

# MERRIWA Ringer

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## WHAT'S INSIDE



# Maths is fun



# Pest Alert



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

## MISS AGNES MCRAE'S PRIVATE HOSPITAL.



Extract from the Catholic Press dated Thursday October 24, 1929.

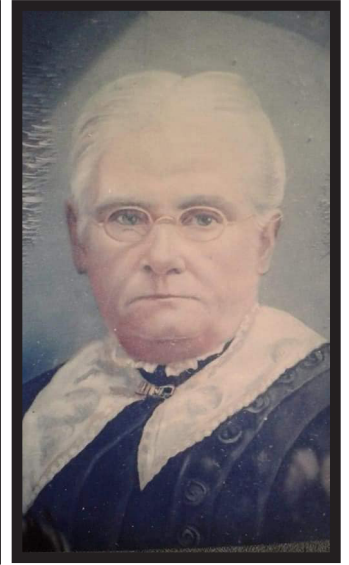
The death of Miss Agnes McRae, a well known and highly respected resident of Merriwa, occurred on Monday on the 7th inst. at her father's residence. Born at Cassilis 55 years ago, she was the eldest daughter of Mr Allan McRae and the late Mrs A McRae of "Bleak House" Merriwa. Deceased entered the nursing profession and conducted "Beauly" Private Hospital in Merriwa for 14 years, but nearly three years ago, her health began to fail, causing her to abandon her profession. For the past two years she had been practically an invalid, but bore her sufferings with patience and resignation. Article sourced by Kim Clydsdale.

The name Beauly was named after the town Inverness in Scotland where the McRae's came from. John (Jack) McRae recorded in his diary on the 1st February 1913, Mrs Telfer had a baby, the first born at Beauly. Due to illness, Agnes was unable to deliver after 1927.

The hospital consisted of a three bedroom cottage with a separate building out the back which had two bedrooms and a kitchen. There was a connecting walkway between the two buildings. Gerard McRae and Mavis Collins were both born at Beauly as were many others who would be familiar to families around Merriwa. The house still stands down the bottom end of

Bow street as well as Bleak House on the corner and Avoca the other side of Beauly, all houses owned by the McRae family.

Information and photos courtesy of Philomena Constable and Maxine McRae Fittler.



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# Merriwa Central School

## Principal's Report

### SCHOOL OPERATION AND COVID

A significant number of schools in Sydney have been impacted by COVID, and temporarily closed in recent weeks. We need to continue to be vigilant and follow Department guidelines to maintain the safety of staff, students and visitors.

The Department has provided new advice to school in the last few days.

#### ATTENDANCE

Students should be at school unless they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe. Or they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home.

Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to

school. Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask.



#### GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site.

All group singing (choirs) and/or other chanting activities, as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted.

School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are not permitted. Schools may hold a Year 12 assembly at school without

parents to recognise the completion of school. Schools may consider delaying events until later in the year.

School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)

P and C meetings and events must be on-line only.

#### ACTIVITIES ON HOLD FOR TERM 3

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- Kindergarten orientation
- Year 7 orientation has been delayed until Term 4
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events.

#### SCHOOL CLEANING

Our school will continue to receive additional cleaning throughout the day in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

#### TRIAL AND HSC EXAMS

Students sitting formal exams are reminded of the health warnings. If you have cold or flu like symptoms stay at home and get tested. Then

complete the illness and misadventure application process with supporting documentation.

**Darren Noonan**  
Principal



## Coming Events

<b>AUGUST</b>	
<b>Monday 24</b>	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>Monday 14</b>	Year 11 Exams

# Primary

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded 'Student of the Week' in Week 4.

### KINDERGARTEN

**Ruby Clarke** – Fantastic improvement in Fast Maths



### YEAR 1

**Maggie Clark** – For always working to achieve her personal best



### YEAR 2/3

**Daniel Kneeves** – Improvement in writing



### YEAR 3/4

**Catherine Circosta** – Improvement in writing and reading



### YEAR 4/5

**Mia Horvath-Richards** – Always working hard in Mathematics

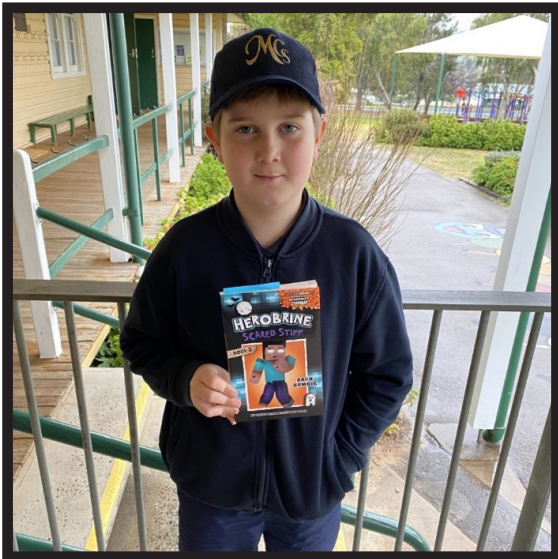


**YEAR 5/6**

**Kaelyn Rondel** – Improvement in attendance



**LIBRARY**  
**Jason Bristow**



**BRONZE AWARD WINNERS**

Rylan Neale, Ty-John Marshall, CJ Thompson and Ryder Rawlings



**Merriwa Ringer**

**SILVER AWARD**

Mia Wilkinson



**CLASS OF THE WEEK**

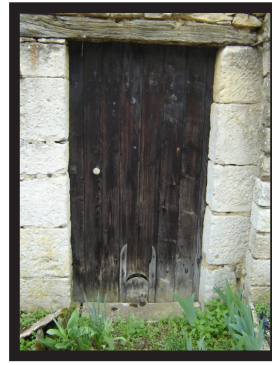
Congratulations to Year 2/3 on receiving the 'Class of the Week' award. Our focus this week was on tidy classrooms and 2/3 did a fantastic job all week at making their classroom neat and tidy.



**FOYER DISPLAYS**

Students in Year 2/3 and 3/4 have been busy creating fantastic artworks for our Primary foyer.





"Quivering with fear, I tried to push the dark, brown door open." - Ty-John

"As the movie played, the man opened the wooden door to find a random brick wall blocking his way." - Rory

"Peering through the window of the faded door, I saw an old rocking chair swaying in the wind." - Katana

"Fear took over as I knocked on the old, rotten door, petrified that my grandma would be at home." - Jack



"Curiosity killed the cat, I hope opening this door doesn't kill me..." - Hallie

"Creeping towards the intense, breathtaking, rotten door that I walk past every day, wondering what is behind the mysterious door." - Paige

"With butterflies in my tummy, I nervously walked towards the big, dirty brown door with a tiny gold lock." - Cadence

"Curiosity filled my body, as I walked up to the blue, white and rusty door. The hinges were golden brass and when I went to open the door,

they almost gave way." - Kaelyn



"Trembling with fear, I slowly walk up to the old, wooden door with peeling blue paint and lift my hand to knock." - Caitlin

Trembling with fear, I walked past the old, wooden door of the haunted building." - Year 6 student

"Curiously, I looked at the rotten door wondering what was behind it." - Cody

**Jenna North  
Class Teacher**

**Talia Morgan  
Relieving Assistant Principal**

**CLASS REPORT**

Year 5/6 have been working on improving their writing skills, in particular opening sentences in different ways. These sentences have been started using an emotion as an opener and have used the following images for inspiration.



"Butterflies were in my tummy whilst walking up to the red-curtained door, I peeked through the mouldy glass to see if anyone was home." - Lilly

"The old, rotten door started to slowly creak open and I prayed to God that nothing would hurt me." - Ashley

"Annoyed, I stomped toward the blue, crusty door and tried to boot it open." - Raine

# Secondary

## VISUAL ARTS

This term has seen Year 11 Visual Arts exploring a range of different landscape painting styles. This has involved investigating the life and practice of the famous Sidney Nolan.

During 1946-1947 Sidney Nolan painted the "Ned Kelly series" which is regarded as one of Australia's greatest sequences of paintings of the twentieth century.

Sidney Nolan used the story of Ned Kelly as a metaphor for his own situation. Nolan was constantly avoiding the conscription



of Australia since 1942. Nolan recognised Ned Kelly's story of constantly avoiding the prosecution of his crimes from the government as one that is similar to his own situation.

Students have studied this concept of using narrative to tell a story in their art making practice to bring their own legends to life

Joanne Hamson has chosen to use the Indigenous narrative of the Min Min lights which is commonly known as an unexplained light phenomenon, using this legend to guide her subject matter she has created a two canvas design using a silhouette of a body as the main subject matter. On each canvas, one half of the body is extended across the canvas reaching to the lights. The first features a warm light with

a strong muscular hand representing the Min Min light that guides unsuspecting travellers to safety.

Second panel is the dark gloomy light that is said to lead individuals deeper and deeper into the forest and have them never seen again. This is represented by a skeleton figure reaching to the light from one side of the canvas to another.

Stacey Loft has used the Australian legend of the Bunyip which is said to be a large mythical creature in the Australian Outback featured heavily in traditional Australian Aboriginal culture. It is said to lurk in the swamps, billabongs and creeks as a water spirit taking unsuspecting victims from the water's edge. Stacey used the various depictions of the Bunyip as her inspiration to create her own depiction of the wild beast.

Well done to both girls for showing their skills in painting and creating visually appealing works using the Australian folklore as inspiration!



Emma Dewhirst  
Secondary Visual Arts, Photography and Digital  
Media Teacher

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### ABBY COOPER

**FAVOURITE SUBJECT:** Maths, because I like the challenge

**BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** Being accepted to do accelerated maths (completing my Mathematics HSC this year)

**CAREER ASPIRATIONS:** Social work

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Playing with my cat

**YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT:** Abby is a dedicated and self-motivated student, who represents her year group with distinction in the School Representative Council. Abby has demonstrated exceptional commitment across her wide range of subject areas, and always has a positive attitude towards her learning.

Emma Piper - Year Advisor



## CAREER NEWS

### **Experience the UTS Animal Logic Academy Studio: September 10 - 5.00pm**

Join us for a virtual tour of the Animal Logic Academy Studio and live Q and A.

Want to know what the UTS Animal Logic Academy Studio is really like? Join us for a virtual tour of the Studio and get a feel for the space you could be studying in next year. The tour will be followed by a live Q&A with academics and students from the Academy so you can have your questions answered.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/events/experience-uts-animal-logic-academy-studio>

### **The Simpson Prize – National Competition: Closes November 6**

The Simpson Prize is a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students. The competition encourages participants to explore the significance of the ANZAC experience and what it has meant for Australia. Eight winners are chosen from each State and Territory with the opportunity to visit overseas battlefields and participate in ANZAC Day commemorations. For more information go to The Prize page.

### **2021 Simpson Prize Competition**

#### **Question**

“How do lesser known stories from the Western Front expand our understanding of the Australian experience of the First World War?”

<http://www.simpsonprize.org/>

### **AFL Sports Ready Traineeships**

Traineeships are very similar to a regular full-time job and are the most cost-effective way to hire a motivated, entry-level employee.

Think of a traineeship as a 12 month, try before you buy, 'apprenticeship for the office', that combines full-time work with a little bit of study. It's the ideal mix of:

#### **Practical experience in the workplace**

Formal qualification (Certificate II, III, IV and Diploma level)

<https://aflsportsready.com.au/traineeship/>

### **Youth at the Zoo, Cadet Keeper, Community Youth Programs**

Taronga's Youth at the Zoo program (YATZ) gives teens the opportunity to learn more about how our Zoos operate, develop skills for the future and spend time with like-minded people who share a passion for animals.

<https://taronga.org.au/education/youth-engagement>

### **Experience Surveying Workshops are back – and they are now online!**

- August 25
- September 29
- October 27
- November 24

Taking place on the final Tuesday of the month ten months a year, the RMIT Experience Surveying Day gives students in grade 10-12 the chance to explore the world of surveying, with all the exciting new technology that that entails. This is the perfect way to explore the practical side of surveying while staying isolated in your home: you'll learn about total stations, GPS, laser scanners and more as you challenge yourself and interact with real surveying experts and professionals.

Discover if surveying could be the ideal path for you, or just test your skills and your wits. Best of all, this online workshop is free! Registration is now available for all the RMIT Experience Surveying Days for 2020, so click below to secure your place.

<https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/rmit-experience-surveying-day/>

### **Year 11 Med Hopefuls**

Year 11 students intending to study Medicine: Please watch the Free Bootcamp and read the Medical Entry handbook and 'Quality Guarantee' all of which are under "Free Resources" on the website at:

[www.MedEntry.edu.au](http://www.MedEntry.edu.au)

### **Law Indigenous Early Entry Scheme – University of Newcastle Closes September 13**

Imagine having a guaranteed place in a law program before beginning your final HSC exams. Newcastle Law School is offering Indigenous students the opportunity to gain early entry to our degree.

Recognising the need to increase the representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian legal profession and allied fields, our School is inviting Indigenous



students currently preparing for their Higher School Certificate to apply for entry to the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Combined.

This is a five-year, full-time program, in which you will complete your Bachelor of Laws (Honours) alongside another degree program of your choice

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-business-and-law/newcastle-law-school/study-with-us/indigenous-law-early-entry-program>

### Building the cyber security workforce

Cyber security is now one of the most rapidly growing industries globally. The threat posed by the perpetrators of malicious cyber activities has spurred governments, the private sector and the research community to invest in cyber security products and services to the tune of around US\$250 billion by 2026.

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/education-blogs/guest/building-the-cyber-security-workforce-australia-needs>

### Apprenticeship Support Australia Advice for Parents

An Australian Apprenticeship (commonly known as an apprenticeship or traineeship) combines paid on-the-job training with formal study resulting in a nationally-recognised qualification.

There are more than 500 occupations across

Australia that offer apprenticeships and traineeships, ranging from Certificate II to Advanced Diploma levels, including traditional trades, as well as a number of emerging occupations in most sectors of business and industry.

The Australian Government even provides funding to eligible Australian Apprentices aimed to assist with the costs incurred whilst they are undertaking training!

To find out which career may suit your child head to our free careers advice portal Skillsroad.com.au – Australian number 1 destination for career advice!

<http://www.apprenticeshipsupport.com.au/Parents>


### Career Snapshot – Logistics – TAFE

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\\_Logistics\\_and\\_Warehousing.pdf](https://www.tafensw.edu.au/documents/60140/219174/Careers-Snapshot_Logistics_and_Warehousing.pdf)


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

**Jane Hegarty**  
Careers Advisor



## ROAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### HARRY COOK



**YEAR:** Year 7

**ROAR MEMBER SINCE:** 2020

**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT ROAR:** Fun sport activities and better competition

**FAVOURITE SPORTS TEAM:** Newcastle Knights

**GREATEST SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT:** Regional Touch Footy and Athletics (200m and 100m)

**COORDINATOR COMMENT:** Harry 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.

**Emma Piper - Coordinator**

## THE SKOOLBAG APP

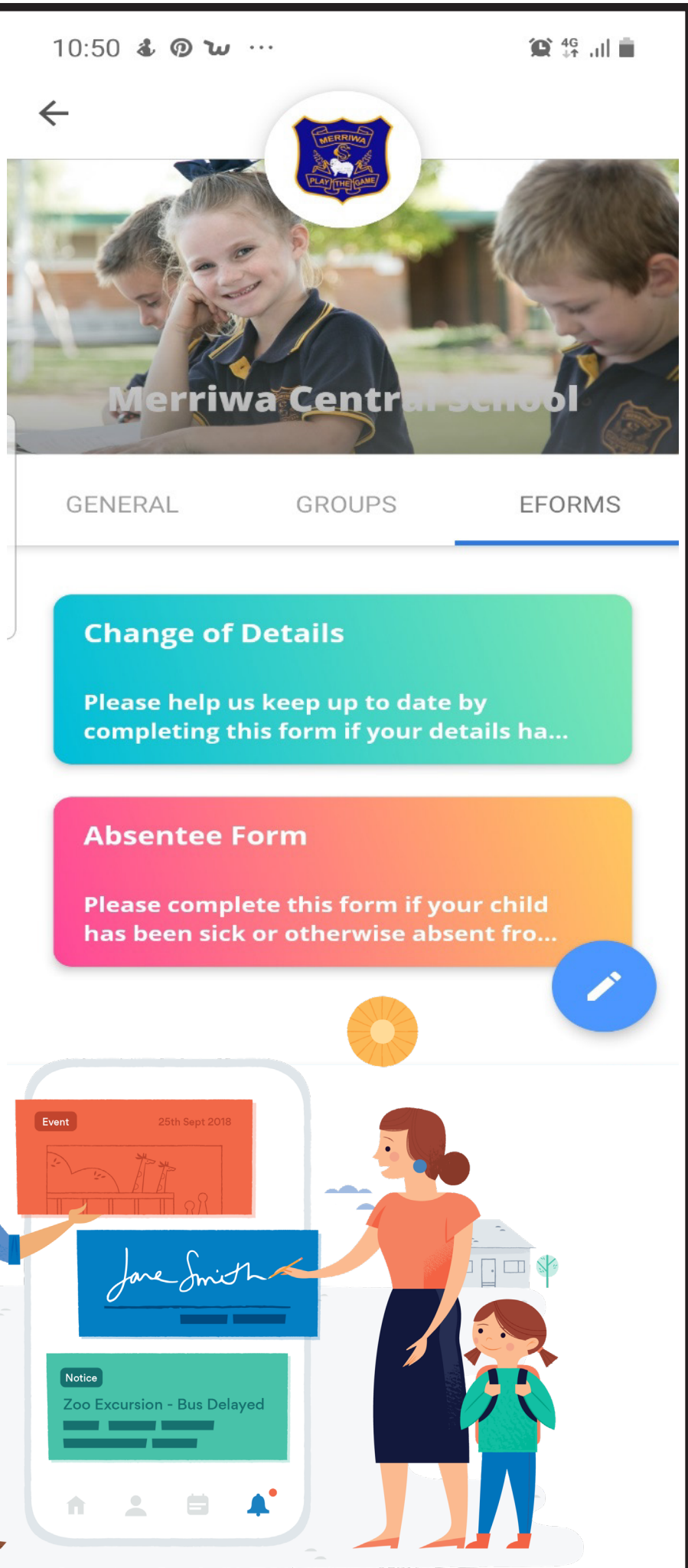
The SkoolBag app is the most reliable way to stay up to date with school life. The app is frequently updated with bug fixes and improvements, so we recommend enabling automatic updates. Be sure to allow notifications and don't forget to subscribe to content groups.

Some parent feedback last week indicated a problem with finding absentee forms.

By clicking on the Merriwa Central School badge, it will take you into the home page with three groups – General, Groups, Eforms.

Eforms are where you will find:

- Change of Details – when you change address, phone or email address
- Absentee forms – for informing when your child is absent from school
- When surveys are being run, you will find them under the 'Have Your Say' tab and you will be able to see and comment from this tab as well.





# St Joseph's Primary School

## WELCOME TO WEEK 5!

Can you hear children singing? Laughing? Playing? Reading? Counting?

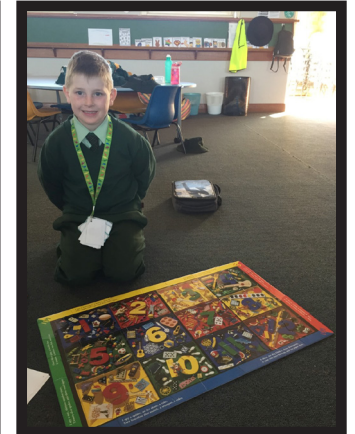
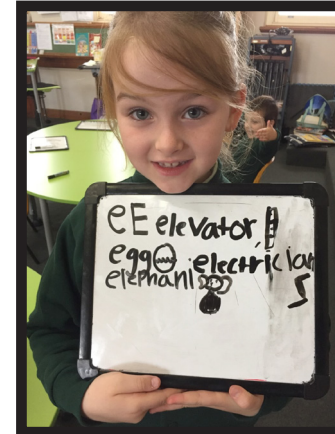
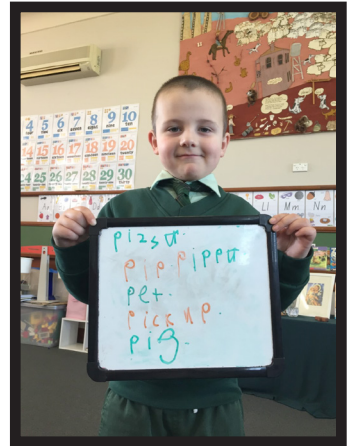
If you were to walk past our St Joseph's Kindergarten classroom, these merry sounds would represent the wonderful variety of learning.

In our Literacy block, we have been reading lots of fun books, including: Possum Magic, The Magic Hat, The Curious Garden, Isabella's Garden and Wombat Stew. Students have responded to these texts with drawings and sentences. After learning more about expert Noella Mackenzie's research about children's early writing, we are vindicated in our quest to encourage children to draw every day, as an original and personal form of expression. We are delighted with the students' efforts thus far and will continue to provide opportunities for them to enhance these skills.

During Science lessons, the students have been studying the school chooks. Questions such as: what do living things need to survive? Do living things compete for space? The students have many questions and are enjoying discovering the answers. They are carefully recording their findings in their books, with labelled drawings.

Religious Education has been very interesting and affirming for the students as they discuss God's love for us and our love for each other. The students enjoy participating in role plays, where they can actively demonstrate the ways Jesus wants us to be like Him. On the 8th August, we celebrated the feast day of St Mary MacKillop. St Mary MacKillop was a religious social reformer and educator, with a strong conviction that every child deserved an education. Mrs Peebles, our Religious Education Coordinator, showed us a wonderful short film about the life of St Mary MacKillop.

We have taken a play-based approach to Maths lessons this term and the students are thriving. They are learning about mass, addition, subtraction and many other areas of Maths through hands-on, fun games and activities then naturally incorporating what they've learnt into their own play. We look forward to continuing this exciting and promising way of learning!





In PDH, the students have been learning about how to keep themselves safe wherever they are - on the playground, in the classroom, at home, the pool, or even the beach. And for sport, they have been having a blast playing lots of new

activities with the Stage 1 students. The students particularly liked "red light, green light".

For Visual Art, the students are making an "Under the Sea" mural with Stage 1 and it looks fantastic! So far, they have worked together to make the background (over two square metres!) and added fish, rocks, seaweed and some jellyfish. They are excited about adding bigger things like a shipwreck, a scuba diver or mermaid.

The students have been learning about where we live, what makes it special and our responsibility to look after our local environment in Geography. We have looked around our school and talked about what makes it important. The students drew pictures and wrote sentences to record their learning.

We are excited to welcome our 2021 Colourful Kinders to school soon, with the commencement of our Transition Program on August 31. If you are interested, please call 6548 2035 and speak to our principal, Mr Ashley Borg.

We look forward to sharing our news with you again soon,

**Miss Georgia Brazier and Mrs Sally Hagley**  
Kindergarten Teachers

### AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

#### **Week Three – Character Strength: Kindness**

**Kindergarten - Mia Deemer** – for her enthusiastic and beautiful singing in literacy activities

**Stage 1 - Archy Wallace** - for his kind and considerate attitude towards all those around him

**Isabel Williams** - for her excellent presentation on hardware and software using PowerPoint

**Stage 2 - Rihanna Hunt** – for her impressive efforts and attitude to learning particularly within Mathematics

**Jye Bates** – for demonstrating the strength of kindness within his interactions with all those around him

**Stage 3 - William Luke** - for making mature decisions about his learning and developing more confidence to challenge himself in maths and writing tasks

**Matthew Grady** – for demonstrating kindness and self-control which is allowing him to build good relationships with peers and staff

**Principal's Awards - William Luke** – for actively helping others, without being asked, showing kindness to all.

**Library Awards - Charlie Barry** - for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge

**Noah Ridding** - for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge

**Charlie Constable** - for an outstanding session in the Library

**Chad Booth** - for excellent listening and participation in Library.

**Ashley Borg**  
Principal

## KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION POSTPONED

Dear prospective parents of St Joseph's,

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, which have just been forwarded by NSW Health in the past 24 hours, the planned Kindergarten Transition Days, "Colourful Kindies", are postponed until further notice.

Whilst disappointing, we all need to play our part to keep each other safe.

When further advice is given to us, we will disseminate this to all concerned.



# Sandy Hollow Public School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It is with great pleasure that we welcome back Mrs Parker! The primary students and myself were equally happy to see that Mrs Parker and has been able to come back to school, and it was fantastic to see her smiling face on Monday. She will be working in the office this week, but will be able to go back to the classroom for a short time next week, working up to full days in the following weeks. Although she has been working behind the scenes (from home) to ensure that the students' learning has been continuous, it certainly is good to have her back! Welcome back!

We also welcome another teacher who will be joining us for the next four weeks, working in the Infants' classroom with myself and Mrs Osmond. Mrs Louise Spring is a student teacher completing her practicum with us from the University of New England. The Infants students were excited to meet Mrs Spring on Monday, and I am sure she will enjoy every minute at Sandy Hollow as she completes her prac with us.

**Jane Fuiono**  
Relieving Principal

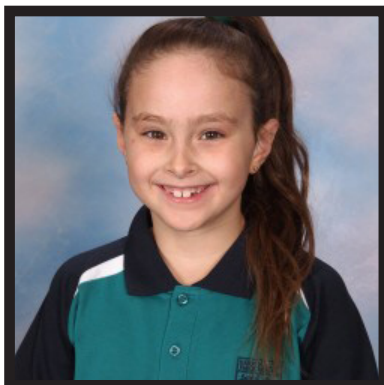
## STRENGTH OF THE WEEK: TEAMWORK

Working well as a member of a group or team;  
being loyal to the group; doing one's share.

This week's focus strength is 'Teamwork'.

This week and over the next week we will be focusing on this strength. Students will be encouraged to look for it happening at school and staff will be looking for this strength in the way the children interact with each other. Our Character Strength Super Hero this week is Attalica.

Attalica was chosen for this award because she is always willing to lend a hand and help out when needed. She is happy to do her jobs around the school and fill in for others at times.



**Merriwa Ringer**

## EDUCATION WEEK

Last week was Education Week in NSW. The theme for Education week this year was 'learning together', which is something the students at SHPS do every day. We celebrated the week by

joining in some of the Department of Education events, and students enjoyed coming together to watch the live stream of the best student-made short films from the 2019 Film By.... festivals.

SHPS students were surprised to learn that these fantastic films were made by primary students at schools across NSW.

## TIME CAPSULE

Last week we finally had some nice weather and were able to bury our time capsule. The students each placed a small plastic bag containing something significant to them, along with some writing about what 2020 has been like, into the capsule. The time capsule was buried by the students near the flagpole, and a plaque will be placed in the hope that it will be unearthed at the school's centenary in 2070. The students will hopefully be able to attend the centenary celebrations and remember their time at SHPS in 2020. Thank you to John Hagan Plumbing for the donation of the PVC pipes used for the time capsule.





### PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The topic for our public speaking competition this year was 'Who is My Hero?'. We heard some fantastic speeches in class and it was very hard to decide on the four stage finalists. The finalists are: Henry, Logan, Taylan and Zara.

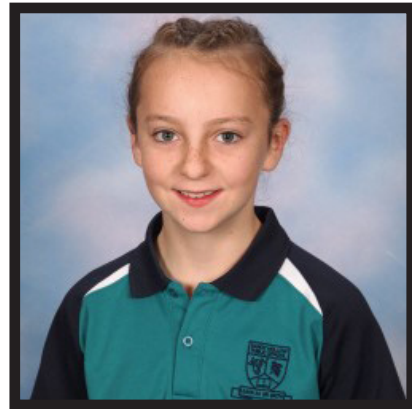
Congratulations to these four students who will compete for the Public Speaking Medal which will be presented at presentation night this year. Hopefully the finals will be held this week (they were postponed from last week due to one of the finalists being unwell). Good luck to all students involved.

### AWARDS

- Mikayla – Fantastic improvement in Reading
- Charlie - YCDI - Persistence – Making a big effort to improve his bookwork
- Harry – Excellent work in Jolly Phonics
- Logan - YCDI – Persistence – Trying hard to improve his reading.

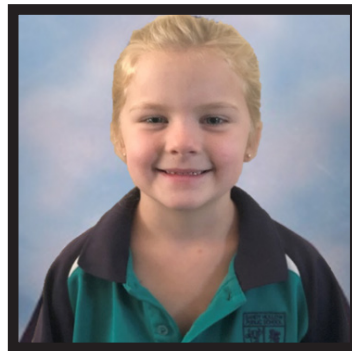
### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**Zara** - for displaying kindness and helping others.

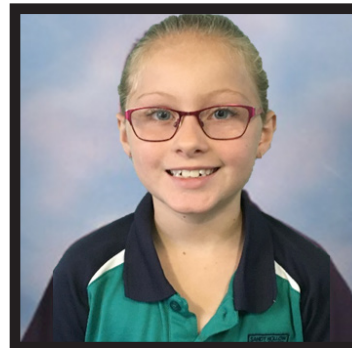


### WORKERS OF THE WEEK

**Tanaya**

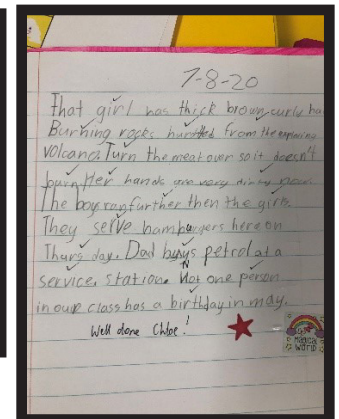


**Chloe**



### BRONZE AWARD RECIPIENTS

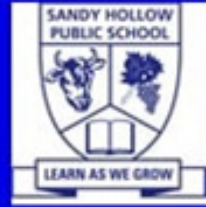
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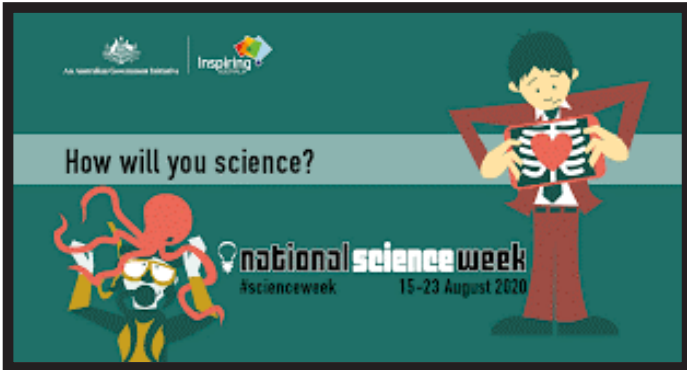
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# Cassilis Public School

## HAPPY SCIENCE WEEK



There are many great activities planned for students this week including making our veggie gardens, virtual excursions, experiments, cooking and a few surprises. How awesome is Science!

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK – PAUL ANDERSON

Paul has been awarded the Student of the Week for being determined to bounce back, show respect and encouragement to others and persevere with learning.

He asked teachers for assistance after he had tried himself and improved the quality of his work, especially his writing. Paul impressed the staff and students when he confidently presented his personal learning project on wool. He was tolerant of others and tried really hard to regulate his behaviour and show that he made a mistake and could do better.



Paul was excellent in helping others to finish their library bags. He always wears school uniform and comes to school prepared for the day. He was heard giving very kind compliments to other students.

Congratulations Paul on your efforts and achievements. You should feel very proud.

## CASSILIS NOW HAS WICKING BEDS!



This means that we can water our plants from below and above! Wes and Carl from Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre made the beds and then came to teach us how to create and care for our vegetable, herb and worm garden.

The students and staff had the BEST day and we couldn't wait to discuss and write about it...after our muscles had rested the night.

I wonder how our plants are growing right now?

A HUGE thanks to Wes and Carl. You are both agricultural, science legends. Thanks also to Angus for lending a hand.







Katie Burgess  
Principal

# Comfort Corner

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 500g lean beef mince
- 1 leek, white part only, sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 350g jar roasted vegetables stir-through pasta sauce
- 400g can cherry tomatoes in juice
- 100g baby spinach
- 225g packet haloumi cheese, cut into 1cm-thick slices
- 1/2 cup grated mozzarella
- Fresh basil leaves, to serve
- Crusty bread, to serve

## METHOD

**Step 1** Preheat grill on high.

**Step 2** Heat oil in a large, flameproof frying pan over high heat. Add mince. Cook, breaking

up mince with a wooden spoon, for 5 minutes or until browned. Add leek, garlic and oregano. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes or until leek softens. Add pasta sauce, tomatoes and 1/2 cup water. Bring to a simmer. Simmer for 2 minutes or until mixture thickens slightly. Stir in spinach. Remove from heat.

**Step 3** Place haloumi on mince mixture. Sprinkle with mozzarella. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes or until cheese is golden. Sprinkle with basil leaves. Serve with bread.



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## AUSTRALIA DAY SURVEY - THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the residents who took the time to complete the Australia Day Survey. This feedback has provided Council ideas to start planning Australia Day events and celebrations throughout the Shire for 2021.

The results will be compiled and presented to Council.

## WATCH COUNCIL MEETINGS FROM YOUR HOME

Visit Council's website – [upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au), hover over 'Your Council' at the top, move cursor to Council Business and click. Scroll down the page until you see the green writing, which reads 'Meetings are now live-streamed on YouTube. Check the Meetings page for start times'. Click 'on YouTube'.

This will redirect you to YouTube to watch the Council meeting live.

## MERRIWA SKATE PARK PROJECT BEGINS

After some much appreciated community consultation on the proposed Merriwa Skate Park and toilet facilities, construction has begun this week!

A slab has been poured for the amenities block and contractors have started work on the all new skate park.



## PAY YOUR RATES OVER THE PHONE

Did you know you don't have to leave the house to pay your rates notice?

You can call Council on 6540 1100 during business hours and make payment using your credit card over the phone.

Council does not keep card details and once the payment has been processed, we can email or post you a receipt.

## MERRIWA LIBRARY – YES WE ARE OPEN!

The current Library hours are;

- Monday – 3.00pm to 5.00pm
- Tuesday – 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Thursday - 3.00pm to 7.00pm
- Friday – 8.30am to 11.30am

All returns can be placed in the returns trolley in the administration building foyer, even when the library is not open.

For those who prefer to stay at home, you can still enjoy some great books with our online services. You can login through the Upper Hunter Library Network <https://uhrl.nsw.gov.au/>

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If you are not a member, don't worry you can join online also. Just click on the Join the Library tab on the home page and fill out the details.

You can also check us out on the Upper Hunter Shire Libraries facebook page, for weekly quiz's and much more!

Happy Reading!

**Taylah King**  
Communications Assistant

## **Ringer Deadline!**

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Local Land  
Services

## COVID-19 UPDATE

To ensure the safety of our customers and staff, Local Land Services offices remain open by appointment only.

Our number one priority is to keep everyone safe and do our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Whilst you might not be able to drop into the office and see your local team, we're still available and working to keep you safe and productive in these challenging times.

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# Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

## REFLECTION PENTECOST 12 - Matthew 16:13-20

Caesarea Philippi is in the far north of Israel at the base of Israel's highest mountain, Mt. Hermon. At the foot of the mountain there is a large cave from which issues the Jordan River.

The mountain, the cave and the river have provided a sacred site for many people. The Greek god worshipped here in the centuries before Jesus was Pan, the god of nature and fertility. The large mouth of the cave was seen as an entrance to Hades, the underworld realm of the dead. Standing before this cave, looking up at the rocky cliffs it is very clear that Jesus draws on the physical setting of this place in his words to Peter.

In this remote setting, away from the most populous villages, Jesus asks the critical question of his disciples – 'Who do you say I am?' These disciples have been with him now for some time witnessing his deeds and hearing his words. The question probes their perception and their faith. Have they grasped Jesus' identity? Simon Peter's reply indicates his growing awareness and elicits from Jesus words of commendation.

Jesus gives Simon the title 'Peter', from the Greek word 'rock' – petros. Perhaps looking at the rocky cliff-face with its dark cavern he speaks of the gates of the underworld and promises that the community founded on Peter the Rock will stand firm against the powers of death. Like a faithful steward with the house keys, Peter is given authority within the community.

What answer would you give to Jesus question? Who is Jesus to you? (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM).

### DIARY DATES

We have a part-time priest coming! Hallelujah! Her name is Rev. Anastasia Webster-Howes and she will be based in Denman but work between Merriwa and Denman. She will be commissioned in Denman on Wednesday September 9 and will be doing the second and fourth weeks here in Merriwa.

We praise God and give thanks that we will again have a priest present in the community.

We will be having a Eucharist Service in the Parish Hall next Sunday at 9.00am, and all are

invited to attend, knowing that we will have social distancing and a limit of 30 people.

Rev Pat Kirkby

## Merriwa Rotary

### AUSTRALIA DAY IN MERRIWA

In these days of COVID 19, Merriwa Rotary is very limited in doing the things our club has traditionally done.

At our last meeting, before this edition of the Ringer appears, our club members expressed great concerns at the possibility of denying Merriwa people our ANNUAL well-supported celebration of Australia's national day.

It appears that certain other communities in the Upper Shire would prefer to have a local celebration rotating through the Shire so that each population centre would be the focus of celebrations just once in every FOUR YEARS.

Our club, at its last meeting, gave strong support to the retention of Australia Day as an ongoing ANNUAL event and urged our members to get behind the cause.

AUSTRALIA DAY has always enjoyed great community support in Merriwa and Cassilis.

Other districts in the Shire which do not give it the same support, should be free to choose to have their celebration every four years.

Rotary Merriwa believes that Merriwa/Cassilis does Australia Day well and should continue to do so.

### STOP THE PRESS!

Work has just begun on the planned extension of the Rotary Playground area. As this Rotary report is being prepared for the Ringer, on Monday morning, many workers are on the job, with an impressive amount of equipment.

We shall keep you posted.



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**

## Condolences

The Cronin family wish to offer our condolences to the families of Norm Webber and Eva Towler with their recent loss. Our thoughts go out to you.

I would also like to thank and congratulate the First Responders to emergency scenes within our community. Such a hard task completed by so many special people. Thank you.

**Hylt Cronin**

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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.

## Non Emergency Medical Transport

It is interesting that even after we have been providing the service for so long I hear people say they did not know it exists. We have been offering transport to medical appointments for over 22 years.

Now we have three cars making 450 to 500 trips each year. About 100 different people in each year. It is available to all residents with free transport for all Cancer related clients and all farmers.

Office hours have been reduced for the next couple of months but appointments can be made by phone. The office, open 9.00am to 12noon weekdays at the Bottle Museum, opposite the swimming pool. Telephone is 6548 2653 and leave a message. Messages are checked each afternoon.

Lorna Parnell has decided to change her life location to outer Sydney. A significant loss as Lorna has been Office and Transport Manager for about 10 years. A big "thank you". Fortunately Marie Caines has joined us to take on Lorna's role. Marie and Joy Hancock will share the duties by working alternate weeks.

We always need more Volunteer Drivers. If you are interested call into the office one morning to discuss the next steps. You will require to get a Police Check and Working with Children clearance - our cost. We supply the car (Toyota RAV 4), fuel, uniform and reimburse meal costs. Drives are organised each week depending on the number of appointments and are fitted in to when Drivers are available. Contact Bryan Baker on 6548 5000.

**Bryan Baker**

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### NEW IN STORE

There are just two weeks of our Prize Time Competition left! Come in and spend minimum \$10.00 to go into the weekly draw. Excludes Lotto, gift cards and recharge cards.

### AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY

- Rebecca Gibney; the day her life changed when she took on a role that saw her plunge into a spiralling breakdown but also brought a lifelong love
- Shane Fitzsimon's was the steady, resolute, compassionate voice that helped us through when fire ravaged eastern Australia last summer. The former NSW RFS Commissioner speaks about he and his family's very personal quest for resilience and recovery
- Into the light; after being kidnapped by rebel soldiers in Sierra Leone's war, Aminata Conteh-Biger escaped to Australia. Now this trailblazer is helping to save mothers and babies in her hometown.

### COUNTRY STYLE

- Springtime, time to smell the roses!
- Everywhere man; with more than a million kilometres behind him, the 'Aga'man John Jenkin is putting down his tools but not his love of travelling this land
- Narrabri; this agricultural hub in the fertile Namoi Valley is a thriving community that welcomes visitors and new residents alike.

### THE AUSTRALIAN CAMPDRAFTING MAGAZINE

- The August/September Issue out now! Campdrafts, profiles, stallions, book reviews, cooking and kid's club and much more!

### FRANKIE

- It doesn't always take a lot to fill ourselves with delight. In this issue we ask where you find your unexpected joy and happiness bombs. Answers were varied but all would nod in agreement with the delight you feel, finding money in bags or waking at 2.00am and realising you have hours of sleep still or seeing an animal stop to smell fresh flowers!

### A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

Love you to the moon and back!

### BEANIE BOO

My name is Katy Koala.

I'm a little koala trying to be brave but I need everyone's help so I can be saved!

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**Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress**



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**SANDY HOLLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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**Cassilis Public School**

Principal: Mrs Katie Burgess

Coolah Road Ph: 63761009  
Cassilis NSW 2329 Fax: 63761005  
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**Schools**

**Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre**  
(PO Box 96) 43 Bow St, Merriwa NSW 2329  
Ph: 0265 482 083  
[merriwapreschool@tpg.com.au](http://merriwapreschool@tpg.com.au)

**Merriwa Pre-School**  
For children 2 - 5 years

**Activity Centre**  
For children attending Kindergarten to Year 6  
After School Care and Vacation Care



**MERRIWA TOURIST WELCOMING CENTRE & MEN'S SHED**  
Arts, Crafts, Farm Produce!  
Clean toilets!

**CENTRE:**  
Open every day 9.30am-2.30pm

**MEN'S SHED:**  
Every Thursday 10.00am onwards

**President: E Shipway**  
Telephone: 6548 3201




**CWA**

Meets Second Monday of the month 10.00am  
CWA Rooms  
159 Bettington Street

Visitors and new members are always welcome

Enquiries to:  
President: Penelope Fenley  
Phone: 6548 3060  
Email: [penelopecwa@inet.net.au](mailto:penelopecwa@inet.net.au)  
Secretary: Kim Clydsdale  
Phone: 6548 2558  
Email: [kmclydsdale@gmail.com](mailto:kmclydsdale@gmail.com)




**Dress For Less**

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DONATIONS WELCOME!

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Sat  
9.00am - 12.00pm  
118 Bettington St. Merriwa



**Groups**

**Hunter Medical Practice**  
**Merriwa and Denman**  
 Monday – Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm  
**Merriwa**  
 Cnr Brisbane and MacKenzie Streets  
**Denman**  
 51 – 53 Ogilvie Street  
 For appointments please phone 6532 5013

**MERRIWA & DISTRICT**  
**LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE**  
**2018/19 starts Oct 15!**  
 Tots (3 & 4 yrs) to u/17 yrs  
**Mondays 5.30 to 7.00pm**  
 at Merriwa No. 2 Oval  
 (season ends 25 February)  
**New Members Welcome**  
 ph: Tash Taaffe 0458 574 015  
 e: tashholden@bigpond.com

**MERRIWA SPORTS CLUB Ltd 6548 2028**  
*Golf, Bowls, Squash, Putt Putt, Darts, Pool, ATM and Club Keno*  
**Opening Times:**  
**\*Monday & Tuesday - 4pm \*Wednesday - Sunday - 12pm**  
 Thursday Night 7:00pm Bingo  
 Friday 5:00pm - 7:00pm Happy Two Hours and Free raffles  
 Saturday - **7.45pm** Monster raffles and members' badge draw  
 Sunday: 5:00pm to 7:00pm meat voucher raffle and members' badge draw.  
**The Sporties Chinese/Australian Restaurant 6548 3228**  
 Dine in or Take Away. Banquets and Function catering available.  
 Lunch Specials  
 Lunch: Wednesday to Sunday.  
 Dinner: Tuesday to Sunday

**Rotary Club of Merriwa Inc**  
**ROTARY SERVICE Above Self**  
**Meets each Tuesday at the Merriwa Sports Club**  
**7.00pm for 7.30pm**  
 4 x 4m Marquee for Hire  
 0429 482 389

**Merriwa Magpies**  
  
 Rugby League Football Club  
**Merriwa Rugby League Football Club**  
 President: Ben Robins  
 Vice President: David Martin  
 Secretary: Gaynor Blackadder  
 Treasurer/Publicity Officer: Jessyca Morgan

**MERRIWA TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
 Find us on Facebook  
**President:** Jason Bear  
 Day - Night Competitions Junior Competitors Court Hire  


**2019 Merriwa Springtime Show**  
 Established 1908  
 20, 21 & 22nd September!  
  
[www.merriwashow.com.au](http://www.merriwashow.com.au)  
 Rob Tindall - President  
 Marie Scott - Secretary  
**Tel: 0498 378 500**

**PONY CLUB MERRIWA**  
 Clare Martin President 6548 2201  
 De Patterson Secretary 0416 194 501  
 Fiona Morgan Treasurer  
 Rally days every 2nd Sunday of month from February to October


**Merriwa R.S.L Club Ltd**  
 Bistro/Snack Bar  
 Take Away  
 Lunch & Dinner 7 days  
 Parties & Weddings a speciality  
**ATM, SKY CHANNEL CLUB TAB, CLUB KENO DARTS, SNOOKER, POOL**

**MERRIWA SSAA AND APA**  
 Range facilities and Fire arm testing available  
 President: Nathan Telfer  
 Secretary: Phil Martyn  
**Contact 6547 6031 for information**  
**Shooting weekends 2nd and 4th weekend of the month**

**Merriwa Petroleum & Ag Supplies**  
 Offering a large range of rural merchandise including animal health, feed and produce, water pipe and fittings, fuels and lubricants, agricultural chemicals, hardware and much more!  
 Delivering bulk fuel to Merriwa, Cassilis, Scone, Sandy Hollow, Denman and surrounding areas  
**Find us at 19 Vennacher Street Merriwa**  
 Open Monday - Friday 7.30am - 5pm  
 Saturday 9am - 12pm  
 Phone: (02) 6548 2071

**Merriwa Swimming Club**  
**For swimmers of all abilities**  
 Season begins in Term 4  
 President: Melissa Collins  
 Registrar: Bronwyn Redgate  
 Secretary: Sandy Wallings  
[merriwa.swimming.org.au](http://merriwa.swimming.org.au)

BBQ area and Kids Play area  
**Friday** Raffles and 3 Members Badge Draws  
**Sunday** Raffles  
 Members Badge Draw between 11.30am & 1.30pm  
**Club: 6548 2157**  
**Bistro: 6548 2295**  
 For the information of members and their guests.

**MERRIWA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB**  
  
**President Andrew Constable**  
**Secretary Fiona Morgan**  
**Treasurer Kellie Porter**  
 All enquires to the secretary 0418417186  
 fionamorgan6@bigpond.com

**MERRIWA RACES**  
**April 24, 2021**  
 Race Club President - Paul Frampton  
 Contact - 0428 485 182  
 Visit [www.merriwaraceclub.com.au](http://www.merriwaraceclub.com.au)

**MERRIWA BUSHMAN'S CAMPDRAFT EST. 1947**  
 President: Jamie Edmonds 0428 308 010  
 Secretary: Kellie Porter 0432 109 760  
 Treasurer: Kelly Curtis  
 October Long weekend 2020  
[merriwacampdraft@gmail.com](mailto:merriwacampdraft@gmail.com)

**MERRIWA**  
  
**FESTIVAL of the FLEECES**

**Merriwa Cricket Club**  
 President: Jon Osmond 0428 714 648  
 Vice President: Mark Fieldsend  
 Secretary: James Armstrong 0412 926 525  
 Treasurer: Mick Curteis - 0475 980 254

**MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**  
 Get involved in influencing decisions on matters that affect the whole local community  
 Meets on Third Wednesday every month at 6.00pm Merriwa RSL  
[merriwaprogress@gmail.com](mailto:merriwaprogress@gmail.com)

# Clubs

## Merriwa RSL Club

With the raffles yet to restart all badge draws remain on hold, however we have reintroduced some of our happy hours with some variations;

Saturday's \$5.00 schooners and house spirits 6.00pm till close.

Sunday's \$4.00 schooners 11.30am – 12.30pm

Wednesday's \$6.00 pint night

Friday's 5.30pm – 7.30pm \$5.00 schooners and house spirits.

Our current hours of trade are;

**Bar** – Monday to Wednesday 11.30am – 9.00pm  
 Thursday 11.30am – 10.00pm  
 Friday 11.30am – 11.30pm  
 Saturday 11.00am – 11.30pm  
 Sunday 11.00am – 3.30pm

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


Every Sunday lunch we have pork and lamb roast on the menu.

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 re-imposed and we can now only take bookings of up to ten people, this not only relates to meals but also meetings.

**Matt Morgan**



32 Vennacher Street Merriwa NSW 2329  
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 Email: dg\_merriwa@elders.com.au  
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 Experts to assist you with all aspects of your farm business including livestock, wool, grain, farm supplies, technical services, water and financial services. Servicing Merriwa & Surrounds.

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**NON EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICE**  
 We will get you to your appointments on time with special care.  
   
 Office hours are:  
 9.30 to 2.30 weekdays  
 Bottle Museum building or leave a message on the answering service for a call back.  
 Te/Fax 6548 2653

# Merriwa Sports Club

## BINGO

No bingo for the time being.

## BOWLS

Casual bowls available.

## GOLF

Casual Golf available. Donations in honesty box.

## CHINESE SMORGASBORD RESTAURANT

### NO SMORGASBORD FOR THE TIME BEING

Chinese/Australian Restaurant Closed Mondays,

Open for Dinner Tuesday to Sunday 5.00pm to 8.30pm

Open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday 12noon to 2.00pm

For bookings and take away – 6548 3228.

## WEEKEND RESULTS

**Saturday Raffle - No RAFFLES FOR THE TIME BEING**

### CLUBS OPENING HOURS

**Mondays 3.30pm till 6.00pm**  
**Tuesday 3.30pm till 8.30pm**  
**Wednesday 3.30pm till 8.00pm**  
**Thursday 3.30pm till 8.00pm**  
**Fridays 3.30pm till 8.30pm**  
**Saturdays 12.00pm till 8.30pm**  
**Sundays 3.00pm till 8.00pm.**

Just a reminder that everyone has to supply contact details when entering the club premises and remain 1.5 metres apart

We would like to take them time to thank all our valued members and guest for your on going support during these strange times.

**Des Snelgrove**

## MERRIWA WOMENS BOWLING CLUB

Merriwa Lady Bowlers have commenced playing Mixed Social Bowls on Wednesdays commencing at 11.00am. Bowlers and non bowlers are welcome to come and join in a fun day of bowls and friendship.

Casual Dress and flat soled shoes to be warn.

For further information contact Loretta Cooper on 0428 482 679, Beatrice Voysey on 6548 2065 or Philomena Constable on 6548 2320.

**Loretta Cooper**

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achieving personal best



## Kindergarten 2021 - Expression of Interest

We are now asking for expressions of interest for Kindergarten 2021 students.

Please contact the school to register your child.

Ph: 6548 2119 | [www.merriwa-c.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.merriwa-c.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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**ALL MATERIAL DUE 12 noon MONDAYS**

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