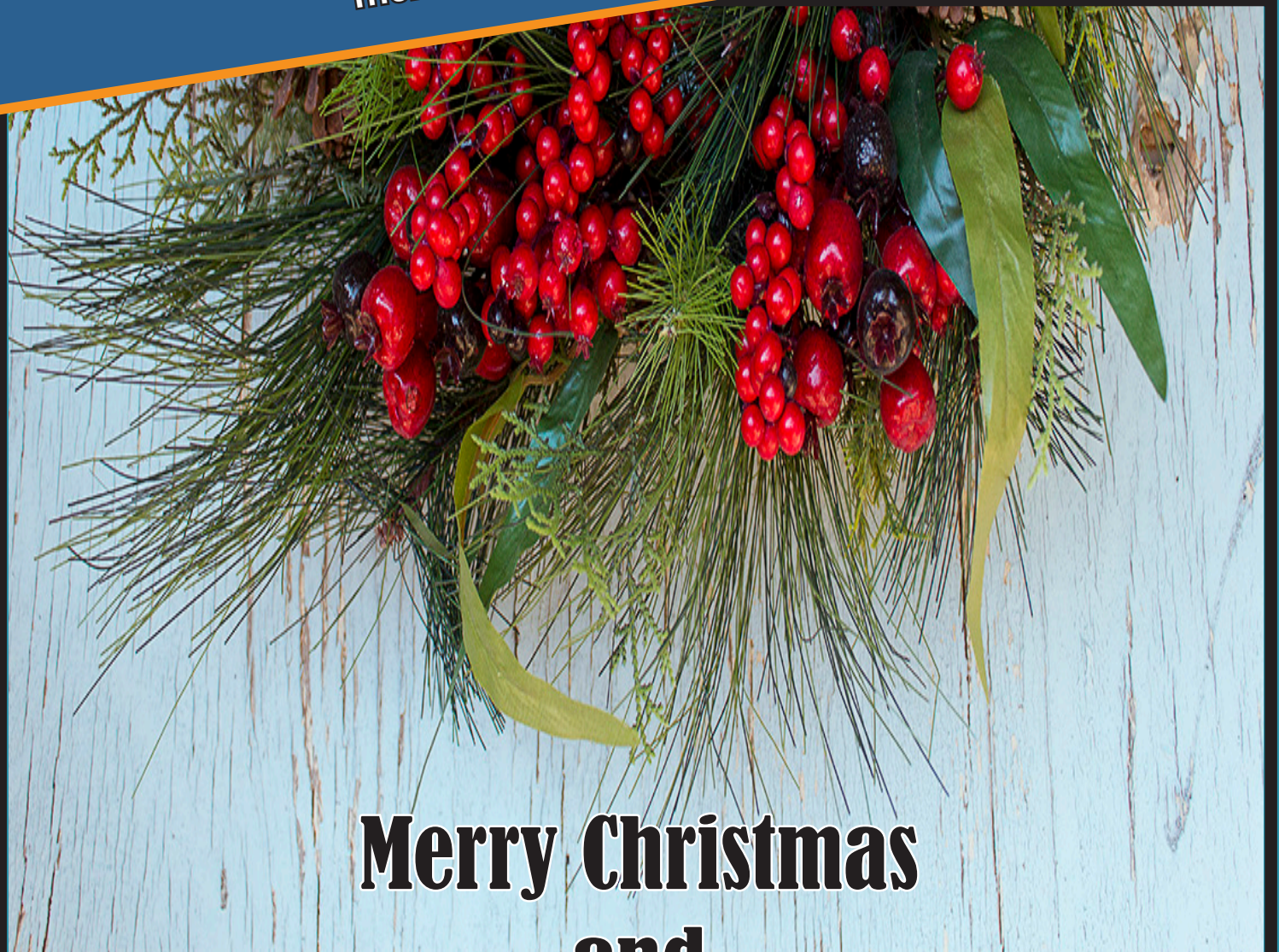


# MERRIWA Ringer

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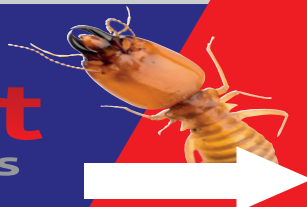
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Happy New Year**

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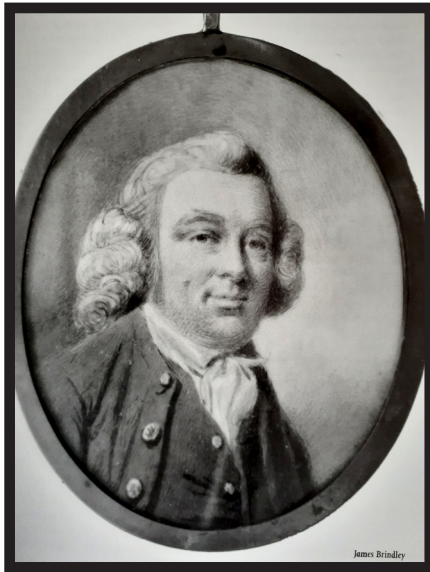


Did you know that the recent rain  
can cause higher Termite activity!  
Have you had your House Inspected?

 **0439 464 966**

# A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE



## WHY THE NAME BRINDLEY BETTINGTON?

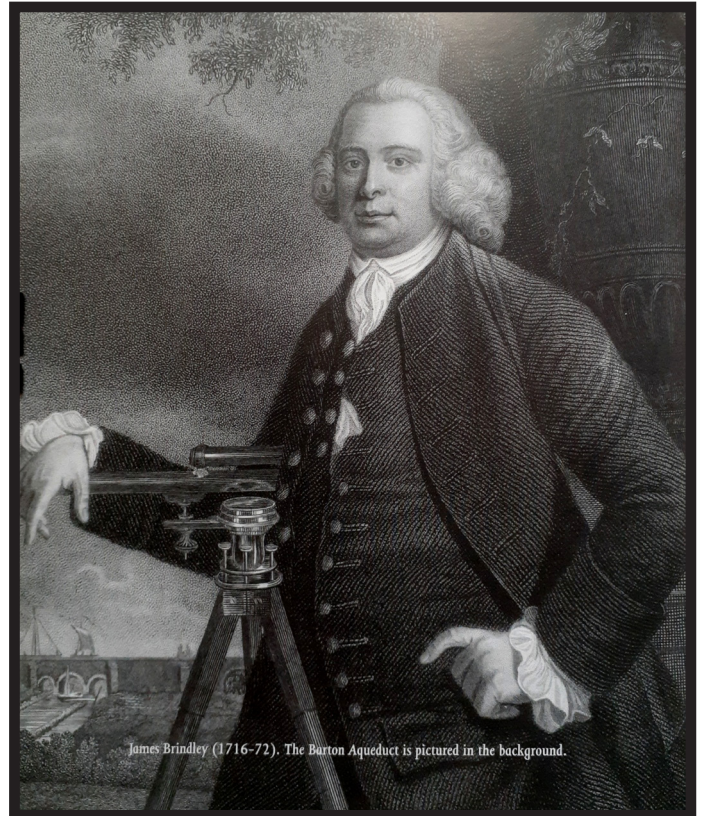
James Brindley was born 1716. He married Anne Henshall (1747-1826). They gave birth to two daughters, Anne (1770-1838) and Suzannah (1772-1798). Related early in history to the Bowmans

who were originally Quakers, the family had a strong belief in education and all the young Brindleys were taught at an old Quaker school house. James Brindley was only interested in windmills, pumps and things mechanical and his school work suffered. His parents, realising where James's talents lay, very wisely apprenticed him to Abraham Bennett, a mill and wheelwright.

A millwright in those days, needed a combination of skills, he had to combine engineering with stone masonry, he had to be able to work timber and also know the skills of a blacksmith and be able to use metal. To build a mill, he had to be a bricklayer and know how to construct dams, sluices and have a keen appreciation of the local topography of the land. He had to have knowledge of hydraulics, to measure the flow of water and it's fall, to compute the potential energy of the site. In the case of windmills, there had to be knowledge of aerodynamics so as to have the correct pitch on the sails. The millwrights were the forerunners of our civil and mechanical engineers.

James Brindley was a quick learner and coupled with his retentive memory, his genius began to emerge. As his reputation grew, he designed

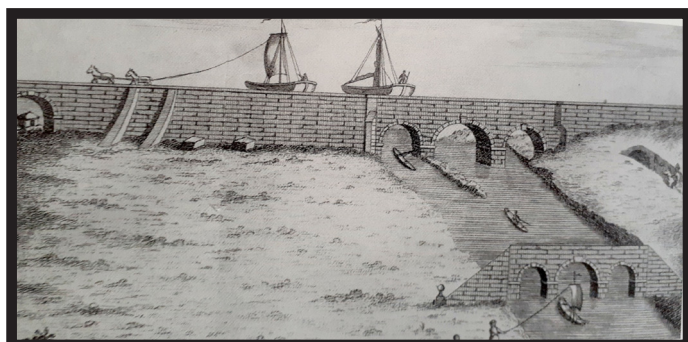
and built more and more ambitious projects, an automatic water wheel which survived until 1952. He constructed stone bridges, canals, tunnels, steam engines and pumps to move water and viaducts to move water to carry barges across valleys. From canals, he moved to arterial canals which allowed canals to be built over a series of valleys, often with the aid of tunnels, cuttings, embankments and aqueducts. Simple canals ran alongside rivers and streams and were of simple construction.



James Brindley (1716-72). The Barton Aqueduct is pictured in the background.



Trent Mersey Canal near Branston Water Park



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# Merriwa Central School

## Principal Report

The end of the school year has once again been impacted by COVID. Our annual presentation assemblies have been scaled back to fit within our operation guidelines, and tonight we hold our Year 12 Dinner in a new venue Eat@153. However the important thing is to ensure we acknowledge the achievements of our students in what has been a difficult year. Our Year 12 students in particular have had their two years of senior schooling impacted, like no other cohort. Congratulations to all our Year 12 students for making it through the final exams.

### SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Students will receive Semester 2 reports on Friday. Parents will note these reports will cover the 5 week learning from home period, and as a result have been modified slightly to reflect that. Please take the time to read your child's report. Reports will be posted for any students absent on Friday.

### INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Students have enjoyed the intensive swimming program over the last two weeks. It was evident as I spent some time poolside, that many students have missed these important lessons over the past eighteen months. Thank you to Ms Peta Higgins and our staff instructors who made this possible.

### QUICKSMART GRADUATION

The QuickSmart numeracy program provides intensive support to students in primary and secondary. At this time of year we celebrate the achievement of students who participated in the program throughout the year. Our QuickSmart party will be held on Monday.

### REWARDS ACTIVITIES

Our rewards activities at the end of each term celebrate students who have done the right thing all term through positive behaviour. Staff have organised some fun activities for students to enjoy on the last Tuesday of term.

### LAST DAY OF TERM

The last school day for students is Thursday December 16, with staff finishing with a School

Development Day on Friday December 17. School will resume in 2022 for students Yr 1 -12 on Tuesday February 1, and Kindergarten Wednesday February 2.

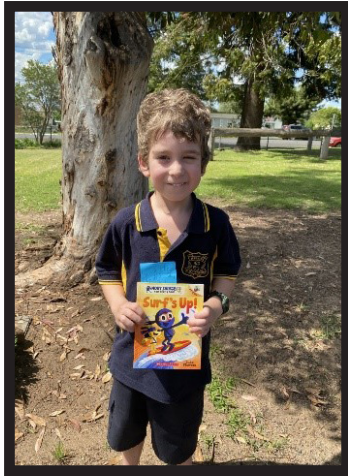
**Darren Noonan**  
Principal

## Coming Events

DECEMBER	
Thursday 9	Primary Presentation Secondary Presentation Year 12 Formal Dinner
Friday 10	K-10 Reports issued to students
Monday 13	QuickSmart Celebration Party primary and secondary
Tuesday 14	Rewards Day Primary Rewards Day Secondary
Thursday 16	Last day for students
Friday 17	Last day for staff

# Primary

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Kindergarten** – Congratulations Lachlan Strachan



**Year 3/4** - Congratulations Rylee Munn

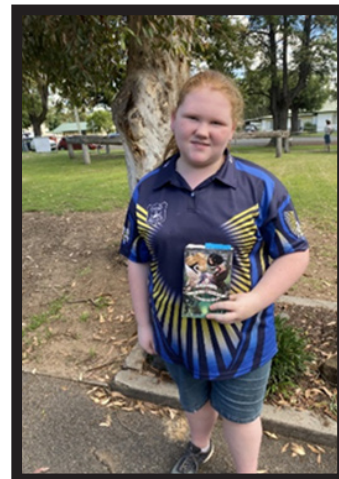


**Year 4/5** - Congratulations Nicole Tudor

**Year 1-** Congratulations Nicholas Campbell



**Year 2/3** - Congratulations Ruby Kneeves



**Year 5/6** - Congratulations Matilda Clark

## CLASS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Bronze for being awarded 'Class of the week' for Week 9 of Term 4.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

**Bronze Award** - Mia Deemer, Sasha Wallace, Pavishna Uthayasangar and Dallas Duthie



**Silver Award**- Oliver Reid, Nathan Shepherd and Dominic Quinney



**Gold Award:** Ella Pryor, Ruby Kneeves, Jackson Douglas (Front)

Hazel Chin, Nicole Tudor, Brayson Coles, Jack Purcell, Riley Tudor, Alby Caban, Beau Hall and Maggie Clark (Back)



**Talia Morgan**  
Relieving Assistant Principal (Primary)

## CAREER NEWS

### University of Newcastle Tour Dates

10 December Tours are offered across five of our campus locations in Newcastle and the Central Coast. Not sure which one to attend? Check out our handy guide below. <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/campus-tours>

### Charles Sturt University one-on-one consults

Our team is on hand to help with any questions you or your students may have around their preferences, courses or enrolment processes. Please reach out if your students would like any advice around their ATAR score and where it could potentially take them here: <https://study.csu.edu.au/contact-us/consult> Charles Sturt University

### Accommodation Scholarships

Charles Sturt has more \$3 million worth of scholarships and grants available each year. Accommodation Scholarships are between \$2,500 \$6,000 to help take the financial pressure off students looking to study on campus. Browse here: <https://www.csu.edu.au/current-students/fees/costsfees/scholarships-grants/find-scholarship/browse-all>

**TAFE Information Sessions** on Just About Every Course Imaginable From now till the end of January 2022. Join us online or at your nearest participating campus, and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Registrations are mandatory. Get in quick to secure your seat today. <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/information-sessions>

### Tocal College

Need financial help for your agricultural training? Applications remain open for Tocal's Scholarship Program but close very soon. In 2021, \$166,000 was provided to 60 students from 29 donors. Individual amounts ranged from \$1,000 to \$6,000. More info @:Financial assistance ([tocal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tocal.nsw.edu.au))

### Glass and Glazing Apprenticeships

**Apprenticeships** A Glass and Glazing Apprenticeship is the start to an amazing career in the Glass and Window Industry Glaziers install glass in windows, skylights, store fronts, and display cases, or on surfaces, such as building

fronts, interior walls, ceilings, and tabletops in residential and commercial constructions. The industry can help in various locations. Send your resume to: [melissa.baker@agwa.com.au](mailto:melissa.baker@agwa.com.au)

### RuralBiz Training

\$30,000 scholarships Grow farm management skills! Diploma of Agriculture and Adv Dip Agribusiness Management in Armidale NSW for more info contact 02 6884 8812 or [admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au](mailto:admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au)

### RuralBiz Training Diploma of Agriculture

Course information sessions online Mon 13 Dec 1.00pm & Tue 14 Dec 7.30pm Armidale, NSW <https://armidale-course-info.eventbrite.com.au>

### Jschoool Journalism

Open in December 2021 and January 2022 College Summer courses in journalism are open to senior secondary students in December 2021 and January 2022. Selected single subjects from the Diploma of Journalism are on offer as well as a micro newswriting unit. Email [info@jschool.com.au](mailto:info@jschool.com.au) or text or phone 0493099463. Details on: single subjects at <https://jschool.com.au/micro> micro unit at <https://jschool.com.au/micro>

**Endeavour** Acupuncture in Australia Thursday, January 20, 2022 5.00pm - 5.45pm. Join Dr Patricia Diaz as she explains the history of Acupuncture in Australia and shares an overview of the recently published research into Acupuncture, including its benefits within gynaecology and obstetrics. You'll also have the opportunity to ask any questions in a live Q&A session about how to become an Acupuncturist and the varied career opportunities Endeavour College's new Chinese Medicine courses. <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/the-use-of-acupuncture-in-australia-today1/>

**Endeavour** A modern perspective on an ancient practice Tuesday, February 8, 2022. 5.00pm - 5.45pm. Join Dr Patricia Diaz, one of our Chinese Medicine Lecturers, as she explores how Traditional Chinese Medicine is becoming increasingly popular both nationally and globally. This overview will look into how Traditional Chinese Medicine has been typically understood, and will explore what the future holds for this exciting field of natural health. Dr Patricia Diaz will also explain the requirements for becoming a Doctor of Chinese Medicine and will also host a live Q&A at the end of the session. <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/a-modernperspective-on-an-ancient-practice1/>

## Productivity Bootcamp Construction Program

Runs for 8 weeks For 16 to 25 year olds Applications for Productivity Bootcamp 2022 are now open for all our sites - Penrith/Quakers Hill, Campbelltown and Nowra! Call 0419 511 565 or email [info@productivitybootcamp.com.au](mailto:info@productivitybootcamp.com.au) to register! \*Please note that there is a wait list so we cannot guarantee any start times.

## The Santos Science Experience

Apply by 7 March 2022 The Santos Science Experience is a fun 3 or 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students. Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work. The program takes place in over thirty-five universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. More than 81,000 students have taken this rare opportunity, up to date. <https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/programs/apply> Locations: <https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/when-where> AFL SportsReady Jobs Board and Traineeships <https://aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board/> traineeships here: <https://aflsportsready.com.au/traineeships/> First Nations Cadetship <https://aflsportsready.com.au/cadetship/>

## NSW Department of Primary Industries Career Profiles

If your students are interested in innovative technology, travel, feeding the world or running their own business their future may lie in primary industries. The NSW Department of Primary Industries staff are sharing their career profiles with you, they are available on YouTube and as pdf flyers. For more information go to: <https://www.nswdpi-schools-program.com/careersin-primary-industries> Written transcripts of the videos is here: <https://www.nswdpi-schools-program.com/careersin-primary-industries-video>

## Defence Careers Information Session

- 4 December - Holsworthy Army Reserve Open Day
- 6 December - Mittagong: Defence Careers

## Information Session

- 7 December - Canberra: Women in Defence Information Session
- 7 December - Campbelltown: Women in Defence Information Session
- 7 December - Wollongong: Army Reserve Information Session
- 7 December - Sydney: Army Reserve Information Session
- 7 December - Adamstown: Army Reserve Information Session
- 7 December - Sydney: Virtual Army Reserve Information Session
- 7 December - Armidale: Army Reserve Information Session
- 7 December - Erina: Army Reserve Information Session
- 7 December - Coffs Harbour: Army Reserve Information Session
- 8 December - Tamworth: Women in Defence Information Session <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events?page=1&perPage=21&query=&eventsDate=upcoming>

## The Future Leaders Writing Prize

Closes 1 May 2022 The Future Leaders Writing Prize is designed to recognise and reward talented young writers. It aims to encourage expressive and creative writing. Year 11 and 12 students in Australian secondary schools are invited to submit a piece of writing (800 to 1,000 words). The writing can be fiction or non-fiction and on any topic.

PRIZE In 2022, the award winner will receive \$1,000. Where there is more than one winner the prize money will be shared. The winners of the Future Leaders Writing Prize will have their work published. Please send all submissions electronically in a word document by 1 May 2022 to [helen@futureleaders.com.au](mailto:helen@futureleaders.com.au) [http://www.futureleaders.com.au/awards/Writing\\_Prize\\_2022.pdf](http://www.futureleaders.com.au/awards/Writing_Prize_2022.pdf)

**As this will be the last career news before the end of the year I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a restful holiday.**

**J E Hegarty  
Careers Advisor**



# St Joseph's Primary School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

As we come to the last week and a half of the term, I wanted to wish everyone in the school and wider Merriwa community all the very best for their Christmas breaks and New Year.

A special thank you to all of the staff for their support of me personally and professionally this year, as they always have since the commencement of my tenure at St Joseph's Merriwa. As parents, you have to be very thankful of the outstanding work that all of the teachers, Learning support and ancillary staff do, day in and day out, for your most precious "cargo", your children.

Lastly, thank you to the Merriwa Central School for ensuring that St Joseph's always had a voice in the Ringer. It is and always will be greatly appreciated.

## ROTARY CLUB THANKS

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Merriwa for their generous donation to the school, which assisted our library to replenish some stock as well as finish some very well read and popular series of books!

Thank you to Mrs Collins for her efforts in securing those funds.

## FAREWELLS TO JOEYS

We farewell Miss Love and wish her all the very best for her role at St Columban's Mayfield. Our loss is certainly their gain. Sammie started with us in 2020, as a CSO Targeted Graduate and she has grown in confidence and stature each day. She always came to work with a positive attitude, worked to the absolute best of her capability and dedicated every second of her time to the students in her class. The relationships she built with students, staff and families alike were unique in their nature and Sammie embodied the calm and empathetic approach to all dealings with students in need. This approach is something you cannot "teach", it is an innate trait and something very special. Any students who have been in Sammie's classes will attest to the quality of her teaching as well as her kind-hearted approach, which got the best out of all the children. You will do a great job, Sammie and

you'll be absolutely missed by all at Joeys. God's blessings on your journey through teaching.

We also farewelled the Diwadkar family in the past fortnight, as they had to return to Sydney. Best wishes to Arman, Ahana, Amit and DJ and we hope to see you again!

## PRESENTATION DAY

A wonderful day was held on Wednesday afternoon, with parents of award winners being invited to celebrate the occasion.

## AWARD WINNERS

- Horse Sports Award – Kirra Green
- Where There's a Will Character Strengths Award – Emma McLaren
- Sportsperson of the Year – Rihanna Hunt
- ASPIRE Creative Arts Award – Lula Peebles
- Environmental Award – Nevaeh Peters
- Science and Technology Award – Jeremy Hopkins
- English Award – Therese Grocott and Annabelle Marshall
- Mathematics Award – Eddison Raines
- Literacy Award – Kirra Green
- Academic Achievement Award – Lula Peebles
- Citizen of the Year – Archie Constable
- Actions not Words Trophy – Lula Peebles

## 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)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 13 DECEMBER – END OF YEAR LITURGY / YR 6 GRADUATION DINNER
- 14 DECEMBER – CLEAN UP DAY
- 15 DECEMBER – LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2021
- 24 JANUARY 2022 – BELONGING DAY (ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF)
- 1 FEBRUARY 2022 – STUDENTS IN YEARS 1 – 6 RESUME SCHOOL

- 3 FEBRUARY 2022—STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN START SCHOOL

Wishing everyone a Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas.

**MR ASHLEY BORG PRINCIPAL**



## WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

### WEEK 9

**Kindergarten - Darcy Bear** for outstanding improvement in his self-regulation

**Claire Raines** Sharing her creativity and skills with others

**Stage 1 - Eddison Raines** for his creativity displayed when developing a Christmas play for the whole class

**Myles Hvurf** for his kindness and care he demonstrates towards his peers every day

**Stage 2 - Cooper Smith** for his creative design and problem solving to build a trap to catch an elf

**Shyanne Beeney** for her positivity and persistence demonstrated during swimming

**Stage 3 - Emma McLaren** for being outstanding in her leadership role throughout the year always leading the school by example

**Lula Peebles** for being outstanding in her leadership role throughout the year always leading the school by example

**Principal's Awards** - Tess Grocott for her persistence at swimming groups

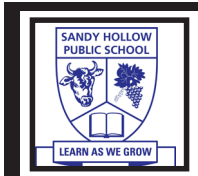
**Callum Nicholls** for working extremely hard on his self-regulation

**Cooper Smith** for working hard to maintain focus in class

**Claire Raines** for wonderful persistence and determination during swimming lessons







# Sandy Hollow Public School

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

The 2021 Presentation Night is going to have to be a little different this year, and due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have decided to make it a 'Presentation Day', as we are unable to have parents on site who are unvaccinated, and are only allowed to have vaccinated guests who are presenting awards to the students. For this reason, we have decided to have a closed presentation, and will video the ceremony and share the video with our families via the school Facebook page.

The presentation will take place on Monday 13 December and will

commence at approximately 2.00 pm.

Students will have returned from swimming that morning, and staff will ensure that they are dressed correctly in their best uniforms and their hair is done for photos.

We will share details of the video stream with you closer to the day.

## AWARDS

- Nate - for writing a great information poster on crocodiles.
- Leo -YCDI-Getting Along- for working well with others during maths rotations.
- Za'Kiah - Reading award- for reaching her reading goal for this year!
- Zoe -Reading award- for reaching her reading goal for this year!
- Attalica - for improvement in Maths Mentals.

## LEARN TO SWIM

Our Learn to Swim program starts next Monday 29 November. All students have returned their notes and the bus will be here ready to take them to the Denman pool on Monday. We have been fortunate enough to acquire the AGLbus free of charge to transport the students to the pool and back to school each day. Lessons will be taught by Mrs Parker and Dimity Parker, and there will also be a teacher and an SLSO in attendance to supervise the students when they

are out of the water. The times for lessons are as follows:

- Monday 29 November- 12.30pm-2.30pm
- Tuesday 30 November- 12.30pm-2.30pm
- Wednesday 1 December- 12.30pm-2.30pm
- Monday 6 December- 9.15am-11.15am
- Tuesday 7 December- 9.15am-11.15am
- Wednesday 8 December- 9.15am-11.15am
- Thursday 9 December- 9.15am-11.15am
- Friday 10 December- 9.15am-11.15am
- Monday 13 December- 9.15am-11.15am
- Tuesday 14 December- 9.15am-11.15am

Please ensure that students arrive at school each day with their swimmers, a towel, their school hat, sunscreen, a water bottle, and their normal recess and lunch.

## STRENGTH SUPERHERO

### Strength of the week Teamwork

Working well as a member of a group or team; being loyal to the group; doing one's share.

This week and over the next week we will be focusing on this strength. Students will be encouraged to look for it happening at school and staff will be looking for this strength in the way the children interact with each other. Our Character Strength Super Hero this week is Zoe.

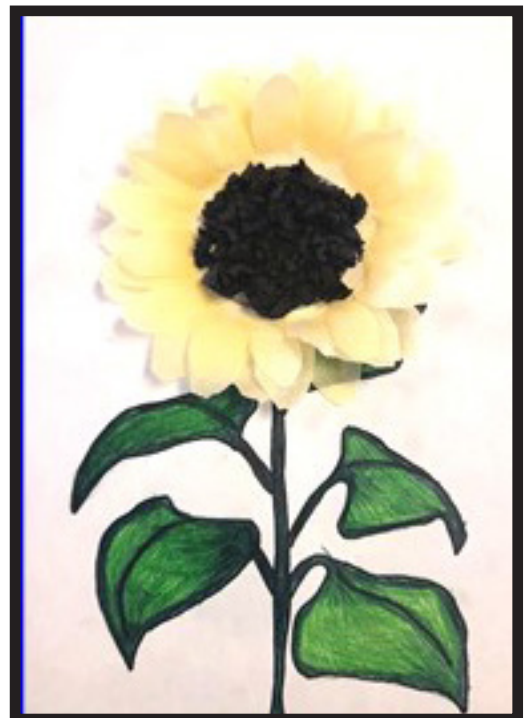
## YARNING CIRCLE

SHPS has been a hive of activity this week with the installation of our Aboriginal Yarning Circle. This project has been in the pipeline since early last year and has finally become a reality. A Yarning Circle is a place to talk, share, discuss, educate and have a yarn together, a place to build respectful relationships and a space to enrich students' learning experiences. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been using yarning circles for thousands of years. Our new learning space will be a feature and welcoming addition to the school grounds (we are just waiting on approval to remove the garden shed near the office) and we hope that all members of the school community will be able to attend the official opening of it early next year.

## WORKERS OF THE WEEK



Mya





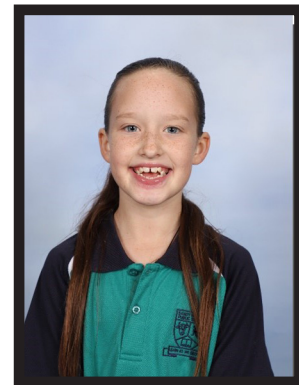
Henry

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Logan – For sharing and being inclusive of others.

## SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK



Mikaela – For fantastic participation in cricket.

## BRONZE AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations Nate

**Jane Fuiono**  
Principal





# Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

## REFLECTION ADVENT 3 – Luke 3:10-18

When asked the question, 'What must we do?' John gives advice that is appropriate in our time as it was in his. He tells us, 'Where with those in need, be fair in your dealings with others and don't abuse your power'. Luke's community is thought to have been the city of Antioch, the third largest city in the Roman Empire at that time. His Gospel must deal with the real-life issues that affect his hearers, such as how to live as a Christian in a complex, urban, economically driven and multi-racial world; does this sound familiar? Being a Christian is far more than one hour of worship each week. We live out Christian values in the choices we make at the supermarket and the bank, the petrol we purchase and the brand of clothes we wear. John's answers were no doubt uncomfortable to his listeners who may have been expecting a more 'religious' answer, such as 'Pray longer in the Synagogue', but John plunges to the heart of the Gospel message. You can desire God's reign or you can seek after wealth and power, but you cannot have both. This may sound impossible but John holds out a message of hope: for having spoken to the people about what they must do, John then speaks of what God will do – baptize you with the Holy Spirit. The symbol of fire associated with the Spirit suggests that the Spirit will purify us. God's gift of a purifying Spirit can empower us to choose the values of God's reign over the attractions of wealth.

As Christmas approaches ask the Baptist your own question, 'What must I do?' And listen for an answer.

(From 'Sundays Under the Southern Cross' by Mary Coloe PBVM)

## DIARY DATES AND NOTICES

- 10.00am 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 Hostel and MPS alternately

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- 6.00pm Christmas Eve there will be a

children's service at Holy Trinity

- 10.00am Christmas Day there will be a Service of thanksgiving at Holy Trinity.

Rev Pat Kirkby

## Merriwa Rotary

### OLD GLASSES FOR NEW PEOPLE

For those who have been reading the Ringer for years, this is not news...BUT...we have many new arrivals in our community, so, here we go again !

### RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

This is a very successful programme which Rotary Merriwa has been running for many years. It is one of the outstanding success stories of our club and for which we have had to put in very little effort.

We collect glasses which are no longer needed, from people who have had their prescriptions changed.

Often these glasses find a place in a drawer and are forgotten about.

HOWEVER there is a very good use for these glasses. Rotary Merriwa has, over the years collected many hundreds of no-longer-needed glasses from the Merriwa/Cassilis community. These glasses are passed on to the the Recycle for Sight Programme where they are graded by optometrists and then forwarded on overseas, to places where many people cannot afford to buy glasses. The value of glasses we have handled would be well beyond \$100,000.

This is a very easy way in which our community can give help to where it is needed. If you have any such glasses, please leave them at Merriwa Pharmacy, from where they will be directed to the programme.

### FINALLY....SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN !

I am reliably informed that starting at 3.00pm on Sunday December 19, Santa, working in with the Emergency Services and Rotary will be distributing Candy Canes in Merriwa.

Mark Smith

# Community Notice Board

## Feast with Friends

### DON'T BE ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The community would like to invite you to a Community Christmas Dinner December 25.

Alone on Christmas day? Come along and share good company with others. If enough interest, we will put on a full Christmas Dinner at 12.30pm on Christmas Day at the Anglican Hall in McKenzie Street.

For catering purposes, please indicate your attendance by Friday December 10 by calling Deidre on 0429 320 821.

We will confirm if it is going ahead in the last Ringer for 2021.

Deidre Peebles

## Merriwa District Progress Association

### THANK YOU FOR THE RINGER

The Merriwa District Progress Association would like to express its sincere appreciation to The Ringer and all those people involved in its production for the ongoing support it has provided to our organisation.

Since its introduction, The Ringer has been a very popular and successful media for sharing information across the community. It has been our only true 'local' newspaper.

Its popularity has been demonstrated by the large number of sponsors, advertisers and contributors that have contributed to its valued place in the community. Many residents anticipate Thursdays when they can get a hold of The Ringer to catch up on local news.

As the Central School can no longer support or produce The Ringer, it is anticipated that the small group of dedicated locals in the task force can design a replacement community newspaper.

Stephen Gowlland,  
President, MDPA

## Engagement

Shawn Smith and Rebecca Barillaro Would like to announce their engagement on the, 2 December 2021.



## Merriwa

Megan and David Brooks great people.

Mr Gills new system works a treat.

The Ringer has been a great magazine for a long time.

Hylt Cronin

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# Community Notice Board

## Carols in the Park

### MARK THIS DATE

The Combined Christian Churches of Merriwa would like to hold the Carols in the Park on December 12, 2021 at 6.00pm in Apex Park Merriwa.

If inclement weather prevails then we will transfer to the School of Arts, Bow St Merriwa

Current Covid19 restrictions as per the NSW Health regulations will apply including QR code for check in. However, don't let these regulations prevent us from celebrating Christmas, come and join us celebrate

**Ron Campbell**

## Can Assist

### SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

Can Assist Merriwa is holding their annual Christmas Ham raffle.

**DATE:** December 11

**VENUE:** Merriwa Sports Club

**COST:** \$1.00 a ticket

**TICKETS:** On sale from 5.00pm for 7.30pm draw.

30 Christmas Ham with more prizes added as the day approaches.

All monies raised go directly to assisting those diagnosed with Cancer in Merriwa and the surrounding settlements. If we can help or if you just need to chat, give us a call on 0431 939 093 or 6548 5191.

**Marlene Rogers**

## Merriwa CWA

Another year is about to end and we have all survived 2021 with covid, now let's enjoy what's left of it. We would like to thank the organisers of Christmas on Bettington, we had a great time. Thank you everyone for coming up to say hello.

### CHRISTMAS STREET STALL

To finish off the year we are going to have a street stall on Friday 10 December 2021. Lots of Christmas cooking will be available so come along to get some goodies.

### KIDS COOKING CLUB

On Saturday 18 December, 2021 we will be having our Kid's Cooking Club again. We will be learning how to decorate cakes with Paulette Bakker, who does lovely decorated cakes. So come along and have some fun, free lunch and morning tea. We will have craft and DVD's. We might even have a tree to decorate, so come along it's about time to get back to some fun. We will need the parents to sign in because of Covid rules.

### THE FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

#### CRAFT DAYS

**Start time 10.00am**

We will be starting a craft day every fourth Monday of the month. Bring along your morning tea or lunch and craft to enjoy a nice social day. Bring any craft you wish to do and if you would like to learn something new, all you have to do is ask. Learn to Knit or crochet even some sewing. Everyone is welcome it is NOT just for CWA members, your children are more than welcome.

### OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday 13 December 2021 at 10.00am at the CWA rooms. 159 Bettington Street Merriwa. New members are always welcome, so why not drop in and say hello.

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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.

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## MERRIWA MEDICAL PRACTICE

# December

## 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# January

## 2022

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### **AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY**

- As we near the end of the 2021 roller coaster, our favourite stars reflect on why the holiday season has never been more important to them. Celebrate with Miranda Tapsell, Drew Barrymore, Maggie Beer, Joanna Lumley, David Campbell & more! Plus stories of Christmas cheer by Denise Scott, Judy Nunn & Pat McDermott.
- Make merry! With DIY decorations, home styling tips and gorgeous gifts.
- Beachside with Maggie Beer; there's more to Christmas lunch than ham and turkey. This delicious menu features fresh flavours and ingredients for the perfect laid back Aussie feast.
- Christmas tipples; party starters to kick off Christmas! To name a couple...'Iced green tea, cucumber & lychee' or' Fruity gin spritzer'. Sounds delicious and just perfect for your guests !

### **GRAZIER SUMMER EDITION**

- How to run a sheep dairy; Cressida Cains followed her heart to create a sheep dairy against all odds. She is on a mission to resurrect Australia's dairy industry
- The map maker; learn how Alex Hotchin came to draw beautiful maps and maps of farms too!
- Podcasts; highlights from the 'Life on the Land' series, plus 5 great podcasts from rural and regional Australia to know about.

### **GALAH ISSUE 4. WATER**

- Artist Honor Freeman creates 'Ordinary Treasures', relics from domestic life, slip cast in porcelain, evoking tangible memories of those who used them and left them behind. Another talented artist Elise Cameron-Smith carves wonderful wood sculptures of miniature boats and shell shapes and many

other creations to indulge her love of nature.

- The certainty of change. What do you do when nothing is certain? When tectonic plates shift, when it doesn't rain, when rules change. Galah visits the Murray River community of Barham on the NSW-Victoria border to try to find out some answers that might help us all.
- All things nice: In Far North Queensland, George & Josette Gonthier are working hard to meet the demand for one of the world's most expensive spices. They believe there is no reason why Australia shouldn't lead the world in vanilla plantations.

### **OUTBACK MAGAZINE**

- Australia's 10 deserts: The total desert area is 18% of the Australian mainland, stretching from NSW right across to Western Australia. Rex Ellis has spent 55 years roaming Australia's deserts, he knows their curves and edges, knows their feathered, scaled and furry inhabitants, knows them in good seasons and in their bad ones. The definition of a desert is variable around the world, there is a definition typically less than 250mm annual rainfall but changes in evaporation, wind and temperature all influence an area defined as a desert.
- When Henry Lawson carried his swag across north western NSW in the 1890s he said the region was "plagued with flies and broiling hot". Head out to Bourke now and you'll meet many locals who disagree with Lawson's assessment. One of the locals is grazier Phillip Ridge, born and bred, he is the custodian of "Jandra", a sheep, goat and cattle property just outside Bourke. He has a deep love for this corner of the state and sees a great future in western pastoral regions. 'The only enemy', he says and knows too well, 'is drought, but you have to gamble against that otherwise you would do nothing'. Happy Birthday!

### **A SPIRIT PUBLISHING MOMENT**

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My Birthday is March 5

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### DISASTER ASSISTANCE AFTER SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING

Disaster assistance is now available to help those effected by the severe weather event and flooding that occurred across Upper Hunter Shire Local Government Area.

Assistance is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Assistance available under the DRFA may include

- Help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged (eligibility criteria apply)
- Concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations
- Freight subsidies for primary producers
- Grants to eligible non-profit organisations.

For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact Service NSW on 13 77 88.

To apply for a concessional loan or grant, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593 or visit [www.raa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au)

Information on disaster assistance can be found on the Australian Government's Disaster Assist website at [www.disasterassist.gov.au](http://www.disasterassist.gov.au)

### CHANGES TO THE CASSILIS WASTE DROP OFF FACILITY

The Cassilis waste drop off facility is currently open from 10.00am to 2.00pm on Saturdays and has one skip bin for mixed waste. From Saturday, December 4, 2021 Council is trialling an increased level of service at the facility. During this trial period the facility will close at 1.30pm instead of 2.00pm to give the Contractor ample time to bring waste material back to Scone.

Increased services during the trial will include

- A second skip bin will be in place to cater for a different waste stream. Initially this is going to be scrap metal.

- Yellow-lidded garbage bins will be available at the site for disposal of recyclables (i.e. as per kerbside recycling bins).
- After a few weeks Council will evaluate the effectiveness of the trial and look at changing the second skip bin from scrap metal to a different material, (maybe organics depending on feedback and experiences during the early part of the trial).

For any further information please contact Paul Jakes, Manager Waste and Sustainability via Phone: 02 6540 1328 or Email: [pjakes@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pjakes@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

### DONATIONS

At the most recent Council meeting, Council moved to donate to the following community groups:

- Upper Hunter Men's Shed \$1058 Development application for extensions to Men's Shed
- Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre \$161.50 Hire fees for the School of Arts Merriwa
- Scone Literary Festival \$6000 Towards the running of the Festival. It had been budgeted.
- McEwan Dawson \$200 For sponsorship to participate in 'Longest Day' golf challenge raising money for Cancer Council Australia
- Cassilis Rodeo Committee \$200 Support the Cassilis Rodeo
- Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre \$709 For the Construction Certificate fee for the community laundry that will be located at the current Visitor Information Centre
- Merriwa Community Portal \$2855.47 For the Merriwa Community Christmas Party and additional public liability and volunteer insurance costs from the Other Small Festivals budget

### CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Council administration offices and libraries close from 12.00pm Friday, December 24, 2021, re-opening Tuesday January 4, 2022.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

Scone, Aberdeen, Merriwa, and Murrurundi will be closed on December 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2021. They will also be closed on New Year's Day and January 3, 2022. Normal operational hours will resume from January 4, 2022. Cassilis

will be closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day and January 8, 2022.

### KERBSIDE WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

During the week commencing Monday January 3, 2022 all collections will be delayed by one day. For example, if your bin is usually collected on a Monday it will be collected on the Tuesday instead. Collection times will then return to normal from Monday January 10, 2022.

### POOLS

Pools will be closed on Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Closing times will be adjusted to 5.00pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

### VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

- Scone and Merriwa will be closed on Christmas Day only.
- Murrurundi will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

### EMERGENCIES

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

### CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY ADOPTED

Upper Hunter Shire Council has adopted the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan after consultation with the community.

The strategy and action is an important step in Council's response to climate change including various sustainability elements such as water and energy use, efficient provision of services and climate change mitigation.

### 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 following floods
- Public toilet maintenance
- Cemetery maintenance
- Merriwa pool – installation of acid dosing unit
- Merriwa Showground upgrade
- Playground inspections and maintenance


- Capital Works – Ringwood Road rehabilitation
- Storm damage repairs
- Action requests as required.

### THE FOLLOWING ROADS ARE TO BE INSPECTED NEXT FOR THE GRADING / MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

- Roads affected by storm damage

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

**Hannah White**



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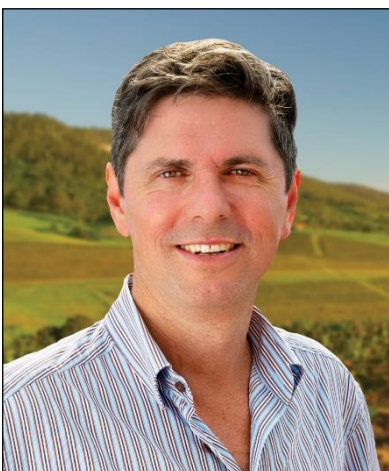
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Create and Grow  
Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre

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

Merriwa Pre-School  
For children 2-5 years

Activity Centre  
For children attending Kindergarten to Year 6  
After School Care and Vacation Care

## MERRIWA TOURIST WELCOMING CENTRE & MEN'S SHED

Arts, Crafts, Farm Produce!

Clean toilets!

### CENTRE:

Open every day

9.30am-2.30pm

### MEN'S SHED:

Every Thursday

10.00am onwards

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:

President: Barbara Campbell  
Phone: 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131  
Email: [barbaraj911@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraj911@gmail.com)  
Secretary: Kim Clydsdale  
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## Dress For Less



## Trinity Markets

Accessories, Books, Nick-Nacks  
Clothing for all the family  
DONATIONS WELCOME!

Tues-Fri

9.00am - 12.30pm

Sat

9.00am - 12.00pm

118 Bettington St. Merriwa

Merriwa Ringer

## Hunter Medical Practice

**Merriwa and Denman**  
 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

**2021/22 starts Oct 11!!!**  
 Tots (3 & 4 yrs) to u/17 yrs  
**Mondays 5.30 to 6.30ish**  
 at Merriwa No. 2 Oval  
*(season ends 28 February)*  
 New members welcome  
 ph: Belinda Keane 0407 875 876  
 e: belindak@live.com.au



## MERRIWA SPORTS CLUB LTD

65482028  
 Golf, Bowls, Squash, Darts, Pool, ATM, Club Keno  
 Opening Hours  
 Monday to Friday 3.30pm, Saturday 12.00pm, Sunday 3.00pm  
 Friday Happy Hours 5.00-7.00pm  
 Saturday **Happy Saturday** all day \$5 schooners, house spirits and wine. Club raffles and members draw  
**HONKI HAUS CHINESE RESTAURANT**  
 Wednesday-Friday open for dinner. Saturday-Sunday open lunch and dinner.  
 Dine in or take away



## 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: David Martin  
 Secretary: Gaynor Blackadder  
 Treasurer/Publicity Officer: Jessyca Morgan

MDHA Inc.  
**NON EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICE**  
 We will get you to your appointments on time with special care.  
   
 Office hours are:  
 9.30 to 2.30 weekdays  
 Bottle Museum building or leave a message on the answering service for a call back.  
 Tel/Fax 6548 2653



## 2021 Merriwa Springtime Show

Established 1908  
 17 to 19th September!  
 www.merriwashow.com.au  
 Tyler Austin - 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!  
 Delivering bulk fuel to Merriwa, Cassilis, Scone, Sandy Hollow, Denman and surrounding areas  
**Find us at 19 Vennacher Street Merriwa**  
 Open Monday - Friday 7.30am - 5pm  
 Saturday 9am - 12pm  
 Phone: (02) 6548 2071

Season starts **Term 4**  
  
**Make a SPLASH!**  
**Merriwa Swimming Club**  
 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 Bernard Constable**  
**Secretary Julie Wilton**  
 All inquiries to the secretary 0498332565  
 merriwamagpiesjrl@gmail.com

## MERRIWA RACES

**April 23, 2022**  
 Race Club President - Paul Frampton  
 Contact - 0428 485 182  
 Visit 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  
 merriwacampdraft@gmail.com



## MERRIWA FESTIVAL of the FLEECES

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## 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

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 \$460.00 was not won the number was 457, this week it jackpots to \$480.00. The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$950.00 was not won the number was 642, this week it jackpots to \$1000.00. The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$360.00 was not won the number was 447, this week it jackpots to \$380.00. LTPS/19/36118. The Sunday Members Badge Draw for \$1850.00 was not won last week the number was 355, this week it jackpots to \$1900.00 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.

**Wednesday Nights** from 6.00pm - \$6.00 PINTS.

Available from the bar we have the 50 year Anniversary book of the Merriwa Junior Rugby League for only \$10.00.

**Dine and Discover vouchers** – please register and download or print your vouchers and use them before they expire on November 30, 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.

**Entertainment** – Friday 17 December **TREVOR MAC & THE BOW RIVER BAND** Live in the main lounge from 8.30pm.

**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 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Annual General Meeting had to be postponed, we will advise of a new date as soon as we are able. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### 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 \$1200.00 this week. Drawn anytime between 6.30pm and 8.30pm, you must be there to win.

On December 18, the members draw will be drawn until won, you must be there to win the money. On this night there will be extra prizes added!

### 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** - 2.00pm to close

**Saturday and Sunday** - 12.00pm to close.

### CHANGE TO OPENING TIME

**Starting this Friday the Sports Club will be opening from 2.00pm**

### CANASSIST CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

CanAssist will be holding a BIG Christmas Raffle on December 11. Lots of great prizes up for grabs! Hope to see you all there.

**Brendan Cowell**

# A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

Continued from page 2  
The Brindley concept of canals linked the four great ports of London, Liverpool, Bristol and Hull which allowed England to become a leader in the Industrial Revolution. Coal could be carried from it's source to mills and ports, goods to markets and Josiah Wedgwood championed Brindley canals as they allowed him to move his pottery to the markets and ports.

John Henshall was a surveyor and an association developed between Brindley and recruited Henshall to help him with the canal surveying and planning. John Henshall had a very attractive daughter Anne. The attraction grew and in 1765, James's proposal was accepted, the marriage was a great success. Anne was highly intelligent and took over most of Brindley's bookwork and correspondence. This freed him to do what he was good at, the planning and building of canals, mills and steam engines.

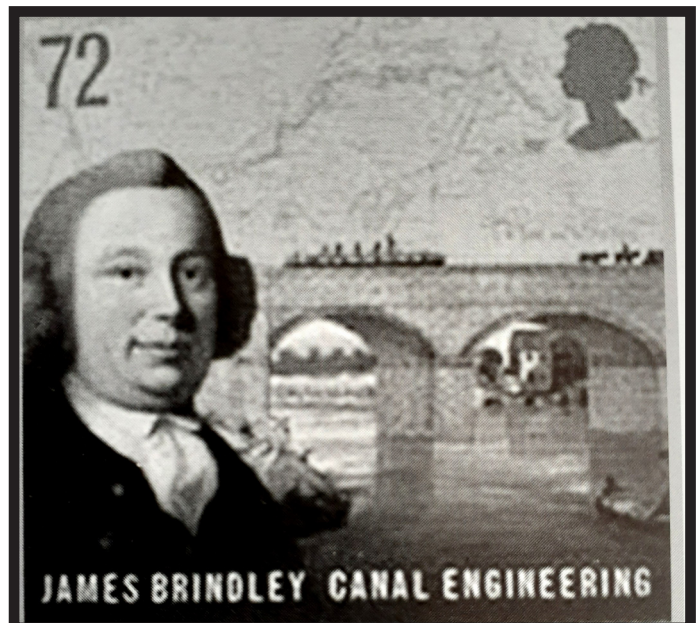
To give an indication of the magnitude of his work load from 1766 to 1772, Brindley was involved in the following canal projects.

- 1766 Work commences on the Grand Trunk Canal.
- 1767 Surveys for the Bradford canal, Rochdale canal and the Stockton and Darlington canal.
- 1768 Survey for the Leeds and Liverpool canal.
- 1769 Surveys Leeds and Selby and Oxford canal which would link the system to the Thames and thus London.
- 1770 Prepares scheme for the Thames navigation improvements.
- 1771 Chesterfield canal commences.
- 1772 Survey for the Lancaster canal.

Brindleys frantic workload began to tell on his health, he was diagnosed as having diabetes and in those days there was no cure. James Brindley died on the 27 September 1772, aged 56. His lateral thinking, originality of thought, energy and mechanical genius helped inspire the Industrial Revolution in Britain. He was England's first great civil engineer.

Through the marriage of John Bettington (1793-1818) to Suzannah Brindley (1772-1798),

the names of Brindley and Henshall continue through the Bettington dynasty.



## Christmas Raffles 2021



*Can Assist Merriwa  
will be holding their  
annual Christmas  
Raffles again!*

*Helping those in our  
community battling  
cancer!*

*Date: 11th December*

*Time: 5pm for ticket sales*

*7.30pm Draw  
starts*

*Place: Merriwa Sports  
Club*

*Tickets \$1*

*Come down and enjoy a  
great night with lots of  
prizes to be won!*



*30 Hams and prizes for all ages are just  
some of the amazing prizes on offer*

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