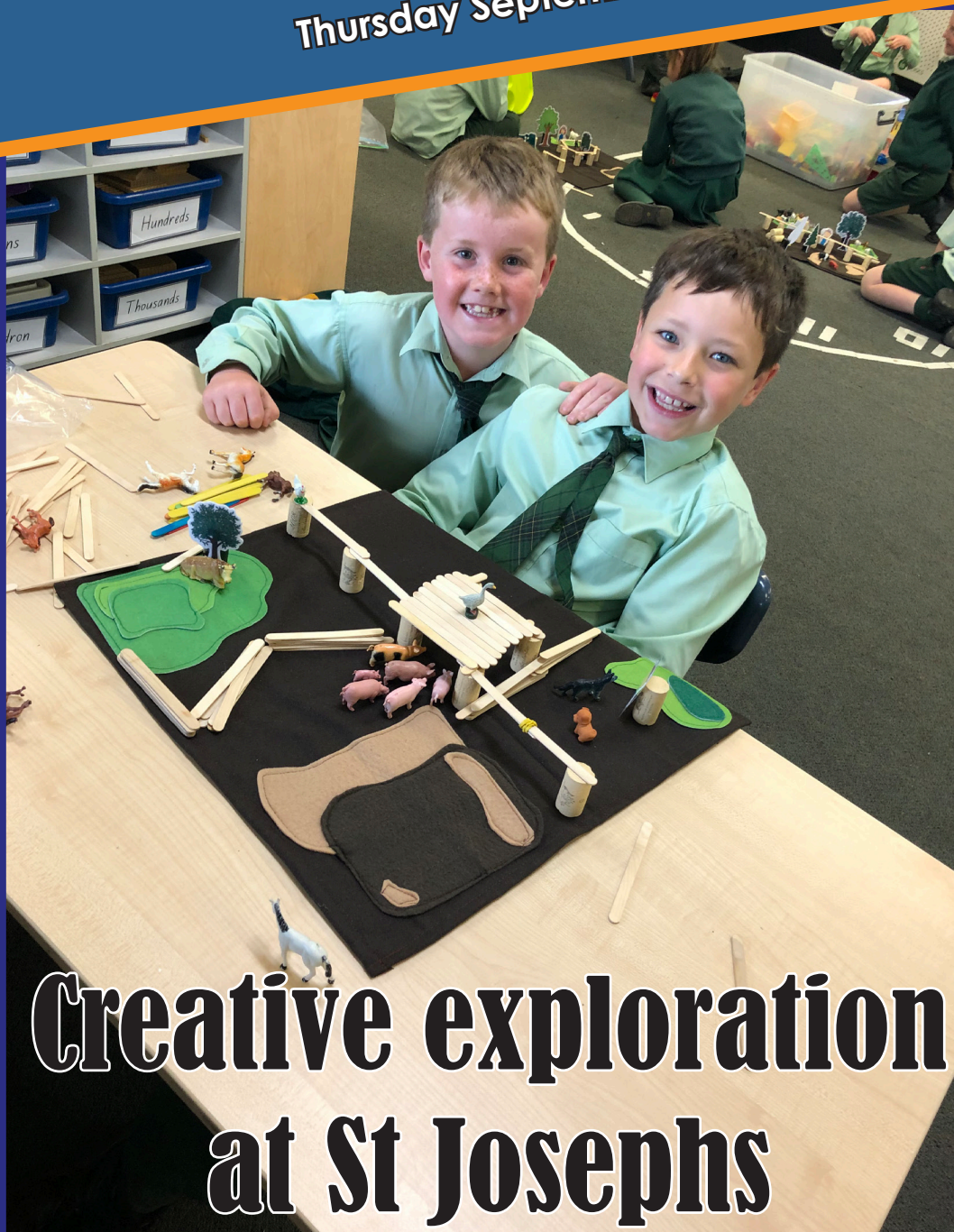


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WHAT'S INSIDE



Creative exploration at St Josephs




Pest Alert
Termite Solutions



Did you know that the recent rain
can cause higher Termite activity!
Have you had your House Inspected?

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A Walk Down Memory Lane



**WITH JAMES
CONSTABLE**

James Timothy O'Keefe and Clara Christina O'Keefe (nee McDonell).

James was born on the 20th January 1879 at Tumut, NSW. He was brought up on the family property 'Wyangle' which was 6 miles out of

Tumut.

Clara Christina McDonell was born on April 6, 1884 at Bombowee, NSW.

James and Clara were married in the Catholic church at Tumut in 1906, and lived 25 miles out of Tumut on their property Bondo. It was here that seven of their eight children were born.

Evelyn Mary (Mollie)

William Thomas (Tom)

George Edward (George)

Nellie Miriam (Nell)

Clare Eileen (Bub)

Myra Phyllis (Peg)

Dorothea Theresa (Dorrie).

Hard times forced the sale of their property and James started a new career managing other peoples properties.

James came to the Hunter Valley in 1922 to work at St Heliers for J M Campbell (son of M Campbell). His two sons Tom and George came with him, leaving his wife and five children behind in Tumut. In 1923, James returned to

Tumut and brought his wife Clara and children to live at St Heliers. It was while they lived here that their last child Arthur (Artie) was born in 1925. The two eldest boys, Tom and George with their father on the property for the length of time he managed it.

St Heliers was originally settled by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Dumaresq and was eventually purchased by J M Campbell. The property was cut up and sold by Public Auction in 1929.

Harold Watts and his brother Frank each purchased a block. James' eldest daughter married Harold Watts in 1932 and so a member of the O'Keefe family went back to live in the house previously occupied by her parents and siblings.

James was offered the position as manager of a property at Cassilis owned by Mr Les Weidman, the property was called Wynola and ran sheep. The family lived there for many years and it was here that James bought a car for Artie, up until then a horse and sulky had always been the mode of transport. James never did learn to drive, Artie was always the chauffeur.

Whilst living at Wynola, most of their children were married,

Bub married Charles (Tiny) Hardy in 1934,

Nell married Don Fairweather in 1936,

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Merriwa Central School

Principal's Report

As we all adjust to the "new normal" the Department continues to update schools on organisational and student safety matters. However the cohort most impacted by COVID has been our Year 12 students in their final year of schooling.

SCHOOL YEAR EXTENDED FOR YEAR 12

The Department has extended the school year by one week in an attempt to compensate students for lost time during the year for HSC preparation. Year 12 students would normally finish on the last Thursday of Term 3, however this has now been extended by one week which takes them through until Thursday Term 4 Week 1.

Additional HSC study days are being run by staff for selected subjects during the September school holidays. Whilst attendance is voluntary, students are encouraged to make the most of the sessions in which staff are giving up their own time during the holidays.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

We are unable to run our usual Year12 assembly on the last day of school, however secondary students will mark the occasion with a scaled back version in Week 1 next term. Unfortunately parents are unable to attend this assembly due to the COVID restrictions.

YEAR 12 FORMAL

The Department updated advice to schools last week in regard to Year 12 Formals which previously had been cancelled. Farewells can now take place after the HSC exams, from November 12 onwards. Current advice limits attendance at Farewells to Year 12 students and staff, unfortunately parents are not able to attend. Given this advice has just changed we are yet to determine whether a formal under these conditions will take place for Merriwa students.

HSC EXAMS

NESA has issued updated advice to students sitting HSC exams next term with COVID safe protocols. The advice is as follows, if you are sick with flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore/

scratchy throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or sense of smell) do not attend the exam, get tested and self-isolate. New COVID-19 illness and misadventure application processes have been created for students to follow. Students are encouraged to check out the NESA website for more information.

Alternate venues for exams will also be arranged should the school be temporarily closed due to a positive case of COVID.

GOOD NEWS

Whilst all these changes have had a devastating impact on Year 12 celebrations all is not bleak. The P and C have proposed to cater for a special luncheon for Year 12 students in their last week of school. In the spirit of the occasion teaching staff will rise to the challenge and compete in the "student V staff" annual games.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Primary

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded 'Student of the Week' in Week 8.

KINDERGARTEN

Mason Circosta - for improvement in all areas



Coming Events

SEPTEMBER

Friday 25

Last day of Term 3

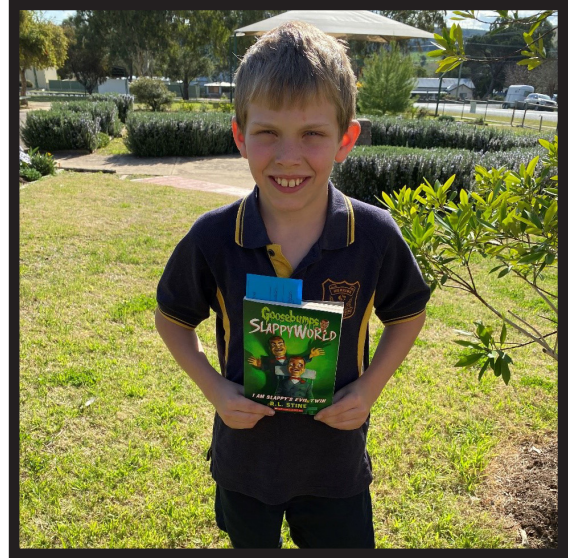
YEAR 1

Alfred Chance – for improvement in reading



YEAR 4/5

Rylan Neale – For improved application to class work



YEAR 2/3

Oliver Reid – for improvement in taking pride in the presentation of his bookwork



YEAR 5/6

Matilda Clark – For striving to improve in class



YEAR 3/4

Logan Reid – for striving to work more independently in class



LIBRARY AWARD

Grace Collits



BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Mikayla Vero and Layla Thompson



SILVER AWARD

Deakin Milgate, Oliver Strachan and Nicholas Campbell



GOLD AWARD

Aubree Oldham



CLASS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Year 1 on receiving the 'Class of the Week' award. Our focus this week was on the class with the most returned home readers. Home readers are sent home on a Monday and returned back to school on Fridays. Thank you to Mrs Vidler who organises home readers each week and Well done to Year 1.



Mrs Talia Morgan
Relieving Assistant Principal (Infants)

LIBRARY REPORT

In the library this term students at Merrilwa Central have been very busy! Students in Kinder-Year 6 have been looking at different countries around the world. Students have been busy making PowerPoint presentations on their chosen country which begins with the first letter of their name.

Students in Year 3/4 have been exploring and enjoying making their very own fossils for science, and in Year 2/3 students have been producing some wonderful Art.





our photos below of us all all gathering some important data for our poems.

EXCERPT FROM CHOCOLATE CAKE BY MICHAEL ROSEN

*downstairs
into the kitchen
open the cupboard
and there it is
all shining.*

*So I take it out of the cupboard
put it on the table
and I see that
there's a few crumbs lying about on the plate,*

*so I lick my finger and run my finger all over the
crumbs
scooping them up
and put them into my mouth.*

ooooooooommmmmmmmm



Year 1 students have been exploring the night sky and making some very clever constellations of their own using marshmallows and tooth picks, and students in Year 5/6 have been making erupting lemon volcanos for Science.

There are always lots of fun things to do in the Library!

Courtney Martin

Secondary

YEAR 7/8 ENGLISH

This term in Year 7/8 English, our class has been learning about different types of poetry. The types of poems included acrostic, cinquain, colour and shape. We also looked at senses, performance and nonsense poetry. One of the more famous poets we studied was Michael Rosen. He specialises in performance poetry. Our favourite poem of his is "Chocolate Cake". Inspired by this, we wrote our own senses poem about chocolate where we explored what eating chocolate cake looks like, sounds like, feels like, tastes like and smells like. Check out





Ashleigh Golden
Year 7/8 Class Teacher



CAREER NEWS

AFTRS Scholarships - To inspire creativity and innovation, we want to work with students from diverse backgrounds. In order to achieve this, we offer a range of scholarships that recognise excellence and assist with the costs associated with higher education. Education is a worthwhile investment in your future, and there are various options to help you reach your study goal.

A variety of financial support options, which you may be able to access include AFTRS Scholarships, AFTRS Special Finance Assistance and Government support: FEE-HELP, Youth Allowance, Austudy and Abstudy.

Questions? Contact AFTRS Student Centre on 1300 223 877 or studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au.

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK DAMIEN CONSTABLE

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: PDHPE. I enjoy doing physical activity

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

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: PDHPE teacher

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Homework club

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Damien is a student who embodies consistency: consistently present, consistently achieving in class and consistently a positive influence on his peers.

Andrew Buchan - Year Advisor



[students/scholarships-and-financial-support/](#)

Online Journalism Units Open to Senior Students

- Would you like a taste of journalism? Studying journalism can develop your writing and research skills, as well as introducing you to the exciting world of media.

Senior high school students may now apply to enrol in one or two subjects from the Diploma of Journalism. Eligible students would benefit from a strong interest in news and current affairs. Access to computer and internet essential.

Jschool is an Australian college of journalism established to provide industry-relevant education and training for students seeking careers as journalists.

Jschool's Diploma of Journalism is a unique vocational course that prepares students for entry-level positions in newspapers and other news organisations. It may be studied online, full-time over one year or part-time over two or more years.

Focus of the course is the development of practical skills alongside relevant theory and professional education, including law and ethics.

<https://jschool.com.au/single-subjects/>

Macleay College Open Day On Demand – Journalism and Media

- Open day's gone virtual and we're giving you complete access, whenever you want, for the next 60 days. On-demand. No registration required.

Live Hangout with Q and A (4.00pm-6.00pm 3/8/20 AEST)

- Recorded Webinars
- Student Life
- Admission and How To Apply
- Student Stories
- FAQs

[Click here for more information](#)

2021 Indigenous School-Based Traineeships with ANZ and CBA

- AFL SportsReady has a number of School-Based Traineeship opportunities with ANZ and CBA branches across NSW. Current Year 10 students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and who have an interest in gaining customer service and banking experience are highly encouraged to apply! Visit the AFLSR Jobs Board to view locations –

<https://aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board/>

UTS Galuwa Design, Architecture and Building Experience

- Galuwa is a 4-day program offered by Jumbunna Institute in collaboration with UTS DAB.

- Who is this for? Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10, 11 and 12
- When is it held? September 14-18, 2020.
- How much does it cost? FREE (Includes all meals, transport and accommodation)
- Where is it being held? University of Technology Sydney city campus
- When should I register? Express interest in attending the 2020 DAB Galuwa.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/indigenous-australians/getting-uts/experience-uts/galuwa-experience>

UTS Women In Engineering, IT, Construction 10 Adjustment Points

- If you're female and have applied for selected engineering, information technology or construction project management courses, you're eligible to receive 10 adjustment points.

These adjustment points are automatically applied (no additional application required) and contribute to your selection rank.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/admission-requirements/admissions-schemes/specific-study-area-schemes/women-engineering-it-and-construction>

Reminder - Tocal College Open Day - Friday 2 and 9 October - Our College Open Days are a wonderful opportunity to visit Tocal and experience first hand all that it can offer students who are eager for a rewarding career in agriculture, agribusiness or horse breeding and training.

The Open Days are held on the Fridays of the winter and spring school holidays and provide prospective students, their families and carers an ideal forum to visit the College and get a feel for what life as a student is really like. Should you require accommodation while attending the Open Days, Tocal College has a range of excellent and affordable accommodation options. These include motel rooms, flats and cottages. Please contact our accommodation booking team for further information at [tocal](http://tocal.edu.au).

bookings@dpi.nsw.gov.au

<https://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/students/future-students/open-days>

Online World Wide Hackathon Club - High School Hackathons in 2020

A curated list of high school hackathons with 341 events in 19 states + 19 countries.

<https://hackathons.hackclub.com/>

Code.org - The most fun way to start learning code to Year 12. In addition to learning on your own, we have courses designed to be taught by teachers in classrooms for all grade levels. Professional Learning options are available - no experience teaching computer science needed!

<https://code.org/student/middle-high>

Get Qualified RuralBiz - Agriculture, Ag Business, Viticulture, Horticulture, Conservation, Land Management

RuralBiz Training offers good quality, good value training for farmers and rural communities. We are part of the national training agenda with our own registered training organisation, Kreate Pty Ltd, offering nationally accredited training to Advanced Diploma level. Our current training scope includes all units of competency in Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diplomas of both Agriculture and Agribusiness Management.

Flexible delivery is our speciality with courses available in interactive online mode, distance education and traditional face-to-face workshops (groups of 10 or more). You can train with us without leaving home, or you can get a small group together and we will come to you. Our trainers are well qualified and experienced, and live in our communities.

<https://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/courses>

HSC4Me offers support and information when they need it - Give students the best opportunity possible to excel. Written by experienced teachers and markers in NSW, HSC4Me is packed full of resources that will boost their skills, knowledge and confidence. With over 10,000 users across NSW, the app successfully delivers easy to follow guides and resources including: quizzes, study notes and sample papers and more

<https://inspired.edu.au/hsc4me/>

Free HSC Study Sessions - Join the Free HSC

Study Sessions run by highly qualified teachers and HSC markers online from 6 – 9 October, to assist with final HSC preparation. For further information, visit the HSC Study Sessions page.

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/form/hsc_study_sessions_expression_of_interest_form.

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

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles

and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer

by Mondays, at 12.00 noon

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.

The SkoolBag app is a quick and easy tool for making payments via a secure payment page on our website.

1. Click on the **Parent Online Payment** – which will take you through to the webpage.
2. Click on the menu drop down.
3. Select **Make a Payment**.

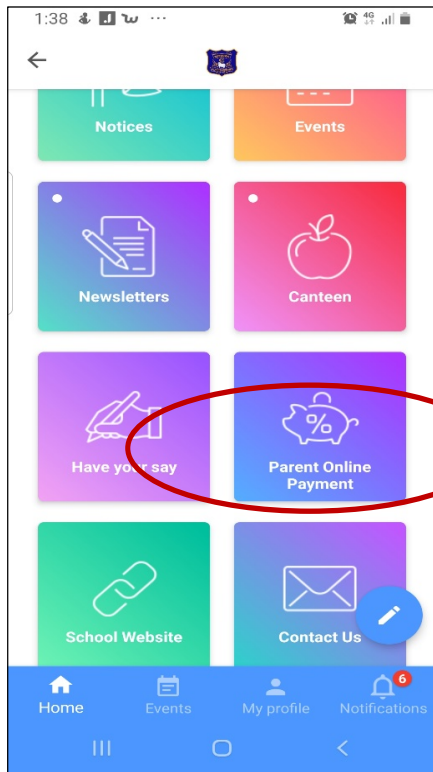
Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card.

Items that can be paid online include the voluntary school contribution, subject contributions, excursions and sales to students. There is also a category called “**other**” – this is to cover items not covered under the previous headings such as Ringer payments.

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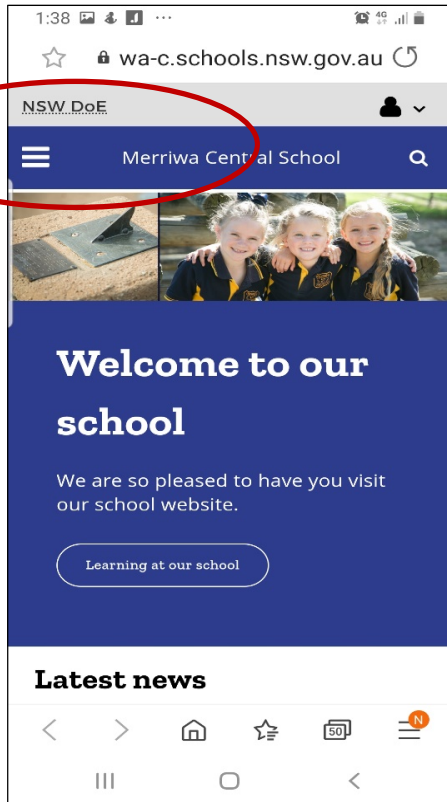
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2. Class and reference number or
3. The students name and date of birth
4. Items marked with an asterisk are mandatory
5. If paying for multiple students the “**Make Another Payment**” option should be selected on the Online Payment Receipt Screen.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

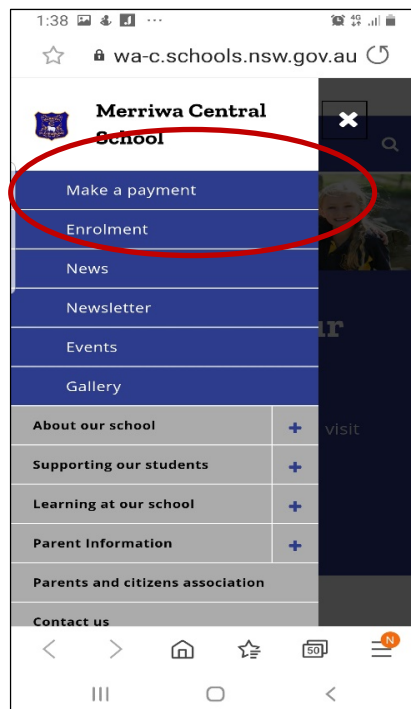


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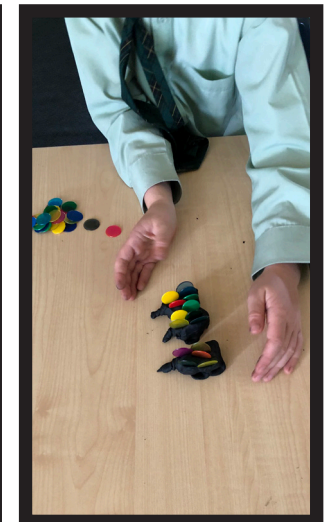
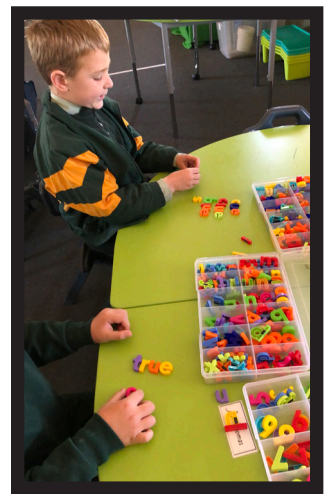
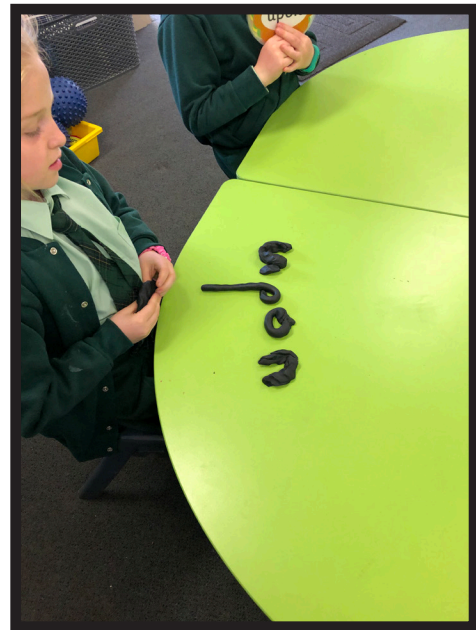
St Joseph's Primary School

ALWAYS A LOT TO DO, IN YEARS 1 AND 2

Term 3 has been much more settled in comparison to Terms 1 and 2. Students in Stage 1 have been invested in learning a range of topics including The sacrament of Reconciliation, the Liturgical calendar, digital systems and all about weather and seasons.

Throughout the term, students in Stage One have been learning about deciphering information from images. Students have been exposed to a range of texts including Crafty Chameleon, Thursday and a selection of Jeanie Bakers fabulous picture books. These texts exposed students to a wide range of illustrations ranging from jungles, to cities to deserts. The other focus throughout Term 3 has been looking at informative texts and developing student's knowledge of the structure and key features of this text type. Additionally, Stage One have been developing an understanding of facts and opinions. This unit has allowed students to gain a deeper understanding about a range of animals including caterpillars, gorillas and the Great Pacific Octopus. Next term, students will begin to focus on persuasive texts, why these are important and lastly where these text types can usually be found.

Throughout our numeracy block this term, students have had the opportunity to engage in a variety of hands on activities. Some of these activities included a life size clock with students acting as the hands, a tower building competition for investigating the topic length, the use of playdough when investigating division and fractions and the construction of towns and farms for the sub strand, Area.





Religion this term, has allowed students to gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Church's Liturgical Calendar. Our first weeks looked at the concept of reconciliation and it allowed students to reflect on the experience of being forgiven and forgiving others. For the remaining weeks students have been learning about the Church's liturgical year expressed through the use of different seasons, colours, symbols and practices. Students have been learning about key events and dates in the Liturgical year focused around Jesus' life.



This term, our focus for H.S.I.E has moved from history to Geography, where students' have been learning about weather, seasons and Australian places and locations. In summary, students haven and will continue to investigate the natural and human features of places. This included students learning about the weather and seasons of places. Stage One demonstrated this learning by filming a news report on their electronic devices. This news story featured a weather report for a chosen location in Australia. Students chose an interesting selection of places including scone, Adelaide and Canberra.

Onto creative arts, where Stage One have been working conscientiously with Kindergarten to create a mural around the theme 'Under the Sea'. Students began by painting the background and experimenting with a variety of textures to create the effect of moving water. Students then went on to create various types of fish, seaweed, rocks and lastly a feature dolphin and mermaid to finish off the mural.



The final week of Term 3:

Week 9 already, how crazy is that! Term 3 will conclude with a Socktober event day, also known as mission day. This day is focused around the theme 'Sock it to Poverty.' Students will participate in a liturgy, followed by a range of activities arranged by Stage 3 students and finally a soccer goal shoot out using our homemade soccer balls.

Sammie Love
Stage 1 Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 15 – Perpetual Day of Remembrance

September 25 – Last Day of Term Three

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week Seven – Character Strength: Forgiveness

Kindergarten - Callum Nicholls - for his strength of forgiveness, being able to let go of feelings of anger and resentment, continuing to build relationships with others

Stage 1 - Thomas Luke – for taking an increasing responsibility for his learning choices

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 - Rhianna Smith - for working together to demonstrate the strength of forgiveness when things were difficult

Liana Pearce - for working together to demonstrate the strength of forgiveness when things were difficult

Aidan Hunt - for his dedication and commitment to completing his homework

Principal's Awards - William Luke - for going out of his way to help others in need

Peter Hagley - for an excellent effort during maths lessons

Shykiah Walters - for showing forgiveness to another student in class

Eddison Raines - for continuing to work hard in all Key Learning Areas

Nevaeh Peters - for showing forgiveness to

Merriwa Ringer

another student in class

Library Awards - Ben Patterson - for creating more than required comprehension questions for the book Wonder, in Library

Jye Bates - for researching and completing in detail his insect report on a spider in Library

Chad Booth - for researching and completing in detail his insect report on a spider in Library.

Ashley Borg
Principal





Cassilis Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – PAUL ANDERSON



Paul has been voted Student of the Week as staff noticed him trying hard last week in lots of areas of his learning. During Paul's IEP time, he read his familiar reads very fluently and wrote a story recount of one of his reads. He tried hard to sound his words and use his butterfly chart to spell them correctly. During maths and cooking lessons Paul was an

active learner who was engaged in the lesson. Throughout the writing process to complete the task relating to the book - *The Insect Inquirer*, Paul has persevered and challenged himself to complete it.

He was very polite and helpful during the week and made some really good choices during lunch and recess play times. During sport, he was a great team player and understood when he was asked to hit the ball a little softer to help keep the fielding students safe.

Paul always wears his school uniform and comes to school prepared for learning. On his PBL sheet he received awards for great independent reading and effort in sentence writing.

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

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

We are delighted to welcome our new students, Olivia and Skye and their family to our wonderful school. The girls also have a sister, Tarsha who will join us next year in Kindergarten.



Learning responsibility by helping to keep the plants watered. This is also a great heavy lifting activity to help to calm.



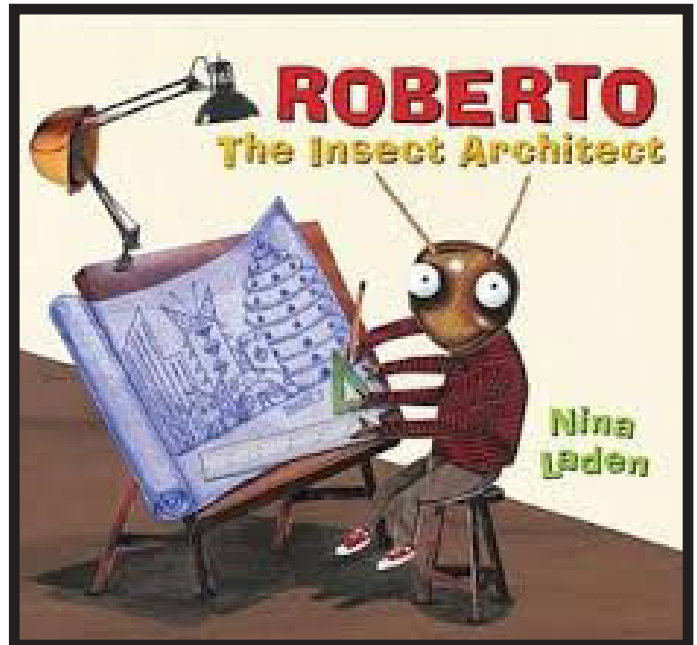
POSITION VACANT AT CASSILIS PUBLIC SCHOOL

The General Assistant job closes this Friday at 4.00pm. The position is for 7 hours and 36 minutes per week.

Below is the link (or you can Google it) for the advertisement including the position criteria and application form on I Work for NSW.

<https://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au/job/general-assistant-part-time-ongoing-cassilis-public-school-209502>

Contact Mrs Burgess for further information.



Ever since he was a wee mite (a termite, that is), Roberto has wanted to be an architect. Discouraged by his wood-eating family and friends, he decides to follow his dream to the big, bug city. There he meets a slew of not-so-creepy, crawly characters who spark in him the courage to build a community for them all.

During the writing process, students worked on this piece of writing for three weeks and never gave up. They are so proud in what they have created! Lots of modelling by the teacher, attempting, checking, re-thinking, editing and publishing went into this work.

The Insect Inquirer

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Termite builds new houses from old blocks



From ever since he was little, he wanted to build the greatest structure ever. He had a plan, but his family and friends didn't want him to. They thought he was just a little bug. But he was determined. He worked hard and finally he did it. He built the greatest structure ever. He built the greatest structure ever. He built the greatest structure ever.

He always dreamed of being a famous architect. He showed great determination and perseverance.

Years 2-6
REPORTER

From a young age, Roberto always wanted to be an Architect. He played with his food and built different structures. His parents weren't impressed and told him he would never follow his dreams. In his heart, Roberto knew he could be a famous Architect so he packed his belongings and moved to the city.

Roberto tried and tried to get a job, but every potential employer rejected him. In his sadness, he ran into a bunch of other bugs with problems bigger than his. He decided at that moment he would go and help others and build them new houses.

He turned trash into treasure to create his masterpieces! When they were completed, he gave the keys to them anonymously. He became an overnight sensation! Other insects couldn't believe the remarkable job he had done, unselfishly.

The Insect Inquirer

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Roberto builds his dreams



He tried to get a job but it failed. He ran into a bunch of bugs that had bigger problems than him. He decided to build them a house out of junk. He build them anonymously. He gave the keys to the owners straight away but he didn't want them to know he built them. He left no clues and people wondered who the amazing builder was. They set up a reward for whoever found the builder. One night a beetle got a photo of Roberto building. The fly yelled Roberto is our hero! Everyone threw a big bash for Roberto and the Mayor even had a big statue of him. Some of his houses were turned into museums. He achieved his dreams of being famous.

Written by Skylah


Roberto was a termite who wanted to be a famous Architect. He knew that he could build his dreams so he would become a famous Architect and after all he became famous.

His parents didn't want him to be an Architect so he moved to the city.

The Insect Inquirer

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Roberto becomes famous and builds a house on the moon



Roberto building houses

Written by Gordie

Roberto the termite wanted to be a famous architect. He moved to the city to build his dreams. He lived with some bed bugs who didn't have beds, so Roberto build them some. He met some homeless bugs and built them new homes.

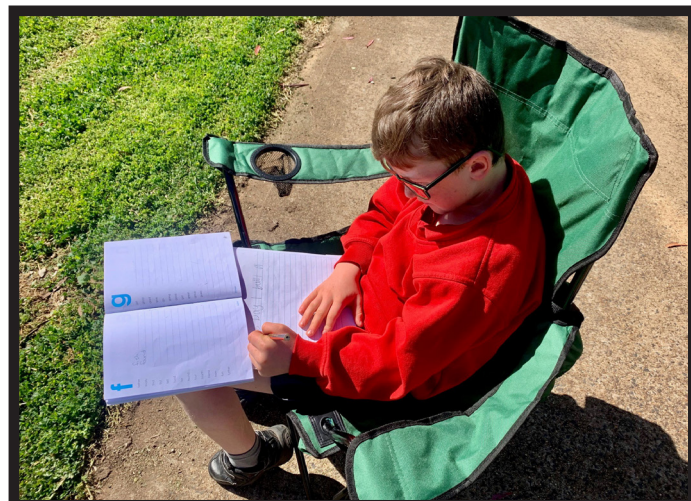
He sent them the keys anonymously because he didn't want them to know it was him. A reporter finally got a photo of him building a house and he became famous.

JOHNATHAN GOT HIS NEW GLASSES AND THEY LOOK AWESOME!



OUTSIDE WRITING

We write everyday at Cassilis because it's important and yes sometimes hard. Writing outside sometimes can be a nice way to increase the enjoyment of the writing. Here students wrote about a spring garden after reading the book Isabella's Garden.



YUMMY, YUMMY SAUSAGE ROLLS

Thanks Mrs Nairne for sharing your secrets on how to create one delicious sausage roll. All of our students loved them as did Mrs Burgess.



BEN RUNNING FOR HOME DURING A TEE-BALL GAME ON FRIDAY



Jacob improved his soccer skill very quickly by doing lots of practice. He said he had never played soccer before.



ROALD DAHL DAY

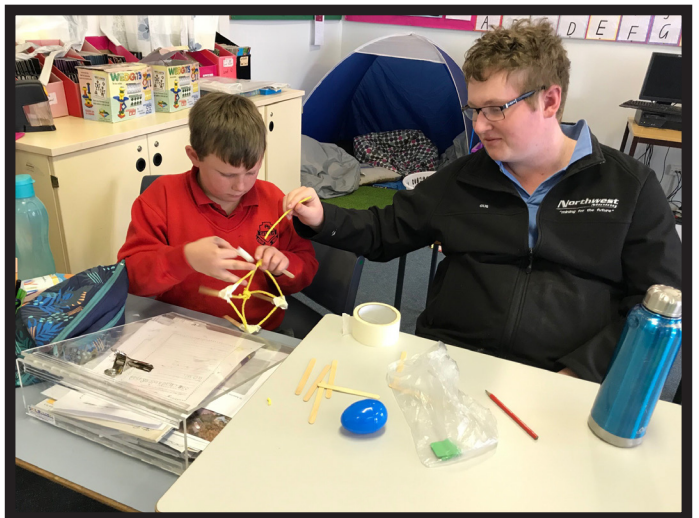
To celebrate Roald Dahl Day, students discussed one his amazing and best known stories 'The Witches' then were given the maths challenge to create a bed for a child who had been turned into a mouse.

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To complete the task successfully, students had to design a bed using all of the materials provided and explain their design to the class.

Angus and Gordie - Ours is a cradle design that is up off the ground to keep the mouse safe. We joined the pipe cleaners together and the bag acts as a mattress. The mouse is able to lie on the paper. Paddle pop sticks created a nice roof.

Skylah and Jacob



**Katie Burgess
Principal**



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SCHOOL PLANNING

Last week the P and C committee members were invited to attend a presentation by Upper Hunter Department of Education Director, which explained the new school planning process. The school will start a new school planning cycle from next year. The main focus of the presentation was to consider ways in which the school community (students, staff, parents, carers and community members) can be involved in the planning process and have a say in the direction the school takes.

Community engagement is important in schools, and students benefit from the school's planned engagement with parents/carers and the broader community. It is a critical factor for improving the progress, achievement and wellbeing of our students.

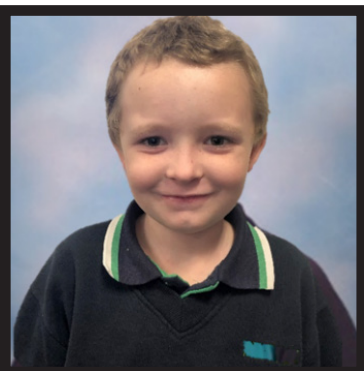
When schools, families and the broader community work together to develop positive connections, students thrive. Many thanks to Renee Roper for attending the presentation and the other P and C members who will watch a recorded version of it. I will keep you informed of the decisions we make in regards to giving our community input into the 2021-2024 School Plan.

STRENGTH OF THE WEEK: FAIRNESS

Treating all people the same or fairly; not letting feelings bias decisions about others; giving everyone a fair chance.

This week's focus strength is 'Fairness'.

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 Harry.



FAIRNESS SUPER HERO

Harry was chosen for this award because he always treats others fairly and how he would like to be treated. He plays with all students and is kind to everyone.

Well done, Harry!

BOOK WEEK 2020

The Children's Book Council of Australia has postponed Book Week 2020 until October 17-23 (Term 4 Week 2). The theme for Book Week this year is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. SHPS will hold a Book Character Parade and assembly, on Friday October 23. At this stage the parade will be videoed but if restrictions are lifted we will be able to invite parents to attend.

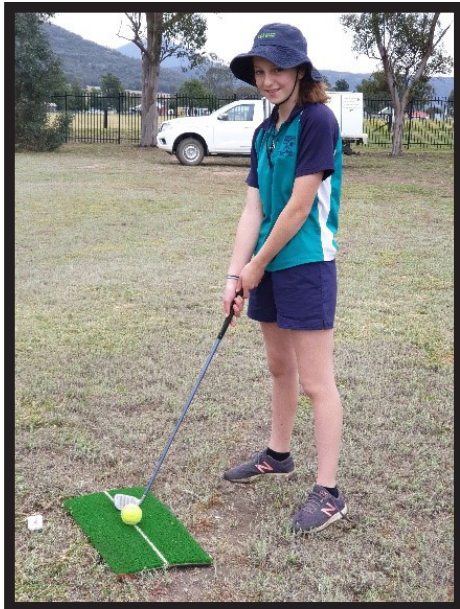


GO-GO GOLF

Today the students were lucky enough to participate in the Go-Go Golf Program. Each class attended two sessions with the instructor, Sharon, learning various golfing skills, and finished with a game of mini golf.

Sharon will be returning next term so that the students will have the opportunity to consolidate these skills.





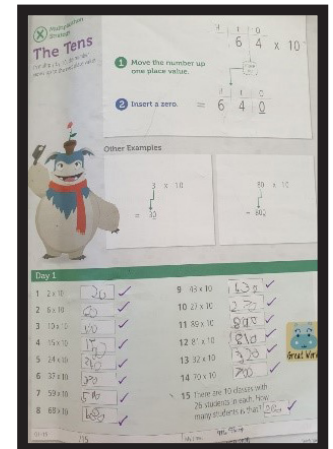
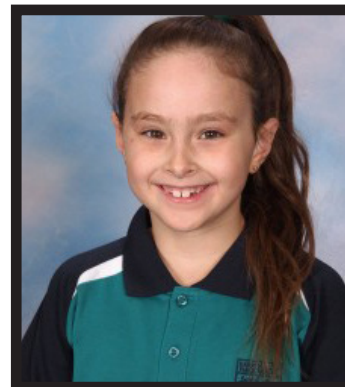
SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK

Chloe – for trying hard to improve her skills in whole school sports activities.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK



Isabelle



Attalica

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Zara

COLOUR EXPLOSION

This year the Colour Explosion is on Friday 30 October (Term 4 Week 3). The event will raise much needed funds to help support our Learn



to Swim program in Term 4. Sponsorship details will be sent home before the end of term.

Jane Fuiono
Relieving Principal



Puzzle Corner

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SEPTEMBER UNSCRAMBLE IT!

Easy Sudoku Puzzles by KrazyDad, Volume 1, Book 17

Unscrambling September - 147 different words can be found. 147 anagrams of September were found by unscrambling letters in SEPTEMBER.

A total of 147 unscrambled words are categorised as follows;

- List of 7 letter words contains 8 unscrambled words
- List of 6 letter words contains 22 unscrambled words
- List of 5 letter words contains 43 unscrambled words
- List of 4 letter words contains 43 unscrambled words
- List of 3 letter words contains 23 unscrambled words
- List of 2 letter words contains 8 unscrambled words.

How many words can you find?

Sudoku #1

	2	5			1		3	
4	7		9					5
				4	5		7	
3	4		8			5		2
			5		4			
7		8			2		9	4
	9		1	7				
5					3		1	9
	1		6			7	4	

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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

Need a little help? The hints page shows a logical order to solve the puzzle. Use it to identify the next square you should solve. Or use the answers page if you really get stuck.

The absent are like children, helpless to defend themselves.
-- Charles Reade



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REFLECTION PENTECOST 16 - Matthew 20:1-16

This parable always makes me feel uncomfortable since I identify with the workers who came in the morning and find myself saying "It's not fair", and then "God's not fair" – which is exactly the point of the parable. God is not fair! God doesn't measure things out according to what is deserved. God simply gives generously. In my classes when I teach this parable I have students take the various roles and then have them discuss the day later in the week. The feelings run high. Some want to work for this master again. Others aren't sure that he will act the same way in the future. It all seems very haphazard. Others want to form a union and negotiate set wages for set times. This just goes to show once again that God is not like us, or should we say, we are not like God.

Jesus begins the parable with the words "This is what the reign of God is like" (Matthew avoids the name of God and uses 'heaven'). Taking Jesus' words seriously he describes a ridiculously generous God who doesn't give what is earned or deserved but uses another criterion. God's criterion is God's own selfless love.

The concept humbles me. It's beyond my comprehension. Like most people I know I have a suspicion that I've got to earn love – human or divine. That someone could simply love me! But that is what the parable asks us to consider. The reign of God is not something we earn or deserve through our own efforts. The Kingdom is God's gift. (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM).

DIARY DATES

It was Rev Anastasia's first Sunday last Sunday and we were all glad to be once again in the church. We had to limit the congregation to 25 including Rev Anastasia, but we all fitted in and loved being back to church.

Afterwards some of the congregation went down the street for coffee at Eat@153 and continued to get to know Rev Anastasia. She will have the first and third Sundays in Denman, and the second and fourth in Merriwa. Come and hear her preach! You are all welcome!

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

THE SKATE BOWL

Landscaping of the surrounds and positioning of turf remains to be done. This should be happening very soon, after which the fences will be removed and the bowl declared open. A sausage sizzle is planned to coincide with the opening more information to follow.

THE NSW VARIETY CLUB RESURRECTION RUN

This is not a race nor a rally, nor a contest of speed at any time. It is simply six days of fun, during which significant amounts of money are raised to support Variety, the Children's' Charity.

It is scheduled to start in Newcastle on Sunday November 15. Day One will be a Newcastle to Dubbo leg, with a lunch break in Merriwa. Rotary Merriwa has, once again, been asked to provide lunch for the participants.

This year's event will bring layers of extra responsibilities and compliance with requirements because of the Covid19 situation.

Last Sunday, Stuart Telfer and Jack Cannons, from Variety, met with a group of Merriwa Rotarians for initial planning for the Run.

Covid19 willing, it is going to be another great show for Merriwa.



Mark Smith

Community Notice Board

Congratulations and Thanks

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate all the hard workers in the school section of the Merriwa Ringer. It seems that many students are working hard to receive merits each week and it is great to see.

THANKS

Thank you to the Campbell family for making me feel so special on Father's Day. It was such a surprise to be made feel so special.

Hylt Cronin

A Walk Down Memory Lane

Tom married Jessie Budden in 1939,

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Dorrie married Laurie Lennox in 1941 (Borambil),

Peg married Leo Constable in 1941 (Cassilis),

George married Josephine Constable in 1942 (Merriwa).

After many years James was offered a position by Mr Andrew Bowman to manage 'Gyarran', a property just outside Muswellbrook. James, Clara and their remaining son Artie settled into 'Gyarran'. It was while they lived at 'Gyarran', Artie married his long time love Cecilia Bull of Cassilis. In 1954, Mr Bowman informed James he was intending to sell 'Gyarran'.

James and Clara settled into a home at 28 Aberdeen St, Muswellbrook in retirement. James died in January 1965, just a few days short of his 86th birthday. Clara died in October 1968 at the age of 84.

Photo 1 James and his daughter Peggy taken at St Heliers about 1926.



Photo2 taken at their home 28 Aberdeen St. Muswellbrook.

Family history courtesy Gloria Carige (nee Hardy).

Merriwa Surgery

Merriwa Surgery will be CLOSED on Monday September 28 through to Monday October 5. From October 5 Dr Plaskitt will be here in the surgery three days a week until Dr Jasem returns on Monday November 2.

To book your appointment please phone surgery and select option one on your telephone to be put direct through to reception.

Just a reminder to the community that Dr Plaskitt attends the surgery three days a month, Dr Plaskitt is a GP and is qualified to deliver cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), Psychoeducation and behavioural therapy and other focussed psychological strategies, as well as having training in clinical hypnosis.

These strategies are useful for Anxiety/Emotional disorders and Depression and Grief to name a few.

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For the ladies in the community, Merriwa Surgery run nurse led clinics for women's health, Sharee is a trained and qualified women's health nurse and is available for your women's health needs including cervical smears previously known as pap smears. Due to the lack of local female GP's, you don't have to be a current registered patient to book. Phone Merriwa Surgery for more information and bookings.

Dr Jasem

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Photo taken by Cheryl Squires.

Merriwa Greenthumbs

The Merriwa Greenthumbs workshop was the 'hottest ticket' in town last week, especially if you were a keen gardener!

Fortunately in Merriwa and Cassilis there are plenty of those.

With the drought and bush fires hopefully behind us for a little while, gardeners were keen to get the soil between their fingers and discover what native species are most suited to the local landscape.

While this was a learning (and social!) session for most, the workshop was also an opportunity to promote the Greenthumbs community gardening project – growing a few trays of native seedlings, then selling them collectively with proceeds to go back into growing more trees and supporting other community projects.

Participants were quickly put to work under the watchful eye of workshop presenter and native seed specialist Paul Melehan from Upper Hunter Landcare who said he was delighted to be invited to take part in the project.

"The more people that understand the value of growing natives on their farms, gardens or in community spaces the better.

"We have become so accustomed to selecting imported species, we have forgotten the beauty, resilience and drought hardiness of natives," he said.

Paul will be back in a few weeks with a follow up session for gardeners keen to take part in the project. All materials are supplied in exchange, participants grow the seedlings to the point they are ready for sale.

You don't need a greenhouse, just a sunny spot on the verandah or back yard. People can grow one tray or lots of trays. Some may already be cultivating their own seedlings and happy to contribute a few to the cause – if so we'd love to hear from you!

Sincere thanks to Merriwa Landcare and Jenny Lee for providing the fabulous venue for the workshop and to the Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre for their invaluable support. The project was funded through DPI Drought Resilience Funding and supported by Upper Hunter Shire Council.

If you would like to find out more about

the next workshop contact Tash Taaffe on m: 0458 574 015 or e: ttaaffe@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au.

The workshop was an initiative of Helping Hands, a volunteer organisation to support senior members of the Merriwa and Cassilis community to stay connected with each other and essential services. To register with Helping Hands call: 0499 377 284.



Tash Taaffe

Business

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AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY

- Turia Pitt; in the first weeks of this year, Turia gave birth to her second child and wrote a book, all the while bushfires raged around her triggering traumatic memories. This Aussie hero has a no-nonsense attitude but admits being a mum has softened her
- At 82 Jane Fonda says she is still a work in progress and she is embracing what she calls "the whole Jane" without husbands or lovers to please!
- New recipes from Jamie Oliver and Maggie Beer! Also big bountiful boards and how to build the perfect cheese board to satisfy everyone.

HUNTER VALLEY WEDDING PLANNER

- Your wedding guide for the entire Hunter region. Packed full of beautiful weddings, pictures, venues and plenty of ideas with the help of the Directory servicing the Hunter
- Also in this issue, win a 4m grazing table, valued at over \$2,500.00 in an Instagram Giveaway. Ideal for your wedding, pre-wedding party or engagement.

TASTE

Wow Spring! 20 fresh ideas for dinner. More-ish dressings, proteins and plenty of crunch and all done in 10 minutes! Wow alright! Start the week like a star, with five healthy lunches for \$30.00. Follow the prep ahead plan, buy only what you need and go. Also in the Fun Cooking section there are recipes galore, try the Caesar salad burger, spinach and ricotta filo jaffles, vegie peel and feta loaf, make a whole lemon coconut cake, or make a coffee ice-cream cake that will last in the freezer for up to a month! So many delicious things to make and eat for the entire family. This magazine never disappoints!

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

Have a marvellously magical day!

BEANIE BOO

My name is Squeaker.

On my tippy toes I run real fast, if I'm in a race I'll never come last.

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Groups

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Denman
 51 – 53 Ogilvie Street
 For appointments please phone 6532 5013

MERRIWA & DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE
2020/21 starts Oct 12!
 Tots (3 & 4 yrs) to u/17 yrs
Mondays 5.30 to 6.30ish
 at Merriwa No. 2 Oval
 (season ends 22 February)
New Members Welcome
 ph: Belinda Keane 0407 875 876
 e: belindak@live.com.au

MERRIWA SPORTS CLUB Ltd 6548 2028
Golf, Bowls, Squash, Putt Putt, Darts, Pool, ATM and Club Keno
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 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
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 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

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

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 Find us on Facebook
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 Day - Night Competitions
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2021 Merriwa Springtime Show
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 Rally days every 2nd Sunday of month from February to October



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 Parties & Weddings a speciality
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 Range facilities and Fire arm testing available
 President: Nathan Telfer
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Contact 6547 6031 for information
Shooting weekends 2nd and 4th weekend of the month

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Season starts Term 4
Make a SPLASH!
Merriwa Swimming Club
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
Magpies
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



MERRIWA BUSHMAN'S CAMPDRAFT EST. 1947
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October Long weekend 2020
merriwacampdraft@gmail.com



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Merriwa Cricket Club
 President: Jon Osmond 0428 714 648
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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

Clubs/Sports

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



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 Te/Fax 6548 2653

Merriwa Sports Club

Mondays - Happy Two Hours - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

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

Fridays - Happy Two Hours - 5.00pm to 7.00pm, free raffle.

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

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

on hold atm

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.

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Merriwa Little A's

The return of Little A's will be the first Monday back in Term 4 - October 12, 2020. It will be great to see all our little and bigger members back at our oval enjoying their Little A's. To anyone out there who would be interested in coming to our Little A's the first two training sessions are free if you would like to come and try all the fun activities.

WHAT IS LITTLE ATHLETICS?

Little Athletics is a uniquely Australian modified athletics program for children from 5 to 15 years. As the name suggests, it is based upon the sport of athletics (track and field). There is a wide range of events from running, jumping, throwing and walking and events are modified to suit the age, developmental stage and ability of the children.

TINY TOTS

Children aged 3-4 (sometimes 5) will be in a group called 'TinyTots'. This is a modified program that is designed to develop the children's fundamental movements of running, jumping and throwing through fun and enjoyable

activities. The aim of the program is to improve the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of children through a play-based approach that is engaging and stimulating.

NOTE: A child MUST be 3 years of age before they are able to participate in Little Athletics. Not all States run a Tiny Tots program.

AGES 5-15

All above ages are grouped into their own age brackets (Under 6, Under 12 etc.). There is no standards or requirements athletes have to meet to be able to participate in Little Athletics, meaning children of ALL abilities are more than welcome to join in. These athletes will participate in different running, jumping, throwing and walking events on a week to week basis.



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- Basic computer skills and willingness to learn new program applications
- Forklift and current driver's license are an advantage but not essential
- The successful applicant must be available to work 5 ½ days per week

Interested applicants can send their resume and cover letter via email to

admin@crtmerriwa.com.au

Applications close Friday September 25, 2020

There will be a few changes this year in line with Covid -19 conditions. Our new norm way of life. All parents need to sign in each week. Any athlete, parent or sibling with flu-like symptoms must NOT attend training. Hand hygiene is a necessity and will be available for all to use. Please keep your distance and not huddle in large groups.



See everyone at the oval on Monday October 12, 2020. For more information contact Belinda Keane on 0407 875 876.

Belinda Keane

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