Jodie receives CHS Blues Award

CHS Sporting Blue
PDHPE staff, Leonie Booth and Catherine Carroll travelled to Sydney last Friday where Jodie Hicks was presented with a CHS Sporting Blue award.

The highest sporting award for public school secondary students is restricted to students per gender per sport and recognises outstanding performances by the athlete through their high school career.

All-rounder Jodie, who bowls for the ACT Meteors recently signed with the Sydney Sixers in the Women’s Big Bash League.

Staffing changes
From time to time at Hay War Memorial High School we have slight staff changes.

As you know Miss Lanelle Lee Chin will be leaving us and will be replaced by Mrs Catherine Mathis in Visual Arts. Mrs Mathis has already visited our school this term and we look forward to seeing her in 2016.

We also say farewell and all the best to Ms Beth Schiller. After 30 years of teaching at our school Mrs Schiller is putting down her chalk stick smart board pen. Ms Schiller has been a fantastic mentor for teachers, a committed teacher in improving student learning and a dedicated careers advisor. She will be missed at our school. Ms McNally will be moving permanently into the Careers position from 2016 whilst Miss Smyth will be a temporary science teacher during Term 1, 2016.

We are fortunate at our school that we began the new academic year in Term 4,
2015. Therefore, our students already know their class teachers, started new learning and for many subjects already completed their first assessment tasks.

A lot of preparation has gone into ensuring a smooth change with our staffing changes for the benefit of our students.

**Student Discipline Step System**

After considering the views, ideas and suggestions from a variety of groups in the school’s community there will be a change to the “Step System” in 2016.

If a child misbehaves three (3) times the child may be placed on Step 1.

**Step 1:** Minor Misbehaviours - will be monitored by the Discipline Head Teacher for 5 school days. A letter and/or phone call about the incident will occur; the teacher taking an extra-curricular activity will decide if the child attends; the child will remain on Step 1 not being monitored till the end of the term.

**Step 2:** Major Misbehaviours or unsuccessful Step 1 – will be monitored by the Deputy Principal for 5 school days. A letter and/or phone call about the incident will occur, a warning of suspension letter to be sent home, 2nd half of lunch detentions whilst on the step, no extra-curricular activities, no off ground sport, return to Step 1 if completed successfully. If unsuccessfully completed it may lead to Step 3.

**Step 3:** Suspension

**HWMHS Presentation Day**

Our Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 16th December, commencing at 10:00am. Parents and guests are invited to the HWMHS Spirit of ANZAC centre to celebrate our students’ achievements in 2015. All students are reminded to be in full school summer uniform (students will need to change into their sports uniform for sport).

**Student Reports**

Student reports have already been posted home. If you would like to speak with your child’s teacher/s about their progress and future directions, please make an appointment via the school’s front office.

**Sports shirt**

After considering the views, ideas and suggestions from the various groups in the school’s community, I have decided that the school will be changing the sports shirt – the predominant colour will be purple. The implementation would not occur until approximately Term 2, 2016. I would like to thank the HWMHS P&C for their valuable involvement during the consultation process. There will be a 3 year phase in period with the old (yellow) and new (purple) sports shirt.

**Thank you**

As this is our last school newsletter, I would like to thank the school community for positive involvement throughout the year. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone again 2016.

Mr Y Chambers, Principal.

---

**A farewell message from Miss Lee Chin**

My time on the Hay plains, the flattest place I’ve ever lived is drawing to a close. A bittersweet moment. The three years I’ve spent here, I would do again in a heartbeat. I have loved living and breathing the visual arts and photography with so many like-minded people. I am eternally grateful that I came here. Zoe Watson my predecessor (2010-2012) who is now a dear friend, told me that Hay was wonderful – such an understatement for a brilliant little town.

To all my lovely students; I want to thank you for teaching me so much about who you are and how you learn. You have made me cry with joy, laugh at your silliness, encouraged my patience and taught me a lot about life. I admire your tenacity, creativity, sporting prowess and resilience. Have no doubts about your abilities and talents. Wonder, be excited and keep learning new things. Work hard and show kindness. Gratitude goes a long way. You exist today, on this little blue planet for a reason.

To my wonderful colleagues at Hay War Memorial High School - thank you for making these three years so interesting and enjoyable. I’ve gotten to know so many different personalities and
Miss Lee Chin’s message continued…

learnt so much from all of you about teaching, learning and organisation. I have gotten to know some of the best people I’ll ever meet.

Thank you for sharing your insight, encouragement and support in all its unique forms to a rookie chalkie as myself. To our surrounding schools at Booligal, Carrathool, Hay Public, St Mary’s and School of the Air and their wonderful staff, it’s been a pleasure working alongside you with primary school immersion, the Anzac commemorative mural and with art exhibitions. Thank you for your vibrant teaching and professionalism.

To the community of Hay - thank you for supporting our students in the creative arts. The arts enrich the souls and wash away the dust of the everyday. Thank you for entrusting me with your young minds. Thank you for your ongoing forms of encouragement; in framing artworks, baking goodies, handwritten cards or a smile down the street. I will never forget the kindness and generosity of Hay’s people. I have no doubt the arts will continue to flourish and develop in this little town; an exciting prospect indeed.

So, make good art and pat more dogs.


Careers with Beth Schiller

Wonderful Local Employment Opportunities

We would like to draw to the attention of our current and and previous HSC school leavers, the two apprenticeships advertised in yesterday’s Riverine Grazier for an Apprentice Welder and an Apprentice Electrician. These opportunities offered by Auscott are exciting to see in our local employment market.

Employment and Training Opportunity for School Leaver – Griffith

Hutcheon and Pearce Griffith have an interesting position for a school leaver with an interest in Agricultural Machinery and spare parts. ‘We have found that our best spare part people, service advisor/admin people and sales people have had some sort of mechanical training. In Griffith we are looking an employee who will be trained in in the spare part department, service admin department and sales.’ The successful applicant will undertake Cert 111 in Agricultural Mechanical Technologies (AUR30412) as a 4 year apprenticeship alongside the mechanical apprentices but they will have modified electives to suit their role. If you are interested then contact Matt at Hutcheon and Pearce 0428 613 284

Pre-Apprenticeship courses for Building and Plumbing February 2016 Albury and Wagga

Fully funded 8 week course in Plumbing (Wagga) and Carpentry (Albury) will commence in February 2016. This involves an 8 week training course to develop the essential foundational knowledge and hands on skills for these trades. Successful applicants will also enjoy the opportunity to gain hands-on skills and experience with a local plumber/builder. GTES would then support participants to gain full time apprenticeships. Places are very limited and students interested should apply to GTES Apprentice Management on 1300881279. These are an opportunity for school leavers.

HSC and ATAR results released next week

- Wednesday 16th December- HSC results released by BOSTES
- Thursday 17 December- ATARs released from 9am by UAC (students can access these by logging into UAC)

2015 HSC results will be delivered to students by email and SMS from 6am on Wednesday 16 December. Students should visit Students Online before 5pm on Tuesday 15 December to ensure their contact details are correct.

For so much what shall we repay?
Students can also access their results online from 6am on Wednesday 16 December, via Students Online or one of the other HSC delivery sites, www.hscresults.nsw.edu.au or www.hsc-results.nsw.edu.au, using their student number and HSC PIN (created when they activated their Students Online account). Prior to these dates, students should ensure they have log in details for both sites ready to go.

Year 12 students will need to print and provide their ATAR slip from UAC to Mr Chambers if they wish to be considered for the many scholarships we have at Hay War Memorial High School. We ask they do this by 3.30 on Thursday 17th December.

Good luck to all.

P & C News

Thank you to the school and wider community for your feedback regarding the proposed new sport shirt. All information was discussed at the December P & C Meeting indicating a clear majority in favour of a new shirt; colour purple with yellow inserts.

The new sport shirt should be available in Term 2, 2016. We remind you that the current yellow sport shirt will still be accepted as part of the sports uniform over the three year phase in period of the new shirt.

The P & C wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.