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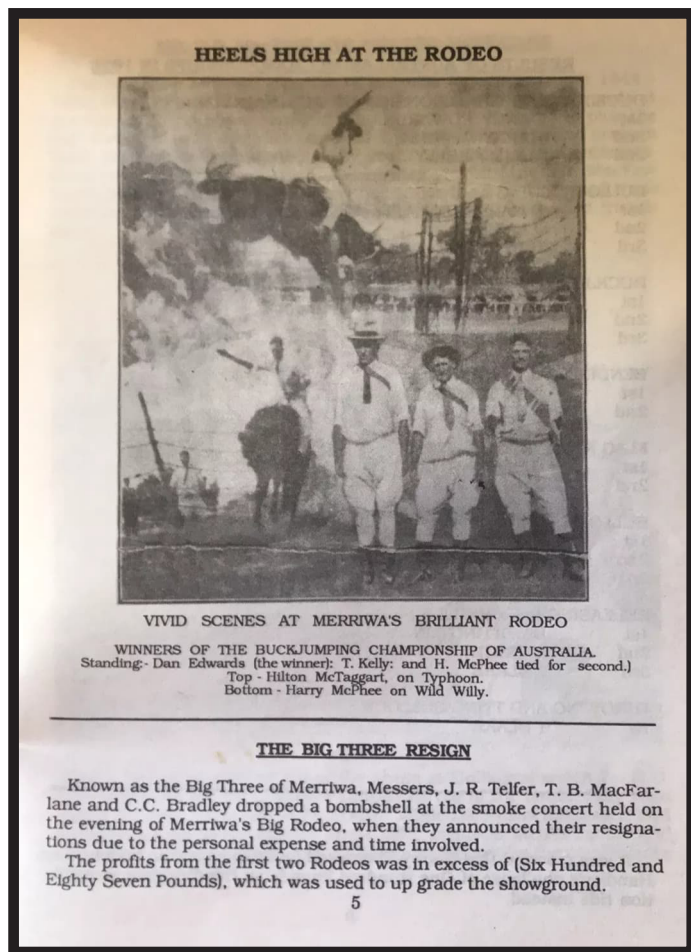
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A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

THE MERRIWA RODEO



The winner of the premier event, the buckjump was Dan Edwards of Newcastle with the two runner ups tying for equal second, Harry McPhee and Tommy Kelly.

About 20 years ago, I heard an interview on Radio 2NM with an old buckjump rider by the name of Danny Edwards who said he won the buckjump at a little town called Merriwa. The first prize was £100 which was paid by cheque. He lamented the fact he couldn't cash a cheque of that amount so he could go and celebrate the win with his mates.

When I became interested in our history, I asked Kim Clydsdale if she could find any information on the Merriwa Rodeo and Danny Edwards and it seems there has been a lot written and can be sourced on Trove. At the time of the radio interview, Danny was 98 years of age and went on to live to 104 years. It seems that it was a forgotten piece of history.

For the big event, the 1929 Australasian Championship, Flight Officer Thomas entertained the crowd in a Gypsy Moth aeroplane and gave an exhibition of looping the loop, spinning nosedives and other wonderful evolutions to the amazement of the spectators, while high powered motor cars engaged in speed tests and fancy driving stunts. Also a first, the programme

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Merriwa held it's first rodeo on Wednesday March 21, 1928. Quite a lot of planning went into the Rodeo and the secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society, Colonel Somerville was in attendance. He said the object of his visit to Merriwa was to gather information relating to the Rodeo, so that at some future date, a similar feature might be introduced into the Royal Agricultural Society's schedule. The rodeo went ahead and was such a success, the following year, the Australasian Championship was held at Merriwa on Wednesday March 13, 1929 with riders from the eastern states and New Zealand.

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Merriwa Central School

Deputy Principal's Report

NAIDOC WEEK - NOVEMBER 8 TO 15

Always Was, Always Will Be.



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

Always Was, Always Will Be. recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists. Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge. Always Was, Always Will Be. acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future. NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula. NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country - a history which dates back thousands of generations. It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.

Always Was, Always Will Be.



TRANSITION

Year 6 have successfully completed three days of transition activities. Thanks to Mrs Sansom who will be the Year 7 2021 Year Adviser for organising the Transition Program. Students have completed activities across a range of subjects including - Visual Art, History, Geography, English, Mathematics, STEM, Science, Timber, Agriculture and Food.

Sharon Kenaly
Deputy Principal

Primary

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

KINDERGARTEN

Oliver Strachan - Outstanding writing



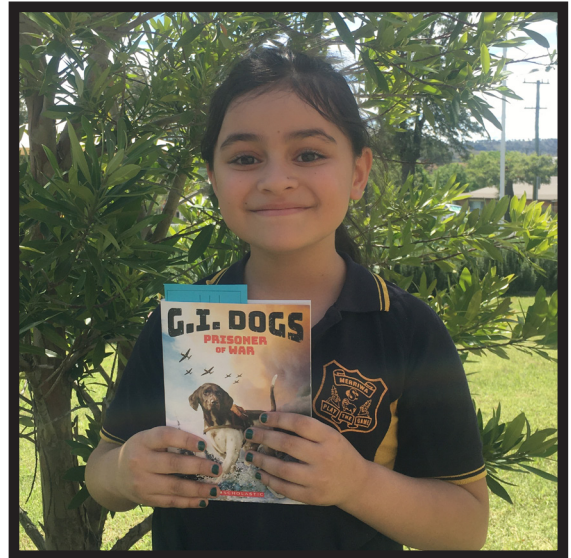
YEAR 1

Holly Martin – A polite class member



YEAR 2/3

Winter Fetoai – For responsible and hardworking class member



YEAR 3/4

Jai Wright – A respectful and responsible student



YEAR 4/5

Mia Horvath-Richards – Working independently, respectfully and confidently in class



YEAR 5/6

Caitlin Harrison – Enthusiastic skipping



SILVER AWARD

Bailey Morgan, Kayden Milgate, Nicole Tudor,
Seraphina Denning, Pavishna Uthayasangar



BRONZE AWARD

Jacob Sawley, Claire Bidner, Joshua Sawley,
Sophia Circosta



CLASS OF THE WEEK

Kinder - Enthusiastic and improved skipping.



MINI LIT CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Ruby Kneeves, Conner Mead



Primary Report

Last week brought about many changes for the primary campus. All classes have now settled into new routines and are continuing their learning. We thank parents for their support in making this a smooth and seamless transition.

While we know the weather is heating up and our students are very active primary students are reminded that if they wish to bring deodorant to school, it needs to be roll on. Students with asthma can be affected by aerosol spray deodorants and as such cannot be brought to school by students.

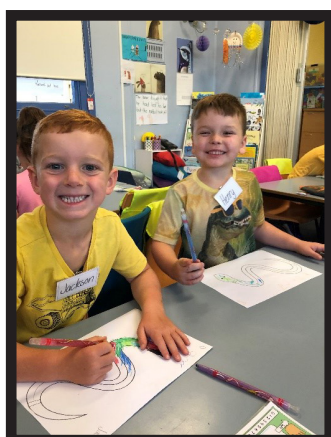
Jenna North
Relieving Assistant Principal


KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

This week we welcomed back our new Kindergarten Transition students to the school. It was a fun-filled morning, with students playing games in the sunshine with their older buddies and enjoying the play equipment. Students also joined in with our NAIDOC Week celebrations by reading 'The Rainbow Serpent' and creating their own colourful snakes. It was an exciting morning as our Kindergarten Transition students also joined us for recess. They had a great time eating morning tea with their class and buddies, and played beautifully together during the break time.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again next week, where students will attend from 9.15am to 1.45pm. Students will need to please bring fruit break, recess, lunch, water bottle and hat.

See you then!



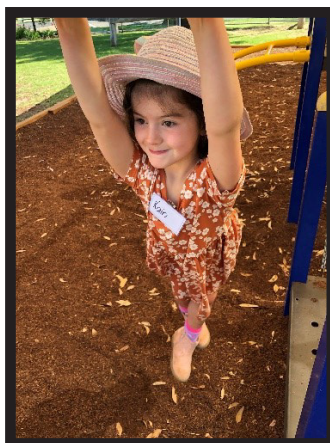


PRIMARY CANTEEN

The canteen staff wish to advise that the Primary canteen will be closed on Mondays 2021 due to the lack of volunteers.

This will not change the Secondary Canteen's open days.

Jill Carrall



Emma Garbellini

Merriwa Ringer

Secondary

YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Last Thursday, November 5, Year 6 students participated in Day 2 of the Transition program.

Students found themselves more independent moving from class to class and navigating their way to classrooms. Students felt more confident and excited to sample different subjects and experience new subjects they may not be familiar with.

Students engaged in every lesson and were able to interact with the other cohorts at lunch.

See the pictures below of the activities students participated in.



Anna Sansom
Year 7 Adviser 2021

SALT GIRLS IN TRADES WORKSHOP

On Thursday November 5 twenty students from Merriwa Central School Years 6-10 who were interested in a potential trade career were able to work alongside five female tradies to investigate the carpentry industry.

SALT is a government funded initiative to encourage female students to pursue a career in a trade related industry. As we had a few places still available on the day a few of our Year 6 and 7 boys were also able to participate.

Each trade person worked intensively with five students at their own work station while they build a box. It was a great day despite the weather and students were able to ask questions and investigate what it was like to be a female working in a traditionally male dominated industry. At the end of the day all students had a completed project to take home.



Jane Hegarty

Merriwa Ringer

CAREER NEWS

UNSW Art and Design 2020 A and D Annual Website and Exhibition Exhibition Open to Public - December 9 – 19, 2020

This year the A and D ANNUAL will be presented as both a website and exhibition celebrating the work of graduating students from art, design and media arts.

The exhibition will take place at UNSW Galleries and Kudos Gallery. Alongside the exhibition a website will be launched allowing all graduating students to participate and promote their work.

The A&D ANNUAL is the largest national showcase of graduate contemporary art and design, launching the next generation of artists, designers, makers and digital media creators.

It encompasses installation, animation, digital media and film, visual communication and graphic design, painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, sound, furniture and jewellery, textile design, design for social innovation, ceramics and more.

In 2020, we present the work of more than 150 practitioners across the entire of UNSW Galleries and online. <https://artdesign.unsw.edu.au/unsw-galleries/ad-annual-20>

University of Melbourne Girls Do Jazz Online Workshop November 8 to December 13. 11.00am

Girls Do Jazz is a series of online workshops presented by the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and run weekly over six Sundays in Semester 2, 2020.



As you have recently enquired about our Music program, we wanted to let you know about a series of workshops you or someone you know may be interested in. These workshops are designed for female and non-binary vocalists and instrumentalists (secondary school age and young adults) all around Australia who are interested in gaining insight and experience in jazz and improvised music. <https://study.unimelb.edu.au/connect-with-us/events-for-future-students/all-events-listing/girls-do-jazz-series>

1 on 1 Creative Careers Advice for Students

The Creative Careers and Pathways Advisors team at JMC Academy are available for 1 on 1 sessions with high-school students (Years 9-11), parents and Career Advisors/Practitioners, to discuss pathways into one of JMC's many Diplomas and Degrees, that can help set students on the right path. For more info : <https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/teachers/creative-scope/creative-careers-advice>

University of Sydney - Infinite Pathways: Maths Career Days/March 8 and May 12, 2021 Year 9 and 10

Students will hear from our top mathematicians about their hottest research topics and how they got to where they are. They will also explore what it is like to study mathematics at university and wide range of career pathways.

Are you the next Tech Girl Super Hero?

In the signature program of the Tech Girls Movement, the Search for the Next Tech Girl Superhero, girls from 7-17 yo in Australia and New Zealand form a team and enter the competition. They are then matched with a female tech mentor who meets weekly with them for 12 weeks. Teams identify a problem in their local community to solve, then research and document a solution in a business plan, build a working app prototype and pitch it in a public video. <https://searchforthenexttechgirlsuperhero.org/>

2021 Key Dates <https://www.techgirlsmovement.org/competition/key-dates/>

2020 Competition Winners See Here: <https://www.techgirlsmovement.org/competition/>

UNSW LIVESTREAM BusinessThink Rising Stars Webinar Series

November 18. 12.00 noon

UNSW Business School is thrilled to launch the inaugural BusinessThink Rising Stars Webinar Series in August 2020.

This four-part series aims to put the business school's rising stars and their new ideas in the spotlight. Our new generation of academic thought leaders engages with the big themes and challenges of our time. Hosted and championed by Frederik Anseel, Associate Dean Research, this webinar series provides you with a unique opportunity to learn about those emerging ideas that business and society will be talking about in the next years. <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/businessthink-rising-stars-webinar-series>

William Angliss Institute Scholarships are open for applications! Closes November 26

William Angliss Institute offers a range of Scholarships (valued up to \$4000) to provide educational opportunities and financial assistance to support commencing and existing students in achieving their career ambitions. Students can apply for scholarships under two categories: Merit and Equity. For more details visit <https://angliss.edu.au>

Love Horses? Applications are now open!

Applications are now open for the February intake of the 2021 Explorer Program allowing students to learn about and experience the world-leading Australian Thoroughbred Industry over 12 months and get paid while they are doing it. This is the opportunity of a lifetime, for more information go to: <https://tbindustry careers.com.au/overview/>

Defence Information Sessions

- Women in Defence Virtual Info November 9
- Trade Careers Virtual Info Session November 9
- Canberra: Defence Careers Info November 10
- Sydney: Navy Careers Info Session November 10
- Armidale: Army Reserve Info Session November 10
- Indigenous Careers Virtual Info Session November 10
- Defence Careers Virtual Info Session November 11

- Navy Careers Virtual Info Session November 11
- Air Force Careers Virtual Info Session November 11
- ADFA Virtual Info Session November 12
- Wollongong: Trade Careers Info Session 12
- Army Officer Virtual Info Session November 12
- Army Reserve Virtual Info Session November 12

See all your options on the calendar here: <https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events>

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor

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



Cassilis Public School

Cassilis Public School acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands on which we are given the opportunity to teach our students. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Sunday marked the start of NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week. This year's theme Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

Students and staff will be completing many rich experiences this week focused on increasing understanding and knowledge of this unique and valuable history.

On Wednesday November 18 we are very excited to welcome Renee Holsworth to school. She is a Kamilaroi woman and will lead the children in some physical activities and games for NAIDOC week.

Cassilis is extremely lucky to have Ralph Naden coming to school on Friday November 20. He is an extraordinary Indigenous elder from the Central West and won the Elder of the Year at the 2019 Dreamtime awards last year. This full-day experience for the staff and students promises to be awesome and we can't wait to see Ralph!

Another reason why Cassilis is very lucky because our P and C were successful in securing a grant from the Upper Hunter Shire Council as part of their Cultural Activity Grants to assist local, non-profit organisations develop community skills and resources for cultural projects, events and equipment. This great will cover the cost of Ralph's visit as well as the creation of a yarnning circle (similar to the image below) and the purchase of a yarnning circle mat.

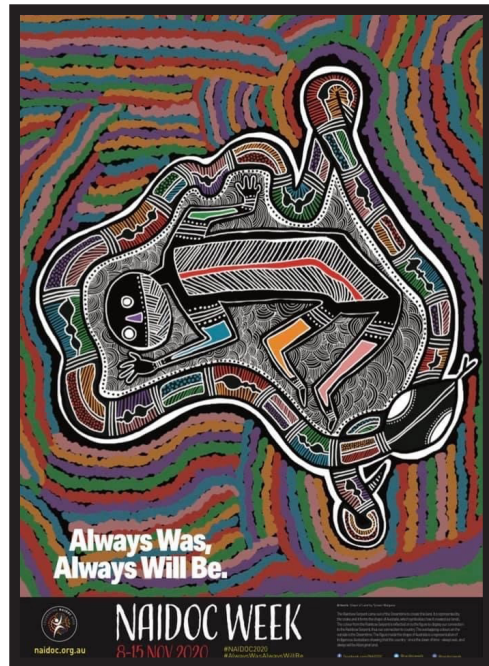


Image credit: 2020 National NAIDOC Poster designed by Tyrown Waigana, a Noongar and Saibai Islander man.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Remembrance Day is November 11. Australians will observe one minute of silence at 11.00am, the time when both sides signed the ceasefire document and the fighting stopped. More than 60,000 Australians died during World War I.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK- OLIVIA HARTLEY





Congratulations to Olivia who has earned the Student of the Week for her positive attitude, efforts in learning and respectful behaviour.

Olivia is a thoughtful and genuinely kind student who brings a calmness to the classroom. She is always obliging when

asked to help in anyway and is respectful to all students and staff. Olivia completes her work to her best and challenges herself to learn more.

She wears her uniform to school each day with pride and is organised and ready for learning.

Our PBL focus last week was be an active learner and Olivia participated in all areas of school including the video workshop where she showed her acting talents, ability to follow instructions and willingness to try something new.

You should feel very proud of yourself, Olivia. Well done.

OUR LUCKY LIBRARY

Last Tuesday, Mrs Nairne completed a full-day online training course all about our library system, Oliver. She described it as an excellent learning opportunity and worked long after school had closed to complete the tasks given. Thank you for your dedication to our library, Mrs Nairne. It is a wonderful resource that our school has.

STOCKTON BEACH, HERE WE COME

It is wonderful to see all notes returned for our school excursion. Planning will hopefully be completed this week so the itinerary and 'What to bring' list can be sent home next week.

ALERT PROGRAM

Unfortunately Kirsty couldn't attend our school last Friday to continue this program. She will hopefully be able to come both this Friday and next Friday to complete the program. It is having wonderful results both in the classroom and at home. Don't forget to keep talking to your child about their engine at home and talk to them about how your engine is running and what you can do to either calm yourself or lift your engine up.

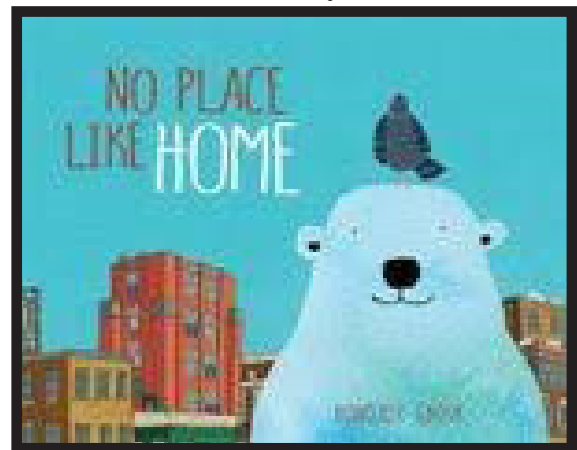
SO MANY PATTERNS

Students are learning more about patterns and algebra this week in maths. Check out the pattern which Cooper made. It is an ABC pattern because it uses three different objects before it repeats.

WELCOME TO CASSILIS, EARLY BIRDS



It was wonderful last Thursday to have Levi and Tarsha come and join our school family.



Both students had a lovely morning in the classroom and were joined by our Kindergarten student, Cooper. We played, listened to the story 'There's no place like home', painted a polar bear, and experimented with melting ice. Our Early Birds return this Thursday for more play.

Levi said that the polar bear's home would melt if it got hot.

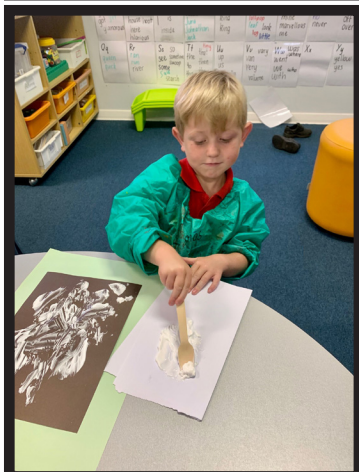


We would love it if you could support us to support your child's healthy development by avoiding sending "Sometimes or party/food" to school, please.

Items to avoid include:

- Chips
- Confectionary

Thank you for your help!



GIVE YOUR CHAMPION KID CHAMPION FOOD IN THEIR LUNCHBOX

Please help us support your child. Cassilis promotes nutritious and healthy eating whilst at school. It's the best thing for our engines.



We also know that a healthy diet promotes learning, concentration and regulation... and so much more!

We, therefore, encourage you to provide your child with "Everyday" or "Champion Food" and drink at school.

"Champion" food and drink helps us to learn, grow and be the best we can be – 'CHAMPIONS'!

A guide to identifying "Champion" food is:

- those foods that are whole (not processed),
- low in preservatives, salt and sugar.

Water is the best drink to hydrate and help us grow. Please fill drink bottles with this 'Champion Drink = WATER!



Katie Burgess
Principal



St Joseph's Primary School

STAGE ONE'S CLASSROOM ADVENTURES

What a wonderful start to Term Four we have had. Stage One have been looking at a range of topics this term including persuasive texts, caring for our earth, built and natural environments and, at the moment our focus for religion is Jesus and the early church.



Our topic 'convince me' in English has been very interesting with students writing a range of texts including letters and speeches. These texts have been written on a broad range of topics including students convincing their parents to get an exotic animal as a pet, convincing me why schools should not have school uniforms and on the odd occasion convincing me why we should have free time in the classroom (they're still trying at that one). Students have been looking at deconstructing persuasive texts and focusing on what words or phrases are most convincing, such as using the word need instead of want, Love instead of like or must instead of maybe. I can assure you they will be ready to convince you of anything by the time they are done.

This term in Religion, students have been learning about the start of Christianity as well as looking at all the different parts of the Bible. Students have read many gospel stories about the early church and about Jesus. In the last part of the term students will be learning about Advent and Christmas and what that means in the Catholic Church. Students will learn that Christmas is a special time to gather together as God's family and share in the 'good news' of Jesus' birth.

Throughout our HSIE topic this term, Stage One have been learning all about the natural and

built features of the school grounds and local neighbourhood. In doing this, students have been learning all about the features of maps and exploring mapping technology such as Google Earth. Students were very intrigued with the technology of Google Earth exploring such places as Disney Land Anaheim, Hong Kong, Tasmania and finally Merriwa.



All of St Joseph's have been very busy practising for our annual school play. Stage One have been busy with three scenes to work on and as well as a dance. All students have absolutely loved this experience and I'm sure will do excellent on the day of the play. This will be available as a video for parents to access. This year our annual school play will be presented differently compared to previous years, due to restrictions. This change, however, matches in well with our overall theme of COVID-19. Students have had the privilege of Anna Kerrigan visiting to develop the scenes with students as well as Montana Doyle to teach them their dances.



Gymnastic has had everyone excited at school including the teachers. Students have had the privilege to be able to learn a range of skills including a forward roll, cartwheel, hand stands and work on the gymnastics equipment. This has been lots of fun for students and of course even prompted some teachers to show their own

gymnastic moves. In the last half of the term, students from Kinder-Year 6 will be participating in swimming lessons during sport time, with our annual school swimming carnival to conclude the lessons.



Sammie Love
Class Teacher

WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week Four – Character Strength – Humour

Kindergarten - Daniel Dallas – for his friendly smile, sense of humour and fun, helping others to revel in the joy of life

Stage 1 - Jeff Charlton – for his positive attitude and outstanding improvement in writing

Stage 2 - Lilly Towell – for her perseverance when learning to trust the count and her ability to apply this to addition questions during our Maths bee

Sean Evans – for always making those around him smile and laugh with his infectious sense of humour

Stage 3 - William Collins - for always seeing the bright side of life and enjoying humour in his school life

Levi Hourn - for asking questions during data which demonstrated reflective thinking to gain a deeper understanding of the data presented

Principal's Awards - Charlie Barry - for her excellent efforts in all learning areas

Jeremy Hopkins - for for an outstanding research project on the Sun in Science





Anglican News

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REFLECTION PENTECOST 24 - Matthew 25:14-30

Today's parable continues on from last Sunday's and has a similar theme. The Master has gone away and returns after a long time. For Matthew's community it has been a long time since Jesus' resurrection. And of course, we are in the same situation. Two thousand years have passed and in that time it is easy to forget that Jesus will return.

The Master's anger is directed at the servant who simply hid what he had received. He had not made use of it. Just buried it away and played safe. These could well be the Christians of Matthew's community who have lost the sense of urgency about the Gospel message. They received the message but have just put it aside and got on with their daily lives. The message lies dormant.

The parable is unsettling. It's not as if the servant stole the money or squandered it recklessly. He just didn't do anything with it. In the introductory rites of the Eucharist we ask forgiveness 'for what I have done, and what I have failed to do.' This last phrase is the point of the parable. What have I failed to do? Living Christianity is not simply avoiding evil; there is the other demand on us that we actually contribute, that we act in ways that promote Gospel values. Did we help out someone in need? Did we do something about an injustice? Did we put the gifts we have been given at the service of Jesus? What will the Master say to us when he returns? (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM)

Love and blessings, from Rev Pat.

DIARY DATES

I can't believe its half-way through November and it will soon be Advent then Christmas. I will be here with Reflections till Christmas, but will hang up my stole then and retire. I will miss you all, but its time to retire so I will do that. I have loved my time with you.

Don't forget, Sundays at 9.00am - Eucharist at Holy Trinity. Fridays at 10.00am - Eucharist at Holy Trinity. We are back also at the MPS and Gummun Place again at 11.00am.

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

It is good to be able to report that the toilet block in the playgrounds has been finished and the block is now open for use.

This Rotary project commenced in 2004 with the conversion of the abandoned basketball court into the skate park. Over the years, expansion of the area has continued, with the construction of the two playgrounds at the top, with the subsequent shade protection and fencing being added.

Adult exercise equipment was added and the Skate Bowl completed, with financing of the Bowl coming from a State government grant, as well as a concrete path connecting all the features.

Next on the agenda is a new tennis practice wall adjoining the skate park, as well as more tables and seating to accommodate the ever-increasing number of travellers who are using the area as a very inviting stopover point on the Golden Highway.... with the big advantage of safe, easy parking, thanks to the width of the KGV Ave section of the highway.

See you all on your skate boards!

Mark Smith



Ringer Deadline!

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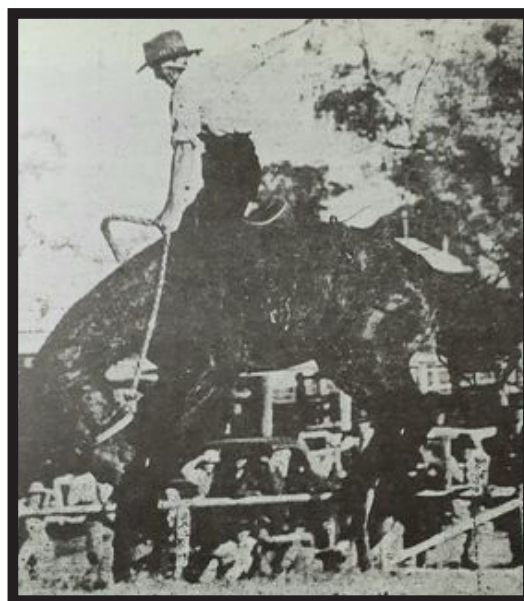
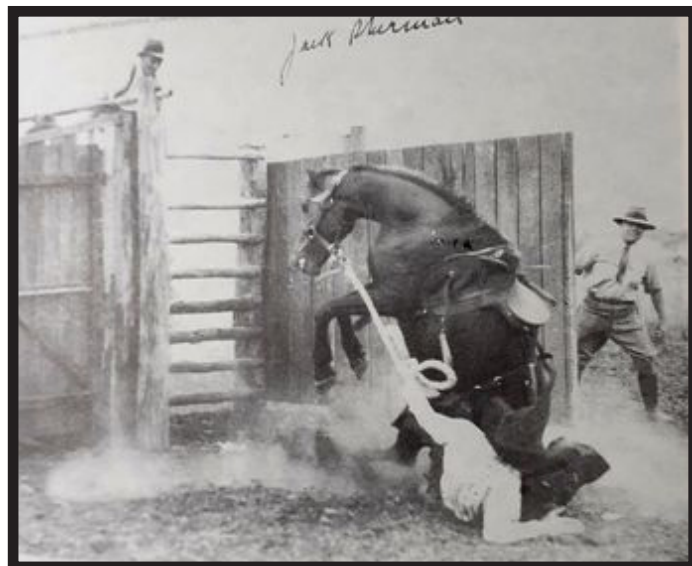
was broadcast from the arena from a venue outside Sydney by NSW Broadcasting Co. Ltd. The company's well known racing commissioner, Mr Mick Ferry being at the microphone. In further information I have just become aware of, Kevin Shannon was also announcing at the Historic 1929 Rodeo. I have been searching for a photo of Danny Edwards before writing this story and I was shown a copy of a booklet yesterday compiled by Sue Ninness, a granddaughter of Mr J R Telfer and sponsored by "Ceda Limited" in 1988 titled Bi-Centennial Australia Campdraft and Rodeo Championship, a re-enactment for Australia's Bi-Centennial.

The photo located on page 2 was found in the booklet of Danny Edwards, Harry McPhee and Tommy Kelly after the event is included in this article.

The live broadcast on the day was made possible by a supporter of the Rodeo, Mr Thomas Hogan of Brindley Park personally hired a telephone line from Merriwa to Sydney for the day so the proceedings could be broadcast live over 2FC.

Before Merriwa hosted the Rodeo in 1928, rodeo shows used to travel the country, putting on exhibitions by people like Tom Handley with his troop of riders and horses. Locals would have been encouraged to try their luck. In those days, the local show was held on Tuesday and the Rodeo the following day. Tom Handley's bucking stock were used with steers being sourced from local stations.

Information sourced by Kim Clydsdale on Trove.



Pictures beide and above are sourced from Rodeos held in the 1940's



Mr. Kevin SHANNON

Further information and photo located on page 2 courtesy of Linda Bradshaw (nee Walmsley) and Anne-Maree Campbell.

Ringer for Term 4

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Pasture and Grazing Management Workshops

Monday -Tuesday 30 November-1 December 9am-4pm -- Scone
Wednesday -Thursday 16-17 December 9am-4pm -- Merriwa



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Hunter Local Land Services
Anthea Slack
anthea.slack@lls.nsw.gov.au

Ph 0408 563 736

Catering provided (free)



facebook.com/hunterlls

<https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-regions/hunter>

This project is supported by Hunter LLS, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and Halls Creek Catchment Program through Glencore Australia.



Local Land
Services

GLENCORE

Get the most out of your pastures! Come along to one of our FREE two-day workshops to hear from Judi Earl of Agricultural Information and Monitoring Services about how to manage your native pastures and grazing to improve profitability and environmental condition of the landscape. You will learn about:

- Plant growth and pasture dynamics
- Efficient use of water
- Soil and soil nutrients
- Feed budgeting
- Land planning (Scone) or pasture management in Box Gum Grassy Woodlands (Merriwa)

The workshops will include a series of information sessions as well as a practical, outdoor component at a local property to look at pasture growth and condition. Due to COVID-19, restrictions places are limited so be sure to get in quick!

**Monday 30 November 2020– Tuesday 1 December
9.00am – 4.00pm, Scone***

OR

**Wednesday 16 December 2020– Thursday 17 December
9.00am – 4.00pm, Merriwa***

**Venue details provided to confirmed registrations*

Book your place: <https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/pasture-and-grazing-management-workshop/>

THIS EVENT IS COVID-19 SAFE.

Numbers are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

All confirmed registrations will be required to complete a pre event checklist and comply with COVID-19 requirements.



Re-vegetation and planting workshop

Wednesday 18 November 2020, Sandy Hollow 9:30am-2:30pm



A practical guide to successful native planting on your property

This re-vegetation and planting workshop will provide you with practical skills in planning and sourcing the right plants, and using the right equipment to undertake a native planting program on your property. We will outline the various aspects of planting and re-vegetation, including:

- Site assessment (e.g. vegetation type, soils, waterways, weed management)
- Identifying your goals and developing an appropriate design
- Selecting the right plants
- Selecting the right planting methods
- Plant maintenance

RSVP By 16 November 2020. Register your place and more info at <https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/uh-revegetation-planting-workshop/>

A packed lunch will be provided on the day. For the planting demonstration please bring a hat, gloves, sun screen and water bottle and wear sturdy shoes.

Location: Sandy Hollow Hall, Sandy Hollow

Time: 9:30am -2:30pm

Date: 18 November 2020



Contact

Hunter Local Land Services

Kath McLoughlin

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Catherine Conroy

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This project is supported by Hunter LLS, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.



Local Land
Services



Hunter Local Land Services

Communications technology is constantly updating and with the new advances, our contact phone number for the Local Land Services office at Merriwa has changed. The new direct phone number is: (02) 6549 8600.

Your local Merriwa LLS office is open Monday to Wednesday each week. Calls will be answered from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday with diversions in place when the office is unattended.

Hunter Local Land Services staff can also be contacted via:

Phone: 1300 795 299
Email: admin.hunter@lls.nsw.gov.au
Facebook: facebook.com/HunterLLS
Website: www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/hunter

Maria Cameron

Hunter Local Land Services are back running face-to-face events in the Upper Hunter under strict COVID-19 restrictions. There are a number of upcoming events that may be of interest to Merriwa Ringer readers, a Revegetation and Planting workshop at the Sandy Hollow Community Hall on Wednesday November 18, an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Due Diligence Training opportunity held at Gundy Hall, and on November 19 and a Myths about Mistletoe in Merriwa on November 28. Later in November/December, there are also opportunities to attend Pasture and Grazing Management workshops with Dr. Judi Earl.

You can register here:

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	REGISTRATION
Re-vegetation and Planting Workshop	Sandy Hollow Community Hall, Sandy Hollow	18 th November	https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/uh-revegetation-planting-workshop/
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Due Diligence Training	Gundy Hall, Gundy	19 th November	https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-due-diligence-gundy/
Myths About Mistletoe and Woodland Birds Habitat Workshop	Merriwa School of Arts Hall, Merriwa	28 th November	Email: catherine.conroy@lls.nsw.gov.au
Pasture and Grazing Management - Scone	Scone TAFE	30 th November 1 st December	https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/pasture-and-grazing-management-workshop/
Pasture and Grazing Management - Merriwa	Merriwa School of Arts Hall, Merriwa	16 th December 17 th December	https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/pasture-and-grazing-management-workshop/

If you would like any further information or help with the registration process please phone Kath McLoughlin, Hunter Local Land Services Community Engagement Officer- Upper Hunter 0427 151 092.

FIRST FALL ARMYWORM DETECTED IN HUNTER

Landholders and producers have been urged to be on the lookout for signs of damage and the presence of fall armyworm larvae in crops following the first detection of the pest in the Hunter.

Hunter Local Land Services (LLS) Pastures Officer David Deane said fall armyworm larvae was found at a property near East Maitland.

"This is the first detection of fall armyworm in the Hunter and we need all growers throughout the region to be vigilant, and keep an eye out for signs of fall armyworm," Mr Deane said.

"The best thing landholders can do to reduce the spread and impact of this pest is to identify the signs and symptoms early, and report any suspect cases as quickly as possible – that's how this detection came about.

"Landholders should be looking for windowing of leaves where larvae have hatched and small shot holes as leaves expand, caused by larvae feeding in the developing leaf whorl."

"While this pest is known to feed on more than 350 plant species, particularly sorghum and maize, it has the potential to impact any crop where food choice is limited."

Fall armyworm moths have been found at various locations across NSW, including the Liverpool Plains and Central West, as a result

of the early warning trapping network established by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and LLS.

Anyone who suspects the presence of fall armyworm should immediately call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.

In most cases, DPI will be able to identify larvae from clear photographs which can be sent via an online form or to biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au with your contact details.

For small larvae, DPI and LLS recommend retaining samples

with food, such as host crop leaves, and allow them to grow to enable photographs to be taken.

More information on identification, treatment options and resistance management is available on DPI and LLS websites. Farmers should contact their LLS staff or regular agronomist for advice on fall armyworm management

Landholders can also register for a free fall armyworm webinar hosted by the Grain Research and Development Corporation on



November 12, to hear from QLD experts who have been dealing with the pest for months. Register here: <https://grdc.com.au/events/list/submitted/2020/grdc-grains-research-update-online-fall-armyworm>

Penny Evans



POSITION VACANT

The Merriwa Pre-school and Activity Centre is seeking an experienced and suitably qualified person to work as Administrator for our thriving Children's Service.

The position will be permanent part-time - up to 24 hours per week

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Please include a cover letter and two referees with your resume

Applications close on Thursday November

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Positions Vacant

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Enquiries: Trevor Wilson, Parks & Facilities
Coordinator on 0408 486 367

Closes: Monday, 16 November 2020

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(up to 4 years)**

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Salary: \$519¹⁰ - \$713⁸⁰ per 38 hour week

Enquiries: Tony Miller, Fleet Coordinator on
6540 1196

Closes: Monday, 16 November 2020

AIRPORT REPORTING OFFICER

Scone • Full Time

Assist in the management and operation of Scone Regional Airport.

Salary: \$1036⁶⁰ - \$1242³⁰ per 38 hour week

Enquiries: Joanne McLoughlin, Property &
Business Coordinator on 6540 1158

Closes: Monday, 23 November 2020

For more information or
to apply, visit Council's
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CHRISTMAS MEGA RAFFLE - DECEMBER

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SAVE THE DATE

We will be holding a Christmas raffle on December 12 at the Merriwa Sports Club - Online attendance will be available to assist with COVID-19 measures. There will be 40+ prizes up for grabs - 20 Hams and 20+ mega surprise prizes. Stay tuned for more details.

Marlene Rogers

Happy Birthday

This week I would like to wish two special ladies a happy birthday. On Monday November 9 Aunt Barbara celebrated another year younger and today I wish my "boss" and other half Jayne Cronin a happy birthday also.

I hope both ladies enjoyed their day filled with love and family.

Hylt Cronin

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

CANCELLATION OF NOVEMBER MEETING

The executive of the Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary has CANCELLED our next meeting which was to be held on Friday November 20, 2020. We wish to advise all members and the community that we will be back on deck in February 2021. We will then plan our fundraising activities for the year of 2021.

We wish our community a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a healthy, safe and Covid Free 2021.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Elaine Sparrow (Secretary)

Merriwa District Progress Association

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Merriwa District Progress Association Inc. will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 6.00pm on Wednesday November 18, 2020 at the Merriwa RSL Club in the Games Room.

For further information, email merriwaprogress@gmail.com

Stephen Gowlland



Merriwa Country Education Foundation

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held:

When: Thursday December 3, 2020

Where: At Reg Fletcher Room
Merriwa RSL

Time: 6.00pm

Everyone welcome. RSVP Jane Hegarty on 0408 761 052.

Jane Hegarty

Merriwa Senior Citizens

We will try to have a small meeting on Tuesday November 24 at 11.30 am in the Squatter's Room, Merriwa RSL Club - depending on numbers who come.

Mary O'Neill

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.

Business

Merriwa Newsagency

Don't forget to enter the newsXpress National Creative Writing Competition! Two prizes of \$1000.00 up for grabs plus \$100.00 to spend in store to the local winner! Entries close December 11, 2020. For more information drop into Merriwa newsXpress.

Come in and check out the wonderful toys that have just arrived! You are sure to find that perfect gift, there are so many to choose from

COUNTRY LIVING VINTAGE HOME

- Interiors and decorating inspiration, vintage style! Beautiful linen fabric, tins, glassware, wirework and mismatched ceramics all have a certain charm about them. This issue showcases vintage interiors, from Arts and Crafts to Swedish folk plus items that are essential to each one. This great magazine is packed full of ideas and gorgeous unique looks for you to try in your home.

HOME BEAUTIFUL

- Festive feast; delicious make - before dishes you will love!
- Pure and simple; easy Christmas hacks to make the day a breeze
- 100+ gorgeous gift ideas plus last minute winners!
- Backyard bliss! In her beautiful new book, My Suburban Farm, Ainslee Costa shares her tips and tricks for creating a country haven in the most unlikely places.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY

- Maggie Beer, love laughter and loss. She is known for her passion for food and joy for life but 2020 has been heartbreaking for her. The beloved cook talks about losing her daughter Saskia and the outpouring of kindness that has taken Maggie's breath away
- Raising boys; boys today get a bad rap and this year's muck-up day controversies suggest it's not always undeserved. Michael Sheather investigates the challenges of raising boys and finds that with the right kind of support they can grow to be good men with good hearts.

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

- All I want for Christmas! 167 fabulous festive ideas from cooking a Christmas feast to making amazing gifts for your family and friends. Everything you need to make the day spectacular all packed into this magazine. Pick up a copy today and get busy!

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

Friendship isn't a big thing, it's a million little things.

BEANIE BOO

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Upper Hunter Shire Council

NOTICE OF CLOSURE MERRIWA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Due to Council's annual Union Picnic Day, the Merriwa Office will be closed on Friday, November 20, 2020.

The office will reopen on Monday, November 23, 2020.

Offices in Scone and Murrurundi, Visitor Information Centres, Libraries and Waste Management Facilities will remain open to provide essential services to the community.

DESIGN TENDERS CALLED FOR MR358

Upper Hunter Shire Council has invited specialist road design consultants to tender for the design and specifications to rebuild 3km of MR358 (Coulson's Creek Rd) to B-double capacity.

Once the designs are finalized, Council will invite tenders early to mid 2021 for the reconstruction of the redesigned road between Merriwa and Willow Tree. A two year construction period is anticipated following the award of contract.

The road is a strategic transport route connecting the Golden Highway (the west of the Shire - including Merriwa and Cassilis) - to the New England Highway.

The process to reconstruct the road is being managed by a Project Control Group which includes Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) staff, Public Works Advisory, Infrastructure New South Wales (INSW) and Council staff. The Project Control Group has agreed on a Charter which outlines key staff members and their responsibilities.

The detailed design will include a two lane road with a minimum 9 meter formation and 8 metre seal, as well as associated infrastructure such as guardrail, drainage structures etc.

The road currently has a 5 tonne load limit and a 10 meter length limit and is closed to one lane in sections. The restrictions for heavier and longer vehicles are in place to protect all road users, as the current available road formation is not suitable above the nominated limits and may accelerate the deterioration of the road. Further road deterioration may require the road to be closed.

Council have installed surveillance devices and traffic counters on MR358 to identify vehicles over the five tonne load limit using the route

illegally. Public safety is Council's top priority. Council staff are inspecting the road daily for deterioration, with more detailed inspections weekly and geotechnical specialists on site monthly.

Council has apologised that the road construction undertaken last year has not met the specifications, requiring the road to be redesigned and reconstructed.

To complete the road remediation, the Australian Government has provided a further \$2M from the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program and Council has a loan facility of up to \$5M.

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for Australia Day awards to recognise the wonderful hard work by members of the community.

We received approximately 15 nominations from the Merriwa/Cassilis district.

Planning for the 2021 Australia Day events has been very different to previous years, although the committee is working hard to deliver another fantastic ceremony. Details of celebrations will be announced early 2021.

MERRIWA OLYMPIC POOL

The pool is open!

Opening Hours for November 2020 – February 2021 are:

Monday to Friday: 5.30am – 8.00am and 3.00pm-6.00pm

Wednesday: 5.30am – 8.00am, 9.00am-11.00am and 3.00pm-6.00pm

Saturday to Sunday: 1.00pm – 6.00pm

Public Holidays and School Holidays: 5.30am – 8.00am and 1.00pm – 6.00pm

Please note: The pool is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

79 Vennacher Street, Merriwa

\$280,000.00



Situated on a large 1620sqm block with plenty of open space, this solid brick home is ideal for a young family. There are 3 big bedrooms all with built in robes and ceiling fans. The lounge is large and features R/C air conditioning. There is a second living area off the kitchen and an enclosed entertainment area at the rear with a second toilet. The kitchen presents in excellent condition with a breakfast bar and electric oven. Outside there is a single lock up garage and attached carport. The yard is big and flat with established trees. This home is in very good order and is ready for your inspection.

1201 Cullingral Road, Merriwa

\$500,000.00

Situated just 15 minutes from Merriwa this 500 Acre (approximately) property is an ideal getaway or permanent home. The steel framed homestead has 3 large bedrooms, an open plan living area with a huge open fire, attached dining and a simple kitchen with a 900mm gas cooktop and oven. There are wraparound verandah's on all sides taking in the beautiful views of the Valley. Water is supplied via 44,000 litre's of storage plus a fully equipped windmill pumping to a tank. The Country ranges from fertile open grazing land to timbered ridge lines with approximately 200 acres cleared. There are 3 dams for stock. Included in the sale is a tractor, slasher, carry all and two quads. This property would be the perfect weekend escape as it has been for the current owners for over 35 years.



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Interruption to power supply

Ausgrid is carrying out essential upgrade and maintenance work on the local electricity network.

Crews plan to carry out essential work on the network which supplies Merriwa Zone Substation.

Unfortunately, to safely carry out this work we will need to interrupt the power supply for customers in the Merriwa area on

Sunday 22nd November 2020 - between 8.30am and 4.00pm (weather permitting).

The areas affected will include:

- Merriwa - Merriwa Town, Flags Rd (Merriwa end only), Depot Rd, Coulson's Creek Rd, Cullingral Rd, Forrest Reserve Rd, Bow, Idaville Rd, Ringwood, Golden Highway.

We apologise for the inconvenience this essential work may cause. Our aim is to minimise disruption caused during this work, however the times listed may change in the event of unforeseen circumstances or weather.

For more information before the interruption, please contact: **Chris Power 02 6542 9043**

On the day of the interruption: call Ausgrid on **13 13 88**.

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Friday 5:00pm - 7:00pm Happy Two Hours and Free raffles
Saturday - **7.45pm** Monster raffles and members' badge draw
Sunday: 5:00pm to 7:00pm meat voucher raffle and members' badge draw.

The Sporties Chinese/Australian Restaurant 6548 3228

Dine in or Take Away. Banquets and Function catering available.
Lunch Specials
Lunch: Wednesday to Sunday.
Dinner: Tuesday to Sunday



Rotary Club of Merriwa Inc

ROTARY

SERVICE Above Self

**Meets each Tuesday
at the Merriwa Sports Club**

7.00pm for 7.30pm

4 x 4m Marquee for Hire
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Merriwa Magpies



Rugby League Football Club

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

President: Ben Robins
Vice President: David Martin
Secretary: Gaynor Blackadder
Treasurer/Publicity Officer: Jessyca Morgan

MERRIWA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Find us on Facebook

President: Jason Bear

Day - Night Competitions
Junior Competitions
Court Hire



2021 Merriwa Springtime Show

Established 1908

17 to 19th September!

www.merriwashow.com.au

Tyler Austin - President
Marie Scott - Secretary
Tel: 0498 378 500



Clare Martin
President 6548 2201

De Patterson
Secretary 0416 194 501

Fiona Morgan
Treasurer

Rally days every 2nd Sunday of month from February to October



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Secretary: Phil Martyn

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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.



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

President: Jamie Edmonds 0428 308 010

Secretary: Kellie Porter 0432 109 760

Treasurer: Kelly Curtis

October Long weekend 2020

merriwacampdraft@gmail.com

MERRIWA



FESTIVAL of the FLEECES

Merriwa Cricket Club

President: Jon Osmond 0428 714 648

Vice President: Mark Fieldsend

Secretary: James Armstrong 0412 926 525

Treasurer: Mick Curteis - 0475 980 254

MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

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

Meets on Third Wednesday every month at 6.00pm Merriwa RSL

merriwaprogress@gmail.com

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

Chinese/Australian Restaurant closed Mondays and Tuesday, open for Dinner Wednesday to Sunday 5.00pm to 8.30pm. Open for lunch Wednesday to 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 Little Athletics

Awards for last week were awarded to Arlo Hourne for overcoming his fear and having a go.

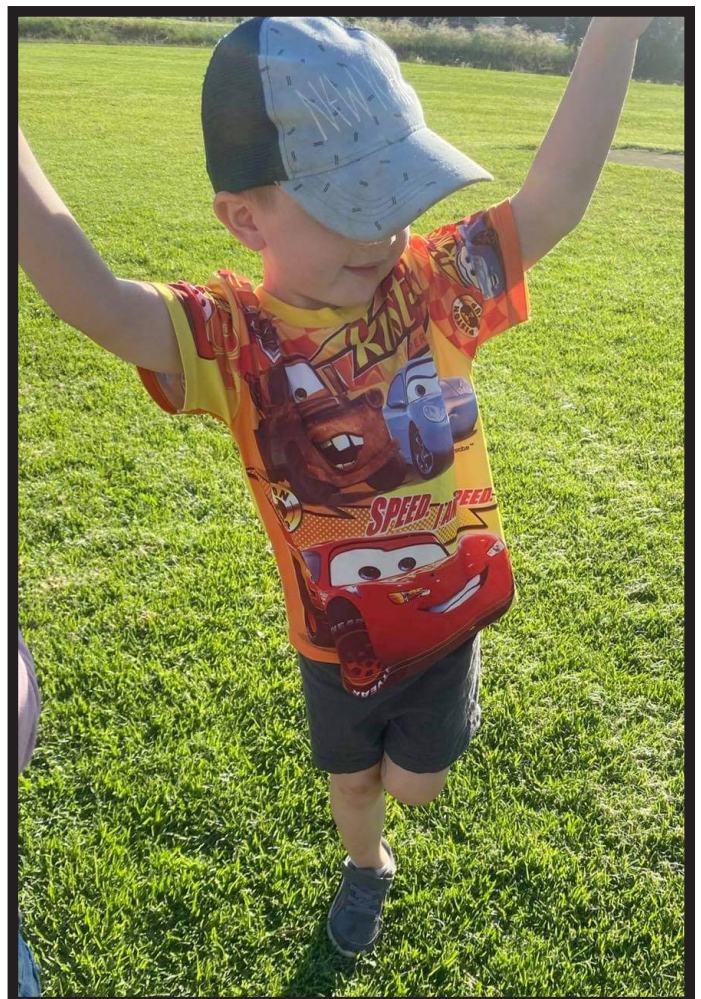
- Olivia Parker for her enthusiasm, listening and following instructions.
- Olivia Purcell for wonderful javelin skills and excellent listening
- Quill Osbourne for outstanding effort in long distance running, 8 laps!
- Aubree Oldham for amazing javelin technique
- Katana Magnus for striving to do her best in 800mtr.
- Hazel Chin for excellence in high jump
- Wren Osbourne for grit and determination in her long distance running, 7 laps!

Well done to all of those athletes for striving to do their best.

Another reminder to please register your children. We need everyone registered please.

See you all Monday 5.30pm.

Belinda Keane





Merriwa Touch Football

It is looking like touch football will go ahead in Merriwa for the 2020/21 season, I would like to thank the outgoing committee members for the hard work they have done in previous years and welcome the new committee for stepping up so that the season can go ahead.

Stephen Raines - Vice President

Lachlan Vaughan - Secretary and Ref Coordinator

Stacey Wilson - Treasurer

Mackenzie Blackadder - Junior Coordinator

Roy Morgan - COVID Marshall

If you have not done so already can you please ensure your teams are in by Friday November 6 as we would like the comp to begin on Wednesday November 11. We have had a large number of junior members wishing to play which is very exciting to see. We would love to have a few more adult teams though!

Please bear with us while we work with NSW Touch Association to get the registration program running for our competition. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a committee member.

Kate Morgan

Merriwa Touch Football President



Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

BRING ON THE 2021 SEASON

We have filled most of the roles but still need one more filled for this season.

President - Ben Robins

Vice President - David Martin

Secretary and Public Officer - Gaynor Blackadder

Treasurer and Publicity Officer - Jessyca Morgan

Ground Keeper and Covid-19 Safety Officer - Ben Robins

Canteen coordinator - David Martin

General committee - Shane Pittman, Bruce Blackadder, Nathan Barry, Trent Cooper, Brad Pittman and Jacob Russell

Position to be filled - Grounds Manager

Thank you everyone who took a position for 2021.

LETS GO MAGPIES.

Jessyca Morgan

Ringer Deadline!

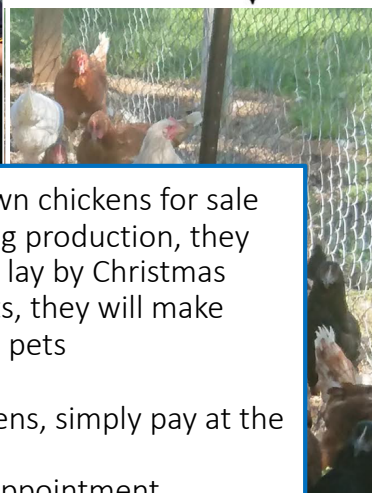
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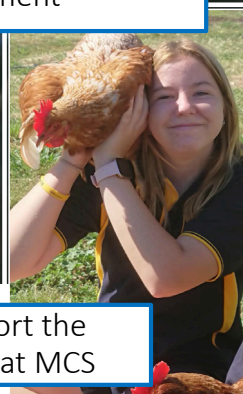
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