Consultative decision making in schools
The Local Schools, Local Decision reform enables the school communities an increased input into local decision making to better meet the needs of our students.

But what does consultative decision making mean?
Groups in a school community have the opportunity to receive information, engage in discussion, put forward ideas, and have their views considered in making a final decision.

So who makes the final decision?
A principal of a school makes the final decision BUT prior to, and in making the final decision the principal will consider the views, ideas and suggestions from all appropriate groups in the school’s community. The decision will be made to best meet the needs of the students at the school.

In this newsletter is a two page fact sheet about Consultative decision making in schools.

Consultation enables the school and their school communities to work together.

Mr Y Chambers, Principal.
Debating

On Wednesday the 6th August, a group of year 7 students and Mrs Gardam travelled to Leeton to participate in a debating skill development workshop at Leeton High School.

We set off at 7:30 and arrived just in time for the 1st session. At the workshop we participated in some interactive group activities and found out some interesting and handy information about what makes a good debater.

At the end of the day, after finishing all of the activities we watched one of the semi-finals between 2 teams of year 9 and 10 girls. The topic was ‘That all songs with violent lyrics should be banned’. They were extremely convincing in their speeches and actions. Although it was close and hard to pick a winner, the negative team from Murray High School came out on top in the end.

After a long day we headed for home, full of exciting new skills and debating confidence.

Athletics report

Last Tuesday the school had 17 students travel to Albury to participate in the Riverina regional athletics carnival.

Hay War Memorial High School students participated in a different range of track and field events. Ben Arandt in Year 8 recorded his personal bests, in the throwing events of the shot put and discus. Lauren Mijok also in Year 8 recorded a new personal best in the 100m sprint. Lastly, Holly Headon of Year 7 won the first of 2 heats in the 200m sprints but finished 5th overall, just missing out on state selection.

All students involved on the day represented the school with great pride and enthusiasm.

Ex student guest speaker

Dimity Wall returned to the school on Wednesday to talk to the senior students about her experiences in Africa.

Dimity spent 6 months in Africa in 2011 as a volunteer with the Latitude Program.

Latitude is one of the largest gap year volunteer charities in the world.
University Entry for 2015

Year 12 students who intend to apply for university in NSW and/or Victoria must attend the information session Ms McNally will be holding in Sport/Study periods next Wednesday. She will go through the process of applying for unis in NSW and Victoria as well as the application for the School Recommendation Scheme and other early entry schemes. In NSW, the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) administer the system and in Victoria the Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). All students should be receiving in the mail this week a UAC Pin number which they will need to log on to the UAC site, and must bring it on Wednesday.

Changes to TAFE Fees in 2015

The NSW government is making changes to vocational education and training system. The fees that TAFE charges for courses will increase and how they charge will change. Traditionally, TAFE charge fee per semester. They will now charge a fee for a course. For example an apprentice carpenter completes a Certificate III in Carpentry at TAFE, it will now cost $2000 for the course which normally would take 3 years of TAFE to complete. At this stage students completing VET courses at school or through T-VET (i.e. though OTEN or at a TAFE campus) will not be charged the fee that other students completing the same qualification will be charged. For example if a student completes the HSC Primary Industries subject at school and completes all competencies they will receive a Certificate II in Agriculture. The school charges $100 for this course to cover cost of personal protective equipment and resources. To complete a Certificate II in Agriculture at TAFE from next year will cost $1100. Therefore students investigating studying at TAFE when leaving school need to investigate the cost of the course they are interested in studying. This includes student studying fulltime, part time, as an apprentice or trainee. Employers are not obliged to pay the TAFE fee of their apprentice or trainee. HECS is available for some Cert IV course and Diploma courses. Many course fees are still low if they are in an area of skill shortage. Students who wish to complete a course that is not an area of skill shortage will be charged a fee for service at a commercial rate. If parents or students would like more information they can speak to Ms McNally or look on the following site http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/prices_fees.html

Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Foundation

Any girl 12 years or older can apply to the Aim for the Stars foundation to receive a $4000 grant to support their goals and dreams. These goals and dreams do not have to be academic, although past recipients have used their funds to support further education, but can be in sport, music, dance, or any other field that a girl is passionate about. Applications are done online and any girls considering applying should read biographies of past recipients. The web site can be found by searching ‘aim for the stars’ or the link is http://www.aimforthestars.com.au/

Country Education Foundation Scholarship Data Base

The Country Education Foundation has compiled a data base of all scholarships available from each university across Australia. They are grouped under the different universities and then the campus of that university to make suitable scholarships easier to find. The list includes not only scholarships for students who are completing school but for those currently at university. Look under Country Education Foundation in a search engine or use the following link https://cef.org.au/
Canteen News

Roster

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Breakfast 8.30am-8.55am
Toasted Cheese Sandwich 80c
Milo / Tea / Coffee $1

Next Week’s Menu

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Term 3, 2014

Week 5

- Friday 15.
  - Assembly, all welcome to attend
  - VP Day

Week 6

- Wednesday 20
  - Yr 10 English excursion to Melbourne

P & C Information

**MEETINGS**
1st Thursday of each month during term.
7.30pm in the staffroom. ALL WELCOME!

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Acting Treasurer: Helen Jacka 0428 931 972

**UNIFORMS**
The P & C supports the wearing of the correct school uniform by HWMHS students. We run a uniform pool at the school where most items of clothing are under $5. Donated items can be left at the front office of the school.

**STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE:** P&C provides student injury insurance coverage for all enrolled students at HWMHS. Please refer to [www.pandc.org.au/insurance seo](http://www.pandc.org.au/insurance seo) for information and claim forms. Completed forms should be sent direct to the insurer.