



LAWSON'S LATEST

THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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On the last day of term 2 Year 12 hospitality students hosted local guests to a delicious breakfast as a thank you for their valuable contribution to the building of the coffee bar project in room 13; a great asset to our hospitality space. Steven Ryder kindly donated two beautiful slabs of Cyprus pine which Mr Mark Amey and Mr Garry White worked on with Year 11 and 12 construction students to prepare, stain and hang for the new bar. Garry also donated the stools for the bar, which Trudie O'Byrne very kindly donated her time to cover. Former principal Margaret Carey was also happy to attend as it was originally her idea to source the natural timber and she was delighted to see the finished result. It is wonderful to have such generous members of our community who continue to support the learning of our students.

Congratulations to Zoe Gavin and Oliver Taylor on their results at CHS State Cross Country last week. Both Zoe and Oliver ran extremely well.

In the 17 years girls Zoe placed 18th with a time of 18.07 and in the 12 years boys, Oliver placed 53rd with a time of 14.23.

Well done to both!



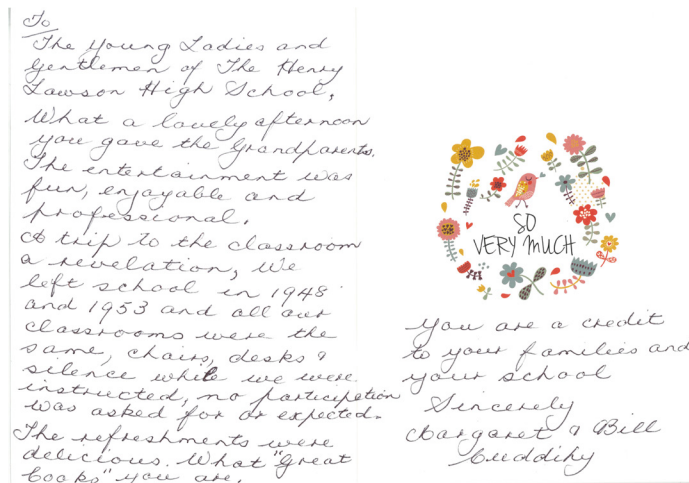
Our students do amazing things everyday at school, but they also shine in their community.

Congratulations to Niamh Mitton. Niamh has been playing hockey for seven years in the local Parkes competition and has also been selected for the representative side for the past three years. Niamh recently travelled to Tamworth to compete at the under 13 girls state carnival.

CHALLENGE, ENCOURAGE, ACHIEVE

Thank you

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that attended the celebration of our school on Monday for parent/grandparent day. There was such a positive atmosphere on the day, and all who attended were amazed at what happens daily here at THLHS. The program was organised by our student leaders with just a little direction and help from Mrs Taylor and Ms Crossley. I thank all those involved for their efforts in organising the day. There have been many positive comments from guests and I am passing on this wonderful example, received from grandparents Bill and Margaret Cuddihy, to show our student body just how much their efforts are appreciated.



Subject selection evening

Year 10 students and their parents/caregivers attended the first step in the subject selection process for 2018 on Wednesday evening. Thank you to all the students and parents/carers who attended. The evening will be followed up with a student market day activity in which students will have the opportunity to speak with current Year 12's about courses. Parents/carers have been invited to an interview with school staff to discuss subject selections - this will take place over the next few weeks. If you have not yet nominated an interview time, please contact the school office.



Tree day

Today is National Schools Tree Day and an opportunity to do something positive for our local environment and community, as well as to reconnect with nature. We are very grateful to the Weddin Community Native Nursery for their donation of four Wedge-leaf Hop-bush plants. Thank you for your continued support.

Debating action

Our Year 9/10 debaters were in action against Orange High School last Friday. They continued the tradition of impressive

performances by defeating their opponents convincingly. The topic for the debate was *Should drinking be denied at public events such as shows and festivals*. They now move onto the third round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Congratulations!

NAIDOC Day

Last Tuesday students and staff participated in NAIDOC Day activities. Firstly, we gathered together for a smoking ceremony. This is one of the most significant ancient ceremonies performed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The ceremony involves smouldering various native plants to produce smoke which is believed to have cleansing properties and the ability to ward off bad spirits. We then watched and a few lucky students and staff have a go at Aboriginal dance. For the remainder of the day students had the opportunity to explore artefacts and try their skills in boomerang and spear throwing. I would like to thank Steve, Warren and Will from Dinawan's Connections for running the activities with the students. There are a few short videos of Grenfell PS and THLHS on their Facebook site so check it out. <https://www.facebook.com/Dinawansconnection/>

Song writing for well-being

The community song writing workshop continues on Thursday with Abby Smith with Smith and Jones, Grenfell Men's Shed and Arts OutWest. The aim of the workshop is to increase connectiveness between generations, improve mental well-being and raise awareness of mental health. Last week's reports on the day were very positive and Mr McKnight, who is assisting, was very excited. The outcome of the workshops will be a song to be performed at a later time. I am looking forward to the final product in a few weeks.

This week

On Thursday Year 11 and 12 Advanced English went off to Canberra to watch a stage production of George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* as part of their studies. I wish all our students participating in the Western Region athletics carnival all the best this for today.

Next Week

On Tuesday staff will work late as part of our on-going commitment to staff development and the How2Learn training program. Our Year 7 and 8 students will participate in a robotics day to develop their skills in the quickly emerging area of STEM. Our gold merit students from Years 10 and 11 are off to the snow as part of the school's merit reward system.

Critical thinking test

The Critical Thinking Test is a multiple-choice test for Year 11 students that will assess critical thinking skills associated with analytical and quantitative reasoning. The test is optional this year but we encourage all students to participate. Analytics from the test will benefit students and staff by providing:

- formative feedback as to a student's strengths and weaknesses in the domains of analytical and logical reasoning, which should improve their performance in the HSC and beyond
- an indication of a student's critical thinking capabilities that is not affected by external issues that can impact upon the HSC – for example, long-term illness or social disadvantage
- practise in online tests, which students will be increasingly required to do at university
- an additional, potentially different, report of a student's capabilities that can be shown to potential employers.

The test will be run for Year 11 students on Wednesday 2 August in room 17 at 1.40 pm. For further enquiries, please contact Mr Pattingale or Mr Robinson.

Mr Pattingale

Principal

Where are they now with Guyon Holland - 1980

I grew up on a farm on the Eualdrie Road. I completed my HSC in 1980. Yes ... that long ago.

During Year 12 in particular, I started to consider what my next steps would be in life. I saw further education as a good option. Initially I considered going into the defence forces under their graduate training program but finally decided that I wanted to pursue a career in computing.

I completed a Bachelor of Applied Science in Computing Science at the NSW Institute of Technology (aka University of Technology, Sydney) to become a computer programmer.

Working for what is now Price Waterhouse Coopers as part of my studies, I then joined IBM upon graduation. Having grown up on the farm and being used to being outdoors and up and about all the time, I quickly realised that as much as I loved programming, I wanted to have more diversity in my day so IBM provided me the opportunity to move into sales which really was my first step into business consulting, but with a computing focus. I worked at IBM for seven years. After IBM, I worked in a number of other companies both large and small selling and/or marketing various computing systems and solutions. With each one I came to better understand what I wanted in a job and the type of organisation I wanted to work for.



In 1997, I joined a US-based software company called JDA Software that sold software solutions to large retailers around the world. I worked for JDA for seven years as Business Development Manager for Asia Pacific. In this role I was able to draw on all my years of programming and sales and business consulting experience and had the privilege of selling to clients in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines as well as travelling to the US on a regular basis.

In 2001, an opportunity arose where I identified that Speedo had ceased to make a particular type of men's swimwear. With my partner at the time, we decided to make the swimwear and this was the start the clothing brand known as *aussieBum*. We sold via our website www.aussiebum.com as the majority of retailers we originally approached were not interested in selling our products. This motivated us to sell to the world instead via the internet.

Working for yourself and in your own business can be significantly challenging. Fortunately for us it also came with tremendous rewards for our efforts. Today *aussieBum* sells a range of men's swimwear, underwear and lifestyle products to customers in over 140 countries. I still jointly own the company.

What have I learnt from my working career to date.

Always put in a 100% otherwise you will never know what you might be able to achieve. Stick with things. I found that in any job I worked in that it took me around two years to really know the job well as opposed to thinking I knew it. Focus on the results not the work it may take to get the results. If you intend running your own business, don't spend money you don't have and learn to improvise. You don't need to have the best of things on day one. That can come later. As any farmer would know, you don't always have either the funds or the right equipment or the right materials to fix something quickly so you learn to improvise with what you do have. Also, run your own race. Be aware of what others are doing but try to avoid comparing your efforts and results to others. Set the bar for yourself; don't have others set it for you. If something doesn't turn out as you had hoped or expected, simply tell yourself "Well that didn't turn out as I had hoped" and move on and learn from it, but don't dwell on it. Not everything goes how you think it will. Some things however will surprise you and can go well beyond your own expectations.

Fidget Spinners

Parents and carers are asked to be aware that fidget spinners are banned from the school due to inappropriate use.

Fidget toys are permitted if used appropriately. Fidget toys are small toys that fit within the palm of the hand eg stress balls.

If you require more information, please contact the school.



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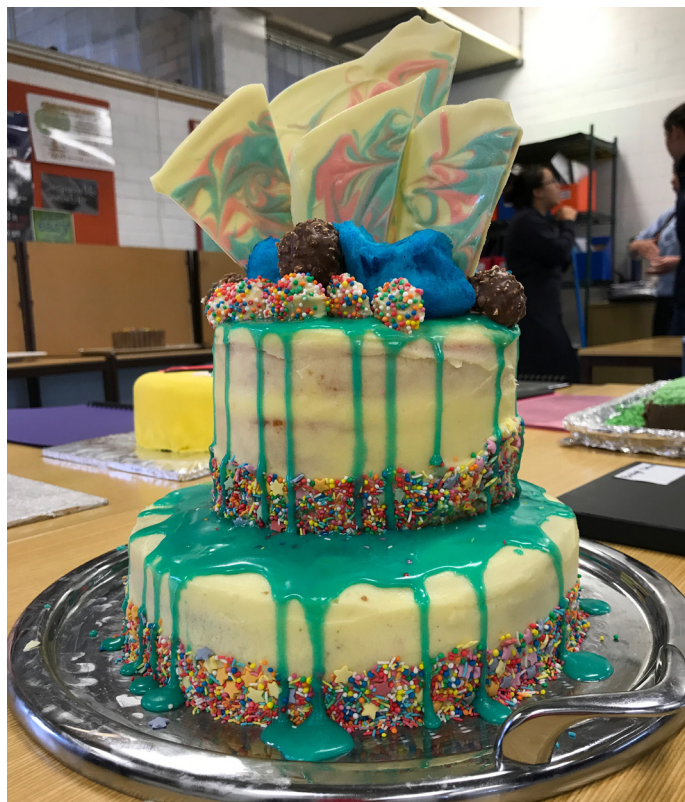
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Applications for 2018 scholarships open in July.

Year 9/10 Food Technology Birthday Cakes

As part of their Food for Special Occasions unit, Year 9/10 food technology designed and created birthday cakes. Keeping to a theme, the students designed a party menu and invitation. The standard of cakes was outstanding and the students are to be congratulated on the quality of work they produced for this task.





ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS

WINTER BALL

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST

**GRENFELL SHOWGROUND
6:30PM**

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Monday	Carly Brown
Tuesday	Ann Best
Wednesday	Vacant
Thursday	Veronica Hazell
Friday	Beth Knight

Well-being Corner

We can try to avoid making choices by doing nothing, but even that is a decision.

Hmmm ... should I do this; or should I do that? What is the best choice? No one can know for sure, which is why decision making seems so scary. You can agonize over your choices forever, but this won't lead you anywhere. Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

TODAY

I'll make a decision.

School contribution and subject fees

Families have received their notice of school contributions and subject fees for 2017. Thank you to those who have paid but there are still some accounts that are outstanding.

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.

If you wish to arrange a payment plan, please contact the school.

This is a user friendly payment option that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information on fees or the online payment method, please contact the school.

Learning Centre

There will be no Learning Centre on Tuesday 1 August due to staff attending a development evening.



Year 7 fundraising for term 4 Canberra excursion.

All Year 7 students have been given raffle tickets to sell to help fund their excursion to Canberra in term 4.

1st prize - load of wood; kindly donated by the Warnke family (can be exchanged for gas).

2nd prize - Go Grenfell card to the value of \$60.

Tickets are \$1 each and are available from any year 7 student or the front office.

We thank you for your support.

Drawn Friday 25 August at THLHS.



Mixed Netball Spring/Summer Competition

Our popular mixed netball competition will recommence on Thursday 17 August 2017. We ask that all teams have their nominations in by Sunday 13 August 2017, either by email to thetincupboard@gmail.com or by calling Paige on 0438438458 or Jordie on 0447710445.

This year the team fees are \$200 to help cover the cost of umpires and the other costs associated with the comp. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact with us.

Year 7 and 8 robotics course.

A reminder to all Year 7 and 8 students who are participating in the robotics course on Thursday 3 August.

You will not be required to bring books to school but you will be having normal recess and lunch.

Mrs Kuhn

Charlie Allen was passing through the Snowy Mountains and called in to say hello in person to his fellow Year 7 Aurora class mates, Aja and Emma at Jindabyne Central School. Charlie, Aja and Emma study science, maths and English classes together in a virtual Aurora classroom, it was great to chat face-to-face for a change.



We are looking for our next Showgirl!

Are you aged 18-24 or 15-17? Are you looking for a challenge? Personal development, a chance to meet new people, improve your interview skills? Do you have an opinion on issues affecting our region or do you want the chance to have your say about something important to you? We want to hear from you!

The Showgirl competition aims to facilitate the development of young women and to find ambassadors for the region. Our entrants are judged on their personality, confidence, ambition and life goals, their general and rural knowledge, presentation, speech and community involvement.

If you would like more information or to enter this year's competition (or you know someone who should) please contact:

Joan Eppelstun: 6343 1033

Lorette Walmsley: 6343 8274

Courtney Taylor: 0438895968

Or message us on Facebook



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