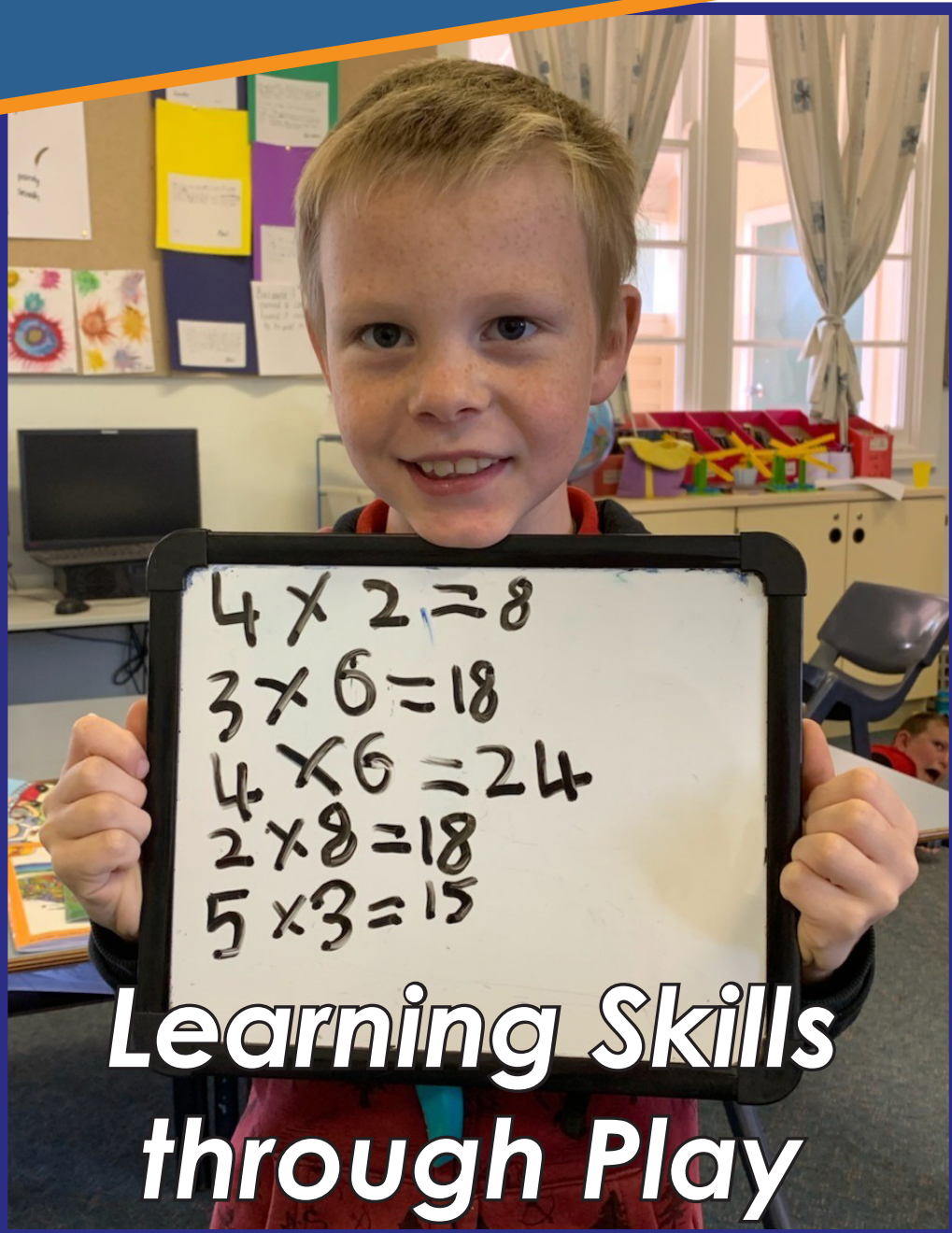


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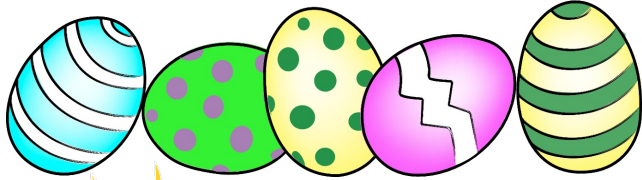
  
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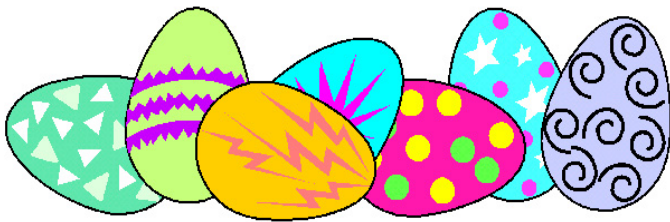
# EASTER RAFFLE!

Tickets available at  
MCS Primary and Secondary Offices,  
and Secondary Canteen.

*\$2.00 per ticket or  
\$5.00 for three tickets*

**Raffle drawn April 9, 2020**

Donations of Easter goods for the raffle would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Primary Office – thank you!



## POSTPONED – LLS WORKSHOP

The Blue Heliotrope Workshop and Pasture Tour planned for this Friday March 20 in Merriwa has been postponed. In the interest of public safety and in accordance with government advice to reconsider all non-essential travel, Hunter Local Land Services, in consultation with the host landholders, has made the decision to postpone this event.

This decision has been made with the understanding that whilst our region is currently considered a low-risk area for Covid-19, the health and wellbeing of our community must come first.

Fact sheets and a video presentation of the Blue Heliotrope Workshop and Merriwa Pasture Tour will be made available via the Hunter LLS website, Facebook page and YouTube channel. Links will be distributed to all landholders who registered for the event or can be requested through your local Hunter LLS office.

And remember, voting for LLS Board Elections opens on 9 April and your vote counts. There is no need to enrol but you do need to indicate how you want to receive your voting pack – whether electronically or by post. Register now.

**Maria Cameron**

## Merriwa Central School



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## St Joseph's Primary School Merriwa

**Empowering and challenging students to become lifelong learners**

*All enquiries welcome*

Principal - Ashley Borg  
Ph 6548 2035

P&F President - Andrew Luke  
Ph 6548 2993

## CANCELLED

Merriwa Races wish to advise the community that the Merriwa Races will not be proceeding for 2020 due to Covid 19. Thank you for all your patience at this time.

David Alker



**President:** Julie Llewelyn  
**Vice Presidents:** Hollie Hunt and Keirra Hourn  
**Secretary:** Talitha Sawley  
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*Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm at Merriwa RSL Club*

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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

### NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE (NDA)

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA).

On Friday March 20, Take Action Together and share the Bullying. No Way! message with school communities across the nation.

Merriwa Central School will wear pink shirts to stand against Bullying and support Upper Hunter Youth Council. We will participate in school activities to review the school process and expectations of students with regards to bullying.

At Merriwa Central School we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Parents are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

Parents know their children best and know the best way to tailor communication to their needs. Adapt these tips to what works for you and your child.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. Listen calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child
2. Reassure your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'
3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to

protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation

4. Visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident
5. Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety
6. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

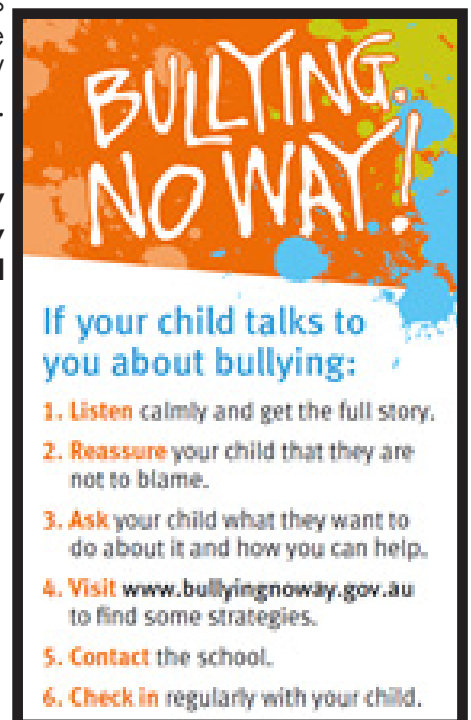
If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please feel free to contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make Merriwa Central a great school for everyone.

More information about the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) and other resources to support students/ parents

and teachers is available at <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>.

**Sharon Kenaly  
Deputy  
Principal**



# Primary

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our Students of the Week for Week 7.

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Ryder Rawlings
<b>Year 1</b>	Jack Purcell (Absent)
<b>Year 2/3</b>	Winter Fetoai
<b>Year 3/4</b>	Hazel Chin
<b>Year 4/5</b>	Nicole Tudor
<b>Year 5/6</b>	Katana Magnus



## CLASS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Year 4/5 for being the Class of the Week. This week's focus was on school bluey's and the award was accepted on behalf of Lachlan Munn and Brock Kenny.



## PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Our next Kinder-Year 6 Assembly due to be held in Week 9, Friday March 27 at 2.15pm will be cancelled until further notice.

## PINK SHIRT DAY

This Friday, our Primary and Secondary students will be participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. All students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt to support this day. Students will be participating in a range of activities with their class teacher, to promote healthy friendships, kindness, respect and speaking up.

## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher interviews have been postponed until further notice.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will occur in Week 11, Tuesday April 7. Students are to return their forms and payment envelopes on the day, so they can be handed to the photographer. Please ensure correct money is in the envelope as the school does not handle the money.

**Talia Morgan**  
Relieving Assistant Principal - Infants

## Ringer Deadline!

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by Mondays, at 12.00 noon

## Secondary

On Thursday March 12, students from the secondary campus travelled to Scone to participate in the Hunter Knockout Netball Gala Day with Muswellbrook High School, Scone High School and Singleton High School.

Elly Blackadder, Olivia, McLean, Libbie Towell, Manon Zoehner, McKenzie Blackadder, Brodie McMillan, Ildi Papp, Josie Porter and Brooklyn Blackadder represented the school with pride, showing a willingness to give it a go despite minimal training.

The first game against Singleton proved to be a tough challenge against a more experienced side. The girls played well, finding their rhythm in the third and fourth quarters and putting in some late goals. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough and the girls lost against a more dominate side and eventual champions, by the smallest margin of the day.

The second game was more light-hearted with some familiar faces amongst the Scone High School players. Olivia, McKenzie and Elly were consistent in the shooting circle, and combined with Josie, Libbie and Manon at the defensive end the game went backwards and forwards with both teams taking the lead at various points. Regrettably the girls went down by two with some late quick goals scored by Scone.

Our final game against Muswellbrook was fiery, with both teams wanting to come away with a win for the day. With the Blackadder trio taking up positions in each third of the court, Brooklyn and Elly both dominating in centre court, the game was goal for goal with the biggest margin for either team only stretching out to 3. Brodie McMillan who had played very little netball prior to the day, shone in this game, supporting the dominant centre court performance and the shooters. Muswellbrook were getting more and more desperate as time went on but Merriwa kept their heads and came away with the win.

Special mention to Ildi Papp who due to injury didn't get any time on court, but as super-sub supported the girls from the sideline, cheering and scoring and helping both the girls and myself with any little task throughout the day.



**Miss Kelly Millevoi**  
**Head Teacher Teaching and Learning**

### WORLD SKILLS COMPETITION

John Hamson attended the Worldskills competition in November 2019 at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. John represented Merriwa Central School and competed against Primary Industries students from across the Hunter Valley Region. John participated in the Tractor, Fencing and Livestock skills competition. John was awarded a bronze medal and is congratulated for such a great effort.



**Charlie James**  
**Agriculture/Primary Industries Teacher**

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**

**UPPER HUNTER**  
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**Upper Hunter standing  
together against bullying  
Friday, 20 March 2020**

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**Coinciding with the National Day of Action Against  
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**Go to [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)**

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This event is proudly coordinated by Upper Hunter Youth Council

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## CAREER NEWS

### MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

#### 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

### NSW Got Music Talent - Talent Development Project Foundation - Applications Open

Deadline April 17

To apply, all performers need to submit an Online Application form and also complete the Principle and Contact Teacher Endorsement form. The TDP is open to all singers, singer-songwriters, musical theatre performers, instrumentalists and bands from NSW Government high schools in Years 10 to 12 (minimum 15 years old)

Auditions will be held in Sydney on Monday,

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday April 21-24 at 242 Young St, Waterloo, 2017 (inside Waterloo Studios building).

Each audition will last for approximately 15 minutes. Students are required to prepare two (2) contrasting performance pieces. If you are a songwriter, please make one an original.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Alix on 02 9319 0503 or [alix@tdp.org.au](mailto:alix@tdp.org.au)

<http://www.talentdevelopmentproject.org.au/>

How to apply here:

<https://www.talentdevelopmentproject.org.au/apply-now/>

Application Form here:

<https://talentdevelopmentproject.org.au/forms/embed.php?id=12468>

### Heywire Competition – Tell Your Story

Closes September 16 at 5.00pm

Are you over 16 and live in regional NSW? Tell a story about your life in text, video, photo or audio.

The annual Heywire cycle begins with a storytelling competition - open to people aged 16-22, living in regional or rural Australia. Heywire encourages young people to tell stories about their life outside the major cities in text, photo, video or audio format. Turning points are moments where your life changes course. They are fascinating to the reader and often set up

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK CODI MARSH - YEAR 12

**FAVOURITE SUBJECT:** Biology and PDHPE. Bio has always been the easiest for me to understand and I've always loved PDHPE

**BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** I've managed to make it through year 12 and achieve high marks while maintaining a part time job

**CAREER ASPIRATIONS:** I want to be a physiotherapist

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Apart from work there's not much else you can do when you're focusing on Year 12.

**YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT:** Codi is a hard working student who consistently works towards achieving her best in all of her subjects. She is always polite and encouraging towards others. I wish her the best of luck in the remainder of her studies.

**Anna Sansom - Year Advisor**



a suspenseful story. Here are some great turning points from recent Heywire winners. Many great Heywire stories are opinion pieces about important issues. But we encourage you to not only focus on your opinion, but your experience of the issue. Get stuck into it now!

<http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/>

Conditions here: <https://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition/>

and here: <https://www.abc.net.au/heywire/about/terms-and-conditions/>

### **Employment Guide Chartered Accountants ANZ**

Are you seeking to inspire your students to pursue a business, accounting or finance career? Featuring hundreds of employers, offering: graduate, vacation, internship and cadetship roles in accounting, business and finance.

<https://youunlimitedanz-guide.com/?cid=O~P~CareersGuide2019~CAANZ~201902>

### **UTS - The Galuwa Engineering and IT Experience**

Closes June 1

July 13-17

Years 10, 11, 12. The 5-day program attracts students who are interested in the fields of engineering or IT, as well as those who have an aptitude for maths, creative thinking and problem solving and are unsure of which career path to follow. The free program features interactive hands-on workshops, site visits with industry partners, cultural activities, information about career paths. Participants hear inspirational talks from students, cadets & professionals.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/what-we-do/galuwa-engineering-and-it>

### **7 Paths to Computer Science Careers**

Meet 7 people taking wildly different paths to a career in computer science, ending up in unexpected places

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/7-paths-computer-science-career/>

### **Maxima - Set yourself up for life with an Apprenticeship/Traineeship**

Apprenticeships and traineeships are a combination of paid work and structured training over a period of 12 to 48 months, depending on the qualification. At the end of your apprenticeship or traineeship, you will

have the advantage of a nationally recognised qualification and practical, on-the-job experience.

<https://maxima.com.au/apprentices-trainees/apprenticeships-traineeships/>

### **ARC Group Training - Business Traineeships**

ARC are here to make career development easy! We offer Business Traineeships for recent school leavers wanting to start their career in the Business world. As part of your traineeship, you will work full time in an office junior role, undertake a Certificate III in Business and get PAID! For more information call us on 02 8833 3999 or email your resume to: [recruit@arcgroup.com.au](mailto:recruit@arcgroup.com.au)

<https://arcgroup.com.au/>

### **Essential Energy Apprenticeships**

If working outdoors and in a team environment is appealing to you, an apprenticeship with us may be the perfect way to kick start your career. During your apprenticeship you will work towards a trade qualification while learning on-the-job. Your apprenticeship journey will be supported by a great crew and a professional training team.

Our apprentices live and work right across regional, rural and remote NSW – we currently have apprentices in more than 50 towns, from Albury to Tweed Heads, to Broken Hill and many places in between.

[www.essentialenergy.com.au/careers/apprenticeships?](http://www.essentialenergy.com.au/careers/apprenticeships?)

**Jane Hegarty**  
Careers Advisor

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# St Joseph's Primary School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

This week was busy as usual, with students and teachers both working hard to get the best out of each other and improve our school's results.

As previously stated, we have some new staff to our school. They are settled into the routines within St Joseph's and have taken time from their busy schedules to write a short profile on themselves.



### OUR FIRST TEACHER PROFIED IS MISS SAMMIE LOVE

Hi, my name is Sammie Love and this Year I am teaching Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2). I recently finished my studies at the

University of Newcastle with a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)(Honours). My hobbies include gardening and playing sport. My favourite part about teaching is being able to provide a safe and welcoming classroom where children can grow into life-long learners. This year I am looking forward to all the adventures that come with a new school and a new area to live in.

## 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@merriwa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@merriwa.catholic.edu.au) or [Ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au)

## LYN SHARRATT – CLARITY “PUTTING FACES ON THE DATA”

Last Thursday and Friday, Mrs Peebles and I attended the Leading Learning Collaborative, which was hosted by Lyn Sharratt, world renowned educational researcher from Canada.

The main focus of the day was looking into the 14 Parameters of school improvement. What both Mrs Peebles and myself enjoyed the most about the two days was Lyn's relentless and unwavering message that all students can learn to high levels and all teachers must be teachers of intervention, that is, teachers who can see the

need in their students and work towards finding ways to help their students.

Over the course of the year and beyond, staff and students will be looking at various facets of learning improvement, such as Learning Intentions and Success Criteria. We have begun this process in Mathematics and this year the focus will be on English.

Learning Intentions and Success Criteria work effectively to enable students to name their learning, understand how it works in the real world and be able to track their own progress as they work through their learning. Teachers use these concepts to form accurate and meaningful outcomes for students, to have learning conversations with students and keep themselves on track in ensuring what is taught is of the highest quality possible.

## FIVE QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILDREN

Instead of the regular conversations we can have with our children at the end of the school day, which usually start with, “What did you do today?” and ending with “nothing”, here are five questions you might like to engage your children with: (From Clarity – Lyn Sharratt P65)

1. What did you learn today?
2. How did you do?
3. What did you do if you didn't understand?
4. How can you improve on your learning?
5. What are you most proud of?

## GOAL SETTING MEETINGS

As part of our commitment to all families and students in bringing out the best in our learners, we recently held our goal setting meetings. All reports were of very successful and fruitful meetings with our families with attainable and meaningful goals set for the year.

Thank you for making yourselves available for the meetings. If any parents have not made time as yet, please contact the school and speak with your teachers about organising a meeting.

## COGAT TESTING

As part of the Catholic Schools Office Gifted Education Policy and Procedures, we have begun the administration of the Cognitive Abilities Test (CoGAT), last week with Stage One students.

The CoGAT is a multiple-choice Kinder-Year 12

assessment that measures reasoning skills with different types of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal questions.

Students only have to work with this assessment once in their schooling with us. We hope that the results gathered will give the school greater information in how to best support our students.

If you would like further information, please contact the office.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **March 18** – PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Development in Writing in Muswellbrook
- **March 20** – Senior Citizens Home Visit
- **March 23** – Harmony Day at school
- **March 23/24** – Year 3 and 5 Practice NAPLAN Tests at School
- **March 25** – Girls League Tag Years 5/6 – Denman
- **March 27** – Enviromentors Excursion
- **March 30** – Cross Country Practice
- **April 1 – 3** – Kia Ora Music Camp

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 contact the school.

**Notice: If anything is cancelled in the coming weeks, we will place notices on Compass and on our Facebook Page at the earliest convenience.**

**Mr Ashley Borg**  
Principal  
ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au  
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### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS – WEEK 7

**Kindergarten - Annabelle Marshall** – for demonstrating self-regulation, as seen in her leadership skills and strength of moral conviction, in all interactions with others

**Stage 1 - Eden Barry** - her perseverance in problem solving skills when completing her balloon car in Science.

**Stage 2 - Chad Booth** – for his insightful comments and contributions to class discussions on Aboriginal connection to country

**Samuel Williams** – for his increasing awareness and ability to apply the strength of self-regulation

in response to his emotions

**Stage 3 - Grace Booth** - for her commitment to her learning and producing work of a high standard in all areas

**Aidan Hunt** - for working on his strength of self-regulation and being able to take control of situations both personally and when dealing with others.

**Mr Ashley Borg**  
Principal



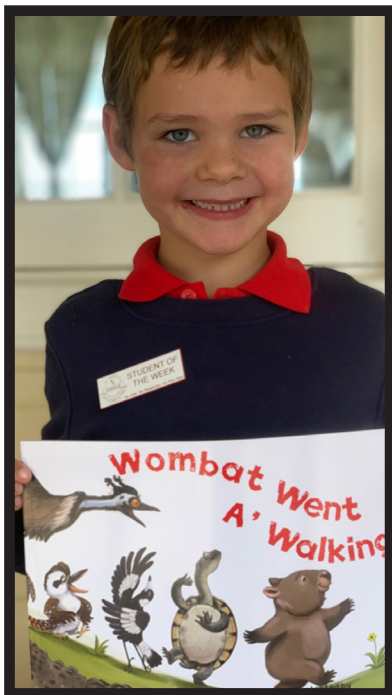


# Cassilis Public School

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK - JOHNATHAN HILLHOUSE

Johnathan has been awarded the Student of the Week for his increasing great moments of learning and behavior.

He impressed the staff with his reading and writing of the Butterfly chart sight words. Johnathan is using the chart so well now that he was able to move to the next levelled chart which includes more sight words and diagraphs. He read his familiar reads with great enthusiasm and has sharing his reading at home with his parents.



Johnathan was able to work more independently took great pride in his new work books.

He was an active student in the playground and included others in his games and packed away equipment after he had finished.

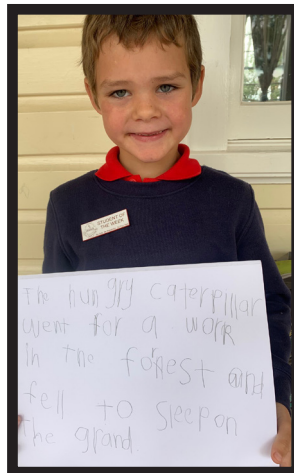
### C IS FOR CATERPILLAR

With our younger students learning new sounds, Johnathan, Cooper and Jacob enjoyed listening to,



drawing, writing about and feeding their caterpillar with foods that begin with 'c'. I hope that he loved his cauliflower!

*The hungry caterpillar went for a walk in the forest and fell to sleep on the ground.*



### ASK YOUR CHILD WHO WASE EDWARD HARGRAVES?

Students collaborated to plot the timeline of Gold Discovery in Australia. There was lots of great communicated and reasoning and of course a couple of mistakes but we love mistakes in learning!



### LEARNING VALUABLE SKILLS THROUGH PLAY

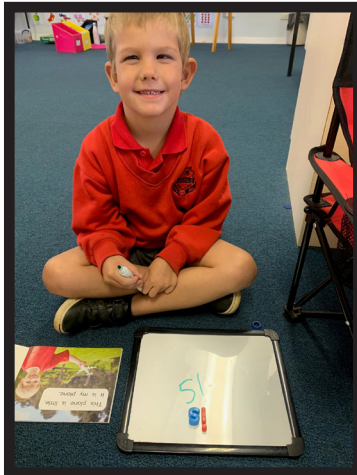




**Uniforms** - Anne-Maree Nairne

The P and C ordered some amazing new furniture today for our Busby Room. This was made possible by the money made on the Cassilis Rodeo Gate. Thank you to Stacey Anderson, the staff from Cassilis School and friends of the school who all helped with shifts on the gate.

Thanks to the P and C for paying for the students' pies on Friday. They were delicious!



**P AND C AGM**

Thanks again to this wonderful group of people who ensure that our little school holds onto its very important P and C group.

The following people were voted into positions at yesterday's meeting:

**President** - Stacey Anderson

**Secretary** - Suzanne Bibby

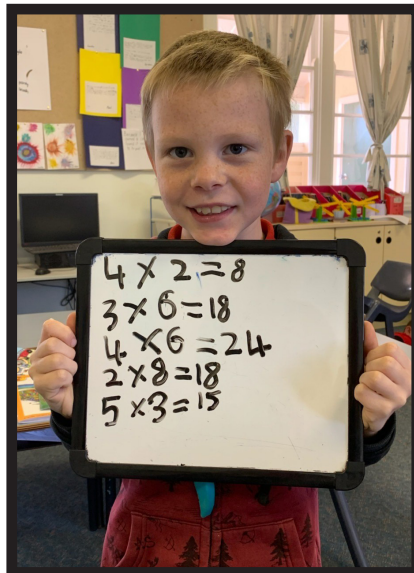
**Treasurer** - Fiona Cornish

**Canteen Manager** - Stacey Anderson



The drawings of Healthy Harold from our birthday twins, Paul and Skylah.

**MAKING FRUIT KEBABS - GREAT FOOD FOR OUR LEARNING BRAINS**



**Katie Burgess  
Principal**



# Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

As the cooler weather begins to approach we turn our attention to the health and safety of our student body.

Staying Healthy in Children's Services Edition 5 is our reference when advising families and providing information about illnesses. It includes exclusion periods and guidelines for the service and families to follow to help keep everyone safe. It is an easy download so families can have access to the document at home. [www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au)

If a confirmed infectious disease breaks out at the Pre-School our obligation is to exclude the child for the prescribed period and to inform families through our prescribed information form which is located just inside the front double doors. If this disease is vaccine preventable and your child's immunisation status is not fully up to date that child will also be excluded for their protection. Only 95% of children are fully vaccinated in NSW which means there is 1 in 20 children unprotected from terrible diseases that can be life long and life threatening. The resurgence of vaccine preventable diseases is alarming and any unvaccinated children will not be enrolled at the Pre-School.

In most cases you will also receive a notification through the Xplor App or through our Facebook page. This type of notification is at times informal and is provided to communicate all useful information to families. If this is a confirmed case I will make that clear during the notification, otherwise it is information passed from one service user to another for your general awareness of what's getting about.

Generally, if your child is unwell, lethargic or has a temperature they should not attend Pre-School. The best way to protect your child this season is the flu shot and it is free for children from six months to under 5 years old. The annual shot from May each year is your best chance to avoid flu infections. For more information go to [health.nsw.gov.au/flu](http://health.nsw.gov.au/flu) or speak with your doctor.

In relation to COVID 19 - if you or your child has been out of the country or had contact with confirmed cases of COVID 19 you will be required to self - isolate with chicken soup and

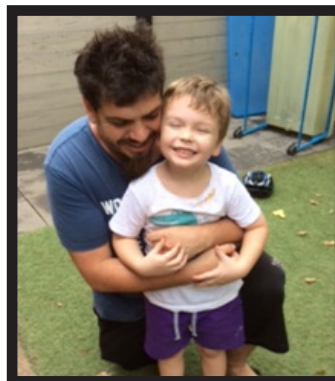
be excluded from education and care services for 14 days. Of course, if there is an unusual respiratory illness or cough, high fevers or sore throats, please call your GP. The best way to avoid contraction of this virus is by washing hands, cover those coughs and sneezes and stay at home if you are unwell.

From time to time we receive sensitive information at the Pre-School. This could be regarding serious illnesses, custody and guardianship information, complaints or concerns. These issues should be communicated to the Director or in her absence the responsible person at the service. If the Responsible person is placed for the day then this is noted with a photo and documentation in the yellow noticeboard at the gateway. This can also be communicated to the room leader who is generally Leah from Monday to Wednesday and Nikki Feeney Thursday and Friday. It is then our job to disseminate this information to relevant staff if it is necessary.

If a complaint concerns the Director then that should be forwarded immediately to the President of the association, her contact details are available on the notice board at the Pre-School.

For all child and family sensitive information please email [director.mps@tpg.com.au](mailto:director.mps@tpg.com.au) for account information [merriwapreschool@tpg.com.au](mailto:merriwapreschool@tpg.com.au) Please be advised that if you are using email to communicate collection details, illnesses or authorisations that emails are not thoroughly monitored everyday and it is best to call the service on 6548 2083 to ensure effective communication on time critical information.

**Leah Folpp**



# Merriwa Create and Grow Playgroup

Thanks to all the mums and bubs that came along on Thursday to playgroup. It was great to see a couple of new faces too!

Our theme for the day was all things ambulance, but alas the ambulance got called away to a real job so we will have to wait till next time to meet the lads and lasses in navy blue.

The toddlers didn't waste any time getting stuck into playing as soon as they hit the library with the mini tramp and slide a standout favourite. Next on the program was a sing a long and some grooving with the instruments followed by a story about an ambulance and some colouring and craft.

The weather was blissful so we finished our morning with a play at the park and a picnic on the rug with a little bit of bubble action to end our play time.

We are on the hunt for some farm animal toys. If you have any sitting in a cupboard that could do with a new home, please drop them into Council. We have plenty of budding young farmers who would just love it!

Our next playgroup date is on Thursday 26 March at the library from 9.30am. If you'd like to find out more call/text Community Services Officer Tash Taaffe 0458 574 015.



Tash Taaffe

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Presenting yourself to the surgery could result in the surgery being closed and quarantined, leaving the Doctor and staff also quarantined and preventing healthcare to the community. Please think of others during this time.

A phone consult can be arranged for those with symptoms following contact in the first instance with the healthdirect hotline as above. For up to date information on COVID - 19 please visit [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

Dr Emad Jasem

## Merriwa Rotary ROTARY BOWELCARE 2020

Merriwa Rotary Club has been a participant in the annual BowelCare Program for many years. Merriwa Pharmacy will once again be distributing BowelCare kits on behalf of Rotary for one month, commencing on April 1.

This year's BowelCare kit will cost \$20.00. The price includes pathology testing, with notification of your result to both yourself and your nominated doctor. Your result will be issued within 30 days of your test kit being received by pathology. PLEASE USE THE PRE-PAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED WITH THE KIT.

BowelCare Australia is a division of CancerCare Australia Ltd. Please continue to look after your health by participating in our annual Rotary BowelCare Program.

Mark Smith



# Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

## REFLECTION LENT 5 JOHN 11:1-45

One of the concerns faced by the Johannine community living in the late 90s was the issue of Christian death. Jesus had promised life to those who believed in him, but in the time after Jesus' resurrection how is this promise to be understood. The reality is that Christians do die, so what can Jesus' words mean? The Lazarus episode is the Gospel writer's reflection on the promises of Jesus to be a source of eternal life, and the reality of Christian death.

Many Jews did believe in resurrection at the end of time. This is the faith that Martha expressed, that her brother will rise on the last day. What mainline Jewish theology lacked was any sense of what happened between death and the end-of-time resurrection. This was an empty space where the dead had no share in God's life. In the Lazarus episode Jesus shows that there is a life beyond the grave, even as we await resurrection at the end of time. While physical life will cease, the God-life that has been given to us through Jesus will never cease.

Christians today, like John's community, still face the great mystery of death. Our Christian hope is that God keeps faith with us. The power of God manifest in Jesus' Resurrection is a power for life in which we will share. Jesus displayed this power for life in restoring the life of Lazarus and thus revealing that death for the believer is not a dead-end. The God who has called us into life remains faithful to that gift of life.

Jesus says, "I have come that you may have life – to the full" (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM)

*Love and blessings, Rev Pat*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **9.00am Sundays - Eucharist at Holy Trinity**
- **10.00am Fridays - Eucharist at Holy Trinigy**
- **11.00am Fridays - Extended Eucharist at Gummun Place and the MPS alternately**
- **10.30am Mondays - Pastoral Care at Gummun – all welcome to join us**
- **9.00am - April 5 - Bishop Sonia's Episcopal visit.**

- **6.00pm - April 9 - Maundy Thursday service with Bishop Sonia**
- **7.00pm - April 9 - Seder Meal at Anglican Parish Hall following service**
- **10.00am - April 10 - Good Friday service**
- **2.00-3.00pm - April 10 - Prayers with Bp Sonia.**

*Rev Pat Kirkby*

## Merriwa CWA

First up I would like to say a huge thank you to all the CWA ladies who did a wonderful job with the catering on Friday for the Scone Literary Festival, held in our rooms. You all did a marvelous job.

On last Friday Merriwa hosted the first event for the Scone Literary Festival with 2 entertaining authors Nicole Alexander and Richard Anderson. We had a relaxed and fun filled couple of hours discussing how books are written and learning about the authors themselves.

Also thank you to everyone who came to enjoy our day.

### NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday April 6 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.

**Kim Clydsdale**

## Janet Baihn

My Dearest JANET BAIHN,

You have been gone now for One Thousand and Ninety One Days, I hope you are well and seeing that you have missed birthdays, Christmas, Easter and funerals I still miss you here.

"Not a day goes by that I don't think of you and smile or shed a tear or both." ' DITTO ' and Love to you my precious.

YOUR LOVING HUSBAND.

**Bob Baihn**



# Community Notice Board

## Upper Hunter Shire Council

### IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SHIRE

Michael Johnsen MP, Member for Upper Hunter has announced \$814,517 from the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund for projects in the Upper Hunter Shire Council.

Cassilis District Development Group Incorporated was awarded \$52,952 for new seating, upgraded shade structures, and landscape design for the War Memorial at Cassilis Memorial Park

The Merriwa CBD Refurbishment to the value of \$143,438, was one of four Council projects to receive funding. Merriwa will receive a footpath upgrade. The existing footpath will be demolished and removed with new concrete pavement constructed to comply with access standards and the Merriwa Progress Association town revitalisation plans. This project will increase safety with improved pedestrian access, and the revitalised section of footpath will be greener with landscaping to provide more shade to the town centre.

The 4 projects Council put forward received the highest level of support from the public and business communities. The projects were the result of extensive community consultation, with the general public submitting their ideas for funding and support for projects.

### LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT

Council has developed a draft Local Strategic Planning Statement in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The Plan is designed to establish a strategic basis for land use planning decisions and development control. It does this by establishing the key planning priorities and strategic actions for the Upper Hunter Shire.

The Draft Local Strategic Planning statement can be inspected at the Merriwa Office or online at [www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au). Written submissions are invited until Wednesday April 1, 2020.

Email [council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au), or complete the online submission form or post to The General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council, PO Box 208, SCONE NSW 2337

**Kirily Anderson**

### COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) AND COUNCIL EVENTS

Council asks all user groups with bookings between today, March 17 and June 30, 2020 to strongly consider whether activities or events can be postponed, reduced in size or cancelled if the event is deemed non-essential. Should you propose to continue to run your event, we ask that you please update and submit your risk assessment which is to address the following:

- how you will manage and practice social distancing
- how you will manage keeping your event numbers under 50 people
- how you will follow the guidelines for Events and Gatherings provided by NSW Health [www.health.nsw.gov.au/corovirus](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/corovirus)

We understand cancelling events will have a big impact on your members however your health and our health at the present time is paramount. It goes without saying that we remain committed to doing everything we can to put health and safety of our community first.

### WEAR PINK THIS FRIDAY

The Upper Hunter Youth Council (UHYC) is asking all residents, schools and businesses in the Shire to stand united together against bullying on Friday March 20.

Bullying can occur anywhere and at any stage of a person's life whether they are at school or in the workplace, and enacted in person or through the growing trend of online bullying through social media.

The UHYC is encouraging schools and local businesses to support this great cause by wearing pink shirts or adding a splash of pink to your attire in any way you can. Whether it be a wrist band, hat, socks, or a ribbon in your hair. It will all have the same outcome; helping to make a difference in our community.

Pink Shirt Day coincides with the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Visit [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) for more information

# 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

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Pie Drive Sheets are out and about. Please note the closing date for orders – less than one week to order -

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**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 Gentle Gymnastics for Seniors

For anyone over 55 looking for an excuse to do a little more exercise, join us at the Merriwa RSL on Wednesday mornings from 11.15am till around noon.

Upper Hunter Shire sports participation officer and accredited gymnastics coach Nicky Western will guide you through a session of gentle cardio, coordination exercises and stretching to music.

You do NOT have to be fit - just fabulous for having a go! Wear some comfy clothes like a track suit, active wear or shorts and non-slip covered in shoes or sneakers.

There is a small charge of \$4.00 per person per session and after three sessions (if you are still keen!), you'll need \$25.00 to join Gymnastics NSW (forms available on the day) to cover insurance.

To find out more or go on the text reminder list call or text Community Services Officer Tash Taaffe on 0458 574 015.

**Tash Taaffe**

## Merriwa Little Athletics

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AWARDS NIGHT

**When:** Monday March 23 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm with a short AGM to follow

**Where:** Merriwa RSL - auditorium

ALL registered athletes will be recognised on the night with a certificate and gift. Awards also presented for top effort, sportsmanship and achievement.

Please note: We will NOT be holding a family BBQ this year.

**Tash Taaffe**

## Merriwa Senior Citizens

**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**

**Congratulations to Robert Smith on organising the fantastic 'Le Tour de Merriwa'**

of? Meet Sarah J. Maas the world's number one YA author who's sold more than 9 million books in 37 languages in the male dominated fantasy genre.

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**A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT**

*Love is just a word until someone comes along & gives it meaning.*

**BEANIE BOO**

*My name is Austin.*

*I fly around looking over the beautiful sights, searching for friends like you under the bright lights.*

*My birthday is June 2.*

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

**Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress**

**INSIDE OUT**

- Design school; simplest kitchen planning guide ever. To achieve the right layout, consider all the possible options and always factor in that triangle of sink, oven and fridge
- The nitty gritty; taps, mixers, materials list, appliances and tile trends for 2020
- Dreaming of a well stocked wine room at home? The odds may be stacked in your favour. Here's what you need to know about creating a home for your precious pours
- Garden Party; making a beautiful backyard for entertaining and for year round living.

**COUNTRY STYLE**

- The art issue; a collection of artists throughout the country in their homes and their inspirations
- Creative force; growing up on a sheep station gave Ballarat artist Anna Placidi a passion for nature that is reflected in her floral paintings. Plants and flowers are at the heart of her life and work and from the moment she steps out for her daily walk she is always alert to natures wonder all around her
- Moving from Sydney to the outskirts of Mudgee, Denise Faulkner has made the switch to art full time. In this bush setting that is her home, she has a front row seat to nature and discreetly snaps photographs and lets her imagination run wild.

**MARIE CLAIRE**

- 30 pages of Wonder Women; celebrating the trailblazers and future shapers changing the world!
- Emily Blunt; the surprising trait that made her a star
- What does it mean to be a woman in 2020? From Copenhagen to the Congo 2000 fearless females have told their stories & now it is a must see film 'Woman'
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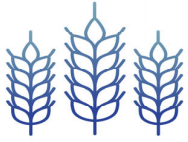
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**Schools**

**Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre**  
(PO Box 96) 43 Bow St, Merriwa NSW 2329  
Ph: 0265 482 083  
[merriwapreschool@tpg.com.au](http://merriwapreschool@tpg.com.au)

**Merriwa Pre-School**  
For children 2 - 5 years

**Activity Centre**  
For children attending Kindergarten to Year 6  
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President: E Shipway  
Telephone: 6548 3201



**CWA**  
Meets Second Monday of the month 10.00am  
CWA Rooms  
159 Bettington Street

Visitors and new members are always welcome


Enquiries to:  
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Phone: 6548 3060  
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Secretary: Kim Clydsdale  
Phone: 6548 2558  
Email: [kmclydsdale@gmail.com](mailto:kmclydsdale@gmail.com)



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**Groups**

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 Monday – Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm  
**Merriwa**  
 Cnr Brisbane and MacKenzie Streets  
**Denman**  
 51 – 53 Ogilvie Street  
 For appointments please phone 6532 5013

**MERRIWA & DISTRICT**  
**LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE**  
**2018/19 starts Oct 15!**  
 Tots (3 & 4 yrs) to u/17 yrs  
**Mondays 5.30 to 7.00pm**  
 at Merriwa No. 2 Oval  
 (season ends 25 February)  
**New Members Welcome**  
 ph: Tash Taafe 0458 574 015  
 e: tashholden@bigpond.com

**MERRIWA SPORTS CLUB Ltd 6548 2028**  
*Golf, Bowls, Squash, Putt Putt, Darts, Pool, ATM and Club Keno*  
**Opening Times:**  
**\*Monday & Tuesday - 4pm \*Wednesday - Sunday - 12pm**  
 Thursday Night 7:00pm Bingo  
 Friday 5:00pm - 7:00pm Happy Two Hours and Free raffles  
 Saturday - **7.45pm** Monster raffles and members' badge draw  
 Sunday: 5:00pm to 7:00pm meat voucher raffle and members' badge draw.  
**The Sporties Chinese/Australian Restaurant 6548 3228**  
 Dine in or Take Away. Banquets and Function catering available.  
 Lunch Specials  
 Lunch: Wednesday to Sunday.  
 Dinner: Tuesday to Sunday

**Rotary Club of Merriwa Inc**  
**ROTARY SERVICE Above Self**  
**Meets each Tuesday at the Merriwa Sports Club**  
**7.00pm for 7.30pm**  
 4 x 4m Marquee for Hire  
 0429 482 389

**Merriwa Magpies**  
  
 Rugby League Football Club  
**Merriwa Rugby League Football Club**  
 President: Ben Robins  
 Vice President: Marc Previati  
 Secretary: Vacant  
 Treasurer/Publicity Officer: Jessyca Morgan

**MERRIWA TENNIS ASSOCIATION**  
 Find us on Facebook  
**President:** Jason Bear  
 Day - Night Competitions Junior Competitors Court Hire  


**2019 Merriwa Springtime Show**  
 Established 1908  
 20, 21 & 22nd September!  
  
[www.merriwashow.com.au](http://www.merriwashow.com.au)  
 Rob Tindall - President  
 Marie Scott - Secretary  
**Tel: 0498 378 500**

**PONY CLUB MERRIWA**  
**Clare Martin** President 6548 2201  
**De Patterson** Secretary 0416 194 501  
**Fiona Morgan** Treasurer  
 Rally days every 2nd Sunday of month from February to October


**Merriwa R.S.L Club Ltd**  
 Bistro/Snack Bar  
 Take Away  
 Lunch & Dinner 7 days  
 Parties & Weddings a specialty  
**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!  
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 Saturday 9am - 12pm  
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**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](http://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 2020  
**Cancelled for 2020**  
**Race Club President - Paul Frampton**  
**Contact - 0428 485 182**  
 Visit [www.merriwaraceclub.com.au](http://www.merriwaraceclub.com.au)

**MERRIWA BUSHMAN'S CAMPDRAFT EST. 1947**  
 President: Jamie Edmonds 0428 308 010  
 Secretary: Kellie Porter 0432 109 760  
 Treasurer: Kelly Curtis  
  
**October Long weekend 2020**  
[merriwacampdraft@gmail.com](mailto:merriwacampdraft@gmail.com)

**MERRIWA**  
  
**FESTIVAL of the FLEECES**

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

**MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**  
 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](mailto: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 \$140.00 was won the number was 602, this week it commences at \$160.00 and will be drawn between 6.00 – 7.00pm.

The Friday night Members Lucky Badge, 7.00pm draw for \$200.00 was not won the number was 311, this week it ackpots to \$220.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$650.00 was won the number was 439, this week jackpots to \$670.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$220.00 was not won the number was 89, this week it jackpots to \$240.00. **LTPS/19/36118**

The Sunday Morning Members Badge Draw for \$800.00 was not won last week the number was 778, this week it jackpots to \$850.00 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

**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

### 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**

## 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 14

Saturday Members draw, No 350, was not won – next week \$320.00.

**Dinner:** Trent Cooper  
**Free Ticket:** Beatrice Voysey  
**Bowls Raffle:** Leo Bailey

### Members draw - Sunday March 15

Members draw, No 308 was not won – next week \$900.00.

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

Des Snelgrove



# Sports

## Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

Training is back at the ovals, this week is Tuesday and Thursday for league tag, starting at 6.00pm sharp and 6.30pm for reserve grad. 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.

The count down is on, only two 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.

Well done to our Merriwa Magpies players, playing for GNT, winning again last weekend, 10-8.

Jessyca Morgan

# JTS REALTY

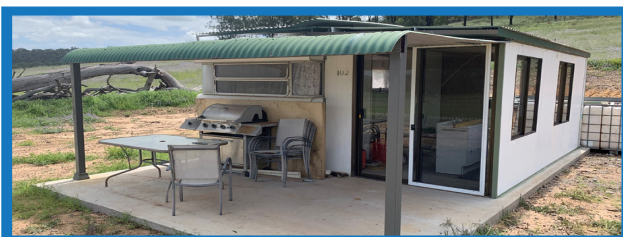
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## 1199 Cullingral Road, Merriwa

**\$175,000.00**



Fully fenced in new fencing, this is an ideal grazing block, while having some fun as a weekender. The country is mostly open with a slight rise. There is access to the river for fishing and swimming, and a new dam has been built. There is a cabin set on the block. Only 3 hours to Sydney this is an ideal weekend retreat.

## 'Roma Station' Roma Road, Muswellbrook

**\$420,000 Negotiable**

Located just 30 minutes from Merriwa, this 40 acre property is extremely developed. The land is mostly open, good quality grazing country with a small section of creek flats and is ideal for sheep, horses or cattle. Water is supplied via a fully equipped bore feeding to header tanks. Farm infrastructure includes a shearing shed and steel yards, cattle yards, 4 x 40ft storage containers with an awning, a 4 bay steel shed, workshop and hay shed, a double garage, chicken coup and 3 stables with day yards. There are 2 homes on the property, plus a granny flat. The first home has 2 large bedrooms, both with built in robes, a big modern kitchen with 900mm gas cooker and an open plan lounge with a combustion fire. At the rear of the home is a BBQ area. The second home is the original homestead which is in need of major renovation. There is also a DA to extend the main house which is fully approved. This would make an ideal family getaway or permanent farm and is ready for your inspection!



VIEW AT [www.jtsrealty.com.au](http://www.jtsrealty.com.au)

# Merriwa Pony Club

Doris McRae was acknowledged with the prestigious Pony Club Australia "Living Legend" award this month.

Mrs McRae was honoured with a certificate for her contribution to the

Merriwa Pony Club over many, many years as a volunteer, parent, grandparent and great grandparent.

Mrs McRae also has well deserved Life Membership to the pony club and is an inspiration to many.

The certificate was presented to Mrs McRae at the Merriwa Presidents Cup day earlier this month.

Congratulations Mrs McRae from everyone at Merriwa Pony Club!



Tash Taaffe



## SPONSORSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2020.

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# Learn about Box-Gum Grassy Woodland & how to boost native pastures-Field Day

Saturday 18 April 2020 9:30am-2:30pm - Cassilis



Come along to our FREE field day to find out about Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands and native pasture regeneration.

**-What is Box-Gum Grassy Woodland, why is it critically endangered?**

**-How to identify key grasses, forbs and herbs with Paul Melehan, Upper Hunter Landcare Co-ordinator, Hunter Region Landcare.**

**-Learn key tree species and habitat values**

**-Graeme Hand – CEO of STIPA Native Grasses Association will give practical guidance on:**

1. What does a healthy grassland look like – how to regenerate perennial native grasses
2. Rapid landscape function assessment and corrective action
3. Setting up safe to fail practices areas to determine recoveries and stock density that regenerates your grasslands and soils
4. Planning and putting it all together

## “Illogan” 747 Comialla Road, Cassilis

### Contact

Hunter Local Land Services  
Catherine Conroy  
[catherine.conroy@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:catherine.conroy@lls.nsw.gov.au)

Ph 0427 578 937  
Morning tea and lunch provided (free)

 [facebook.com/hunterlls](https://www.facebook.com/hunterlls)

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

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



Please bring: a hat, water, a folding chair and wear sunscreen, long pants and closed in shoes.

RSVP by Wed 15 April 2020 via the link below:

<https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/what-is-boxgum-grassy-woodland/>



# PARENTS SHOWCASE

HELP SUPPORT YOUR CHILD  
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## THE SHOW WILL COVER A RANGE OF HELPFUL TOPICS

- Industry reveals
- Jobs of the Future
- Vocational Education & 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

**BOOKING REQUIRED:**

<https://skillsandthrills-merriwacs.eventbrite.com.au>



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