

# LAWSON'S LATEST

### 4 July, 2025 | Term 2, Week 10 THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

### 15 Years in a Row!

Our amazing Year 9 and 10 Science and Engineering team have done it again – for the 15th year in a row!

On Friday 20 June, our talented students travelled to Young to compete in the Regional Science and Engineering Challenge. The event brought together schools from across the region, testing students' problem-solving, teamwork, and STEM skills in a variety of exciting challenges.

We're proud to announce that our team once again claimed first place, continuing an outstanding legacy of success. This win means they will now advance to the State Finals in Newcastle, where they'll represent our school.

Congratulations to the team – and best of luck in Newcastle!



### 2 Years in a Row!

Our boccia team went to Bathurst again this year to compete in the Regional Boccia Tournament and to defend their regional title. Jens Hodgess, Blair Randall, Jebediah York, Damien Lyons and Riley Dennis were putting in the hard yards this term training in preparation for the event.

The day started a little shaky for the team who had a draw and a loss despite having an early lead in both matches. The team then needed to win the remaining 4 matches to be eligible for finals. The boys regathered in a time out to come up with a stronger game plan that seemed to work for the most part having won the next 3 games. It was an incredible showing of grit in the come back and it was now down to the last match...

THLHS boys were paired against one of the hottest teams of the day - Kandos High School. Despite an initial lead of 2-0, Kandos HS came back in the next set to draw the game 2-2. With a draw looming as a very real outcome, it would mean that THLHS would miss out on finals. A late charge placed THLHS at 4-2 but Kandos had other ideas and brought the game back to a 4-4 draw in the final set. There was one more opportunity to score a single point which was with a bonus throw round to finish the game. All weight of a place in the finals now rested on Riley Dennis' shoulders who nominated himself to take the throw. He took aim at the bonus square which is 30x30cm and 5m away from the throwing line. Time slowed down as Riley wound back his arm and I'm sure 'Chariots of Fire' was playing in all the boys minds as they watched the ball release from Riley's arm, hurl through the air and plonk onto the cold wood floor of the stadium. The ball trickled along for a few more metres before eventually coming to a stop in the bonus point area. Riley had pulled off a miracle and the THLHS boccia team were through to the grand final!

It was grand final time and THLHS reset and had full focus on what they needed to achieve - WIN. There was no hiding it, the boys ended up with a dominant win 11-1 and were crowned the regional boccia title winners!

The THLHS boccia team now heads to the NSW State Titles in Sydney in Term 3, Week 2. ALL THE VERY BEST BOYS!





### **Principals Report**

As we wrap up a fantastic Term 2 and the first semester of the year, I would like to thank our students, staff, and families for their ongoing support, enthusiasm, and involvement in school life. It's been a busy and successful term, and there is already much to look forward to in Term 3!

Upcoming Events in Term 3:

We have a few exciting events already planned for next term:

- Parent-Teacher Interviews Monday, 4th August
- Year 10-11 Subject Selection Evening Monday, 18th August at 5:30pm
- Education Week Running from Monday 4th to Friday 8th August

More information will be sent out closer to the dates.

### Highlights from Term 2:

 ANZAC Day: A heartfelt thank you to all students and staff who participated in the march and ceremony. Your representation of our school was outstanding







- Green Team: Our Green Team has done an incredible job improving the school grounds—pressure washing the quad and engaging in valuable hands-on activities.
- Cross Country at landra Castle: A day full of house spirit and participation. A memorable event in a stunning location.







- Ben Hall Shield: A fantastic day of competition against Blayney High School. We're already looking forward to hosting Forbes High in Term 3!
- Do It For Dolly Day: Year 7 led a thoughtful and well-organised event, raising awareness for a very important cause.







• Evolution Mining Open Day: Students visited Lake Cowal, exploring the mine site and learning about career pathways in the mining industry—an eye-opening experience for many.







- Barista Course: Thanks to our new partnerships with Adrian from Art of Espresso and the Regional Education Industry Partnership (REIP) Program, we now have 11 trained baristas on-site. Delicious coffee is now part of our daily life—thank you to everyone involved!
- Athletics Carnival: What an incredible day of school spirit and competition. Congratulations to all
  participants, and a special mention to Sophie Hughes for breaking the shot put record!







- Yarning Circle Project: Our Yindyamarra Group and Green Team have given the Yarning Circle a beautiful refresh—it looks amazing.
- Boccia Boys: For the second year in a row, our Boccia team has qualified for the state titles in Sydney
   —best of luck in Term 3!





- Science and Engineering Challenge: For the 15th consecutive year, our team is heading to Newcastle to compete—what an incredible achievement.
- Rugby Union Boys Gala Day: Congratulations to Jethro and Harry for their undefeated run and grand final win.







Outdoor Education: Our students braved the cold and put their skills to the test in the Weddin Mountains—what a memorable experience.







Term 2 has been full of achievement, growth, and community spirit. I'm incredibly proud of what we've accomplished together, and I look forward to seeing what Term 3 brings.

Have a restful break, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back on Tuesday, 22nd July 2025.

Warm regards, Aaron Flagg Principal









Welcome back to Term 3!



## Tuesday, 22 July 2025

The office will be open from Monday, 21 July 2025 for all enquiries



### **Outdoor Education Take On The Weddin Mountains**



















### State of Origin Mufti + Staff V Teacher League Tag



















#### Congratulations Jethro and Harry

A huge congratulations to Jethro Fenton and Harry Robinson from the combined Henry Lawson High and Temora High team for their incredible achievement at the South West Slopes High School 7's Rugby Union Boys Gala Day!

The squad showed serious skill, going undefeated throughout the entire tournament. They won all three of their pool matches, powered through the semi-final, and claimed victory in the Grand Final with an impressive all-round team performance.

Jethro Fenton was a standout on the scoreboard, crossing the line for two tries and successfully kicking two conversions. Meanwhile, Harry Robinson led a rock-solid defence, not missing a single tackle all day . They ultimately triumphed over Mater Dei in the final, claiming the under-18 shield. The team will now advance to the finals in Canberra in August



#### **Waste to Art**

We are proud to celebrate the amazing achievement of Ebony Dowd, Zarah Durham and Samantha Mitton, who won first place in the Senior Division of this year's Waste to Art competition!

Pictured: Isabel Holmes, representing the Waste to Art competition organizers, presenting Ebony, Zarah, and Samantha with their well-earned prizes.

A big thank you to Isabel and the Waste to Art team for supporting young artists and promoting environmental awareness through creativity. Congratulations again to our winning team—your talent and hard work is amazing!



### Stage 5 Debating

Stage 5 debating had a successful first internal debate, with Team A winning against Team B. We then travelled to Murrumburrah High School, where both Teams A and B faced strong contenders. Both teams were victorious on the day, debating topics relating to education. Team A will face Young High School on July 2, and Team B won as a result of a forfeit. With both teams securing two wins, they will progress to the next level of the competition in Term 3.







#### **Congratulations Thomas**

We're proud to announce that Thomas Vonthien has been selected for the 2025 U14s Boys NSW Country Rugby Union Junior Extended Squad! He'll attend a development camp in Camden from 4th–6th July, where he'll train with top junior players from across the state. From there, he has the chance to be selected to play for the Country team against the City team in Newcastle on 26th–27th July.

Well done, Thomas – a fantastic achievement and exciting opportunity!



### **University of Wollongong Breakfast**

A huge thank you to James Burton from the University of Wollongong (UOW) for visiting us, and to all the parents and Year 12 students who came along to our Breakfast Meet & Greet on Wednesday 2 July at Stan's Study.

It was a fantastic morning filled with great conversations, insightful information, and, of course, a delicious light breakfast and coffee! Attendees had the opportunity to:

- Learn about Early Entry Applications
- Explore Accommodation Options
- Discover Scholarships
- Ask questions about Course Information

We're so grateful to everyone who helped make this event a success, and we hope it gave our students and families a clearer picture of the exciting possibilities at UOW.



# How Good Does Our School Look From Above?

Last week, one of our talented Year 12 students had the opportunity to fly the school drone and captured some stunning aerial footage of our campus. It's amazing to see our school from a whole new perspective—it really shows off how impressive our grounds and buildings look from above.

We're excited to make the most of the drone in the future.



### Reminders



### **English/History Assessment Reminders**

Year 12 Advanced and Standard English: Craft of Writing Portfolio due 25th July (week 1 term 3) ALL YEAR 12 ENGLISH AND HISTORY: Trial examinations begin Week 4. Make sure you are preparing. Year 11 Advanced English: Multimodal narrative and evaluation due 1st August (week 2 term 3)



Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational
  outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the <u>Australian Government's Privacy Policy</u> (https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Aaron Flagg

Principal

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