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WHAT'S INSIDE









Did you know that the recent rain can cause higher Termite activity!

Have you had your House Inspected?

A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

KUM CHONG LOONG'S IXL STORES



The Chinese firm of Kum Chong Loong commenced trading in Merriwa about 1878. The Chinese firm of On Chong set up at 223 George street Sydney as general importers and were chiefly instrumental in establishing branches all over the colony, the firm at Merriwa and another at Cassilis having been backed up in the enterprise by these people.

About 1893, a flour mill was set up on bank of the the Merriwa creek and a company floated on the co-operative principal. A Simm's patent flour mill was with Up, and set Merriwa being one of the finest wheat producing districts in NSW, what could be

wanting to make the concern a success.

However, one of the reasons the mill failed to succeed was when the farmers delivered wheat

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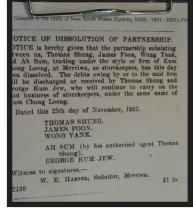
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month at 6.30pm at Merriwa RSL

Club







to the mill, they wanted to be paid for their labour in cash. The mill did not pay the farmers until the raw material was converted into flour, which was way too long to suit the farmers book. The mill offered 4/4 per bushel. The Chinese on the other hand paid 4/2 per bushel, but paid cash immediately. Thus the farmers took their wheat to the Chinese. The flour mill simply didn't get enough wheat to make it a viable concern. The Chinese cornered the market.

Kum Chong Loong went bankrupt probably caused in part by the Great Depression of 1930's. It the seems they folded in 1935 and owed money to large number of creditors. After the store was liquidated, creditors were paid 5/- in the £1.







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Deputy Principal's Report

CHECK-IN ASSESSMENTS FOR YEAR 9 AND YEAR 5 STUDENTS

Year 9 and Year 5 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy Check-in assessments during Term 3, 2020. The Check-in assessments is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor students following the period of learning from home. The Check-in assessments will supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The check in assessments will be scheduled for students in the examination window from 17th August to 4th September 2020. Year 3 students will complete check-in assessments at a later date in 2020.

Secondary students will need to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessments. Earbuds have been previously supplied to secondary students to support learning from home activities.

If you have any questions regarding this Checkin assessments please contact Miss Millevoi HT Teaching and Learning.

NSW STUDENTS ONLINE

Students Online is your source for information about your study from Year 10 to the HSC. This site is accessed on the following address - https://studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au/.

Information on the site includes information about the following topic areas –

- Important HSC dates
- HSC rules and procedures
- Enrolment and Results information
- HSC study tips and tools including the exam equipment list
- How the HSC results are released

ENROLMENT AND RESULTS INFORMATION

This section confirms your enrolment details, including the courses studied at your home school as well as courses studied away from your home school. Your grades for Year 10, Year 11 and HSC results for each course will be available here at the end of each year.

EXAM TIMETABLE

Your personal HSC exam timetable is available early in Term 2. It provides you with the date and time of the exam for each of your subjects that have a written exam. This section may also include the venue for your exam if it is not taking place at your home school. You will receive advice for practical exams from your school.

SUBJECT SELECTION

This week Year 10 students participated in Subject selection interviews. Thanks to Mrs Hegarty (Careers Adviser) and Mr Vaughan (Year Adviser) for conducting interviews with all Year 10 students and their parents.

Year 8 students will receive a subject selection booklet and elective selection sheet in the coming weeks. Students in Year 8 will select THREE electives as their subjects in 2021. Information will be provided and discussed in the Careers education class in Week 6.



Coming Events

AUGUST	
Monday 24	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
SEPTEMBER	
Monday 14	Year 11 Exams
Thursday 24	Year 12 Farewell



YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7
TRANSITION

The Year 7 2021 Year Adviser will be Mrs Sansom. Information about the Year 6 into 7 transition process for students and their parents will be distributed later in Term 3 2020.

Sharon Kenaly Deputy Principal

Primary

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded 'Student of the Week' in Week 3.

KINDERGARTEN

Mikayla Vero – For being a kind and helpful class member

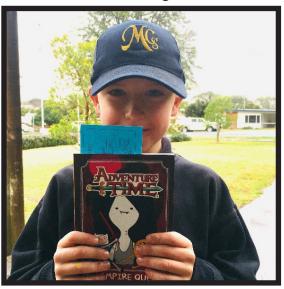


YEAR 1

James Llewelyn – For being a kind and caring class member



YEAR 2/3
Charlie Cook – Fantastic improvement in reading



YEAR 3/4
Shakira Andrews – For being a bubbly class member and improved attendance



Thomas Kneeves – For being a hardworking, enthusiastic student



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YEAR 5/6
Ella McDowell – For being a hardworking, well-mannered student



LIBRARY Mia Wilkinson



BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Amelia Clarke, Katana Magnus, Fredrick Myers,
Lily Douglas



SILVER AWARDPaige Walker



CLASS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Year 3/4 on receiving the 'Class of the Week' award. Our focus this week was on class lines and Year 3/4 did a fantastic job all week at making sure their lines were neat and tidy on the verandah and at break times.

SCHOOL LEADERS



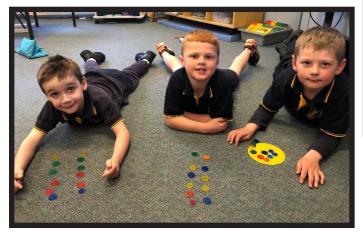


Congratulations to Isaac Constable on receiving his Vice Captain badge and Rory Wallings, on receiving his Prefect badge.

Talia Morgan Relieving Assistant Principal

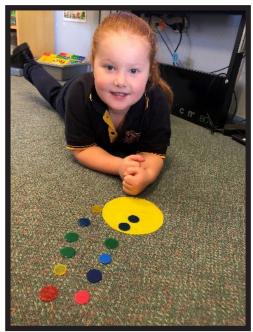
YEAR 1 CLASS REPORT

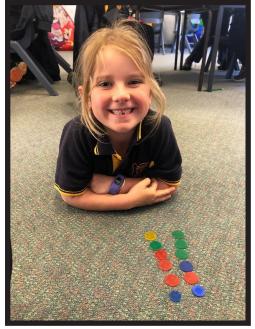
Year 1 have been busy learning about fractions in Maths. They have made fraction pizzas and have enjoyed modelling halves. They have been having fun using counters and playing fraction games.















Kindergarten were also delighted to utilise the school's new counters to represent the number 18 during mathematics.

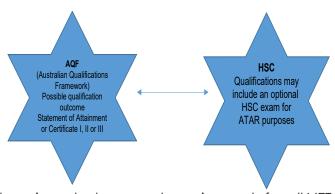
Emma Simmons Classroom Teacher

Secondary

VET INFORMATION

As Year 10 students are picking their subject for their final two years at school. Vocational Education school based subjects are a great way of students leaving school with a qualification. Here is some information about what a VET Course is and the benefits of it. The VET Courses offered at Merriwa Central School are: Business Services, Hospitality (Kitchen Operations), Manufacturing and Engineering and Primary Industries.

Students will complete a dual qualification. What does that mean?



There is work placement requirements for all VET subjects and are compulsory and mandated by NESA and the NSW Department of Education. The best part about work placement is, even though you are not allowed to be paid for your placement, there is a great chance it could lead to future employment within that particular industry.

Your VET course will broaden your skills in a

specialised area and give you the practical experience you'll need for the workplace. It will train you to design, plan and execute the practical and technical aspects of your field within an industry context.



HOMEWORK CLUB

Last week at Homework Club students were engaged in intensive sessions prepare for maths tests and to complete assignments. Expert staff were on hand

to help students navigate problems, ready study sheets, develop thorough assignment answers, and simply to put in that extra effort that all adds up. As usual students earned Blue Slips for their participation as well the satisfaction of having their work sorted. Who knows what your child can achieve this week at Homework Club?

Matt Dean Head Teacher VET

STUDENT OF THE WEEK JOSIE PORTER

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: PASS, English, P.E, Photography and Food Tech. I enjoy all of these subjects equally. Most of them are hands on and that's what I enjoy

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Winning the 2018 League-Tag grand final as shared captain

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: Sports Photographer, because it involves two things I love doing - photography and sports

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: League-Tag, camp drafting, cooking, blanket making

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Josie is a multi-talented high achiever who is an asset to any group. Whether she is whipping up a delicious cake, making snuggle knot blankets, caring for her horse or doing school work, she always completes the task at hand to a high standard. She is kind, caring and always has a smile on her face. She is a much deserved student of the week.

Ashleigh Golden - Year Advisor



Country to Canberra Leadership Competition

The competition closes September 4

LIFTING US UP – How can women and girls empower each other and their communities in times of uncertainty and change?

Top of Form

VIDEO ENTRIES: Paste a YouTube link to your video in your application Your video should address the following question: "LIFTING US UP – How can women and girls empower each other and their communities in times of uncertainty and change?"

(Note, videos must be kept between 3-4 minutes in length. If you wish to keep your video private, you can make it 'unlisted' so it can only be viewed by those with the link.)

Bottom of Form http://countrytocanberra.com. au/leadership-competition/

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) – Online Experience Day November 28

If you have ever wanted to study 3D animation, game design or VFX for film online with AIE then our Online Experience Day is an ideal opportunity to find out more!

Course overview sessions will be running on the range of online courses in 3D animation, game art, game programming and game design offered by AIE. You will get to participate in workshops, guest speaker talks and much more. Have a question? Don't worry, pop by and one of our friendly staff from AIE online will be more than happy to assist.

With classes starting all the time, starting your career as a game developer or 3D animator has never been easier. Register now for this FREE online event.

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/online-experience-day/

AFIT Open Day . Film, Theatre, TV: September 19. 10.00am to 3.00pm

Experience Australia's most exciting creative arts academy, where taking risks is expected, pushing boundaries is encouraged, and collaboration is key.

If you're searching for information about a career in Film, Acting or Stage Management then join us and learn how to build your creative future.

You'll be able to hear from our Heads of Department, find out more about the student admissions process, take a video tour of the facilities and have your questions answered live!

https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/open-days/online-open-day

Sports People - Employment in Sport

Established in 1996, Sportspeople was the first agency in Australia to offer a specialised sport recruitment service. Today Sportspeople remains a highly specialised agency offering a range of recruitment services to the broader sport, fitness and aquatics sector throughout Australia and New Zealand.

http://www.sportspeople.com.au

Choosi Futures Grant Program Closes October 31, 2020

Choosi is passionate about helping to make a healthier Australia and as part of this commitment, we developed the annual Choosi Futures Grant Program – a financial assistance of \$5,000 that's offered to one lucky student enrolled in a full-time, accredited Australian education institution studying a certificate, diploma, degree, or traineeship in any of the following areas: Medicine, Health Sciences & Healthcare, and/or Specialist Healthcare.

https://www.choosi.com.au/grants

Meat and Livestock Careers

The meat and livestock industry plays a huge role in Australia's wealth creation. Be part of it. Use this site to find more information on different jobs and opportunities. To apply for a role at MLA, select the role from our list of current opportunities and 'apply' to create a profile and submit your application. You can register your details and set up a job alert for future opportunities.

https://www.mla.com.au/about-mla/careers-at-mla/#

Eating for the Planet August 18. 6.30pm

Is it possible to feed a future population of 10 billion people a healthy diet within planetary boundaries?

Four years ago, this question was posed to a group of doctors and dieticians from all over the world, and their response became the Planetary Health Diet – a way of eating created by scientists to bring together the health needs of humans with what our planet can afford.

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By exploring simple food principles, the Planetary Health Diet charts a way to solve major health issues, and balance human needs with our impact on the environment in the age of climate change. Join public health advocate and CEO of VicHealth Sandro Demaio for a keynote talk, followed by a panel discussion with Alexandra Jones from The George Institute for Global Health, clinical dietician Jennifer Cohen and director of That Sugar Film, Damon Gameau as they discuss how we can all eat better.

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/eating-for-the-planet-registration-112385018616?aff=cfiwhatson

Simulated UCAT Day Workshop: 2-Day program August 6. 10.00am to 6.00pm and 17 October. 10.00am to 6.00pm

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 and considering a career in medicine or dentistry?

Then you are invited to attend and participate in our "Simulated UCAT Day".

This event will be conducted by the National Institute of Education in partnership in partnership with UCAT Preparation Australia, MICAS (Medical Interviews and Career Advice Services), and PTTI (ProTraining Tutorial Institute).

The workshop was primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and also participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test. However,

over the course of the years the program has evolved into a much more comprehensive and holistic exercise, which not only achieves its primary goal, but it is also exposing students to a wealth of knowledge about all other aspects of the journey into a medical degree. The latest update has seen the program grow into a 2-Day event as the sheer amount of content covered was too great to fit into a 1-day program.

https://www.nie.edu.au/ucat-courses/simulated-ucat-day-workshop

Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES) - January 2021 Years 10, 11, 12

The Indigenous Australian Engineering School is an annual event established by Engineering Aid Australia. Open to 20 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students entering Years 10, 11 and 12, the six-day live-in school gives students a taste of engineering as a university course and career. It involves hands-on and challenging activities within the Faculty of Engineering as well as site visits to engineering companies.

For more information about the Indigenous Australian Engineering School, please register here:

https://www.engineeringaid.org/get-involved/register-interest/

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

Jane Hegarty Careers Advisor



ROAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK RILEY THOMPSON

YEAR: Year 7

ROAR MEMBER SINCE: 2020

FAVOURITE THING ABOUT ROAR: It gives me incentive to keep my attitude and behaviour in check at school

FAVOURITE SPORTS TEAM: South Sydney Rabbitohs

GREATEST SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT: Going to Zone Athletics every year

COORDINATOR COMMENT: Riley is a new member of the ROAR squad, who has made a commitment to upholding the values of the program. Since joining ROAR last week, Mr Vaughan and I have already seen improvement in his attitude and application at school. We think he will make a great contribution to our team, and are excited to see him progress throughout the years.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Week Four sees us nearly at the halfway point of Term Three and again, it is terrific to see such wonderful work coming out of the classrooms at St Joseph's.

Our Learning Intentions and Success Criteria for Maths and English are working really smoothly. Last week I walked through classes, as is my daily custom and I happened to walk into Stage One. The students were sitting down to engage in a writing activity. It was brilliant to speak to a Year Two student and have them tell me the ingredients for success in a Narrative (Story) text.













Last week, I was visited by Mr Chris Quinn, Assistant Director. He mentioned how polite and friendly our students were during his visit and he was particularly impressed with one of our students, who has recently made dramatic improvements in his writing as well as his reading. Needless to say, that young Year One student walked away with a great deal of confidence.

In addition to all of this, many of our students are seeing success in all areas of the curriculum. We are SUPER PROUD of all of you, boys and girls! Many thanks to our hard-working teachers for all they do for your children's progression.

COLOURFUL KINDIES

We are pleased to announce that we have been given clearance to begin our Colourful Kindies Transition program for our 2021 Kindergarten Intake!

The dates are as follows:

Monday August 31 Children and Parent Session

 Monday September 14 Children and Parent Session

• Monday October 26 Children Only

Monday November 9 Children Only

Monday November 23 Children Only

Monday December 7 Children Only

All sessions will commence at 9.30am and conclude at 11.30am. All parent sessions will be 9.30am – 10.30am in the Library.

We welcome all parents to contact us on 6548 2035 or ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au for further information on enrolling at St Joseph's for 2021.

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REPORTS

You all will have received your student's reports last week and hopefully have had an opportunity to speak with your teacher, albeit over Zoom or Teams, to discuss your child's progress. These reports were different, to match the "unprecedented" times we have been going through.

Although we are very proud of all our student's achievements, there is always room for improvement, so please take the time to read the comments, more than the grades as they will give you some opportunities to understand where your child might need to go to next.

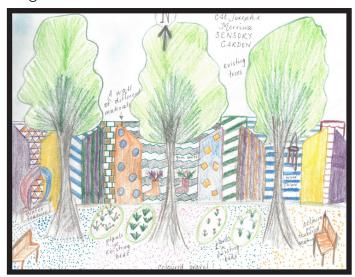
BENGALLA MINE VISIT

Last week, we were very fortunate to have Craig and Brodie visit the school from the Bengalla Mine apprenticeship program.

We have been looking at beautifying our garden area for a few years now and Mrs Hagley, in particular, has had a unique vision of a Sensory Garden/Remembrance Garden, where students can have an alternate place to interact with their peers, without the hustle and bustle of ball games and students running around.

We are very hopeful that we can strike a partnership with Craig, Brodie and the team for a Sensory Garden project in the near future.

Fingers Crossed!



ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

Mary MacKillop Feast Day is held every August 8th, in honour of the revered Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

She was the first Saint of Australia, and her influence in the country has spread far and wide. She is recognised for her commitment to the poor, helping those who needed it the most in any way she could.

We are indebted to St Mary of the Cross Mackillop for establishing many schools around Australia, just like ours and for her unwavering commitment for helping those who needed her most.

"Never see a need without doing something about it".

"BE YOU" PROGRAM

With terrific support from our School Counsellor, Hayley Maeder and the Upper Hunter Youth Service, located in Muswellbrook, our Stage Two and Three girls have been working with Ms Carlie Brown, from the UHYS, on the "Be You" Program, which heavily focuses on "Positive Body image Promotes Positive Self Esteem".

Mr Borg has been working with the boys on a very similar vein, in working on ways in which boys can "build each other up, not knock each other down".

VISIBLE WELLBEING AT ST JOSEPH'S

As a "Visible Wellbeing" school, we acknowledge that the mental health and wellbeing of all our students is vitally important to the way they approach school and family life, as well as the relationships they make with their teachers and each other.

We recently engaged with Annabelle Knight, from "Strengths Canvass", on educating our staff in embedding the SEARCH Framework into our everyday curriculum.

Annabelle commended the staff on their positive attitude, their willingness to engage with her positively (over Zoom sadly) and for the progress we have made as a school so far in implementing Character Strengths into our weekly routines.

SEARCH – Strengths, Emotions, Attention and Awareness, Relationships, Coping, Habits and Goals

ASPIRE AUDITIONS FOR 2021

The 2021 ASPIRE Audition process is now open until the last day of this term (Friday September 25, 2020). Click the link to access the ASPIRE website for the online Audition Form: https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/join-us/2021-auditions/

Any questions, please phone Anne Atkins at the Catholic Schools Office on 4979 1331. Entries are only open to students of St Joseph's in Years 5 and 6.

As always, we are here to serve the needs of the community. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Have a great week!

Mr Ashley Borg Principal ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au 6548 2035

DATES FOR THE DIARY

August 10 – August 13 Parent Teacher

Interview Week

August 15 Feast of the

Assumption

August 19 Newcastle

Permanent Maths

Test (Years 5/6)

August 21 Richard Cootes Visit

August 24 – August 28 Book Week and

Wellbeing Week

August 31 Colourful Kindies

Session 1 at St

Joseph's

WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week Three - Character Strength: Gratitude

Kindergarten - Myles Hvirf – for his mature, enthusiastic and inclusive personality during learning activities

Stage 1 - Lily Schmidt – for being a thoughtful student who always displays kindness and gratitude

Tommy Booth – for his success in improving in his reading levels

Stage 2 - Lilly Towell – for her excellent, detailed verbal recount of The Last Supper

Savannah Beeney - for the way she expresses appreciation and gratitude during various learning tasks

Stage 3 - Grace Booth - For outstanding results in Spelling and Maths Assessments in the last week

Bethany Wightman - for showing gratitude in all situations and being grateful for all the opportunities she has been given

Principal's Awards - Kirra Green - continuing to show bravery with new challenges

Savannah Beeney – working hard in Literacy

Annabelle Marshall – showing the character strength of love to all of her classmates.

Ashley Borg Principal



Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles

and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer

by Mondays, at 12.00 noon

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Cassilis Public School

THANK YOU



Thank you to Riley Wilton for taking some awesome photos and videos of our wonderful school. How lucky are we to have all this space!

EDUCATION WEEK WAS AWESOME!

Cassilis celebrated learning together in style last week. There were lots of excellent learning opportunities, celebrating success and having a great time. Education is really important and every day we teach this message at Cassilis.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK-SKYLAH ANDERSON

Skylah has been chosen as the Student of the Week by the staff for showing her personal best and for keeping herself engaged in learning. She challenged herself throughout the week to re-think and re-attempt Skylah should be really proud of this effort.

She worked together with other students throughout the week problem solving, communicating and celebrating.

The presentation of her horse poster was great and Skylah was a respectful audience member by doing active listening and celebrating others success.

Her attendance at school is excellent and she is only away when it's essential. Skylah wears her uniform to school each day with pride. She played respectfully in the playground and worked well to problem solve when there were issues.

Last week the PBL focus was Do Your Best- Do my personal best and a couple of awards that Skylah received included great listening during reading time, being patient and re-thinking her maths problem.

Congratulations, Skylah. You should be feel very proud of your efforts, behaviour and achievements.

STUDENTS SHINE

A unique and special feature of our school is that all students complete Individual Education Programs ran by Mrs Nairne. The teachers select a goal in reading, writing and mathematics determined by either extending students' strength or working on an area needing further practice.

A wonderful addition to this Program is that students get to choose their own personal learning goal. This is where the true magic happens and we get an insight into what takes our students interest and what they love.

Last Friday, as part of our Education Week Assembly, students presented their personal learning. These were recorded to showcase to our families. The students were so proud and so they should be. They were amazing! Thank you to Mrs Nairne for the support, encouragement and guidance that she shows every student every day.

Students and staff loved hearing the presentations and learning more about each other. It was a beautiful moment in learning.

After their presentation, students were asked either what inspired them to choose their topic or what did they learn.

Ben - Because of my interest in the lack of water and the drought.

Skylah said how she learnt how dry it has been and how much change has happened which was shown by two photos of Mrs Nairne's property over a two-year period that Ben used.

Cooper - I learnt that playing games is fun and helps us with our talking and using our hands. My favourite game is Snap.



Ben commented that he learnt from listening to Cooper that playing games helps with numbers and patterns as well.

Skylah - I learnt to draw a horse and labelled its parts.

Gordie learnt that a young female horse is called a filly.

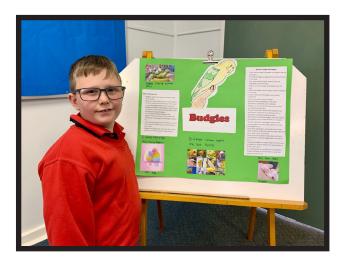
Paul - I now know how wool comes from a sheep's back and ends up as clothing.

Skylah learnt that there are over 40 breeds of sheep in the world.

Gordie - I like that I knew a lot about budgies but that I learnt even more. I like teaching other people about them and I learnt, from my research, that to get mixed coloured budgies you need to interbred them.







During the Assembly each student received an award with a detailed description of an achievement they have made and a learning behaviour as well as a fantastic book. Books make the best awards and presents!

WHAT DOES LEARNING TOGETHER MEAN TO STUDENTS AT CASSILIS?

Ben - Learning together means discovering and trying new things with students, staff and my community to gain knowledge.

Paul - Learning together means when something is hard, teachers will help you. Having other people come to our school teaches me new things. Going to other schools to learn is fun.

Gordie - Learning together means exploring new things with other people. I think learning is sometimes hard and challenging. Teachers and my friends help me. I love teaching them about saving fish.









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A very happy 18th birthday to the champion young man, Angus! We hope that you had a wonderful day.













VIRTUAL DINOSAURS

On Friday students enjoyed stepping into the exciting and terrifying potentially dinosaurs. world of Using the Virtual Reality Equipment, thank you to Tanya Riche from the Department of Education for her students support,

discovered six different types of dinosaurs and used QR codes to make the dinosaurs come to life! Luckily no students were hurt in this lesson. Afterwards the students write a short imaginative story about dinosaurs.

I am a scary tyrannosaurs rex who ripped a caveman apart. I crushed his bones up because I was hungry. After I ate I stomped to the river for a drink. **Paul**

I was assigned the task to find out why there were small earthquakes happening. As I was opening the door, I heard a very loud roar! It was a T-Rex and now it was chasing me. I quickly ran down the hill to my car, got in and sped away. **Ben**

If I came across a big tyrannosaurs rex I would run as fast as I could so it couldn't catch me. I



would climb to the top of the biggest hill in the forest. Staying really quiet would help me to survive even though I would be scared. **Gordie**

I like the stegosaurus because of its huge feet. It would make big footprints. I like its mouth because it could eat big, juicy leaves. **Gordie**



Ben and Paul learning together during play when it was raining outside at playtime.

We made some fried rice together and sat down to enjoy this snack.

Next week is Science Week. We have some great plans but will keep them secret until then. We can't wait to share them with our students and with you in our next newsletter.







Across 3 - Merriwa is known for its festival showcasing...? 4 - No known cases of 19 are active in Merriwa 5 - Recent artwork has completed been Merriwa 6 - ... support the Merriwa Ringer 9 - Merriwa is a ... community 10 - Merriwa is a small 10 11 - Merriwa has many for the visitors to stop at Down 1 - Merriwa is where you can create a life lona 2 - The local paper is

- 7 Merriwa Central and Merriwa St Joseph's are
- 8 In King George Avenue there are ... facilities

sheep, Merriwa is also a ... community

known as the ... Ringer

4 - Along with cattle and

9 - Merriwa hosts the ... of the Fleeces in June

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Merriwa District Progress Association

REDISTRIBUTION OF NSW STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

The Merriwa District Progress Association would like to alert residents to the current review of State electoral boundaries by the NSW Electoral Commission.

The redistribution of State electoral district boundaries is triggered by several factors, including after two state elections. Its aim is to distribute enrolled electors evenly across the State.

The redistribution process began earlier this year when members of the public and organisations were invited to submit suggestions on how electoral district boundaries should be redistributed. The opportunity to offer suggestions ended on 1 July 2020.

Some notable suggestions submitted include:

- The NSW Labour Party suggested abolishing the Upper Hunter Electorate, replacing it with a district named Singleton;
- The Liberal Party suggested abolishing the Upper Hunter Electorate, splitting it into two districts named Cessnock and Tamworth; and
- The Nationals suggested retaining the electorate of the Upper Hunter.

Following the suggestion period, parties are invited to make comments on those suggestions. The period to make comments ended on July 15 2020.

Once all the suggestions and comments are considered, the Electoral Districts Redistribution Panel publishes a 'draft determination' showing the proposed new electoral boundaries for NSW. The public can then make submissions on the draft determination for 30 days, followed by a 14 day period for comments on those submissions.

At this stage, it is not known when the draft determination of electoral district boundaries will be completed, but the State Electoral Commission will publish it on their website: https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/. Any residents wishing to make submissions or comments should monitor this website for updates.

Please note that the MDPA does not endorse any of the suggestions made to the NSW

Electoral Commission by any political party or individual. This information is simply for the advice of residents.



Stephen Gowlland

Upper Hunter Shire Council

CULTURAL ACTIVITY GRANTS OPEN FOR 2020

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To apply for a Cultural Activity Grant, please visit Council's website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov. au

Applications close on Wednesday, September 2 2020. For further information, contact Community Services on 6540 1100.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER



Upper Hunter Shire Council has appointed an Interim General Manager (GM) at an extraordinary council meeting held Monday, August 3 to manage the organisation over the coming months while recruitment is underway for a permanent GM.

The GM is employed and directed by the elected Councillors and responsibility for all

other staff decisions.

Glenn Inglis who has extensive experience in a variety of senior local government positions, has been appointed Interim GM.

Mr Inglis will be in the role from Wednesday, 5 August 2020 for up to four months.

Mr Inglis was GM of the former Parry Shire Council from 1993 to 2004, then Tamworth Regional Council from 2005 to 2010. He has also undertaken interim GM duties at Narrabri, Tenterfield, Armidale-Dumaresq, Uralla and Coonamble shires as required.

Mayor Maurice Collison and Deputy Mayor Kiwa Fisher met with Mr Inglis on July 30 to discuss the role

"We welcome Glenn Inglis to Council," Cr Collison said.

"He brings many years of hands-on, practical experience in the business of local government, and ensuring ratepayers are getting value for money through the wide range of services Council delivers.

"Council is also working with Local Government NSW to manage the process to recruit a new, permanent General Manager."

Since the resignation of the former GM Steve McDonald a fortnight ago, the Acting General Manager role has been undertaken by the Director of Corporate Services Kristian Enevoldson, who has also held the role in the past when the GM was on leave.

All processes are being undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

AUSTRALIA DAY SURVEY

Planning for Australia Day in Upper Hunter Shire is currently undertaken by three Council committees, looking after different parts of the shire. One of the Committees has identified the need to reassess the current range of activities with many of the official events replicated across the four townships of Scone, Aberdeen, Merriwa and Murrurundi. This, combined with a reduction in the number of nominations received for awards and a decline in attendance at some events, has prompted the need for a review of all activities and to undertake a community consultation process.

You can submit your feedback as a written submission addressed to:

Mail: The General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council, PO Box 208, SCONE NSW 2337

Email: council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

We encourage residents to complete the online survey on our website by Wednesday August 19 2020.

SCONE AND UPPER HUNTER REGIONAL SALEYARDS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Upper Hunter Shire Council is currently seeking two people to be appointed and serve as members on the Scone and Upper Hunter Regional Saleyards Committee through until the next Local Council elections in September 2021.

The Scone Regional Livestock Selling Centre (Saleyards) has recently undergone a multi-million dollar upgrade of the facilities.

Nominations are invited for one position from a primary producer within the livestock industry and one position representing a livestock carrier organisation.

General enquiries should be directed to:

David Gatwood Manager Business Services Ph: 6540 1135

Nomination forms are located on council's website under Public Notices.

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Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Maurice Collison said it was great to see the variety of projects supported. "This program increases awareness of what cultural activities are available in our shire and assists the organisations to offer them.

The community groups and projects who received the 2019/2020 CAGs are:

- Aberdeen Local Studies Group (Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life) to purchase a storage for historic papers of interest
- King of the Ranges Stockman's Challenge for an 'All About Bush Cooking' workshop at the 2020 Bush Festival
- Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre

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Assoc. to continue to grow their Cultural Hub by gaining additional resources to encourage children to engage in learning experiences, including an experience with Carlos African Drumming

- Murrurundi and District Historical Society to erect signs
- Murrurundi Pre-School to host a community Halloween dance in October 2019 for the areas of Blandford, Murrurundi, Scone, Willow Tree and Wingen to come together to celebrate in a safe environment
- Rotary Club of Scone to host 'Supporting English Conversation with Resources' classes for new arrivals to Australia and Scone
- Rouchel School of Arts Christmas family fun event in November 2019 organised by the Main Camp Recreation Reserve Land Manager, with activities and games to celebrate the area's heritage, a barbeque and evening of bush poetry and ballads
- Scone and District Garden Club to host a mosaic workshop
- Scone and Upper Hunter Historical Society to purchase suitable materials to protect and conserve historical maps of Scone and district
- Scone Arts and Crafts to install phase two
 of their new hanging system in the rear hall.
 This is a safety driven project to minimise the
 need to climb ladders while hanging the
 Scone Art Prize
- Scone Grammar School Parents and Friends Association to complete the Indigenous Yarn Circle and Garden with the addition of edible tucker plants and Aboriginal art
- Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre to provide entertainment for Harmony Day 2020, where everyone is invited to bring a meal representing the country where they were born
- Scout Association of Australia, first Scone Scout Group to enable Scouts and Guides from across Upper Hunter (Singleton to Murrurundi) join together for an afternoon of outdoor activities
- St Mary's Primary School Scone Parents and Friends Association to create a welcoming Indigenous garden
- St Joseph's Primary School P and F to create

- an Aboriginal yarning circle, garden and therapy / sensory activities
- Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life to host their monthly 'Golden Oldies' movies and luncheon to encourage social participation
- Ukulele Group (auspiced by Murrurundi Arts and Crafts Council) to host a Murrurundi Uke Muster which will bring people together from across the Upper Hunter and North West NSW who are already involved with an existing ukulele group. The funding will enable a masterclass workshop and coordinate a performance for all participants
- Warrah Writers to host a Memoir Writing Workshop.

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Maurice Collison Mayor

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REFLECTION PENTECOST 10 - Matthew 14:22-33

Once again Matthew uses a story already found in Mark's Gospel but makes a significant change by adding the episode of Peter walking on the water. We read this as a miracle story, which it is, but it is also a revelation of God, similar to the revelation to Elijah on Mount Horeb. In the Old Testament only God is the one who has mastery over the sea. 'You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise you still them' (Ps. 89:9) 'Your way was through the sea, yet your footprints were unseen' (Ps. 77:19). Matthew's Jewish community would be well aware of the many references in the Scriptures to God's power over the sea. When Jesus comes walking on the waves he is displaying to the disciples his divine identity for he shows that he now exercises power over the sea that belongs only to God. Later he even speaks to them using the Divine Name, 'I AM,' when he says 'I Am. Do not be afraid.'

But what about Peter? Peter displays both the courage and frailty of all disciples. Invited by Jesus to come to him, Peter shows courage in venturing out of the boat into the stormy waters but then reality sets in and his faith wavers. Most of us are caught somewhere in Peter's story, living within the courage of Christian commitment, and the doubts that unsettle our faith. Peter's cry is our prayer, 'Lord! Save me'. And Jesus reaches out his hand – to Peter and to us. (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM).

DIARY DATES

We are still not open as a church, and by the sound of things it might be a while before it happens. We are certainly not able to sing, dance, or congregate together for a cup of tea! Other churches are opening, but we have elected to remain closed at present. Please God let it happen soon!

Rev Pat Kirkby

Hunter Medical Practice

The Covid-19 situation is not easing yet. We would like to remind our patients of our requirements for entry during this time. Please call us from your car when you arrive for your appointment as our doors are locked and we have a limit of how many people we can allow into the waiting room. We are required by NSW Health to ask a series of questions and to take your temperature before you can come in. These restrictions have been put into place to protect our patients by lowering the risk of spreading the virus. We are still doing face-to-face consults as well as telephone consults for those who would prefer it.

To contact us, please call 6532 5013.

Dr Noman Jawaad

Merriwa Rotary

WHO IS MERV

Who is Merv?....You may ask!....What position does he play? AFL or NRL?....or is it cricket and Merv Hughes?

Well, none of those......MERV is the Rotary sponsored MENS' EDUCATIONAL RURAL VAN and MERV is planning to be back in Merriwa later in the year. MERV's mission is to do health checks on men in rural and remote communities and to seek out potential problems and refer participants on to their doctor of choice when thought appropriate. Independent analysis of MERV'S record shows successful interventions in the past have been lifesaving in a significant number of cases.

Why is Rotary sending this message out before a date has been fixed? The answer is that it is an EARLY ADVICE given in the knowledge that there will be a better response if the idea of having a health check has time to sink in.....and spouses and other family members have plenty of time to sell the idea to chaps whom they think may benefit.

ROTARY MERRIWA will let the date of the MERV'S Merriwa visit be known as soon as we are advised.

Mark Smith

Community Notice Board

Meals on Wheels

We would like to give a king size thank you to our Meals on Wheels volunteers for your consistent and pleasant

delivery service to our clients in all weathers. We are most grateful. If anyone would like to join the team please attend a brief meeting at the hospital outside meeting rooms Monday August 17 at 1.00pm. Social Distancing will apply to the meeting numbers.

Please contact Deirdre on 0429 320 821 or Diane on 0417 237 274 for more information.

Deirdre Peebles

Congratulations

Well done to all the award winners' in the past two weeks at Merriwa Central School. It is great to see you all achieve and grow each week.

Hylt Cronin

Farewell Eva

On Sunday August 9, Merriwa lost one of its treasured icons with the passing of our one and only Eva Towler.

I have known Eva for almost as long as I have lived in



Merriwa. For a greater part of that time she has been the face of raffle ticket sales for many organisations. She loved Merriwa, for which she held great pride, but only second to that of her family.

Eva now joins her one true love, Mick and I am sure the pair of them will watch over Merriwa and talk about the Merriwa Magpies, the Festival of the Fleeces and all the other organisations Eva helped throughout her life time. We will miss you Eva!

Our condolences go to her family. Your mum, grandmother, sister and aunty was 1 in a million.

Tina Taylor

Trinity Markets

Our shop has reopened. For the time being the hours will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 10.00am to 12.30pm.

Maximum capacity, social distancing and other Covid-19 measures will apply.

Another change will be that NO donations of clothing or other items can be accepted at present as we are unable to comply with Covid-19 regulations for accepting donated goods.

Our racks are well stocked with winter clothing and other treasures.

Thank you for supporting Trinity Markets and helping us keep our volunteers and community Covid safe.

Beatrice Voysey

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles

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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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INSIDE OUT

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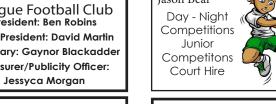
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As restrictions are lifted these time may vary a little.

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

Please note some restrictions have been reimposed and we can now only take bookings of up to ten people, this not only relates to meals but also meetings.

Matt Morgan





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