at the University of Canberra. In 1986 I began teaching Health and PE at St. Clare's College in Canberra. Over the next 22 years at St. Clare's I was promoted to the positions of Health and PE Coordinator, Assistant Principal Staffing and finally Assistant Principal Curriculum and Assessment. I left St. Clare's College at the end of 2008 and in 2009 took up the position of Assistant Principal Curriculum and Assessment at Daramalan College in Canberra. I currently teach one class in exercise science and most of my work involves curriculum leadership and advising students and their parents about matters relating to senior secondary studies in the ACT. I was married in 1989 and have two children who completed their secondary education at Daramalan and are both now at university.

Career highlight/s.

Traveling to Issoudun, France, the birthplace of Daramalan's founder, to participate in professional learning.

Leading Daramalan students on community service tours in the East Kimberley.

Working with young people and learning lots from the thousands of students with whom I have interacted throughout my career.

Advice for the young.

Follow your heart, but be mindful of the hearts of others. Try lots of different things to find your talents and strengths and back yourself to pursue them even if others are knocking you. Read widely and develop your own informed opinions. Be humble and kind.

Hindsight is magic, if you had to start again, is there anything you would do differently?

I would have participated in a broader range of activities that allowed me to develop practical skills such as learning to play a musical instrument. I gave up learning piano when I was going into Year 7 so I could 'concentrate more on my footy'. What a silly decision that was!

Anything else you may wish to add.

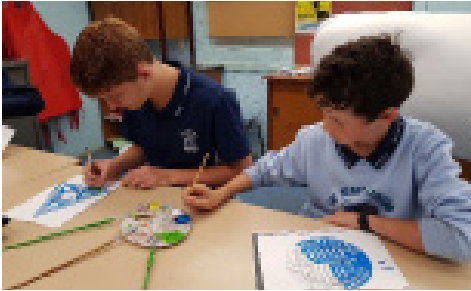
Thank you, THLHS! I truly value the experiences I had at school and have many fond memories of my childhood in Grenfell and my country upbringing.



The Archibull needs your help!

The Henry Lawson High School art, agriculture and photography students are on a learning journey together, but without you this journey is incomplete. We would love to hear from members of our community. Tell us your ideas on sustainable living and contemporary farming practices. We invite farmers in our community to describe how technology is being used on their farms to improve yields or to discuss the practices of their fathers and grandfathers. We also invite members of the community to express their ideas on the issues raised on our blog including climate change and recycling.

Thanks in advance for your support.



Year 8 students painting their organic designs in visual arts and completed tasks by Caleb, Adrian, Bailey and Holly



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Applications for 2018 scholarships open in July.

CANTEEN ROSTER Week commencing 19 June

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| Monday | Kelli Thomson-Jones |
| Tuesday | VACANT |
| Wednesday | VACANT |
| Thursday | VACANT |
| Friday | VACANT |

Year 9: students, parents and carers

Coming up next week, Wednesday 21 June, is a two hour sexual health workshop to be conducted by NSW Health workers from Cowra, Bathurst and Orange. Further information is provided in a letter which has gone home with Year 9 students this week.

Our new school banner

Our president Carly Brown and vice president Helen Carpenter were delighted to present a brand new marching banner to The Henry Lawson High School on behalf of our hardworking and dedicated P&C. We had our fingers crossed that the banner would arrive in time for the students to march with in the Festival procession, and as luck would have it, it did. It gave us great joy to see our students carry the banner with pride. Your P&C supports you and our outstanding high school. With many thanks to THLHS principal Mr Ian Pattingale, teacher Brody McKnight and students for joining us for the initial presentation. Also, many thanks to Simon and Linda from *Label Everything* of Gooloogong for working with us to achieve this fantastic result. What a smashing banner!



Henry Lawson Festival concert

The support we received by way of volunteers and the baking goods was heart-warming, proving yet again that our school community is mighty and strong. Thank you to the following people for helping in the canteen and providing service to the concert goers, Helen Carpenter, Sonja Cotter, Carly Brown, Keryl McCann, Chris Cuddihy, Hannah Troth and Trudie O'Byrne.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following ladies who provided generous donations of delicious homemade cakes, sandwiches, slices and biscuits for the evening, Hannah Troth, Carly Brown, Keryl McCann, Sonja Cotter, Trudie O'Byrne, Danielle Allen, Belinda Stock, Belinda Wilson, Megan Starr, Beth Knight, Sarah Loader, Veronica Hazell, Chris Chuddihy, Nic Mitton, Cathy Gilbert, Heather Windred, Helen Carpenter, Joalee Knight, Cath Sullivan and Rae Dawson. We could not have done it without you. Thank you!

The winner is ...

The quilt raffle was drawn during Friday night's concert, and our commemorative quilt goes to, drum roll ... EUNICE CLARKE! We are over the moon that the quilt has found a new home, and we are especially pleased that the quilt has remained here in Grenfell. We couldn't have drawn a worthier winner.



A royal thank you

The P&C would like to thank our festival queen candidate Vanessa Knight and our princess Delilah Griffin. Vanessa, we could not have been prouder of you for the way in which you represented our school with such dignity and grace, qualities of a real queen. Delilah, you are a joy and a true princess, a tiara has never been worn so well. Our festival fundraising totalled \$ 3610.35, which we feel is a fantastic effort. Money raised is already being put to good use to purchase items such as the new marching banner, student insurance and supporting our student scholarship program.

A big congratulations goes to THLHS student Grace Kelly who was crowned as the 2017 Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Fundraising Queen, and to Francesca Nolan who was crowned 2017 Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Festival Queen. We should also mention and praise, festival queen entrant Emily Cartwright, past student of THLHS. A collective well done ladies, we hope many happy memories and lasting friendships were made. Also of particular note, Principal Mr Pattingale, members of the P&C and families of the queens made up two THLHS support tables at the festival awards dinner. Our high school students past and present, collected many 2017 festival competition awards, including a statuette. And delightfully, in what appeared to be a theme for the evening, our teachers were the focus of much attention and recognition for their valuable contributions to the learning and education of Weddin Shire students. Times like these makes us a very proud P&C.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 14 August at 7 pm in THLHS library. If you have never been to a P&C meeting, we would love to see you there. Come and learn about the wonderful ways our P&C supports the students and our school community. Join our friendly group of parents and carers working together for our children's future.

UNDER 17'S RUGBY LEAGUE

Last Friday our boys went over to Forbes High School to play an under 17s rugby league match. The team was George Mitton, Jack Knight, Angus Birch, Jarrad Wilson, Nathan Wilson, Selwyn White (C), Lachlan Stevens, Dylan King, Frazer Ryder, Matthew Ryan, Ethan Reid, Aydan Eyles and Adam Hewen. We kicked off and hard hit-ups set the precedence for the game. A penalty 10 metres out from our line saw Forbes drop the ball which was quickly scooped up by Frazer and a few passes later saw Jarrad sprint down the field. A few sets went by with hard attack and defence being displayed by both teams. Our boys held our line really well by holding Forbes out on two consecutive sets. Selwyn and Frazer were putting in great yards but to no avail. Angus was proving his worth in the team by doing some impressive scoots. Good runs by Jarrad and Nate continued which finally paid off with Nate putting first points on the board and Lachie converting; Jarrad was again making great metres. After a few more hard fought sets, tired legs were starting to show. Forbes went over to make the score 6 all, minutes before the half time siren. Beautiful hit-ups continued by Nate which resulted in a dropped ball, scooped up by Selwyn right on the siren. Forbes kicked off to start the second half and our boys came out firing with hard runs. Off the back of strong defence Forbes lost the ball. Frustration and anger lead to bad defence which resulted in Forbes scoring again. Hard playing continued and very strong defence from Aydan resulted in Forbes not being able to hold onto the ball. With quick reflexes Jarrad intercepted a pass but unfortunately it was lost shortly after. Forbes got the ball back and went over for their third try bringing the score to 18-6. Fumbles were then made by both sides. When Grenfell finally got the ball back, George made a great run to the corner post, which was disallowed. With morale down Grenfell gave Forbes the opportunity to get down the other end and score a try. Our boys dusted themselves off and Aydan lead the charge by putting a big shot on a bigger Forbes player. This momentum continued until Selwyn got the ball and charged over for our last try of the game with Jarrad converting. Full time score was Forbes 22 to THLHS 12. It was great game to watch; thank you boys.

Well-being Corner

"I will persist until I succeed. Always will I take another step. If that is of no avail, I will take another, and yet another. In truth, one step at a time is not too difficult ... I know that small attempts, repeated, will complete any undertaking". *Og Mandino*

One step at a time. Small attempts, repeated. Keep these words in mind no matter what you attempt, and you'll reach any goal you set for yourself. If a single step seems too big or daunting, you can break it up into smaller steps. If a particular goal seems too hard to reach, you can break it up into a series of smaller goals.

TODAY

I will take one step toward a goal that's important to me.



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.