At the start of each year we celebrate the achievements of all the students who gained 30 or more points during the previous year under the house points system. It is great to see students continuing to strive to achieve excellence and involve themselves in school life. There are some new names on the list, which is great to see. Students who scored 30 points or more receive a gift from the school for their outstanding effort. Students from Year 8 received an embossed THLHS USB flash drive and swimming cap, students from Year 9, a house swimming bag and swimming cap, Year 10, a house beach towel, Year 11, a house drink bottle and students from Year 12 received a power pack. In addition to these awards three students, one from each house, receive a special house award for showing outstanding effort and involvement throughout 2020.

Congratulations to the top ten students including:

Anna Hunt   Tom Robinson   Lily Holmes
Lily Holmes   Brendan Knight   Tara Schaefer
Niamh Mitton   Hugh Allen   Caprhyse Lawler
Imogen Brenner   Georgia Squires

Our 30 point students are:

Mea O’Byrne   Casey Walker   Annie Armstrong
Brett Knight   Amelia Squires   Xanthe Johnson
George Mitton   Oscar Schaefer   Stephanie Davies
Ebony Abbott   Aydan Eyles   Joshua Pargeter
Sophie Hughes   Caleb Haddin   Georgia Brenner
Charli O’Byrne   Chrystal Hucker   Maya Squires
Max Brenner   Hugo Fenton   Amy Parsons
Annabella Taylor   Angus Troth   Jake Troth
Riley Aspin   Joshua Carpenter   Harrison Starr
Zac Simpson   Hugh Nowlan

Special house encouragement awards were presented to:

Mikayla Hughes   Dylan Mehrton   Sophie Berry
McNamara   Lehane   McCabe

Congratulations on your efforts and involvement in our school.
Principals report

Welcome to all parents and students to another year of quality education and a special welcome to all new students, parents and staff. I am confident that you will be embraced by the friendliness of The Henry Lawson High School.

I am very excited to introduce our new staff.

Jodie Bannon has been appointed as a science teacher to replace Mrs Kuhn while she is on maternity leave. I’ve loved my start to the year here at The Henry Lawson High School. It has been such a different experience for me. I’ve moved to Grenfell from Cronulla, Sydney where I have taught science for the past six years. Before teaching I was a flight attendant for Qantas but surprisingly the routine of classrooms is what I prefer.

Despite growing up at the beach, I’m not a surfer, but I love netball and oztag. My dog Mac is the highlight of my day. He’s a scruffy little pup, half poodle and half French bulldog.

Toward the end of last year, I decided to move west to Quandialla with my partner. I’m really looking forward to getting to know everyone, teaching at THLHS and experiencing life in the Weddin Shire.

Jodie Bannon

Taylor Nixon has been appointed as an English/history teacher.

Hello I’m Ms Nixon and I’ve just joined The Henry Lawson High School as an English/history teacher. I have been teaching for the past four years and I’m excited to join the Grenfell community. For the past two years I was teaching in England, but very happy to be back in Australia and able to enjoy the warmer weather! I grew up on the Central Coast and love to explore new places, finding out their local histories and trying new foods. A highlight from my travels would be going to Iceland to see the Northern Lights and trying Hákarl which is fermented shark (I would not recommend it).

This year my goal is to become more sustainable and I hope to get a little veggie garden growing (gardening tips are very much encouraged!!). I look forward to meeting you all and trying out your gardening tips.

Taylor Nixon

I would also like to reintroduce Mrs Carol Hargraves and Miss Vanessa Knight who we have appointed as special focus teachers. This intensive learning support program will be tutoring for targeted students with a special focus on literacy and numeracy.

I have been associated with education at The Henry Lawson High School for many years. Initially I was a classroom teacher teaching in a number of different subject areas. More recently I held the role of transition teacher, which involved working to assist students make the often-difficult move from school to the world of work. I looking forward to my new role as a special focus teacher.

Carol Hargrave

Last year I had the privilege of being a student learning support officer at the school, and it was a wonderful opportunity to engage with students and assist them in their learning. Now as we head into 2021, I am excited to continue my involvement in learning support as a special focus teacher and join forces with Mrs Hargrave in our new role. I look forward to working together and working with students in all aspects of their learning.

Vanessa Knight

I would also like to introduce Tom Lawrence who has been appointed three days per week as a student learning support officer. Tom is working towards becoming an industrial arts teacher. The Henry Lawson High School is excited to have Tom on board for the benefit of our students.
Congratulations to Anna Hunt and Tara Schaefer who received Australia Day Awards associated with performance and participation at The Henry Lawson High School in 2020 and a big thank you to Caleb Haddin, Anna Hunt and Georgia Brenner who represented the school as captains and reading a poem on the day. Well done to Tom Robinson who did a terrific job as Master of Ceremony for the Australia Day ceremony.

(Missing from photo is Tara Schaefer who was unable to attend the event.)

We are really excited to be introducing the Accelerated Reader program into our school in 2021. Accelerated Reader is an enjoyable reading experience as students can choose books of interest. The program has been included in the timetable for all Year 7 students. Accelerated Reader is a program that helps teachers manage and monitor students’ independent reading practice. Students choose a book at their own level and read it at their own pace. When finished, students take a short quiz. The Accelerated Reader program gives both students and teachers feedback based on the quiz results. Teachers will then use these results to help students set targets and direct ongoing reading practice. We are also very excited to begin our new period one initiative. During period one each day students will complete targeted reading, writing and numeracy activities not specific to any particular subject. One period one activity per week will have a wellbeing focus. The aim is to have an intense skill-learning approach to the beginning of the day to enhance overall enjoyment and performance across all areas of the school.

Thank you to students and parents for their efforts in getting everyone in the correct uniform for the beginning of the year. It is a credit to the school community. School uniform is extremely important. It provides a sense of belonging and a sense of being part of something bigger than you. Uniform is a symbolic way of removing the social imbalances that are often a part of children’s lives outside of school.

There is an open invitation to all parents to meet with me and discuss school business and your child’s education. I am always interested to meet new people and hear parents’ connections and perspectives on our school and what future vision or directions you would like to see.

A reminder that all parents and carers are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the P&C to be held at 7.00 pm in the school library on Tuesday 9 February. I am very conscious of the never-ending demands placed on parents in supporting their children and the school. Families experiencing financial hardship can access support by making an appointment with the principal. Confidentiality relating to all matters is assured. Once again, I thank all parents and guardians for your continuous support of our school.

I continue to be a very proud principal of The Henry Lawson High School and I would like to once again welcome everyone back to another year of learning and enjoyment.

Aaron Flagg
Principal
Welcome to The Henry Lawson High School Year 7!
THLHS BASKETBALL

THLHS is developing basketball as a school representative sporting opportunity for opens and under 15’s boys and girls. We have entered the CHS competitions and are planning further development opportunities.

Wednesday Night Social Mixed Basketball in Cowra.
Mr Connolly and Mr Barclay are asking for expressions of interest for up to 12 students interested in playing in a mixed (boys and girls) social basketball competition on Wednesday nights at the Cowra PCYC.

The cost is an Active Kids Voucher or $105 payable to PCYC plus $5 per week for travel. We will be wearing the new school basketball apparel (pictured).

We would like to start in Week 3 or 4 so please see Mr Connolly or Mr Barclay asap for more information.
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**RECONNECT**

Cherrie Dowling and Kristy Friend from Reconnect will be in Lawson’s Lounge on Wednesdays in Week B. Reconnect works with students, their families and supporting community organisations.

Some key features of collaborating include:
- working with a range of core services including schools, community agencies, and specialist services (e.g. Centrelink, MyGov, culturally-specific groups, drug, alcohol and health services)
- participating in relevant interagency networks including state and territory government services
- sharing information, where consent from the client has been obtained, to facilitate seamless referrals and improve the services they receive
- working in a co-case management context to support young people at risk
- partnering with other organisations to improve outcomes for young people.

Reconnect CW service covers Blayney, Cowra region, Cowra, Grenfell, Orange Region, West Wyalong, Young region (including Boorowa) and Young.

Reconnect is a community based early intervention and prevention program for young people aged 12 to 18 years (or 12 to 21 years in the case of newly arrived youth) who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, and their families. The aim of Reconnect is to prevent homelessness by intervening early with families and young people to stabilise and improve their housing situation, achieve family reconciliation (wherever practicable) and improve their level of engagement with education, training, employment and the community.

Reconnect services can provide counselling, group work, mediation and practical support to the whole family, to help prevent homelessness from occurring. Collaboration with schools and other services facilitate a streamlined service system.
Have you moved during the school holidays?  
Did you change your postal address?  
Have you changed your email address?  
Did you change your home phone or mobile phone number?  
If so, could you please let the school know as soon as possible so we can update our records. 
You may call the school on 63431390 
or email henrylawso-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS

Fact: A dog can die if left in a car in six minutes if the outside temperature is 30 degrees.

With Summer well and truly here, and Grenfell temperatures sometimes reaching 40 degrees, you are reminded of the danger of leaving your dog in an unattended vehicle. Even if you are just popping into the shops to get milk can prove deadly for your dog.

Do not think that leaving the windows down an inch will save your pooch from severe heat stress / exhaustion or ultimately death. Evidence has shown that leaving the window down slightly for some fresh air does little to change the inside temperature of the vehicle. Testing has revealed that a vehicle that had been air conditioning cooled to 20 degrees, with an outside temperature of 29, can heat up to 44 degrees within ten minutes of the vehicle being locked and left in the sun. A further ten minutes revealed the inside temperature of the vehicle had tripled to 60 degrees!

Dogs cool down by panting. If the air around them becomes too hot the dog is physically unable to regulate the body temperature. Unless you are taking your dog to a vet, or travelling on holidays with your dog, it is recommended to leave them at home. Create a safe place with shade, shelter, fresh water a bone or their favourite toys. Dog owners need to be aware that NSW Police or an RSPCA Officer has the power to smash a vehicle window and seize a dog if they are of the belief the dog is suffering from heat stress. If an offence under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act is proven penalties may apply and/or imprisonment may be imposed.

Ute dogs – To all people who have their dog on the back of utes – please ensure that your dog at all times has access to fresh drinking water and if enclosed by a cage, that the cage is covered by shade cloth or similar (no iron roofs) to decrease direct heat. Always park your ute in the shade. Remember, ute trays can become boiling hot and dogs can burn the pads on their feet, become dehydrated and or suffer heat stress and exhaustion quickly. Some symptoms include panting, dehydration, excessive drooling, spike in temperature, change of gum colour, decrease of or no urination, vomiting, seizure, staggering or collapse. If you suspect that your dog is suffering from the heat try to cool your dog down and contact vet immediately.

For contact details on more information, or access to fact sheets, please do not hesitate to contact your local vet or the Weddin Shire Ranger on 0427 246 787.
Make a difference in suicide prevention

Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention training
Educating, empowering and resourcing local Australian communities

Date: 23 February 2021
Time: 9am – 1.30pm
Venue: Greenethorpe Soldiers Memorial Hall
Cost: Free

Register for this event call 1800 100 024 or Online

BE AMBITIOUS
BE PART OF THE CHANGE - SUICIDE PREVENTION.

The Western Plains Regional Development Inc
Weddin Suicide Prevention Project is a partnership with TAFE NSW aimed at supporting those at most at risk in the community.

GRENFELL AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
NEWSLETTER

BUSINESS HOUSE RELAYS
Business House Relays will be held this coming Sunday 7 February 2021 commencing at 5pm. $30 entry fee per relay team. Gate admission - $5 per family or $2 a single. Join us for a fun family afternoon - you don’t need to be an Olympic swimmer to take part - you just need to be able to get from one end of the pool to the other. If you are a business house and would like to sponsor a team or you would like to swim but don’t have a team please contact Leann and she will find you a team.

SQUAD
A reminder that squad fees are now due – January $45.00 and February $40.00. From Monday 1 February 2021 squad will revert to after school sessions – 3.45pm and 4pm.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
We remind swimmers that to qualify for Championships you must have six swims from club nights in each particular event. Please note there are no Championships for 15m breaststroke, butterfly or backstroke.

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 – 5 February 2021
Hazell, Rolls, Smith, Berry, Hucker, Fenton and Noble

DATES FOR THE DIARY
7/2/2021 – Business House Relays
5/3/2021 – Championships (night 1)
12/3/2021 – Championships (night 2)
26/3/2021 – Presentation Night

Grenfell Aquatic Centre details
E mail – aquaticcentre@weddin.nsw.gov.au
Ph – 6343 1756 Mob: 0490 830 563
2021 THLHS Spelling Bee

Spelling is important because autocorrect is not always write!

To raise awareness of the importance of spelling and to encourage our students to become more active in improving their spelling, we will be running a spelling competition for all students in Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8) during this term.

YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENTS,
ROUND ONE WILL BE HELD DURING PERIOD 1 ON FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2021.

Round 1 word lists have been designed with a range of words, across all key learning areas, to suit a range of spelling abilities. In this way we are hoping that all students will achieve some level of success and encourage all students to have a go.

We encourage parents and students to work together in preparation for the spelling bee. There are two initial rounds, which will lead to the Spelling Bee Championships later in the term. This is designed to be a fun and inclusive activity with merits and prizes for students who challenge, encourage and achieve.

A variety of approaches can be quite effective, from look/cover/write, to word jumbles and games. Please encourage regular practice for students to be best prepared.

| 1. figurative | 2. cricket | 3. warrior | 4. assassination | 5. bronze |
| 11. war | 12. league | 13. ghost | 14. sword | 15. midnight |
| 16. despite | 17. creature | 18. crocodile | 19. monument | 20. whispering |
| 26. fracture | 27. single | 28. treasure | 29. waltzing | 30. enemy |
| 31. jewel | 32. feather | 33. thylacine | 34. horse | 35. bicycle |
| 36. shipwreck | 37. bomb | 38. trench | 39. ticket | 40. belonging |
| 41. triangle | 42. endangered | 43. wetlands | 44. natural | 45. symbol |
| 46. classical | 47. civil | 48. bushfire | 49. adventure | 50. graphic |
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### NEW YEAR NEW JOB?

Are you looking for a fresh start in 2021? Do you want to work for a family owned company that empowers and encourages its staff?

In 2021 Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW. At Joss we value our diverse and committed workforce and we are regularly recruiting for cleaning positions across NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on careers@jossgroup.com.au

Check us out on Facebook Joss Cleaning  
or visit our webpage  
www.jossgroup.com.au