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Lawson’s Latest

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at Dubbo last week. Mr Barclay said they were great competitors. A group of students qualified for the state carnival at Homebush later this month: Natalie Cotter – 200m freestyle; Angus Brown – 50m freestyle; Tom Robinson – 200m freestyle and 100m backstroke; and the U14s relay team of Angus, Tom and Fletcher and Stirling Taylor.

Last Friday, the Stage 5 and 6 visual art students and a group of Stage 6 maths students visited Canberra, specifically the National Portrait Museum and the Australian War Memorial. The art students were looking at the theme of war and the mathematicians were exploring how maths is used in art and the maths of war. All the students came back amazed by what they saw. The exhibition at the portrait museum showed life-like human forms where the students were almost convinced that they were real, right down to the details of the eyes. The students loved the exhibition of Ben Quilty’s work. For many of the students it was their first visit to the War Memorial. They want to go back and see more of it, not realising how much there was to see and do. A big thanks to Mrs Reidy for coordinating the excursion and to Ms Roper and Miss O’Connell for accompanying the students. Thanks to Mr Jeff Wheeldon who joined the group for the day and shared his knowledge of war and campaigns with the students.

Maths is fun, exciting and makes you think. That is what Year 7 and 10 discovered after their maths day on Tuesday. The Year 7 students were teamed up with Year 10 students, and had to solve a whole range of problems in different team activities. Every time I visited the hall, it had been reconfigured for the new activity. The students looked at patterns and sequences, solving algebraic problems and orienteering. The students were totally engaged, working with each other. It was a terrific day. Thanks and well done to the maths faculty led by Mr Jones. We look forward to more mathematical manoeuvrings!

Year 11 took part in the Rotary sponsored RYDA program at Cowra this week. The focus of the day’s activities was on driving. The students had the laws around being an L and P plate driver spelt out to them which they said was informative. One of the most confronting aspects of the day was listening to people tell their stories about their experiences: becoming a paraplegic as a result of an accident; and parent telling about losing a child. The students reported that it was a really good day and they learnt a lot from it. Thanks to Grenfell Rotary who covered the entire cost for our students and Mr Harris for coordinating the day and escorting his year group along with Miss Wilkinson. This week our students are supporting Rotary with Meals on Wheels. Two students per day go on the rounds with a Rotarian. The Rotarians enjoy the youthful company and assistance and our students see the value of helping out within the community.

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Year 7 and 8 students with their musical instruments that they made as part of an assessment.
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Year 8 assignments/homework
English: myths and legends.
Music: portfolio assignment.
PDHPE: fitness recording portfolio.
Geography: global technology assignment.

Year 9 assignments/homework

What’s going on:
⇒ Meals on Wheels roster is out.
⇒ Keep an eye out for School Spectacular auditions.
⇒ ANZAC projects.
⇒ Group 6 & 7 are on lunch duty next Tuesday. Bring an item to the value of $2 - $5.

Homework
• Music: group performance.
• English: assessment - public speaking.
• Geography: in-class assessment
• Food tech: countries assessment.
• Photography: photogram and literacy task.
• Science: literacy task. Volcanos assessment.
• PDHPE: discrimination task (partially in-class).
• PASS: body systems homework essay (revision).

Year 9 students should do a minimum of 10 minutes per night of revision as well as completing all homework and assessments.

Year 10 assignments/homework

Year 11 assignments

Year 12 assignments

Homework

Legal

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HELPERS WANTED FOR THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL!
If you can spare a morning or afternoon or even the whole day to assist teachers to run events or time keep, please contact Mr Barclay.

Do you know ...?
Can you help .....?

Do you know … that for the price of five yummy drummies you can cover your student for injury 24 hours a week for a year whether at home or at school?
Student Injury Insurance isn’t just for broken bones or ambulance trips, it also covers non-Medicare medical expenses and small property losses. Dental cover is also provided but this is an ‘at school’ provision.

Can You Help?  The P&C Association have paid the insurance but are requesting your assistance towards the insurance cost by asking that you contribute $5.00 per child towards this valuable insurance. Thank you.

ATTENTION FATHERS!!
The Grenfell Dramatic Society is calling for two able-bodied men to guard five female prisoners as they take part in Drama Therapy for the State Art Council. The two vacant positions will suit applicants who enjoy a challenge and can stand their ground in the face of combined feminine ingenuity.
If you think you’re capable, please contact Cathy Gilbert on 0427 3891 134

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!
EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS!
Moving Forward Together
2015 Harmony Day competition.
$6250 total prize money.
Theme: Harmony Day - Everyday.
Design a poster and/or write a song and/or produce a short film.
What are the benefits of harmony in our society?
How and why is harmony good for our society?
Enteries close 10 April 2015. For entry forms and full details on how to enter, visit www.harmonyday-everyday.org
For further information, see Ms Roper.

Louisa’s Locker Sale
Final summer sale!
Up to 70% off all summer stock.
Hurry in before you miss out!

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

KIDS CAMPS

For further information, see Ms Roper.
Year 7 & 10 Mathematics Challenge Day 2015

On Tuesday, all students in Year 7 and 10 took part in the Mathematical Challenge Day. This was a day of mathematical activities planned to help develop the students’ skills in many different areas. These included problem solving, team work and co-operation, as well as mathematical skills.

The day started with the organisation into teams. Each team was made up of one Year 10 student, who acted as a guide as well as a team member, and three Year 7 students. They chose team names and quickly were set going on the first activity, the Group Contest. Here the team had 50 minutes to solve 12 problems.

The other activities were a Cross-Number Contest, much like a crossword, but with numbers and a Swiss Contest, where students competed against another team to find the pattern with lists of numbers. The final activity in the school hall was the relay, which saw students solving problems in teams of two, but each pair had to wait for their team mates, before progressing to the next question.

After lunch the students were given compasses and compass bearings to locations around the school oval, where they solved quick problems, in a race against each other and also against the clock. The day concluded with the presentation of prizes to the winners of each individual contest and the overall winners.

I would like to give a big thank you to Mrs Mitton’s Year 10 mathematics class, who assisted in the running of the whole day. As many of them are the peer mentors of the Year 7 students, it was a great opportunity to keep in contact and also an opportunity for the non-mentors to work with the students.

As this was the first time we had run this activity, it was very pleasing to see how much the students, from both levels, enjoyed the day and how much they learned mathematically. We plan to run this activity each year in future and possibly repeat the activity with our Year 8 students and teams from other neighbouring schools.

Mr Andrew Jones
Head Teacher Mathematics

RUGBY SEVENS

The senior boys 7’s rugby team were recently invited to participate in a 7’s rugby gala day at Young. Whilst we were unable to come away with a win, the games were played with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Our thanks must go to Brett McKeil who drove the bus and parents who provided the cheer squad on the day.

Mr Robinson
**SUCCESS IN SCIENCE**

The Science and Engineering Challenge team hit off with a solid win against many teams last week at the Young Challenge. Competing on the day were Young High School, Hennessey, Boorowa Central School and Cootamundra High School along with West Wyalong High School and Cowra High School who joined the Young Challenge this year. A few people were a little nervous and with a reputation of winning six years running, expectations were high (plus we didn’t want to walk home).

With all nerves aside everyone seemed to have fun during the rest of the day, winning the hover craft, mars rover, bridge, the skeleton hand, catapult, string ways, electro-city and the tower. The day was topped off for The Henry Lawson High School, coming away with another win.

We now travel to Newcastle to compete in state finals at the end of August.

On behalf of the team, a massive thanks and acknowledgement goes out to Loaders Coaches and of course Mrs Gorman and Mr Robinson taking time and effort to encourage us to do our best and keep the winning streak going.

By Caitlin Dixon

**NEWCASTLE - HERE WE COME!**

**TGLHS P&C Bulb Drive Fundraiser**

Hopefully you have all received catalogues. Extra catalogues are available from NAB and HACC. If you wish to purchase bulbs, could you please have your money and order (in an envelope appropriately marked) in to the school office by Friday 27 March 2015. There is no facility for credit Cards, so payment needs to be either cash or cheque. All cheques are to be made out to The Henry Lawson High School P&C. Thank you.

**TGLHS 2015**

The first round of the TGLHS Spelling Bee was a stunning success. The students of Years seven and eight engaged in the activity and produced some excellent results. The new lists have been given to the enthusiastic students for the second round. Yay!

They are so excited to be a part of the Spelling Bee.

I hope they are all busy bees over the next week learning their new words.

Remember a spelling bee is a happy bee!

The three groups – Doctors, Tardis and Daleks will be in the noticeboard with the words at all times.
Trundle Show.

On Sunday 15 February, Madison Knight and I were just 2 of the 30 people from our zone to travel to Trundle Show to compete in the zone finals for the Agricultural Junior Judging. Students and interested young adults ranging from ages 15 to 25 were eligible to compete at the zone finals which then lead to State Finals to be held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show this year.

The competitions that Madison and I competed in were the judging of meat sheep (poll dorset rams), merino wool sheep, grain, vegetables, wool and beef cattle. We both competed well as the younger ones as there were a lot of people that have been doing it for years now. I was lucky enough to be announced as a finalist in the judging of the poll dorset meat sheep. I was then judged further on my opinion on why I had placed the rams in the order in which I did, my public speaking skills and addressed my decision. I unfortunately did not place in the top three but it was a great experience.

Madison and I would like to thank our parents for taking us to Trundle and supporting us during the day.

Grace Kelly.

What's Happening in Agriculture?

**Year 7/8** - have been cultivating herbs in vegetable gardens at school to transplant into herb pots at the end of this term. They are learning about design through a project to complete at home which involves designing and decorating a herb pot. Students have also learned how to put a halter on sheep and have been completing a tractor driving course.

**Year 9/10** - have been developing junior judging and sheep parading skills in preparation for Dubbo Show in May. They have also been completing a topic on meat sheep. Later this term we will be sowing pasture crops for the sheep and setting up a crop trial.

**Year 11** - have been completing an overview topic in preparation for a test in week 8. They have been learning about the importance of agriculture, how factors interact in a farming system and the importance of resources, i.e. climate and soils. Later this term they will be setting up a crop trial comparing various densities.

**Year 12** - have completed the plant, sustainability and micro-organisms component of their first HSC topic and is currently completing their animal section. They have successfully established a plant density trial using silverbeet and will be harvesting this trial at the end of the term.

Clean Up Australia Day

Year 8 geography class, along with Mrs Baker, Mrs Mitton and Hannah Troth from Landcare, participated in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign. In addition to the activity being a worthwhile cause, it also worked in well with Year 8 geography studies related to citizenship and environment. Students collected a great deal of rubbish, all the while displaying enthusiasm and fortitude for hard work. As a reward, at the end of the collection, we celebrated our efforts with cordial and cake.

Clean up Australia Day is a way for community members and school students to help improve our local environment. It is also a great way to encourage students to be good citizens by performing a community service.
Grenfell Junior Rugby League - Player Registrations

Grenfell JRL is starting to gear up for the 2015 season. The Club is holding a Player Registration Day on Saturday 14 March at the Grenfell Country Club between 11am -12pm for all new players and old players who would like help with the online registration.

Round 1 of the 2015 season is due to kick off on 2 May. Age divisions are: under 6's, 8's, 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's and primary and secondary girls league-tag. The Club has ordered new jumpers for each age division.

All returning and new player registrations are available to be completed and paid online. 2015 returning player & new player registration fees are as below:

New Player
FREE
All new player registrations will receive a free pair of shorts and socks.

Returning player
First child - $80.00
Second child - $80.00
Third and thereafter child $75.00

Social membership to Grenfell Country Club to attend Grenfell JRL social functions e.g. home game bbq’s.

How to register your child
Visit the club’s website at [http://www.grenfelljrl.sportingpulse.net/](http://www.grenfelljrl.sportingpulse.net/) or click on the website link available on the clubs Facebook page. Click on the button “Register Now” and follow the prompts.

Enquiries: Please contact:
Brenda Hurst Mobile: 0423 273 371 after 6pm weekdays or Trevor Mawhinney: 0413 444 595

Sign up for Soccer

- Saturday 14 March – at the soccer grounds – 10am – 11.30am

Age divisions – 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 17

Our first training day for all players will be Wednesday 18 March from 4 to 5pm.

This year, registrations will again be done online. Laptops will be available at the grounds and there will be plenty of helpers to assist people with this process. Payments can be made to the club or online. Families can complete the registration online process at home AFTER coming to a registration session to write down the details for each child and receiving the handouts for the 2015 season.

Costs – Under 6 to 8 = $75 per player (includes new socks and shorts)
Under 10 to 17 = $95 per player (includes new socks and shorts)

For more information, contact Cath Sullivan 6345 5818 or come along to a registration session.

Safer Drivers Course for Learner Drivers

The next PCYC Safer Drivers Course will be held at PCYC’s Young Road complex on Friday 19 December (Module 1). The course consists of module 1 - a 3hr facilitated group discussion and module 2 - a 2hr in-vehicle coaching session. Cost of the course is $140.00 and participants receive 20 hours credit in their Learner log books upon completion of the course.

You must have 50 hours of actual driving experience recorded in your log book to register for the course. Each course is limited to a maximum of twelve participants. Booking forms are available at PCYC’s Young Road building.

GRENFELL JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

Grenfell Junior Rugby Union hosted their first sign on night on Wednesday with good numbers registering in all age groups. A follow up registration night with a training session will be held on Wednesday 18 March at the Rugby club at 6pm.

New registrations are free, continuing registrations are $50.00, capped at $100 per family. All players receive free pair of shorts and socks as well as a Brumbies Rugby card which will gain them entry to all Brumbies Super 15 home games in Canberra.

Please provide your Medicare number and bring along your child’s birth certificate.

After training, a sausage sizzle will be provided by the club and drinks will be available to purchase.

Please consider Rugby as a winter sport. If you would like more information contact Rob Taylor on 0427 438 289 or Brad Robinson on 0427 124 805.