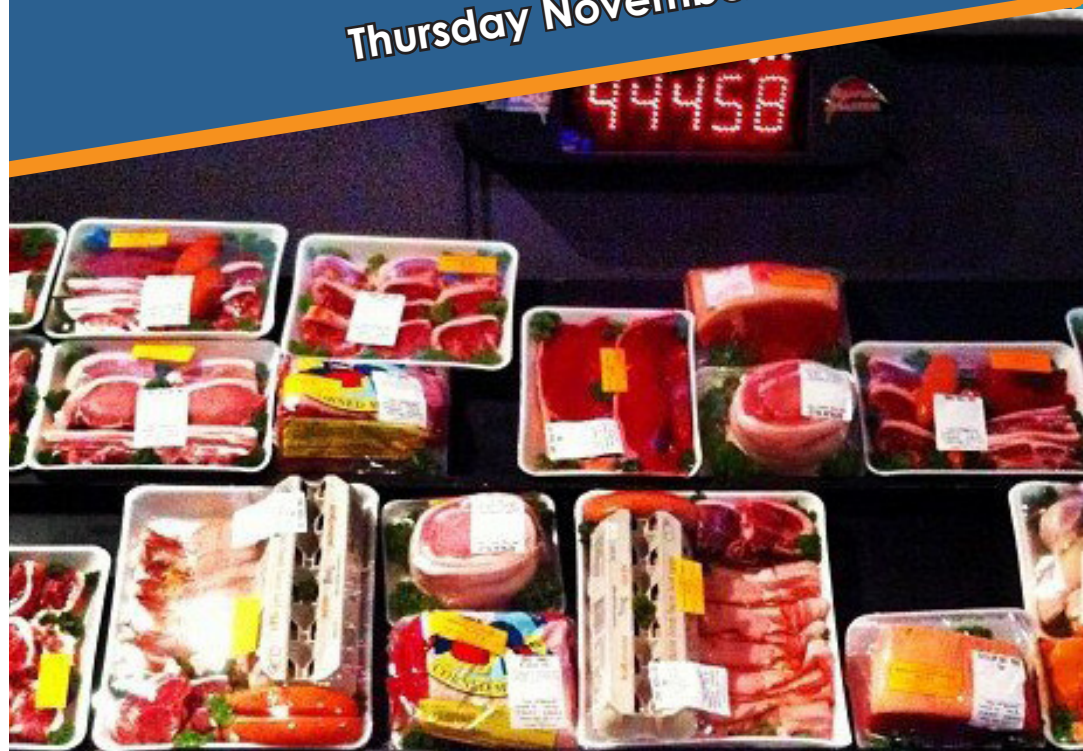


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Merriwa RSL Clubs
Sunday Raffles
resume this Sunday!


Pest Alert
Termite Solutions



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

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A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

THE CONVICT CUTTING/FLAGS ROAD



Originally this road was the main road into Merriwa and was called the Government Road. Teamsters found it to be a very difficult road to haul freight to and from Merriwa and searched for an alternative route and began using various tracks along much the same route that the Golden Highway now runs.

Newspaper journalists of the day didn't have anything good to say about the Government Road and were referring to it as the Flag road in the 1870's because of a gully/waterway which had naturally occurring flat sandstone resembling flag stones on either side of the crossing. There have been attempts in recent years to have two G's in the spelling but that is not borne out in the early history records and should be, for historical reasons, spelt with one G.

An interesting feature along Flags road is the old convict cutting and it is hard to learn who actually carved the cutting. History on this subject has been hard to come by. At the bottom of the cutting, where the road crossed swampy ground in wet times, timber was laid out and bolted together to form a floating deck over the swampy ground, to hold the loaded wagons crossing in wet times. The deck measured about 12 feet (4 meters) wide and about 60 or 70 yards in length. The old deck is now covered by the existing sealed road. Photo of boot showing a part of the original decking timber. Other photos show the cutting through the sandstone, now partly overgrown with vegetation.

The cutting commences 5.2 kilometres from the first cattle grid on Flags road. The sealed road skirts around the cutting, park your vehicle off to the left of the road and walk over the rise, this will bring you into the cutting. It can't be seen from your vehicle.



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Merriwa Central School

YEAR 12 TWILIGHT CELEBRATION



It was great to celebrate with Year 12 students last Thursday at their Twilight celebration. The attending Year 12 students looked amazing in their frocks and suits. Thank you to Mrs Sansom and Miss Piper for their organisation of this event. The food was great gain due to eat@153. Thanks to the Merriwa Central School P and C for their contribution to this event.

UNIFORM

It has been pleasing to see most students wearing full school uniform with pride. As a school community correct uniform displays respect and a readiness to participate in learning activities. Students are expected to wear full school uniform every day this includes a school hat and appropriate footwear. The uniform requirements are:

KINDER-YEAR 6 GIRLS - SUMMER

- Blue and white check dress with collar and short sleeves
- Navy skort or navy shorts (no stripes or logos)
- Navy unisex polo shirt with emblem
- Short white or navy socks
- Black leather shoes or black leather joggers (no flats as they do not meet OHS standards)
- School cap, bucket hat or broad brimmed hat
- Navy jumper, school jersey or spray jacket

KINDER-YEAR 6 GIRLS - WINTER

- Navy A-line skirt or navy trousers (no stripes

or logo)

- Navy unisex polo shirt with emblem
- Short white socks or navy stockings
- Black leather shoes or black joggers (no flats)
- Navy jumper, school jersey, school spray jacket
- School cap, bucket hat or broad brimmed hat

YR 7 - 10 BOYS - WINTER

- Navy trousers (no stripes or logo)
- Navy unisex polo shirt with emblem
- White or navy socks
- Black leather shoes or boots, black joggers (no skate shoes)
- Navy jumper, school jersey, school spray jacket
- School cap, bucket hat or broad brimmed hat

SENIOR GIRLS

- Black Watch tartan skirt - long or mid length
- Lemon blouse or lemon polo shirt with emblem
- Navy trousers or shorts
- Black leather shoes or black joggers (no flats)
- White socks or navy stockings
- Navy jumper, school jersey, spray jacket
- School tie (optional)
- School cap, bucket hat or broad brimmed hat

SENIOR BOYS

- Navy shorts or long trousers
- Lemon shirt or polo shirt with emblem
- White or navy socks
- Black leather shoes, boots or black joggers
- Navy jumper, school jersey or school spray jacket
- School tie (optional)
- School cap, bucket hat or broad brimmed hat

SPORT - COLOURS (GOLD AND ROYAL)

- Gold polo shirt with emblem
- Royal shorts or royal track pants
- White socks
- Sports joggers
- Royal jumper, school jersey, school spray jacket
- School cap, bucket hat or broad brimmed

hat

Additional Items:

- Navy scarf
- Navy gloves
- Navy beanie

Hair accessories:

Juniors— White or Navy

Seniors – white, lemon, navy, bottle

green or black watch tartan

Jewellery

The only jewellery acceptable is one watch, necklace, bracelet, ring, gold or silver sleepers or stud earrings.

YEAR 7 - 10 GIRLS - SUMMER

- Navy A-line skirt (appropriate length), navy shorts or navy trousers (no stripes or logos)
- Navy unisex polo shirt with emblem
- Short white or navy socks
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Students are actively encouraged to wear a hat in the playground at recess, lunch and outdoor lessons in the summer months. We don't want our students - your children - becoming skin cancer statistics in later life! The hat must be removed when the student is indoors.

PRACTICAL CLASSES: Leather footwear is compulsory. Department of Education and Training regulations stipulate that students in Science and other practical lessons must wear shoes with leather uppers. Students may be excluded from practical lessons if they are not wearing appropriate shoes.

We are continuing to work with the school community to improve the school uniform through consultation with parents and students. Student assistance can be utilised to fund the purchase of correct uniform. Please contact the office for more information and to deem if you meet the eligibility for student assistance.



SENIOR STUDY FRIDGE

Thanks to Merriwa Central School P and C for purchasing a fridge for the senior study. The senior students are very appreciative of your donation and ongoing support.



**Sharon Kenaly
Deputy Principal**

Merriwa Ringer

Primary

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded 'Student of the Week' in Week 5.

KINDERGARTEN

Joy Magnus - Enthusiastically joining in class discussions



YEAR 1

Jackson Carr – Working hard in writing



YEAR 2/3

Dominic Quinney – Trying hard in writing



YEAR 3/4

Grace Campbell – Improvement in Reading



YEAR 4/5

Ashton Marchese – Working hard in class all week



YEAR 5/6

Matilda-Rose Whitby – Working hard in English and Maths



GOLD AWARD

Alfred Chance, Nate Marchese, Nicholas Campbell, Fredrick Myers, Seraphina Denning, Oliver Strachan

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Year 2/3 - Great enthusiasm in skipping



PRIMARY REPORT

As the term heads into Week 7, the library is beginning to prepare for the end of year stocktake. Please return all library books to the school library in preparation for this.

Year 5 are preparing for the 2021 School Leadership positions and are busily writing their speeches. Due to COVID restrictions, this year students will be presenting their speeches to Mrs North, who will then film them and classes will watch the speeches in their room prior to voting.

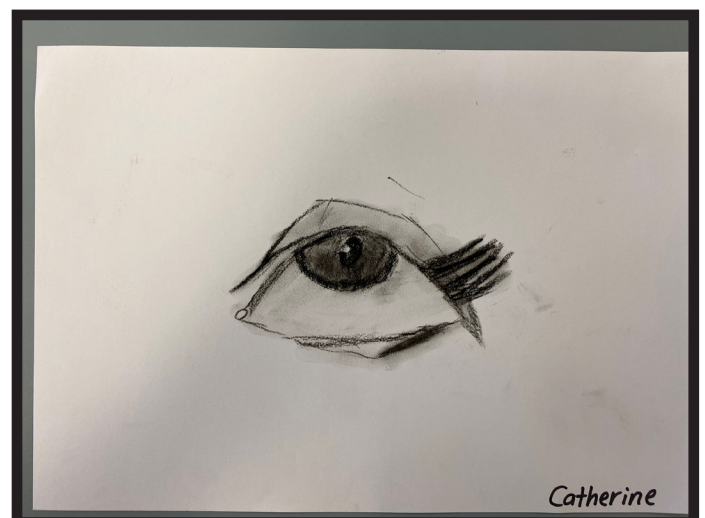
ART FROM YEAR 3/4

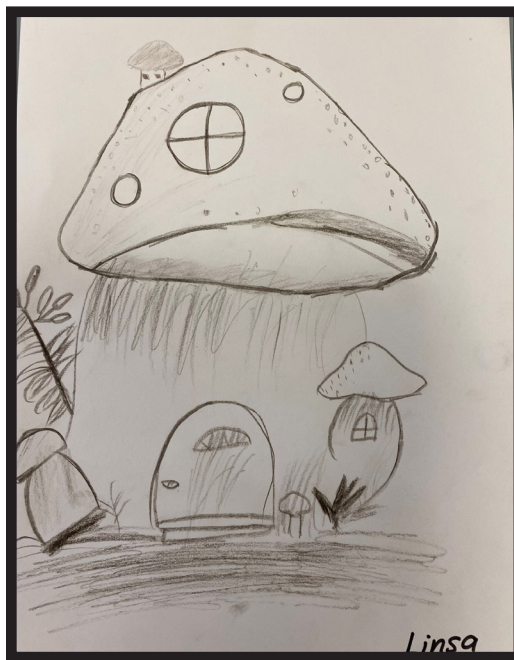
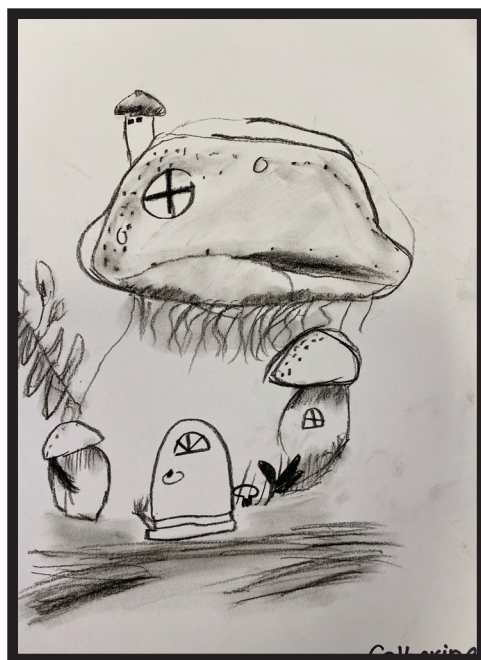
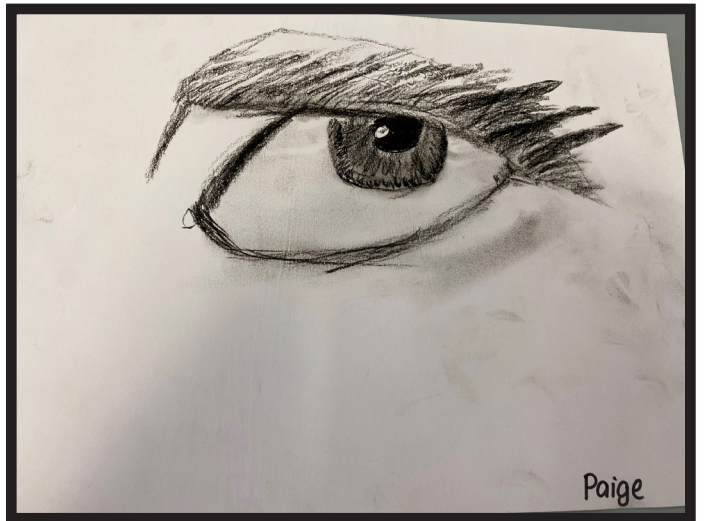
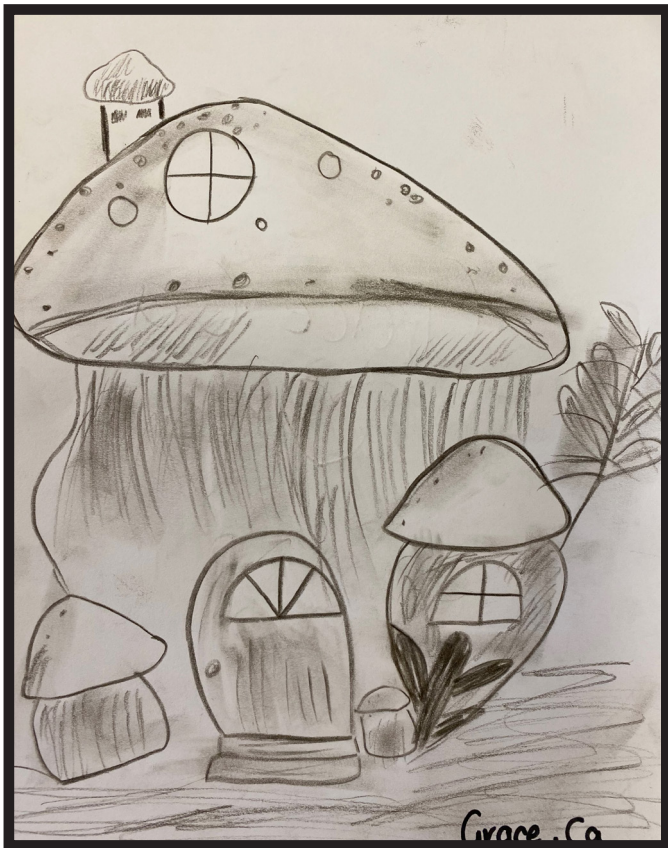
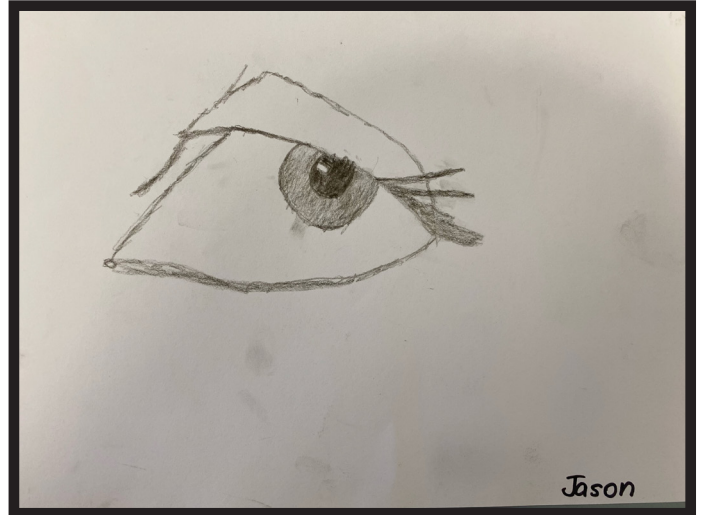
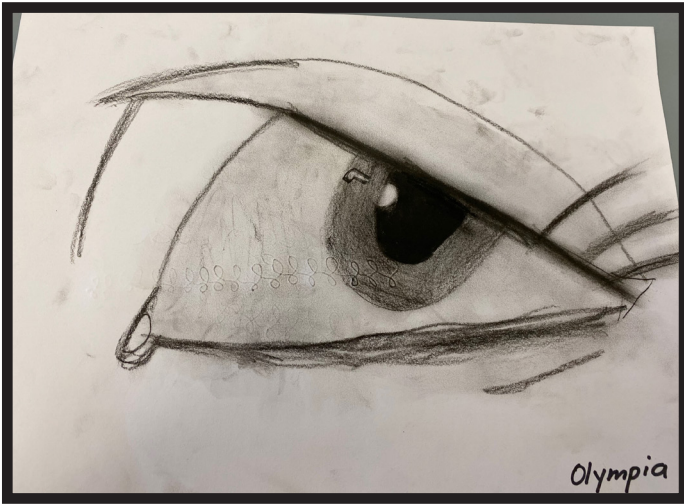
Students in Year 3/4 have been experimenting using charcoal in their artworks.



BRONZE AWARD

Riley Tudor





Jenna North
Relieving Assistant
Principal

Secondary

Over the last week, the Year 9/10 Child Studies class has had the opportunity to take home the RealCare3 infant simulator overnight. The virtual baby imitates a real baby's routine and daily activities such as feeding, burping, rocking, sleeping and crying and responds to temperature and rough handling.

The students who have so far had this chance have all performed exceptionally well, with some late night and early morning wake ups leading to some very tired faces the next morning. Each of the girls has reflected on their experiences and should be proud of their achievement in this task.

The other students are looking forward to their own chance over the next two weeks.



Kelly Millevoi
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning

STUDENT OF THE WEEK ROY LAWLER

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: PDHPE. Because I enjoy sport

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Representing the school in Rugby 7's

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: Carpenter

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Horse events

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Roy has been a dedicated student across all of his subjects in recent weeks. Roy sets a good example to his peers for his manners and calm demeanour.

Andrew Buchan - Year Advisor



Year 12 Twilight Celebration



Year 12 Twilight Celebration



WANTED

HOUSE FOR RENT

3-4 Bedroom

From January 2021

School teacher's residence

Leave contact details at Merriwa Central School Office on 6548 2119.

P AND C NEWS

The Merriwa Central School P and C Association will hold its next meeting on Tuesday February 2, 2021. It would be wonderful to see some new faces, so we are encouraging all parents/carers of students at both the primary and secondary campuses to come along and join our committee. Please see more details below.

There is currently a Merriwa Central School P and C Casual Canteen Assistant position vacant and applications close on Monday November 30. If you would like more information surrounding this position, please email the committee at merriwacentralschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Talitha Sawley
Secretary

You are warmly invited to join the



Who: A team of keen, enthusiastic and dedicated parents, carers and staff led by a committed and motivated Executive.

When: Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.

Where: Meetings take place in the Fletcher Room at the Merriwa RSL Club.

How: Simply come along to a meeting and pay your annual \$2 membership fee.

What: The P&C works to support the students and staff of MCS in any way it can. We provide assistance and support in the running of school events, manage the school canteens, conduct fundraising activities to support the school, work to promote the school in our community, and contribute actively to the progress, development and improvement of the school.

Why: Being a member of the P&C provides you with the opportunity to be involved in your child's education. It is an excellent avenue through which to get to know your school and its staff, and to let your kids know that you value and support their school and their education.

PS: We are always seeking volunteers for our school events and canteens!

Email: merriwacentralschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au



Cassilis Public School

VALUABLE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES AT CASSILIS

There was lots of laughing and fun last Wednesday when Renee Holsworth, Aboriginal Cultural Officer from Quirindi very kindly offered her services to do some activities Cassilis. She taught the students Aboriginal language for different animal names and counting to 10. Renee, a Kamilario woman, was great with the students and we would love another visit someday!

Thank you to Renee and to Tash Taaffe and Heather from the Upper Hunter Shire Council for organising this opportunity.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK - ELEYCE DAVIES

Eleyce has been awarded the Student of the Week for her increased desire to stay on task, use kind words at school and be respectful to all

She wrote some fantastic Haiku poems during the week. One

was about an image of a bungy jumper. Eleyce showed increase kindness to everyone and tried hard to stay on task and complete her own work. She worked hard to solve patterns and 2D shape problems in mathematics and listened to feedback provided.

Eleyce is trying hard to come to school organised and prepared for learning. Her school uniform is neat and tidy each day. Eleyce showed respect to each of our school visitors last week by listening to their instructions and information, attempting everything that they asked and by asking questions. Her determination during tapestry lessons has been very impressive.

Congratulations Eleyce on your efforts and achievements, you should feel very proud. Keep trying hard and you will keep improving.



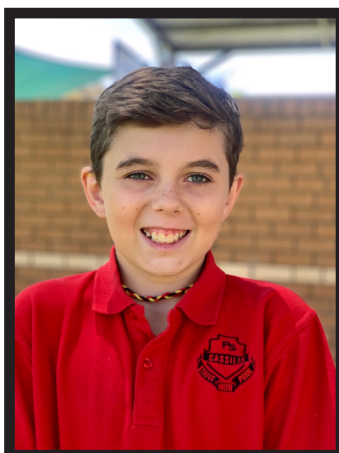
UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

All the students are very excited about our two upcoming excursions. Next Monday, we will travel to Red Hill School in Gulgong to learn more about the history of gold discovery in Australia and to try our hand at gold panning and also how to create a bush shelter to come home to relax in after a hard day searching for gold.

Our other excursion, to Stockton Beach, is just a few weeks away! The 'What to Bring list and itinerary will be sent home this Wednesday.

Both of these excursions are wonderful opportunities for all students and are part of their learning. It's been a tough year for our kids so it's really nice to be able to get away for a few days together and have some fun.





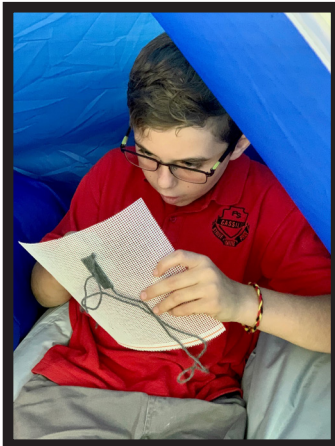
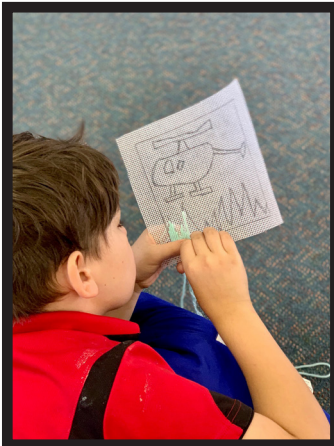
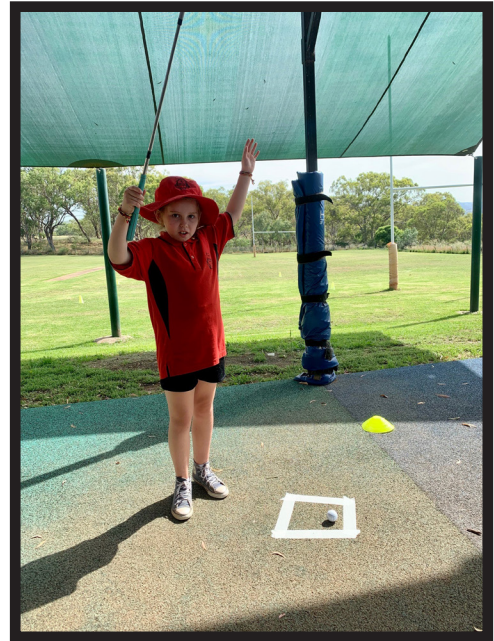
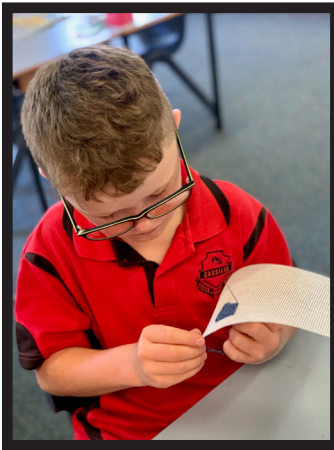
LONG STITCH – SUCH A GREAT WAY TO CALM YOUR ENGINE

Long stitch is a valuable way to practice and strengthen students' fine-motor skills, concentration and creativity. Our Semester Two Report Cards will be extra specially this time with the front cover being their own personally designed long stitch. Students have really enjoyed choosing and drawing a picture and beginning those first stitches on the tapestry square. We can't wait to see how fabulous they turn out!



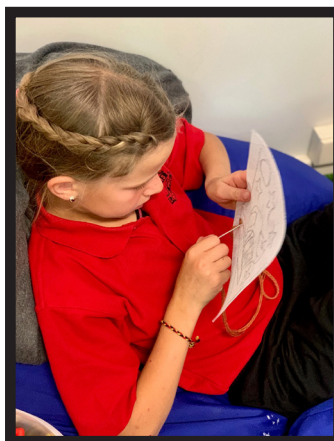
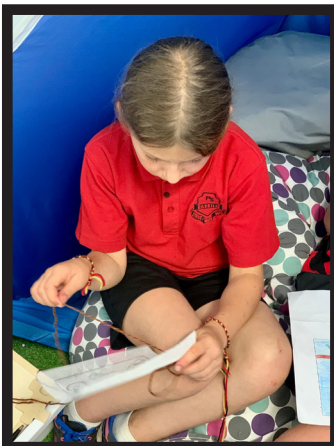
FRIDAY SPORT THIS WEEK WAS GOLF!

Eleyce got a hole in one!



EARLY BIRDS

Early Birds continues - Tarsha, Levi and Digby continued to have a wonderful time last week learning all about 'big school'. There was again lots of play, so we get to know each other and practice our social skills, and also learning about seahorses after reading *Mr Seahorse* by Eric Carle. The students were even given their own 'seahorses' to take home and grow. I'm looking forward to hearing how this goes.



IMPROVING OUR WRITING SKILLS

All teaching staff have been improving their teaching of writing this year through the L3 Stage 1 Professional Learning opportunities. Writing is

hard and complex and knowing how to best teach and support the process is very important for student confidence and improvement.

Students have been creating information reports this term and learning about some amazing animals. The first two animals we have read about are Blue Whales and the Mountain Pygmy Possum. Our writing process is about learning to plan, record and edit our work to ensure the end result is the best piece of work possible. This process usually takes a lot of time and effort on behalf of the students but the results are worth it!

COLLECTING WATER – A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT



The results from our collecting water science experiment proved that plants do evaporate water from their leaves into the air which was then trapped inside the bag. Because the bag had been there for seven days, the water was looking rather dirty so it couldn't be drunk.

Next time we will wait just one day and see what happens. Some plants evaporate better than others.

VISIT FROM RALPH NADEN



Last Friday, Ralph and his two grand-daughters visited Cassilis to provide a valuable experience on both the Aboriginal culture and also on the importance of showing respect. Ralph spoke to the students about the significance of tree scaring, moving forwards in life and not getting into trouble, how to throw a boomerang and how body paint is used. It was wonderful that Ralph could 'open' our new yarning circle. He said this is a place that makes you talk about stuff. It is respectful and all about learning. Everyone in the yarning circle is important.

Thank you to Mr Nairne, Mr Cornish and Angus

Morton for helping collect the logs and create the yarning circle. Our yarning circle is certain to get lots of use, especially once our special mat arrives.

Thank you to the Upper Hunter Shire Council for their acceptance of our Cultural grant application which made this experience possible.



**Katie Burgess
Principal**

Merriwa Ringer



Sandy Hollow Public School

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday November 11 we commemorated Remembrance Day by holding a ceremony in the front of the school. Students paid respects by laying poppies as the names each of the local soldiers who lost their lives in the first world war were read out. They then laid a wreath near the flagpoles, and dedicated a minute of silence to the deceased. It was nice to see some community members join us for this important annual event.



STRENGTH OF THE WEEK: PERSEVERANCE

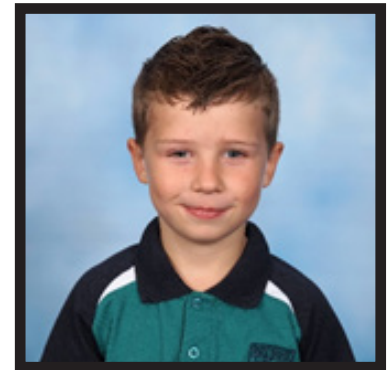
Finishing what one starts; persevering in a course of action in spite of obstacles; taking pleasure in completing tasks.

This week's focus strength is 'Perseverance'.

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

PERSEVERANCE SUPER HERO

Hayden was chosen for this award because he always tries hard to do his best, both in class and in the playground. Well done, Hayden!

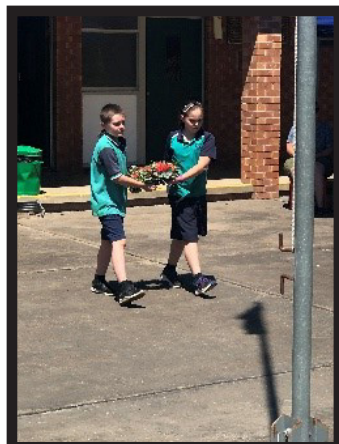


NAIDOC WEEK

Last week was NAIDOC week. SHPS students celebrated

the week by participating in various activities both in class and out of class. Students enjoyed a bush tucker lunch of Kangaroo Spaghetti and Johnny Cakes (which they made themselves) on Friday. They learned lots about

Aboriginal culture, and participated in various art activities during the week.





St Joseph's Primary School

STAGE 3 IS BUSY MOVING THROUGH TERM 4

Last week we recorded our school play, it was disappointing not to have parents present but on the upside the students were able to share the performance with family and friends everywhere. If you haven't seen it yet have a look on our Facebook page. Stage 3 were true professionals working seamlessly to tell a tale about the struggles and the lighter side of COVID -19. We were very grateful that Anna Kerrigan and Montana Doyle were able to work with us to produce a very polished production. Thank you to ASPIRE for the loan of lights and to Jake McIntyre for sound. These two elements really bring the production alive on stage.



Last week we held our School Public Speaking Program, this is a program which begins in Kindergarten and by Stage 3 the students are given a topic and write a 3-minute speech in 1 hour. This is a challenge but the improvement over the practice period is impressive and what a great skill to have for life. We look forward to next year when we can compete at the regional level and then progress onto the Diocesan level

We continue with our transition program. Year

5 have been very excited to welcome their buddies and introduce them to school life. This assist with a smooth transition into next year, it's always welcoming to have a familiar friendly face to greet you into a new place. Well done Year 5 on a great job. During this time, we are also welcoming Year 4 into our classroom and preparing them for life in stage 3. Throughout this period Year 5 have also started their transition to leadership. They have nominated for School Captains and will present speeches on Friday 4th December before staff and students cast their votes. The captains for 2020 will be announced on our presentation day, which will be lived streamed on the 9th December.

Year 6 have also begun their transition to High School. St Joseph's Aberdeen's orientation day was Friday 20th November. This allowed for the students to orientate themselves with the school and master reading the timetable, as well as meeting teachers and other students.



Merriwa Central School transition program has occurred over a period of weeks. Following is a comment from William Collins.

The transition days have been great meeting teachers, doing science experiments, playing games, making stuff and doing brainteasing maths



questions. I've liked every single day and have been excited to get there even though I think the work might be hard.

During Geography we have just finished learning about Macquarie Island which is a World Heritage Area belonging to Australia and located between New Zealand and Antarctica.

We learnt about this unique location and the importance of caring for the environment and the flora and fauna which live there. We are now beginning to investigate Bushfires and their impact on the environment, animals and people. We will be researching recent ones from the beginning of the year and others in history.



One thing that Stage 3 have been looking forward to is the sewing which we are going to commence shortly as part of our Creative Arts program. Stay tuned as we all learn together to produce something spectacular with a Christmas theme.



Last week concluded our Gymnastics program, special thank you to Nikki Western it was great fun and we enjoyed refining our skills. We look forward to our swimming lessons which commence on Wednesday this week and will conclude with

a swimming carnival. Stay tuned for more information.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Strength - SELF- REGULATION

Kindergarten - Annabelle Marshall – for her calm control over her own needs and wants and thinking about both sides of a situation

Stage 1 - Thomas Luke - for his impressive achievement and success in improving his reading levels

Stage 2 - Shykiah Walters – for her enthusiasm and improvement within gymnastics lessons

Rihanna Hunt - for the disciplined and controlled approach, she has towards her learning

Stage 3 - Emma McLaren - for her ability to regulate her behaviour in a controlled and calm way ensuring positive relationships with all those she comes into contact with

Aidan Hunt - for his mature approach to his transition to High School and being proactive in unknown situations

Principal's Awards - Sean Evans –for his interesting insights into being responsible

Ben Patterson – for his persistence in writing and delivering his speech.



Anne Marie Peebles
REC and Stage 3
Teacher





Anglican News

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REFLECTION - ADVENT 1 – Mark 13:33-37

The vestments change, the Gospel changes as the Church moves into a new cycle recalling and celebrating God's coming to our world in Jesus. This year we will hear the earliest written Gospel, that of Mark. These were years of conflict for the early Christians. The Emperor Nero had begun to persecute Christians and they were considered to be practicing a new and superstitious cult. In Palestine things were no better for there had been a Jewish uprising against Rome that had led to the destruction of Jerusalem. Mark's community was under threat and beside all these external factors, Jesus had not returned to them as they had been expecting. For forty years they had kept faith but as time passed the waiting became harder.

The Gospel speaks into this situation. Be alert. Stay awake. The Master will return. Living now, so many centuries distant from the Gospel events, these words take on a special urgency. Complacency and routine can replace alertness

and watchfulness. After such a long time perhaps we run the risk of failing to recognize the Master. Last week's Gospel revealed this difficulty. 'When did we see you hungry and thirsty, sick or naked?' 'Of course we would have welcomed you – but we didn't know it was you.' This is the alertness that we are called to; to recognize our God's coming.

As the carols ring out around the shopping centres, watch out, be alert. You never know the time when God will come to you. (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM)

Love and blessings, from Rev Pat.

DIARY DATES

Christmas services at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Merriwa will be held:

Christmas Eve: 9.00pm

Christmas Day: 10.00am

Don't forget, Eucharist at Holy Trinity each Sunday at 9.00am.

Eucharist at Holy Trinity each Friday at 10.00am.

Rev Pat Kirkby

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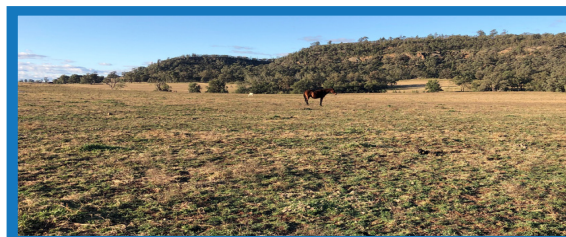
Sealed road to access only 10kms from Merriwa, then 650m to boundary, this rare find of 32 acres so close to town has stock proof fencing with two new boundary fences. It is in one paddock with a large dam and over 300m of frontage to the Merriwa River. Some beautiful areas of trees and glorious views of surrounding mountains, a beautiful piece of land with a mix of deep mulching soils to lighter country, ready for someone to create their own special property. There are beautiful areas to build a weekend cabin and fantastic water holes for fishing, swimming or rowing a canoe. There is mobile service with power on the neighbouring property, approx. 200m to boundary and landline phone also 200m to boundary.

NOTE: There is NO dwelling entitlement.

1087 Cullingral Road, Merriwa

\$185,000.00

Fronting the Merriwa River and only 10 minutes to town, this is an ideal spot to build your dream home. The block is 12 acres with a dwelling entitlement. Power and phone are both available at the boundary. The property is fully fenced and is quality soil, perfect for growing vegies and planting some fruit trees. Swim and fish in the river, have a pony, this block offers a fantastic lifestyle.



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Breaking The Elf Code

Name: _____ Date: _____

Complete the math problems and then see what letter the number stands for to see what the elves have to say.

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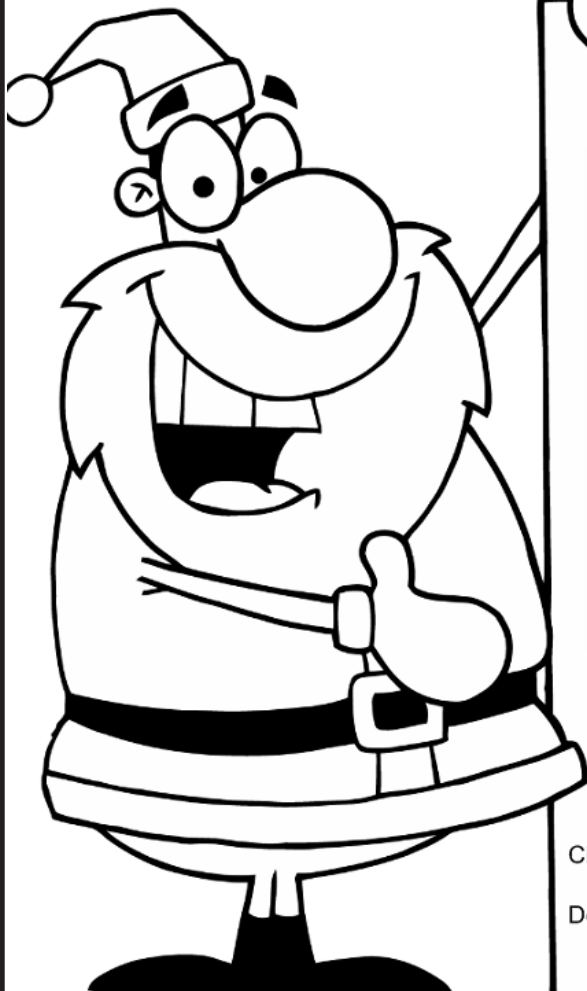


Santa's watching

Christmas time is coming,
It's time we must be good,
For Santa's watching everyday,
And we forgot we should.

Clean our room and wash the car,
Help mum with every chore,
For presents we are after,
And a good one we must score.

No time to chat, no time to play.
There's dishes to be done.
There will be time later,
For us to have some fun!



Christmas Santa Word Search

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Christmas Presents Santa Claus Sleigh Tree Red
December Star Candy Stockings

Community Notice Board

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CHRISTMAS MEGA RAFFLE - DECEMBER 12
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

Elders Merriwa

With only four more Fridays until Christmas, Elders Merriwa have a fantastic prize for one lucky shopper.

For your chance to win a 6v John Deere Gator, make any in store purchase between November 16, 2020 - December 17, 2020 to receive an entry into the draw.

Entries Close 5.00pm December 17, 2020, with the winner announced December 18, 2020.

COLOURING COMPETITION

Get your entries in for our colouring in competition! Either print the image from our Facebook page or head in store to pick up a copy. Entries open November 16, 2020 and close December 17, 2020 at 5.00pm. Entries must be returned so they can be displayed for judging with winners announced December 18, 2020.

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Fiona Morgan

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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

Congratulations

Tahli Gleeson is an up and coming shooter for Merriwa SSAA and APA and on the weekend of November 20 - 22 proved just that. Tahli travelled to Mudgee to compete in the 24th annual "Coach Stop" single action shooting match.

As a result of her efforts she was successful in two events. She came first in the Junior Section and won outright in the Speed Rifle Event.

Congratulations Tahli.

Phil Martyn



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There are just three weeks left to enter the National Creative Writing Competition! Have you written a piece yet? If you need a little nudge there are two prizes of \$1000.00 each and you could also win \$100.00 to spend in store at newsXpress Merriwa! Put your thinking cap on now!

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A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light. May good luck pursue you each morning and night.

BEANIE BOO

My name is Nori.

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PHONECARDS: All cards are now available including Telstra, Optus and Vodafone. Cash and Eftpos only.

Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress

Merriwa Rotary

CHARLESTOWN ROTARY VISIT

During the depths of the drought/bushfire emergencies, the Charlestown Rotary Club maintained close contact with our club, seeking to do whatever they could to assist in difficult times for our district. They maintain their interest in Merriwa/Cassilis and, by the time this Ringer goes to press, a party of Charlestown club members will have visited Merriwa, keeping the link between our two clubs alive and active.

'Tis the season to be jolly!.....our club will be stepping out for our annual Christmas party this year. For a change, we shall be heading to Sandy Hollow in mid-December for this year's gathering, happily coasting there and back in the comfort of a Cowans' bus.

There is not much else to report. Significant numbers of our members currently have a focus on the challenges of the harvest.

Mark Smith

Merriwa CWA

Merriwa CWA will be hosting a cake stall on November 27. Kick off will be at 9.00am and will be filled with many glorious cakes and slices, home made for your enjoyment.

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Barbara Campbell

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Thursday/Friday/Saturday 12 noon – 2.00pm/6.00pm – 8.00pm

Sunday 12 noon – 2.00pm

The BBQ area is now open and the club can take bookings for up to 30 people.

Please remember to digitally sign in upon entry.

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Sports Club

BINGO

No bingo for the time being.

BOWLS

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4. Entries to be an original, previously unpublished short story, a song, a poem or first-person narrative. Maximum word length: 1,000.
5. Page format is to be A4, font is to be arial, 12pt. No images. For short stories and first-person narrative, double spaced please.
6. Entries to be in PDF or Microsoft Word format or a format easily read by either.
7. There is no limit on entries per person.
8. There is no entry cost.
9. Entries close at midnight December 11, 2020.
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