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MERRIWA P.A.H.&I. SHOW SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 25th | 7 PM | MERRIWA RSL CLUB



President: Julie Llewelyn

Vice Presidents: Hollie Hunt and Keirra Hourn

Secretary: Talitha Sawley

Treasurer: Emma Douglas
Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm at Merriwa RSL Club

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Merriwa Central School

Primary

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our Students of the Week for Week 3.

Kindergarten: Mikayla Vero

Year 1: James Llewelyn

Year 2/3: Braith Hunt

Year 3/4: Oscar Swan

Year 4/5: Darcy Clark

Year 5/6: Paige Carrall

Library: Linsa Dahal

Thank you to the P and C for their kind donation and supplying our 'Student of the Week' books.



HOME READING

The Home Reading program is a beneficial way to help improve skills in reading and promote a love of reading at home. Students will receive a plastic sleeve with a book and a recording sheet.

Home readers are to be returned every week in order to be swapped for a new book. If you have any questions about the program please see your child's teacher.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class of the Week: Year 3/4 for Home Readers

Accepted on behalf of Jason Bristow and Olivia Purcell



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Many thanks for your understanding when we had to postpone last week's assembly. Our assembly will be held tomorrow, Friday February 21 at 2.15pm. Teachers will be presenting Merriwa Merits, Student of the Week awards and also inducting our new sporting house captains. Our Year 3/4 class will also be presenting us with a class item. All parents, friends and families are welcome to attend and join us in celebrating our students' achievements.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last week Primary students participated in the Merriwa Central School swimming carnival. Well done to all of the students who represented their sport houses by competing in age races, medleys and 100m races. All students represented the school in a positive way and showed great sportsmanship towards their peers by cheering as they swam. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out and made the day run smoothly.



Secondary

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday saw our school hold their annual combined swimming carnival at the local pool. The sun was out, water was warm, and the kids were eager to jump into the pool to start their school carnival year.

From the first buzzer all the kids had their competitive spirits showing, if they weren't in the water, they were standing by the pools edge cheering on their fellow house mates. This year the race for first place was ever so tight leading up to the penultimate event, the relays. It was a three-horse race between Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth, all three houses were neck and neck throughout the day. Ultimately though, the scores at the end of the day favoured Lawson who ended up taking out the carnival with a total of 724. Nearly every race throughout the day had a minimum of two Lawson competitors which lead to their victory. In second place finished Blaxland on a total of 521, third place went to Wentworth with a total of 483 points and rounding out the points was Oxley on 276 points. Well done Lawson, on taking out another swimming carnival, now the competition is on for cross country.

Congratulations to the following age champions for 2020:

Junior Boys (Primary) – Austin Adams

11-year Boys – (Primary) Zac Walker

Senior Boys – (Primary) Rory Wallings

12-year Boys (secondary) – Toby Fairhall

13-year Boys – Dylan McLennan

14-year Boys – Jye Byfield

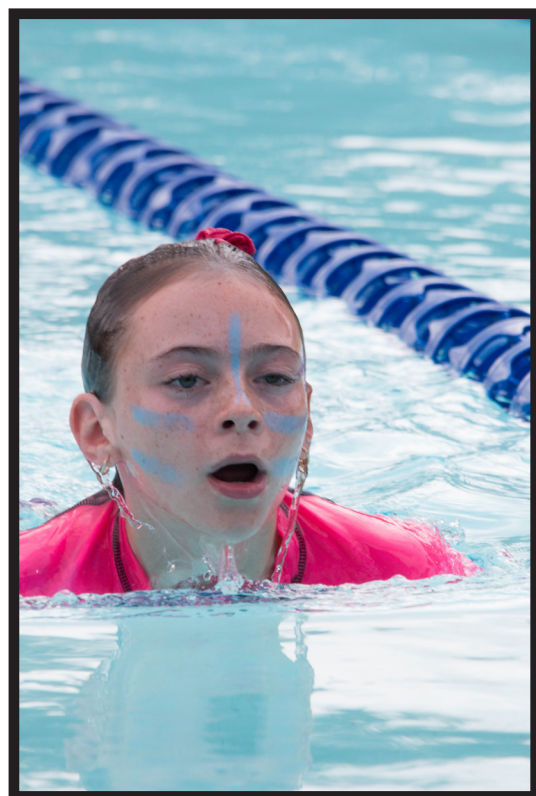
15-year Boys – Aaron Hamson

16-year Boys – Damien Jamieson

17+ year Boys – Jackson Keane

Junior Girls (Primary)– Paige Walker

11-year Girls (Primary) – Cadence Tudor



Senior Girls (Primary) – Katana Magnus

12-year Girls (secondary) - Carmella-Mae Willoughby

13-year Girls – Alyssa Carrall

14-year Girls – Josie Porter

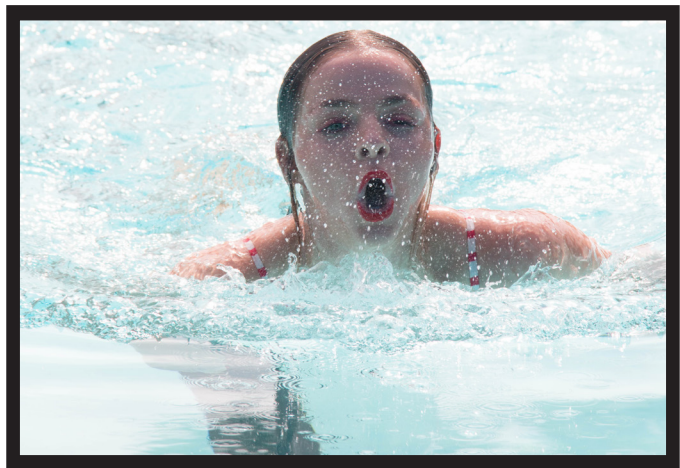
15-year Girls – Natasha Marsh

16-year Girls – Piper Cropper

17+ year Girls – Mackenzie Blackadder

I would also like to personally thank all the staff, students and parents who were able to assist with setting up on the day, as well as ensuring that the day ran smoothly. I would also like to thank the canteen staff for setting up their hot food and free waters for the students, as well as the pool staff for allowing us to reschedule the carnival and being so accommodating.





ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL RINGER REPORT

Last Friday I took some students away to the zone swimming after a quick turnaround from our school carnival. Early Friday morning we packed into the school bus and made our way to the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. The students who came away to the carnival represented the school in the highest regard, not only in the pool but also with their behaviour and manners during the day.

The following students represented the school:

- Alyssa Carrall
- Jye Byfield
- Natasha Marsh
- Piper Cropper
- Brooklyn Blackadder
- Ildiko Papp

In their races they all swam extremely well.

Alyssa finished 3rd in her 100m Breaststroke and 4th in 50m freestyle.

Jye finished 2nd in 100m Freestyle and 3rd in 100m Breaststroke.

Natasha finished 4th in a tight race for the 50m Freestyle

Piper finished 3rd in her 50m Freestyle.

Last but not least our 15s girls relay team came 1st in their 4x50m freestyle relay, the relay consisted of Natasha, Alyssa, Brooklyn and Ildiko.

All swimmers should be proud of their efforts and their behaviour on the day, as they received many comments from other school staff and parents about how well they swam and behaved.

Regional qualifiers will be told once all zone results are back from each carnival.

Lachlan Vaughan
Sports Coordinator



STUDENT OF THE WEEK RILEY BORRADAILE- YEAR 7

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: Maths, because it's really fun

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Coming from Sandy Hollow to Merriwa Central School for secondary school

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: Engineering maybe

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Sometimes cooking and reading

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Riley has consistently arrived at school with a positive attitude towards his work, and always gives his best effort. Riley also has with him his best behaviour, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Harley Hannon- Year Advisor



HOMWORK CLUB

Thursdays after school student support through the Merriwa Central School Homework Club continues this term. The focus for the Club will be on helping the students to achieve their best and provide an area dedicated to assisting students in organising and completing assessment tasks and other school work. Teachers across several subject areas will staff the Club which will operate after school until 4.30pm. This Club will be open for secondary students with parents invited to attend at anytime to see what its all about.

Matt Dean
Head Teacher VET

CAREER NEWS

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

Girls in Trades Excursion:

This will be held on March 17 and girls interested in pursuing a trade are invited to attend this excursion to AGL's Bayswater Power station to meet with personnel there. Part of the program is aimed at offering work experience opportunities for girls interested in a trade area with the potential for future work.

Skills and Thrills Workshop

A parent information night will be held on Tuesday March 24 at the Secondary Campus – Great Hall for all community members who are interested in

learning more about Vocational Education and the different pathways to training. Everyone is welcome – see the advertisement in the Ringer.

White Card Training

Merriwa Central School will be holding a white card training session on March 31 for students this term. Cost will be \$130 per student and they will require a Unique Student Identifier (USI) number before they can commence training. Students need to be over 14 years of age to participate. Interested students need to see Mrs Hegarty.

OTHER CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Schoolies Unearthed 2020 - Travel Overseas for Schoolies Week. New Destinations Added

Want to travel overseas for Schoolies next year? Grab your mates and find out more about Schoolies Unearthed 2020 trips to VANUATU, NEPAL, BORNEO or VIETNAM. Travel with a leader and explore an amazing new country, while giving back to a developing community. Applications OPEN online at: the link below or email info@schooliesunearthed.com.au.

<http://www.schooliesunearthed.com.au>

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STAFF PROFILE

MAXIME THOMPSON

- POSITION:** Visual Arts/Photography & Digital Media/
Music Teacher
- QUALIFICATION:** Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Teaching
(Secondary)
- PREVIOUS SCHOOLS:** NBSC Cromer Campus, Narrabeen Sports High School
- EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Painting, drawing, photography, reading, hiking, travelling
- BEST EXPERIENCE SINCE JOINING MCS:** Getting to know all the staff and students
- A MEMORABLE MOMENT IN YOUR "LEARNING/TEACHING CAREER":** When a student I taught won a state wide art competition.

Where to Study Surveying

Whether it's University or TAFE find all your options on one page here: <https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/study/where-to-study-nsw/>

Future Demand Still Strong for Surveyors

Higher graduate salary and excellent job prospects are just two reasons surveying is a career path secondary students should take note of. According to The Good Education Group, which publishes The Good Careers Guide, surveying has the fourth highest average starting salary at \$60,049 compared with the national average of \$52,840.

Graduate surveyors are also among the most likely to be employed straight out of university, with the third highest employment rate at 78%.

<https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/increased-demand-for-surveyors/>

UNSW United Nations Workshops

March 27 or June 26

Law Building, Kensington Campus, UNSW

Do you dream of being part of the United Nations, or making a difference in how world events play out? Join us for our UNSW Arts & Law United Nations Workshop.

In collaboration with the UNSW United Nations Society, this unique opportunity will enable you to learn about the work and operation of the United Nations through a Model UN (MUN) - a simulation of the debate and diplomacy which occurs in the UN's real General Assembly.

If you're in Years 10-12, come and be inspired by addressing and resolving real world issues affecting our global society – building your skills in diplomacy, negotiation and public speaking.

Click here for more details. https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/united-nations-workshops-registration-91739361901?aff=EducatorsNewsletter&utm_campaign=Future+Student+Newsletter&_cldee=Z2FyeS5ncmFudEBqb2JqdW1wLmNvbS5hdQ%3D%3D&recipientid=contact-5fff33ffa1e7e811a97f000d3ae0654c-e1f4378538

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Group Training Organisations (GTOs) have over 1000 open apprenticeships and traineeships across the Sydney Metro and Regional areas. Many targeting school leavers. For more

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<http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au/>

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

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor



P and C

Please mark these important upcoming dates in your calendar:

Our next meeting is Tuesday March 3, 6.30pm in the Fletcher Room of the RSL Club.

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 14. If you are unable to make these meetings but wish to join there are membership forms available at both school offices. You can pay your \$2.00 membership fee there also.

We are really hoping for some new committee members this year and would love for you to join us!

Keirra Hourn

Coming Events

FEBRUARY	
Monday 24	Peer Support Camp - Year 7 and 11 Year 12 Work Experience
Tuesday 25	Peer Support Camp - Year 7 and 11 Year 12 Work Experience
Wednesday 26	Peer Support Camp - Year 7 and 11 Year 12 Work Experience
Thursday 27	Year 12 Work Experience
Friday 28	Year 12 Work Experience

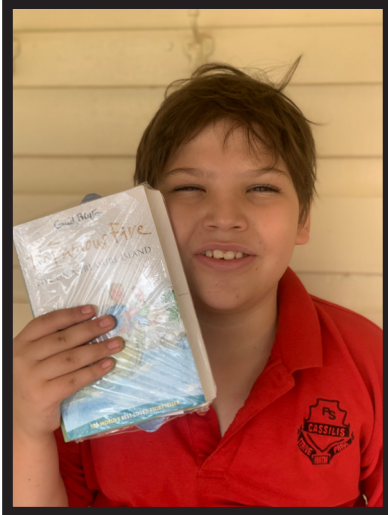


Cassilis Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK -

BEN BIBBY

Ben has been awarded the Student of the Week for his improvement in being an active learner and respectful behavior.



Ben had great ideas during discussions about the drought and ideas on how we could fundraise money for affected farmers. He remembered his library books. Ben listened respectfully to teachers, tried hard in each writing task, completed his class reader and was reading his book more independently during quiet reading time. Ben provided interesting strategies in number talk activities. With each activity, Ben had a try and asked for assistance when required. He didn't give up just because it was a little challenging.

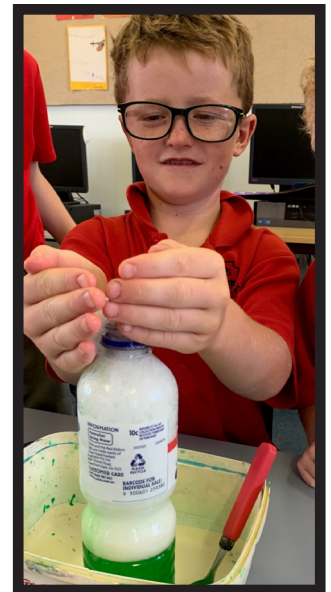
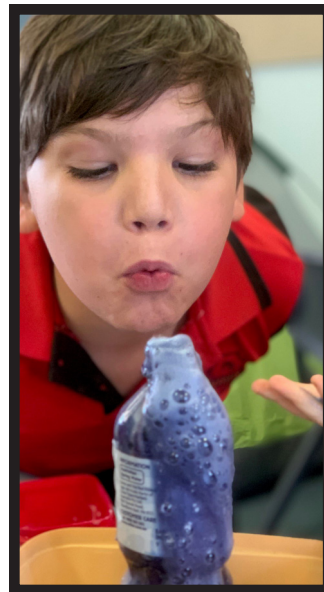
Congratulations Ben. You should be very proud of yourself.



LOOK WHAT THE BUSBY ROOM FOUND AND WROTE ABOUT



We saw a green frog sitting outside the room.



Congratulations to Ben and Paul who earned the opportunity to conduct a science experiment by receiving 9 PBL cards.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

- Every day counts...because children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day
- Every day counts... because going to school can mean getting a better chance at life after school
- Every day counts...because school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.
- Every day counts...because going to school is a legal requirement.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS

- Under the law, you must make sure your child

is enrolled and attends school on ALL school days unless you have a reasonable excuse

- You must not keep your child away from school for minor reasons
- Under the law, schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

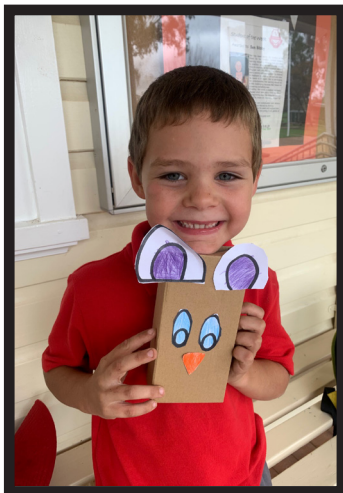
What you can expect from school

- Monitoring of student attendance
- Letting you know if your child is not at school
- Following up any absences as soon as practicable, but within three days of any unexplained absence
- Effective teaching strategies to engage your child in learning
- Strategies to help you to encourage your child to go to school.

Support for families

If your child does not want to go to school, or there are other issues surrounding attendance, contact the school immediately for assistance and support.

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Johnathan was very proud of his mouse he made after he practised Three Blind Mice.

IMAGINATIONS ARE GREAT!

One of the purposes of creating imaginative texts is to entertain the reader. Last Friday students read and discussed the Wonky Donkey. Afterwards, they were asked to choose either writing prompt:

- What might happen if you were to meet the

Wonky Donkey?

Or

- Predict what might happen to the Wonky Donkey after the story finished?

These are our students' responses:

I met the Wonky Donkey and he was cranky. Johnathan

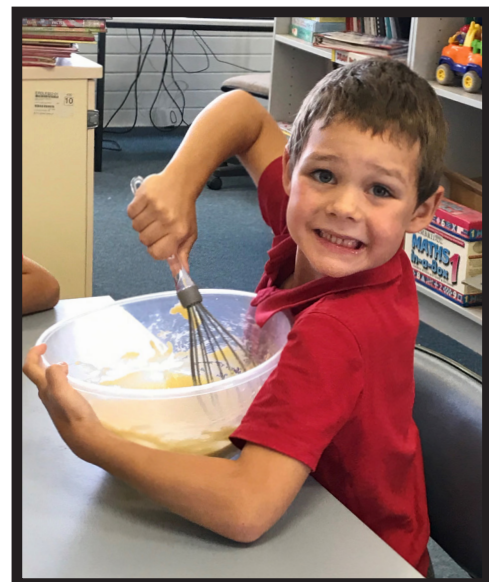
I followed a trail of hay in the paddock. It led me to the Donkey. He was dead so I used my hands to dig a hole to bury him under a bush. Paul

I saw the Wonky Donkey. Jacob

I was running down to the beach and I ran into the Wonky Donkey. He was missing an ear as a lion had attacked him and chewed it off! I rushed him to the vets and to calm him, the vet played country music. Skylah

I met the Wonky Donkey and he was trying to sing a country song. I was listening to him and helped him when he forgot some of the words. Then I asked him if he was alright. He replied no so I took him to the Coolah Vet and brought him a new leg. After the vet sewed it on, the Donkey was able to walk again without being wonky. Banjo

Wonky Donkey jumped on Mrs Cornish's head. Cooper



Johnathan used some big movements to mix up the batter for pikelets

Katie Burgess
Principal



St Joseph's Primary School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

The St Joseph's School Community was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our very loyal and long serving cleaner, Mrs Trudy Parker, on Friday, as a result of a short illness. Trudy had served St Joseph's as a cleaner in the school for over 20 years, ensuring that students young and old had fresh, clean facilities and classrooms to learn in and that the place was always looking its best. Our association goes much further back however, with Trudy completing her primary school years at St Joseph's. Trudy was a kind hearted, thoughtful person who always had a friendly word to say to people she passed in the school grounds and in my short time that I knew her, she spoke fondly to me of her husband and children, as well as the excellent relationships she had formed with many staff at St Joseph's.

Trudy's funeral will be held at St Anne's Church on Friday February 21 at 10.00am.

Eternal rest grant unto Trudy, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lionel, Trudy's husband, and her extended family.

CALLED TO SERVE MASS

Mrs Peebles, Miss Rodwell, Miss Love and myself attended the annual Called to Serve Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newcastle last Tuesday evening. It was a wonderful celebration of the vital role that Catholic Schools play in the community. This year's theme was the Living Water. Bishop Bill spoke about us as people being the "Good News" to all we meet through our words, deeds and actions. Everyone can do this in so many practical ways - basic kindness, respect and treating everyone fairly and equally, to name just a few.

Next year, we have a teacher who will receive an award for 25 years' service to Catholic Education, which will be very exciting!

WORKING BEE

Thank you to the families who made time out of their busy schedules to attend our Working Bee for Term One. Many weeds were extracted from the garden beds, cabinets moved, trees

pruned and air conditioners and fans received some good, old TLC.

Special thanks to the Peebles, Hagley, Collins, Hopkins, Booth, Constable, Barry, Wightman, Marshall and Wardman families as well as Mrs Brazier, Miss Love and Miss Rodwell, for their attendance and assistance.



SPORTING BEST WISHES

Over the coming weeks, we will be represented across various pathway sporting events and carnivals, which will see our students compete against the Upper Hunter Catholic Schools (Denman, Scone, Muswellbrook and Singleton).

We will have Stage 2 and Stage 3 students represented in:

Swimming: Scone February 19

Cricket: February 24 at Merriwa – 9:30am

Soccer: February 21 – Scone 9:30am

Touch: March 19– Singleton 9:30am

Netball: February 21– Singleton 9:30am

Rugby League: March 6 – Muswellbrook 9:30am

We wish all our students all the very best of luck with their trials.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

A reminder that our Parent Information Night commences on Thursday February 20 with Kindergarten at 6.00pm, Stage 1 – 6.20pm, Stage 2 – 6.40pm, Stage 3 – 7.00pm.

Please make every effort to get to meet/catch up with your child's teacher and hear about the important information and requirements for the year.

ENROLMENTS

If you know of any family who wishes to see the great work we do at St Joseph's, please promote us as much as you can. Your positive words in the community will be extremely beneficial.

For enquiries, email admin@merrriwa.catholic.edu.au or ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

February 20 Australian Reptile Displays Visit

February 25 Shrove Tuesday

February 25 School Captains to travel to Newcastle for Project Compassion

February 26 Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am

February 28 Clean Up Day (Infants Class)



March 2 Parish/School Dinner Merriwa RSL 6.00pm (RSVP to Office)

March 2-3 Life Education Van

March 2-6 Wellbeing Week

March 2-6 Catholic Schools Week "Drawing From The Well"

March 5 No Pen Thursday

March 6 Catholic Schools Week Parish Mass 12.00pm St Anne's

I hope you all have a terrific fortnight ahead. If you have any queries, questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me, contact me by phone or email me.

God Bless.

Mr Ashley Borg
Principal





REFLECTION THE TRANSFIGURATION MATTHEW 17:1-9

At the Transfiguration Jesus' fearful disciples watch as he is transformed and shines with heavenly glory. But what is the relationship between Jesus' transfigured glory and the suffering he must endure at Golgotha. And what does it mean for the disciples to follow such a leader?

The Transfiguration marks the midpoint in a series of scenes that define who Jesus is. At both his baptism and Transfiguration the heavenly voice announces that he is God's Son. At his temptation, in Gethsemane, and at his crucifixion, Jesus wrestles with the humiliation, suffering and abandonment that he, as Son of God, must endure. Finally the resurrected Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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In the scenes leading up to the Transfiguration the disciples worshipped the Jesus who walks on water as the Son of God. Six days later, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up onto a high mountain and there he is transformed before them. His face shines like the sun and his clothes become white as light. While Peter is offering to build houses for Moses and Elijah (long dead) a cloud covers the sun and a heavenly voice echoes the words offered at Jesus baptism "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Then the voice utters a command "Listen to him".

It is no wonder the disciples are terrified. On the way down Jesus tells them once again that the Son of Man must suffer and die, but will be raised again. At Gethsemane when Jesus himself faces temptation to disobey his Father and abandon the road to the cross, the three disciples who saw him transfigured went with him while he grieves and prays. He passes the last test but they do

not. He walks steadfastly into suffering and death while they desert him and flee. ON THE CROSS Jesus shows the world the obedient Son of God in all his humility and suffering humanity. After the Resurrection, the Son of God appears to the disciples with his divine authority, calling them to baptize and teach people to obey his commands. The he sends them into the world he loves, promising to be with them always. We too are sent, we too must listen and obey.

Geoff Inder's Funeral 2.00pm. Friday February 21

Wednesday February 26 - 6.00pm - Ash Wednesday Service at Holy Trinity.

Love and blessings, Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

GEOFF INDER

First thoughts of our club are on the death of our long time member Geoff who has served our club in many ways, including being our President and serving in many, many other roles over many years.

Our thoughts, our sympathy and our prayers are with Jill and all of Geoff's family.

May he Rest In Peace.

OTHER MATTERS TO NOTE.....

We acknowledge the generosity of the Rotary Club of Cessnock in providing financial assistance to our club for our drought relief programs.

RYAG Sheep Walcha

Within the next few weeks Rotary Merriwa will be sending three participants to Walcha to attend the annual program for Year 9 to 11 students.

All aspects of best practice sheep and wool production techniques are demonstrated at very hands-on sessions.

The internet has excellent information on what is on offer.

Mark Smith

Community Notice Board

Wedding Dresses

YOUR WEDDING DAY

The museum has, for some time, been in contact with Amanda Bowman who has been compiling information on over 180 women who have lived in the Hunter Valley who treasure their own family wedding gown.

The project "Reminisces of a Precious Gown" records their story leading up to the big day and covers wedding dresses from 1879 to 1979.

The work will be published as an ebook which will futureproof the recorded reminisces and photographs of these long treasured gowns.

Local families are invited to be included in this project.

They will be asked to bring along their gowns to the museum on a day in February to be photographed by professional photographers and talk about their story - how they met their husband, designed their dress, memories of the big day etc.

Amanda - a PHD candidate will supply her own backdrops, mannequins, pins etc as required.

If you would consider being included in this project and require further information, contact the museum on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings or call 6548 2673 and leave a contact number or Michael O'Neill on 6548 2383 or Bryan Baker on 6548 5000 after hours.

This is a great opportunity for your story to be included and preserved in this historical record.

Michael O'Neill

Merriwa Playgroup

Thirteen delightful toddlers and bubs came to our first playgroup of the term on Thursday at the library.

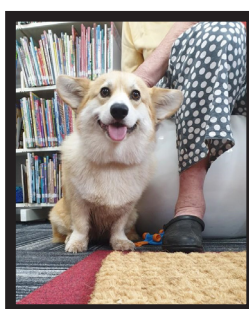
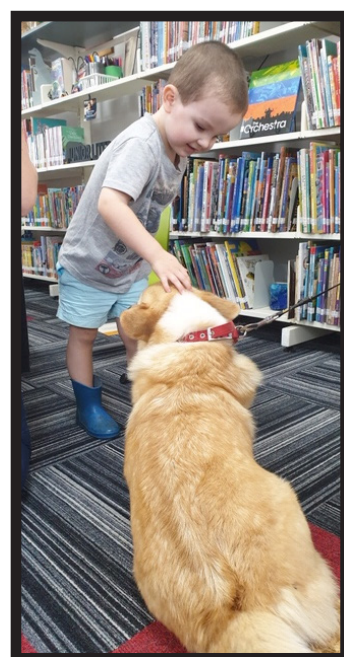
Special guests were Mrs Deirdre Peebles and her gorgeous Corgi Wynnie (Welsh spelling!) to celebrate our theme 'I love my dog'. Wynnie was very well behaved, sitting on the mat waiting patiently for every little person (and a few mums!) to give her a pat. Thanks to Michelle Willis for coming up with our dog mask craft activity and book, it was a hit!

The children loved getting back together again after the summer holidays playing with the puzzles and toys, having a sing song, dance and doing some arts and crafts.

It was so great to see you all again and hopefully next Thursday (27 February) we will get to have our morning tea and play outside this time!

Playgroup is for children aged 0 to 6 year olds, not yet at school. We meet at the library and Apex Park (weather permitting) every second Thursday (opposite week to Toybox) through school term. All you need to do is bring some morning tea, drink bottle and a gold coin donation which goes towards our craft for the following week.

For more information or to go on the SMS Text reminder list, call UHSC Community Services officer Tash Taaffe on 0458 574 015.



Community Notice Board

Merriwa Women's Social Group

FEBRUARY DINNER

When: Thursday February 27
Where: Eat@153 - 6.30 for 7.00pm
Cost: \$30pp includes 2 course meal, raffle and lucky door ticket

Bookings close February 24 at 8.00pm sharp

Payment to be made via direct deposit.

Bsb: 932 000

A/C: 764470 (\$3 for Regional bank customers)

Account Name: Merriwa Women's Social Group

BYOG, all welcome. Check out our Facebook page for more info.

Megan Constable



St David's Uniting Church

PIE/LAMINGTON DRIVE

2020 is moving on very quickly and Easter is just around the corner.

St David's will be running its annual Easter Pie Drive with delivery on Wednesday April 8, 2020.

This is the ideal opportunity to get in goodies for the School Holidays.

Order sheets will be out and about in the next week or so.

Barbara Campbell

Le Tour De Merriwa

Merriwa will be hosting the cycle event – Le Tour de Merriwa on Sunday March 8 and we are hoping to have plenty of visitors both riding and supporting the event and our local businesses.

We will be hosting a CHEESE and PASTA night at the MERRIWA SPORTS CLUB on SATURDAY MARCH 7, 6.30pm – 9.30pm The riders will need plenty of energy for their ride on Sunday and with the catering being carried out by Kylie Austin. There is a guarantee that the food will be great. Drinks can be purchased at Merriwa Sports Club.

The cost is \$30.00 for anyone who purchases a ticket before the deadline of February 29, after that the cost will be \$35.00. There will be limited tickets only, so don't wait too long.

Whether you are a cyclist or not come and meet our out of town visitors and let us show them what a wonderfully friendly town we are.

Tickets will be available from the Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre soon, but in the meantime make sure you keep the date free.

For more information about the ride on Sunday please contact Robert Smith, for the Saturday dinner contact Edith Shipway 0428 487 201

Hope to see you on March 7.

Edith Shipway

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

The Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary will be having a General Meeting on Friday February 21, 2020. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room inside our Merriwa MPS at 2.00pm. We invite all our members to attend as well as any community members who want to see what we are all about and perhaps join our ranks as a member. We only have four meeting a year and all money raised goes directly to our Merriwa MPS for the purchase of equipment for the betterment of our patients and staff.

See you on Friday February 21 at 2.00pm.

Elaine Sparrow

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Community Notice Board

Merriwa Interschool Horse Sports Association

(MISHA)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, February 27

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Merriwa RSL Club

De Patterson

Merriwa CWA

It is well into the new year and we have a few events coming up soon. First we would like to congratulate Margaret Witney with receiving her Life Membership badge and certificate.

COMING EVENTS

Physie is starting up again every Thursday afternoon.

Friday March 13: We welcome Scone Literary Festival to the CWA and Merriwa. The two Authors will be Richard Anderson and Nicole Alexander. Cost is \$35.00, this includes lunch.

So please book online at TryBooking, more information check out the Scone Literary Festival website.

Thursday March 19: We will be having our International Women's Day. Come along for an informative and fun day. Hope to see everyone there. More information will be available soon.

Thursday April 9: We will be having our street stall, just in time for Easter.

Wednesday April 22: Our Kids Cooking Day will be here, so definitely save this date.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday March 9 at the new time of 9.30am at the CWA rooms located at 159 Bettington Street Merriwa. New members are always welcome, so why not drop in and say hello.

Enquiries to Penelope Fenley on 6548 3060 or Kim Clydsdale on 6548 2558 or 0421 910 658.

The CWA rooms are available for hire at very reasonable rates by contacting Kim Clydsdale on 6548 2558.



Congratulations Margaret Witney receiving her Life Membership badge and certificate

Kim Clydsdale

Ringer Deadline!

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Clean Up Australia Day

Merriwa Senior Citizens

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2020

This year's clean up Australia Day on March 1 celebrates 30 years since the first annual clean up.

Once again, Merriwa is "Stepping Up to Clean Up" with Registration at Merriwa Lions Park from 8.00am. with Morning Tea for all participants at 10.00am.

Gloves and Garbage Bags will be provided, but bring sunscreen and a hat, and sturdy enclosed shoes, no thongs.

Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Make a note of the date, Sunday March 1 and come along to Lions Park (The Driver Reviver) at 8.00am and help tidy up our town.

Organised by Merriwa District Progress Association Site Supervisor: Beron Arden-Wood 6548 2245.

Beron Arden-Wood



Well Done

A small but significant well done to three little gems at Merriwa Central School on their outstanding effort for the first part of the year. Well done Nicholas Campbell, Matilda Googe and Mia Wilkinson for the awards you have received.

Hylt Cronin

Please not the following events:

Thursday February 20 - invitation for morning tea at the Merriwa Library will be at 10.00am with a guest speaker.

Tuesday March 31 - Coach trip departing Merriwa at 8.00am for Quirindi, Gunnedah and Coolah

Cost is \$60.00 which includes morning tea in Quirindi

Friday March 20 - Merriwa RSI Auditorium - starting at 11.00am. Students arriving at 11.45am.

Lunch is 12.30pm with a cost of \$18.00pp

Hoi with many prizes, raffles, lucky doorprizes etc

Visitors from Scone, Denman and Cassilis.

GAMES DAY

Tuesday May 19 - Singleton visiting - \$7.00 lunch

Tuesday August 11 - Visitors from Coolah, Cassilis and Denman

Tuesday October 13 - Visitors from Muswellbrook

Details later for these games days.

Mary O'Neill

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For those that are worried, Dr Jasem has no intention and is not leaving the Merriwa community. Dr Jasem is settled in Merriwa and will continue to provide medical attention as a GP to the community.

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Dr Emad Jasem

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Congratulations to Kim Nguyen for obtaining her Australian Citizenship.

WELLBEING

- Special Report; treating arthritis naturally. Arthritis is a common inflammatory condition and is one of the leading causes of pain and disability in the community. This report looks at natural and gentle ways to prevent and heal this condition
- Raising emotionally intelligent kids. IQ the intelligent Quotient, measures how well you can adapt to culture on intellectual measures such as general knowledge, spatial and verbal reasoning and memory. EQ or Emotional Intelligence refers to how well you can adapt to your culture at an emotional level. Being able to identify emotions in yourself and others and responding to them in constructive ways. When you show empathy children learn they matter and that they are worthy and lovable

INSIDE OUT

- Real life reno; how one couple flipped a dream Queenslander. By digging down, they transformed their modest worker's cottage into a spacious family home
- What I know; Twelve design and style insiders reveal their best tips for renovating, choosing furniture and even setting a table!
- I've always wanted... A pizza oven! There is nothing quite like the genuine article when it comes to making pizza at home and there are more options than you may think
- Design destination; Sri Lanka. If you're after incredible hotels in beautiful settings, Sri Lanka is the place to go.

HOME BEAUTIFUL

- Luxe appeal; re-imagine Hamptons style with inky tones and divine textures. Pages of inspiration to get the look
- 100 Brilliant kitchen ideas to try at home,

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- Sweet and salty; one taste of these mouth watering recipes will remind you why this classic flavour combination is the perennial crowd pleaser.

INSTYLE

- Renee Zellweger; on taking time out and her triumphant return. She revisits her iconic characters and discusses her greatest role to date playing Judy Garland in the movie Judy
- Loads of fashion in Fashion Forecast; discover five of the hottest runway trends, from neon brights to luxurious leather and ultra feminine style
- Words to live by. Playing by his own rules, Cody Simpson has transformed from teen star to maturing musician and global citizen.

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

Nobody has ever measured, not even poets, how much the heart can hold.

BEANIE BOO

My name is Ramsey

I was a lion when I was born, then I magically grew a horn, I know this is not the norm but now I am a unicorn.

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Please note: On Sunday March 1 newsXpress will be closing at 10.00am

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

Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress Merriwa Team



Upper Hunter Shire Council

NEW COMMUNITY BUS FOR MERRIWA

Upper Hunter Shire Council have purchased a new Merriwa community bus.

The new 12-seater bus, a Toyota HiAce, replaces a 14-seater HiAce that required the driver to have an LR licence. By having two fewer seats the bus can now be driven by anyone with a standard C licence, which greatly increases its usage potential. The new bus is more accessible, with a new wide, slide out step and grip rails at the side door. The previous 14-seater has been in operation since 2007.

Gummun Place Hostel will primarily use the Merriwa Community Bus for resident outings. The bus is also available for hire and is ideal for use by sporting, school and community groups.

Gummun Place resident Beryl Llewelyn, who recently turned 102 years old, stated that she was impressed by how easy the new bus is to get in and out of.

This bus can be hired through the Upper Hunter Shire Council administration office in Merriwa. Current fees and charges are available on Council's website.

The Merriwa Community Bus is a separate service to the larger TransCare Community Bus service.



KIA ORA MUSIC CAMP 2020

Kia Ora Enrolment forms are hot off the press and into the hands of school kids. This year celebrates 20 years of the music camp which provides school children of the Upper Hunter Shire a three day cultural experience to enhance their musical abilities.

Camp will be held April 1-3 with the Concert being held at Scone High School MPU from 6pm on April 3.

Kia Ora 2020 will offer sessions for Concert Band, Choir, Dance, Junk Percussion, Strings, Music Theatre, Kawai and Ukulele with experienced teachers from over the country.

Enrolments close Wednesday, March 4.

For more information, contact Upper Hunter Shire Council Community Services on 02 6540 1153 or email council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

or keep up to date with information via the Upper Hunter Shire and Kia Ora Youth Music Camp Facebook page.

BURN BRIGHT CAMP 2020

Upper Hunter Shire Council is offering a free, life-changing opportunity to local young people aged 15 to 18 years, interested in experiencing a Burn Bright Camp during the July 2020 school holidays.

Burn Bright Camps help young people develop their well-being skills, to face challenges and adversity.

Burn Bright Camp will run from July 9-12 at Vision Valley Conference Centre, Arcadia. Council will cover all costs of the Camp including transport.

To apply, young people must submit a short written explanation of why this opportunity would be beneficial to them and must be nominated by a school representative, parent or guardian or community member over 18 years of age. Young nominees must be an Australian citizen, have a normal postal address within the Upper Hunter Shire and be aged between 15 and 18 years at the time of the camp.

More information and expressions of interest forms are available at any Council administration office, upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/our-services/youth-services.aspx or email youthservices@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Nominations close Friday, February 28.

Hunter Local Lands

HUNTER LOCAL LAND SERVICES IS SEEKING YOUR INTEREST IN TRAINING OPTIONS FOR THE MERRIWA PLATEAU

Following on from a recent landholder survey on "Box-Gum Grassy Woodland in the Merriwa Plateau", the upper Hunter team are seeking input from farmers and landholders into what training might be of interest to landholders who have woodland habitats, and an interest in restoring and enhancing it, on their land.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) survey form has been developed covering a range of identified topics from the survey, seeking EOIs to assist in our planning and delivery of these or similar events. We want to hear your level of interest in topics such as cultural or other burning for restoration, river management, grazing strategies for both production and environmental benefits on farms, and more.

Landholders in the upper Hunter are invited to submit their Expression of Interest for potential future training through a form accessed via this link

<https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/eoi-courses-merriwa-plateau> or contact Catherine Conroy at our Scone office on 0427 578 937 who can register your Expression of interest over the phone.

For those who want to know more about the Box Gum Grassy Woodland survey results, a short summary is available online by following the link below, also check out the upcoming planned workshops we are running in the area too (last page of report).

https://hunter.lls.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1193278/Merriwa-Box-Woodland-Survey-Results-Snapshot-Report-Dec19.pdf

If you wish a hard copy of the summary to be posted to you, please contact Catherine Conroy on 0427 578 937 or email: catherine.conroy@lls.nsw.gov.au

Catherine Conroy

57 Marquet Street Merriwa

\$130,000.00



Situated on a large 1105sqm block, this home will suit a renovator. The expensive rooms have been done with a modern laminex kitchen and renovated bathroom in place. There are 2 big bedrooms plus 2 sleepouts. The living area is large and features a combustion fire. The yard is big and flat with a double carport, lockable workshop and chicken coup. In close proximity to the schools, shops and hospital, this home offers plenty of options.

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Currently tenanted to excellent long term tenants this home is very well maintained. There are 3 big bedrooms, 2 with built in robes and the main with R/C Air. The living room is large with combustion fire and reverse cycle air conditioning. The kitchen is in very good condition with dishwasher and electric oven and cooktop. There is also a walk in storeroom off the kitchen. The bathroom is in very good order and there is a second toilet. At the rear of the home is a fully enclosed entertainment area overlooking the yard. There is a single lock up garage and plenty of room for a shed.



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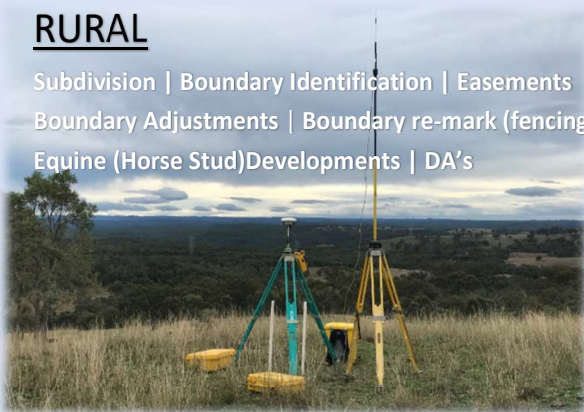
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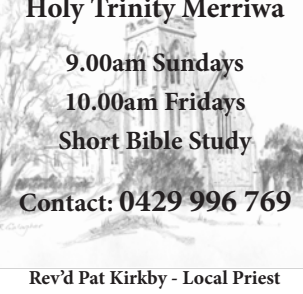


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 De Patterson Secretary 0416 194 501
 Fiona Morgan Treasurer
 Rally days every 2nd Sunday of month from February to October


Merriwa R.S.L Club Ltd
 Bistro/Snack Bar
 Take Away
 Lunch & Dinner 7 days
 Parties & Weddings a speciality
ATM, SKY CHANNEL CLUB TAB, CLUB KENO DARTS, SNOOKER, POOL

MERRIWA SSAA AND APA
 Range facilities and Fire arm testing available
 President: Nathan Telfer
 Secretary: Phil Martyn
Contact 6547 6031 for information
Shooting weekends 2nd and 4th weekend of the month

Merriwa Petroleum & Ag Supplies
 Offering a large range of rural merchandise including animal health, feed and produce, water pipe and fittings, fuels and lubricants, agricultural chemicals, hardware and much more!
 Delivering bulk fuel to Merriwa, Cassilis, Scone, Sandy Hollow, Denman and surrounding areas
Find us at 19 Vennacher Street Merriwa
 Open Monday - Friday 7.30am - 5pm
 Saturday 9am - 12pm
 Phone: (02) 6548 2071

Merriwa Swimming Club
For swimmers of all abilities
 Season begins in Term 4
 President: Melissa Collins
 Registrar: Bronwyn Redgate
 Secretary: Sandy Wallings
merriwa.swimming.org.au

BBQ area and Kids Play area
Friday Raffles and 3 Members Badge Draws
Sunday Raffles
 Members Badge Draw between 11.30am & 1.30pm
Club: 6548 2157
Bistro: 6548 2295
 For the information of members and their guests.

MERRIWA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

President Andrew Constable
Secretary Fiona Morgan
Treasurer Kellie Porter
 All enquires to the secretary 0418417186
 fionamorgan6@bigpond.com

MERRIWA RACES
April 18, 2020
 Race Club President - Paul Frampton
 Contact - 0428 485 182
 Visit www.merriwaraceclub.com.au

MERRIWA OLD BOY'S CLUB
 President
Bruce Blackadder
 0428 219 340
 V/President/Publicity Officer - Trent Cooper
 Secretary/Treasurer - Matt Morgan

MERRIWA

FESTIVAL of the FLEECES

Merriwa Cricket Club
 President: Jon Osmond 0428 714 648
 Vice President: Mark Fieldsend
 Secretary: James Armstrong 0412 926 525
 Treasurer: Mick Curteis - 0475 980 254

MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
 Have your voice heard on matters that affect the whole local community
 Meets on 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 PM Merriwa RSL
 merriwaprogress@gmail.com

Clubs Merriwa RSL Club

NEW MEMBERS LUNCH SPECIAL MENU

\$12.50

Crumbed calamari and chips
Gourmet salada and garlic aioli
Caesar salad
Burger of the day and chips
Beer battered fish, chips and salad

Available Monday to Friday

The Thursday Members Badge Draw for \$220.00 was not won the number was 118, this week it jackpots to \$240.00 and will be drawn between 6.00 – 7.00pm.

The Friday night Members Lucky Badge, 7.00pm draw for \$100.00 was not won the number was 606, this week it ackpots to \$120.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$800.00 was won the number was 653, this week it commences at \$850.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$120.00 was not won the number was 733, this week it jackpots to \$140.00. **LTPS/19/36118**

The Sunday Morning Members Badge Draw for \$550.00 was not won last week the number was 67, this week it jackpots to \$600.00 and will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. **LTP/19/36118**

Members must be present to claim any of the draws and present their current membership card upon request. It is an offence to NOT have your membership card on your person when on the premises.

Birthdays vouchers each month are also available at the bar at the beginning of the month.

Wednesday Nights from 6.00pm - \$11.00 Pizzas and \$6.00 Pints

Thursday Nights – Chicken Schnitzel Night - \$12.50 – Members only

Saturday Nights – Steak Night - \$12.50 OR order any meal off the A la carte menu and get one kids meal for free – Members only

Courtesy Bus – the clubs courtesy bus if available for pickups on Friday's from 5.30pm (you must book by ringing the club), with drop offs at 9.15pm, 10.00pm and 11.30pm.

HAPPY HOUR

Thursday 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Sunday 11.00am to 12 noon

Member's prices

\$3.50 schooners and \$2.50 middies

BISTRO HOURS

Lunch 12noon – 2.00pm
Evening 6.00pm to 8.00pm/8.30pm

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Sports Club

Mondays - Happy Two Hours - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

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

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

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

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

BINGO

Wednesday Night 6.30pm. Tickets on sale from 6.00pm. Lots of great prizes to be won. All welcome.

BOWLS

Casual bowls available. Twilight Bowls every Friday night. 5.30pm roll.

GOLF

Casual Golf available. Donations in honesty box.

CHINESE SMORGASBORD

February 23

Smorgasbord all you can eat Chinese entrée, mains and desserts.

RESTAURANT

Chinese/Australian Restaurant closed Mondays.

Open for dinner Tuesday to Sunday 5.00pm to 8.30pm. Open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday 12noon to 2.00pm.

For bookings and take away - **6548 3228**

WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday Raffle - February 15

Saturday Members draw, No371, was not won – next week \$240.00.

Dinner: Nancy Coulton
Free Ticket: Beatrice Voysey
Bowls Raffle: Max Barwick

Members draw - Sunday February 16

Members draw, No 295 was not won – next week \$700.00.

Save the Date: Saturday April 18, 2020, Carrot Bowen and The Collective - 7.00pm till 11.00pm.

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Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

Again this week, we have had to change venues for League Tag and Reserve Grade training, please contact Gaynor or Nathan for location.

Training this week is Tuesday and Thursday for League Tag, starting at 6.00pm sharp. If you need a rub down or strapping make sure you get there early to ensure you are ready to train with the rest of the group.

Reserve Grade training will be Tuesday and Thursday this week, at 6.30pm. Again contact Nathan Barry for more information.

Merchandise is now available to order, please check out our Facebook page.

Easter Raffle on Thursday April 2 at 7.30pm at Merriwa RSL Club. Tickets on sale on the night from 6.00pm.

Our 100 club was sold on Saturday by Eva Towler, a big thank you to Eva.

First Prize: Ken Berry no. 63

Second Prize: Maree no. 81

Third Prize: Ian Rhodes no. 10 (who kindly donated his prize money back to the club).

Jessyca Morgan

Ringer Deadline!

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and advertisements into the

Merriwa Ringer

by Mondays, at 12.00 noon

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club

WELCOME TO THE 2020 SEASON!

We are still in need of coaches for this season. If you are interested in coaching our junior magpies please get in contact with Fiona ASAP so we can get those enrolled in courses if need be, 0418 417 186, fionamorgan6@bigpond.com

Registrations are now open. We would like all players registered as soon as possible. Please follow the link <https://profile.mysideline.com.au/> to register. Don't forget to download your active kids voucher from www.service.nsw.gov.au

All players will be receiving a training set (shorts and shirt) with their rego. Please indicate on the form their size when registering. The gear is the same as last years club merchandise so use those sizes as a guide.

Club merchandise will once again be available to purchase, keep an eye on our facebook page for more information.

COACHING AND SPORTS TRAINER COURSES

Saturday March 21, Aberdeen Bowling Club - Club Coach course (covers all ages) 9.00am-3.30pm \$20.00

Saturday March 21 and Sunday 22 Segenhoe Inn Aberdeen – League First Aid, Level 1 sports trainer (blue shirt) and reaccreditation, Level 2 sports trainer (orange shirt) and reaccreditation and CPR update.

Saturday May 2 and Sunday 3, Club Singleton – Level 2 sports trainer and reaccreditation.

A reminder to all committee, coaches, volunteers etc, everyone needs to register with the club. If you don't have a Working with Children Check please get this started www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au.

At this time, we don't have a confirmed start date for the season but I will be sure to let everyone know! Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for all updates and date for our registration day.

Fiona Morgan

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MAKE INFORMED CAREER CHOICES!



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- Industry Trends
- Jobs of the Future
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) Options: School -delivered VET, SBATs and EVET
- Apprenticeships / Traineeships
- TAFE / Private Training Providers
- Funding Options Available (Smart and Skilled)
- Useful Resources
- Opportunities to speak to VET Ambassadors

A SHOW NOT TO BE MISSED!

DATE: Tuesday 24th March 2020

6:00-7:30PM

LOCATION: Merriwa Central School (hall)
Bow St, Merriwa NSW

COST: Free

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