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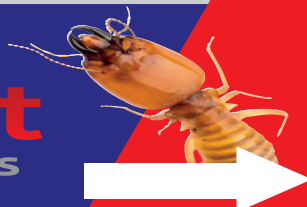
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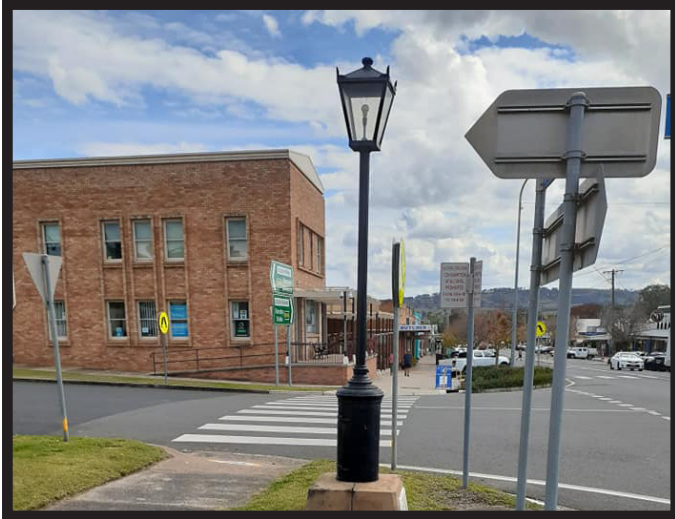


Did you know that the recent rain
can cause higher Termite activity!
Have you had your House Inspected?

 **0439 464 966**

A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE



ELIJAH BUDDEN

At a recent meeting, a question was asked about the history of the Elijah Budden lamp post on the corner of Bettington and Vennacher streets.

Elijah Budden was born in Muswellbrook 26th June, 1851, he was the son of the late Mr Elijah Budden of Muswellbrook and like his father, he followed the occupation of a saddler. He started business, firstly at Jerry's Plains and then at Denman and finally at Merriwa, where he started business as an auctioneer and stock and station agent while continuing with his saddlery business. Few men could compare



with him either as a salesman of stock and household effects. The wonder was, why a man of such brilliant talents should content himself in such a quiet country town, but Elijah could not disassociate himself from those noble institutions he helped to build on. He was a

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Deputy Principal's Report UPCOMING HSC EXAMS

We wish Year 12 all the very best with their HSC exams in what has been a different year with several challenges. All HSC Exams will proceed and a new exam timetable has been published by NESA. HSC Exams have been scheduled across NSW to fall between Tuesday 9 November and Friday 3 December 2021. Students can download a PDF version of the timetable using the following address - <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable>.



A personalised timetable is also located on NSW students online. Any students who cannot access their NSW students online account should see Mrs Hegarty.

YEARS 7-10 YEARLY EXAMS

All Years 7-10 students have been provided an exam timetable for the upcoming yearly exams. If any students who are unwell during the examination period and unable to attend their exams please contact the school. Students will need to provide medical evidence and complete the illness/ misadventure form located in the assessment booklet.

TRANSITION

Year 6 will commence transition activities this week. Thanks to Miss Wood who will be the Year 7 2022 Year Adviser for organising the Transition Program. Students will complete activities across a range of subjects including – Visual Art, History, Geography, English, Mathematics, STEM, Science, PDHPE, Agriculture and Food.

ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

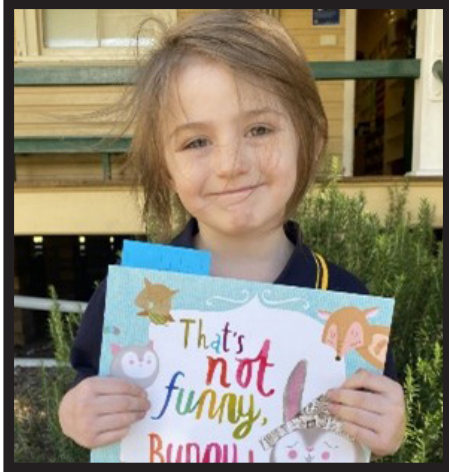
Sharon Kenaly
Deputy Principal

Coming Events

OCTOBER	
Thursday 21	Year 7 Transition
Tuesday 26	Kindergarten Transition
Thursday 28	Year 7 Transition
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 2	Kindergarten Transition

Primary

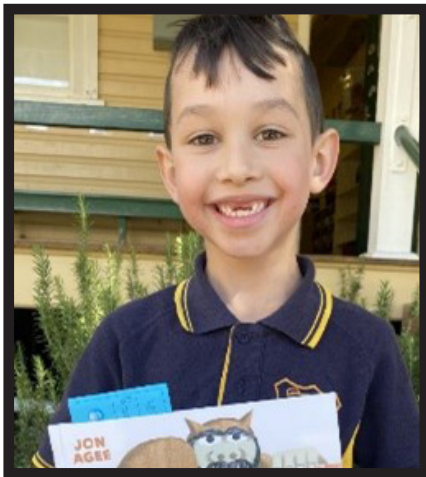
STUDENT OF THE WEEK



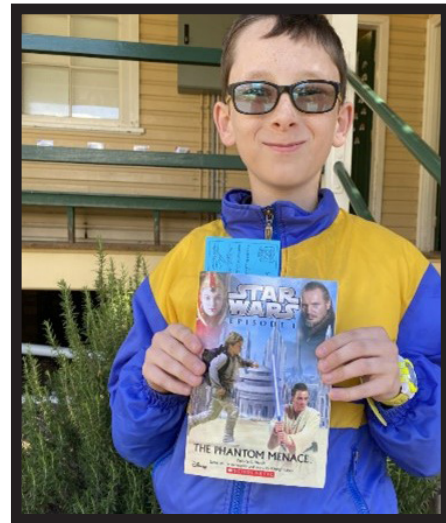
Kindergarten - Aleira Oldham for being a delight to teach and always being engaged in class activities



Year 3/4 - Mia Wilkinson for effort and sensible behaviour in reading graphs



Year 1 - Tyson Borg for fantastic writing



Year 4/5 - Ashton Marchese for consistent and outstanding effort in all subject areas



Year 2/3 - Isabella Campbell for fantastic work in all areas



Year 5/6 - Thomas Kneeves for showing a high level of effort in class tasks

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to class 4/5 for being awarded 'Class of the week' for Week 2 of Term 4. Class 4/5 have settled back into school routines exceptionally well and showed great maturity.



Gold Award - Oliver Strachan, Abby Bidner, Taniel Roberts and Emmy Hunt

SRC TERM 4

Thank you to our Term 3 Infants SRC students- Lachlan Strachan, Emmy Hunt, Amelia Wilkinson, Claire Bidner, Alby Caban and Nicholas Hockings

SPECIAL AWARDS

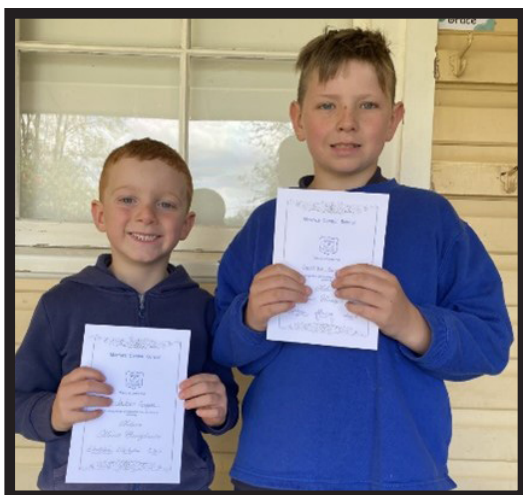


Bronze Award - Zac Walker



Congratulations to our Term 4 Infants SRC students:

Kindergarten – Ethan Chin and William Carr (Absent)

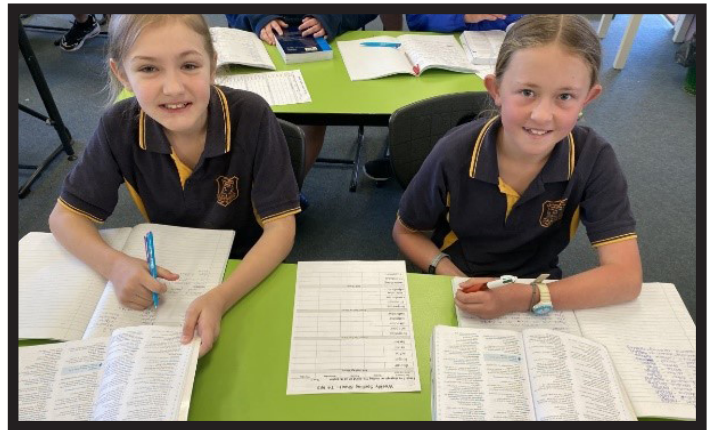


Silver Award - Jackson Douglas and Christian Boromeo





Year 1- Ella Pryor, Kayden Milgate and Joy Magnus



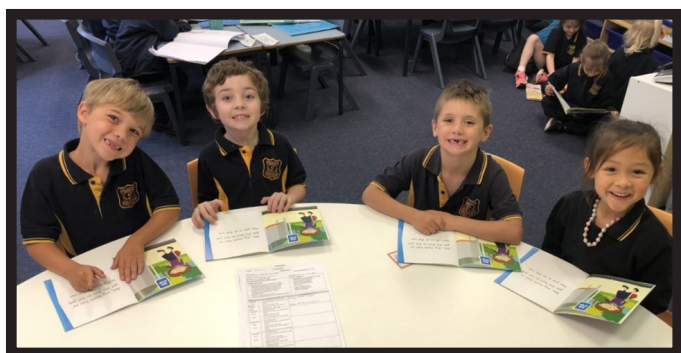
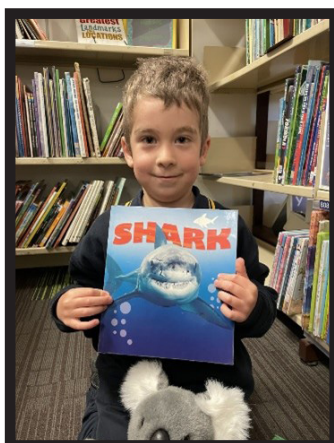
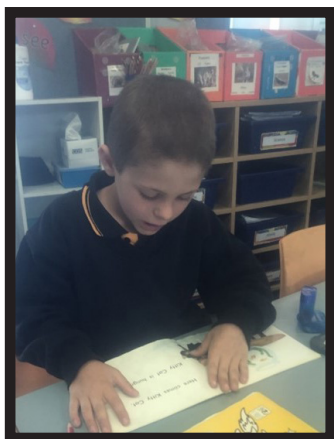
Class 2/3- Zane Walker and Holly Martin

SMILES BACK IN CLASSROOMS

Congratulations to all students who worked extremely hard at home during lockdown. Your effort did not go unnoticed and we thank parents and caregivers for all your support and appreciation.

In the last two weeks students have returned back into classrooms and shown exceptional behaviour. They have shown eagerness to continue working towards goals and are taking tremendous amount of pride in all class tasks.





KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

We are very excited to be commencing our Kindergarten Transition program next week!

Updated dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday October 26 – 9.00am–11.00am
Please provide your child with fruit break items
- Tuesday November 2 – 9.00am–11.00am
Please provide your child with fruit break items
- Tuesday November 9 – 9.00am–11.30am
Please provide your child with fruit break and recess items
- Tuesday November 16 – 9.00am–11.30am
Please provide your child with fruit break and recess items
- Tuesday November 23 – 9.00am–1.00pm
Please provide your child with fruit break and recess items
- Tuesday November 30 – 9.00am–1.45pm
Please provide your child with fruit break, recess and lunch items
- Tuesday December 7 – Post Transition Meetings – For Parents! Post Transition – 15 minute Interviews for parents. You will be contacted to arrange a time to meet with their class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

Emma Garbellini

Relieving Assistant Principal-Infants

CANTEEN

A reminder that our canteen is back operating on Friday's, thanks to our beautiful volunteers. If you need a recess or lunch order form for your child, we ask that you please do so via our front office. Alternatively, students can collect a blank order form and bring it home to be completed, ready for Friday.

Talia Morgan

**Relieving Assistant Principal
(Primary)**

Secondary

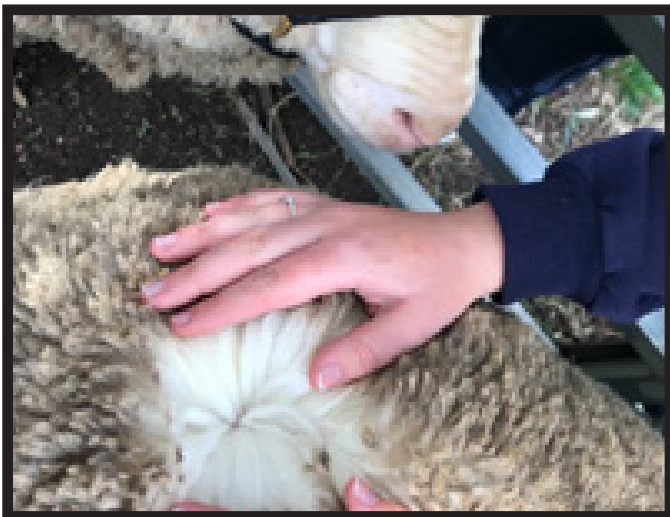


SCHOOLS MERINO WETHER CHALLENGE

Merriwa Central School Agriculture students have gained practical hands-on sheep management experience by taking part in the 2021 School Merino Wether Challenge.

Students from 65 Schools across NSW were responsible for looking after teams of Merino wethers for six months in preparation for judging that took place earlier this month.

The 2021 School Merino Wether Challenge in NSW is the biggest one yet of this annual competition organised by the NSW Stud Merino Breeders' Association, with support from AWI. The initiative aims to educate and engage students on the commercial production of Merino sheep by giving them a memorable 'hands on' experience covering a broad range of sheep and wool production skills.



This year's NSW School Merino Wether Challenge kicked off in March at a training day with industry leaders at the Dubbo Rural Skills Centre, attended by more than 300 students from 65 schools across the state. Students undertook mini workshops on topics including agricultural careers, sheep selection using measured and visual appraisal, animal husbandry, nutritional requirements, sheep and wool handling and

judging, and the profit drivers in Merino sheep production. Each school team collected six Merino wethers from the day which they took back to school and looked after for six months.

Students' efforts were judged according to the meat and wool quality of the flock. In particular, the teams were assessed and four awards presented for:

- The team with the highest estimated earning capability over a five-year period from both meat and wool.
- The team with the highest commercial wool value. The wethers were shorn during the competition, where fleeces were weighed and valued.
- The team with the highest commercial meat value.
- The overall champion team. Points were also awarded based on the students' sheep handling, dress and presentation and knowledge of the Merino industry.

Merriwa Central placed 3rd in Combined Value Award for the Tablelands Region, 4th in both the Carcase Value and Restocker categories placing



our School 9th overall. One of our wethers was also ranked 1st place for the Restocker Section.

Ms Tara Jane, Merriwa Central Agriculture Teacher, says that "Students got a lot out of participating in this program, from learning

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about sheep dietary requirements, handling, health and shearing"

"As well as showcasing the Merino breed, it encourages the students to extend their knowledge in, and potentially pursue a career within the Merino industry", said Ms Jane.

**Tara Jane
Agricultural Technology Teacher**

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM POSTPONED

Hunter New England Health have advised that all vaccinations have been postponed to 2022.

Parents can take their child to their doctor if they wish, however there will be a catch up early in the new year.

**Emma Piper
Girls Adviser**

CAREER NEWS

UAC Information Dates Coming Up

- SRS first offers released – 12 November
- ATAR's for NSW HSC students will now be released at 9am on Thursday January 20, 2022
- ATAR's for ACT Year 12 students will now be released at 9.00am on Thursday January 20, 2022.
- January Round 2 will now be the first ATAR based offer round. The deadline for changing preferences for January Round 2 will be midnight on Friday January 21, 2022.
- HSC results released by NESA – January 24, 2022
- January Round 2 offers will be released at 7.30am on Wednesday January 26, 2022. Changes to other UAC dates will be confirmed as soon as possible, as will the arrangements for ACT ATARs. Information for NSW and ACT students applying interstate, and interstate students applying to NSW and ACT universities, will also follow.

Australian University Ratings and Rankings 2021/2022

The section below provide a series of ratings and insights across a range of indicators. On the premise that no institution is superb at everything,

these rankings are high-level indicators and should be used to gain comparative insights into the varying strengths and characteristics of each institution. <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/university-ratings-rankings/2022/overall-quality>

University of Newcastle Supports Elite Athletes

Closes by 31 October You may be considered for an ATAR adjustment up to 4 points should you be recognised as an Elite Athlete as a school leaver or University applicant. An application for Elite Athlete Status must be submitted no later than 31 October (or for mid-year applicants by 30 June) and should the application be successful, confirmation of status as an Elite Athlete will be provided to the University of Newcastle admissions team. If athletes do not meet the current criteria or the sport/organisation is not currently recognised by Sport Australia, applicants will be notified. Applicants are welcome to apply for special consideration for admission on the grounds of sporting commitment / achievement and how this may have impacted study. A statement should be provided (to the University of Newcastle Admission team admissions@newcastle.edu.au with the UCAC application number as soon as possible) outlining achievements and how sporting commitments may have impacted study resulting in a lower ATAR or overall grades. <https://www.theforum.org.au/elite-athletes>

Now Available - Study a Bachelor of Youth Work at ACU Blacktown

This three year full-time degree is now available to study at our Blacktown campus. Through this course, students will develop skills to improve young people's social and personal development. Undergraduate students will complete 500 hours of professional placement across two practical experiences. Learn more about youth work at ACU: Bachelor of Youth Work (acu.edu.au)

New Speech Pathology Set Up at Southern Cross University

Southern Cross launches new Speech Pathology facilities at Coffs Harbour Southern Cross University Coffs Harbour campus has unveiled its new \$500,000 Speech Pathology facilities, including a new Health Clinic due to open to the public next year. <https://www.scu.edu.au/engage/news/latestnews/2021/southern-cross-launches-new-speechpathology-facilities-at-coffs-harbour.php>

New Dates for True Reward Early Entry at Western Sydney University

Apply by November 28 for the next True Reward based on Year 11 results. Offers released on 9 December. Western's HSC True Reward early offer program provides students an early offer based on their HSC results instead of a scaled ATAR. https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward?cid=em:CAAHSCTR-FOMH_Oct21

TAFE to Uni Webinar 28 October 2021

5.00pm to 6.00pm - Are you looking at studying a University degree after completing TAFE? We invite you to join us for our TAFE to Uni webinar via zoom. Tune in to hear from our admissions staff and student ambassadors that will cover the following topics: Info about our University How to apply TAFE entry pathway Scholarships Support and services Our student ambassadors will share their experiences coming to Uni via the TAFE pathway, and there will also be plenty of time for you to ask any questions. We hope that you can join us! <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/futurestudents/tafe-to-uni-webinar>

NECA Electrical Apprenticeships Apply Now

Currently we are recruiting for over 100 Electrical Apprentices for the 2021 New Year. We welcome all HSC Students after their exams. <https://www.necatrainng.com.au/electricalapprentices/expression-of-interest/>

Tocal Fulltime Agricultural Course Applications Remain Open for 2022

If you have questions about studying at Tocal, submit them via this quick online form and we will respond to you personally. If you are interested in finding out more, let us know via this form and we will be in touch. Future students (tocal.nsw.edu.au)

Tocal College, Agricultural Traineeships

Trainees get nationally accredited training and qualifications while being paid to work in the industry they love. Training consists of up to 6 week-long study blocks on campus either at Paterson or Yanco. The Paterson campus includes commercial farming operations in the Hunter Valley and offers a residential, block release program for trainees. The program offered by Yanco campus is flexible and include a mix of residential, on-farm and online delivery options. <https://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/courses/traineeships>

Five questions to expect in your next job interview

Job interviews are one of the more nerve-wracking experiences going around, particularly for university graduates. Polishing your resume, drafting cover letters and building a portfolio can be taxing, and that's before you even get to the interview stage. To give you a heads up, we've compiled a list of questions that tend to be asked in almost every interview, and provided some tips on how best to respond. <https://australiancareersservice.com.au/2017/09/05/five-questions-expect-next-job-interview/>

MyRoad: Free Online Mentoring Program for Year 10-12 Women

MyRoad is a free online mentoring program for years 10-12 girls offered through The Beacon Foundation. MyRoad connects young women across the country to skilled industry volunteers via Zoom Call to offer advice regarding transferable skills such as resilience, teamwork and collaboration. https://ebeacon.net.au/myroad_register/

Reminder - Thoroughbred Industry Careers Cadetship

Applications are open for the 2022 Explorer Cadetship, a 12-month education and training pathway in the Australian Thoroughbred Breeding and Racing Industry. Students will earn a wage for 9mths of the year and tuition fees are covered by Thoroughbred Industry Careers. If you have students who are passionate about horses, this program is the ultimate pathway. <https://tbindustry careers.com.au/>

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor



Cassilis Public School



STUDENT OF THE WEEK- DIGBY

Digby has been awarded the Student of the Week for his impressive effort and improvement in his learning. He loves reading and is answering more questions about

the book he has read to check and build his understanding. Digby participated in the shared reading of class books last week, especially enjoying the story of Daisy All-Sorts.

He has improved his ability to sound out words using magnetic letters and added to his story writing to complete his story about a sheep school.

Digby enjoys being involved with other students including being close to their games in the playground. He asks for help when he needs it and is engaging in more conversations with staff and students.

Digby comes to school every day dressed in school uniform and ready for learning.

Congratulations, Digby. You should feel very proud of your achievements.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are on this Thursday. Please return your photo form before Thursday, if you would like to buy any photos.

All students will have both a school photo and individual photo taken.

Please help to create lovely memories of 2021 by helping your child come to school dressed in the correct clean summer uniform with their hair tidy.

If you need any items of school uniforms, please speak the school before Thursday.

ANIMAL SCHOOL

As students are focusing on imaginative texts this term, infants listened to the story of Zog. Zog is a dragon who attends Dragon School learning

different things each year to help him become the best dragon that he can be.

Students discussed the story, choosing their own animal to plan and write a story about. These stories have taken a week to write as we know that writing is process and takes a lot of thinking and composing.

Congratulations on their published stories. Students used both what they knew about the animals, what they discovered, and also what they themselves like to do.

We hope that you enjoy reading them as the students are very proud of what they created.

COOPER - DEER SCHOOL

In Kindergarten, the deer learned to jump fences. In Year 1, the deer learned to grow horns. In Year 2, the deer learned to hide in the bushes. In Year 3, the deer learned to hop through the yellow flowers. In Year 4, the deer learned to hop on one leg. In Year 5, the deer learned to eat a large pumpkin. In Year 6, the deer learned to kick a football high into the sky.



TARSHA - UNICORN SCHOOL

In Kindergarten, Terri the Unicorn learned to do magic. In Year 1, Terri the Unicorn learned to polish her horn. In Year 2, Terri the Unicorn learned to brush her rainbow mane. In Year 3, Terri the Unicorn learned to eat colourful lollies. In Year 4, she learned to fly in the sky. In Year 5, Terri the Unicorn learned to cook pancakes with honey drizzled on the top. In Year 6, Terri the Unicorn learned to be a swimming coach.

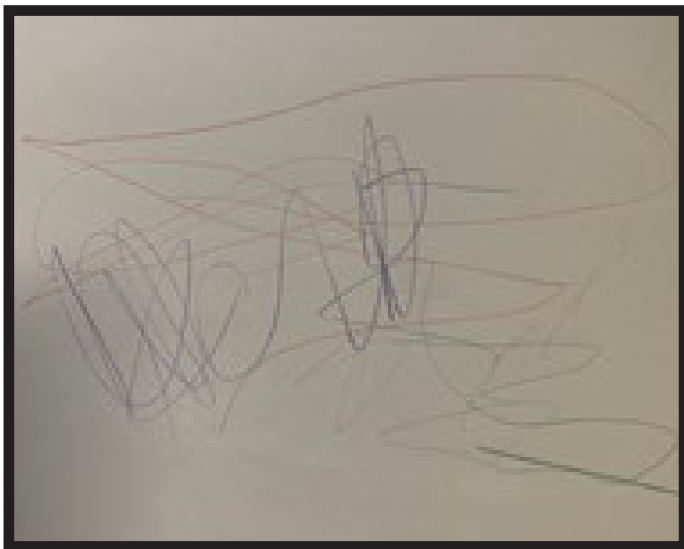


DIGBY- SHEEP SCHOOL

In Kindergarten, the sheep learned to jump fences. In Year 1, the sheep learned to go 'baa baa'. In Year 2, the sheep learned to live outside. In Year 3, the sheep learned to eat green grass. In Year 4, the sheep learned to help the baby lambs. In Year 5, the sheep learned to be quiet in the yard. In Year 6, the sheep learned to read a book about ducks.



Tarsha practised numbers that add up to give 30.



LEVI- GOAT SCHOOL

In Kindergarten, the goat learned to charge. In Year 1, the goat learned to bleat loudly. In Year 2, the goat learned to eat green grass. In Year 3, the goat learned to jump over the cliff. In Year 4, the goat learned to kick a fox. In Year 5, the goat learned to be friends with a dangerous snake. In Year 6, the goat learned to swim in water.



Cooper learned that a cube is made up of 6 squares.



Gordie and Paul showed what they already knew about prisms, as well as what they have learned, through hands on experiences.



Fun in the sandpit with the best view!

Take care! Mrs Leman (Ms Osmond)

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INFANTS ENJOYED LISTENING TO DAISY ALL-SORTS

Infants students read their familiar books at least 3 times at school. This helps to build their fluency and understanding.



Digby and Gordie are enjoying learning more about touch football during sport lessons.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MCMASTER ROOM THIS TERM

SPELLING

The Spelling Mastery Program has been a success in the 3-6 classroom over the last few terms. Unfortunately, due to at home learning and the program being very verbalised the students are not as far into the program as we would have liked. However, it was with great pleasure to award every student with a Super Speller Award. This award is achieved when students get a score of 95% or higher in their spelling tests over 30 lessons. Well done Skylah, Ben, Olivia, Skye, Paul and Gordie. I am super proud of your spelling efforts.



WRITING

The focus for writing this term is Imaginative Texts. The students will be learning about the 7 Steps to Writing Success. This program shows students how to make their writing more engaging and how follow the steps to make writing a fun and easy process.

MATHS

This term the Year 3-6 students will continue using the Top 10 Maths Program that the school purchased in Term 2. The students are finding this program engaging and fun with its high level of hands-on experiences. It has also been a positive support for the program and planning for maths as it is an easy program to follow and uses materials that are easily resourced.

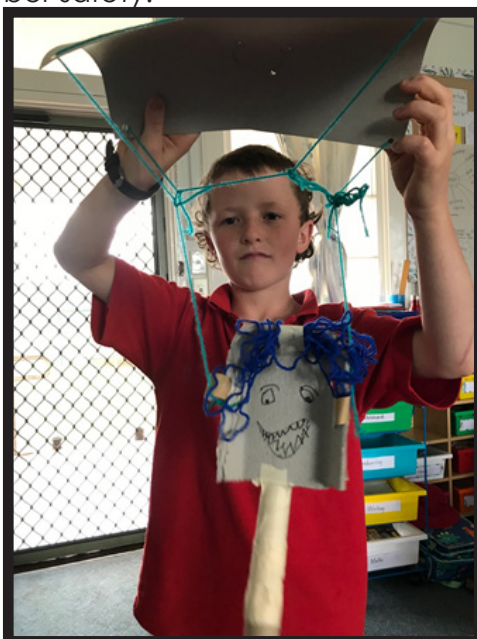
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH

This term for Personal Health and Development for Years 3-6 will we be continuing learning about relationships. Students will discuss their rights and responsibilities, friendships, positive and negative relationships and cyber safety.

DRAMA

For the first 5-6 weeks this term the students at Cassilis will be exploring Drama using puppets and masks. They have created a junk puppet that they will use over the course of the unit. They will have opportunities to take on roles in a variety of drama forms, perform

drama elements to others as well as respond to and appreciate the works of others.



**Katie
Burgess
Principal**



St Joseph's Primary School

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN STAGE 2 SO FAR IN TERM 4

It has been wonderful to be back face-to-face learning as a class in Stage 2. We have had a busy but very productive first few weeks of term.

In Religion, we have been learning about the Christian Scriptures. Students have been exploring the structure of the Bible, specifically the New Testament and the books within it.

Stage 2 have been thoroughly engaged within our math groups warmups, revising but also extending upon each strand of maths 20 minutes. So far in Maths this term, we have looked further into money, adding up amounts and most importantly working out how to give the correct change. We thoroughly enjoyed using our budgets to purchase some goodies from Infants shops they had set up for us. Students have also extended upon their multiplication and division skills from earlier this year through some game-based activities.

Our English learning this term conveniently links with our Geography unit on the Great Barrier Reef. This has been a class favourite. Students are engaged and have lots of questions to ask about the reef. They are also very interested in learning more about the threats to the reef and what we can do to help protect it. Stage 2 have been practising their public speaking skills by writing a speech on Turtles and the importance of stopping ocean pollution to protect them. In reading groups, students are reading, viewing and responding to familiar texts and justifying ideas, information and events using a range of skills and strategies. We have also spent some time on questioning to clarify understanding.

In Science, we are looking at erosion and its effects on the environment. Students will investigate how erosion is caused by human activity and identify how erosion can be minimised through research.

Since returning to school we have been full speed ahead on practising our dance and script for our annual school play. Students have been eagerly adding expression, gestures and actions to their lines convey their characters. We are looking forward to bringing our characters to life in the coming weeks by adding costumes and props.

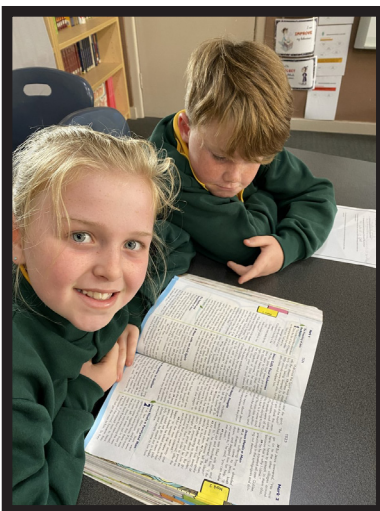
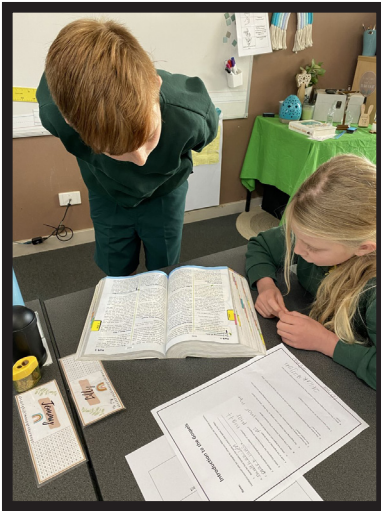
Students at St Joseph's are fortunate to have the very talented Nicky Western back to work with them again. Nicky is teaching the students gymnastics. They are learning and developing skills, movements and techniques. The students always give their best go and enjoy learning new things.

Our NEXT Transition for Kindergarten session will take place on October 25. Please see Mr Borg or Mrs Hunt in the office or contact 6548 2035 for further details.

ALL ENROLMENT INQUIRIES WELCOME!

Naomi Rodwell
Stage 2 Teacher





WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week 2 Social Intelligence

Kindergarten - Bradley Hanrahan - for always being a respectful role model and demonstrating social intelligence

Claire Raines - for applying herself diligently to tasks

Stage 1 - Noah Ridding – for interesting twist on his speech 'My favourite animal'

Myles Hvirf – for demonstrating an understanding of social intelligence through interactions with his classmates

Stage 2 - Jeremiah Raines – for applying his in-depth knowledge of the Great Barrier Reef to present an engaging speech

Sean Evans – for demonstrating social intelligence when caring for his colour kinder buddy

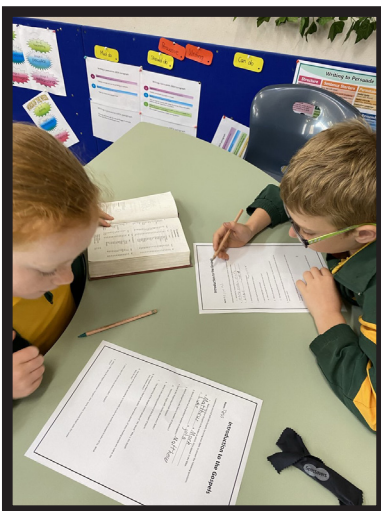
Stage 3 - Savannah Beeney - for her efforts and enthusiasm during geography lessons about Global Connections

Shykiah Walters - for demonstrating a knowledge of social intelligence when interacting with her buddy

Principal's Awards - Annabelle Marshall – for an outstanding range of vocabulary during our phonics lessons

Noah Ridding - for excellent work during mathematics

Shykiah Walters – for her improvement in engaging the audience in public speaking.





Anglican News

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REFLECTION - PENTECOST 22 – Mark 10:46-52

This episode concludes a very significant section of Mark's Gospel, which began with the healing of a blind man in Bethsaida (8:22-26). In between these two miracles where blind people gain sight, Jesus has been trying to lead his disciples to an understanding of his mission. He has taught them three times about what awaits him in Jerusalem, and each time the disciples fail to perceive his meaning. He has taught them about letting go the desire for wealth and to seek the gift that only God can give, namely life in God's presence. But the disciples have argued about who will be the greatest and who will have positions of authority.

Blind Bartimaeus models what discipleship entails. In his poverty he calls out to Jesus knowing that only Jesus can give him what truly desires. When he is healed, he leaves everything behind to follow Jesus even to the Cross.

The Gospel describes Bartimaeus as sitting by 'the way', and at the end of the story he follows Jesus 'on the way'. This term, 'the Way', appears to be one of the earliest terms for the Church – the followers of the Way. Where the disciples are blinded by their ambitions, Bartimaeus sees clearly and he willingly takes up the position of a disciple – a follower on the way.

Bartimaeus is able to name his deepest need and seek the one who can fulfil this. Can I leave aside the external trappings that can distract me from following my heart's desire? (From 'Sundays Under the Southern Cross' by Mary Coloe PBVM)

DIARY DATES

- 10.00am - Sundays second and fourth Sundays Eucharist at Holy Trinity
- 10.00am - First and third Sundays Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity
- 10.00am - Friday Eucharist at Holy Trinity
- 11.00am - Friday Extended Eucharist at MPS or Hostel alternating.

RING OUT CLIMATE CHANGE AROUND THE WORLD

Church bells are mostly associated with the call to worship, weddings, funerals, and very special national celebrations such as the millennium and ending of the 2nd World War. Our planet has given us warning after warning, through floods, wildfires, droughts, heat domes and

hurricanes, that we have profoundly affected the balance of the planet and are making it increasingly hostile to mankind. Our Bishop Peter encourages us in ringing the churchbells on Saturday October 1 to bring awareness of climate change.

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

This is a long running and successful annual event which ROTARY MERRIWA has been running for decades.

Last year's Cup Eve event was run on a much reduced scale, so as to meet Covid 19 restrictions. This year, as the restrictions greatly ease, planning is underway for the 2021 event, the draws and Calcutta auction, which will take place at the Merriwa Sports Club on Cup Eve, Monday November 1st, where dinner will be available.

Come along and be part of the excitement!

Last weekend, the first selling of the ticketsto a very receptive community ...took place, at a stall in front of the Welcoming Centre. Compliance with Covid regulations was observed.

Rotarians will be back selling tickets at the site on days leading up to the RACE THAT STOPS THE NATION. Look for the Rotary wheel and posters at the site to tell you that the chance to participate and become a sharer in the Cup fever and possibly a big winner, is there for you.

All funds raised will, as usual, go to support Rotary projects, predominantly in the Merriwa/Cassilis region.

BECOME A PART OF OUR NATION'S VERY SPECIAL DAY!



Mark Smith

Community Notice Board

Merriwa Rugby League Cassilis District Development Football Club Group

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Sunday November 7
Time: 3.00pm
Location: Merriwa RSL.

All positions declared vacant.

Hope to see lots of people there.

Jessyca Morgan

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Sunday October 10, 2021
Time: 1.00pm
Location: Merriwa RSL Club - Auditorium

Please note that all rules pertaining to public health orders for a licenced venue apply, ie. mask wearing, social distancing, QR check in.

All positions will be declared vacant!

Even if you are unable to commit to a role for the 2022 season, but you might still like to contribute in some capacity, please consider attending. It would be fantastic to see some fresh faces! We hope to see you there!

If you're unable to attend, but would like to take on a role, or know of someone who does, we will be accepting nominations via FB messenger or email, merriwamagpiesjrl@gmail.com

Please do NOT attend if you are unwell, are under stay at home orders due to visiting an LGA of concern, or you are a close/casual contact of a positive COVID case.

More information to follow regarding presentation of 2021 trophies/jerseys.

Julie Wilton

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cassilis District Development Group Inc Annual General Meeting to be held Saturday November 27, 2021 at Cassilis War Memorial Park Bar-b-que Facility, starting at 4.00pm with a sausage sizzle afterwards.

Everyone welcome.

RSVP Sarah Witton Secretary 0408 322 470
 cassilisdistrictdevelopment@gmail.com.

Jane Hegarty

Merriwa District Progress Association

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Merriwa District Progress Association Inc. will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 6.0pm on Wednesday November 17, 2021 at the Merriwa RSL Club.

For further information, email merriwaprogress@gmail.com

Stephen Gowlland

Merriwa Swimming Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday October 28, 2021
Time: 6.30pm
Location: Merriwa RSL Club - Fletcher Room

All positions will be declared vacant!

Everyone is welcome to attend and nominations will be accepted on the evenin.

Covid rules must be followed when attending and signing in prior to entry is necessary.

Donna Thorley

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.

Community Notice Board

Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre

RE-OPENING MONDAY OCTOBER 18

Well, we have finally arrived at the magic date and can once again re-open our doors to the public - it has been a long 4 months of playing the "wait and see what happens" game, but hopefully we are now back into the serious business of doing what we do best and that is promoting our local handicrafts to you our friends in Merriwa and hopefully to the well vaccinated visitors from out of town.

We will be operating according to the strict guidelines set out by the NSW Government, so no "double Jab" no entry. You must present your vaccination proof in order to enter....I know it is a nuisance but we have been very lucky in Merriwa and escaped the ravages of covid and would like to keep up the good work. All our volunteers are double vaxxed and would appreciate that our visitors are also protected.

The traders have been busy in our "down time" so do pop in and see the goodies we have for sale -- remember Christmas is only 9 weeks away and now is a good time to start preparing what to get for those Christmas stockings.

We are looking forward to a successful period, catching up for lost time - our profits are the town's profits so let's get ready to do well!

**The Management of the Tourist Welcoming
Centre**

Quote for the Week

*It isn't where
you came from.
It's where
you're going
that counts.
Ella Fitzgerald*

Thank You

Thank you to James Constable aka Jungle for transporting me to Muswellbrook on September 2, 2021. The trip was enjoyable and I thank you for your assistance.

To Karen, Emma and Rachel for the beautiful afternoon tea which was enjoyed whole heartedly on October 16, 2021

Thank you everyone.

Hyllt Cronin

Ringer Deadline!

*Please remember to place
your articles
and advertisements into the
Merriwa Ringer
at 12noon.*

Meals on Wheels

COMMUNITY HELP NEEDED

If you're community minded and keen to help make someones day, read on. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the delivery of Meals on Wheels once or twice a month.

What: Lunch meal collection from the hospital kitchen and delivered hot to five homes

When: 11.30am for 60-90 minutes

Where: Merriwa

How: You will need your own car and a cheerful "g'day!" to help make someone's day.

Call Deidre on 0429 320 821 or Dianne Byfield on 0417 237 274 to nominate your preferred day and week.

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AUSTRALIAN CARERS GUIDE

- This is the first issue of this informative magazine for today's family carers. Topics include, Dementia versus Alzheimer's Disease, what the differences are and what behaviours to watch out for. There is information on how to save on aged care, how residential living costs work and how to make significant savings too. Also expert advice on reducing anxiety and how to instantly feel calm, as well as a timeout section, of puzzles, brain games, stories, riddles and more!

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

- Let's create Christmas Magic! This issue is packed full of everything festive, to get you thinking and planning ahead. There are sumptuous starters and sides, magnificent mains and your best ever pudding. Why not try your baking skills with some Santa Stars or a Vanilla Biscuit Wreath or if you aren't into baking there are plenty of delectable no bake gifts to create. Plenty of projects around the house to immerse yourself into such as, turning a terracotta bowl into a birdbath using glass pebbles to make a design! How cool! As always there is so much to read, learn and create in this great magazine. Why not pick up a copy today!
- Also available from Better Homes and Gardens, 'HOUSEPLANTS The Ultimate Guide'.

COUNTRY STYLE

- This magazine never fails to inspire, full of lovely places you want to visit, interesting people and many gorgeous homes and also delicious recipes you will want to try again and again.
- In her beautiful new book, interior design journalist Melissa Penfold shares decorating advice and takes us inside fashion designer Collette Dinnigan's home.

MINDFUL GARDENING

- With more of us turning to our gardens to find peace, we know that by nurturing plants nurtures us and therefore the perfect ingredient for our minds to rejuvenate. Lots of practical advice, such as getting to know

your soil and the secrets of successful soil, know your garden's climate and site your plants for their light needs. So much and more in this lovely magazine..

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Wellbeing Superspreaders

Just in case anyone needs any more reasons to join our Merriwa Wellbeing Superspreaders participate in Mental Health First Aid training next month, here's a few words from Merriwa farmer and former school teacher Heidi Inder who did the course a couple of years ago:

"Mental illness touches everyone's lives, whether it's through family or friends, and the more understanding, education and tools we have to identify it and manage it and support other people it's just go to be a good thing. In the past there's been a big stigma with mental health issues but education strips it away.

"During the Mental Health First Aid course we learnt strategies to look after ourselves as well as how to support people around you who may have some mental health issue. It just makes you more aware of what the subtle things might be – they mightn't be saying it directly but it helps you identify other things that might be a sign of a mental health issue.

"We also learnt about strategies to manage our own stress levels because if you're not well, you can't help anyone else. You've really got to look after yourself, and for a lot of us as mothers we don't tend to do that and we put ourselves last."



Importantly, Heidi says the course made her much more aware of the services available.

"For people in rural areas like ours support is so much

more accessible for now than what it was 10-20 years ago. There are so many online services and telehealth and apps that I wasn't aware of before doing the course."

Details for the training are outlined below:

When: 9.00am-3.00pm Saturday 13 and Sunday November 14

Where: Merriwa (tbc)

Cost: Free (normally \$500.00) To register please email admin@uhwheretheresawill.com.au or call 0409 417 202.

Polly Yuille

Upper Hunter Shire Council

SEWAGE SURVEILLANCE TESTING SITES EXPANDED

Upper Hunter Shire Council is welcoming a NSW Health decision to add an additional three sewage surveillance points for COVID-19.

Aberdeen, Merriwa and Murrurundi will be tested from Monday, October 18 with samples collected weekly and sent to NSW Health for analysis.

The results of the sewage testing will be released on NSW Health's website and council will inform the community in instances of any positive traces of COVID-19.

For more information, visit www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

SCONE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY CONSULTATION

Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking feedback on whether the council should continue to support a half-day public holiday for the Scone Cup .

The council will be undertaking broad consultation regarding the impact of the half-day public holiday on the community , business activity , employment , tourism and the local economy .

To have your say on the half-day public holiday, complete the survey via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3VN6635>

For more information, visit www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au.

Community submissions made be made by Tuesday, November 16 at 4.00pm.

WATER NIGHT CHALLENGE

Did you know that the average NSW resident runs their taps 1 hour 44 minutes per day 52 minutes more than the Australian average per person?

Water night is a challenge for all students and residents across NSW to not touch their taps from 12pm to 12am on Thursday, October 21 during national water week.

The challenge is designed to get average Aussies to consider how often they reach for the tap and think about their water consumption choices.

For more information and to sign up, visit smartwatermark.org

HAVE YOUR SAY – DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking community feedback on the Draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. The draft strategy and action plan is now available for comment and all residents are urged to have their say.

Let us know what you think by emailing council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or submitting a written comment via council's website.

Submissions will close at 4pm on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

BULK WASTE COLLECTION IS THIS WEEKEND

If you live in Merriwa or Cassilis and have an existing kerbside waste collection then place your bulky waste on the kerb over the weekend of October 23 and 24, 2021.

Stack your waste neatly and securely on the edge of the kerb. DO NOT BLOCK the footpath or roadway.

Stack your waste into two tidy piles and keep your total waste under the capacity of one standard box trailer load (2m³).

- Pile 1 - Garden organics:

Hedge or shrub prunings, twigs and leaves. Small branches up to 150mm diameter.

- Pile 2 - Bulky Household Waste:

Larger items such as unrepairable furniture, old floor coverings, broken glass (wrapped in newspaper).

For more information visit council's website or collect an information brochure from your nearest council office.

WORKS SCHEDULE

The following construction and maintenance works are happening in Merriwa and Cassilis this week.

- Toilets, garbage
- Parks, sports fields and reserves mowing and maintenance
- Public toilet maintenance
- Playground inspections and maintenance
- Capital works tree planting
- Cassilis Hall Maintenance
- Bunnan Bridge to Kars Springs construction works
- Bettington Street footpath

- Resheeting – Pembroke Road
- Maintenance Grading – Wollar Road.
- Heavy patching – Mountain Station Road, Idaville Road
- Initial seal preparation – Bow, McCartney Road
- Regional Road shoulder grading for reseals.
- Action requests as required.

The following roads are to be inspected next for the grading/maintenance program:

- Scone Road
- MR358 Road

Hannah White

A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

noble worker in the cause of charity, for many years, a member of the hospital committee, a firm supporter of the School of Arts, always in front, always progressive and a member of the Church of England. He was one of nature's ideal men, one that practised what he preached, he was a leading spirit in all matters of sport and few men could be found to compare with him in the masterful way of controlling not only the juveniles but the trained athletes.

He married Isabella Brodie on 18th June 1873 at Mudgee. He died 8th September 1912 and left his wife, Isabella, five sons and two daughters. A son Augustus Victor(Vic) Budden continued on a saddlery business in the town.

A news article, dated February 1913, it was proposed to raise a memorial to the late Mr Elijah Budden at Merriwa and an article later that year in the Mudgee Guardian, dated 4th September 1913, read "The Budden Memorial Committee have just had a lamp erected at the corner of Bettington street. It is a fine lamp and stands on a stone and concrete base with a marble tablet inset, bearing the inscription "Erected to the memory of Elijah Budden by the citizens of Merriwa and dated 1913.

Information courtesy Kim Clydsdale, Trove newspapers.

We wish to apologise for the error last week that meant the whole article wasn't printed. We hope you enjoy the full print.



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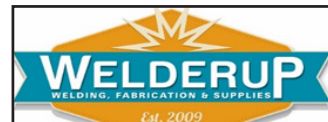
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Friday

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.

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April 23, 2022

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October Long weekend

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MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Get involved in influencing decisions on matters that affect the whole local community

Meets on Third Wednesday every month

at 6.00pm Merriwa RSL

merriwaprogress@gmail.com



Clubs/Sports Merriwa RSL Club

The Friday night Members Lucky Badge 7.00pm draw for \$320.00 was not won the number was 401, This week it jackpots to \$340.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$600.00 was not won the number was 54, this week it jackpots to \$650.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$220.00 was won the number was 103, this week it commencing at \$240.00. LTPS/19/36118

The Sunday Members Badge Draw for \$1500.00 was not won last week the number was 270, this week it jackpots to \$1550.00 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.

DOUBLE THE RAFFLE PRIZES FRIDAY October 22 and Sunday October 24.

Wednesday Nights from 6.00pm - \$6.00 PINTS.

Dine and Discover vouchers – please register and download or print your vouchers and use them before they expire on October 31, 2021. If you don't have a smart phone or computer, contact the local Service NSW department at the UHSC Merriwa office.

Saturday nights – free juke box, pool comp \$100.00 first prize, \$5.00 schooners and House spirits. From 6.00pm till 10.00pm.

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 and 10.00pm.

HAPPY HOURS

Friday 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Saturday 6.00pm to 10.00pm

Sunday 11.30am to 12.30pm

Bistro hours – lunch Thursday – Sunday 12/2.00pm, Dinner Monday – Thursday 5.30/7.30pm Friday - Saturday 5.30/8.00pm.

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Sports Club

Please note that the club will no longer trade on Mondays for the foreseeable future. Trade on every other day will remain unchanged.

NOTICE OF AGM

Merriwa Sports Club AGM to be held on Sunday November 28 at 11.00am. All members are invited to attend.

SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

Come along and enjoy our Saturday night raffles, 15 prizes up for grabs. The trays and packs are amazing, thanks to Merriwa IGA and Max's Country Cuts. Raffle begins at 7.30pm. The members draw was drawn on Saturday night, member was not present so the badge draw jackpots to \$1000.00 this week. Drawn anytime between 6.30pm and 8.30pm, you must be there to win.

HAPPY HOURS

Friday - 5.00-7.00pm

Saturday - ALL DAY! That's right, all day happy hours. \$5.00 schooners, house spirits and wine. ALL Day. Happy Satdy everyone

CLUB OPENING HOURS

Tuesday to Friday - 3.30pm to close

Saturday and Sunday - 12.00pm to close.

COVID ENTRY TO PREMISES RESTRICTIONS

Due to government regulations, we are unable to permit members or guests onto our premises unless they have proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19. If you are asked by staff or directors to present your Green Tick you will need to present it, do not be offended when you are refused entry if you're unable to provide this. We hope that you understand that this is not our policy and that we must follow the directive of the NSW Government, therefore we will not tolerate aggressive behaviour if you are not happy about these rules. Thank you for your understanding.

Brendan Cowell

Merriwa Little Athletics Club

Yeeshhhhaahhhh! Merriwa Little Athletics is BACK on the track as of this Monday October 25!

If you've not tried Little As before, the first two training sessions are FREE. Bring some comfy clothes, shoes a must (there are lots of prickles), hat and water bottle.

Little As is for anyone aged 3 to 17. We welcome all kids of all abilities. You do NOT have to be a super star at sports, just bring along a good attitude and willingness to learn something new. We cover sprints, distance running, starts, hurdles, high jump, long jump, shotput, discus and javelin and we have a BRILLIANT Tiny Tots program for 3 and 4 year olds developed by our very own super star coach Julia Hardy.

There will be no BBQ for our first night as it is usually a bit chaotic getting athletes registeredand alas we don't have a BBQ coordinator... so if one or two (or three!) of you think you could work together to run our barbie we would be so grateful. This is the ONLY way we raise money for our equipment, awards... and yes we want to send some kids away to camp again this year!

If you haven't done so already, please follow us on Facebook for important updates at Merriwa & District Little Athletics Centre

If you'd like to receive a text reminder about training or find out more call Belinda Keane on 0407 875 876 or Tash Taaffe on 0458 574 015.

The major change from last season is that we must cite vaccination status for people over 16

years of age prior to entry and/or participation.

Accepted forms of proof include:

- A COVID-19 digital certificate displayed through the Medicare App, Service NSW App or equivalent smartphone wallet
- Printed version of the COVID-19 digital certificate or immunisation history statement
- Successful completion of a Service NSW QR check-in that includes vaccination confirmation.

Don't forget if you are feeling unwell please stay home.

See you down the track on Monday.



Tash Taaffe



**Merriwa Central School students placed at Schools
Merino Wether Challenge** (see page 8).



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