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AMP'D UP

On Monday June 15, Year 9 students participated in the AMP'D UP online leadership program run by yLead.

The online webinar provided students with skills and tools to boost their confidence, define a leader's mindset and teach others to lead too.

The program included interactive activities such as a plank challenge to challenge students courage and confidence in trying something new. These students have gained the fundamental skills of what being a leader entails and can use these skills within many aspects of their schooling, sporting and working lives.



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 For children 2 – 5 years

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 For children attending Kindergarten to Year 6
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NEW COVID-19 HELPLINE AND ONLINE SERVICES LAUNCHED

(02) 6207 7244

For updates, visit covid19.act.gov.au

Merriwa Central School

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St Joseph's Primary School Merriwa

Empowering and challenging students to become lifelong learners

All enquiries welcome

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Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the **Merriwa Ringer** by Mondays, at 12.00 noon



Merriwa Central School

Deputy Principal's Report

ONGOING ARRANGEMENTS

Last week a Sydney school was closed for a prolonged period as a result of a positive COVID-19 test. We appreciate the ongoing support of the Merriwa community as we all work together to maintain student and staff safety, health and wellbeing. We request that any students which are unwell (*which includes sore throat, runny nose, cough*) do not attend school to minimise the spread of any virus. Any student who becomes unwell during the school day will be monitored in sick bay until they can be collected.

Although some restrictions have been lifted there are still a number of activities that cannot be undertaken currently and we appreciate the manner in which staff, students and parents have responded.

Social distancing of adults is still important. Social distancing is achieved by maintaining 1.5 metres distance from other people will continue at this stage. Social distancing of children at school

is not required. Please support school staff at pick up and drop off by ensuring you social distance and stand back from the exit points at a reasonable distance.



MOBILE PHONES

Students are required to hand their mobile phones into the office before school and collect them at the conclusion of school. Student's in possession of a mobile phone will be sent by a staff member to the office to hand it in. It can be collected by the student at the end of the day.



EDROLO

Merriwa Central School uses Edrolo to support senior students. Students can access specific coursework for a range of subjects (not all subjects are available at this stage). Edrolo is an interactive online program which contains – videos identifying content for specific syllabus outcomes and quizzes to test their knowledge and build success. Year 12 students should continue to access Edrolo to assist with revision prior to their examinations. Merriwa Central School will continue to provide access to this program throughout 2020. Students access this program through the following website - <https://edrolo.com.au/>. Any enquiries about Edrolo should be directed to Ms Kenaly.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Sharon Kenaly
Deputy Principal



Primary

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Focus

Attendance Kindergarten



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten

Ella Pryor

Year 1

Ruby Kneeves

Year 2/3

Kaylee McLean

Year 3/4

Grace Collitts

Year 4/5

Deakin Milgate

Year 5/6

Isaac Constable

Library Award

Litharshan Uthayasangar

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Our Bronze Award winners for this week are: Oliver Strachan, Grace Campbell, Grace Collitts, Paige Walker



CLASS OF THE WEEK FOCUS

This week for our Primary Class of the Week we are focusing on students being in full school uniform. If for some reason there is an issue with your child's uniform, please send a note into their classroom teacher. If your child needs a new uniform and you are experiencing financial hardship please contact Mrs Morgan, Mrs North or Mr Noonan.

Jenna North
Relieving Assistant
Principal



Currently, in Year 10 Science, students are participating in a program called PRIME Future Mining Careers developed by Regional Development Australia (RDA) Hunter and NSW Minerals Council. Merriwa Central School was one of twenty schools selected to participate in the program and have been invited to remain with the program in 2021.

The program is designed to provide students with information about the impact that maths, science and geography have on, history of mining, the purpose of mining, the life cycle of a mine and the types of skills and jobs required to support the successful and safe operation of mine.

The student's participate in an on-line learning environment, Canvas, where they complete nine modules about different aspects and impacts of mining as well as Virtual Reality activities to understand and experience the operations of mines.

Matt Dean
Head Teacher VET

WOLLOTUKA INSTITUTE WORKSHOP

On Thursday June 25 Newcastle University Wollotuka Institute will be visiting our school to hold an "I believe" workshop with our Year 7 and 8 indigenous students. Students will attend the workshop at school for the day. The workshop aims to plant the seed of ambition for students to begin thinking of their future in a culturally safe space through talking circles, interactive activities and traditional Indigenous games.

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Participants will be monitored and rewarded throughout the course of the program.

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor Teacher

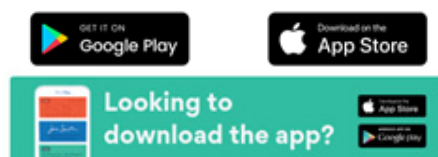
NEW SCHOOL APP

The SkoolBag school app is the best way for parents to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last minutes forms, newsletters and all school communications. Get started with SkoolBag in only a few minutes. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Download the SkoolBag app
2. Create an account
3. Add your school

How to Install SkoolBag

Instructions for parents installing the SkoolBag app.



DOWNLOAD THE SKOOLBAG APP

Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for and install 'SkoolBag'. Alternatively, click on the Google Play or Apple App Store Store icons above and download the SkoolBag App.

TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT

- Open the SkoolBag app and Click 'Sign Up'
- Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign Up'
- Open the confirmation email and confirm your account
- Add your school
- Open the app, and Click 'Add/Remove'
- Click '+' to add your school, now you can see your school, under My Schools and Services



CAREER NEWS

Free Weekly Live Online Events at the Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Each Tuesday at 5.30pm

Get a sneak-peak into the Australian and International games and film industry. From live chats with star alumni to industry experts discussing their current projects, AIE will be having free online events weekly Rego here: <https://aie.edu.au/workshop/>

LIVESTREAM Experience UNSW Science Day: 1 July

Have you ever wanted to experience what it would be like as a university student conducting research and experiments in a lab or in the field?

Let us take you on a journey through some of the branches of science that you can study at UNSW. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and speak to our academic staff and current students.

Then, get a hands-on taste of what you can expect as a first-year science student - without leaving home! Your home will become the laboratory as our first year science lecturers take you through a university-level experiment using household items. This event is designed for high school students in Year 10, 11 and 12, who are keen to find out what it's like to study at UNSW Science.

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-science-day-1>

Mathematics Prerequisites Course Listing – University of Sydney

A listing of courses with mathematics requirements is listed lower down on this page's link. To apply for some courses, students are required to complete mathematics through their high school studies. The University has introduced mathematics course prerequisites for some courses from 2019 to help students thrive in their science, technology, engineering and mathematics related degrees and prepare them to tackle future career challenges.

<https://sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/undergraduate/mathematics-prerequisite.html>

UNSW Join the Girls in Engineering Club

Designer. Communicator. Creative Problem-solver. Explorer. Team Player. Critical thinker. Inventor.

As an engineer, you are all these and more! Engineers enhance our lives every day, by creating innovative solutions to problems in our world.

And the world needs the powerful perspective of girls just like YOU.

The Girls in Engineering Club is a fun, inspiring community for high school girls who are interested in STEM, study maths or science at school, or who just want to explore what engineering is all about.

By joining the club you will receive:

- Exclusive invitations to Girls in Engineering

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

SHARNI JOHNSTON

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: PDHPE and PASS

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Performed at Starstruck

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: Nursing

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Dance

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Upon return to school, Sharni has demonstrated an outstanding approach to her learning. She consistently asks for feedback on submitted work and has showed regular attendance. I have had multiple teachers comment on this work ethic, which has resulted in her being awarded student of the week.

Lachlan Vaughan - Year Advisor



Club events

- Monthly inspo delivered to your email, featuring profiles of amazing female engineers, study tips and tricks, blogs from our current engineering students, and loads of info to help you explore your career options in engineering
- Opportunities to be mentored by current female engineering students at UNSW
- The chance to win prizes through participating in fun STEM activities!
- Access to a closed Facebook community to connect with likeminded girls

<https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/study-with-us/girls-in-engineering-club-gie>

How to Keep to a Budget While at University

If you think being a student means being poor, think again! With careful planning and a little self-restraint, you can learn to keep to a budget and not skimp on life's necessities.

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/education-blogs/student-life/how-to-keep-to-a-budget-while-at-uni>

Secure the future with a TAFE NSW Bachelor of IT Degree (Network Security)

With unprecedented demand for professionals who can secure and monitor IT systems and protect the privacy of people and organisations, this degree prepares your students to work in a fast-growing and dynamic field. More info <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-information-technology-network-security>

Orana Fashion Business College 2020 Course Guide Available for Download

Orana College is a fashion focused business college that offers both diploma and certificate level courses, taught by industry experts. Orana provides personalised education and mentorship to students and have flexible study and payment options available. Download the latest course guide at the link to learn everything about Orana.

<https://bit.ly/OranaCourseGuide2020>

Careers in the Thoroughbred Industry

Wanting to pursue a rewarding career with thoroughbreds? Watch this very useful video.

<https://vimeo.com/194453771>

Physical Aptitude Test - FireFit Training Guide from NSW Fire and Rescue

Firefighting is a physically demanding occupation. Tasks include carrying heavy loads including personal protective equipment, handling temperature extremes, variable terrains and confined spaces, all of which impose unique physical and physiological demands upon firefighters.

The FireFit Training Guide is based on an eight to 12-week program, depending on each individual's fitness level, and is available to help eligible candidates prepare for the Fire and Rescue NSW Physical Aptitude Test (PAT)*.

<https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=9098>

Eligibility Quiz for the NSW Police Force

Take the quiz to see if you may be eligible to commence an application to the NSW Police Force.

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/eligibility_quiz

Defence Careers Information Sessions Dial In

JUNE 8 Session	ADF Priority Roles: Dial In Info Mon 16.00
JUNE 10 Session	Defence Careers: Dial In Info Wed 12.00
JUNE 15	Army Careers: Dial In Info Session Mon 18.00
JUNE 16 Session	Defence Careers: Dial In Info Tue 18.00
JUNE 17	Health Careers: Dial In Info Session Wed 18.00
JUNE 18 Session	Women in Defence: Dial In Info Thu 18.00
JUNE 23 Session	Army Reserve Careers: Dial In Info Tue 18.00
JUNE 25 Session	Women in Defence: Dial In Info Thu 18.00

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/DefenceJobsAustralia/events/>

If you have any further career enquiries please contact me at school.

**Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor**



St Joseph's Primary School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Welcome to Week Eight of the school term. With everything that has happened in our society during the last few weeks, it seems unbelievable that it is time for another break for staff and students already.

Staff have been back in full swing now, working with Learning Intentions and Success Criteria, as per the School Improvement Plan to improve the overall learning outcomes for all. When we mean all, it is not just all of our students, but all of our teachers as well. We are all learners at St Joseph's and we are continuously on the improve.

At Tuesday's staff meeting, we worked through the first three parameters of Lyn Sharratt's book, CLARITY. Lyn is an educational researcher from Canada, whose research and implementation strategies have revolutionised the Ontario School system in Canada and has heavily influenced many schools, teachers and students across the world.

The Catholic Schools Office, last year, embarked on a series of Professional Learning sessions, incorporating Lyn's research and also having her speak with staff and leadership teams across the Diocese, in order to improve teaching and learning outcomes.

At St Joseph's, we are in the first term of really looking into the 14 Parameters of School Improvement. It was interesting that we were well on our way in terms of the parameters, it is now looking at "sharpening" the focus to further improve what we do and how we do it.

Of the 14 Parameters of School Improvement, there are three "Non-Negotiables", which Lyn states. These are:

1. Shared beliefs and understandings

- A. Each student can achieve high standards given the right time and the right support.
- B. Each teacher can teach to high standards given the right assistance.
- C. High expectations and early and ongoing intervention are essential.
- D. Teachers and administrators need to be able

to articulate what they do and why they teach the way they do (adapted from Hill & Crévola, 1999).

2. A Case management approach to learning.

Staff collect numerous pieces of educational data about children's learning. When we are working with our students, our meetings will focus more succinctly on what we can do as a whole school, to make ourselves better at what we do, in order to improve what students, learn.

3. Shared responsibility and accountability

At St Joseph's, we believe that we know and are responsible for each student in the school, not just in our classroom. This is imperative, especially in a small sized school, such as ours, that we work with the expertise of each staff member to get the best out of each of our students.

BELL TOWER UPDATE

Our Bell Tower is very close to completion. David Kirkman and his wonderful team will hopefully be putting the finishing touches on what has been an outstanding job.

We can not wait to see the finished product!

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

It usually is about this time every semester where staff are working diligently to complete Semester One Reports for students. Due to COVID-19, NESA have given all school systems more time to collect important assessment data to accurately assess student outcomes.

Reports will look a lot different to previous years, as there has been less opportunity to assess and more disruption to class routines.

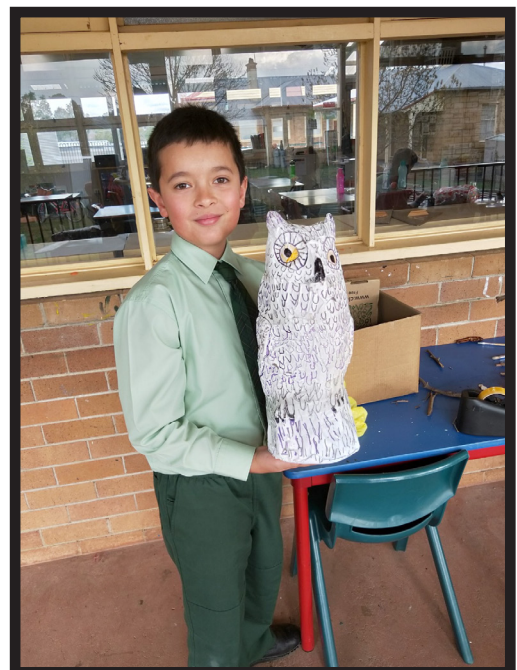
School reports will be out to parents early in Term Three.

CLASSROOM REPORTS

Having been back on deck in classrooms this last two weeks, it has been terrific to see the high standard of work being completed throughout the school.

From debating and persuasive writing skills in Stage Three to outstanding efforts in reading and Creative Arts, making birds in Stage Two and Three. There is also some excellent work in multiplication in our Stage One area and finally, our Kindergarten students, who continue to make their second transition back into school life.

We can be very proud of the way that students have come back to school and responded to the ongoing situation presented to them.



COVID-19 SUPPORT



Are you an Upper Hunter resident who has lost income because of COVID-19?

We are here to help with financial assistance in a practical way.

Please call **02 6542 3555** or knock on the door at the QEI Muswellbrook

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WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Kindergarten - Annabelle Marshall – for confidently using a variety of strategies when reading

Callum Nicholls - for improvement in self-regulation

Stage 1 - Morgan Bates – for his increased motivation and commitment towards his learning

Isabel Williams – for her ability to consider the feelings and perspectives of others around her

Stage 2 - Samuel Williams – for his excellent use of modal words to strengthen his point of view in his persuasive paragraphs

Annabelle Hunt - for listening carefully, considering different points of view and sharing wonderful ideas with those around her

Stage 3 - William Collins - for demonstrating the strength of perspective in all interactions with adults and peers

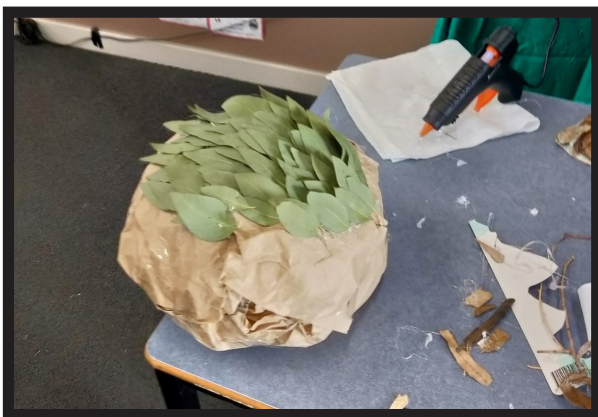
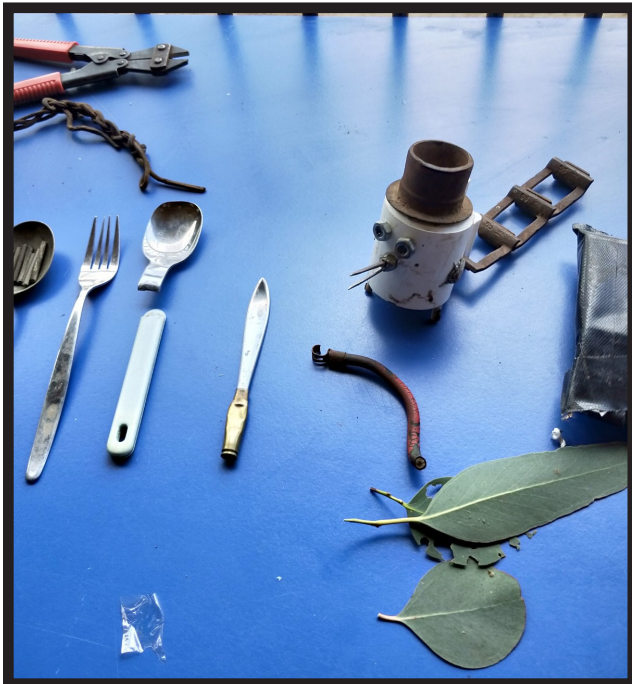
Bethany Wightman - for demonstrating her creative flair and patience in her visual arts bird sculpture

Principal's Awards - Sean Evans – for excellent reading of “The Swan Family”

William Collins – for excellent debating rebuttals and persuasive paragraph

Chad Booth – for an outstanding week's work.

Mr Ashley Borg
Principal



ENROLMENTS

If you know of any family who wishes to see the great work we do at St Joseph's, please promote us as much as you can. Your positive words in the community will be extremely beneficial.

For enquiries, email admin@merriwa.catholic.edu.au or Ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au



Cassilis Public School

that have been packed for lunches every day.

"Champion Foods" are those foods that keep our bodies healthy and strong. They help us stay calm and alert and ready to learn!

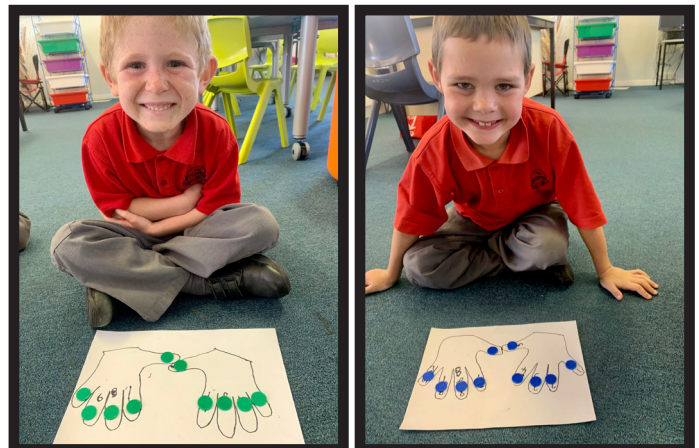
These are foods that are low in sugar, salt, fat and preservatives are best for learning.



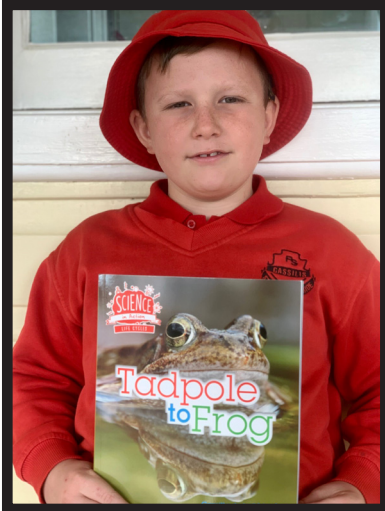
WHY ARE THESE FOODS BEST FOR LEARNING?

Good question! ~ Our bodies are well-oiled machines that know what they need to keep our body in tip-top condition! When our body gets too much of something in our diet (let's say salt, fat or sugar) our systems have to work really hard on righting the balance and this takes loads of 'energy'! The energy taken to flush out the extra fat, salt or sugar could be used for learning. By providing "Champion foods" for our pre-schoolers not only fills their gas tank but also does not burn the energy that can be used for play, learning and making friends.

Thank you for helping your child by packing "champion foods" - It would be fabulous if party foods like confectionary, chips and soft drink were avoided for options for Pre-School lunch boxes.



Cooper and Johnathan showing different structures of ten.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK -

GORDIE ANDERSON

Gordie has been chosen by all the staff as the Student of the Week for his efforts in learning and behaviour and for his developing ability to bounce back.

He particularly impressed Mrs Nairne on Thursday with his helpfulness towards others and their learning by giving them positive feedback assistance and encouragement. Gordie positively worked on his persuasive writing and tried hard to use strategies with his new read in IEP time.

He impressed Mrs Cornish with how well he ran the morning assemblies Oh and he loved having Angus sit with him last Thursday he felt so important helping him with his read and they loved working in the music session together. Ms Eather commented how hard he tried with his writing for each session and in the music lesson.

The most important part of making a mistake is the learning that happens afterwards. He turned his behaviour around in the afternoon.

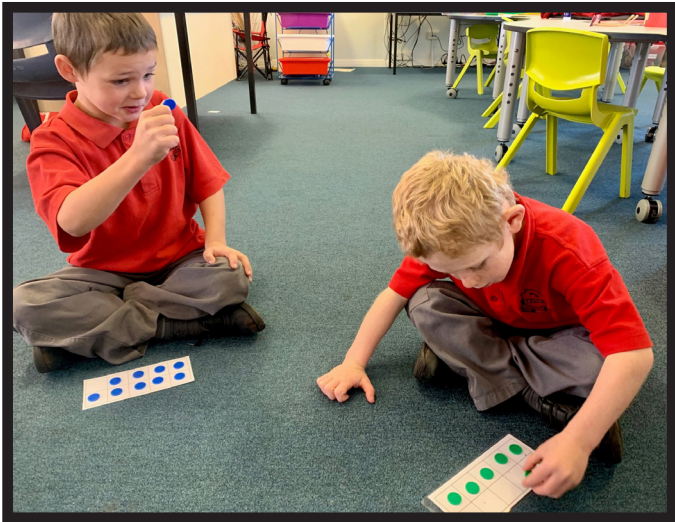
Gordie comes to school prepared for learning. On time and in full school uniform. Some of the reasons why PBL awards last week were given to him was for impressive listening during maths, a fantastic class helper, great independent work and coming back to a task.

Congratulations, Gordie. You should feel very proud of yourself and keep up the effort!

REMEMBER - PLEASE PACK CHAMPION FOODS FOR YOUR CHAMPION KID!

This information came from Coolah Pre-School but it is very relevant to the students at Cassilis.

At Coolah Pre-School we encourage "CHAMPION FOODS" and we have been so impressed with the delicious 'champion foods'



We have big movement breaks at Cassillis to help our students regulate and focus



Students made animal rice cake faces with lots of healthy ingredients.



Katie Burgess
Principal



Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

REFLECTION PENTECOST 3 Matthew 10:26-33

Last week we heard calling and commissioning disciples to take on his own ministry of spreading the Good News of God's reign. Today, this episode continues as Jesus instructs them about what might happen. His words, while directed to the Twelve, are recorded by Matthew for later disciples of all times. His primary message, which we hear three times, is "Do not be afraid"!

'Right now everything is not clear, but later, after the Resurrection, it will be clearer. People will oppose you; you will be in danger and some may be killed, but never forget that God knows and cares about you – this is what matters.' With words like these Jesus encourages his disciples, and the later Christians, to keep up their courage and faith.

What encouragement would he offer us today, living here in Australia? What would Australian Christians have to be afraid of? Would living out your faith ever place you at risk? Perhaps not of being killed, but of being thought odd, old-fashioned and a bit ridiculous! How would Christian values be listened to around your lunch table at work? What issues – not just theoretically, but by acting and doing something? How are such people presented in the media? Living Christianity can still be a health hazard in a society that lives out values of secularism and materialism.

Jesus then continues – 'Declare yourself'. Where do you stand? For the reign of God or against it? Would anyone even know you are a Christian? What are you afraid of? (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Following the crowd at last week's "Black Lives Matter" Rally, many people are standing up for what they believe. And more power to them!!! I don't know whether they were all Christians, but there are many people who don't go to church but still practice Christian values of love and goodness. They are thoughtful of their neighbours and value them, and it has certainly come to the fore since the Corona Virus Crisis. May it continue!

Love and blessings,

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Ringer

Upper Hunter Shire Council

GREAT NEWS! THE MERRIWA YOUTH CENTRE WILL BE OPEN FRIDAY JUNE 19, 4.00PM – 7.30PM

Our Youth Workers will be waiting to welcome all of their existing members and any new members that would like to join them for an evening of fun activities!

For some of you this will be the first time you will get to meet, Andrew Murray, our newest member of the team, who looks after our Youth Centre at Merriwa and planning youth events for Council.

Andrew joined us just before all of the COVID-19 changes came into effect. Here are some fun facts about Andrew, come and say hi to him on Friday!

First car: VL Commodore

First concert: James Reyne

Fave food: Mexican

If you could invite any guests (dead or alive) to dinner..

The first person to discover fire, right after they discovered it! That person would be utterly fascinating



COMMENTS CLOSED FOR DPOP

UHSC received 150 written submissions from residents on the Draft Delivery Program 2017/2018-2020/2021 and Operational Plan 2020/2021. Council is replying individually to all submissions, we appreciate your considered feedback.

Council will adopt the final Program and Plan at its ordinary meeting on 29 June 2020.

How is Council's infrastructure budget spread across the Shire?

The Shire's total population is over 14,000, with over 5,000 in Scone. Aberdeen has around 2000, while in Murrurundi and Merriwa there is less than 1000 in each. More than 5000 people live in villages and rural areas.

The capital works budget includes projects that are successful in receiving state and federal

government funding. Nearly half Council's income or revenue (42.6%) comes from operation and capital state and federal governments. General rates make up only about 10.8% of revenue.

While Council undertakes smaller Government funded projects across the shire, the larger projects funded are usually in the larger population centres, and where there are already facilities, like an airport or a saleyard. This means large grants skew how the budget appears.



Big grants for major infrastructure projects have been awarded to the Shire include the Murrurundi water pipeline (and village reticulation) and projects around Scone airport and saleyards.

Substantial state funding came from the Scone bypass, a NSW Government project. The bypass construction impacted on a number of Scone facilities including the Golf Course, White Park, Bill Rose Sports Complex and the Scone town revitalisation, the NSW Government contributed funding in these spaces.

Scone Regional Livestock Selling Centre and the Scone Regional Airport have business plans to pay off the costs to rate payers, and if things go as projected, will be better than cost neutral, actually putting funds into the Council revenue stream. These projects do not come at the expense of other towns as they are stand-alone business enterprises.

This also applies to the purchase of Campbell's Corner, though that has not been funded by Government grants – but it was a once-in-a-generation opportunity to purchase an iconic building, that we believe will prove in the long run an excellent investment and a new home for the Scone Library, fitted out using funds reserved from the sale of the old Scone Council Chambers.

FAREWELL TO THE MAYOR

On June 9, Mr Wayne Bedggood provided his resignation as Mayor and Councillor, effective immediately.

Deputy Mayor Maurice Collison is Acting Mayor in the interim.

At time of printing, Council will hold an extraordinary meeting on June 16. The Councillors will vote for the Mayor and whether to apply to the Minister for Local Government to hold a by-election for the vacancy on Council or to maintain the vacancy until the next election due by September 2021.

Steve McDonald
General Manager

INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS MERRIWA

Upper Hunter Shire Council provides affordable independent living units (ILU) for people over 55 years of age or people with a disability.

In Merriwa there are four units located in Bettington Street and four in Vennacher Street. Each unit contains a living room, bedroom, kitchen and separate laundry/bathroom. There are a further 8 units and a cottage in Murrurundi.

Residents must be in reasonably good health, not require full time nursing attention and be able to care for themselves. A doctors certificate is required as part of the ILU application process.

For more information or to apply for a unit, please contact the Community Services Officer on 6521 7000 or call in to Council for an application form.

Tash Taaffe



Community Notice Board

Wool Press

Attention history buffs! We are looking for a suitable location to house a Koerstz wool press that has been generously offered by the Raymond Terrace Museum.

Unfortunately, the Merriwa Museum does not have sufficient room to house or display this item, so we are looking for someone who is interested in conserving part of Merriwa's wool growing history by accepting this generous offer.

The press is ready to pick up from Raymond Terrace, but would require a truck to carry it due to its weight.

If you can help, or are interested, please contact Bryan Baker (02 6548 5000) or Stephen Gowlland (0438 572 908).



Steve Gowlland

The Merriwa Community News is available to charity groups or non-funded, not for profit organisations and anyone wishing to advise of a special event (birthday/anniversary/etc). If you would like to make use of this free service, please contact us before 12.00noon on Mondays.

Merriwa CWA

CWA and Hunter River Group is offering two educational grants to students living in their district.

Each year the Hunter River Group of the Country Women's Association (CWA) awards two educational grants for which any students residing in the boundaries of the Hunter River Group area can apply.

The two grants are:

The Hunter River Group Education Grant, valued at \$500.00, for a student entering Tertiary Education, whether it be University, TAFE or College. This Grant was originally established by the Diamond Jubilee Fund to provide financial assistance to a student in pursuing a chosen career.

The Jean Latham Education Grant - Year 11 students who are entering Year 12 and reside in the bounds of hunter river group. Value \$300.00

To be eligible to apply for these Grants, the student must meet the following criteria:

Reside in an area bounded by Murrurundi in the north, Merriwa in the west, Belmont in the south and Nelson Bay in the east.

- Be Entering Tertiary Education
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance
- Mature students may apply.

How do you apply?

Students need to apply through the branch closest to where they live regardless of where they go to school or work. Please contact the Branch Secretary for further information, and application forms.

Applications must be with your local branch before December 1, 2020.

If you live in the Merriwa area, but go to any of the following schools: Merriwa Central School, St Joseph's School, Aberdeen, Scone Grammer School or Scone High School, please contact Kim Clydsdale at kmclydsdale@gmail.com or 0265 482 558 or 0421 910 658. If you send an email address I can then send you an application form.

Kim Clydsdale

Puzzle Page

Six leprechauns granted wishes to different children. Figure out which leprechaun granted each child's wish and what the child wished for.

	Georgie	Lucky	Tricky	Freckles	Tiny	Paddy	Money	3 More Wishes	Lots of Desserts	A Horse	A Castle	Good Grades
Amber												
David												
Sarah												
Nick												
Izzy												
Sam												
Money												
3 More Wishes												
Lots of Desserts												
A Horse												
A Castle												
Good Grades												

- Neither David nor Izzy got their wish granted by Lucky.
- Georgie granted the wish for good grades.
- Either Sarah or Sam wished to live in a castle.
- All Nick could think about when talking to Freckles was buying a bunch of video games and candy.
- Paddy, who granted the wish for 3 more wishes, did not speak to Amber.
- Izzy has a huge sweet tooth!
- Lucky gave Sarah the horse she always wanted.
- Sam talked to Tiny.

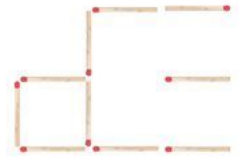


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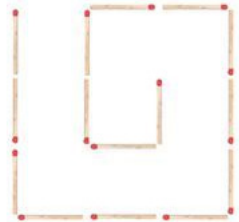
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Matchstick Puzzles

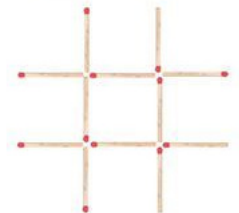
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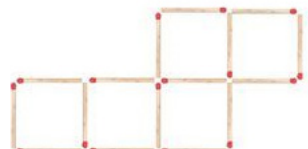
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3. Move three matchsticks to make three squares.



4. Move two matchsticks to make four squares.



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Joy Hancock

Merriwa District Progress Association

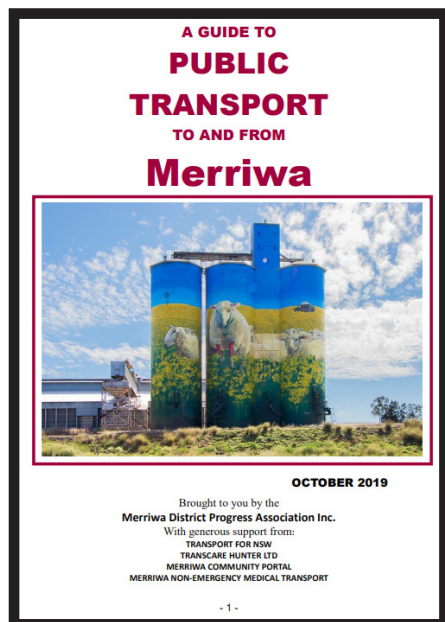
PUBLIC TRANSPORT BOOKLET

If you are planning to travel to or from Merriwa by public transport, don't forget to check the timetables in the booklet "A Guide To Public Transport To and From Merriwa".

The Merriwa District Progress Association produced this booklet in October last year, with the generous support of transport associated sponsors.

A copy of the booklet was delivered to every household in the district. However, if you have mislaid your copy, you can pick up a spare from the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre, the Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre, or the Cassilis Post Office.

Remember, residents can present their opinions and ideas on local issues to the Merriwa District Progress Association at its meetings held every third Wednesday at 6.00pm (via Zoom during the COVID-19 lockdown), or email merriwaprogress@gmail.com.



Stephen Gowlland

Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre and Men's Shed

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Initially our hours will be 10.00am to 2.00pm, Friday, Saturday and Sundays - we will review in a few weeks time - hope we will see many visitors and our own local residents - the Centre will be adhering to all the Covid-19 guidelines laid out by the appropriate authorities - see you all soon!

In closing I would ask the person or persons who are maliciously or otherwise spreading unsubstantiated rumours/gossip about the Welcoming Centre's involvement with the Tourist Information Centre to stop doing so - it is without any solid foundation and is merely creating an unnecessary annoyance to everyone.

Edith Shipway

Rest in Peace

REST IN PEACE

Farewell to long time local, ex-teacher Peter Davidson. Thank you for all that you had done for all the students at Merriwa Central School. Rest in Peace Davo!

WELL DONE

Well done Mia Wilkinson for your ongoing effort at school and in receiving your latest award. Keep it up.

Hylt Cronin

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REGIONAL LIFESTYLE

- In this Winter issue, there is much to showcase in the Hilltops Region of Young, Boorowa, Harden, Murrumburrah and Jugiong. Known for it's fresh produce, rich history in gold and agriculture, it's natural beauty and cool climate wines, the Hilltops also has an abundance of stories from the locals
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Clubs Merriwa RSL Club

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Bookings are essential as we can only have 10 in this weekend and up to 20 next weekend until further notice.

Please don't forget we are open six nights a week in the bar for takeaway sales of beer, spirits, soft drink and pizza's, closed Sunday's and five nights in the bistro closed Sunday/Monday. And remember to use our home delivery service no need to venture out into the cold, just ring and place an order pay over the phone by card or cash on delivery.

Remember to keep an eye on our Facebook page and Merriwa Connect for daily menu updates.

Footy tipping competition resumes again this Thursday so please get your tips in before 7.30pm by calling 6548 2157, email: mwarslclub@bigpond.com or pop in during opening hours 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

Thank you to all our loyal supporters who have stayed with us through these trying times.

Matt Morgan

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Fridays - Happy Two Hours - 6.00pm to 7.00pm, free raffle.

Saturdays - Monster Raffle. Tickets on sale at 6.45pm drawn 7.30pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday Badge Draw.

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BINGO

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Saturdays 12.00pm till 8.00pm

Sundays 3.30pm till 6.00pm.

Hours will be revised with relation of regulations.

We look forward to see you all again.

Des Snelgrove

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

The Board of Bengalla Hunter Valley Group 21 RL met tonight with the clubs and the Referees to discuss Season 2020.

The majority of the clubs have agreed that Bengalla Hunter Valley Group 21 RL competition not proceed this year.

The Board supports the decision the clubs have made for this year, and agree it would have been a difficult decision for the clubs and their members.

Our 2020 sponsors, please rest assure we have not forgotten about you and you will be receiving an email in the next week in regards to sponsorship. We thank you again for your continued support for the Merriwa Magpies.

Supporters gear has arrived and will be given to anyone who has purchased the Magpies items.

Jessyca Morgan

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club

URGENT!

All Registrations for the 2020 season are DUE by Sunday June 21 no later than 12.00pm. This has been asked by Group 21 JRL after a meeting on Monday June 15 to decide whether the competition will go ahead and which clubs will participate.

If your child wants to play please register them ASAP! There are no ifs or buts, we will make a decision based on REGISTERED players.

Our club respects everyone's decision at this time with respect to their families, volunteers and players health and safety.


This season will be like no other and restrictions/guidelines will put extra pressure on our small hard working committee but if our Junior Magpies want to play we will do our best to get them on the field.

If you would like to de-register your child this season please get in touch with Kacie (registrar) 0419 850 043.

If you would like to familiarise yourself with the current guidelines from NSWRL you can visit <https://www.nswrl.com.au/about/documents/covid-19/>

For any questions please feel free to contact me on 0418 417 186 or fionamorgan6@bigpond.com or message our Facebook page!

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Fully fenced in new fencing, this is an ideal grazing block, while having some fun as a weekender. The country is mostly open with a slight rise. There is access to the river for fishing and swimming, and a new dam has been built. There is a cabin set on the block. Only three hours to Sydney this is an ideal weekend retreat!

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Merriwa Rotary

THESE DIFFERENT DAYS

Our club's meetings continue to be affected by community health considerations. As previously reported. We have been able to move on from Zoom meetings to meetings at Eat@153, prior to the remaining hurdles being cleared, after which we shall be able to resume gathering at our traditional home, the Sports Club. Our thanks to Kylie and her team for catering superbly for us at Eat@153.

THE CHANGEOVER SEASON

Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts, with 1.2 million members throughout the world, are entering the time of year when the changeover of leaders and their supporting boards will soon be happening.

This year, as a result of Covid19 many of the regular things now have to be done remotely, electronically. Representatives from Australia would normally attend the installation of the new International President. This year the office will be filled by Holger Knaack from Germany at a gathering which will be open for Rotarians throughout the world to watch via the internet.

As previously reported, our club will be led in the coming 12 months by COL BATES.

Hopefully Coronavirus will continue to wane and Col and our club will return to something like normal.

Mark Smith



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