Parent Information Evening

We will not be holding a Parent Information Evening as in previous years. This year we will be having a Parent Information Night on Tuesday 24th February where you can book a time to sit down, one on one with your child’s teacher to discuss the start of the school year, or any concerns. A booking sheet and information letter went home with your child last week explaining class routines and the Information Evening. If you have any questions please see me or your child’s teacher.

School Twilight Swimming Carnival

Thank you to everyone who made our Twilight Swimming Carnival a great night. Congratulations to all the students who swam, and to our Age Champions.

- Mikayla Hughes and Rhys Hughes were our Junior Champions
- Anna Hunt and Ky O’Byrne were our 11 Years Champions
- Sarah Glanville and George Mitton were our Senior Champions.
- Wood was the winning house.

We had 2 records broken on the evening:
- Mikayla Hughes broke the 8 Years Girls 50 metres Freestyle record with a time of 43.15 seconds (previously held by Melanie Carter at 48.65 seconds).
- Anna Hunt broke the 11 Years 50 meters Butterfly record with a time of 41.35 seconds (previously held by Emma Metcalfe at 44.55 seconds).

Well done girls!
A big thank you to Kate Johnson and Courtney Hunter for their organisation of the carnival and to the parents who helped out on the night. Thank you also to the teachers who gave up their evening to run the carnival. We now look forward to our District Carnival.

District Swimming Carnival

The District Swimming Carnival will be held at the Canowindra pool on Friday 20th February. It is a day carnival and notes will go out this week to students who have qualified. We will need transport, so if you can help out it would be very much appreciated.

Regional Swimming Carnival

The Regional Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 6th March, in Dubbo.
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### Coming to School

We have noticed that some students are entering school through the teacher’s car park or the office area, which they should not be doing. We ask all students to enter and leave school through the Warraderry Street gates, unless you are being signed in or out from the office.

### Head Lice

Head lice are always a concern if people do not follow some simple rules. Please make sure that if your child has head lice that you treat it correctly. Your child should not return to school until all lice and eggs are removed. For treatment please see the local chemist, or we have information packs at school.

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### Buses

Can you please make sure your child knows how they are getting home of an afternoon. If they are not catching the bus we need a note or a phone call from you by 2.45pm or a note otherwise your child will be catching the bus home. It is especially important for K-2 students as they can often get upset when they are not sure what they are doing.

### Concerns or Problems

If you have any concerns or problems during the year please come and see me or give me a call. We want the best for every child and sometimes we can make things a lot easier just by having a chat and sorting the problem out, or explaining why we have made a certain decision.

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### Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a Nut Free school and students should not be bringing nuts or nut products to school. It has been noticed that some students are bringing Knoppers to school. We do have some students that are allergic to nuts at our school so I’d really appreciate your cooperation with this.

### Going Home Changes

We ask all parents to write notes or ring the school if their child is changing their routine to travel home. If we don’t have a note, or get a phone call, we will send your child home their normal way.

### PSSA Sporting Teams

At present we have a number of teams being organised to compete against other schools in the PSSA knockout competitions during this Term. All students in Stage 2 & 3 can try out for these teams. Mrs Watt is organising Girl’s Cricket and I am organising the Boy’s Cricket. Mrs Taylor is organising the Tennis team and Mrs Johnson is organising the Girl’s Netball team. Please see these teachers if you have any questions or require more information.

### Contact Phone Numbers

If you have changed your home phone, mobile or your emergency contact numbers can you please let the office know. It makes it very frustrating if we cannot contact you in case of an emergency and I am sure you would like to know if something happens to your child.

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### School Counsellor

Wayne Symons, our School Counsellor, will be here each Thursday this term. If you want to see him you can make an appointment through me. Wayne is very approachable and only too happy to help out with any problem, big or small. Wayne is also the School Counselor at The Henry Lawson High School.

### Munch and Crunch

The whole school, K-6, will continue with Munch and Crunch. This is where we will stop for about 5 minutes during our morning session for students to have a drink and to crunch on a piece of fruit. We ask that all parents send something in with their child each day so they can be involved in this.

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### Parent Helpers/Volunteers

If you are interested in helping out in your child’s classroom or when we have school events, we would love to have you here. Please see your child’s teacher or let me know.

### Rugby Gala Day

Our school will be involved in a Gala Rugby day on Tuesday 3rd March. Mrs Radnedge will be organising this and will send home more information when it arrives.

### Young Leaders Day

The School Captains and I will be attending the Young Leaders Day in Sydney on Monday 23rd March.
School Award System
Students receive awards at school and they work the following way:

Students receive School Awards in class and when they get 5 School Awards they can cash them in at a Stage Assembly for a Stage Award. For infants (Stage 1) the 5 School Awards get given to Miss McIntyre who has a special box in her room that students can put them into. For Primary (Stage 2 and 3) students can put their 5 School Awards in a box that is in the staffroom foyer and Mrs Joyce sorts them out.

When students have 4 Stage Awards they give them to Mr Hooper and the students will receive a Principals Award at the next Whole School Assembly.

When students get 2 Principals Awards they also give them to Mr Hooper to receive a Grenfell Blue. Students who receive a Grenfell Blue get invited to a special morning tea or lunch at the end of each semester.

One student from each class also gets a Quality Work Award at a Stage Assembly each fortnight. Their name is displayed on our notice board near the canteen and they get invited to a special morning tea or lunch at the end of each semester.

Each month we hand out an Aussie of the Month for each stage. Students receive a special certificate and get invited to a special morning tea or lunch at the end of each semester.

Andrew Hooper - Principal

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day!

Community News!

FOOTY FOR FUN
GREAT START TO LIFE
GREAT START TO RUGBY LEAGUE

For 5 years and under
PARENTS/CARE GIVERS are invited to bring their little ONES to a FUN FILLED RUGBY LEAGUE PROGRAM in conjunction with the big boys of Rugby League

- Each participating child receives a small gift/promotional material
- Parents/Care Givers must accompany child for the duration of the program
- All activities conducted by Country Rugby League staff and willing parents.

Where: River Park, Cawrs (Howson Field)
When: Thursday February 12th Time: 4pm-5pm

The Henry Lawson High School News.

Did you know that The Henry Lawson High School has an app suitable for all Apple and android devices? You can use the app to access the school newsletter, calendar, news and events and lodge your student’s absences.

Search “The Henry Lawson High School” on the iTunes or Google Play store and download – it’s free!

We also have a new website. For all the latest news and information including newsletters, P&C minutes and school events go to

www.henrylawson-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Do you sometimes miss out on news or events? If you would like to be kept in the loop, we will email the school newsletter Lawson’s latest to you weekly. Contact the high school on 6348 3390 with your email address to be added to our mailing list or email us at

henrylawson-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Grenfell Swimming Club

The Grenfell Swimming Club news will be circulated following the meeting on Monday 9th February at 8pm. Among other matters, we will be discussing the current schedule now that there is to be no early pool closure this season.

Families on roster this week, Friday 13th are:
- Fenton, Heathcote, Reid, Ewers, Johnson (M&R), Capra, McMahon
GRENFELL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

20 Metre Races

Anna Hunt breaking the 11 years Girl's Butterfly Record

Mikayla Hughes in action on the night.

Joel Frazer, Angus Birch, Sarah Glanville & Jade Silburn accepting the trophy for winning house at the Carnival - Wood.

Age Champions: (left to right) Kye O’Bryne - 11 Years Boys, Anna Hunt - 11 Years Girls, Rhys Hughes - Junior Boys, Mikayla Hughes - Junior Girls, Sarah Glanville - Senior Girls, George Mitton - Senior Boys

ABOUT THE HEALTHY KIDS BUS STOP

The Healthy Kids Bus Stop is a whole-of-child health screening, assessment and integrated pathway to care program for children aged 3-18 years old.

The program aims to improve the health and well-being of children living in rural and remote communities through early detection of lifestyle risk factors, delayed development and/or illness.

It is a fun and interactive program where children progress through ‘bus stops’, hopping on and off at each stop in order to complete their health assessment. Children are given a bus pass and receive a stamp in the bus pass at each stop along the way.

The Healthy Kids Bus Stop is FREE.

Where will the program be held?
Grenfell Public School Hall, Melton Street, Grenfell

How much will it cost?
The Healthy Kids Bus Stop is FREE.

How do I register my child?
Bookings are essential – please call Royal Far West on 1800 550 061 or 8864 8500 to register. A time slot will be selected that suits you and your child. Please note that the duration of your appointment will be dependent on the health needs of your child. Appointments can take between 1½ – 2½ hours to complete.

What do I need to bring?
- Your child’s Blue Book
- Your child's hat
- Your child's drink bottle

The Healthy Kids Bus Stop is a multidisciplinary care conference is undertaken. Each child’s health assessment is reviewed and used to develop a coordinated referral pathway. The pathway may include referral to Royal Far West, the local Health District, Medicare local or other local services and includes the child's local GP and Child and Family Health Nurse as key coordinators of the care. Local schools and services also support the child's identified health needs and follow up care.