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Thursday December 17, 2020
Issue 35




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Merriwa Central School

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

KINDERGARTEN

Dante Ortega-Evans - Being a kind and thoughtful friend

YEAR 1

Brayson Coles – Settling in well to MCS

YEAR 2/3

Daniel Olsen – Working hard in all areas

YEAR 3/4

Tiarnee Dening – Improvement in literacy and ability to work independently

YEAR 4/5

Seraphina Dening – Respectful, beautiful behaviour

YEAR 5/6

Ella McDowell – A positive, bubbly, happy personality



GOLD AWARD

Katana Magnus, Isaac Constable, Ty-John Marshall, Matilda Clark, Amelia Wilkinson



SILVER AWARD

Theodore Lemanski, Montana Peel, Mikayla Vero, Darcy Clark, Blake Benson, Paige Carrall, Ashleigh Keane



BRONZE AWARD

Geoffrey Reid



Coming Events

JANUARY	
Wednesday 27	Staff return to school
Friday 29	Students return to school - Year 1 to Year 12
FEBRUARY	
Monday 1	Students in Kindergarten attend first day
Friday 5	Swimming Carnival - Year 3 to Year 12

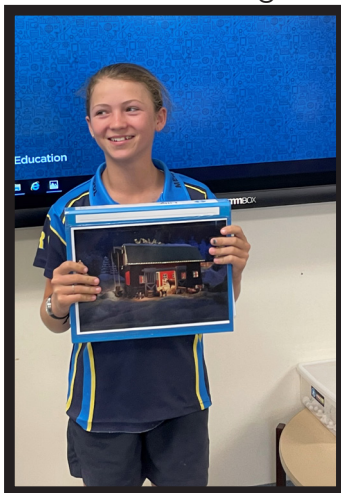
CLASS OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten - All home readers back



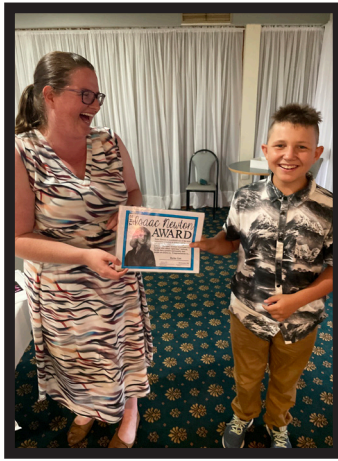
PRIMARY RINGER REPORT

What a week! There was the Quick Smart presentation at Secondary on Thursday to recognise all of the hard work and learning students who participate in Quick Smart have achieved. They enjoyed pizza, garlic bread, poppers and a Zooper Dooper. Thanks to Mr Dean for cooking and Mrs Gibbons for all of her hard work and organising.



Year 6 had a fabulous night at their Year 6 Graduation Dinner. A big thank you to Mrs Wallings and Mrs Loft for their amazing decorations and turning the room into the Chocolate Room from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. All students looked amazing and were a credit to themselves and their family. See Facebook for the photos.





It was great to see some parents back in the school attending the Primary Presentation Assemblies. Students have worked hard this year, despite all of the challenges they faced. We could like to congratulate all students for their hard work and dedication.

We celebrated the conclusion of Jump Rope for Heart this week. Students were awarded their certificates for skills, improvement and creativity as demonstrated in their class skip off. Students were also recognised for the wonderful job fundraising they did.

Congratulations to the new school leadership team for 2021. As captains we have Tye Blackadder and Paige Carrall, vice-captains are Zac Walker and Matilda Clark and prefects are Riley Bristow and Torah Coles. They will all do a wonderful job and are excited to lead the school in 2021.





From all the staff at the Primary Campus we wish all students and their families a safe, happy and healthy Christmas break.

Jenna North
Relieving Assistant Principal

Secondary

WHERE THERE'S A WILL

On Sunday December 13, Abby Cooper represented Merriwa Central School at the Where There's a Will Christmas gathering. She attended Scone Golf Club and presented the group project proudly on behalf of the MCS WTAW students.

Whilst other schools had at least 2 representatives presenting their projects to the students from other schools, parents and WTAW sponsors, Abby put her nerves aside and spoke with enthusiasm to present what Merriwa Central School WTAW students developed over Terms 3 and 4.

I am very proud of the efforts of the students who represented MCS and would like to thank Where There's a Will for providing these opportunities for our young leaders.



Anna Sansom
SRC Liaison Officer

CAREERS

Second Summer Intake for Micro Journalism Course

January 11

Jschool Journalism College has opened a second intake for the micro unit Newswriting Basics. the second opportunity for senior secondary students to enrol is 11 January.

Details at <https://jschool.com.au/micro>

Places are also available for single subject study - details at <https://jschool.com.au/singlesubjects>

Medical Special Zoom – Personal Journeys

December 14. 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Professor Hala Zreiqat along with Professor Fiona

Wood

The aim of the symposium is to help students understand the journey from medical research to a product that can be used with patients.

One of the key elements of the Australian Research Centre for Innovative Bio-Engineering (ARCTCIBE) is to provide the next generation of researchers with the interdisciplinary skills and mentorship to be leaders in the rapidly evolving, highly innovative field of bioengineering. The event is a significant step in this journey. We will hear from pioneers in the field, about their own personal journeys on the road to translation, taking devices out of the lab and into the world. For the young researchers in the Centre, it is an opportunity to learn from and be linked with mentors who are among the brightest minds in the Australian bioengineering landscape.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/personal-journeys-to-translation-tickets-122649549103?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

Holiday Program - Back in the Lab

January 13-14 2021

The University of Sydney would like to invite the keenest young scientists going into Year 9 & 10 to sign-up to a brand-new, hands-on holiday science program on one or both days 13-14 January 2021. Prices are \$60 per student per day. For more information see the flyer here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MjKvUw2YWr7AR8RNdYs7xeZ35bA6JV0A/view?usp=sharing>

University of Sydney Science & Mathematics Bridging Courses

January and February 2021

These online courses with live-Zoom components are ideal for students wanting to enter a University degree that recommends assumed science or mathematics knowledge that they did not complete in the HSC. The topics available are Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics. Anyone welcome to register. For more information visit:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/students/bridging-courses.html>

Industry cadetships: tapping the talents of women in STEM

Australia loses female talent at every stage of the STEM pipeline. A program in which educators and industry work together to help women gain in-demand skills is one piece in the puzzle.

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/women-in-trades/>

At the Museum - School Holidays

There is something for everyone at the Australian Museum these January School Holidays! Play scientist for a day and explore the Australian Museum's amazing fossil collections. Recreate ancient creatures and lost worlds in a Palaeo-art workshop or learn how to capture nature's best angles in a photography workshop.

Book today and have a roaring good time these school holidays!

<https://australian.museum/event/school-holidays/>

NSW Department of Primary Industries Career Profiles

If your students are interested in innovative technology, travel, feeding the world or running their own business their future may lie in primary industries. The NSW Department of Primary Industries staff are sharing their career profiles with you, they are available on YouTube and as pdf flyers. For more information go to:

<https://www.nswdpi-schools-program.com/careers-in-primary-industries>

RSA Courses

Any questions, please contact enquiries@kenvale.edu.au / 02 9314 6213. For registration and more info, visit:

www.kenvale.edu.au.

Glass and Glazing Apprenticeships - Apprentices needed

A Glass and Glazing Apprenticeship is the start to an amazing career in the Glass and Window Industry Glaziers install glass in windows, skylights, store fronts, and display cases, or on surfaces, such as building fronts, interior walls, ceilings, and table tops in residential and commercial constructions. The industry is now hiring in various locations. Send resume to melissa.baker@agwa.com.au.

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor



Cassilis Public School



STUDENT OF THE WEEK- SUMMER TURNER

Summer has earned the final Student of the Week award for 2020 for her highly respectful, helpful and appreciative manner while we were on our excursion. She was consistently willing to help others around her. Summer was grateful

for the many experiences provided. It was wonderful to see Summer so happy and relaxed during our three days away.

She travelled to and from the excursion respecting both the bus and the driver.

As School Captain, Summer led the Presentation Day at school with pride and did a fantastic job.

Congratulations, Summer on your effort and achievements. You should feel incredibly proud of yourself.

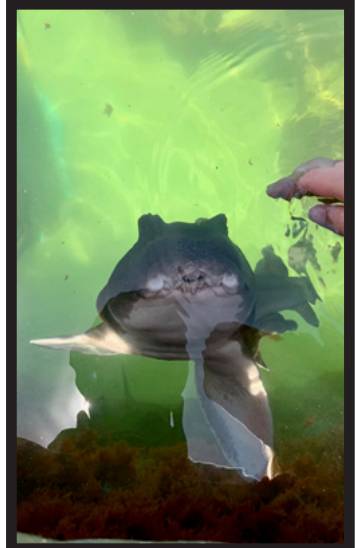
CASSILIS HEADS TO STOCKTON BEACH

It was wonderful to venture out of the school last week and head to the beach for three days of learning, fun and relaxing. Camel rides, surf living lessons, beach walks and shell collecting, splashing in the pool, eating at restaurants, seeing and hearing amazing fighter jets, patting and feeding sharks and stingrays, exploring old aircraft at the museum, rides on the ferry and light rail and spending some quality time altogether were highlights of the trip.

Thank you to all the students for making the excursion so enjoyable. Thank you to the staff, Mrs Cornish, Mr Cornish and Mrs Nairne for giving up their time to come with us. We couldn't have had the excursion without your support and help every second of the trip.

Thank you to Woolworths in Mudgee for their kind donation of fruit to make sure that our champion kids had lots of champion food to keep them going.







The second day we went to the beach and we went lifesaving with a life saver. It was so much fun. We did activities like a water relay and seeing who could get the ball first and a funny run that gets you through the water faster.

We had a break and then we did diving and free swimming. We had a green skivvy on, but mine was so long you could only see my legs.

We went home after that. We were so tired but it was so exciting. **Eleyce**

I was shaking on the camels but liked the ride. They were high and I held onto Summer. **Angus**

On the school excursion, Summer, Levi and I went to the beach and there were some big stone blocks. We put our hands down the hole and we grabbed a crab. We took turns holding the crab very carefully. When I held it, it felt like a spider gently running across my hand. We let it go safely back down the hole. **Gordie**

I loved it when we went fishing at the beach. We used fishing rods and prawns for bait. We did not catch any fish but I had so much fun trying. **Levi**

On the first day we went to a beach and rode on camels. It was fun on the beach. Once we finished on the camels we had a snack. While we were eating we saw jets. The jets were flying around because they were retiring.

In the morning we went for a walk on the beach and collected lots of shells. In the sand Gordie and Levi caught three yabbies.

On the last day we went to Fighter World to look at jets. They were amazing. After we finished we went to the shark and ray centre. We got to feed the sharks and sting rays. The sharks felt rough and the sting rays felt slimy. **Olivia**

I enjoyed riding the camel with Brian. The camel's name was Pete. We rode the camels on the beach and through the water. I was a little scared. There was a saddle on the camel, but it was still scary. **Paul**

Last week we went on an excursion to Stockton Beach for three days and two nights.

The first day we had a chance to ride on camels. My camel's name was Bluey. He was a nice camel. It was scary going up on him and going through the water. There was a shark near the shore! It felt like we were going to fall over because he kept moving.

The next day we got to pat stingrays and sharks. The scariest part was feeding the big shark, but I



Thank you to Merriwa Central School for lending us their bus. We really appreciated their support.

WHAT DID THE STUDENTS SAY WERE THEIR HIGHLIGHTS?

We saw a lot of Air Force jets. They were very loud and fast. The exhibits at Fighter World were awesome and cool. There was a mini-gun that could spin right around. I was able to get in a jet and be a pilot, which was fantastic. **Ben**

I liked the stingrays best. They were very slimy. I was a little bit scared. I fed them fish on the end of stick. I went in the water to feed them. The stingray tried to kiss Mrs Nairne.

I saw a small shark too. **Cooper**

was brave and had a go. **Skye**

It was so much fun to play beach games and to go in the water to play games as well.

*On the last day we got to feed the stingrays and sharks. It was fun! I touched the stingrays and sharks. The stingrays were slimy and the sharks felt like sandpaper. There was a massive stingray - it had white dots on it. **Skylah***

2020 PRESENTATION DAY

We celebrated the efforts and achievements of our students last week at our Presentation Day Assembly.

Congratulations to all our students who each received a book award.

Thank you to the Upper Hunter Shire Council for their kind sponsorship of the quality books.

Congratulations to Benjamin Bibby for being voted our School Captain for 2021.

Congratulations to Levi Davis for being our Vice-Captain for 2021

PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students:

- CWA Citizenship - Summer
- Academic Achievement - Olivia
- Strive with Pride - Olivia
- Sporting Achievement - Paul
- Coolah Roos Rugby Sports Encouragement - Ben

EFFORT AND ACHIEVEMENT IN KEY LEARNING AREAS

- English - Olivia
- Mathematics - Cooper
- History - Summer
- Science - Gordie
- PD/H/PE - Eleyce
- CAPA - Skye
- Geography - Skylah



SUMMER

I am grateful for the love of all my family.

I am grateful for being school captain for 2020.

BEN

I am grateful for the success of our new garden beds and the veggies that we have grown in them.

I am grateful for the memory of our family holiday on the spectrum of the sea.

I am grateful for the computer we have at home that I can research on.

LEVI

I am grateful for the love of my parents.
I am grateful for the love of my cat Max.
I am grateful for beautiful flowers.

GORDIE

I am grateful for the bottom paddock at school where we climb trees.
I am grateful for the knowledge I have on birds.
I am grateful for our Sydney excursion especially our visit to the aquarium.

OLIVIA

I am grateful I am able to climb trees.
I am grateful for the cuddles I get from my dogs.
I am grateful for the memory of going to Foster at Christmas time and getting many sweets.

ELEYCE

I am grateful for the love of my brother Caleb who gets me things I like.
I am grateful that I can draw and paint it comforts me.
I am grateful for the memory of our family Gold Coast holiday to the beach.

SKYE

I am grateful for the memory of going to Willow Tree to pick up my new puppy.
I am grateful for the luck I had at Red Hill where I found a chip of gold.
I am grateful for harmless snakes I think they are cute.

PAUL

I am grateful for the rain that broke the drought.
I am grateful I am learning maths, especially my times tables.
I am grateful for the memory of our family holiday on the houseboat.

SKYLAH

I am grateful to have my cousin Abbey in my life.
I am grateful for my family Harrington Holidays.
I am grateful I get to ride my horse.

COOPER

I am grateful I am able to kick a ball.
I am grateful for the love of my Pa.
I am grateful for my holidays at Harrington.

GOODBYE, GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU

Last Thursday evening, the staff were able to say a lovely and tearful farewell to the wonderful Summer Turner and her family. It has been wonderful having Summer attend Cassilis and we can't wait to hear about her adventures as she has the brightest of futures.

Thank you to Leslie Constable for making the delicious cake.



Katie Burgess
Principal





St Joseph's Primary School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

On behalf of all of the staff, students and families of St Joseph's Merriwa, I would like to wish you a very Merry, Holy and Safe Christmas and look forward to personally serving the St Joseph's community in 2021.

We have a lot in store, including a new COLA for the playground, wonderful initiatives to improve the overall educational benefits of our students, we await the arrival of our new staff and we be able to officially welcome our 2021 Kindergarten group.

2021 STAFFING

Our final staff puzzle piece was finished last week, St Joseph's are proud to announce the following:

- Principal: Mr Ashley Borg
- Religious Education Coordinator: Mrs Anne Marie Peebles
- Kindergarten: Mrs Mellissa Jackson (0.3)/Miss Georgia Brazier (0.7)
- Stage One: Miss Sammie Love
- Stage Two: Miss Naomi Rodwell
- Stage Three: Mrs Anne Marie Peebles/Mr Ashley Borg (0.2)
- Learning Support Teacher: Mrs Tanya Ninness
- Library: Mrs Bianca Bradshaw
- Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Melissa Collins, Mrs Georgina Fairfull, Mrs Cassandra McLaren
- Finance/Office: Mrs Leanne Hunt
- Librarian Assistant: Mrs Melissa Collins
- Pastoral Care Worker: Mrs Melissa Collins
- Aboriginal Education Officer: Mrs Cassandra McLaren
- Grounds person: Mrs Karin Brazier
- Cleaner: Ms Rebecca Wardman

PRESENTATION DAY RESULTS

Last Wednesday via ZOOM, we held our Presentation ceremonies. This year was different, due to COVID restrictions, but it did not stop our awards from being handed out.

Our Major Award winners were:

ASPIRE Creative Arts Award – Peter Hagley

Where There's A Will Character Strengths Award – Bethany Wightman

Sportsperson of the Year – Aidan Hunt

Environmental Award – Tess Grocott

Science and Technology Award – William Luke

English Award – Peter Hagley

Mathematics Award – Grace Booth

Literacy Award – Archy Wallace

Academic Achievement Award (Dux of Year 6) – Liana Pearce

Citizen of the Year – William Luke

Tom Rawlinson Memorial "Actions Not Words" Trophy – Matthew Grady

Congratulations to all award winners and thank you to our sponsors, as well as our teachers, who make our Presentation Day a success.

FAREWELL MRS HAGLEY

Mrs Sally Hagley's time with St Joseph's Merriwa and the Merriwa community in general, sadly comes to a close this week.

It is a very sad time for us as a school community but also one in which we are very happy for Sally and her family, in taking a leap of faith, so to speak and venturing into new territory.

Such is the quality of the teacher, the person and the friend in Mrs Hagley, she was fortunate enough to obtain an Assistant Principal's position at St Joseph's School in Biolela.

Sally has been part of the St Joseph's family for many, many years as a student, parent and teacher. By far, Sally's greatest impact on the school was her wonderful teaching skills, especially in the last four years as the Lead Teacher of the Literacy Numeracy Action Plan (LNAP), which she was entrusted to.

Mrs Hagley has a real passion for Literacy and for embedding excellent reading and writing skills into each teacher and child. Over the past year, her skills were brought to the fore in conceptualising, developing and delivering specific professional learning to staff in the teaching of reading. This has seen 90% of St Joseph's students obtaining the required levels of achievement in reading and 85% of students achieving the required goals in writing, which is an extraordinary achievement. This involved ensuring our teachers had the best quality skills and strategies to work with.

Along with working with the Literacy and Numeracy Progressions, ensuring that teachers were observed and mentored to achieve their proficiency standards and working with our reading and spelling interventions including programs such as Mini Lit, it is safe to say the Sally fulfilled the brief she was given this year and with some aplomb.

We are so proud of all of Sally's achievements within the school. She is a kind, caring, compassionate and dedicated teacher who we are all proud to call not only a colleague, but a dear friend.

You will be sorely missed Sally, but we are so happy for you. All the very best on your travels and all the very best to you, Michael and Peter as you travel to be closer to your other children.

May God Bless you all on your venture.

2021 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

It is with great pleasure that we announce that our 2021 School Leaders are:

- SCHOOL CAPTAIN: Lula Peebles
- VICE CAPTAIN: Emma McLaren

Congratulations and we know you will do a wonderful job! Thank you to Grace Booth (Captain) and Peter Hagley (Vice Captain) for the magnificent example of servant leadership you gave to our school community.



YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Like all schools, we will be farewelling our wonderful Year 6 group this week, the largest group in our school for some years.

They will take with them the many life lessons, excellent academic education and the values with which we hold dear in our Catholic tradition of service to other, compassion for others and never seeing a need without doing something about it.

Monday saw a wonderful liturgical movement performance by Year Six for their parents, who were very excited to be at the school to join us for the first event involving parents since COVID restrictions hit.

Families then took photos in front of our iconic bell tower. We even had a Harley Davidson to take photos with! Thanks Mr Booth!

Students enjoyed lunch with their friends and with their teacher, Mrs Peebles.

Funny stories were shared as well as the traditional funny presents.

Thank you Year Six for the great example you have set this year.

May you all be held in the palm of God's hand as you make your way in life. Please keep in touch.





SPIRIT OF ST JOSEPH AWARD TERM FOUR

Congratulations to Aidan Hunt, who was the recipient of the Term Four Spirit of St Joseph Award, kindly donated by Merriwa Newsagency. We thank Neville and Leanne Hook for their generous contribution to St Joseph's.

Aidan received the award for the following citation:

"Aidan always greets everyone with a smile and hello, he is willing to help others and assist teachers when asked without any fuss. Aidan has become a very independent worker and has taken a very mature approach to his learning this year. He has built great friendships with all those in his classroom and the school.

Aidan has a great relationship with all staff members."

Congratulations Aidan, well deserved!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thank you to all of our parent helpers for making the abridged Swimming Carnival a success. The students did a terrific job in rather cold conditions and they even managed to get Mr Borg to take part in an unadvertised "swim".

My appreciation goes to our hard working teachers and learning support assistants for their help on making the carnival run very smoothly indeed.

The House point scores were:

- ST JOSEPH'S - 582
- ST ANNE'S - 644

Congratulations to St Anne's, who sadly did not win any sporting events last year, so this is a great way to start the 2021 Sport season!

Congratulations to all winners, especially our Age Champions:

- 8yrs boys - Archy Wallace
- 9yrs boys - Hudson Wallace
- 9yrs girls - Eden Barry
- 10yrs boys - Chad Booth
- 10yrs girls - Lilly Towell
- 11yrs boys - Jye Bates
- 11yrs girls - Rihanna Hunt
- 12yrs boys - Jeremy Hopkins
- 12yrs girls - Lula Peebles
- 13yrs boys - William Collins
- 13yrs girls - Grace Booth





DATES FOR THE DIARY

A reminder that school does not go back until Friday January 29 for Years One to Six, where Kindergarten students will commence on Tuesday February 2.

Once again, thank you all for your unwavering support of our wonderful school. I am so humbled to be Principal of such a supportive and nurturing environment.

Please be safe over the festive season.

Mr Ashley Borg
Principal





Anglican News

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REFLECTION - ADVENT 4 – Luke 1:26-38

In this beautiful and much painted scene the miracle is announced. God is entering our history by becoming one of us. This is the quite extraordinary claim of Christianity. The great divine mystery behind and beyond our world has become a human being. No other religion dares to make so bold a claim. Even as we listen to this announcement today, it is important to realise that it was only possible to make such a claim in the light of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. It was the life of this man, culminating in the Easter events, that led a group of Jewish men and women to say, 'We have seen God with us'.

Gabriel's announcement in today's Gospel brings heaven and earth together in the womb of a young girl, Mary. The little village of Nazareth is suddenly filled with wondrous titles, Son of the Most High, ruler of the house of Jacob, the power of the Most High, the Holy Spirit, and the Son of God. All heaven's hopes are focused on this not-yet woman, awaiting her reply. Mary's response enables the impossible to happen. 'Let what you have said be done'. Life comes even to the barren womb of Elizabeth.

What would happen if Mary's words became my words? What hopes might heaven have, still unfulfilled, awaiting my readiness to say 'Let what you want be done to me'? Mary said these words and Christmas happened. Jesus said them and Easter happened. What might happen if I said them?

(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 Carols at Cassilis:

Sunday December 20 at 7.00pm

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

Merriwa Rotary

THE ANNUAL ROTARY ANGUS PEEBLES AWARD

As many in our community will know, this award was initiated to commemorate

Angus, who admirably represented Merriwa Rotary in a twelve month Rotary Exchange stay in the United States over three decades ago and who died suddenly and tragically not long after beginning his working career.

As in the last couple of years, the scholarship is being run in association with the Country Education Foundation, Merriwa

It is open to any student whose home is within the boundaries of the old Merriwa Shire, regardless of where they have received their secondary education. As well, students who live outside these boundaries, but who had their Year 12 year studies at Merriwa Central School, are also eligible.

Information is available by searching Country Education Foundation Merriwa.

Applications close on December 31.

Contact person for further enquiries is Mrs Jane Hegarty, phone 6376 1052.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

By the time this edition of the Ringer appears, Rotary Merriwa will be in annual recess for some weeks.

We wish all of our community a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a GREAT NEW YEAR... (hopefully a less challenging one than 2020).



Mark Smith



MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Recently, the Merriwa District Progress Association held its Annual General Meeting, with most of the board being returned unopposed.

During the previous term, the Association lobbied successfully for completion of the following projects:

- Lobby Council to update all Alcohol Free road signs;
- Production of the booklet A Guide to Public Transport to and from Merriwa;
- Organise and supervise the Clean-Up Australia day;
- Successfully applied to the Upper Hunter Traffic Committee to display a speed radar board in King George V Avenue from December 2019 to March 2020;
- Lobbying Council to work with Transport NSW to improve the appearance of the railings on three bridges along the Golden Highway in Merriwa;
- Successfully lobbied Council to reduce the cost of printing and photocopying in Council administration offices and Visitor Information Centres;
- Had Council remove locks from the gates into the Merriwa cemetery;
- Lobbying Council on behalf of the Merriwa Portal to have the Merriwa Portal signs installed at the approaches to town;
- Supported Can Assist in its application to establish a branch in Merriwa;
- Successfully convinced Council that their proposed new facilities for the relocated Driver Reviver were grossly inadequate, resulting in a dedicated Driver Reviver facility being planned;
- Removal of the white stains on the dark brickwork on the exterior of the swimming pool building;
- Council repaired broken pavement at the road crossing from the MPS to the helipad; and
- Issuing public advice about the review of State electoral boundaries.

Some projects naturally take longer to complete. Currently, the Progress Association is conducting lobbying for the following ongoing projects:

- Revision of Merriwa Heritage Conservation

Area;

- Installation of a Reverse Vending Machine in Merriwa;
- Lobbying Council to install lighting over the pedestrian crossing in Vennacher Street between the Royal Hotel and the Regional Australia Bank;
- Ongoing discussions with Hunter New-England Health to improve the availability of doctors in Merriwa after normal business hours;
- Directional road signs in Merriwa to include Muswellbrook and Cassilis;
- Request for Council's assistance to promote Merriwa as a location for business development;
- Securing the long-term future of the Visitor Information Centre in Merriwa;
- Request to Transport NSW for options for a heavy vehicle bypass for Merriwa (including a socio-economic assessment);
- Attempts to attract a wool processing plant to establish in Merriwa;
- Assisting Council review/update of the Merriwa tourist brochures;
- Attempting to have an electric vehicle fast charging machine installed in Merriwa;
- Request for Council to paint the pergola outside the Bettington St Civic Centre; and
- Partnering with VRA and Council to secure grant funding for a new VRA depot and EOC.

The Progress Association is committed to acting on behalf of the entire community to improve the prosperity and liveability of the Merriwa district.

Remember, residents can present their opinions and ideas on local issues to the Merriwa District Progress Association at its meetings held on third Wednesday of every month (except January) at 6.00pm at the Merriwa RSL Club, or email merriwaprogress@gmail.com.

Stephen Gowlland

Christmas Fun Pages

TRIVIA QUESTIONS OR CHRISTMAS DAY

1. Question 2: Which popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch?"
2. Question 3: What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
3. Question 4: How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?
4. Question 5: Where was baby Jesus born?
5. Question 6: The movie Miracle on 34th Street is based on a real-life department store. What is it?
6. Question 7: What are the two other most popular names for Santa Claus?
7. Question 8: Elvis isn't going to have a white Christmas he's going to have a....
8. Question 9: What do people traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree?
9. Question 10: In Home Alone, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
10. Question 11: In the classic Christmas movie, How The Grinch Stole Christmas, the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?
11. Question 12: In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born in?
12. Question 13: In the movie It's A Wonderful Life, what happened every time a bell rang?
13. Question 14: What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?
14. Question 15: Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in The Polar Express?
15. Question 16: In Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, what was the first name of Scrooge?
16. Question 17: Which country did eggnog come from?
17. Question 18: Which real-life person is Santa Claus based on?
18. Question 19: What did Frosty The Snowman do when a magic hat was placed on his head?
19. Question 20: What is Ralphie's little brother's name in the movie A Christmas Story?
20. Question 21: Which Christmas song contains the lyric "Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way?"
21. Question 22: What are you supposed to do when you find yourself under the mistletoe?
22. Question 23: Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as another holiday mascot?
23. Question 24: Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
24. Question 25: In the song "Winter Wonderland," what do we call the snowman?
25. Question 26: In the movie Elf, what was the first rule of The Code of Elves?
26. Question 27: What's the name of the main villain in The Nightmare Before Christmas?
27. Question 28: According to the song, what did my true love give to me on the eighth day of Christmas?
28. Question 29: What was the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time?
29. Question 30: Whose eyes are all aglow in "The Christmas Song?"
30. Question 31: What was the real name of the character Tim Allen plays in The Santa Clause?
31. Question 32: How many gifts in total were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song?
32. Question 33: Which fairy tale was the first gingerbread houses inspired by?
33. Question 34: In the movie A Christmas Story, what was the name of the neighbors whose dog ate the Christmas turkey?
34. Question 35: How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?
35. Question 36: Where did the word and idea "Christmukkah" come from?
36. Question 37: What is the name of the last ghost that visits Scrooge in A Christmas Carol?
37. Question 38: Visions of which food danced in children's heads as they slept in the poem "'Twas The Night Before Christmas?"

Christmas Fun Pages


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| 38. Question 39: What gift did the Little Drummer Boy give to the newborn Christ? | Life? |
| 39. Question 40: What is the best-selling Christmas song ever? | 44. Question 45: In the 1964 movie Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, what was the name of Rudolph's elf friend? |
| 40. Question 41: Who wrote, "Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?" | 45. Question 46: What popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving? |
| 41. Question 42: Three of Santa's reindeer's names begin with the letter "D." What are those names? | 46. Question 47: What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising? |
| 42. Question 43: What was Frosty the Snowman's nose made out? | 47. Question 48: In "The Christmas Song," who did the narrator see kissing Santa Claus under the mistletoe? |
| 43. Question 44: What is the name of George | 48. Question 49: In the movie Elf, how does Buddy get to the North Pole? |

49. Question 50: Where did there arise such a clatter?
50. Question 51: What are Christmas trees also called?


Name: _____
Date: _____

Christmas Vocabulary


DIRECTIONS: Fill in the puzzle grid with the name of each Christmas item following the number and direction indicated. Use the word bank if you get stuck.




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4→




5→




6→




8→




16→




18→




10→




12→




19→




21




14→




71




31




111



131



91



15→

<p>BELL CANDLE CANDY CANE FIRE HAT HOLLY MITTENS ORNAMENT PRESENT REINDEER</p>	<p>SANTA CLAUS SCARF SKATE SLEIGH SNOWFLAKE SNOWMAN STOCKING SWEATER TREE WREATH</p>
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Christmas Fun Pages

GLITTERING POPSICLE STICK CHRISTMAS TREES

These popsicle stick Christmas trees are SO EASY to make and they're so beautiful!

Materials

- 3 Green Popsicle Sticks
- 1 Purple Popsicle Stick
- 4 " of Twine
- Sticker Rhinestones
- Glittery Foam Star Stickers
- Hot Glue

Instructions

1. Cut the green popsicle sticks into 6 pieces in 1/2", 1", 1-1/2", 2", 2-1/2" and 3" lengths
2. To cut the popsicle sticks, firmly cut into the popsicle stick on both sides of the popsicle stick a few times. Then bend it and it should cleanly snap apart where you scored it
3. Add a generous glob of hot glue on the end of the purple popsicle stick, place both ends of the twine on top of the glue, then sandwich the 1/2" piece of green popsicle stick on top to hold the twine hanger in place
4. Line up the remaining 5 green popsicle stick pieces evenly on the purple popsicle stick and glue them in place with hot glue
5. Use hot glue to attach the sparkly foam sticker star
6. Decorate your tree with the glittery rhinestones!



CHRISTMAS JOKES

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claus-trophobia!

What happened to the man who stole an Advent Calendar? He got 25 days!

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas? Santa Jaws!

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? Freeze a jolly good fellow!

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson!

Why was the turkey in the pop group? Because he was the only one with drumsticks!

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas Quacker!

What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"? Santa walking backwards!

Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose!

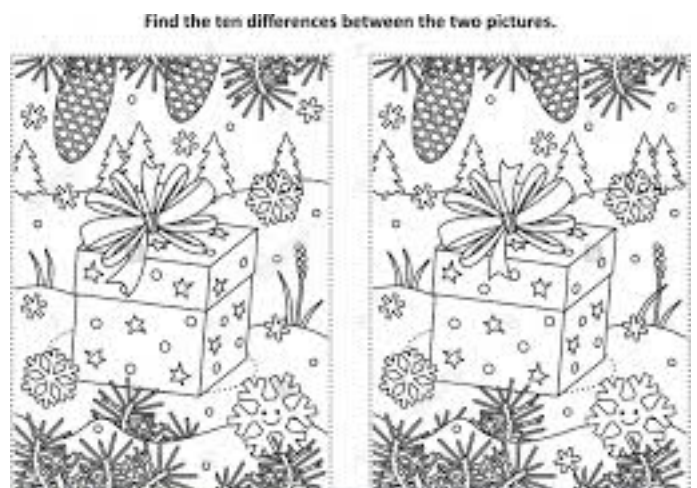
Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can 'ho ho ho'!

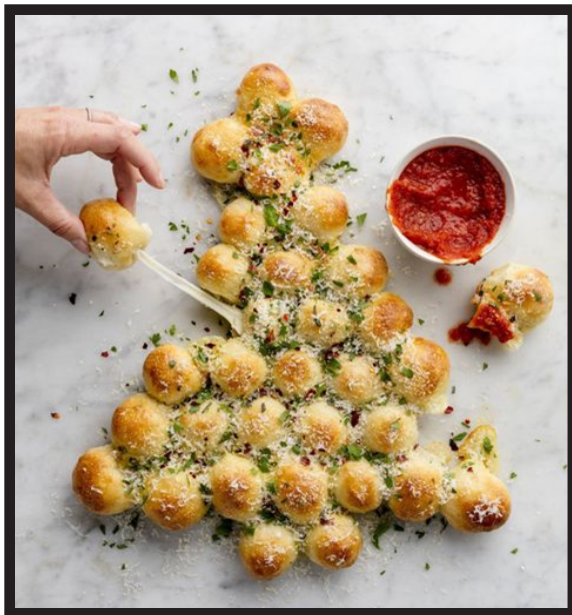
What is the best Christmas present in the world? A broken drum, you just can't beat it!

What do snowmen wear on their heads? Ice caps!

What did Adam say the day before Christmas? "It's Christmas, Eve!"

<https://inews.co.uk/light-relief/jokes/christmas-jokes-funny-best-one-liners-list-219750>





PULL-APART CHRISTMAS TREE

by LAUREN MIYASHIRO

This Cheesy Pull-Apart Christmas Tree Will Disappear In Seconds

Oh cheesy tree, oh cheesy tree!

YIELDS:8

PREP TIME:0 HOURS 20 MINS

COOK TIME:0 HOURS 20 MINS

TOTAL TIME:0 HOURS 40 MINS

INGREDIENTS

1 lb. refrigerated pizza dough
Egg wash (1 egg whisked with 1 tbsp water)
7 mozzarella sticks
1/4 c. melted butter
1/2 c. finely grated Parmesan
1 tbsp thinly sliced basil
1 tbsp. chopped parsley
1 tbsp. chopped rosemary
Marinara, warmed (for serving)

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 450°. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Cut mozzarella sticks into 1" pieces and set aside.
2. On a floured surface, divide pizza dough into two pieces. Stretch and roll each piece of dough into a long rectangle, then cut dough into 2" squares (you'll need 33 total).
3. Wrap a dough square around each piece of mozzarella, forming a tightly sealed ball. Place balls seam-side down on the baking sheet in the shape of a Christmas tree (they should be touching). Brush egg wash on dough balls and bake until golden, 15 to 20 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, whisk together melted butter, Parmesan and herbs. Brush on baked pizza balls. Serve warm with marinara for dipping.

Holiday Tunes

Away in a Manger
Choir of the Bells
Dominick the Donkey
Frosty the Snowman
Holly Jolly Christmas
Jingle Bell Rock
Jingle Bells
Let it Snow
Little Drummer Boy
Little St Nick
O Holy Night
Rudolph
Santa Baby
Silent Nigh
Silver Bells
The Christmas Song
The First Noel
Winter Wonderland

Chicken Scratch NY

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A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

LEAMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

The school was situated three miles east of Merriwa on what was Furze's Netherton property and more recently owned by Mark Sparrow. I spoke to Fay Greenwood when they owned the property and she was surprised to learn that a school had actually existed on the site. The old deeds only show the proposed site.

People of the area had been agitating for some years for a school to be built and a report in the Mudgee Guardian dated Friday September 15, 1899 stating that the request for a provisional school at Leamington near Merriwa cannot be complied with on the grounds that nearly all the children of the place attend the Merriwa school. However in the Government Gazette of NSW dated Tuesday August 20 1901, the Department of Public Instruction announced a public school at Leamington near Merriwa dated August 12, 1901.

The school opened in May 1902 on land owned by Mr William Walters. The average attendance was 30 students but must have dropped off in following years as the school closed in June 1912.

An announcement in the Farmer and Settler dated Tuesday July 2, 1918 a report on the Collaroy Soldier's Settlement, mention is made of the relocation of the school previously erected at Leamington to the Collaroy Soldier's Settlement and was erected just inside the gate into the Beechwood property just down from the Settlement Hall. The school was renamed the Kellick Public School.

Thanks go to Shirley Hunt for making available Alvin Hunt's paperwork and to Frank Hopkins for providing the information and to Kim Clydsdale for sourcing the newspaper entries from TROVE.

Photo 1 shows the class on the verandah at Leamington. The little girl at the front, seated second from the left is Clementine (Ducky) Walmsley.

Clementine Jane Isabel Walmsley born 1901 married Franklin (Frank) James Hopkins in 1922 in Merriwa. Frank died in 1972, Clementine died Sunday November 4, 1973.

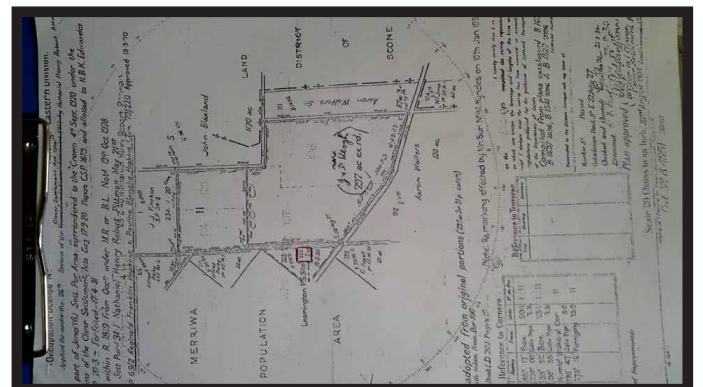
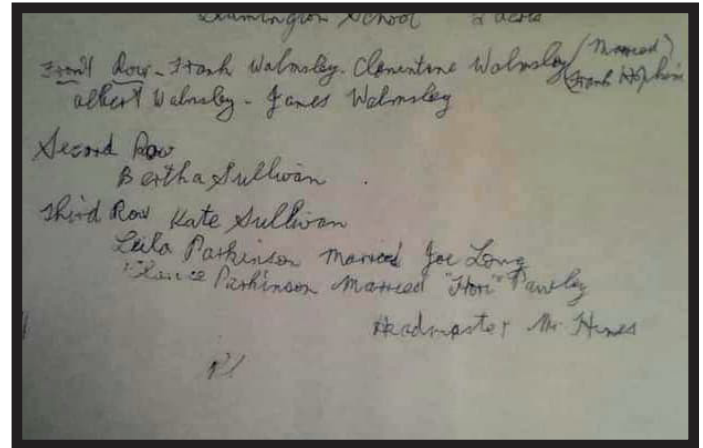


Photo 2 Frank was able to name some of the class.

Photo 3 map showing the two acre square school block.

Photo 4 vehicle to the right of the tank shows where the school stood.



Community Notice Board

Merriwa Senior Citizens

On Sunday December 20 we will be having a "Get Together" at the Merriwa RSL Club at 12 noon to welcome the members for lunch and "Christmas Cheer" is optional.

Covid restrictions will still apply.

Mary O'Neill

Can Assist

Hats off to you Merriwa, your support at our 1st fundraiser was amazing. We hope you enjoyed it and managed to win one of the many prizes on offer. It was so lovely to see the children enjoy the evening. The generosity of the community, raised just over \$5,000, your support will assist cancer patients in Merriwa on their journey to "Wellness".

We wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS, stay safe. May HEALTH HAPPINESS and PEACE be part of your agenda for 2021.

Can Assist Merriwa

Merry Christmas

I would like to take a moment to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. Keep safe and enjoy the loved ones that you have around you over this period.

Congratulations to all of the students who have worked hard and strived to achieve grades they are proud of.

Hylt Cronin

Hunter Medical Practice

We hope that everyone has a relaxing, safe Christmas. We hope everyone has a great break over the New Year, and that School Holidays are filled with fun and laughter.

Our offices will be closed from December 25, reopening January 4.

As we are all celebrating Christmas and the end of 2020, please remain vigilant and covid-safe. Regularly clean hands, keep 1.5 metres from those around you.

If you have any symptoms, please get tested and isolate until the results come back. The people we miss the most, and those we are hoping to see over the next month are often those who are most vulnerable to catching Covid19 - the elderly and the very young.

Merriwa CWA

Well, another year is nearly done and what a year we have had. Hopefully next year will be better. A thank you must go out to Ross Gorlick and his offsider for putting up the shelving in our shed. Also to Ken Cronin for keeping our lawns mowed.

We also have to thank the Cullingral Road men (Peiter, Ken, Larry and Paul) and Kim Fenley for putting up our new garden shed. Then there is everyone that has supported the CWA with their Garden Stall and our street stall, we couldn't do any of it without the support of the community, THANK YOU again.

KID'S COOKING

We will be having a Kid's Cooking day with a few adjustments. We can not do any cooking BUT we will be doing Christmas craft with Poppers and an Ice Block supplied. We would like everyone to come and bring your own lunch. (This is because of the Covid 19 restrictions).

WHEN: Tuesday December 22, 2020

WHERE: CWA rooms

TIME: 10.30am

We would love to see everyone there.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MERRIWA CWA BRANCH.

Kim Clydsdale

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

Business

Merriwa Newsagency

Thank you to everyone who shopped at newsXpress Merriwa throughout the year, we enjoy seeing you and helping you find whatever it is that you are looking for. We would like to wish you all the very best for a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Don't forget to leave your 'Back to school' lists with us to help keep you organised for the next school year 2021.

Gorgeous new children's books have just arrived, come in and see what we have, you are sure to find a perfect story for your kids.

COUNTRY STYLE

- Christmas at the farm; a relaxed family lunch with the Garrao family! They like to celebrate with a big feast, cooked over an open fire, (conditions permitting) on their property in Sutton Forest
- Young Guns; the next generation on the land. Meet the young Australians who are making a positive contribution to the lives of others and the land, securing a hopeful and resilient future
- Wreaths of love; inspired by her creative Mum, Sarah Stamm creates handmade treasures from home in Beechworth.

HOW IT WORKS ANNUAL

Everything you want to know about the world we live in with 1000's of amazing facts inside. Delve into the universe through six areas of knowledge; technology, transport, the environment, history, science and space. From microscopic body bugs to colonising the Solar System, you will discover some of the remarkable feats of the modern world. In this edition, you can find out what it takes to become a rally driver, why the unsinkable Titanic sunk and much much more. Pick up a copy today!

MARIE CLAIRE

Hello 2021; hit refresh! Pages of fashion, beauty and lifestyle ideas for your best year ever!

GALAH

Issue 01 - Limitations. This beautiful new magazine features just about everything. The creator Annabelle Hickson wants to bridge the gap between the country and the city. Important

work is being done in regional Australia, the way we grow our food, the way we use limited resources such as water, the way we live together in a community and at the same time hold different views. All these are matters that concern us all.

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

Love you to the moon and back...

BEANIE BOO

My name is Camilla.

When you're in the mood and want to doodle, I'll model for you, draw a pink poodle.

My birthday is February 24.

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

Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress



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Upper Hunter Shire Council

DA LODGEMENT AND APPROVALS ONLINE IN 2021

From 1 January 2021, all applications for development and building approval in the Upper Hunter Shire will need to be submitted through the NSW Planning Portal website, in accordance with the NSW Government's new Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Planning Portal) Regulation 2020.

This change affects all Development Applications, Construction Certificates, appointment of a Principal Certifier, Occupation Certificates, Subdivision Certificates and Complying Development Certificates. Private Certifiers will also be submitting their certificates through the Portal. After 31 December 2020, Upper Hunter Shire Council can no longer accept applications over the counter or by email.

Mat Pringle, Director of Environment and Community Services said "Upper Hunter Shire Council have been using the NSW Planning Portal for a few months now, and many other local councils have already fully converted to this process and are no longer accepting applications over the counter.

Applicants must have an email address and be able to provide electronic files to upload. Hand-drawn plans must be scanned, not photographed. Photographs create distortions that alter the accuracy of the drawing. Those who do not have access to technology can use a computer for free at their local library.

Council staff are available to assist with enquiries regarding the application process and can provide preliminary quotes.

The NSW Planning Portal is located at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au

BEFORE YOU BUILD, CHECK IF YOU NEED A DA

Residents are reminded that before carrying out development including building, demolition work, or changes to the use of a building – you should contact Council to see if you need development approval.

Some projects such as small fences, small decks and barbecues are exempt-development and do not require approval, however there are many forms of development that require approval through a development application (DA) or a complying development certificate which can be obtained from Council or a private

certifier.

Do not take the word of your mate, neighbor, or someone on e-Bay selling a DIY granny flat kit.

If you build without the required approval, Council can issue fines totaling up to \$12,000; serve a development control order to demolish, or commence legal proceedings in the NSW Land and Environment Court for unauthorised building works. In addition, carrying out development without the required approvals can be a significant problem in the future if you sell the property and may also have implications for your insurance.

Building and planning law is very complex and there are many rules and regulations that cover issues such as heritage, building design, biodiversity, bushfire, access, fire safety and construction standards. Different rules also apply in different neighbourhoods depending on the zoning.

Submitting a development application or an application for a complying development certificate allows Council to determine whether your project will adhere to local and state building and planning requirements, consider its environmental impacts and ensure that it won't be a nuisance to the neighbours

For more information, visit Council's website or contact Environmental Services Department on 02 6540 1136.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES

Check out Council's website for booking forms and calendars for the holiday activities throughout the Shire.

Any enquiries in relation to the activities contact Children's Services.





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DECEMBER

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 1

Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Decorate the hall for Christmas



Friday 4

Merriwa - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool then sausage sizzle
Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Design and make a mad milkshake

Tuesday 8

Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Fresh fruit kebabs

Friday 11

Merriwa - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool then Play station
Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Make white Christmas slice



Please bring your
towel and
swimmers each
youth centre day

Tuesday 15

Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Water activities

Friday 18

Merriwa - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool then card games
Murrurundi - Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone - Fresh fruit platter

December Challenge
 Tell your youth
 workers something
 you like about coming
 to the youth centre

Tuesday 22

Merriwa /Murrurundi/Scone
 Pool Christmas party -See your centre for more details

Friday 25

Merriwa
Murrurundi
Scone

Sorry We're
CLOSED



Tuesday 29

Murrurundi
Scone

Sorry We're
CLOSED

2021



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Fri: 4:00-7.30pm

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Tues: ages 10-11: 5.00 – 7.30pm
Fri: ages 12-17: 5.00 – 7.30pm

Scone
 105 Susan St, Scone
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Fri: 4.00pm – 7.30pm



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JANUARY 2021

ACTIVITIES

Friday 1

Murrurundi
Scone
Merriwa



Tuesday 5

Murrurundi
Scone



Friday 8

Merriwa
Murrurundi
Scone



Tuesday 12

Murrurundi
Scone



Friday 15

Murrurundi
Scone



Tuesday 19

Murrurundi
Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone
Fire Drill

Friday 22

Merriwa
Meet at the centre, walk to the pool then basketball
Murrurundi
Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone
Water Activities

Tuesday 26

Murrurundi
Scone



Friday 29

Merriwa
Meet at the centre, walk to the pool then Among us
Murrurundi
Meet at the centre, walk to the pool
Scone
Book Covering



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happy 2021.

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for your ongoing support
throughout 2020 and we
hope to see you in 2021.

Dee and Margherita



JTS REALTY

A Family Business

JTS Realty wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year. Our office will close on Tuesday
December 23 at 5.00pm and re open on Monday January
4, 2021.

If you wish to look at any of our listings please call Jay on
0438 474 222 or Tiffany on 0419 437 252. 2020 has been
a MASSIVE year with 186 confirmed sales to date and
another 24 under offer! Our biggest year yet! We looking
forward to an even busier 2021.

Regards Jay, Tiffany, Sofia, Leah & Georgia





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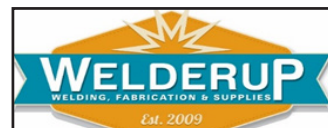
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FRIDAY RAFFLES RETURN

The Friday raffles will make their long awaited return on January 8, 2021. Ticket sales will start from 6.30pm and the raffle will commence at 7.30pm.

January 8 will also see the return of the members badge draws, and they will commence at the amounts they were when they were put on hold.

Remember the Sunday raffles are currently running as normal.

Saturday's \$5.00 schooners and house spirits 6.00pm till 10.00pm.

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Bistro – Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 6.00pm – 8.00pm

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

Sunday 12 noon – 2.00pm

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Matt Morgan

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Just a reminder that everyone has to supply contact details when entering the club premises.

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Membership fees remain the same at \$120.00, Juniors \$50.00 and are now due.

The Summer 18 hole competition has commenced and is on each Sunday names in from 7.30pm for a 8.00am hit off.

Social golf is available, please put your name down and your money in the envelopes provided and then place them in the honesty box slot. New members are always welcome. Thank you.

Paul Murray

Merriwa Little A's

So Merriwa Little Athletics is done and dusted for 2020. We will be back first Monday of Term 1 in 2021.

Our Zone athletes have been busy preparing for their zone carnival this weekend. A very big GOOD LUCK to Cody, Jye and Morgan Bates, Chad Booth and Aubree Oldham. Good luck and have fun. Remember it's all about doing YOUR Best and having fun at the same time.

AWARDS FOR NOVEMBER 31

Ethan Chin for great listening in tiny tots

Myles Huirt for power and accuracy in discus

Annabelle Marshall for enthusiasm and great listening in discus

Kiaya Proctor for pushing her limits and successfully completing a lap in distance running

Rylee Munn for excellent natural ability and power in discus

Jack Douglas for listening and following instructions from coach Julia

Bella Campbell for excellence in long distance

running.

AWARDS FOR DECEMBER 7

Lucy Campbell for great high jump and throwing skills

Lachie Wilkinson for enthusiasm and aptitude for throws

Olivia Parker for her amazing effort in long distance running

Jack Purcell for passion, talent and enthusiasm for running

Chad Booth for amazing effort in Jav

Nick Campbell for effort in discus and high jump

Annabelle Hunt for brilliant endurance and speed in 400mtr

Amelia Wilkinson for giving one hundred percent in 200mtr and 400mtr

Archie Constable for having great aim in Jav and always being willing to help.

To all our athletes and their families, Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe and We will see you back out on the track and field when school goes back.





Belinda Keane

Christmas Trivia Answers

1. Eggnog
2. Join in any reindeer games
3. Four
4. In Bethlehem
5. Macy's
6. Kris Kringle and Saint Nick
7. Blue Christmas
8. An angel
9. Paris
10. Stink, stank, stunk
11. Turkey (originally Patara, a city in the ancient district of Lycia, in Asia Minor)
12. An angel got his wings
13. Holy night
14. Tom Hanks
15. Ebenezer
16. England
17. The Christian bishop St. Nicholas
18. He began to dance around
19. Randy
20. "Rocking Around The Christmas Tree"
21. Kiss
22. Cupid
23. Germany
24. Parson Brown
25. Treat every day like Christmas
26. Oogie Boogie
27. Eight maids a milking
28. Home Alone
29. Tiny tots
30. Scott Calvin
31. 364
32. Hansel and Gretel
33. The Bumpuses
34. Feliz Navidad
35. The O.C.
36. The Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come
37. Sugar plums
38. He played a song for him on his drums
39. "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby
40. Dr. Seuss
41. Dancer, Dasher, and Donner
42. A button
43. Clarence Odbody
44. Hermey
45. "Jingle Bells"
46. Coca-Cola
47. Mummy
48. He hides in Santa's sack
49. On the lawn
50. Yule-Tree





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Council administration offices and libraries close from 12:00pm 24 December 2020, re-opening 4 January 2021.

Waste Management Facilities

Scone will be closed Christmas, Boxing Day, 28 December and New Year's Day.

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Scone and Merriwa will be closed on Christmas Day only.

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Pools will be closed on Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Closing times will be adjusted to 5pm on Christmas and New Year's Eve.

Early Learning Centre will be closed from 24 December and resume normal operations 4 January 2021.

SOOSH will be closed from 24 December and resume normal operations 4 January 2021.

Emergencies regarding roads, bridges, water, sewerage, waste and animals and landfill - contact Council on 6540 1199.

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On behalf of Councillors and staff we wish you a Happy Christmas and a safe and joyful holiday season.



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