



LAWSON'S LATEST

11 April, 2025 | Term 1, Week 11
THE HENRY LAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

ANZAC Assembly

On Thursday, April 10, Henry Lawson High School held an ANZAC assembly to commemorate the bravery and sacrifices of our Australian troops. A special thank you goes out to Glen Ivins and our Grenfell RSL members for joining us and sharing in this significant occasion. Their presence added a deeper meaning to the event and helped us honour the legacy of the ANZACs.

We are proud to celebrate ANZAC Day and instil in our students the values of respect, remembrance, and resilience that are so vital to our identity as Australians.



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Outdoor Education Wirringya Aquatic Club



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Congratulations Ryan Toole

We are thrilled to announce that Ryan Toole has achieved an outstanding double victory at the Regional Lions Youth of the Year Competition! Not only did Ryan claim the title in the public speaking category, but he also excelled to win the overall competition.

This remarkable achievement has earned him a well-deserved spot in the state finals, taking place in Tamworth on April 5 2025. Ryan should be extremely proud of his accomplishments and the way he has represented his school and community.

As he competes at the state level, we wish Ryan the best of luck. We are confident that he will continue to impress the judges with his insightful perspectives and confident delivery, and we hope he enjoys the experience along the way.

Last weekend, on April 5, Ryan travelled to Tamworth to compete in the State Finals of the Lions Youth of the Year. He faced a strong field of five competitors from across the state. Ryan thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, made new friends, and found inspiration in the speeches he witnessed. He is already starting to plan his topic for next year's competition.

Having participated in four rounds overall, Ryan has now completed his journey in the competition. He should be proud of his accomplishments, as we all are.



Congratulations Dana Yerbury

From February 24 to 26, Dana attended an Artificial Insemination of Livestock course organised by Orion Training in Wagga. Dana was one of three participants and notably the youngest in the group.

The course provided invaluable hands-on experience at a dairy farm just 15 minutes outside of Wagga, where Dana learned under the guidance of Paul Kenny. His expertise and the helpful tips he shared greatly enhanced their learning experience.

Dana successfully completed the course and received her certificate in AHCAIS304 - Artificially inseminate livestock. This experience has greatly enriched her knowledge and skills in livestock management.



Harmony Day

The Inclusion Initiative is a group of students who come together to plan whole school initiatives that promote inclusive practices. This team, consisting of Georgia Abbey, Erika Gavin, Keira Chown, Jack Hazell, Raphaela Macmillan, Xanthe Johnson, Harmony Hua, Hugh Nowlan, and Riley Bowerman, led the school's Harmony Day celebrations by presenting an understanding of Harmony Day to the entire school and organising a day of activities on Wednesday, April 2nd. The school was filled with students wearing orange and enjoying cakes prepared by Year 12. The sports afternoon was a highlight, with the whole school participating in a variety of sports, including the Bamboo game from Vietnam, Bocce from Italy (which has origins in Ancient Egypt), and Edor, a game from northern Australia. These games were led by the team members, with support from the SRC. We thank everyone for their contributions and participation in the afternoon.



Weddin Mountain Assignment

Mr Connolly's and Mrs Macmillan's Stage 4 geography class has just wrapped up an awesome assignment on the Weddin Mountains!

Students unleashed their creativity with projects ranging from delicious cakes and cool dioramas even informative podcasts. Great job, Stage 4! Your hard work and creativity are truly impressive.



Chess Team

On 8 April, the "Chess Nuts", The Henry Lawson High School Chess Team, travelled to Cowra for the first round of the 2025 chess competition. Unfortunately, despite some valiant and skilful efforts, we lost all four games. We had a chance to raise our spirits at Cowra McDonalds, and a good time was had by all.



Parkes Dish

On 1 April, the Big History class went for an excursion to the Parkes Radio Telescope - "The Dish". The students viewed a series of videos on the work of the telescope and space exploration, then had a chance to look around the visitors' centre and grounds, including many interactive exhibits. The work of the CSIRO in Parkes links with our topic of the formation of stars, and also gave us an opportunity to watch the classic movie "The Dish", filmed in Parks and Forbes.



UN Youth Summit

On 26 March, SRC representatives from The Henry Lawson High School travelled to Bathurst to take part in the UN Youth Summit. The youth had the chance to discuss topics that mattered to them. Our students focused on issues related to sustainable agriculture at local, national, and global levels. The concerns raised by our students and other young people who attended will be advanced to ensure our youth have the voice they deserve.



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Stage 6 Debating

Friday, 4 April, saw our Stage 6 debating team take on Cecil Hills High School in round one of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Students were challenged with the topic "That we should have mandatory parenting classes for new parents." Our team was tasked with representing the negative side of the argument and successfully debated the status quo. The victory was one that the team should be proud of, as they have exhibited growth as a team and developed strength in their rebuttals, which contributed to the win. The team now proceeds to round two, debating politics.



Green Team

The Henry Lawson High School's 'Green Team' recently volunteered at The Native Nursery and learnt lots about plants and how the nursery operates. The Green Team assisted moving and cleaning pot plants, repotting plants, packing orders for Weddin Land Care and plenty of weeding. The Green Team will do more visits to the nursery next term to understand more about plants and eventually plan, design and construct multiple gardens around the school. We thank Jan and the team at The Native Nursery for the opportunity and look forward to engaging with the nursery again in the near future.



CHS Swimming

During the last week of term, students travelled to Sydney to participate in the CHS Swimming Championships. Stay tuned for the results, which will be shared next term!



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Fit for Life

On Monday 7 April PCYC attended the Henry Lawson High School to do a pop up fit 4 life. Fit 4 life provides students with positive engagement with our local police as well as providing mentoring and a safe space for students to discuss any concerns they may have. We hope to have a program running later in the year to engage our students in this program.



Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman

On Thursday 10 April year 9 and 10 students engaged with programs presented by Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman. Tomorrow man consists of expert facilitators who embody an alternative to the narrow masculine stereotype. They talk to men in their language - real, relatable and honest conversations that start to lift the lid on what men are going through making them realise they are not the only ones and they don't have to go it alone. In the Tomorrow Woman workshop participants are empowered to use their voice, develop courage to challenge restrictive gender expectations and explore their unapologetic selves amongst their peers and in their own lives.



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Netball Schools Cup

Stage 4 and 5 students had a very successful day competing at Netball Schools Cup in Cowra on Wednesday the 9th of April, taking four teams to proudly represent our school. Even though the teams didn't advance to the next round, all students are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. A big shout out to those students who also put their hand up to be a referee for some primary and secondary games. Well done everyone!



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School Expectation Draw

Congratulations to the five students who received a \$5 canteen voucher in the weekly draw.

Reward tickets are issued to students in recognition of meeting our whole school expectations of **Prepared**, **Improving**, **Respectful**, **Positive** and **Responsible**.

The Whole School Expectations are designed to support student understanding and engage positive and respectful relationships, while contributing points to their house.



Week 10

Improving -Xanthe Johnson, Positive - Heidi Morley, Prepared - Riley Bowerman, Responsible - Hugh Nowlan



Week 11

Prepared - Savannah Bruce, Positive - Georgia Petty, Respectful - Baxter Donnelly, Responsible - Jessie Pollock, Improving - Matilda Smithers

Week 11 Major Draw

With the term coming to an end, we held our major draw for the school expectation reward program.

Congratulations to our winners:

Positive - Jessie Pollock
Responsible -Dylan Heathcote
Respectful - Patrick Heathcote
Improving - Saran Jobymon
Prepared - Raphaella Macmillan

Thank you to our local sponsors of this reward program:
Mawhoods IGA, Unwind in Grenfell, Grenfell Local Store
and Mick's Local Bakery



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27 March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to announce that students from The Henry Lawson High School will participate in the Ben Hall's Shield Triangular Challenge against Blayney High School and Forbes High School.

Event Details:

- Date: Friday, 16th May 2025
- Location: Blayney High School
- Departure: Students must arrive by 6:00 am for a 6:30 am departure.
- Return: Approximately 5:30 pm
- Cost: \$35

What to Bring:

- BBQ lunch provided by Blayney High School
- Own recess, snacks, and a water bottle
- School uniform (polo), hat, and appropriate footwear

Participation Requirement: All students must participate in at least one event.

Sports Categories:

- Junior Girls (Years 7-9)
- Junior Boys (Years 7-9)
- Senior Girls (Years 10-12)
- Senior Boys (Years 10-12)

Activities (TBC): Slider Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Touch, Soccer, Badminton, Table Tennis, Trivia, Chess, and Boccia.

Permission and Participation: Please complete permission and payment through the Parent Portal on Sentral or return the accompanying slip. Students should join the "Ben Hall's Shield 2025" Google Classroom (Code: 5dykncbq) and complete the participation survey in Week 10.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a fantastic day of competition!

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THLHS P&C AGM Report

The THLHS P&C held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 1 April, in the school library. A warm welcome was extended to all our new members—it was fantastic to see some fresh faces joining our community!

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing president, Mr. Peter Mitton, for his four years of dedicated service. His leadership has been instrumental in numerous fundraising initiatives that have greatly benefited our school.

A special thanks goes to Tamara Ingrey for her exceptional work as treasurer, ensuring the smooth operation of the canteen. We are excited to welcome our new executive members: Jodie Russell as president and Mia Westman as treasurer. We look forward to their leadership as we continue to support our students in 2025.

The P&C always welcomes new members and ideas! Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month during the school term.

We would also like to send a big shout out to Tania Mooney for her hard work in 2024, and we eagerly anticipate her return to the canteen. A huge thank you to Tanya Kermath for stepping up on short notice to ensure our students are well-fed!

Thank you all for your continued support!

Reminders



School resumes for all students on
Wednesday, 30 April 2025

The office will be open from Monday, 28 April 2025 for all enquiries



English/History Assessment Reminders

Year 12 Advanced English: Module A comparative essay due 2nd May (week 1 term 2)

Year 12 Modern History: Conflict in the Pacific research presentation due 8th May (week 2 term 2)