

# MERRIWA Ringer

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# A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BETTINGTON STREET

Initially the Catholic Church owned both sides of Bettington street. They sold the northern side of the street which was acquired by the Wicks family. The southern side of Bettington was to become the site for a cemetery (pool area) a church and a school.

The first Catholic Church in Merriwa was situated just behind where the fountain is in Pioneer Park. St Matthias Church was built about 1858 and was officially opened by Archbishop John Bede Polding on February 20, 1860. While rotary hoeing for a garden bed between the fountain and the pool fence, I ploughed up several rectangular sandstone blocks which were the foundations of the old church. The Catholic Church had a presence in Gammon Plains, later to be named Merriwa as early as July 1839 when Father John Lynch baptised Thomas Dooling at Cassilis.

Some early family names include

- Gallagher
- Simmons
- McLean
- McNamara
- Michael McCartney
- Wicks
- McCabe
- Lawless
- Reilly
- Bennett
- Howell
- Collins
- Spratt
- Murray
- Long
- Leard(Laird)

- O'Brien
- Kemp
- Lalor.

In 1881, St Anne's Church was built in it's present location and it seems for awhile the old church was used as a classroom. The sacristy was moved to the racecourse and in 1937 was then later moved to Limberlost up the top end of Idaville road. To the locals it is known as Ab's hut as Ab Bailey lived in it for many years. The property is now owned by Dave and Maria Cameron.



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### Merriwa Central School



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### St Joseph's Primary School Merriwa

*Empowering and challenging students to become lifelong learners*

*All enquiries welcome*

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President: Julie Llewelyn

Vice Presidents: Hollie Hunt and Keirra Hourn

Secretary: Talitha Sawley

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#### Merriwa Pre-School

For children 2 – 5 years

#### Activity Centre

For children attending Kindergarten to Year 6  
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### Cassilis Public School



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# Merriwa Central School

## Deputy Principal's Report

### TRANSITION PROGRAMS

We welcome the commencement of Transition programs for 2021 Kindergarten and Year 7 both programs starting this week. It is a great opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings.



### BOOK WEEK

Book week was conducted very differently this year as a result of COVID but students and staff embraced the theme at school maintaining a focus on Reading.



### GRANDPARENTS DAY

Kindergarten-Year 6 celebrated Grandparents day uploading a series of videos which can be viewed on the FB page.

### ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.



## Every Day



## Counts

When your child misses just	that equals per year	and therefore from Kindy to year 6	and therefore from Kindy to Year 12 that is	Your child has missed
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	9 months of school	1 ½ years of school	260 days
1 hour per day	40 days per year	1 and ¼ years of school	Over 2 ½ years of school	520 days
1 day per week	40 days per year	1 and ¼ years of school	Over 2 ½ years of school	520 days
2 days per week	80 days per year	2 and ½ years school	Over 5 years of school	1,040 days
3 days per week	120 days per year	4 years school	Almost 8 years of school	1,560 days

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Sharon Kenaly  
Deputy Principal

## Coming Events

### OCTOBER

Thursday 29

Year 7 Transitions begin

Friday 30

TAFE Yes - Childcare Starts

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 3

Kindergarten Transition

Thursday 5

Year 7 Transition

SALT Girls in Trade Workshop

Friday 6

HSC Concludes



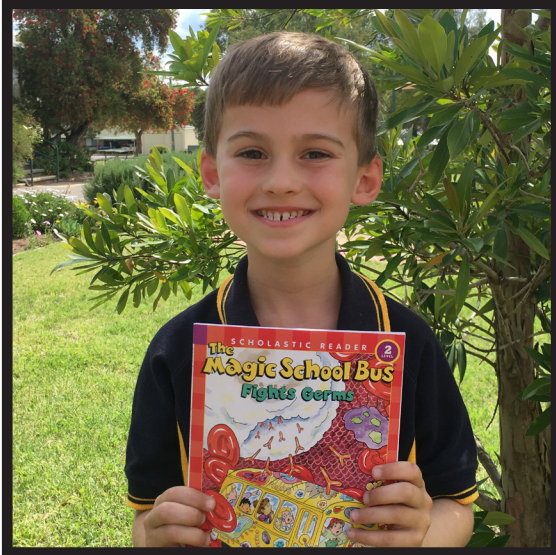
# Primary

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded 'Student of the Week' in Week 1.

### KINDERGARTEN

**Jacob Sawley** - Settling beautifully back into school



### YEAR 1

**Claire Bidner** – Settling into school life well



### YEAR 2/3

**Harrison Constable** – Improvement in handwriting



### YEAR 3/4

**Olympia Magnus** – Being a considerate pupil and helping others



### YEAR 4/5

**Amelia Wright** – Improved behaviour in class





## YEAR 5/6

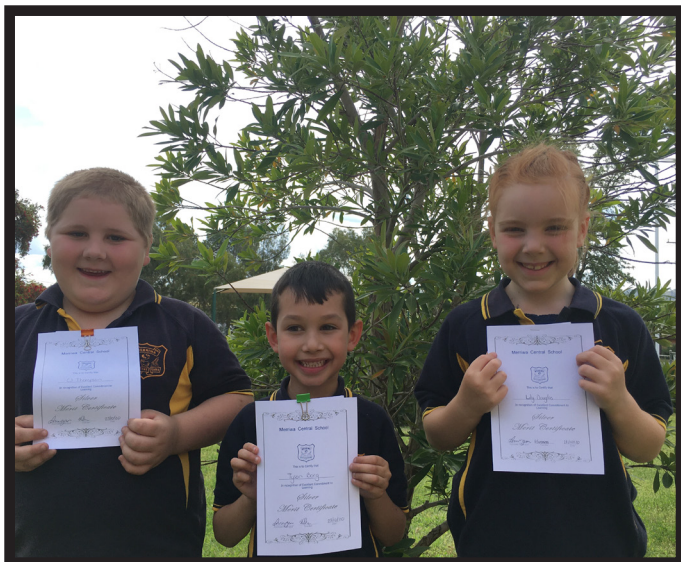
**Lilly Turner** – Improved behaviour at school.



**LIBRARY AWARD**  
**Amelia Wilkinson**



**SILVER AWARD**  
CJ Thompson, Tyson Borg and Lily Douglas



## GOLD AWARD

Isabella Campbell, Mia Wilkinson, Zane Walker and Madyson Sait



**CLASS OF THE WEEK YEAR 4/5**

Enth... art.



## YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP DAYS

On Thursday in Week 3 and Week 4, Year 5 students will be participating in two leadership days to prepare better prepare them for their journey in Year 6. They will be learning about leadership skills, teamwork and will be using this time to begin to prepare speeches for the 2021 School leader nominations. Students need to be in regular school uniform for these days.



**BOOK WEEK  
CLASS PHOTOS**



**EARLY STAGE 1 BEST DRESSED**



Taniel Roberts and Theodore Lemanski



## STAGE 1 BEST DRESSED



Abby Bidner and Alby Caban

## STAGE 2 BEST DRESSED



Grace Collits and Ashton Marchese

## STAGE 3 BEST DRESSED



Paige Carrall and Isaac Constable





## CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS

From wicked witches to beautiful fairies- there was no shortage of creativity found on Thursday, for our Book Week celebrations.

Students had a fantastic morning parading their costumes and participating in fun-filled literacy activities.

This year's Book Week once again highlighted the importance of reading, in what's been a challenging year for students and teachers.

Thank you to all parents, students and teachers for making Book Week an enjoyable day and we look forward to our annual Little Sprouts-Community Reading Day, in 2021.

**Mrs Talia Morgan**  
Relieving Assistant Principal (Infants)





## KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

We were delighted to welcome our 2021 Kindergarten students to our first Transition to School session this week. It was an exciting morning for our new students and myself as we completed many fun activities together whilst getting to know each other. Students listened carefully to stories, ate a healthy snack for fruit break, and played beautifully together on the equipment. New students were also introduced to some of our wonderful Year 4 and 5 students who have volunteered to be caring Buddies during Kindergarten transition. Our Kindergarten Transition program will continue next Tuesday and students will again attend from 9.15am until 11.00am. Following COVID regulations, Miss Garbellini will meet students at our Kiss and Drop area and accompany students into the classroom. Please remember to pack a piece of fruit, water bottle and a hat.

I had a wonderful morning meeting our new students and I look forward to seeing you all again next week.



Emma Garbellini



## Secondary

### NAIDOC WEEK

Merriwa Central School students will celebrate NAIDOC Week in Week 5 on Tuesday November 10. NAIDOC Week is held each year to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Students will participate in a range of activities on this day.

Students can come out of uniform, wearing red, orange and/or yellow. A sausage sizzle lunch and ice block will be provided for students.

If you require more information, please contact Anna Sansom at the Secondary Office.

**Anna Sansom**  
**TAS/VET Teacher**



## MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL P AND C

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Merriwa Central School

Parents and Citizens Association Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday November 17 at the Merriwa RSL Club (Squatter's Corner) at 6.30pm (adhering to current Covid19 restrictions and social distancing guidelines).

At this meeting, all executive positions (President, 2x Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be declared vacant and nominations and elections held to fill these positions. To participate as a voting member or be eligible to hold a position, you need to have paid a \$2.00 membership fee prior to the Annual General Meeting. This can be paid in person at our upcoming regular meeting on Tuesday November 3 (also at 6.30pm at the Merriwa RSL Club) or can be paid directly into the MCS P and C Account (BSB 932 000, Acc No. 415929).

We are always welcoming of new members, so if you can spread the word and encourage as many parents to come as long as you can, we can all work together to achieve some great things for our school in 2021!

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### LACHLAN FIFIELD

**FAVOURITE SUBJECT:** Technology Mandatory, because I get to do lots of hands-on activities

**BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** making half a song up by myself

**CAREER ASPIRATIONS:** Musical artist and production

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Sometimes attend Homework Club

**YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT:** Lachlan is a kind-hearted and dedicated student. He is always looking to get a smile from his peers and teachers by sharing jokes, crafting knick-knacks and performing magic tricks. Lachlan also shows great dedication to his learning in the classroom.

**Harley Hannon - Year Advisor**





## CASUAL CANTEEN ASSISTANT POSITION VACANT

Merriwa Central School Parents and Citizens Association requires a Casual Canteen Assistant to support the Canteen Managers to deliver a healthy food service to the students and staff of Merriwa Central School Primary and Secondary campuses.

In this role you will, when required, assist the Canteen Manager in all facets of canteen operation, or, when required, operate the canteen independently in the absence of the Canteen Manager.

As Canteen Assistant you will undertake a range of activities including food preparation, cooking, serving students and staff, food purchasing, storage, maintaining kitchen equipment and facilities, and ensuring canteen areas are clean, sanitised and ready for the next day's activities.

This is a casual, call-up position requiring you to be flexible and available at short notice.

It is a requirement of employment that Prohibited Employment Declaration and Consent to Employment Screening checks will be completed. A Working with Children Check will also be required.

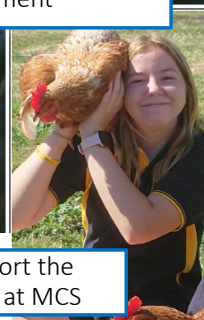
Experience is preferred but not essential. This is a paid position.

For more information or to submit an application including current resume and references, please email [merriwacentralschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:merriwacentralschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au).

## Help Support Agriculture at MCS Chickens For Sale



- White, black and brown chickens for sale
- Bred for maximum egg production, they should all be ready to lay by Christmas
- Raised by the students, they will make wonderful productive pets
- \$20 each
- To reserve your chickens, simply pay at the senior school office
- Be quick to avoid disappointment



All funds raised will directly support the education of agriculture students at MCS

## Transition Times

### TERM 4 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

- Tuesday October 27 9.15am-11.00am
- Tuesday November 3 9.15am-11.00am
- Tuesday November 10 9.15am-12.00pm
- Tuesday November 17 9.15am-1.45pm
- Tuesday November 24 9.15am-2.00pm
- Tuesday December 1 9.15am-3.00pm
- Tuesday December 8 - Post Transition Meetings For Parents

### YEAR 7 2021 ORIENTATION

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.





# St Joseph's Primary School

## WELCOME TERM 4 IN YEAR 3 AND 4!

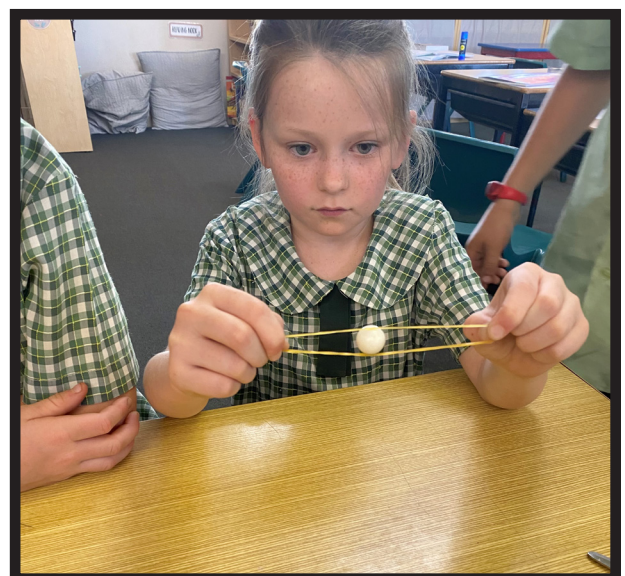
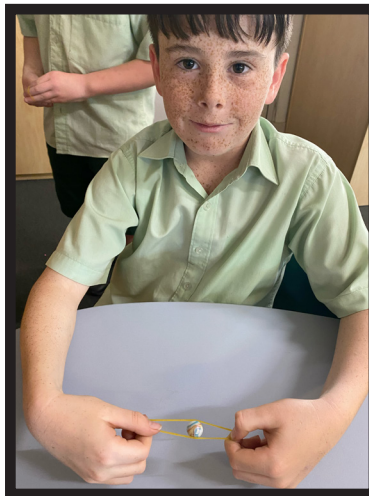
We have had a busy but very productive first couple of weeks of term within Stage 2.

Students at St Joseph's have been working hard to practise and perfect their dance and acting skills and memory. Last Tuesday, we were fortunate enough to have Montana Doyle an ASPIRE dance teacher return for her second visit, to finalise our dances for our school play. Over the last few weeks, students' drama skills have noticeably improved. They have been memorising their lines and taking on their character's role with confidence. We look forward to recording our school production on Wednesday November 11 at the School of Arts.



This term within English sees us looking at the topic of Characterisation. Students will be exposed to a variety of quality literature to engage in the study and exploration of characterisation. This will involve students identifying and describing the physical qualities of characters as well as the personality traits of characters within a text. Currently, Stage 2 have been identifying and analysing rich language through looking at bump it up walls as they develop an understanding of how adjectives, verbs, similes, personification and direct and indirect speech can enhance character development in a text.

Our Science unit 'Magic Marble' provides students with the opportunity to explore and classify forces as contact/non-contact and push/pull. Students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in lots of hands-on activities to identify forces that act at a distance and those that act in direct contact. They will then explore the ways forces are used to affect speed and direction of a moving object and apply this knowledge to creating a marble maze. Already this term, students have been highly engaged in science lessons and activities.





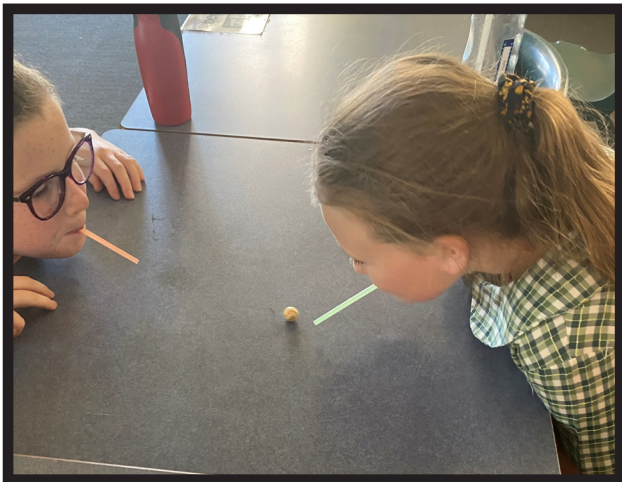
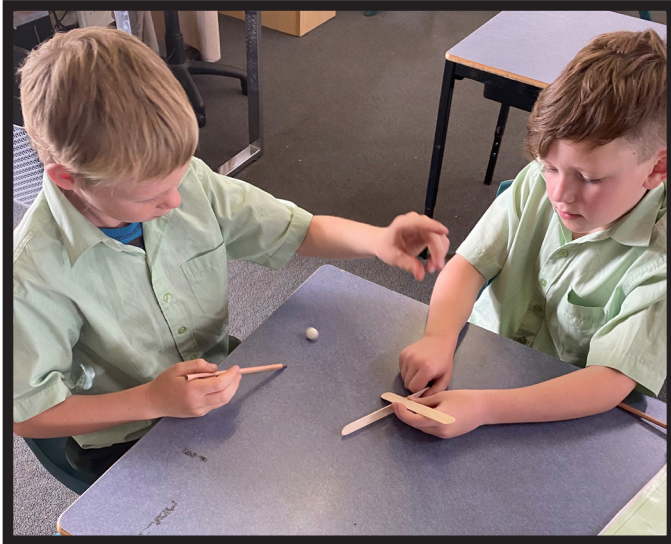


Narratives of Matthew and Luke and ponder the mystery of this wondrous birth and the plight of the Holy Family, as they engage with these great stories of the Christian tradition.

In Geography, students have been investigating the location and geographical characteristics of Australia's neighbouring countries, with the Philippines being of particular interest. In the coming weeks, students will create an information text in a medium of choice explaining cultural traditions of their chosen holiday country. They will identify and discuss similarities and differences between their country and Australia using various forms.

In Health, our focus is 'We're all different' where we will explore and recognise how empathy and respect promotes inclusion by exploring cultural diversity including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Students will also investigate the influence of peers, family and their community when forming their own ideas on significant issues such as appreciating and celebrating difference.

In Visual Art, we are exploring the form of print making through making potato leaf stamps. Students have enjoyed analysing the structure of various leaves to inspire their stamp design. Students will create a Summer vs Winter tree leaf artwork using their print making skills.



In Maths, students will look at a variety of different areas within the strands of number and algebra, measurement and geometry and chance and data. We have also started brushing up on and practising our skills for our in-class Maths Bee. This will be held in class during Week 4.

In Religion, students have been deepening their knowledge and understanding of liturgy and liturgical celebrations. This topic also allows students to gain an understanding of how liturgy inspires believers to prayer and a deeper understanding of the mystery of God. In the second half of the term Stage 2 will learn more about Advent and Christmas. Students will explore and deepen their knowledge of key people and events described in the Infancy







Although this year has been an unexpected and extraordinary year, I am so proud of the way Stage 2 has been able to bounce back and make exciting growth within their learning. I have been fortunate enough to have a class who has been able to teach me just as much as I have taught them this year, especially being in my first year out as a teacher. I look forward to enjoying the time together and the exciting learning and opportunities we have ahead of us for the remainder of Term 4.

**Naomi Rodwell**  
Stage 2 Teacher

## WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

### Week Two – Character Strength – Social Intelligence

**Kindergarten - Katie Williams** – for being kind and welcoming to a new student

**Stage 1 - Charlie Barry** – for her ability to recognise when someone is in need of a friend or a helping hand

**Hudson Wallace** – for her appreciation of all living things around her, especially animals

**Stage 2 - Samuel Williams** – for his impressive efforts in demonstrating his understanding of the parts of the Mass in Religion

**Annabelle Hunt** – for her ability to adapt to new social situations whilst encouraging and supporting others around her

**Stage 3 - Lula Peebles** - for being able to demonstrate Social Intelligence in the school environment through being kind, gracious and helpful to others

**William Luke** - his creative thinking, design and care taken in hands on Maths activities

**Principal's Awards - Levi Hourn** – for an outstanding effort in Spelling Bee

**Rhianna Smith** – for a terrific effort in Spelling Bee.

## Ringer for Term 4

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place your articles  
and advertisements  
into the  
**Merriwa Ringer***

by Monday, at 12.00 noon

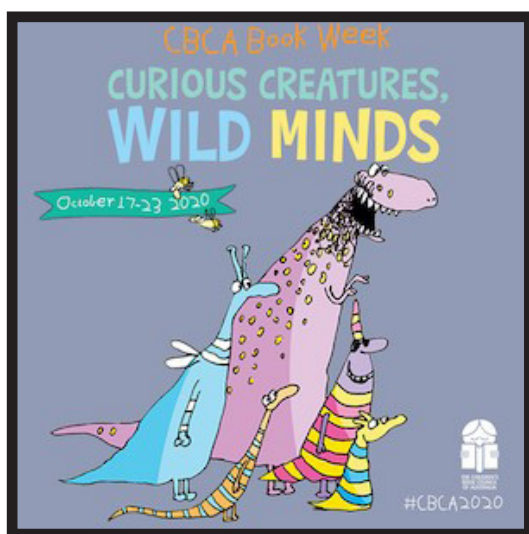




# Sandy Hollow Public School

## BOOK WEEK 2020

There were a lot of curious creatures at SHPS today who took part in our annual Book Week Parade. We were fortunate again to be able to invite our parents to watch the parade (from outside the fence), and all creatures were excited to show off their book character costumes. Well done to the parents who helped with the children's costumes, they all looked fantastic! #CBCABookWeek #CuriousCreaturesWildMinds #shps #LoveWhereYouLearn #smallschoolsarefun



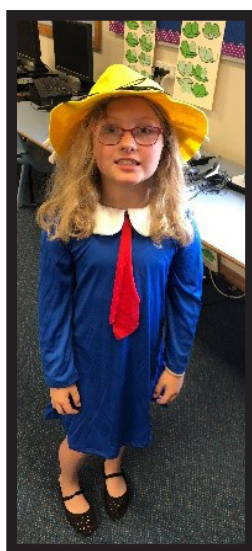
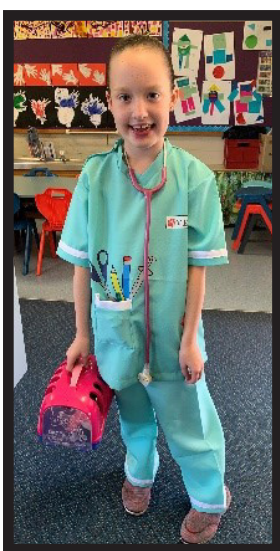
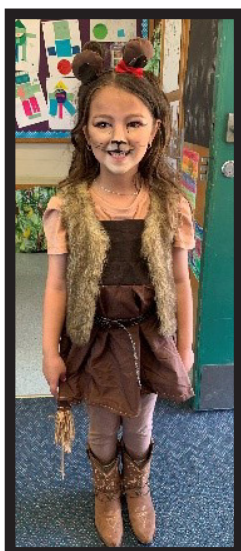
### STRENGTH OF THE WEEK: LEADERSHIP

Encouraging a group to get things done and at the same time maintain good relations within the group.

### LEADERSHIP SUPER HERO

Tyson was chosen for this award because he always encourages all students to take part and play happily together.

Well done, Tyson!



### KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION DAY 1

Staff, students, future students, and parents had a lovely morning getting to know each other at the first of our 2021 Kindergarten Orientation On Friday morning. Although we were unable to meet at school, the children were able and get to know their 'big school' buddies, play, draw and chat while their parents enjoyed morning tea and an information session. We look forward to seeing them all on site from next week as they get ready to come to Sandy Hollow Public School in 2021! A huge thank you to our P and C for kindly donating new

school hats for our kindergarten students. They certainly made them look and feel like part of our little family at SHPS. #shps #kinder2021 #LoveWhereYouLearn #smallschoolsarefun



## WORKERS OF THE WEEK



## AWARDS

- **Mikayla** – For having a go at all set tasks
- **Attalica** - YCDI - Persistence - for showing perseverance in challenging Maths activities
- **Henry** – for trying really hard during spelling each day
- **Isabelle M** - YCDI - Organisation - for having neat and beautiful book work



## SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK - Eli

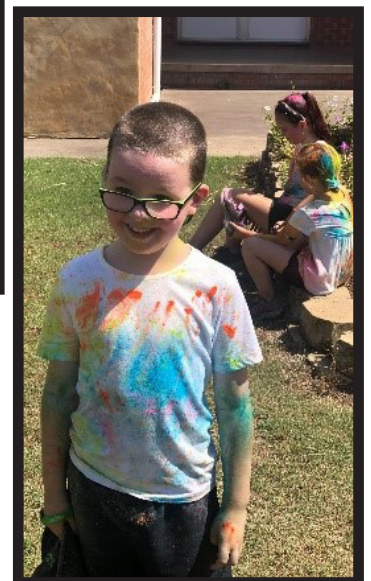
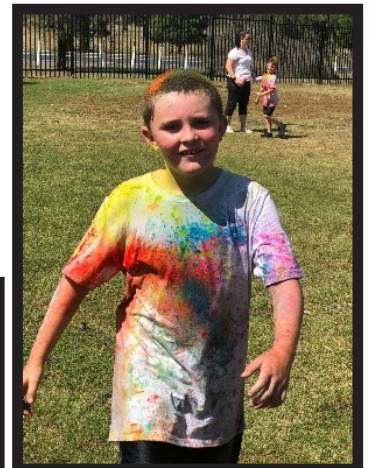
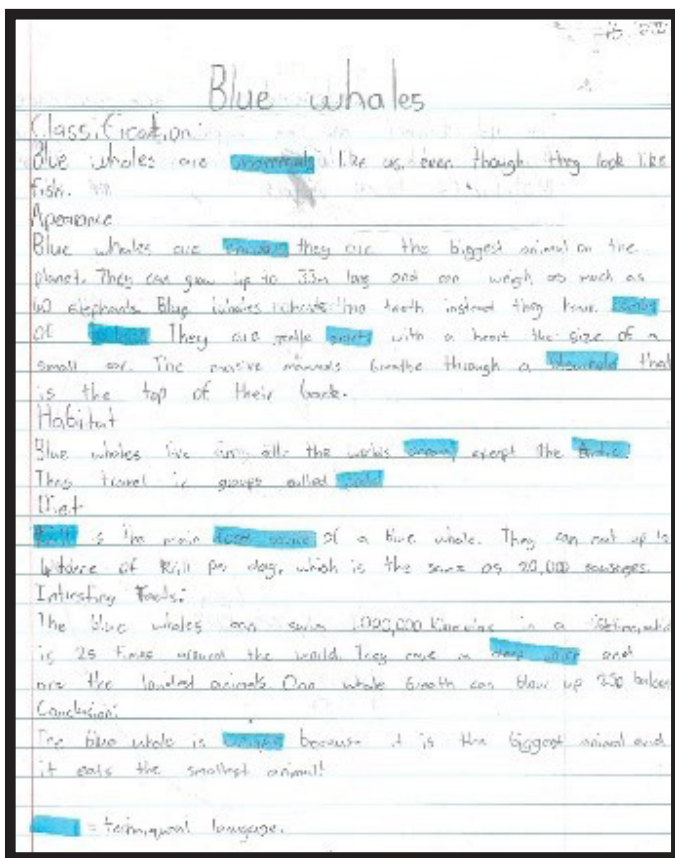
Fantastic dodging in Dodgeball and kindly showing his friends how to dodge like a pro!





## COLOUR EXPLOSION

Our annual Colour Explosion was held on Thursday October 22, and lots of fun was certainly had by all students involved. We were excited to be able to invite parents to witness the fun (socially distant from outside the yard), and although they couldn't participate, it was nice to see them enjoying their first school event since March!



### Silver Award Recipients

- Isabelle M
- Mikaela
- Eli
- Mikayla

Jane Fuiono  
Relieving Principal





# Cassilis Public School

## WELCOME TO MRS CUNNINGHAM

Cassilis is very fortunate to have Mrs Teresa (Terri) Cunningham coming to school to undertake the Relieving SAM's (Mrs Hunt's old role). Mrs Cunningham will be at Cassilis this Thursday and Friday and then will start her regular days of Mon-Wed (even weeks) and Tues-Wed (odd weeks). Mrs Cunningham comes with some wonderful experience from working at Merriwa Central.

The relieving SAM's position for 2021 will be advertised and expression of interests will be asked for in Week 7 of this Term.



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK- LEVI DAVIES

Levi has been chosen as our Student of the Week for his excellent start to his schooling at Cassilis. He showed his kind, caring and understanding nature. Levi's offer to support one of your younger students made a

positive difference in the classroom.

Levi was very respectful towards staff and students and attempted everything that was asked of him including information writing about snakes, pufflings and his Book Week character. He concentrated really well to stay on task and listened to feedback given.

Our PBL focus for last week was Be Safe - Use soft hands and Levi was very kind and gentle to everyone. He used his hands for great work in the classroom, strong climbing in the trees in the playground, careful cutting of vegetables for cooking and some impressive swinging of the golf club during sport.

Congratulations Levi. You have settled so well into our beautiful little school and you should feel very proud of yourself.

## THANK YOU AND GOODBYE TO MRS HUNT



Last Wednesday the school held a morning tea to farewell a very special lady. Mrs Hunt has been an outstanding office manager, a fabulous friend to both staff and students and a wonderful addition to our family. You will be very much missed.



## SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT WITH SUMMER

I'm very excited for this school trip because it is a great opportunity for everyone to get out and have amazing adventures and make long lasting memories. The students and staff have been planning some safe and fun things to do while we

are there. These are two possible adventures that we may be doing while we are there: camel riding and beach safety lessons with life guards. We're going to be staying at Stockton Beach Caravan Park which has an ocean view. There will be so much exploring and I can't wait for this trip!

## CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS



Students enjoyed the fun of dressing up last week as part of the CBCA Book Week. Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia



spend a week celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. Teachers and librarians conduct activities relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading.

After thinking carefully about their favourite characters, students wrote a description of their choice. Olivia, in Year 4, wrote: My character is the evil Grand High Witch out of the classic Roald Dahl story, The Witches. She hates every single child in the entire world and thinks they are all disgusting and revolting! The witch has magical powers which make people disappear and you will never see them again.



## HAVE YOU BEEN CHATTING ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S ENGINE?



To continue with the information provided in last week's newsletter, the school held the second session of the Alert Program with fabulous OT Kirsty.

### In this session, students:

- Revised the 'Just Right' song.
- Spoke about colours related to engine zones - blue is low engine, green is calm, yellow is excited and red is when your engine is running high

This may all sound a bit funny but it makes great sense and the students and staff are really responding very well to it. The better a person can regulate themselves (their engines) the better they can learn, play and behave.

Students completed an activity where they moved through a tight caterpillar tunnel made from stretchy material. When they crawled through to the end, they were given a picture of a person to match to the colour of that person's engine.

Students learnt the 'Flea Market' song which involves students listening and rubbing the parts of their body where the song tells you to do it. Touch is a great way to help calm and change





engines. If students are feeling low, it can bring them to the calm engine where their bodies work best.

Students then learnt how moving and heavy work can help their engines. Heavy work can include:

- Using the caterpillar tunnel
- Chair push ups
- Tug of war
- Wall push
- Crash and bump- crash mats, jumping
- Up and down- trampoline, jumping, hopping
- Front and back- swinging on a rocking chair
- Upside down- monkey bars, lounge, yoga
- Circles- slide, sit and spin

Ask your child to show you the strategies they were taught in class using their hands.

The Alert Program will continue this Friday.

**Katie Burgess**  
Principal

## Upper Hunter Shire Council

### SEE YOU AT THE POOLS

Swimming Pools in Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone are open from Saturday 3 October 2020.

There are changes at the pools due to NSW Government Public Health Orders (PHO) around COVID-19 restrictions including the numbers of people allowed at the pools at the same time. Rules will change if the PHOs change.

Scone and Merriwa are each limited to 72 visitors at a time, and Murrurundi 36 visitors. Group bookings are limited to 20 people. Social distancing means a 1.5 metre separation and one person per 4m<sup>2</sup> of pool space.

Please shower and put your bathers on at home and come dressed to swim, as change rooms should not be used.

Parents or designated carers (16 years of over) must supervise children up to 12 years of age.

The pools are funded by Upper Hunter Shire Council and managed by Lifeguarding Services Australia.

### OPENING HOURS (FOR OCTOBER)

#### MERRIWA OLYMPIC POOL

School Holidays/Sat/Sun/Public Holidays - 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Monday to Friday - 3.00pm - 6.00pm

#### SCONE MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

Monday - Friday - 7.00am – 6.00pm.

Saturday - 7.00am – 6.00pm.

Sunday and Public Holidays - 11.00am – 6.00pm.

#### MURRURUNDI AND DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL POOL

Monday - Sunday: 12 noon – 6.00pm.

For further information including entry fees and season passes visit <http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/our-facilities/swimming-pools.aspx>

For updates on activities including classes, contact your local pool directly or follow the Facebook page.

### **Ringer Deadline!**

*Please remember to place  
your articles*

*and advertisements into the  
Merriwa Ringer*

*by Mondays, at 12.00 noon*





## Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

### REFLECTION PENTECOST 21 – Matthew 22:34-40

If you recall last week I asked the question "What belongs to God?" This week Jesus gives the answer; "your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole mind. That's all!"

I find the above paragraph quite overwhelming. God wants so much and there seems no room for compromise – your whole heart, whole soul, whole mind. I want to negotiate this a little. 'How about you have 90% and leave me with 10% - that sounds reasonable and very generous really. But God's reply is unequivocal – 'whole 100%'. When I hear these words I am reminded of weddings I have attended and the marvel I feel as two people give themselves entirely to each other without reserve – sickness and health, richer or poorer, till death. This is 100%, whole heart, whole soul and whole mind. Love makes such total surrender both desirable and possible.

Perhaps this is what this Gospel is expressing. God desires us with such 100% love and wants us to respond to this love wholeheartedly. Again I consider marriage offers the best image of such mutual self giving and receiving. Part of the problem with God's love is that it seems so unbelievable. How could God possibly love me 100% when my life is so messy; parts of it I don't like, so how can I expect God to like it. Surely God likes the good bits, the successful bits, the public bits. But then I come back to the marriage commitment and the Gospel words. Love means the whole of me; richer or poorer, good times and bad; whole heart, whole soul, whole mind. (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM)

**Love and blessings, from Rev Pat.**

#### DIARY DATES

Eucharist each Sunday at 9.00am. Rev. Anastasia is here second and fourth Sundays and I will attend Eucharist the alternate weeks. All are welcome.

Eucharist each Friday at 10.00am and we are back to Hospital and Hostel alternate weeks. Hallelujah! We can take communion to both places!

**Rev Pat Kirkby**

**Merriwa Ringer**

## Merriwa Rotary BACK TO THE BARBEQUES!



It felt a little like old times, with liberated Rotarians once again allowed to serve the public at a barbeque. We were delighted to help the drought/flood assistance gathering at the Showground with the work commencing at 8.30, gathering up the BBQ gear and all the essential supplies....meat from Max our local butcher and a mass of other supplies pre-ordered and ready to go at Merriwa IGA.

It was a well planned, well supported event. Compliments to the organisers and to the many who manned (Can I still say that?) the various Information and counselling stalls. We had the temerity to offer meat-free burgers, which were treated with universal disdain, would you believe?

In true Merriwa spirit, a chap who is not a member of our club, sensed the pressure we were under and stepped in to help. He stayed for several hours. It was much appreciated,

His photo appears in this in this bulletin.



Any guesses?

Our Club will now move on to organising our next major event.....catering for lunch for the more than 200 participants in the Variety Club Bash in mid November...a far greater challenge than usual in these days of Covid 19.

**Mark Smith**



# Community Notice Board

## Merriwa Pony Club

### NOTICE OF AGM

Merriwa Pony Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday November 10, 2020 at 6.00pm at the Merriwa RSL Club.

All positions will be declared open.

**De Patterson**

## Merriwa Combined Churches

### CAROLS IN THE PARK

The Combined Christian churches of merriwa wishes to advise that we will not be holding the annual Carols in the Park this year due to the ongoing health restrictions required by the nsw health department...

This is most a most unfortunate outcome and look forward to the event being staged in 2021 when it is hoped that the covet 19 restrictions will be lifted ..

**Cr. Ron Campbell**  
Convenor

## Merriwa Senior Citizens Association

We are hoping we may be able to start having our meetings again, subject to covid 19 regulations, or at least a small get together.

Please contact the President Sue on 6548 2128 or Mary on 6548 2383 to let us know what you think about moving forward.

**Mary O'Neill**

### Ringer Deadline!

*Please remember to place  
your articles*

*and advertisements into the  
Merriwa Ringer*

by Mondays, at 12.00 noon

## Merriwa CWA

We had our Annual General Meeting last week and here are our new executives are:

**PRESIDENT:** Barbara Campbell

**SECRETARY:** Kim Clydsdale

**TREASURER:** Vicki Hanson

**VICE PRESIDENTS:** Robyn McAlister, Paulette Bakker.

### HUNTER RIVER GROUP EDUCATION GRANTS:

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

We wish all the Year 12 students good luck with their HSC exams starting next week.

### OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Monday November 9, 2020 at 10.00am at the CWA rooms. 159 Bettington Street, Merriwa.

New members are always welcome. So why not drop in and say hello.

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**Kim Clydsdale**

The Merriwa Community News is available to charity groups or non-funded, not for profit organisations and anyone wishing to advise of a special event (birthday/anniversary/etc). If you would like to make use of this free service, please contact us before 12.00noon on Mondays.



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### OUTBACK TRAVEL MAGAZINE

- 30 Classic experiences; East Coast Tassie, Flinders Ranges, Victorian Alps, Darling River, Outback Queensland, Kimberley and The Top End!
- Rock steady; Uluru and Kata Tjuta resonate strongly with visitors to the heart of Australia. There is no denying the majesty of Uluru and for thousands of years it has held deep significance for the Anangu people and is at the heart of their Tjukurpa which is the spiritual and structural framework of their worldview.

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**Megan Moore**





# A Walk Down Memory Lane

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**Photo 1** St Matthias Church - pg 2

**Photo 2** Ab's Hut

**Photo 3** Pictured is the back of the fountain, the grassed area is where a hole was excavated and the remains from the old Catholic cemetery were interred when the swimming was excavated. Only the remains which were uncovered were removed, the others were left undisturbed in the ground

**Photo 4** The grassed area between the

hedge and the trees is where I dug up the foundation stones of the old church while preparing a garden bed.



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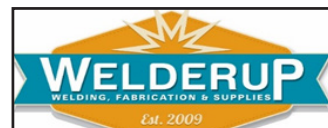
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## MERRIWA



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## MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Get involved in influencing decisions on matters that affect the whole local community

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# 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 times may vary a little.

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

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**

# Merriwa Sports Club

## BINGO

No bingo for the time being.

## BOWLS

Casual Bowls available.

Twilight bowls started Friday October 23. Starting at 5.30pm, \$5.00 per person.

## GOLF

Casual Golf available. Donations in honesty box.

## CHINESE SMORGASBORD RESTAURANT

Honki Haus Restaurant closed Mondays and Tuesday Open for dinner Wednesday to Saturday 4.30pm to 8.00pm

Sunday Dinners 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Open for lunch Saturday and Sunday 12noon to 2.00pm

For bookings and take away – 0460 817 606

## WEEKEND RESULTS

**Saturday Raffle** - Saturday Raffles, tickets on sale from 6.30pm, draw starts at 7.30pm, limited prizes due to covid and social distancing.

## 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.

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

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# Merriwa Junior Rugby League

Our Annual General Meeting was held Sunday October 25. It was disappointing to see not many attended when we have eager Junior Magpies ready to play in 2021, they need a committee!

The following positions were filled:

**President** – VACANT

**Snr Vice President** – Bernard Constable

**Jnr Vice President** – Matt Mead

**Secretary** – VACANT

**Treasurer** – VACANT

**Registrar** – VACANT

**Canteen Coordinator** – Jane Constable

**Publicity Officer** - VACANT

An EGM has been set on Thursday November 5, Merriwa RSL@6.30pm.

Please consider taking on a role to get our Junior Magpies on the paddock in 2021. These positions NEED to be filled at the EGM or the club will sit out 2021. After 50yrs+ of Merriwa Junior League in our community it would be a great shame to see that happen after sitting out of the 2020 season.

If you have any questions about any of the roles on the committee please get in contact, there is plenty of help on offer, it's not that daunting!

A massive thank you to our outgoing committee members for your hard work and dedication to our club, it is greatly appreciated!

**Fiona Morgan**

# Merriwa Swimming Club

Merriwa Swimming Club will be starting back this Tuesday November 4 at 4.30pm. This will be our first Registration and Training Day.

Registration must be completed and logged before taking part Tuesday afternoon. If you are having difficulty with your child's registration then please come along Tuesday and we will assist you with the process.

This is also the time that you will meet our new coach and mentor Matt Dean.

Training days will be Tuesday and Thursday at 4.30pm and will be held under the Swimming NSW/Lifesaving Australia guidelines. These guidelines will also be used to follow rules surrounding the Covid 19 rules and regulations.

For any further information you can contact Olivia Gear on 0438 188 196 or Donna on 0402 668 270.

**Donna Thorley**



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