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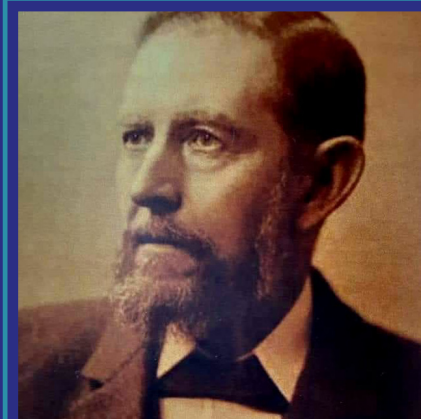
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WHAT'S INSIDE



Fun in the sun at
Cassilis




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**

CAMPBELL'S STORES IN THE UPPER HUNTER

Malcolm Campbell was a young Scot who came to Australia to make his fortune on the goldfields. After suffering the hardships of a digger's life in both

New South Wales and Victoria he began work in East Maitland in the stores of W and J Crockett before moving to Mudgee. Mr Malcolm Campbell married Miss Isabella Crockett in 1861.

On March 17, 1862, Malcolm purchased the business of Mr John Ferguson which was located in Sydney Street, Muswellbrook near the current Subway (Caltex) garage. Due to the dangers of flooding, in March 1869, Malcolm advertised tenders in the Maitland Mercury newspaper for the erection of a store and dwelling in Bridge Street Muswellbrook where in April 1871 he opened a grocery store. The staff then consisted of about ten hands, including Mr J W Humphries. Malcolm Campbell ceased to take an active part in the business around 1876 and went to England in 1877. He put Mr J W Humphries in charge of affairs as manager. Mr Malcolm Campbell died in 1905 aged 70 years after a prolonged illness.

Information and photo courtesy of "Campbell's Corner" A Muswellbrook Landmark. Published by Muswellbrook Shire Council.

Photo 1 Mr Malcolm Campbell
Photos 2 and 3 Campbell's Store in
Merriwa.



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Deputy Principal's Report

TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

The survey is anonymous and can be used either as a one-off survey or over time, with the ability to identify trends within schools and better inform school priorities. The survey is held once a year and is run at the same time as the Focus on Learning teacher survey and the second optional student survey. Information about how to complete the Parent survey will be provided through the school app.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR MY SCHOOL?

The parent survey provides school principals and school leaders with parents' perspective on their school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour all help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

Data reports are provided to school leaders within three business days of the survey closing. Schools will be able to access a 'one click' PDF summary report of their school's results. A summary 'radar' chart shows your school's average scores on a ten-point scale for the eight measures. The report shows a distribution of answers for each measure which allows school leaders to target specific issues. Your school's results will also be compared against state-wide norms.

This survey is currently open and will close on October 23, 2020.

Sharon Kenaly
Deputy Principal

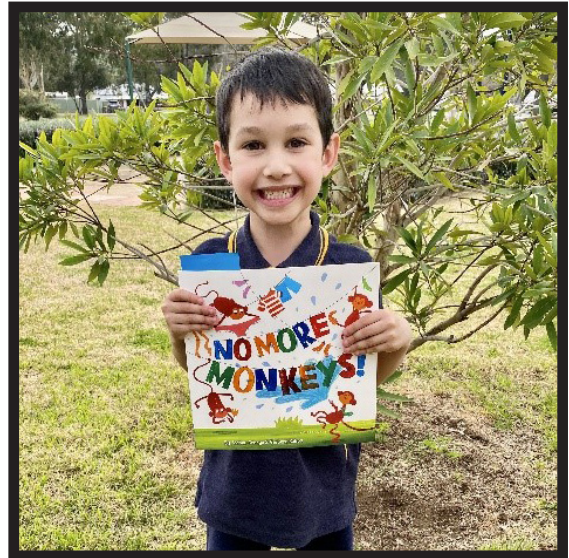
Primary

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded 'Student of the Week' in Week 7.

KINDERGARTEN

Tyson Borg – for constant positivity and enthusiasm



YEAR 1

Frances Isaac – for settling in well to MCS



Coming Events

SEPTEMBER	
Monday 14	Year 11 Exams
Friday 25	Last day of Term 3

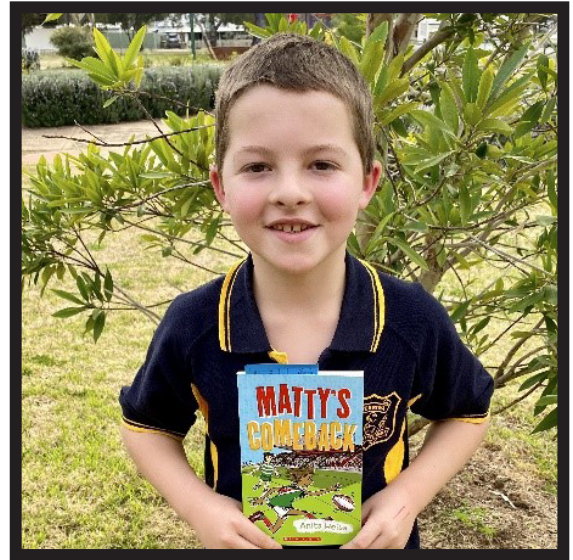
YEAR 2/3

Alby Caban – for continually making excellent progress in writing and reading



LIBRARY AWARD

Riley Tudor



BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Ty-John Marshall, Lachlan Munn, Shakira Andrews, Bella Telfer, Rylee Munn, Madyson Sait, Theodore Lemanski

YEAR 3/4

Paige Walker – for her dedication to the presentation of her bookwork



YEAR 4/5

Charlotte Oldham – For showing a positive attitude with classmates in group projects

SILVER AWARD

Ty-John Marshall, Zane Walker, Isabella Campbell, Lilly Martin



GOLD AWARD

A big congratulations to Oscar Swan, Grace Campbell and Hazel Chin for being the first to achieve a Gold award for the year.



CLASS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Year 3/4 on receiving the 'Class of the Week' award. Our focus this week was on wonderful library behaviour and remembering to return library books. Well done Year 3/4!

Mrs Talia Morgan
Relieving Assistant Principal (Infants)

YEAR 4/5 CLASS REPORT

Year 4/5 have been learning all about Natural Disasters in Science this term. As a part of this unit of work we have recently been building paper mache volcanoes in small groups. This hands-on activity is allowing all students to combine Visual Arts skills into their new-found knowledge of Volcanoes and gives the students a wonderful opportunity to have fun in the classroom. We finished painting the volcanoes this week in preparation for the eruption experiment next Monday.



Kurt Schwab
Class Teacher

Secondary

STAGE 5 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

This term Stage 5 Food Technology have been studying the process in Food Product Development. There is an ever-increasing variety of food products available in the marketplace as a result of food product innovations. Students have been examining the reasons for developing food products and the impact of past and present food product innovations on society. They have been exploring the processes in food product development and develop, produce and evaluate a food product.

This week students completed their assessments, where they had to develop their own biscuit to sell. Students went through the whole process of developing a design brief, target market, researching current trends, prototyping and producing their final product.

There were many stressful and anxious moments during their final cook off, however well done to the students who provided many innovative and creative biscuits to all staff and students to taste.



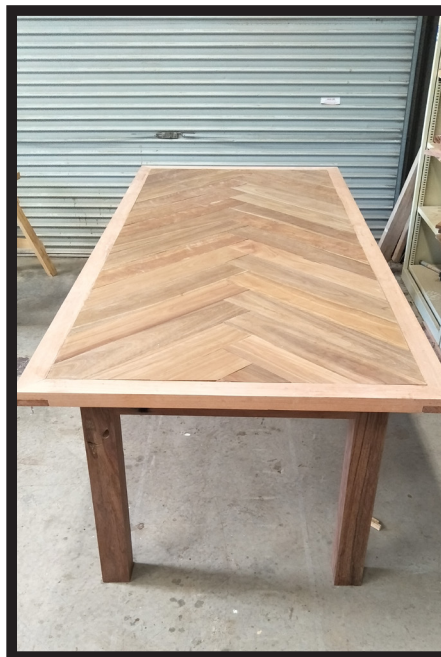
**Matt Dean
Head Teacher VET**

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber students submitted their Major Projects and Portfolios for marking on August 27. The students have spent the past 3.5 terms designing and manufacturing their projects.

Jackson and Liana have worked extremely hard over the past 15 weeks to make up time lost due to COVID19 and should be proud of the work they have produced.

I wish them all the best for their upcoming HSC exams and for what their future holds.



**Anna Sansom
TAS/VET Teacher**

9/10 AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY

With the weather starting to warm up, last Friday the 9/10 Ag class watched a shearing demonstration by our General Assistant Richard Gibbons on the school's Suffolk ewes.



CAREER NEWS

University of Newcastle Creative Webinars -
September 8, 9, 10, 15, 17

Find out in this webinar that is for students who are techies with creative talent or creatives with a knack for tech who are contemplating a career in this growth industry.

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/future-students>

Videos for Change Youth Competition

Closes September 21

Young people have the creativity and passion to inspire hope and motivate people in Australia and around the world to help shape a brighter future for us all. This year's Australian National Videos for Change competition, asks the question, "What does 'community' mean in a crisis?" We're looking for one-minute videos that express the views and experiences of Australian teenagers during these challenging times. It's an opportunity for young people to have a voice and creatively address the different ways that 'community' can affect positive change.

Over the past few months, we've seen devastating bushfires, destructive storms and floods, and now as a global community we face the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout these unprecedented events, we've seen amazing examples of community spirit, resilience, and optimism. People from all walks of life coming together to support each other and show kindness and compassion in ways that remind us of the power of the human spirit.



David Saunders
Ag Teacher

YEAR 7 2021 ORIENTATION

Merriwa Central School invites Year 6 students to participate in orientation activities planned at Merriwa Central School Secondary Campus

Students will attend three onsite orientation days attending from 9.00am -3.30pm

Day 1 - October 29, 2020

Day 2 - November 5, 2020

Day 3 - November 12, 2020

As a result of COVID changes the orientation evening will not run in 2020. Students will receive a letter outlining the updated arrangements.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

DANIEL MEAD

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: Sport and PD/H/PE because I like fitness

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Stopping Mr Hannon in the touch football competition

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: I haven't made my mind up yet

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: I play Rugby League for Muswellbrook

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Daniel is a hard worker. He approaches any challenge with a positive attitude and seeks assistance from his peers or the teacher when necessary. Daniel also supports his peers when he is able both academically and otherwise.

Harley Hannon - Year Advisor



<https://australia.videosforchange.org/competitions/australian-national-competition>

National Gallery of Australia – Teens Art Council - Applications for 2021 will open in Spring 2020.

The NGA Teen Council is a group of young creatives who develop and deliver programs for teens.

Made up of approximately 15–20 young people aged 13 to 17 years, the Teen Council are recruited annually and come from all over greater Canberra. Over the course of a year, this dynamic group work closely with Gallery staff to co-produce events for young audiences onsite, online and on tour, including Art IRL.

The Teen Council meet every 3 to 4 weeks, supported by the Tim Fairfax Teen Coordinator and NGA artist educators.

<https://nga.gov.au/artirl/teencouncil.cfm>

UNSW Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders Program - 2021 application is now open.

Closes November 30

The Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders (EAPL) Program supports students with a flexible entry process that considers both academic and elite achievements and recognises these by awarding adjustment factors (more commonly known as bonus points).

Students can be considered for EAPL points for undergraduate study at UNSW. The EAPL Program awards up to five points to high school leavers who have excelled in areas of sport, academia, leadership, and/or music at an elite level. Activities and/or commitments must have been undertaken in years 11 and/or 12.

Note: An overall maximum of 10 points can be awarded across all the university's schemes (HSC Plus, EAPL and EAS)

Students must submit an application and provide supporting documentation by November 30 each year to be considered for adjustment factors.

<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/adjustment-factors-eapl>

Becoming an Architect PDF

Architecture is one of the most influential professions in our global society. A career in architecture offers opportunities to shape, perhaps even transform the environment in which we live. Architecture brings together the

arts, environmental awareness, sciences and technology.

<https://repository.architecture.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/becoming-an-architect-brochure.pdf>

Free UCAT Webinar (13/9) for Yr 10/11 Students: How to Solve the 14 UCAT 2020 Exam Question Types

Learn what questions to expect in the UCAT exam and how to solve them correctly and efficiently. This free 3-hour UCAT webinar will cover the 14 question types that appeared on the 2020 UCAT exam (including examples), identify their distinctive features, and demonstrate how to solve them via live teaching. Register here:

<https://bit.ly/2G4Z4ZS>

UCAT 2020 Candidates - Med School Application Tips

Students who sat the UCAT this year will find recommendations and tips in relation to their Medical School.

For more details about the Interviews, UCAT and available preparation resources visit nie.edu.au or call TEL: (02) 4367 0404 / MOB: 0412 439 115 / MOB: 0404 197 178 / E: enquiries@nie.edu.au

Applications published via the following link: <https://www.nie.edu.au/medical/application-review>

Law and Business - TOP's Career Edge – How and why it works

Career Edge is made up of a number of programs that aim to help our students become career ready during their studies so that they will be able to transition into the workforce confidently after graduation.

Our students are encouraged to attend Career Prep Workshops during their studies at IMC. Industry professionals are invited to TOP to present and offer advice on resume writing, interview skills and other insights to prepare our students for the first step of their job-seeking path.

All eligible students are invited to apply for CareerFit, a one-week program to learn effective business communication skills and explore business case studies to become job ready. This one-week program will be hosted by PwC Australia, at their cutting edge premises at Barangaroo.

<https://www.top.edu.au/careeredge>

Conservation Volunteers Australia

You want to make a difference to the environment? Look here and explore. So many options!

Conservation Volunteers makes it easy for people to care for nature by volunteering on one of our many conservation projects across the country. Volunteers come from a wide range of backgrounds and no prior skills or experience are required, and volunteer projects are available to suit your availability and particular interests.

Together we can make a positive difference to conservation of nature upon which all life is interconnected.

<https://conservationvolunteers.com.au/>

University of Wollongong Year 12 Summer Master Class 2021

Maximise your HSC results and experience university life! With a number of subjects on offer that complement and build on the current HSC curriculum, our 3-week Year 12 Summer Master Class program allows students starting Year 12 in 2020 to complete a university subject and kick start their higher education journey. Applications for the 2021 program will open in September 2020.

Benefits of the program include:

A guaranteed Early Admission engagement activity at UOW*

Credit towards a UOW degree that could make you eligible to skip a whole subject when you study here


Chance to secure a scholarship in your first year at UOW

* Summer Master Class graduates are guaranteed an Early Admission engagement activity at UOW on completion of the Summer Master Class program.

<https://www.uow.edu.au/engage/outreach-pathways/year-12/year-12-summer/>

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

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor



ROAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK

JACK FAIRHALL

YEAR: Year 9

ROAR MEMBER SINCE: 2016


FAVOURITE THING ABOUT ROAR: Getting in and having a go

FAVOURITE SPORTS TEAM: Bulldogs (NRL)

GREATEST SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT: Making it to state for high jump

COORDINATOR COMMENT: Jack is an asset to the ROAR squad. He always displays good sportsmanship and willingly offers support to those around him. He is truly a "JACK of all trades", and usually excels at whatever sport he tries. Jack should be commended on his commitment to all aspects of the ROAR program this term.

Emma Piper - Coordinator





Cassilis Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – JACOB HILLHOUSE



Jacob has been chosen as our Student of the Week for his increased effort to calm and settle for learning, listen to teachers and be kind to others. Jacob continued to practice hearing and finding sounds and sight words to write a short sentence. His letter formation and pictures to go with his words have been a great improvement. Jacob

worked hard in lots of activities and is developing great strategies to help focus and calm when needed including building with blocks, puzzles and using the monkey bars. He remembered some of the words in his reading books and was able to talk about the story. Jacob enjoyed happily playing in the playground especially with the hockey sticks. He concentrated really hard to start sewing his owl. Some of the reasons why Jacob received a PBL card were for being very engaged during story time, being polite in class and good listening.

Congratulations Jacob on your efforts and achievements. You should feel very proud of yourself.



We hope that all of our fathers had a great day on Sunday spending time and making more memories with their children. We also hope that they liked their gifts as a lot of thinking and effort went into writing the card and making the present.

FATHER'S DAY PRESENTS WERE MADE WITH LOVE



PAUL, JACOB AND SKYLAH STARTED MAKING THEIR OWLS DURING THE SEWING LESSON



HAPPY CHILDREN AT CASSILIS



Kindergarten and Year 1 went on a 3D objects walk around school to discover maths in their environment.

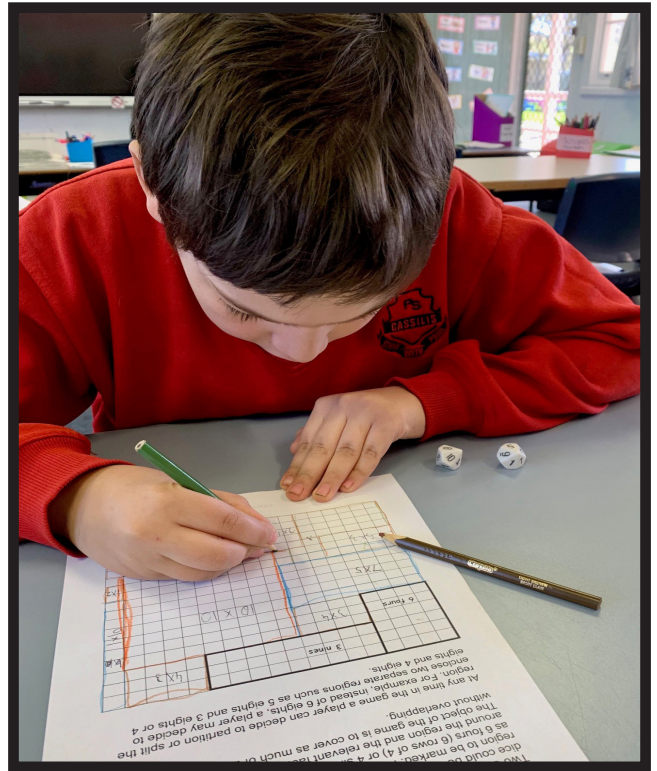


LET IT RAIN

For Science this term we are learning more about the weather. Students tried an experiment last week to show how rain occurs when the cloud gets full. Perhaps we used too much shaving cream for the clouds.



Making groups and arrays in maths. Ben played Multiplication Toss and Cooper and Johnathan had to solve a problem about grouping animals into yards they had constructed.



Katie Burgess
Principal



St Joseph's Primary School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Welcome to Week Eight of Term Three! As I write this, I am being spoiled by the gift of my two wonderful children and my beautiful wife on Father's Day. I hope that all the fathers, or those of us who are like fathers in our lives, had a terrific day on Sunday. We are also mindful of all those Dads who can not be with us or those who have passed away and their families, for whom Father's Day is difficult.

Thank you to the Parents and Friends Association for taking time out of their busy schedules to provide our dads with some wonderful gifts this year, in lieu of the Father's Day Stall. I certainly loved my gifts, they are much appreciated.



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

This year, National Child Protection Week occurs across Australia from September 6–12.

This is the 30th year celebration with the theme "Putting Children First". In order to thrive, children need to be loved, feel safe, have access to the essentials such as food, shelter, medical and mental health. Putting children first means prioritising their safety, welfare and wellbeing.

The COVID-19 pandemic means there is added pressure on families and communities so more than ever, we all need to play our part in protecting children.

We can all play a part by creating stronger, happier communities. This can be achieved by checking in and helping your neighbours and friends, being a good role model, supporting and being kind to parents rather than judging or being competitive and speaking up if you see something that is unsafe.

It is important that we listen to, and value, what children have to say. Where possible, include their voices in decision making and be advocates for their best interest.

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children. The Office of Safeguarding (OoSg) is the structural expression of the Diocese's commitment to demonstrate the highest standards of recognising and upholding the dignity and rights of all children.

Our teachers will be using resources from the Daniel Morecombe Foundation Website (<https://danielmorcombe.com.au/>) and from the Office of Safeguarding. Please speak to your teachers if you wish to partake in any of the resources used.

EARLY LEARNING EDUCATION OFFICER VISIT

We were blessed, in Week 6, to be visited by Early Learning Education Officer, Ms Kim Moroney, who spoke to our Infants teachers, Mrs Hagley and Miss Brazier, about the teaching of Early Learners and Play Based pedagogy (pedagogy is the study of teaching practices). What she saw in our playground was something to behold, a group of Stage Two and Three students digging and playing in the dirt. Ms Moroney was so excited, she just had to go and speak to the students personally, to see what would help them achieve their goals in their dirt pit.

As a school, we were only too happy to oblige! We also have seen Kinder and Stage One wishing to get involved, which is terrific!

To this end, if there is anyone in our school or wider community who can donate “loose parts” items, such as toy cars and trucks, pots and pans, any spare tables and chairs for a “café” or any dirt to donate to our new dirt pit, it would be GREATLY APPRECIATED.



COSI EXTERNAL REVIEW

On Wednesday last week, we had a Zoom meeting with five members of the Catholic Schools Office, for our three yearly external review. This was a culmination of the surveys completed early in the year, as well as a self-evaluation of the school into all of our practices, in particular, education and school improvement.

We are very proud of what we are achieving as a school! Mrs Hagley, Mrs Peebles and I found the process enlightening, affirming and we achieved some great successes as well as some learnings to take away with us.

Thank you to all the teachers and students, parents for their hard work on the improvement of our student's recent results in class. Without you all on this journey, we can not continue to grow and change for the better.

BOOK FAIR

Mrs Gilbey and Mrs Collins have been busily preparing for the upcoming Book Fair! This year, we will be doing things a little bit differently, with the COVID-19 restrictions, but we will still be able to sell books to everyone.

The Book Fair will continue to operate until Friday.

NEW COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

Last week, a letter was sent home outlining all of the guidelines relating to schools. These guidelines are from NSW Health and are there to ensure that the second wave of COVID-19 does not strike through our state, our communities and our schools.

Here are the main points from the guidelines:

- St Joseph's Merriwa students will remain within our own school hub. There will be no mixing of students from different schools or regions
- Learning will continue to remain as normal, however, students will remain as an Infants unit and a Primary (Years 3-6) unit
- All staff professional learning is completed either at school, with social distancing, or via Zoom
- School related social activities (eg school formals, dinners or dances; graduation ceremonies; or parent engagement functions) will cease
- School related overnight events (eg retreats,

camps and excursions) will cease

- Vigilance must continue to ensure that staff and students DO NOT attend school or work if they are unwell.
- * Students absent or sent home due to flu like symptoms need to be tested
- * Students are unable to return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result AND are symptom free
- * The negative COVID-19 test result MUST be produced to the school, in writing, prior to any student being allowed to return to school
- Only external providers essential to the delivery of the curriculum may continue
- Dance/drama activities will require risk assessments and a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- Regional Spelling and Maths Bees, as well as Public Speaking and Debating, have been cancelled for 2020. These will still occur within the classroom setting
- Interschool sporting events are not permitted
- Kindergarten Transition is no longer permitted until further notice
- Assemblies may continue in their current form; however, these are limited to 15 minutes.

COLOURFUL KINDIES

After the exciting news a fortnight ago that we could host our incoming Kindergarten class of 2021, we were devastated by the news that all Kindergarten Orientations were to be postponed until further notice.

We are working on a way to potentially have our Colourful Kindies transition with us. When we have received further clarification, we will pass this on.

In the meantime, 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.

ASPIRE AUDITIONS FOR 2021

The 2021 ASPIRE Audition process is now open until the last day of this term (Friday 25 September 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.

COVID-19 SUPPORT



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

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

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

UPPER HUNTER COMMUNITY SERVICES INC. BHP Vital Resources Fund

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

Have a great fortnight ahead.

Mr Ashley Borg
Principal

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 1 – September 10 - Book Fair

September 6 – September 11 – National Child Protection Week

September 15 – Perpetual Day of Remembrance

September 25 – Last Day of Term Three

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week Seven – Character Strength: Leadership

Kindergarten - Myles Hvirf – for aspiring to enhance the quality of his written work

Stage 1 - Noah Ridding – for his ability to accurately meet all success criteria listed, in his narrative about bears

Eden Barry – for her recent use of positive leadership skills shown on the playground

Stage 2 - Shyanne Beeney – for applying leadership skills when encouraging younger students to play kindly and fairly

Lilly Towell - for her enthusiasm in her desire to learn and try her best within all KLAs

Stage 3 - Ben Patterson - for showing a dedicated approach to improving his learning in Geography

Levi Hourn - for showing leadership with other students on the playground to ensure students look after the school equipment

Principal's Awards - Matthew Grady – for his outstanding improvement in all facets of leadership. You continuously “step up” when needed. Well Done!

Lily Schmidt – for her hard work in continuing to improve her reading

Rihanna Hunt – for demonstrating leadership capabilities in her everyday school activities.

Ashley Borg
Principal





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Upper Hunter Shire Council

HAVE A GET READY WEEKEND WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

REFLECTION PENTECOST 15 - THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS - John 3:13-17

During the cycle of the Liturgical year there are few Feasts that interrupt the flow – Feasts to be taken very seriously. Today we focus on the Cross as the symbol of God's victory over evil. Of course, this victory was not visible on Good Friday – this looked like the execution of a criminal. It is only in the light of the Resurrection that the cross is transformed from a symbol of horror to a sign of love unto death. 'God so loved the world'. That means you and me! And all the people in your family, your street, your office!

The Gospel also puts the Cross into the context of love, to make love known by demonstrating it. In carrying out this mission Jesus ran into opposition. Some found this too good to be true. It was an unbelievable message, so they killed the messenger. Jesus could have avoided the cross if he had changed his message, made some compromises. He kept faith with the God he knew as a God of love, and paid the ultimate price. This is Jesus' victory. He refused to surrender his fidelity; he refused to compromise his truth even in the face of torture and death. For those with eyes to see, the Cross was already a victory podium; the Resurrection confirmed this. Fidelity, integrity, love. Death, even on a cross, could not destroy these. John's Gospel expresses this victory when it speaks of Jesus being 'lifted up'. At one level it refers to the lifting up on the Cross, but the Greek word also means 'exalted.' (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM).

DIARY DATES

I apologise to anyone who wanted to go to Rev. Anastasia's commissioning next Wednesday. I have put the wrong date in the last two Ringers. It actually took place on September 9 at Denman at 7.00pm.

Next Sunday we are holding Eucharist in the church at 9.00am and it will be Rev. Anastasia Webster-Hawes' first Sunday since she was commissioned. As you know Denman and Merriwa are sharing her services, and she will be in Denman for the first and third Sundays and Merriwa the second and fourth.

All are welcome to attend.

Rev Pat Kirkby

Council is encouraging everyone to use the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) Get Ready Weekend (September 19-20, 2020) to prepare for bushfire season and start a broader conversation about being aware of and prepared for all hazards.

"The 2019/20 bushfire season was the most devastating bushfire season in our State's history. It was a stark reminder of the danger of fire. It was also a reminder of the importance of being prepared and having a plan," Mayor Maurice Collison said.

Get Ready in six simple steps:

1. Know your risk - think about the area you're in and the types of disasters that could affect you;
2. Plan now for what you will do - sit down and talk with your family and plan for what you will do if a disaster affects your area;
3. Get your home ready - prepare your home by doing general home maintenance and checking your insurance coverage;
4. Be aware - find out how to prepare, what to do if there is a disaster in your area and connect with NSW emergency services to stay informed;
5. Look out for each other - share information with your family, friends, neighbours and those who may need assistance.
6. Download the EMERGENCY+ app to help you determine your location so you can better communicate your location to emergency service organisations.

MERRIWA SKATE PARK PROJECT

The guys at Precision Skate Parks have been on a roll with getting work done for all of the skaters in Merriwa. Over the last four weeks, they have excavated, formed and concreted both the pathways and the bowls.

The new amenities block is scheduled to arrive late September and we will have an official opening shortly after.

Have you got your skateboard or scooter ready?!

The results are in, no changes for Australia Day

Council thanks everyone who took the time to share their views on Australia Day organisation.

from their local fire control centre before lighting any fires.

Heavy fines apply. For more information about permits, visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP

STORYBOX LIBRARY

Have you tried Storybox Library yet? What a fantastic resource this is! All you need to access Storybox library is a current library membership and an internet connection.

Children's storied read aloud by Australian and New Zealand storytellers.

To visit the Storybox, visit the library website and follow the links or go direct to <https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/login>

CASSILIS LIBRARY – WE ARE OPEN!

Yes that's correct! We are still operating with all services as normal.

Opening Hours: Wednesday 10am to 4pm

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Merriwa Rotary

HOME

Work continues at a great rate on the new Skate Bowl. The bowl itself is nearing completion. Work is now mainly on the surrounding area, with levelling off to be done. The concrete path from the upper end of the Playground to the original Skate Park is now in place.



AWAY

To illustrate the international nature of Rotary, here is a report from the ROTARIAN, the magazine published at Rotary headquarters in Chicago about a Rotaract club in British Columbia responding to the news of last summer's serious bushfires in Australia.

Mark Smith



At the ordinary Council meeting on Monday, August 31, Councillors noted the survey results, finding that celebrations should remain the same; to continue citizen awards, citizenship ceremonies, barbecues, ambassador speeches and pool parties as done in previous years. Australia Day organising committees for Aberdeen/Scone, Murrurundi and Merriwa/Cassilis will continue to be responsible for organising individual local awards ceremonies and activities and Awards will remain the same in name and quantity as in previous years, providing sufficient nominations are received.

The 400 survey responses indicated that the community favoured keeping things as they are, with 63% of respondents in support of keeping the three individual ceremonies and 54% in support of not making changes to the awards.

BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD

New South Wales Rural Fire Service have advised that as of September 1, land owners and managers in the Upper Hunter Local Government Area must obtain a free fire permit

Community Notice Board

In Memory

ROBERT THOMAS ANDERSON
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Today the angels called you home

We know not why

We cried a river of tears for your passing

As the years pass your light still shines brightly in our hearts

Till we all meet again you will dwell in our hearts till the end of days

Always loved never forgotten.

Rose, Serran, Joe and Mark

Merriwa Rotary Skate Park Complex

DUST off your SKATES, oil up your BIKES, check out those SCOOTERS and find those KNEE and ELBOW PADS - the skate bowl will be open by the school holidays. The bowl itself is now finished and the UHSC will complete the area with some landscaping then a skating we will go.

Our thanks to those youth who way back when, ten years ago, started to plan a skate bowl and playground area for Merriwa. Their vision, with the assistance of Merriwa Rotary and the community, saw skate ramps, exercise equipment, two Byron shelters, junior orbit equipment, junior playground, table and bench seats, swings, sail covers, lighting, fencing around the playground - all totalling over \$130,000. NOW we can complete their vision with our twin skate bowls, one deeper than the other to assist all ages, with a pathway to connect our skaters to the original ramps at the bottom.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS will see many of our youth enjoying this wonderful play area. Our thanks to the UHSC for receiving this grant including a toilet block (\$250,000) which will also be completed within a month. Precision Skate Works Pty Ltd have been marvellous in their construction of the bowl and many thanks for all the hard work put in by Tegan Annas from UHSC who has been liaising with Rotary and community throughout this process.

As soon as council complete the landscaping and those fences come down the Merriwa

Ringer Deadline!

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youth can enjoy your new complex. Be safe and be careful on the roads getting to our Skate Park Complex. Watch out for your fellow skaters and help those who need encouragement. I am sure by the end of the school holidays you will all be expert skaters and enjoying the great outdoors. Our next project is to connect the walking/cycle pathway from the Merriwa Bridge up to the Skate Park and back around town to the Merriwa Bridge – a full circle and a safe journey for all our Merriwa residents, young and old.

See you at the new SKATE BOWL any day soon. I am one excited lady. It has been a long process getting to our completion and I feel very grateful and sorry for those youth on the first committee whose vision all this was. Sorry that they are now at University and out in the work force but hopefully will return to see the completed vision.



Elaine Sparrow - Merriwa Rotary Skate Park Complex coordinator

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- Local icon reborn; a grand Merewether home is standing proud once again
- Loving local; the trail to Lovedale, Wollombi Sculpture in the Vineyards and Charming heritage home restorations
- Slow living; Novacastrian design; thoughtful fashion, Maitland's Food and Earth markets and Shepherds Ground Farm and Village
- More than your ordinary zoo! At the heart of the Central Coast, sits one of Australia's premier tourist attractions, the Australian Reptile Park.

PREVENTION

- Walk off five kilos fast; did you know walking gives your body an all day metabolism boost
- Step on it; supporting your feet during walking workouts is crucial, find your perfect fit no matter what your strolling style
- The simple life; after a testing year, how can we take the positives of operating in a more streamlined way and apply them when normal life resumes
- Sally Obermeder; a poster girl for survival. Like many Aussies, Sally lost her job in the pandemic but beating cancer has given her the strength to power on. The TV presenter and wellness entrepreneur opens up about her struggles.

INSIDE OUT

- Renovation Case Studies; California bungalow, brand new beach house build, and a little weatherboard cottage. Gorgeous homes all different from each other but with beautiful building styles
- Keeping it green; lessons from a plant whisperer. A love of leaves led microbiologist

Jana Stewart to start a business preaching the gospel of Plant Parenthood

- How to create an outdoor shower; handsome meets handy in fabulous fixtures for your outdoor shower!

AUSTRALIAN WOOD

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 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.

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Merriwa Swimming Club

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Merriwa Swim Club wishes to advise that an annual general will be held at 6.00pm on Thursday September 17, 2020 at the Merriwa RSL Club. At the Annual General Meeting, all current committee positions will be declared vacant and elections held to fill these positions for the 2020/21 season. Members must be a minimum of 18 years of age before they can be elected onto the committee. All financial members of the Merriwa Swim Club are eligible to vote and are encouraged to attend.

The management committee positions include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, race secretary, member protection information officer and registrar. General committee positions include publicity officer, time-trials coordinator, inter-town carnivals coordinator and Merriwa inter-town carnival coordinator.

Please feel free to attend the meeting just to get more information about your swim club. And if you would like to join the committee please know that you will be supported in all roles. As we are all busy these days you can even share a position with a friend. To register your interest

please contact Melissa Collins on 0455 208 603. We are looking forward to an enjoyable 2020/21 season, which will commence in Term 4.

See you at the Annual General Meeting!

Melissa Collins

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