Year 12 shine at their formal dinner.

Last Friday evening saw the Year 12 students return to the the school for their long awaited formal dinner. Decorated in the style of the Hogwarts Great Hall complete with floating candles, and with a fancy photo booth set up for the perfect group and family photos, students were seated with their families for a final farewell to their school days. The day after the last of the HSC exams had been completed seemed like the perfect time to celebrate thirteen years of schooling, and to say a final goodbye to one another, their teachers, and the school. We wish them all the best in whatever the future holds for this resilient bunch of students who have had to face far more than seems fair this year. We will miss them, but encourage them to come back every now and again to say hello and update us on their adventures.

Goodbye Year 12.

Miss Wilkinson
Principals report

Congratulations to Year 12 who have officially finished their HSC examinations. The graduation dinner was a fantastic way to end thirteen years of schooling. The night was made even more special as it was organised and run by our volunteer parents, staff and students. Thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedules to help support our Year 12 students as they graduate from THLHS.

Thank you to our 37 parents, 31 community organisations, 152 students and 19 teachers who participated and completed the recent community consultation surveys.

Parent and community engagement is very important to us and is actually one of the most important factors that influences student achievement. It is an opportunity for us to work as a team to discuss and learn about how your children learn best at school, in the community and at home to make learning better in the future.

Keep an eye out for our Education Week presentation. Congratulations to all of the award recipients from community, staff and student groups. Your time and talent is very much appreciated by the school.

Well done to Caleb Haddin, Anna Hunt, Georgia Brenner and Henry Best who represented the school at the town Remembrance Day service last week. The day is an important reminder of those Australians who have given the ultimate sacrifice and significantly contributed to our freedom and way of life. Lest We Forget.

NAIDOC Week is a time to reflect and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of the First Nation Peoples – recognising them as the traditional owners of the land.

The Henry Lawson High School celebrated the Always was, Always will Be themed NAIDOC by connecting virtually to various presentations and participating in a BBQ lunch and an indigenous sport afternoon. Thank you to all involved and thank you to the students who manned the BBQ.

I would like to introduce Mrs Naomi Walker who along with Mrs Carolyn Baker will be replacing Miss Annika Whale until the end of the year. I would like to wish Miss Whale and her family all the best with the pending birth of their 1st child. We look forward to hearing the news.

Naomi moved to Grenfell earlier this year, marrying local shearer and farmer, Ben Walker (a past THLHS graduate). Mrs Walker previously has worked in Deniliquin and Hay as an Agriculture and Science teacher. More recently, she has been living in Gippsland, Victoria, where she has been a teacher of Maths, History, Geography, Science, Agriculture and English and in a range of school leadership positions. Mrs Walker has also worked as a Livestock Nutritionist in the past, and taught Agriculture at TAFE. She has found Grenfell to be a welcoming community, and is enjoying farm and family life here.

Aaron Flagg
Principal

Presentation Day

If anyone has trophies from last year, could they please return to the front office of The Henry Lawson High school as soon as possible.
Thank you to the P&C

On behalf of the staff and students, we would like to take this opportunity to thank The Henry Lawson High School P&C for your hard work in catering for the Year 12 Dinner last Friday night. You were able to come together in a shortened space of time to help give the Year 12 students a night to remember! Cassie Griffin kindly took on the job of coordinating the meal for the night and spent numerous hours shopping and preparing food for the evening. Beth Knight and Veronica Hazell were also on hand during the day to help out with the cooking and then backed up again in the evening to assist with serving and cleaning. Keryl McCann, once again prepared the punch, the secret recipe is definitely a winner, and assisted with general clearing and serving from the canteen along with Tania Mooney. The Hazell family are always available to help with P&C fundraisers and we thank Tati, Tom and Jim’s grandparents for their invaluable assistance. Alicia White must also be thanked for the lovely cake as well as some individual cupcakes for the Year 12 students. I hope that I have included all of our helpers, and apologise if we have left anyone out – be assured your help was greatly appreciated!

The P&C were ably assisted by parent helpers Linda Heatley and Heather Windred during the day, with Monique Taylor, Nicky Thompson, Julie Fysh, Sarah Giddings, Tracey Taylor, Jo Trevillian, Jess Troy, Monique Breed, Hannah Troth, Jennifer Kelly and Carolyn Baker who helped out on the evening. President, Peter Mitton, also took a break from the header to help in the kitchen. We would also like to thank our student volunteers on the night, including our two photographers, who ably assisted with serving and waiting on the night.

Considering we were unsure as to whether the Year 12 Dinner would even happen this year, we would like to thank each and every one of you, for making the evening the wonderful success that it was!
On Tuesday 11 November (Week 5) The Henry Lawson High School participated in a League Tag Gala Day hosted by Western NRL Development in Bathurst, entering three teams. This was our first sporting excursion of the year and our students had a wonderful and exciting day! The girls were accompanied by Ms Eppelstun and practicum teacher Ms Beth New (University of Canberra) as well as Mr Barclay. Senior students Faith White, Caprhys Lawler and Holly Gilbert were exceptional mentors on the day, organising and encouraging our league tag teams.

The under 16’s side debuted the new sky blue playing strip and defeated Orange Anglican Grammar School in a close match 2 tries to 1. They competed admirably in their other two games going down to Orange High School and a Mick Armstrong-coached Kelso High School by one try in each game. Stand out players of the day were Charli O’Byrne, Imogen Brenner and Taylor Keppie.

Both under 14’s teams participated with high enthusiasm and improved through the experience with each game they played. The teamwork and sportsmanship exhibited by the girls was excellent and commented upon by NRL Development and their opponents. Students who were stand out examples of these traits and our school expectations were Annabella Taylor, Brodie Tetley, Amber Taylor, Michelle Walker and Hayley Taylor.

Applications for 2021 CEF scholarships are open and close 30 December 2020. Interviews will be held in early February 2021. The four essential selection criteria are:

- You have a demonstrated financial need;
- You are aged 16-25 years;
- You have attended The Henry Lawson High School or currently live in the Weddin Shire; and
- You are able to demonstrate commitment to achieving your goal.

To apply;
Go to the CEF of Australia's webpage: https://cef.org.au/
Go to the Apply Now button.
Follow the prompts under the Apply Now section.
White Ribbon Day

Friday 20 November is White Ribbon Day, raising awareness of the prevalence of domestic violence in Australia and advocating for change. Year 7 and 8 students have been exploring and discussing this important issue in PDHPE lessons and have developed an awareness video titled We are the Battle Plan.

All students participated in awareness raising discussions about the cause and affect of abuse and domestic violence and were guided towards support networks during LATS lessons on Friday.

Did you know that in Australia, one in four children are exposed to domestic violence?

Change can happen when violence against women is addressed!

For more information visit: https://www.whiteribbon.org.au/

For support in Grenfell search Grenfell Voices Against Violence on Facebook and/or visit Community Health.

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Year 7 English: Persuasive Visual Text!

In Year 7 English, students have been exploring the concept of sustainability through analysing a variety of visual texts including; the film Wall-E and the picture book The Dream of the Thylacine. To conclude the unit, students were required to select an endangered animal of their choosing, and create a persuasive visual poster outlining why their animal is endangered and what action should be taken. To accompany their posters, students were required to give a brief speech (their very first in English!) analysing their purpose and design choices. Well done Year 7!
ENGLISH/HISTORY ASSESSMENT REMINDERS

**HSC Advanced English:** Texts and Human Experiences presentation due Wednesday 9 December (week 9)

**HSC Standard English:** Texts and Human Experiences presentation due Wednesday 9 December (week 9)

**HSC English Studies:** Texts and Human Experiences presentation due Friday 11 December (week 9)

**Reminder to parents/guardians of Year 9:** Letters were sent home in Week 1 regarding students needing to select and source an appropriate film of their choosing for close study in English from next week. Some signed notes are still to be returned to English teachers by Monday. Thank you.

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Movember: The primary purpose is to promote the importance of men's health and supporting each other through quality conversations. Raising money for Movember is just a bonus.

Aaron Flagg

Donate:

- QR Scanner
- Website: https://movember.com/m/14507831?mc=1

Or

Aaron Flagg
Christmas Card Making

**Bookings required**

Friday 4 December or Friday 11 December  
4 – 4.45pm

Saturday 5 December or Saturday 12 December  
10-11am

**Age:** 5+  
6 places per session  
1 session per child

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**Christmas Raffle**

**Prizes:**  
1st $200 IGA  
2nd $200 Grenfell Meat Barn  
3rd $100 Open order to any Weddin Shire Business

Raffle Tickets $2 each or 3 for $5

Drawn on Friday 4 December  
Tickets available at Grenfell Public Library

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**PJ Storytime**

Join us for our Christmas PJ Storytime session in the library before bedtime.

PJ Storytime is suitable for kids aged 3 to 8 years old.

Please wear your pyjamas.  
Teddy bear are welcome.  
Siblings are welcome.

Plus, all stories read during these sessions count towards the 1,000 books before school program.

Thursday 3 December  
7 – 7.30pm  
Doors open 6.45pm

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**Myths, Fairy Tales and Legends**  
**Of Summer Reading Club 20/21**

Collect your kit from 3pm Tuesday 1 December onwards  
Lucky dip prizes to be won  
All bookmarks need to be returned by 12pm Saturday 30 January to enter the final draw
Year 10 Geography Excursion to Lake Cowal

At the beginning of this term, Year 10 travelled to Lake Cowal to geographically examine the lake and its physical features and also to find out about the job opportunities available at the open-cut mine. We learned of the types of plants and wildlife that have inhabited the national park as well as how to carry out testing like the pH and clarity of water, through testing the lake. We completed a booklet that was useful in developing our understandings of transections as well as helping to build on our grid and area referencing skills. A highlight of the excursion was observing insects from the water of the lake under a microscope and classifying them through using the sheet provided. The presentation of all of the job opportunities interested many of our peers and we found the information very helpful in explaining the roles of both men and women. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Troth and Mr Connolly for organising this informative excursion that we all enjoyed!

Lily Holmes, Niamh Mitton, Imogen Brenner and Megan Wilson.
## SCHOOL CALENDAR
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### GRENFELL AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
### NEWSLETTER

#### CARNIVALS
The first carnival for the season will be held at Parkes on Sunday 29 November 2020. Entries for this carnival opened on Swim Central on Monday 16 November 2020.

The following weekend Sunday 6 December 2020, we will hold our Development Carnival. Please keep checking your emails for when to nominate for our Carnival. We will start looking for volunteers for our carnival on Friday night, so people might like to think about a time that suits them for timekeeping or any other job they feel they could assist with.

#### UNIFORMS
Please get your uniform orders to Leann at the Aquatic Centre as soon as possible.

#### RAFFLE DONATIONS
Anyone willing to donate prizes for the weekly raffle can leave them with Leann or the ladies in the Club Room. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Timekeepers for this week – 20 November 2020
McLelland, McMahon, Noble, O’Byrne, Radnedge, Randall, Reid, Robinson

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