Oh what a feeling ...

Year 12 students are celebrating after completing their HSC trial exams. Students sat for up to two exams a day over the course of a week. Now the wait for the exams to be marked and returned. Year 12 will commence their HSC on Tuesday 20 October.

Henry’s Harvest

As part of Semester 1 project group, Ms Crossley and her Henry’s Harvest team have produced a selection of preserves using local fresh ingredients. Products include smokey BBQ pizza sauce, Aussie style tomato relish, peach chutney and two varieties of marmalade. Taste tests have been completed and we can report the the products are all delicious!
Gift sets of the products are available to purchase from the office.
Principals report

Our Parent/Teacher afternoon is on Monday 24 August from 4.00 – 6.00 pm. I encourage all parents to meet with teachers about your child’s progress, and share thoughts and ideas around ongoing learning. The ongoing shared responsibility for students’ learning is vital to ensure every student maximises their potential. The Parent/Teacher meetings will be conducted via the ZOOM platform with pre-booked appointments. If parents are unable to participate via ZOOM on the day, alternative arrangements can be made at any time through our administration office.

The Year 10 into Year 11 subject selection parent information evening will be at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 18 August via the ZOOM platform. Students will attend subject selection information sessions and are provided with information packages during school hours. This is an exciting time for Year 10 as they are giving further consideration to their interests and possible career pathways.

Parent correspondence outlining the finer details about Parent/Teacher Interviews and the subject selection evening will be sent home in coming days.

We are excited and proud to be hosting the Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman workshops on Monday 10 August for Years 10, 11 and 12 students. Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman are about reinventing masculinity and femininity and challenging the narrow rules around what it means to be a man or a woman today. The program aims to disrupt outdated gender stereotypes, strengthen emotional muscle and reinvent a modern, more flexible alternative for teens. It is about encouraging healthy traits that strengthen resilience to ensure we become, and grow into, the best possible version of ourselves.

Year 7 will be participating in a cross curricular day at the Weddin Mountains on Friday 21 August. The day will involve a hike, BBQ lunch, geography field work, science lesson, and some local farm history. It is great to have such a fantastic educational resource at our back door.

I had the pleasure of looking through some Stage 5 commerce activities this week. Students were tasked with creating an idea for a new breakfast cereal. Developing their ideas involved coming up with a product name, flavours, selling points, product research and pricing, product marketing such as slogans, advertisements, packaging and incentives to buy. This is a great activity that provides students with insight into the extensive process that is required when further developing an idea. I was really impressed with the quality work across the whole class. Students created a huge range of cereal ideas named Swirlo Pops, Twixy Sticks, Bee Eco Friendly, Star bites, Safari Animals, Catz, Ben Halls Golden Honey Nuggets, Honey Gems and Dino Power Foods.

Our annual athletics carnival is fast approaching and will be on Friday 14 August. This is further evidence that things are slowly returning to normal (let’s all hope that the trend continues). I encourage all students to attend and participate. Participation and having fun are the best way to make the most of what will be an enjoyable day.

A big congratulations to our Year 12 students who have just completed their HSC trial examinations. Trial examinations are vital in identifying how we can further support each student as we head down the home straight of completing course content and preparations required towards the final examinations.

Aaron Flagg
Principal
New Staff

Hi my name is Elise. I started my role at The Henry Lawson High School in term 1. I work in the classroom as a school learning support officer as well as in the administration office. I enjoy working in the two roles and learning all different aspects of the school. My favourite thing about working at the school is seeing the students achieve both in the classroom and in sport.

My name is Vanessa. Since finishing school in 2015, I have been doing all sorts of odd jobs from tuition lessons to working behind the deli counter at IGA. Now I have added Student Learning Support Officer to that list, and it’s been wonderful to join the team. Over the next few weeks, you will probably catch me hanging out with some of the Year 7 kids and following them throughout the day.

School Footwear Policy

A reminder that students must wear appropriate footwear to school. In particular, practical subjects including visual art, photography and digital media, all technology subjects and science, require you to wear fully enclosed leather footwear. This footwear is available locally at Grenfell Shoes. For more information or clarification, please see your teacher.

NEW TO THE LIBRARY

The city of Ark is the last safe place on Earth. To make sure humans avoid the mistakes of their past everyone in Ark must speak List, a language of only 500 words. Everyone, that is, except Letta. As apprentice to the Wordsmith, Letta can read all the words that have ever existed. Words like freedom, music, and even pineapple tell her about a world she’s never known. One day her master disappears and the leaders of Ark tell Letta she is the new Wordsmith and must shorten List to fewer and fewer words. When Letta meets a mysterious boy who somehow knows all the words that have been banned, she’s faced with a dangerous choice: sit idly by and watch language slowly slip away or follow a stranger on a path to freedom...or banishment.

Now an outlaw, Letta’s world is more dangerous than ever. The new ruler of Ark has limited language under five hundred words and there are terrible whispers of babies disappearing in the night. Letta devotes herself to keeping language alive, teaching in secret illegal schools, but at great risk. And when disaster strikes, she takes the blame. Haunted by grief and hunted by gavvers, she and Marlo are forced to flee, in the process discovering the terrible plan to wipe out language for good.
Mr Flagg was on hand to help Lachlan Peiren in peer reading this week.

Year 7-10 have been investigating the risks and consequences of drug and alcohol use. Thank you to guest speakers Rachael Power (GGM Lawyers) and Dean Coldicott (NSW Ambulance) who shared their professional knowledge and answered students’ questions.

Captain’s Cup kicks off this term in conjunction with the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. All students have the opportunity to increase their participation in physical activity and record valuable movement minutes to raise money for school sporting equipment and facilities. The Australian Physical Activity Guidelines recommend that young people participate in 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day.

Our basketball courts have enjoyed a much needed upgrade. The courts have been resurfaced and lines painted and we are now awaiting the arrival of the new posts.
Year 7 Geography.

On Wednesday, Year 7 geographers headed to O’Brien’s lookout for some field work. We took advantage of this great location to view the Weddin Mountains and the Grenfell township. Students created an annotated field sketch of the landscape and learned about the importance of this geographical tool in the field. We observed the natural and human features of the landscape and discussed our upcoming trip to explore our amazing Weddin Mountain landform in week 5.
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