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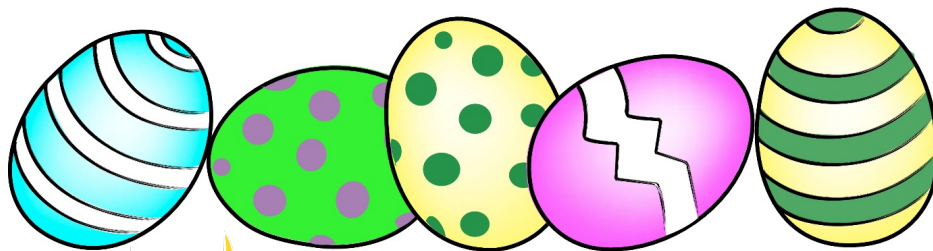


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For children 2 – 5 years

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For children attending Kindergarten to Year 6
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Merriwa Central School

Principal's Report

Secondary students had a fantastic time at the Luna Park excursion on Friday. The rewards excursion was organised at the end of last year, however due to increased pollution levels as a result of bushfire smoke the trip was rescheduled. These special activities are a reward for students who demonstrated positive behaviours, and school was business as usual for those who remained.

COVID-19

Much of the focus of the coronavirus has been in Sydney with a large Australian-Chinese population, and international travellers. Parents may be aware of one Sydney school closed last week due to the concerns.

Consistent with current guidelines, students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with the NSW Department of Education's current practice, if any student becomes unwell, the school will implement infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the NSW Ministry of Health as appropriate.

Maintaining good hygiene standards is an important way to reduce the risk of acquiring and spreading respiratory infections. Parents and caregivers are asked to promote good hygiene, including handwashing with soap as handwashing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Our school leaders travelled to Adelaide last week to attend the National Leadership Summit at St Pauls College. Students from across the nation attended the summit to discuss issues relating to young people and share ideas. Thank you to Lindy Hunt from Where There's a Will for arranging the visit and supporting our students in Adelaide, a fantastic opportunity.



PARENT TEACHER INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER

Parents are invited to come along and meet new staff at an informal gathering, before our more structured parent teacher interviews later in the term. Feel free to pop down to the RSL Club (BBQ area) this evening to say hello between 6.00-7.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Darren Noonan
Principal

SOCIAL GATHERING

Parents are invited to meet the new and not so new teaching staff at an informal gathering at the Merriwa RSL Club (BBQ area) Thursday March 12 between 6.00-7.00pm. Finger food will be supplied and enjoyed at our gathering.

Drop by to say hello, before our more formal parent teacher interviews later in the term. Everyone welcome.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Primary

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our Students of the Week for Week 6.

Kindergarten	Amelia Wilkinson
Year 1	Alfred Chance
Year 2/3	Blake Clarke
Year 3/4	Lilly Martin
Year 4/5	Maclaine Spinks
Year 5/6	Verity Spinks



CLASS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Kindergarten for being the Class of the Week. This week's focus was on school uniform and the award was accepted on behalf of Taniel Roberts and Joy Magnus.



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Thank you to parents and guests who attended our school assembly last Friday. It was a fantastic afternoon, acknowledging student achievements in the classroom. We also welcomed a lovely presentation from Year 4/5. Our next Kinder-Year 6 Assembly will be in Week 9, Friday March 27 at 2.15pm.



SENIOR CITIZENS

Our Year 3/4 class will be performing at the senior citizens concert on Friday March 20. Students will be walking down to the Merriwa RSL at 11.30am, and will be performing at 11.45am.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Students are not to bring mobile phones to school UNLESS the phone is left in the office on arrival and picked up at the end of the day. (This acknowledges that some students have family, travel or work commitments that make a mobile phone outside of school hours a necessity). Students are also encouraged to leave MP3 players at the office. The school cannot take responsibility for valuable items that are left unattended in bags.

If students are found in possession of a mobile phone during school hours, the phone will be confiscated.

Parents may collect the phone from the front office, or alternatively the phone will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. Parents can continue to leave messages for students by contacting the front office.

Talia Morgan
Relieving Assistant Principal - Infants

Secondary

LUNA PARK EXCURSION

Last Friday March 6, a group of 39 students and three staff went to Luna Park for the rescheduled rewards day from Term 4 2019. The students enjoyed the day with rides, rollercoasters and views of Sydney Harbour. We arrived in Sydney around 11.00am and once the students received their wristbands they were off and enjoying free time within the park.



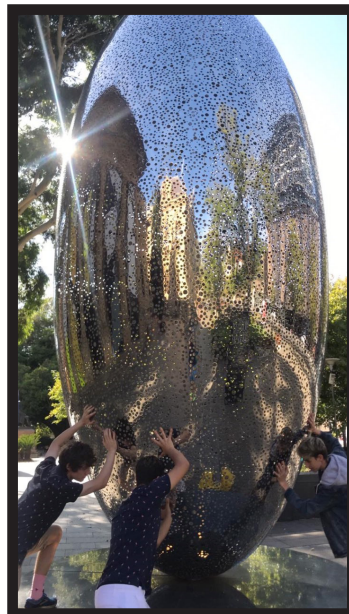


NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT REPORT

Some of our students were lucky enough to be a part of the National Leadership Summit held at St Peter's College in Adelaide during week 6. Our year 11 students, Hasan, Harry, Joanne and Abby left early on Thursday morning for the trip to Sydney to fly to Adelaide. Once they were settled into their hotel they had free time to explore the local area.

On Friday March 6, 120 students attended the leadership summit held at St Peter's College organised by Where There's A Will. Our students met many students from a range of different schools and backgrounds and worked collaboratively in leadership activities. On the Saturday they were then given the challenge of exploring Adelaide in a scavenger hunt style activity. The students were given a list of places around Adelaide they were required to attend and navigate the tram and maps to find their way around the city before returning home on Sunday.

The students will now attend a meeting next Tuesday March 17 at Muswellbrook high School to discuss what they learnt and will assemble a presentation to deliver to other schools in the area.



Anna Sansom
TAS/VET Teacher

CAREER NEWS

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

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 \$130.00 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

Careers Expo

Merriwa Central School students have the opportunity to travel to the Careers Expo being held at Maitland on May 15. The bus will leave at 9.00 and return to 3.00 and students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are eligible to attend. Interested students need to see Mrs Hegarty for a note.

OTHER CAREERS NEWS

State Music Camp Student Applications for 2020 are now open!

APPLY HERE

- Junior Music Camp (Years 5-8): Sunday July

19 - Friday July 24 (week 1, Term 3)

- Senior Music Camp (Years 8-12): Sunday June 28 - Friday July 3 (week 10, Term 2)

Apply by May 1

Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen. (Office of Communities, Sport & Recreation)

Talented music students join together for one week each year to receive expert tutelage and develop their performance skills. Participants rehearse and perform high quality repertoire culminating in a concert for families and friends on the final night of the camp.

Musical activities at camp include participation in a major ensemble (symphony orchestra, symphonic bands, vocal ensembles, stage band) as well as a number of elective ensembles and activities. Elective activities include brass and woodwind ensembles, jazz improvisation, composition, music theatre, percussion ensemble.

Read more about the music camp experience [HERE](#)

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/state-junior-and-senior-music-camps>

Application info:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2020-state-music-camp-student-application>

Introducing Projects Abroad's High School

Projects Abroad are excited to announce the

STUDENT OF THE WEEK ALYSSA CARRALL- YEAR 8

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: PD/H/PE because I like the practicals

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Coming second in a professional swimming competition

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: Work with my friends somewhere fun

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Netball, tennis, touch football and swimming

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Alyssa is a hardworking and extremely kind student at Merriwa Central School. She is always friendly to everyone she meets and applies herself to all challenges with much commitment.

Harley Hannon - Year Advisor



dates and projects for our 2020 High School Specials. These projects are fully supervised group trips specifically aimed at volunteers in Years 10 and 11. This summer our projects are running from December 8-21 and January 5-18 2020 in a range of countries like Nepal and Cambodia. More information:

<https://www.projects-abroad.com.au>

UNSW Built Environment Workshops

April 14 to 23 - 9.00am to 3.00pm

July 7 to 16 - 9.00am to 3.00pm

We'd like to invite you to the Experience UNSW Built Environment Workshops at our Kensington Campus during the April School Holidays. Our free interactive and hands-on workshops, for students in years 10 -12, incorporate Design, Architecture, Planning and Construction to solve a real-world challenge - investigating better solutions to enhance the lives of children and elderly living in a city.

With the world's population rapidly increasing, there is an urgent need to design cities which are smart, healthy and liveable for both the younger and older population – a challenge that designers, architects and planners are facing .

April apply here: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-built-environment-workshops-april-2020>

July apply here: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-built-environment-workshops-july-2020>

Business Cadetships

Opens - Monday March 9, 2020

Closes - Wednesday May 13, 2020

Open to Year 12 students who wish to pursue a business career. Cadets combine university study with paid work at UBS, a top-ranking global bank. Over the last thirteen years, Professional Cadetships Australia has provided Year 12 students with the opportunity to apply for a cadetship with leading companies in the financial services industry, including UBS, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, BNP Paribas, Westpac, QBE and Zurich. In 2019, UBS intends to offer cadetships across the firm under the Business Cadetships Program. In addition, the bank intends placing Technology Cadets under this Program. Program Director: Alister Wilkinson. Contact: director@professionalcadets.com.au

<http://www.professionalcadets.com.au/index.asp>

Police Recruitment Process

Learn about the process and the requirements here:

<https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment>

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

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor



STAFF PROFILE

MATT DEAN

POSITION: Head Teacher VET
QUALIFICATION: Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts (Secondary - Technology) at Australian Catholic University
PREVIOUS SCHOOLS: Moree Secondary College (2014-2019)
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Swimming/ Fitness
BEST EXPERIENCE SINCE JOINING MCS: Building relationships with the staff and students
A MEMORABLE MOMENT IN YOUR "LEARNING/TEACHING CAREER": Having students achieve band 5 and 6's in the HSC has been an educational highlight and an extra-curricular highlight has been building a swimming team at my previous school and taking them all the way to CHS in Sydney.



St Joseph's Primary School

Stage 1 has had a pleasant and productive start to the new school year. The term has absolutely flown by thus far with students engaged in a range of learning opportunities.

The focus for English this term has given students the opportunity to appreciate a range of non-fiction. The students have been enjoying deconstructing a number of texts regarding weather. Students have been able to enjoy a number of learning activities outside with the range of weather we have witnessed in the past few weeks. Students inquisitive minds have been stimulated in the way that they have connected their learning with further questioning and investigating. Currently students have moved into a focus on Aboriginal artwork enjoying a range of authors and artists creations. This has resulted in a deep engagement in their learning from many students, including some joining in on our weekly Aboriginal education group.

In maths we have focused on a variety of topics thus far including position, number patterns, addition and subtraction, and data. In the past week, students have produced a variety of interesting data topics which they have gathered and presented information for. Last Thursday students participated in 'No Pen Thursday' which included a Shrek karaoke activity for mathematics. Students were tasked with presenting the class votes with a variety of hands on materials such as counters. Needless to say, this activity prompted many requests for a teacher karaoke competition.

In Religion we have been learning about the kingdom of God and how this is presented throughout the bible by parables. Students have done exceptionally well to identify the hidden or underlying messages prominent in the parables studied. Starting this week, students will begin looking at the season of Lent, developing knowledge of the events of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Science has seen us learning about fair tests. This has been done by experimenting with toy cars, observing and recording what affects their speed. Following this, students created their own fair test involving planned and constructed ramps built out of a range of materials including cardboard, plastic cups, aluminium foil and

more. It has been wonderful to see students take this learning out of the classroom by putting their knowledge into home tasks.

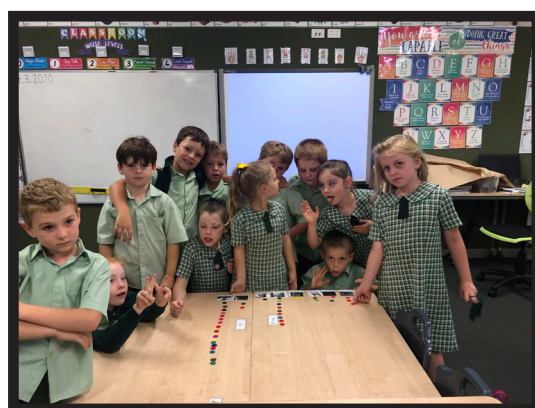
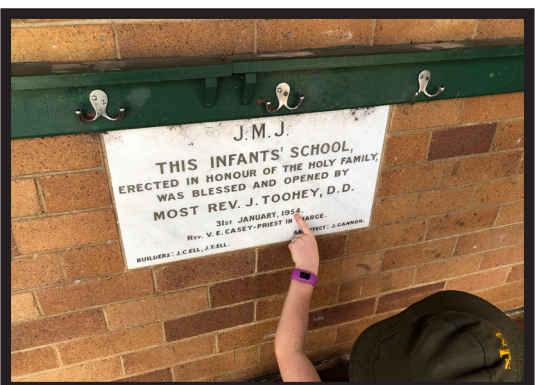
During History, students have been eagerly learning about our school's history and their own history. For the first half of this term we have been studying the meaning of past, present and future and focusing on our own family histories. For the second half of the term we have moved into focusing on the history of our school and how it was founded in 1883.

Visual Arts has seen infants combine to create some wonderful self-portraits. Students have let their creativity shine through artworks that are anything but ordinary. Students are learning the interesting ways that artists portray their identity which has resulted in an amazing series of self-portraits.

WELLBEING WEEK

Last week at St Josephs there were a number of activities organised for wellbeing week. One activity that ran all week included music and dancing during break times to encourage students to get moving. To begin our week there were Thankful notes and Kindness messages available to write and decorate with Mr Borg. Another wonderful activity was organised by Miss Rodwell on Wednesday. This involved looking at Linda Kranz's story 'Only one you', followed by students designing a pebble to celebrate all the unique and wonderful qualities about themselves. The final activity of the week ended with the creation of Breathing Buddies. This activity was a great way for parents to join in with their children to create companions for their meditation and deep breathing exercises during class time.





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

This year the Catholic school's week was focused around the theme 'Drawing from the well, invitation, Encounter, Witness.' During wellbeing week Miss Love ran an intentional creativity focused on the scripture passage 'Living Water.' This allowed students an opportunity to reflect on the Catholic school's week theme. Students selected a phrase which stood out to them which they used to turn into a bookmark.

NO PEN THURSDAY

Last Thursday our school participated in 'No Pen Thursday.' This is an event which focuses on putting down pens and pencils and partaking in activities which encourage speaking and listening. Some events of the day included data collection and storytelling, Shrek Karaoke in Stage 1, Array Cities and Role play in Stage 2 and constructing activities in Stage 3, to name a few. At the conclusion of the day Mrs Ninness held a vote from students regarding how they felt about the day's success. The students overwhelmingly voted to have the day again during the year.

HEALTHY HAROLD

To top off our wonderful week thus far we also had a visit from healthy Harold over Monday and Tuesday. Students enjoyed an interactive experience learning a variety of topics across Kindergarten to Stage 3. This experience provided students and parents home activities to further their understanding of their stages' given topic. This experience is always enjoyed by students with Year 6 sad to say their goodbyes to healthy Harold before high school.





WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Kindergarten - Katie Williams – For her spirituality, connecting her faith to all aspects of her learning and interactions with others

Stage 1 - Morgan Bates – For his enthusiasm in science, taking his learning beyond the classroom

Stage 2 - Savannah Beeney – For her increased use of expression in reading during literacy groups

Rihanna Hunt – For demonstrating her strong spiritual beliefs within her interactions with others, especially when she puts others before herself.

Stage 3 - William Luke – For his effort in his journal writing, particularly the imagery used

Bethany Wightman – For demonstrating the strength of spirituality, where she can reflect and thinking about her faith to give her a purpose for her decisions.

**Sammie Love
Teacher**



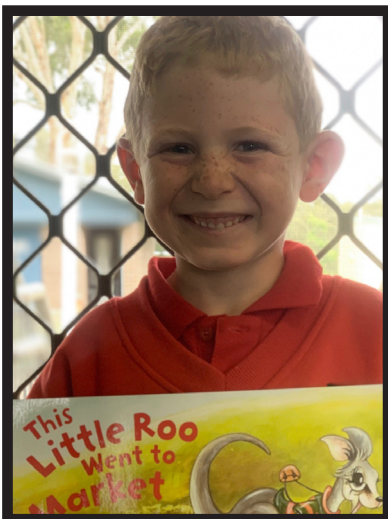


Cassilis Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - COOPER ANDERSON-POWER

Cooper has earned the Student of the Week award for his effort in every activity last week.

Cooper has been improving his strategies to regulate his behaviour. He played well with other students in the playground and showed impressive sports skills. Cooper has



tried really hard to form the letters of his name correctly and recognize and count numbers in both a forwards and backwards sequence in his individual learning time with Mrs Nairne.

He has been listening well in class and loved his first school excursion to see Healthy Harold.

Cooper made thoughtful comments in class about making healthy choices for our body.

Congratulations Cooper on your efforts and achievements. You should feel very proud of yourself.

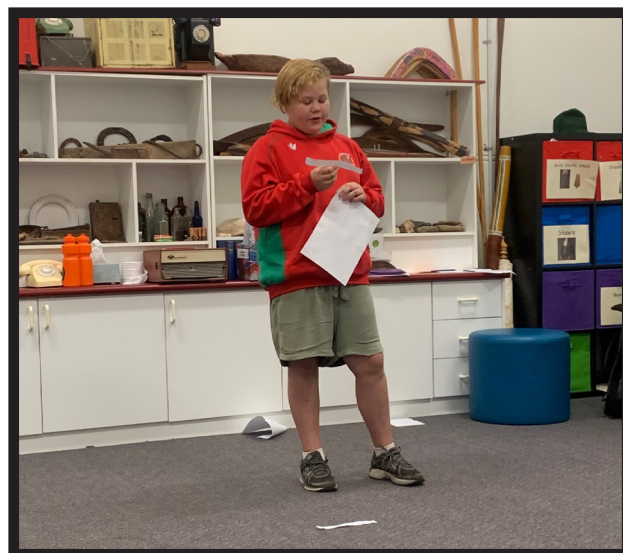
ECO-SCHOOLS CAMP WAS GREAT

Summer and Ben attended the one night camp at Red Hill Environmental Education Centre last Thursday and Friday.

Both students really enjoyed their experience and are busy writing reports for next week's newsletter.

Thank you to the team at Red Hill as well as the Principals from Ulan, Ballimore and Goolma for this support of our students.

The students are looking forward to putting some of their eco-schools ideas into practice to improve our school.



HEALTHY HAROLD

Another year has gone passed but Healthy Harold hasn't aged a day.

We had a lovely time at Ulan last Tuesday. Students from Goolma also joined in the fun of learning at the Life Education Van, playing with Ozobots, drawing giraffes and socialising with other students.

What was our favourite part?:

Cooper - I saw the giraffe and patted it

Jacob - Playing with the Ozobots was fun

Johnathan - The robots did tricks

Paul - The drawing was the best because it was nice and calming

Skylah - Ozobots was my favourite part because they had to complete the track. The three colours on the track made them change their speed and direction

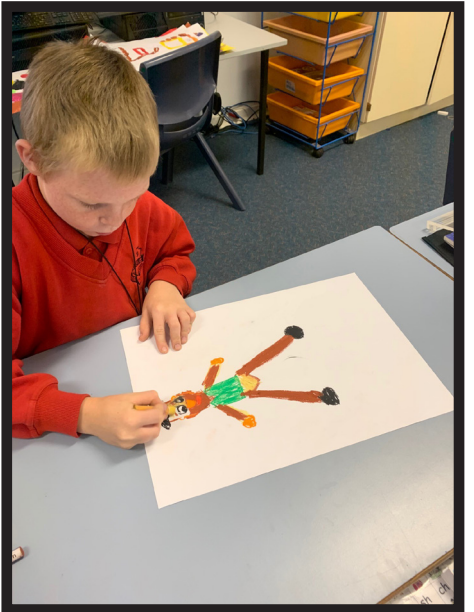
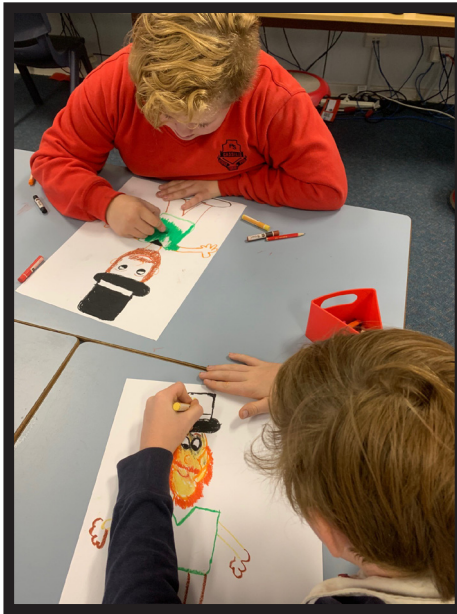
Dridan - I liked going into the van to see Healthy Harold

Gordie - Drawing Healthy Harold was fun because you got to use crayons

Summer - The Ozobots were the best because it was cool how they followed the black lines and the coloured lines.

'WELCOME STRANGER'

For History, students have been learning more about the Australian Gold Rush and were very excited to discover the world's largest nugget was found in Australia.



Katie Burgess
Principal



Sandy Hollow Public School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK CHARACTER STRENGTHS FOCUS – KINDNESS

Over the last two weeks, we have been focusing on the character strength of Kindness. Students have been familiarising themselves with this strength and have been encouraged to 'spot' it happening in the classroom and the playground. We have seen numerous examples of students using the strength of Kindness, which is very pleasing. Teachers have been also carefully looking around to 'spot' examples of kindness. Our first Character Strength Super Hero is Eli. Eli was chosen for this award because he has displayed patience and caring when helping our new Kindergarten students settle into school. Congratulations Eli!

KINDNESS SUPER HERO



OUR NEXT FOCUS CHARACTER STRENGTH – LOVE OF LEARNING

WEEKLY AWARDS

- **Mikayla** – excellent participation in maths activities
- **Eli P** – participation in Zone
- **Isabelle P** – excellent writing of complex sentences
- **Attalica** – YCDI – getting along
- **Nate** – listening carefully for sounds in words
- **Henry** – YCDI – learning how to share with others

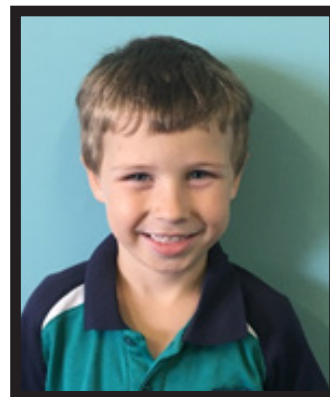


WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Taylan



Za'Kiah




Hayden

VIRTUE: WISDOM

LOVE OF LEARNING

Mastering new skills, topics, and bodies of knowledge, whether on one's own or formally; related to the strength of curiosity but goes beyond it to describe the tendency to add systematically to what one knows.



Strength Stars in Action:

- * Literacy and numeracy provocations
- * STEM activities
- * Discovery tables
- * Incursions and excursions
- * Gardening and nature play
- * Circle/group time

★ I love learning new things!

★ I make lots of moments an opportunity to learn about my world

★ I like discovering new topics and things.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK



Logan – excellent participation in P.E.

Christina Darlington
Principal



Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre

MANY MEETINGS AND GREETINGS

Healthy Harold and Life Education visited us last week for the first time and we were thrilled to welcome Melissa and Harold into the service. Harold was a little cheeky at times but had the student body enthralled with his antics. Healthy Harold taught us all about cooperation and we learnt that by using teamwork we can achieve a whole lot more. We talked about the meanings of big words like compassion and helpful and we came a little closer to understanding about gratitude and being a great friend. We are applying for some funding that will allow the children to engage in learning through puppetry again, fingers crossed, more details to come.

For many families, the Pre-School committee may be the first of many committees you join, inspired by the desire to be involved in your child's education and care. But being on the committee is much more than that, it is caring about the welfare and achieving best practice for all children in the community and improving the service we provide, while ensuring the viability of the service into the future. The committee are led by the plan for quality improvement or QIP. This document is written by the Director of the services using input from staff and collecting information on best practice from numerous sources including our current attendance at the regional and remote forum. To date the current committee have been involved in decisions to purchase a defibrillator for the centre, streamlining our staff records through the new child hr system, updating the entry way and developing our new Family welcome and sign on. In the Easter break we are looking forward to transformative ground works that will surface much of our drought ravaged outdoor environment. The new climb and slide feature and jetty will be greatly enhanced once this is achieved and huge objectives from the QIP will be realised.

The Annual General Meeting of the Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre will be held at 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Fletcher room of the Merriwa RSL on Monday April 6. All positions will be declared vacant.

At the moment the QIP is in development for the next two years and we need your input. We

invite families and friends to attend our next staff meeting which will be held at 3.30pm-5.30pm or for as long as you can attend, Thursday the 19th of March at the Pre-School.

Please Don't forget that all families not usually attending on the 18th for school photos will be required to be at the Pre-School by 10.00am, please ensure that all envelopes contain the correct money as change is not available.

Please also be informed that Monday April 27 is a pupil free day and the first day back for children for Term 2 is Tuesday April 28.

Just a small reminder that we currently have an Easter guessing competition running at a variety of business houses around town and the winners will be announced on Wednesday the 8th of April. All proceeds will go toward special little things to adorn the outdoor environment.

Leah Folpp





Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

REFLECTION LENT 3

JOHN 4:5-42

If you only knew what God is offering

In the next three Sundays the Gospels come from John and focus on three major symbols of Easter – water, light and life. These readings are chosen to accompany the journey towards Baptism of those in the catechumenate program. In today's reading Jesus meets a woman of Samaria who represents the whole Samaritan race. There was conflict between Samaritans and Jews so it is surprising that Jesus speaks to this woman. But Jesus has come to bring all people to life in God, which is the point of this episode. Jesus invites even the Samaritans to share the gift he brings, expressed in the symbol of living water that will last forever.

This living water symbolizes the life of God. We are to be like the well with God's own life flowing within us. This is a completely new revelation to the Samaritans and to the Jews. This is why Jesus speaks of a new way of worshipping that will go beyond Israel's worship in Jerusalem and the Samaritan's worship on mount Gerazim. No one place or people has a monopoly on God. The life of God within us will enable Christians to worship in Spirit, and enter into a true relationship with God. The woman's former husbands symbolize the way people in the past tried to be in a relationship with God, but now Jesus has come to offer a new and fuller way of relating with God. From now on all people are invited to come to God in Jesus.

Are we ever aware of God's life within us? Do we ever catch a glimpse of the wonder or beauty of God? This week spend some time beside the well of your own life and acknowledge the God who dwells within. (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM)

Love and blessings, Rev Pat

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For those who came to World Day of Prayer on Friday night at Holy Trinity, we apologise for the mix-up in times. We should have left it at 6p.m.

9.00am Sundays - Eucharist at Holy Trinity

10.00am Fridays - Eucharist at Holy Trinity

11.00am Fridays - Extended Eucharist at Gummun Place and the MPS alternately

10.30am Mondays - Pastoral Care at Gummun – all welcome to join us

Bp. Sonia Roulston will be here for her Episcopal visit April 5, and will be back from Maundy Thursday until Easter Sunday to take the Easter services. How lovely it will be to have her with us!

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

DR NIGHT - WEDNESDAY MAY 6

JOHN WOOD is an Australian Gold Logie Award winner. He was the winner of the Gold Logie every year from 1997 to 2007 for the most popular personality on Australia television.

What has all this to do with Rotary Merriwa?

Well, John Wood is bringing his play CARPE DIEM to Merriwa. It is a play targeted at communities ravaged by drought and the Rotary Club of Merriwa has undertaken to sponsor the visit. The School of Arts will be the venue.

John Wood will be remembered by many as one of the stars of classic television dramas, Rafferty's Rules and Blue Heelers.

Keep the date aside for this rare treat....More information will follow.

ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER ROTARY CLUBS

Our club acknowledges the assistance given to Merriwa by other Rotary clubs. Appreciating these difficult dry times, clubs such as Muswellbrook, Fairy Meadow, Warner's Bay and others have been generous in their help to the projects in which the club is involved.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL

The club responded to a request for financial assistance with the expenses of attendees from our area at a gathering on the group with a donation of \$200.00.

LE TOUR DE MERRIWA

Our club assisted with the donation of a supply of bottled water that was distributed to riders along the route of the Le Tour De Merriwa. As well, various members of the club helped in the running of the event. Vive Le Tour!

Stop press.....Apres le Tour.....FELICITATIONS au MERRIWA! Travail bien fait!

Mark Smith

Merriwa Ringer

Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

The Upper Hunter Shire Council are a proud and long-standing supporter of the Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces and are pleased to announce the Festival is back again to get us to pull our socks up, on the June long weekend (June 6-8, 2020).

Chair of the Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee, Upper Hunter Shire Councillor Ron Campbell urges everyone to get behind the 2020 Festival. "For 30 years, the Festival of the Fleeces has proudly celebrated the rich history of agriculture and sheep farming in Merriwa. We encourage you to come along and see how sheep and their fleece have shaped the community."

The weekend is full of events and activities for all ages starting on the Friday night with a free concert to the Sunday morning Bush Poets Breakfast with Saturday being the highlight of the program. Visitors can enjoy the street markets and the fun of the Grand Parade led by a flock of sheep in red socks running down the main street of Merriwa, as well as the dog high jump, sheep shearing, and a Kids Corner.

The Council recognizes the importance of the festival in maintaining the town's history, tradition and culture, and for the economic benefits the now in excess 5000 visitors bring to the shire each year. For 30 years the Festival of the Fleeces has brought people and communities together to celebrate an industry and way of life that is quintessentially Australian.

Council is committed to supporting this significant event for many years to come.

Hats off to the individuals and organising committee that bring this event to life each year.



Wayne Bedggood

Le Tour de Merriwa

WHAT A MAGNIFICENT DAY FOR MERRIWA! TRES MAGNIFIQUE!

The inaugural Le Tour de Merriwa bike ride had 168 registered riders plus a penny farthing and a quadacycle.

Participants came from as far and wide as Batemans Bay, Canberra, Coonabarabran, Tamworth, Newcastle, Sydney and the Central Coast.

The weather was a mild 23 degrees with rolling cloud cover shrouding the mountain peaks and patches of sunshine cutting through.

A healthy number of supporters turned out wearing their red white and blue to see off our riders as they rolled out from the Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre at 8am.

It was fantastic (fantastique!) to have so many female riders for international women's day... Liberte, Egalite, Sororite was the catch cry of the day.

Although it was not a race - the fastest riders in the group blasted their way to the top of the mountain and back in less than 2.5 hours.

A huge thank you to all involved in making the event a success.

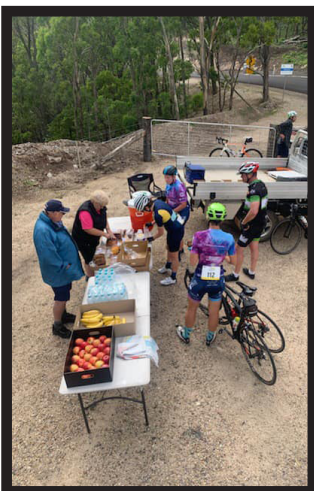
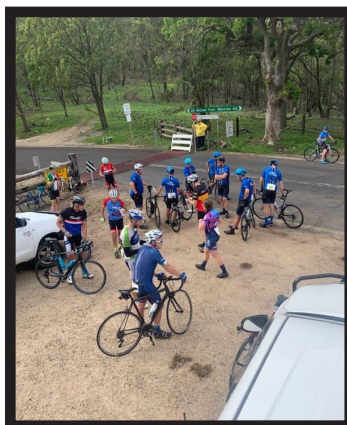
- The Merriwa VRA
- The Rural Fire Service
- The Merriwa Mens Shed
- The Merriwa CWA
- The Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre
- All the participating businesses
- All the people that decorated their mailboxes (they were tres exceptionelle)
- Dales Angus - for hosting the drinks stop
- All our volunteers that manned the drink stations and drove support vehicles
- All the residents of Scone Road and Coulson's Creek Road for their support and consideration.

A very special acknowledgement for the efforts of Nicolle Western the president of the Scone triathlon club, secretary of the Muswellbrook cycling club and UHSC sports participation officer. She ploughed her way through all the bureaucracy and administrative road blocks to deliver very comprehensive and practical risk management and business plans which made the eventsuch asuccess - and then she absolutely

blitzed the mountain on her bike - sensational!

The riders really loved it. We have had so much positive feedback... They want to come back and do it again....

What do you think Merriwa - Can we do it again next year?



Robert Smith

Community Notice Board

A Letter to the Merriwa Community

Dear fellow Merriwa Residents

Merriwa Community and Visitor Information Centre

Like many others I was encouraged by the article from Upper Hunter Shire Council in last week's Ringer assuring us that services currently offered by the Merriwa Visitor information Centre would not be reduced, and ending with a request to continue to patronise this community resource.

I would have been more optimistic if the opportunity had been taken to list the services which are presently available to residents and visitors at the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre, otherwise known as the Merriwa Community and Visitor Information Centre.

It is my understanding that the following services are available but please check with the staff that the services I have listed are correct (*indicates a charge is involved):

- Access to all Centrelink on-line services with staff support
- Public computer access for checking emails, browsing the internet etc *
- Printing and copying of mono and colour documents up to A3 size *
- Scanning of A4 documents *
- Use of long arm stapler and guillotine for binding and trimming documents
- Laminating of A4 and A3 sheets *
- NSW TrainLink bookings and ticketing on all their train and long distance coach services *
- Sid Fogg's Coach Lines ticket sales for their coach service between Newcastle and Dubbo via Merriwa *
- A comprehensive range of Tourism and Travel Brochures for Merriwa, the Upper Hunter and throughout NSW.

And lastly and most important, help from the friendly and knowledgeable staff available seven days a week.

The Merriwa Community and Visitor Information Centre is open from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and 10:00am to 3:30pm at weekends so come along and use the services.

To quote an old but true adage "use it or lose it".

Sincerely,

Beron Arden-Wood

Merriwa Red Cross

Merriwa Red Cross will be holding a Red Cross Calling Morning on March 13, 2020. We will be selling tickets in a raffle and 100 Club.

These funds help to support the vital work that Red Cross provides to those in need in Australian communities, including the recent fires and floods and the ongoing drought.

As always we appreciate the support given by the Merriwa Community.

Cheree Walmsley
Liaison Officer



SPONSORSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2020.

If you wish to continue to sponsor the Ringer for 2020, please contact Merriwa Central School with payment as soon as possible.

Thank you

Community Notice Board

Merriwa Rosemary for Legacy

Can you believe it is nearly time to harvest the Rosemary again for the Legacy charity in Sydney.

As you know, Merriwa has been supplying the Legacy charity in Sydney, with Rosemary to be worn as sprigs on those marching in ANZAC Day parades, for over 25 years.

This year we have been asked to send the Rosemary down a little bit earlier and we need to have it packed up by Tuesday April 14.

Last year we supplied more than was needed, so this year we will be sending half the amount as in 2019.

If you have any healthy Rosemary plants that you are happy to donate cuttings to, please keep them watered and healthy for harvesting from April 10-14, when we will be collecting them at the Merriwa RSL club, ready for packing up.

For more information contact Annie on 0408 482 778.

Annie Rodgers

St David's Uniting Church

PIE/LAMINGTON DRIVE

Pie Drive Sheets are out and about:

Orders close on: Tuesday March 24, 2020

Delivery Day is: Wednesday April 8, 2020

Various business houses very kindly allow the sheets to be placed on their counters but if anyone is unable to locate an order sheet, please contact me on home phone 6548 5131 or mobile 0428 485131.

Barbara Campbell

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.

Merriwa Senior Citizens

Please not the following events:

Friday March 20 - Home Day - starting at 11.00am. Students from Merriwa Central School and St Joseph's School arriving at 11.45am.

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

Hoi with many prizes, raffles, lucky door prizes etc

Visitors from Scone, Denman and Cassilis.

Numbers are required for the catering please.

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.

Money to be finalised by March 24.

Mary O'Neill

Hunter Local Lands Services

WILD DOG ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Goulburn River Wild Dog Association invites landholders to it's Annual General Meeting on March 17.

Location: Merriwa RSL at 6.00pm for BBQ - 7.00pm Meeting

Kathy Ryan
Customer Service Officer

Parks and Gardens

With the recent welcoming rain there has been a total change in the Merriwa landscape. The Parks and Gardens crew have been working tirelessly to contain the continuous growth of grass but it seems the grass is also enjoying the flush of showers we have received. Maintaining our grounds is an enormous task at best. With this in mind, I am asking for patience as the staff work to contain the regrowth.

The high standard of the Parks and Gardens we have come to enjoy is through the dedication of our local crew, well done to you.

Cr Ron Campbell

Business

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GRAZIER AUTUMN ISSUE

- The three women behind "Buy from the Bush" and their legacy. They have helped raise millions for bush

communities and have spread awareness of the drought bringing country and city together, all from the kitchen table! It's a campaign that has changed the face of the big dry, shifting perceptions, stock and morale. The power of simple action!

- The Sparks family are also using online media to communicate directly with consumers and sharing their story of food and fibre from paddock to plate. The station is managed with a self-replacing merino flock, combined with a cereal, hay and pasture cropping program. Technology is constantly changing the way we farm, says Tyson Sparks third generation farmer, its hard to believe how far we have come from the days when horses used to plough the soil
- Work Spaces; with more and more rural and regional women starting or growing businesses from home there is the need to set up workable spaces and a work plan within the home. Such as setting clear work boundaries and work times. Work when you are most effective and start with the biggest task first up ,if possible and ask lots of questions, over communicate and over deliver are just some of the tips from business owners.

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

- Kitchen special; new design directions , colours and budget tips for an awesome kitchen that's packed with personality and is easy to navigate when whipping up delights.
- Build a ride on snail rocker your toddler will love with these easy instructions!
- Be good to your gut; so digestive health may not be the sexiest of dinner conversations but it is the foundation of whole body wellness. Here there are good reasons to be kind to your second brain!
- Oodles of delicious recipes, craft ideas, gardening tips, projects and many many interesting articles. Come and pick up your copy today.

HUNTER AND COASTAL LIFESTYLE

- Tickle your tastebuds; Newcastle urban

honey, handcrafted chocolate and chart topping Hunter wines

- Local stories; Aussie Ark is creating a future for our wildlife, also Lisa McGuigan's new cellar door 'Vamp' and Surfest celebrates 35 years!
- Home with a royal touch; step inside historic ' Bella Vista'
- Plus much more; dream homes, restaurant reviews, events, weddings and the social pages!

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

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BEANIE BOO

My name is Slippers.

A cute little bunny with slippers to match, I will hop all around for you to catch!

My birthday is May 10.

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 Eftpos only.

Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress

Upper Hunter Shire Council

LE TOUR DE MERRIWA

Congratulations to all of those who participated in the Inaugural Le Tour De Merriwa on Sunday 8 March. It was great to see so many members of the community on their bikes!

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR SHIRE BEAUTIFUL

The Upper Hunter Shire Council would like to thank all the children, teachers and family members who participated in the 30th Annual Clean up Australia Day.

In Merriwa, 14 volunteers collected almost 50kg of rubbish. Merriwa Central School, Cassilis Public School, and St Joseph's Merriwa hosted their own clean up events and each school was given a book about recycling for their libraries from the UHSC.

The youngest members of our community also got involved with Merriwa Create and Grow playgroup making a wind chime out of recycled materials.

CHANGE TO TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Please be advised Coulsons Creek Rd (MR358) between Merriwa and Willow Tree is subject to changed traffic conditions, effective immediately.

A 3.6km section of the road will be under traffic control and reduced to one lane of traffic. Additionally, the road is restricted for heavy vehicles, with a 5 tonne load limit in place.

Drivers should expect delays when using this road and we ask all drivers to be patient while the safety concerns are being investigated. These provisions will be in place until further notice.

COUNCIL CLOSED ON FRIDAY MARCH 13

All administration centres, libraries, works depot sites and will be closed for the UHSC staff development day.

All children and youth services, aged care facilities, waste management facilities, saleyards, airport, Scone VIC and Merriwa VIC will remain open to provide the essential services to the community.

There will be on call staff available in which issues can be reported by calling 6540 1199.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN ADOPTED

Upper Hunter Shire Council has adopted the use of a Community Participation Plan to assist with land use planning.

'Community participation' refers to how Council engages with the community in planning and development decisions, including plan making, development control policy and the assessment of development applications. The plan can be found at www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

PROPOSED CHANGES AT CASSILIS WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY

Council is proposing to introduce the following fees and charges for the Cassilis Waste Management Facility:

\$15.50 for car/station wagon

\$58.50 for van/ute/trailer (6x4, single axle)

\$77.00 for dual axle trailer

\$15.50 for mobile garbage bin

Large vehicle loads will not be accepted.

Only General Mixed Waste will be accepted.

The proposed changes are open for public comment until Wednesday 1 April.

DONATION REQUESTS ACCEPTED

Council has approved the following donation requests from Merriwa and Cassilis community groups:

- \$500.00 for Merriwa Branch CWA for the Wangi Men's Shed.
- \$500.00 to the Upper Hunter Naidoc Week Awards Committee for sponsorship of the Senior Sportsperson of the Year (Male) Award.
- \$250.00 to Cassilis District Development Group Inc for the Cassilis Community Arts Video Workshop in April 2020.

To apply for a donation/sponsorship, please write to Council at council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or

PO Box 208 Scone NSW 2337, or visit the administration office in Merriwa.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY CELEBRATION

We invite all members of the community to attend the inaugural Adams-Watts Oration on Wednesday, March 18 from 6.00pm in the Council Chambers at Scone.

The Oration will include discussions with Cr Lee Watts, Director/Lawyer Joplin Higgins, athlete and active lifestyle advocate Nicky Western and 2020 entrepreneurial Australia Day awardee and Special Needs Taekwon-Do world champion, Cassie Fisher.

PINK SHIRT DAY

The Upper Hunter Youth Council is encouraging your school, business or community group to wear something pink as we stand united together against bullying on Friday March 20.

Kirriy Anderson

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Meets on 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 PM Merriwa RSL
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Clubs Merriwa RSL Club

NEW MEMBERS LUNCH SPECIAL MENU

\$12.50

Crumbed calamari and chips
Gourmet salad 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 \$120.00 was won the number was 621, this week it commences at \$140.00 and will be drawn between 6.00 – 7.00pm.

The Friday night Members Lucky Badge, 7.00pm draw for \$180.00 was not won the number was 445, this week it ackpots to \$200.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$600.00 was won the number was 241, this week jackpots to \$650.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$200.00 was not won the number was 539, this week it jackpots to \$220.00. **LTPS/19/36118**

The Sunday Morning Members Badge Draw for \$750.00 was not won last week the number was 758, this week it jackpots to \$800.00 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.

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

Footy tipping comp – with the 2020 NRL season start just a couple of weeks away names are now being taken for the footy tipping competition

Also Saturday nights – free juke box, pool comp, \$5.00 schooners and House spirits. From 6.00pm till close

Courtesy Bus – the clubs courtesy bus if available for pickups on Friday's from 5.30pm (you must book by ringing club), with drop offs at 9.15pm, 10pm and 11.30pm.

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

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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

LUNCH TIME SPECIALS

Moroccan Lamb salad with date yoghurt dressing

Crumbed calamari rings with chips and salad
Beer battered fish of the day with chips and salad

Beef burger and chip

Quiche of the day with salad and chips

Matt Morgan

Ringer Deadline!

*Please remember to place
your articles*

*and advertisements into the
Merriwa Ringer*

by Mondays, at 12.00 noon

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 March 29

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 - March 7

Saturday Members draw, No 50, was not won – next week \$300.00.

Dinner: Angela Vero
Free Ticket: Jasmin Horvath
Bowls Raffle: Eileen Barwick

Members draw - Sunday March 8

Members draw, No 311 was not won – next week \$850.00.

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

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Sports Merriwa Little A's

It was great to have one last training night for the season last Monday at the old stomping ground, No. 2 oval. It was even better to have our State Multi team back from Tamworth to tell us all how they all fared at the premier track event of the year for Little A's that does not require qualifying times.

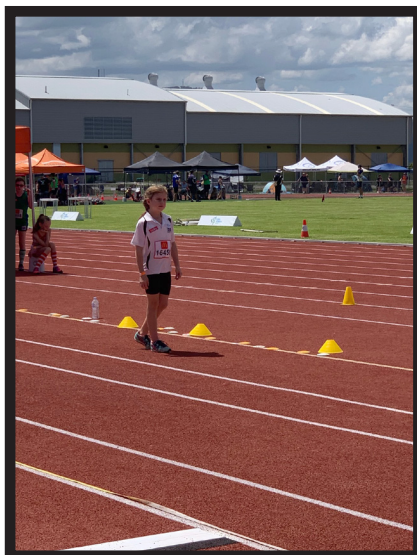
Six athletes competed over two days at a very hot, more or less shade less track in 6 events, chosen by the host club, Tamworth. Five of our six athletes successfully completed all six events which was a great effort!

Thomas Hunt finished 9th in his age group overall putting in some good throws in discus and shot, smashing his favourite event hurdles with a time of 16.91. Annabelle Hunt and Grace Collits battled it out in the u 10 girls against some stiff competition to finish 34th and 38th respectively. Nice to see you giving those new shoes a work out Gracie! Both girls put in top effort with Annabelle doing a brilliant job in 800m with a time of 3.34 while Grace excelled in hurdles with a cracker time of 14.59. Chad Booth was keen as mustard, as has become his trademark! Chad did an awesome job to finish 29th overall with a great time in the 800m of 3.23 and a top time of 13.76 in hurdles. Big sister Grace stuck to her throws putting her way to a 4.79 in shot and 11.70 in discus. Last but not least Eden Barry had a huge age group and did brilliantly to finish 18th overall with a super fast 12.97 in hurdles and 41 seconds in the 200m.

Thanks to Sarah Booth for team managing and to all the parents for making the trek to Tamworth.

The lucky last date on our calendar is the AGM and Awards night on Monday March 30 at the RSL from 5.30pm. This is a family night, so the club will put on the meat for the BBQ and bread. All you need to bring is yourselves and a plate to share eg potato bake, dip/chips, salad, sweets. I will send a text reminder a bit before hand. EVERY registered athlete is recognised on the night.

A very big GOOD LUCK to Dylan Keane this weekend at the NSW State Championships in Sydney. Dylan will be competing in high jump and we wish you all the very, very best.



Merriwa Pony Club

Last weekend Merriwa Pony Club held their first show for the season with around 50 riders from across the Zone including Scone, Aberdeen, Murrurundi, Singleton and Denman as well as a couple of cuties from Walcha and Mudgee.

Merriwa riders excelled across all areas with Champion riders overall going to Lilly Martin in the 7 and U9, Ben Patterson in the 9 and U11 and Jorji Taaffe in the 13 and U15. Runners up awards went to Holly Martin in the U7's, Olivia Curteis in the 7 and U9, Darcy Taaffe in the 11 and U13, Roy Lawler in the 13 and U15 and Emily Ninness in the 15 and U17s.

Well known for their sporting prowess Merriwa riders dominated ALL seven events with Nicole Martin winning three fastest times of the day overall on her fabulous mare Charm in the Bending, Mug and Figure Eight while Darcy Taaffe took out top time in the Flag and Barrel on her mount Ringer with big sister Jorji taking home the trophy for fastest time on Rugby in the Diamond Flag and to cap it all off Emily Ninness scored fastest time on Promise in the Bonfield Bounce. With the State Sporting Championships just around the corner in April, it was a great warm up for lots of horse and rider combinations.

It was wonderful to see Emily Wright on her new horse and Emily Ninness tie for Best Presented horses and gear on the day. Great job girls.

The Ray McRae memorial highest point scoring trophy and Merriwa Presidents Cup went to Lilly Martin (girls) and Ben Patterson (boys) while the Williams Cup nominated team of four winners went to Merriwa team of Jorji and Darcy Taaffe and Lilly and Holly Martin.

Special thanks to judges Margaret Wright and Lauren Sinderberry in the ridden classes and



Tash Taaffe

Bryce Hockings in the showjumping. Well done to all the riders, parents and helpers who made the Merriwa Presidents Cup such a wonderful day.



Tash Taaffe

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

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. Come girls, if you want to get fit, come along and see if you enjoy our training sessions and want to join our close knit and dedicated team.

Reserve Grade training will be Tuesday and Friday this week, at 6.30pm.

Training should be back at the oval, that's if the rain holds off.

The count down is on, only three weeks left until our Easter Raffle which is on Thursday April 2 at 7.30pm at Merriwa RSL Club. Tickets on sale on the night from 6.00pm. Lots of prizes to be won... could save you time and money and seriously who knows with this coronavirus, they could all sell out, especially if they are made in Australia.

Well done to our Merriwa Magpies players, Gaynor and Shai Blackadder and Lucy Prudden for winning 34-4 for the Greater Northern Tigers on the weekend. These ladies will be playing on

Saturday March 14 at Aberdeen at 2.00pm.

Thank you to everyone who purchased our merchandise, I will let you know when it arrives.

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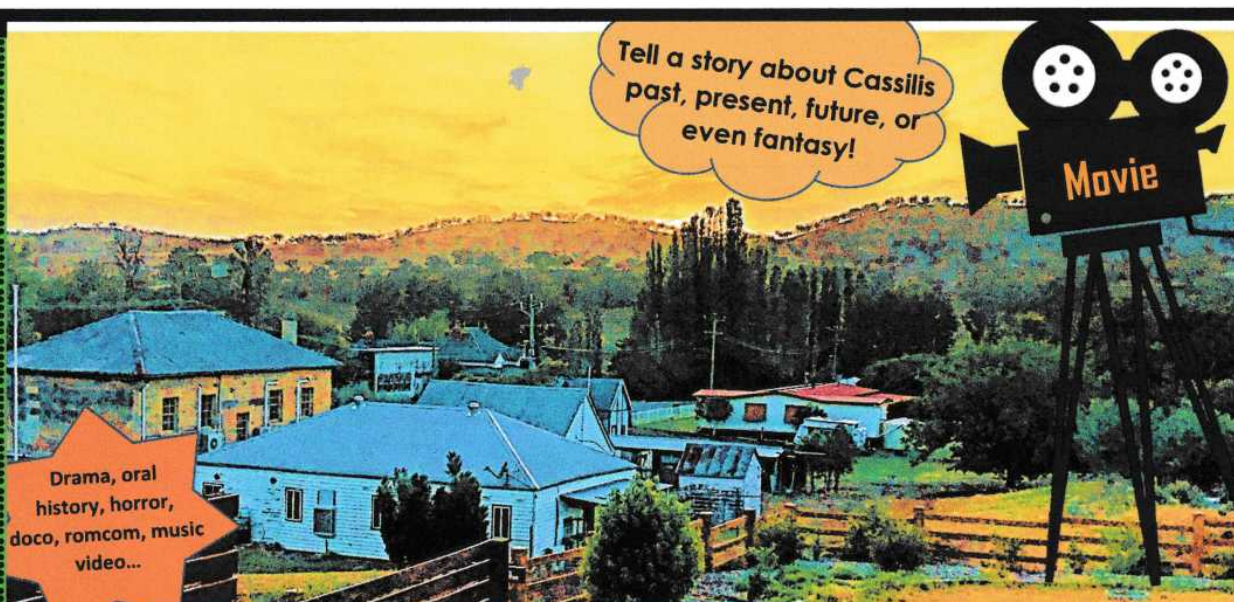
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AUCTION APRIL 18 - 10.00AM ON SITE

Situated in the heart of Merriwa's Main Street, this home offers plenty of opportunity. Continue to use it as a home or convert it to a commercial premises. There are three big bedrooms, a lounge with R/C air and a combustion fire. Modern kitchen with an electric stove and plenty of cupboards. The bathroom is also in good condition. At the rear of the home is an entertainment area with a built in pizza oven. There are 2 x 2 bay sheds and garden sheds. The property has dual street access for easy parking and gives you the room to put a Granny Flat in should you wish.



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Contact Berni Aquilina on 0415120578 or email
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* Cassilis primary school children will attend with their teachers. Anyone under 18 yrs needs approval of parent/guardian.

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- 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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