

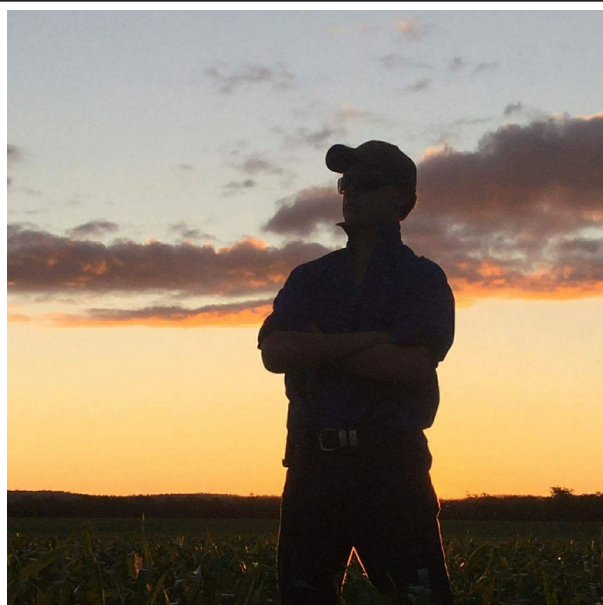
# LAWSON'S LATEST

THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Congratulations to our students who competed in the Probus Public Speaking event on Monday.



Congratulations to Year 9 student Josh Carpenter. Josh's photo of Sam was entered in the *National Merino Photography Competition* and won first place in the student section, *Portrait of a Farmer*. The winning photos are on display at the National Merino Show and sale at Dubbo.



Year 12 were cooking up a storm selling bacon and egg rolls to staff and students as they arrived at school today. The proceeds from their efforts will go towards fundraising for their chosen charity, supporting motor neurone disease. Things may have got a little stressful when the BBQ ran out of gas, but they quickly got back on track. Well done on a delicious fundraiser.

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## Parent-teacher afternoon

Thank you to all parents/carers that came to speak with staff last Monday. Parent-teacher night is about us getting to know you, and for you to gain feedback from staff on the progress of your student's learning.

Thank you also to those who completed the short surveys on the night. Parent and community feedback is crucial for the ongoing development of our school and community. Our push for feedback continues throughout terms 3 and 4 in order to prepare for our next school plan, beginning in 2018. Each week there will be a short survey in the newsletter and on the back of any permission notes sent out. It would be greatly appreciated if these could be completed and returned to the school office.

## Probus public speaking

Great work by our public speakers in the local Probus Public Speaking Competition on Monday; the senior section was won by Ziyin Xia, with second place awarded to Shannon Best. Ziyin spoke about books being better than a movie, while Shannon spoke about learning to develop a greater appreciation of her sister's talents. The junior section was won by Anna Hunt with her speech on US civil rights campaigner Rosa Parkes. Second in the junior section with a speech on marriage equality was Acacia Huxtable. Congratulations to all and thank you also to Jessica Periera, Paige Hughes, Yongyan Xia, Sarah Knight, Kate Robinson, Isabel Periera, Mackenzie Brenner, Olivia Berry, Breanna Daley, Kyrstye Henry and Terri Dodaro for taking up the challenge to enter the competition and for encouraging other participants. You all achieved; you have taken control of your own learning, as public speaking is a great life skill. Such experiences only prepare you better for all the unknown challenges ahead.



## New captains

Congratulations to our new school captains. I am very excited and look forward to working with Jessica, Frazer, Tarlia and Sam over the next 12 months. Being school captain is a fantastic and fun leadership role and one you will never forget. You are all great role-models and the school and community are very proud to have you lead the student body for 2018.



Welcome to our new SRC members. Our new SRC leaders will enjoy the opportunity to help develop activities and plan improvements to student learning. The SRC is a highly valued forum which provides us with a student voice in all aspects of school operations. I look forward to the great ideas and future plans of our students. Congratulations to our newly elected house captains. A house captain's role is not only about leading your house group in sport, it's about challenging and encouraging students to achieve through the school house system in the areas of academia, sport and community engagement.

Our captains and school leaders will be inducted at assembly next Wednesday 30 August commencing at 10 am in the school auditorium.

## NAPLAN online

Our Years 7 and 9 students will be participating in the online NAPLAN trial next week. This is not a test of the student's ability, but rather a test of the department's system to deliver online testing. Students will participate in two tests. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Jenny Bell.

## Yummy

Year 12 students provided breakfast this morning in an effort to raise funds for research into motor neurone disease. Thank you Year 12 for organising this event. We are all in some way affected by illnesses throughout our lives, and this is a small way in which we can help. I was more than happy to skip my usual weet bix breakfast today to enjoy a bacon and egg roll on arrival at school.

## Cake stall

Next Tuesday Year 8 will be running a cake stall to raise money towards the Year 8 excursion to Sydney in term 4. Please bring along your money to purchase a beautifully prepared baked item to satisfy your hunger for something sweet.

## Grenfell Show

Come see our stall at the Grenfell Show! It's shaping up to be a masterpiece of engineering.

## Do your best!

I wish our Year 12 and Year 11 students all the best for their upcoming exams. Year 12 trial exams and Year 11 yearly exams will start next week.

Have a great week!

Ian Pattingale

## Seven-a-side soccer gala day

### Lawson Park

### Friday 8 September

Students involved will be playing all day. School uniform, football boots and shin pads must be worn.

Any Grenfell football code socks can be worn. If you require shin pads or socks, please speak to other members of your team to find a pair to borrow.

For more information, please see Ms Crossley.

## Where are they now with Sam Myers - 2008

I finished high school in 2008. I didn't want to go to university, but did decide to take a gap year overseas. From January 2009 I spent six months at a scout activity centre in Oxfordshire, England. I was an instructor for groups of kids and adults in various activities such as rock climbing, high rope and low rope courses, archery, air rifles and more. I also set up campsites and worked on team building exercises.

While overseas, I was fortunate enough to do some extended travel through Europe joining a Top Deck tour with 44 other gap year students. The tour went for 27 days and visited 13 countries (the best fun you'll ever have, I promise you).

When the tour ended in August, I returned to England to spend another four and a half months working, this time as a teacher-aid at Christchurch Cathedral School (also in Oxford). This school had one of the best junior boys choir in the world; the school was also one of the locations for the filming of many scenes in the Harry Potter film series.

I returned to Australia in January 2010, and as a result of my experiences during the gap year, I was set on going to university and doing a sports science course at Southern Cross University in Lismore. As the time to go came closer, I decided against going, recalling how much I didn't like all the book work and assignments when I was at school.

Instead, I was fortunate to get an apprenticeship in Refrigeration and Air-conditioning.

That November I moved to Sydney to start the apprenticeship and also began playing Rugby union for Northern Suburbs. I progressed through to first grade and by 2013 had been selected to attend my first Australian Sevens camp. At the end of that year I was called up to play my first World Series event with the Australian Sevens men's team in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

For six months, I juggled between my apprenticeship and training as a part-timer with the team until after the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, when I was asked to sign a full-time contract with the Sevens team. Since then, I have completed my apprenticeship; I've travelled the world four times for tournaments and have seen and achieved many amazing things. I've also been honoured to captain the Australian team in five World Series events.



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## Where are they now with Denise Yates - 1994

Denise Yates (nee McClelland).

Graduated Year 12 in 1994.

I played hockey, swam rep for THLHS, was involved in drama, public speaking, debating and variety night.

My favourite subjects were ancient history, 3 unit art theory, general studies and biology. I am an "arty nerd"!

My favourite memory from school was hosting our regular *Variety Night* at school. I think I hosted three times with Hannah Troth (Crozier); anything to do with drama or becoming someone else was so much fun for me and gave me a lot of confidence, even though I was always very nervous before any performance or speech I had to give. (I still am).

I am a photographer and designer and have formal qualifications in both. I also have a diploma of remedial therapies (see, it's the arty-nerd thing!)

My biggest career achievement to date was being named among the five top photographers in Australia in 2010. But the best is yet to come, I know.

My advice for students is be kind to everyone; you don't know what another person's life is like. Try different skills, learn anything you can, and don't feel like you need to know right now what you want to do for the rest of your life. It's about the journey, and the road is never straight.

If I had a magic wand and could go back to school, I would have studied more and realised my potential.





# Makeover begins ...

It's been an exciting week here with the arrival of new furniture, heralding the commencement of a makeover for our library and learning centre. Preparing for the makeover has been a long and thoughtful process, beginning with a major cull of resources that were no longer relevant to learning and recreational needs. These resources were happily re-housed, with relatively few having to be taken off for recycling.

This was followed by a great deal of consultation with staff and students, as well as observation of how the library/learning centre spaces are used. Other school library transformations were viewed, and there was a good deal of consideration of the types of furniture available.

Our spaces are used for learning, recreation, reading and events. Our furniture choices reflect our needs; they are functional and comfortable, as well as aesthetically pleasing.

We still have a way to go, but the makeover has certainly commenced, and students are pleased with what they've seen so far, the most common comment upon entering the library being 'wow'!

Margaret Lynch

Teacher-librarian



## Happy Birthday By Ethan Reid

To wax lyrical of events often untold  
Is a task for an author quite bold  
Try as they might, happiness will still shatter  
It's almost as if their message doesn't matter  
Yet bear witness, a small child's view  
That the problem lay not with me, but you

Into a room in which one might describe as livy  
Lay a scene to which only our small family lay privy  
"Go on, make your wish!" said Mum with glee  
She wished that all ice cream shall be forever free  
And in the background, her father joyfully reacted  
Before the bright box of blue light had him distracted

A loud brightness of constant confliction  
A dark whimper of irregular cognition  
The television, a barrage of colourful light to her eyes  
Her father, staring vigilantly, something he would chastise

On the screen beamed a man in strange attire  
Making sounds unknown whilst in front of a fire  
An abrupt cacophony erupted out of the screen  
Of tin cans and fireworks, the loudest there'd ever been  
Only then did Dad begin to blink  
While Mum in the kitchen began to shrink

Before she knew it, driving far away  
With her birthday toys she never got to play  
Before long she saw similar scenes from her window  
People scrounging for bags  
Hurrying into their cars  
And leaving as they had done

An abstract landscape lay before her, asking for perception  
Flowers of ivory and indigo, leaves of lime, yet all was a deception  
Smoke on the horizon, a blanket of obsidian, rising from her town  
Between her cheeks  
The devil speaks  
In the horrid curve of a frown

Her mother bawled  
Her father called  
And she had been left to wonder  
What was the cause of the loud and fiery thunder

Hints of ocean air drifted as they drove  
Her parents relieved near the end of their year long rove  
Her father dispensed to a man many dollar notes  
After which, led him to an array of boats

Welcome aboard!  
They were met with a horde  
The conditions were overcrowded  
They rested at last  
And fell asleep fast  
Once more becoming shrouded

They were awoken by the crashing waves  
A stormy ocean the compact boat braves  
People were screaming, some seeming to die  
But she forgot all as dear Mother caught her eye

Dangling from the side of the vessel  
Hung her father, trying to wrestle  
Apparently she had finally begun her crying  
Yet an abrupt crash and asleep on the deck she was lying

Another change of scene, as abrupt as the last  
Onto a foreign beach the young girl was cast  
A kind stranger sees her, and comes to assist  
Her heart in a trench, melancholic with mist

She barely notices changes in location  
So much so that she is ignorant of her nation  
Only when a bright light is shined  
Does she come to her senses and re-opens her mind

White as bone and cold as ice  
She's in a room far from nice  
Suddenly a lady said through the glum  
"Do you know what country you're from?"  
"Australia" she answered quickly  
The word made her feel quite sickly

"You're in the middle east right now"  
She took a minute to contemplate how  
"May I have your date of birth?"  
She answered for what it was worth  
"My my, that's today! Do you have a birthday wish?"

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Week commencing 28 August

<b>Monday</b>	Kelli Thomson-Jones
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ann Best
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Jen Kelly
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Vacant</b>

## Country Education Foundation of Grenfell

Helping our local young people to achieve their dreams.

You can support us by donating; to find out more contact [cefgrenfell@gmail.com](mailto:cefgrenfell@gmail.com) or visit <http://engage.cef.org.au/directory/foundation/3085/grenfell>

Applications for 2018 scholarships open soon.

# Year 8 parents

Your P&C invites you to help with the

## Year 12 Farewell Dinner

**Friday 22 September, 2017**

This event is a highlight in the P&C calendar, where we come together as a school community to farewell our graduating students.

Ms Jen Bell is the liaison for parent helpers and may be contacted at school on 6343 1390 or [jennifer.m.bell@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.m.bell@det.nsw.edu.au).

<b>Like to help before the function?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with the food tech students in our fantastic kitchen between 11.30 am and 3.00 pm</li> </ul>
<b>Like to be part of the fun team working behind the scenes?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join the carvery team at the roasting barbecue from 6.30 onwards (bring your knives men!)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be part of the action in our commercial kitchen serving and/or clearing pre dinner, main meal and dessert between <b>6.00 pm and 9.00 pm</b></li> </ul> <p>You can stay for an hour or enjoy being part of the whole function!</p>

**Do you have your current Working With Children Check?**

There are two options.

Call into our office with 100 points of ID and our staff will add you to our register

**Or**

Go to

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

It's free and covers you for all **volunteer** situations for five years.

When you have your WWC number we'll add you to our register.

**Students** who wish to be part of the student team should give their name to Mrs Mitton who is coordinating **student** helpers.



## Year 7 Careers Excursion

**What:** Year 7 excursion to Canberra (careers, civics, history, STEM)  
**When:** Wednesday 6 - Friday 8 December (inclusive).  
**Venues:** Parliament House  
Academy of Interactive Entertainment  
Museum of Australian Democracy  
lasertag  
National Capital Museum  
Australian War Memorial  
Questacon Technology Centre  
**Cost:** \$200  
**Deposit** Monday 11 September (week 9) \$70  
**Payment 2** Monday 16 October (week 2) \$70  
**Payment 3** Monday 20 November (week 7) \$60  
**Wanted:** a parent willing to join the excursion to assist with supervision.  
**Fundraising:** students are expected to fundraise to assist subsidising part of the excursion cost, and they have already been busy. Thank you to Mr Warnke and Mrs Griffiths for your donations. More fundraising to come!



## Year 8 Careers Excursion

**What:** Year 8 excursion to Sydney (careers, history, STEM, LOTE)  
**When:** Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 December (inclusive).  
**Venues:** UTS – University of Technology Sydney  
Cockatoo Island  
Indonesian restaurant  
Luna Park  
Powerhouse Museum  
**Cost:** \$210  
**Deposit** Monday 11 September (week 9) \$70  
**Payment 2** Monday 16 October (week 2) \$70  
**Payment 3** Monday 20 November (week 7) \$70  
**Wanted:** a parent willing to join the excursion to assist with supervision.  
**Fundraising:** students are expected to fundraise to assist subsidising part of the excursion cost, and they have already been busy. Their first fundraising event is a cake stall next week. Let's see lots of support for this.  
Please direct any enquires or concerns to Ms McCulloch on 63431390



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## Well-being Corner

***"It is the greatest shot of adrenaline to be doing what you've wanted to do so badly. You almost feel like you could fly without the plane."*** Charles Lindbergh

Accomplishing something that's important to you can feel like soaring among the clouds or walking on air. It's an adrenaline rush ... a natural high. What would you like to achieve? Write a goal on a piece of paper or sticky note then put it where you'll see it every day – as a reminder and a source of inspiration.

**TODAY**

**I'll put a goal on paper.**

## Are we ready? Is our school ready? Is Ms Bell ready?

Year 7 and 9 will be **test driving** the **NAPLAN online readiness test** next week during class time. Each class has two (2) test sessions. Find your session on the timetable below.

**See you in room 17 – with your headphones/earbuds!**

	Monday 28 August	Tuesday 29 August	Wednesday 30 August	Thursday 31 August	Friday
1	<b>7 O</b> Writing (Science - Robinson)	<b>7 A</b> Writing (History- Griffin)		<b>9 G</b> Omnibus (Lit/Num) (English–Sutor)	Grenfell Show
2	<b>9 G</b> Writing (Geog – Griffin)	<b>9 H</b> Writing (Maths - Mitton)		<b>7 A</b> Omnibus (Lit/Num) (Music – McKnight)	
3		<b>7 O</b> Omnibus (Lit/Num) (English – Sutor)			
4				<b>9 H</b> Omnibus (Lit/Num) (Maths - Mitton)	
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## NOMINATE A SPORTS VOLUNTEER – YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES



The Office of Sport Western Summer Sport Volunteer Award is open for nominations. The winter season is winding down but now is the perfect time to nominate your coach, manager, administrator or a great official. Nomination process is simple, so take the time to help recognise the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who keep sport going in your town.

The award has separate categories for Open and Youth (25 years and under), to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroots sport.

All nominees will receive a certificate, with the winner and runner-up being awarded \$250 and \$100 (respectively) to spend on approved sports development programs.

In 150 words or less, tell us how your volunteer is worthy of being nominated. Nominations can be made online via the Office of Sport website <https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/clubs/western-award>.

Nominations close Friday 13 October.