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MERRIWA Ringer

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Youth Film Competition

NEXTWAVE REGIONAL YOUTH FILM COMPETITION OPEN FOR ENTRIES

The Coffs Coast's Screenwave International Film Festival is again hosting the NEXTWAVE short film competition for young regional Australians this year – and would like some short film entries from our school!

All films need to be under five minutes and include the phrase "What's Next". Creativity is highly encouraged. The best films will screen at SWIFF next January during the Nextwave Youth Film Awards, and tens of thousands of dollars in prizes are up for grabs to students (and our school!).

Competition closes September 21. All competition details are available at www.nextwavefilmfest.com.au.

Register for free Nextwave Online filmmaking course

If your child isn't sure how to make their short film, the Screenwave International Film Festival has made a step-by-step 10 episode video guide on beginner filmmaking, with episodes starting to roll out next week on the new Nextwave Online learning portal. To secure your child's FREE access (thanks to Southern Cross University), register here before July 21: https://nextwavefilmfest.com. au/workshop/



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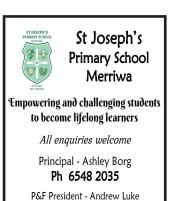
Keirra Hourn

Secretary: Talitha Sawley

Treasurer: Emma Douglas Meets the first Tuesday of each

month at 6.30pm at Merriwa RSL

Club













Deputy Principal's Report

I would like to wish all students and staff a safe and enjoyable holiday. Term 2 has been very different for 2020 and I acknowledge the exceptional work of our staff. I thank the parents and wider community also for their ongoing support this term.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES

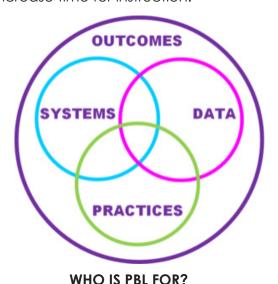
New assessment schedule booklets have been developed and distributed this term for students in Years 7-12. All students should have received their assessment schedule booklet.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING WHAT IS PBL?

Positive Behaviour for Learning is an evidencebased whole school approach to establish and sustain the social culture needed for schools to be effective learning environments.

It is a school-wide approach to help support, define, teach and reinforce positive behaviours of ALL students. The school-wide approach to discipline focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which all students can learn.

PBL is being implemented in thousands of schools and when implemented with integrity has been demonstrated to reduce discipline problems and increase time for instruction.



PBL is for all schools, all students and all staff. PBL helps to make schools better places to live, work

and learn. It does so by giving schools the tools to build comprehensive, school-wide systems that support academic and social-emotional and behavioural learning for all students.

HOW WILL PBL HELP MY CHILD AND THEIR SCHOOL?

- PBL promotes positive student behaviour by building the school's leadership capacity and teachers' knowledge, understanding and skills in applying effective school-wide systems that support learning
- PBL supports schools to creative positive learning environments that promote wellbeing
- PBL helps schools deliver highest quality learning programs to improve student academic and behavioural learning.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH PBL?

- Positively reinforcing and talking about the school's core expectations and appropriate behaviour expectations matrix
- Becoming an active team member, attending meetings and / or undertaking tasks to assist the school in its implementation of PBL.



There are Seven Essential Features of the Schoolwide PBL System. Each feature is vital. They operate together to ensure a positive and proactive approach which is likely to lead to behavioural and academic success. These essential features are:

Coming Events

JUNE	
Friday 3	Last day of Term 2
Monday 20	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 21	Students return
AUGUST	
Monday 3	School Photographs

- 1. Administration support, participation and leadership
- 2. Common purpose and approach to discipline
- 3. Clarifying Expectations
- 4. Teaching Expected Behaviours
- 5. Encouraging Expected Behaviours
- 6. Discouraging Inappropriate Behaviours
- 7. Ongoing monitoring

Merriwa Central School will be moving forward in Term 3 with our commitment to Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) in Term 3. The agreed school wide expectations were developed with input from students, staff and parents. The three school wide expectations for Merriwa Central School are Safe, Respectful, Learner.

Students have completed activities this week to explore these expectations and their contributions will be collated to develop the school wide matrix. The school wide matrix displays agreed expected behaviours across a variety of locations. The school wide matrix will be launched early Term 3. Further activities will be rolled out throughout the term.

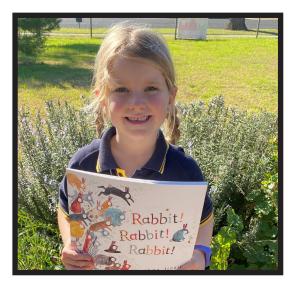
Sharon Kenaly Deputy Principal

Primary

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



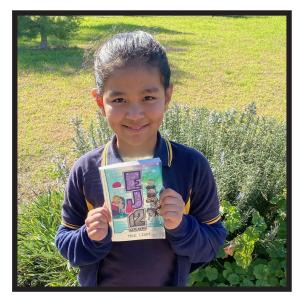
Kindergarten
Pavishna
Uthayasangar –
Fantastic counting and adding during
mathematics



Year 1 Holly Martin – Always ready to learn and trying her best



Year 2/3 Christian Boromeo – Showing responsibility during lessons and asking fantastic questions during class discussions



Year 3/4 Linsa Dahal – Doing an amazing job at presenting facts to her class about her home country and their celebrations

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Year 4/5 Seraphina Dening

– An extremely responsible student in the classroom



Year 5/6 Ashley Boromeo –
For working hard to improve and striving for his
best



Library Award

Blake Clarke

CLASS OF THE WEEK



Focus on Home Readers

Year 2/3

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS



Amelia Wilkinson, Ella Pryor



Linsa Dahal, Emma Grady, Catherine Circosta, Arthur Llewelyn, Jase Whitby

SILVER AWARD



Aubree Oldham

The last week of term is upon us. The students will be enjoying a reward activity on Friday.

Year 6 shirts have arrived and the Year 6 students are very eager to start wearing them. Students will receive their shirts once they have paid the amount of monies owing.

From the Primary campus we wish everyone a safe, happy and HEALTHY school holidays. See you all in Term 3!

Jenna North Relieving Assistant Principal Below are some photos of students at work and their final products.







STAGE 6 MATHEMATICS

Secondary

HOSPITALITY

In Hospitality, the Year 12 students have been continuing to work through their units of competencies. Students have been making a range of sandwiches for the Secondary school population in order to perfect their skills. Students have made a range of wraps, burgers, Pullman, open sandwiches to industry standard, with one term to go before the Year 12's graduate, they are on track to hopefully complete their Certificate II in Kitchen Operations.

The Year 11 students have been participating in the practicals as well, however with more emphasise on the use of food preparation equipment and hygienic practices. The students in Year 11 are working towards the first assessment event which will be later in Term 3.



Year 12 Students studying a Mathematics course for their HSC will be participating in an online Study Day hosted by Aurora College for their specific course next term.

Students studying Mathematics Standard will be participating in their study day during Week 3 on Tuesday, August 4.

Students studying Mathematics Advanced will be participating in their study day during Week 3 on Thursday, August 6. These study days are an excellent opportunity for students to collate their study notes and revise topics that were covered earlier in the course.

> Matt Dean Hospitality Teacher

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS



On Thursday June 25 Indigenous students in Years 7 and 8 attended an I Believe workshop run by the Wollotuka Institute from Newcastle University. The day was great for all the students to explore the different options that they could consider for their careers. It was a good introduction into all the aspects students need to consider for career planning and the fact that there are many different pathways into University.

Ray shared his own journey and talked about the fact that he is currently enrolling in a degree at the age of 40 and it is never too late to learn about something you are passionate about. The important message from the day was that you need to have a plan so that you do not end up doing nothing. The plan could be to work, go to TAFE, complete an apprenticeship or go to University but it is better to work towards a goal so that you are continuing to gain skills and learn

so that you get closer to your ultimate dream. We would like to thank Ray for travelling for the day from Newcastle and we will look forward to his next visit to check in with how the students are going with their plans.





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

SAVANNAH MARSHALL

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: English, because I like to read books

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: First place in Junior Archery two

years in a row

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: Nursing

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Netball, Archery, League-Tag,

Homework Club

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Savannah always has with her a positive attitude and willingness to learn. She never fails to give her best effort both in and out of class.

Harley Hannon - Year Advisor





CAREER NEWS

Billy Blue College of Design Scholarships - Dare to do more: January 19, 2021

At Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University Australia you don't just study design, you're immersed into a world of thinkers, problem-solvers and rule-breakers. A world where innovation and technology meet traditional design thinking concepts to solve real-world problems.

We're on the hunt for high achieving individuals to stand with us and springboard into their future careers and receive 20% off their course fees.

Our Design Scholarship is open to new students who want to study in one or more of the following areas:

- Interior Design
- Communication and Graphic Design
- UX and Web Design
- Branded Fashion Design
- Digital Media Design
- 3D Design and Animation
- Film and Video Design
- Photography
- Postgraduate Design
- General Design

https://www.wearethefrontier.com/competitions/torrens-university-design-and-creative-technology-scholarship/

Game Design Portfolio Advice

Great advice that walks you through each of these steps:

Creating your favourite game.

Get your idea down in writing

Before your interview - what to do.

What to bring to your interview.

http://www.aie.edu.au/articles/building-a-game-design-portfolio-for-entry-into-aie

Young Writers - Voiceworks

Voiceworks is a national, quarterly literary journal that features exciting new fiction, nonfiction, poetry, art and comics by people under the age of 25.

Published by Express Media, Voiceworks is a national quarterly journal that features exciting new writing and art by young Australians. It is a unique opportunity for people under twenty-five to publish their fiction, nonfiction, poetry, art and comics.

https://expressmedia.org.au/programs/voiceworks/

UN Youth Voice Competition

Voice is a unique public speaking competition for students in Year 7-10, running throughout Term 4. Voice invites you to solve issues that affect your community, nation and the world. From homelessness to climate change we want to hear you pitch your big ideas.

Why compete in Voice?

- Develop skills in public speaking and research!
- Hone your ability to think on your feet, assisting you in leadership positions or debating competition in the future
- Build an increased knowledge about areas pertinent to you as students
- A chance to meet likeminded and engaged young people.

https://unyouth.org.au/event/voice-nsw/

UTS - Support your UAC application with the Engineering and IT Questionnaire

Closes Thursday December 17

If you fall short of the ATAR by 1–3 points, we'll still consider your application if you complete the questionnaire and demonstrate a strong motivation to study engineering or IT.

It takes just 20 minutes to complete, so give yourself the best chance to get into your

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preferred course at UTS.

https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/engineering/essential-information/year-12-engineering-and-it-questionnaire

The Opportunities in Entrepreneurship video series covers the following topics:

Entrepreneurship for Career Advisers

What is entrepreneurship

Why does Australia need more entrepreneurs

What's so great about being an entrepreneur

How can you start being an entrepreneur

https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/ undergraduate/shortcuts/school-leavers/ opportunities-entrepreneurship

Business and Finance Snapshot

Which occupations in this industry are likely to have the largest employment growth over the next three years? Which TAFE NSW courses are popular for people looking to get into these job roles and how much can you earn?

https://www.tafensw.edu.au/documents/60140/219174/Careers-Snapshot_Business_and_Finance.pdf

Essential Energy Apprenticeship and Traineeship Program is Open

Applications are now open and will close at 11.55pm (AEST) Sunday, July 19,2020.

Starting your career or looking for a change?

An apprenticeship or traineeship is a great way to kickstart your career, combining formal learning with on-the-job training. If you choose to join Essential Energy, you will be supported by a great crew and professional training team.

We have opportunities available at a range of locations including: Condobolin, Griffith, Ewingsdale, Grafton, Mudgee, Bathurst, Dorrigo, Corowa, Buronga, Broken Hill, Bourke, Canowindra, Barraba, Narrabri, Armidale, Kyogle, Cowra, Wagga Wagga, Queanbeyan, Goulburn, Dubbo, Kempsey, Nyngan, Coonamble, Moruya, Tamworth, Moree, Guyra and Albury.

www.essentialenergy.com.au/careers/kickstart

Register here for 2021 Intake:

https://secure.dc2.pageuppeople.com/apply/550/aw/applicationForm/initApplication.

asp?IJobID=500715&sLanguage=en&sSourcePointer=aw&IJobSourceTypeID=803

Thiess - Electrical Apprenticeships

The Recruitment Process begins around August each year and continues until December.

For almost a decade, the Thiess Apprenticeship Program (TAP) has been striving for excellence, best practice and innovation. Recognised Australia wide for delivering consistent, high-quality on the job and off the job training. View the application steps here:

Certificate III Engineering - Mechanical Trade (Diesel Fitter)

Certificate III Automotive Electrical Technology

Certificate III Engineering - Fabrication Trade (Boilermaking/Welding)

Certificate III in Electrotechnology Systems Electrician (High Voltage)

Your application will be acknowledged by email. Incomplete applications will not be considered

If you progress to the next stage, you will be invited to attend an Apprentice Recruitment Day

https://www.thiess.com/en/people-and-careers/investing-in-our-people/apprentices

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

Jane Hegarty Careers Advisor

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into

Merriwa Ringer

by Mondays, at 12.00 noon

Next Ringer is due Monday

July 20 at 9.00am



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the last week of Term Two! After all the trials and tribulations which have come our way, we have finally made it!

Our heartfelt thanks to all our students and families for the wonderful support and hard work they have put in over the course of Term Two.

We hope you enjoy a hard-earned break, as the teachers sure will!

School will resume on Monday, July 20.

ANNA KERRIGAN'S VISIT

It was great to welcome back Anna Kerrigan, ASPIRE Director, to St Joseph's. She loves coming to our school for many reasons, but as Anna reliably told me the other day, "the students at St Joseph's are such confident, friendly and polite students and I cannot wait to come to Merriwa each term, just to see them!"

Preparation has commenced for the School's Play Night, which we are planning on holding in early September.



VINNIES DAY/ATHLETICS SKILLS

Friday July 3, our last day of Term Two has been designated as our Vinnies Day which coincides with our Athletics Skills Day.

Vinnies Day is a day to support the Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal. We ask that staff and students come out of uniform in 'preloved clothing' which is appropriate to complete sport in, with a gold coin donation which will be then given to our local Vinnies organisation.

The money raised by students will ensure that the St Vincent de Paul Society can continue their work to make a big difference to the lives of people in need in our local community as winter approaches, especially those who are affected by the pandemic.

Some guidelines for the day:

- Students must dress in appropriate warm clothing to complete sport in (i.e. tracksuit pants and tights)
- Broad brimmed hat must also be worn. If you do not own one a school hat must be worn
- Joggers must be worn to participate in the sporting activities.

Activities for the day will include:

- Long jump, shot put, sprints
- St Vincent de Paul activities
- Talent quest entries with a gold coin to Miss Rodwell by Wednesday July 1 – one entry per student

At this point we are still unable to allow parents to be part of the day but will love sharing photos with you.

We are looking forward to a fun filled day.

A BIG Thanks to Mrs Peebles and Miss Rodwell for organising such a fun day in advance.



SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Semester One Reports are currently being written by your child's teacher. We will be publishing the reports in the third week of Term Three on Compass.

Please advise your teacher or Mrs Gilbey if you are unable to access Compass.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be offered in Week 4.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Earlier this term, two of our wonderful teachers

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received their Bachelor of Education Degrees from the University of Newcastle.

The St Joseph's Community wishes to congratulate Miss Rodwell and Miss Love on their recent graduation.

Due to COVID-19, Miss Rodwell and Miss Love were unable to participate in a formal graduation ceremony, having received their degree via email, so the rest of the staff thought it would be a great idea to celebrate with them!

We are very proud of you both and are greatly encouraged by your excellent start to your careers.





OPEN DAYS/TRANSITION DAYS

We are planning on organising Open Days and Transition Days for Kindergarten 2021 as soon as further restrictions are lifted by the Catholic Schools Office.

We will update the school and wider Merriwa community via our Facebook Page and The Ringer, as well as Compass for our parents.

COVID-19 SUPPORT



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

Mr Ashley Borg Principal

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Kindergarten - Charlie Constable - for using orientation and being persistent when completing a puzzle

Stage 1 - Tommy Booth - for his excellent improvement in his writing, specifically his narrative length and structure

Archy Wallace – for always demonstrating a hardworking and consistent attitude when presented with a new or challenging task

Stage 2 - Savannah Beeney – for her fantastic use of modality to build a convincing opinion

Jye Bates – for demonstrating persistence by taking up the challenge of completing all the 'can do' Mass conversion questions

Stage 3 - Archie Constable - for demonstrating good structure in his persuasive writing tasks to help convince his readers of his point of view

Levi Hourn - for demonstrating persistence to improve in all areas of his learning even when things are challenging

Principal's Awards - Ben Patterson – for outstanding efforts to calculate and convert Masses

Isabel Williams – for being an excellent bell ringer to bring our newly restored bell tower back to life.









Cassilis Public School



STUDENT OF THE WEEK -

DRIDAN STANLEY

Dridan has been awarded the Student of the Week because he had a very settled and focused week of learning and behaviour. He did great work and

persevered with tasks including asking for help when he needed it. Dridan's engagement in learning meant that he improved in various areas including writing, javelin and sprinting. Dridan ran assembly well as our School Leaders were absent. He enjoyed learning and making the paper planes. Dridan displayed great responsibility and pride by looking after the birds while Gordie has been away.

He worked hard at managing his emotions successfully and tried to settle for learning. Dridan was kind to everyone and enjoyed some games in the playground.

Congratulations Dridan. You should feel very proud of yourself.

LET ME TIE YOU UP IN KNOTS



In another fabulous sewing lesson, Mrs Nairne had carefully measured and cut two cosy and warm blankets for our lucky students. It was their

job to watch Mrs Nairne as she taught them to make a knot blanket. These will be finished this Friday and sent home ready for some holiday rest during these winter nights.

WHAT DID OUR STUDENTS THINK ABOUT THE VALUABLE LEARNING?

THE Skylah - the blanket was soft and I liked tying the material and I got better

Dridan - I liked the patterns and how the blanket felt. When it's finished I am going to keep it in my room so it's just for me to use.

Johnathan - I liked making the blanket. Tying knots was hard and Paul helped teach me. I am going to bring it home and put in over me in bed to keep me warm.

Cooper - My blanket is soft and has animals.





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Katie Burgess Principal

Craft activities for School Holidays

MAKE AN EGGSHELL SUCCULENT GARDEN

Making an eggshell succulent garden is not only easy but great fun. Kids will enjoy saving their eggshells to create fantastic colourful garden

pots.



WHAT YOU NEED

- egg shells
- egg carton
- succulent cuttings
- soil or potting mix

ACTIVITY

- 1. Gather your supplies
- 2. Give your eggshells a quick clean, let them dry and pop them into the egg carton so your egg shells remain upright. If you don't have an egg carton on hand, an egg cup or cardboard tube cut to size would also do the job
- 3. Fill your egg shells with soil until they're about 3/4 full
- 4. Insert your succulent cuttings into the soil. Succulents are one of those amazing plants where the roots just grow when a cutting is placed into soil
- 5. Gently give your new creations a light spray of water using a spray bottle. You will only need to spray your succulents every now and then as they do not like being too wet.

GUMBOOT GARDEN

Brighten your garden up with this nifty little gumboot garden. Kids will love recycling their old gumboots and watching magic happen in the garden when they plant herbs or even their favourite flowers.

WHAT YOU NEED

- old gumboots
- potting mix
- seeds or seedlings
- water

ACTIVITY

Gather some old gumboots from around the house or your local op shop.

Fill gumboots with potting mix until you have reached about 2cm from the top.

Plant seeds or seedlings in the potting mix and water.

Watch the magic happen in the portable gumboot garden.

Notes:

- Put your gumboots all around the garden or place them together on a stand and brighten up one area of your yard
- Plants can vary from flowers, herbs or even fruit.



https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/collection/gardening-for-kids

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Craft activities for School Holidays

SKITTLES RAINBOW SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

This colourful science experiment is as easy as 1-2-3 and will keep them amused for as long as you can spare more Skittles.

YOU WILL NEED

- 1 pkt Skittles
- 1/4 cup warm water
- white plate



ACTIVITY

Arrange the Skittles in a single row coloured pattern around the edge of the plate.

Pour over enough warm water to cover all the Skittles and the plate itself.

Watch and wait as a rainbow appears on the plate, the colours will move towards the middle and create a whirl of colour.

SUNRISE SUNSET EXPERIMENT

Science experiments are not only educational, they're loads of fun as well! Kids will be amazed watching the different lights shining through the glass with the water and then the milk.

WHAT YOU NEED

- clear drinking glass
 measuring cup
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- water
- teaspoon
- whole milk
- flashlight

ACTIVITY

Half fill a clear drinking glass with water. Shine your flashlight on the glass directly above it. The water will look white. Now pour 1/2 cup of milk into the glass and mix well.

Take the glass somewhere dark and shine the flashlight from the side of glass through the milk. The milk will look yellow, orange or red.

Why? Just like a sunset or sunrise, the light is shining through particles. The atmosphere is full of billions of particles.

When the sun is low in the morning or early evening, it's rays must travel through a thicker layer of atmosphere than at other times of the day. When sunlight hits these particles, the light bounces off of them and scatters.

Orange and red lights scatter the least, which is why you see these colours in a sunrise or sunset.

CAR GAMES

CHEESE PLEASE

Choose one person to be In. That person has to cover his eyes.

Secretly pick someone to say the words, "Cheese please," in a way that will disguise their voice.

The player who is In has to guess who just said, "Cheese please."

If he gets it right, the person who said, "Cheese please" is in. If the player gets it wrong, another person has a turn.

There's no real winner, it's just a funny game where everyone can use silly voices. Keep playing until everyone has had a turn and then go around again.

ALPHABET MEMORY GAME

Children will love this car game as it is fun trying to remember words. They will love trying to put all the words together.

The first person starts with the letter A and says 'A' is for (choose a word beginning with A)

Player 2 then repeats 'A' is for (the word chosen player one) and then says 'B' is for (choosse a word beginning with B)

This continues through the alphabet until at Z, the last player needs to remember all the letters and the words attached to them from A-Z.

The winner is the first person to do it correctly.

CONNECTIONS

This is a great game that will encourage children to use their imagination and memory skills.

One person starts off with a single word eg. dog.

The next person has to say the first word they think of related to dog eg. animal.

The next person has to say the first word they think of connected to animal eg donkey, and so on.

When someone can no longer connect a word the game finishes.

You can keep on playing this game over and over again!



REFLECTION PENTECOST 5 - Matthew 11:15-30

One of the issues faced by the first Christians was how to speak about Jesus and his relationship with God. Within a decade the disciples wee giving Jesus divine status and yet holding true to their Jewish creed. 'Hear O Israel the Lord our God is one'. They looked to the Old Testament to find precedents for the paradox they experienced – the oneness of God and the divine status of Jesus. Matthew's Gospel draws on the image of Divine Wisdom – present with God from the beginning, coming forth from God and coming into the world. For his Jewish community, Matthew presents Jesus as Divine Wisdom who invites all to come and 'team up with' (be yoked to) him.

Listen to Wisdom describe herself in the Old Testament book of Sirach:

Come to me, you who are untaught, and lodge in my school. Put your neck under the yoke, and let your souls receive instruction; it is to be found close by. See within your eyes that I have laboured little and found myself much rest (Sirach 51:23, 26-27).

The wisdom Jesus offers contradicts the wisdom of the world which is why the learned and clever cannot accept it but those with childlike simplicity that cuts through the many false complexities life suggests as ways to find meaning – busyness, wealth, power, having more of everything. The soul finds rest in such things. In the words of St. Augustine, You have made us for yourself O Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee. (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM).

DIARY DATES

This week we start holidays, although we have been in lock-down for so long.

Please take care, and don't travel to Melbourne!

Love and blessings, Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

Manon, our 12 month Exchange Student from Germany is preparing to leave for her home. It has been a delight for Merriwa Rotary to have hosted her.

By the time the next Ringer is published, we expect, Manon will be home in Lower Saxony.

Here are her departing words.

In May last year I learned I would live for one year in a little country town called Merriwa. What a shock! But it was a good one. I was never a city girl, I had lived my whole life with 1000 people so I was use to it and when I learnt that my host dad has horses it was perfect for me. At least I thought it would be. Now, one year later, I now know it wasevery single day in this year I was overwhelmed with the beautiful nature around me and the kindness of the people living in this town.

Everyone welcomed me with open arms and I felt very fast at home. I found good friends in school and had the chance to do classes I had never done before like primary industries and hospitality. Every time my host dad took me to stock shows and camp drafts everyone accepted me and were very interesting and friendly.

In my Rotary Club I felt immediately welcome and involved as everyone was so relaxed and funny which was really different to Germany. In times of bushfires and drought everyone stood together and helped each other and I was so impressed at how positive everyone still was.

Before I came to Australia everyone always told me that Australian live by the motto "No worries mate", I couldn't really believe that but after this year I know that's very true and I really hope I took a bit of this motto into my own life. After this year I know I'll always have a second home where I can go to if I need some time away from Germany.

So thank you to all the people of Merriwa, I've learned from all of you and I am so lucky to know all of you.

Hope I will see you soon. Cheers Manon

ROTARY FUNDS ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION

Merriwa Central School Primary \$500.00

Merriwa Central School Secondary \$500.00

St Joseph's School \$500.00

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Merriwa Pre-school \$500.00

Cassilis Public School \$500.00

Merriwa Rescue Squad \$500.00

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service \$500.00

During this Rotary year, significant funds have also been contributed towards drought and bushfire relief. As well, club members have personally contributed about \$900.00 to the efforts of Rotary Foundation.

Mark Smith

Upper Hunter Shire Council

MR 358 RECONSTRUCTION

Preparation and planning is underway for major reconstruction on sections of the Merriwa to Willow Tree road (MR 358, also known as Coulson Creek Rd).

Sections of the road which passes across the Great Dividing Range, remain single lane with a five tonne load limit.

Council apologises to users of the road, the NSW and Federal governments who provided funding, and the Liverpool Plains Shire, for the ongoing delays in completing the work.

"This was always going to be a highly technical challenge on a difficult site. However, the work undertaken by Upper Hunter Shire Council has not met the specifications and the job needs to be redone to meet specifications," General Manager Steve McDonald said.

"We are committing more funds to the project and bringing in the necessary expertise to fix the deficient sections of road..

"The absolute priority is driver safety. The load limit will be in place until the road is fixed, which could take up to three years.

"Once the design works are complete, the detailed cost and indicative timeline for construction will be known. We want to get it done as quickly as we can to the required B-Double standards."

Council is applying for pre-approval of a loan of up to \$5 million to complete the major road infrastructure works to connect the west of the Shire - including Merriwa and Cassilis - to the New England Highway.

RECTIFICATION WORKS

Council received the draft Geotechnical report on the road condition and initial recommendations for rectification works in June. An independent project review and audit is also underway.

Council is working closely with Transport NSW, who have agreed to allocate a Project Manager for the duration of the work. They will work within a Project Control Group, to manage the preparation of the new design and tender documents for the construction work, and oversee the construction work.

The design process for the works, will require the usual environmental, and geotechnical assessments. Council has completed a detailed survey for the 3.4km section of road.

It is expected the designs will be complete and the construction work will be put to tender within a year.

The detailed design will include a dual lane road with a minimum 9 metre formation and 8 metre seal, and associated infrastructure such as guardrail, rock fall protection, rock fencing, retaining structures, drainage structures and appropriate earthworks.

MAYOR COLLISON AND DEPUTY MAYOR FISHER

Mayor Maurice Collison and Deputy Mayor Kiwa Fisher were elected unopposed at the meeting held Tuesday June 16.

Both Councillors were first elected to Council in 2012 and again in 2016.

Cr Collison has been Deputy Mayor for five years (regularly re-elected to the position by the other Councillors). He has been a grazier in Woolooma for many years and lived in the Upper Hunter all his life.

Cr Fisher lives outside of Aberdeen, having moved to the area in 1999 to manage a thoroughbred stud. He and his wife are partners in a catering business.

Councillors also voted unanimously recommending that there not be a by-election (which would cost around \$150,000).

CREATURE CREATION WORKSHOPS

Youth Centres are back and so are the School Holiday activities! Council is bringing Hunter artist Ken O'Regan's fantastic Creature Creation Workshops for young people aged 10-17. The workshop combines art education with waste

reduction and recycling messages.

Cost: \$15.00 per workshop,

When: Tuesday July 14, 9.00am - 3.00pm

Location: Scone Youth Centre. The bus will depart Merriwa Youth Centre at 8.00am and return 4.00pm.

Book before July 8 - only 15 places. Booking forms are on Council's website, offices and libraries. **Contact:** Youth Worker Andrew Murray on 0428 971 208.

Steve McDonald General Manager

Merriwa CWA

There will be no kid's cooking in our rooms yet again this school holidays, so I am letting the recipes out to everyone this way. I also hope that you will all try them and send photos to me like last time.

We will start off with the old-fashioned Honey Joys.

HONEY JOYS

Ingredients:

- 100g Butter
- ¼ cup caster sugar
- ½ cup honey
- 4 cups Corn Flakes

Method:

- Line two 12-hole deep patty pans with paper cases
- Combine butter, sugar and honey in small saucepan; stir over heat, without boiling, until sugar is dissolved. Bring to boil; remove from heat
- Place Corn Flakes in large bowl, add honey mixture; stir gently to combine. Spoon mixture into paper cases. Bake in moderate oven 10 minutes; cool
- 4. Enjoy.

HOME-MADE BURGERS

Ingredients:

- 1 Onion (diced)
- 1 French Onion Soup Mix
- 500ams Mince Meat

- ¾ cup Bread Crumbs
- 1 Egg

Method:

- 1. Put the following items in one bowl and mix together.
- Mince Meat
- Diced Onion
- French Onion Soup Mix
- ¾ cup Bread Crumbs
- 1 Egg
- 2. Spray pan with Cooking spray and turn onto a medium heat
- 3. Roll mince into a burger size balls and flatten.
- 4. Cook until brown (cooked through)

Serving options

- 1. Rissole with vegetables, or
- 2. A burger on a roll with preferred salad and sauces.

Please be careful when you are around hot items and remember to help mum, dad or Nan to clean up. Hopefully we will be back in the September Holidays.

Please remember photos, as I love seeing what you can do.

Phone: 0421 910 658 or kmclydsdale@gmail. com.

We still have our Hunter River Group Education Grants available. Just let me know if you want any information about these.

All going well the CWA rooms will be back in use for August 2020.

Thank you.

Kim Clydsdale

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Community Notice Board

Merriwa Campdraft

MEETING NOTICE

Please be advised the Merriwa Bushmans Campdraft Association wish to advise there will be a meeting held on Tuesday July 21, 2020 at 6.30pm at the RSL Club.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and your email for updates due to COVID-19 restrictions as our venue may need to change. This meeting will be to discuss if it is viable to hold our 2020 event. Please forward apologies to 0432 109 760 regards Kellie Porter Secretary.

Kellie Porter

Old Machinery

DO YOU HAVE RUSTY OLD CARS AND MACHINERY ON YOUR PROPERTY?

Seeking properties that have old machinery and old cars rusting in paddocks within the Merriwa/ Cassilis/Sandy Hollow locality.

These locations will be used for photography purposes. These items will not be moved, taken or disrupted but photographed in their rustic outlay in coming months.

If you are happy for up to five photographers to visit under a designated time, please contact Tina Taylor on 0447 219 193.



Tina Taylor

Hunter Medical Practice

Hunter Medical Practice would like to advise we will have a female GP working with us from Monday July 13 in our practices at Merriwa and Denman.

We will be in Merriwa on Tuesday's and Thursday's and in Denman on Monday's and Wednesday's. Please phone 6532 5013 for appointments in Merriwa and 6547 3955 for appointments in Denman.

REGISTERED NURSE POSITION

Hunter Medical Practice, Muswellbrook, Denman and Merriwa, is seeking a Registered Nurse to be employed on an ongoing, casual basis with a view to permanency.

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Performing ECGs, spirometry, pathology, immunisations, wound care, stock control, general patient observations and assisting with minor procedures and cold chain management are some of the tasks that would be required whilst working at the practice.

Also highly desirable is experience in chronic disease management, including working closely with GPs to prepare management plans and referrals and to regularly review and maintain the recall register.

This position requires travel between our three practices in Muswellbrook, Denman and Merriwa Employment conditions will be in accordance with the Nurses Award. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Please forward your CV to us at reception@ huntermedicalpractice.com.au

Dr Noman Jawaad



Community Notice Board

In Memory

ANTHEA WRIGHT 03.11.1980 TO18.07.2016



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PIE/LAMINGTONS DRIVES

For many years now, we have run two Pie Drives a year, particularly geared round school holidays. You would no doubt have noticed that hasn't been the case this year.

The cancellation of these Pie Drives has been due to the Corona VID – dealing with food, and distancing, we decided it was unwise to run.

We apolgise to those who have come to depend on the Freezer Fillers for the school holidays. All things being equal we will be back in time for first and second term school holidays in 2021.

We wish everyone a happy and VIRUS FREE year.

Barbara Campbell



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For the kitchen & dining room:

crockery / jugs / cookware / glassware / bowls / plus assorted kitchen bric-a-brac

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday little Lochie Wilkinson. Have a great day.

Hylt Cronin

Merriwa Fitness Centre

Merriwa Fitness Centre will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday July 27, 2020 at 6.30pm at the gym. All welcome.

Feel free to contact us via email if there are any questions. merriwafitnesscenter@gmail.com.

Merriwa Fitness Centre has re-opened. All PINs are the same and we've added three months to everyone's membership.

There are guidelines which need to be read and followed in order to keep everyone safe and they are posted on the gym's door and near the sign in page.

If there are any issues please message our Merriwa Fitness Centre Facebook page or email merriwafitnesscenter@gmail.com. Thanks to the community for their patience and support.

Emma Evans

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.

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NEW IN STORE

Spend more than \$10.00 in a single transaction and go into the' Prize Time Lucky Dip'! At midday each Friday we will draw the Winner of the Week, you could be that person! All entries, including the weekly winner, go into the draw for our BIG prize - a genuine Crock Pot with a slow cooking recipe book! Each week we start again and there are no limits to how many times you can enter. Please note: this excludes lotto, Scratchits, phone/internet recharge, gift cards.

This week's winner is...Vicki Cutting! Congrats! GRAZIHER (WINTER ISSUE)

• This issue is all about women blossoming in the bush! Just some of these lovely women are Annabelle Hickson photographer, writer and pecan farmer; a bush ballerina; makers behind loved bush businesses and meet several photographers who we asked to turn the camera back on themselves with travel restrictions. "Love Wins" with our feature on elopements that went ahead during the lockdowns. The issue features our usual mix of beautiful photography paired with strong storytelling.

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

- In this August Issue readers will be treated to a 36 page Aussie Favourites Cookbook attached to their issue. All time favourite recipes with a delicious new twist celebrating all things Australian
- It's soup season, ladle up with tummy warming flavours! Make the Cheat's sourdough, cornbread or cheese pesto swirls to accompany your soup and you have a meal!
- Winter in your garden; sheds of style, flush out the spiders and tart up your neglected outhouse!
- Plot your veggie garden now for spring; with only a short time to go until spring and summer veggie growing begins plan to grow just as much as you think you can eat or preserve so you don't have wastage.

AUSTRALIAN READERS DIGEST

As well as pages of engrossing reads, this

July issue has tips to make your day easier; how to respond to complainers, back pain treatments and making barista style coffee!

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY

- The Queen; love, loyalty and loss and the secrets of her reign. In her 95th year, despite being in lockdown, Queen Elizabeth 11 is as present and powerful as ever
- Adventure on the high seas; interview with the first female stowaway Paulette Cooper
- Lessons from the country. Have you recently taken up jam making or thought about getting a brood of chooks? Georgie Robertson muses on some lessons from the bush to help her city sisters when times are tough.

BLUEY

 The kids will love this issue, packed full of stickers, games and a bonus poster.

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

May all your wishes come true!

BEANIE BOO

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I'm colourful and furry, as you can see, please pick me up and give me a squeeze

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Clubs Merriwa RSL Club

As most of you will be aware the club is currently open for up to 50 patrons at

any one time, and as from July 1 this will increase to 100 patrons.

We are hoping to restart our Sunday raffles on July 5, with the Friday raffles planned to kickoff on July 10, with our courtesy bus also restarting on July 10 also for pickups, drop offs and home deliveries of meals.

Our current hours of trade are;

Bar – Monday to Wednesday 11.30am – 8.30pm Thursday 11.30am – 10.00pm Friday 11.30am – 11.00pm Saturday 11.00am – 11.00pm Sunday 11.00am – 3.00pm

Bistro – Tuesday/Wednesday 5.30pm – 7.30pm Thursday/Friday/Saturday 12 noon – 2.00pm/5.30pm – 8.00pm Sunday 12 noon – 2.00pm

As restrictions are lifted these times may vary a little.

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your understanding and support during these strange and unusual times.

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Sports Club

Mondays - Happy Two Hours - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Wednesdays - 6.00pm Bingo - prizes of club and meat vouchers. Raffle and Super 39 special prize

Fridays - Happy Two Hours 111100pm 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.

Sundays - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of \$25.00 meat or fuel vouchers.

BINGO

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BOWLS

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WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday Raffle - No RAFFLES FOR THE TIME BEING CLUBS OPENING HOURS AS OF JUNE 1

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Tuesday 3.30pm till 6.00pm
Wednesday 3.30pm till 6.00pm
Thursday 3.30pm till 6.00pm
Fridays 3.30pm till 8.00pm
Saturdays 12.00pm till 8.00pm
Sundays 3.30pm till 6.00pm.

Hours will be revised with relatation of regulations.

We look forward to see you all again.

Des Snelgrove

MERRIWA WOMENS BOWLING CLUB

Merriwa Womens Bowling Club Annual General Meeting will be held Monday July 27, 2020 at the Merriwa Sports Club at 3.30pm.

Nomination forms are available on the Ladies Notice Board at the Sports Club.

For more information please contact Loretta Cooper.

Loretta Cooper





Merriwa Pony Club

It was brilliant to see eighteen young riders from across the Zone take part in the Regional Campdraft School over the weekend in Merriwa. Riders travelled from Murrurundi, Mudgee, Scone, Denman and Merriwa to take part in an intensive training school with acclaimed Campdraft trainer and coach Kendal Neilson.

Kendal worked tirelessly all weekend, helping each and every rider get that little bit extra out of their horses. There were plenty of highlights including some full courses with one of our youngest riders Keira Green. Roy Lawler did a brilliant job on his two new horses, Poppy and Dolly as did Ben Patterson on his gorgeous pally Peaches and young horse Spurt. Emily Wright showed true grit, getting back in the saddle after a fall from her horse on Saturday. Gold stars to senior riders Anastasia and Nicole Martin who were instrumental in helping Emily recover her confidence. Well done girls. You also made the course work and camp look effortless! Jorji Taaffe managed to get her young mare Flicka 'down in the dirt', lucky she remembered her super glue and stuck more than a few fast turns. Darcy Taaffe stepped up to the challenge of riding one of her sisters horses Belle while Emily Ninness looked awesome as always on her two youngsters. Now all the riders need is a few campdrafts to go too!

Sincere thanks to Kendal and his fabulous team of help riders for all their amazing instruction and support as well as the magnificent Bison who kept up with the kids all weekend. You all deserve a well earned rest!

Special thanks to the Merriwa Campdraft Association for the use of the cattle panels, very much appreciated.

To our fabulous canteen helpers, Kelly and Blair you did a wonderful job! Thanks parent helpers that helped with set up and pack up and the gate.

Big shout out to Brian Nichols from Upper Hunter Shire Council who very kindly came down to the showground over the weekend to sort out some water issues. Thanks Brian!

Next on the agenda is Rally day this Sunday followed closely by our HUGE 5 day camp over the July school holidays. Remember to get your camp Covid forms, payment and entry forms in to De by TOMORROW, Friday July 3.













Tash Taaffe



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Upper Hunter Youth Council Presents

CREATURE CREATION WORKSHOPS

What fantastical creature will you create with recycled materials?

Work with prominent Hunter Region artist Ken O'Regan to construct creatures from mythology, literature and science fiction from recycled materials. Completed artworks will be exhibited at the Council Administration building the following week.

Ken O'Regan has created many successful workshops for children which combine art education with waste reduction and recycling messages.

\$15 per workshop

For ages 10-17. Numbers are limited to 15 people a day. Lunch included. BYO water bottle. A bus will pick up from Merriwa Youth Centre on Tuesday at 8am and return at 4pm and Murrurundi Youth Centre on Wednesday at 8am and return at 4pm.

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