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# A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

SANDY HOLLOW TO ULAN RAILWAY



The advent of cheap road transport, which made rail transportation uneconomical except those on lines of high usage brought about the cessation of construction and the project was abandoned. With the Ulan Coal Mine intention of exporting coal, an agreement between White Industries and the NSW Wran Government saw the recommencement of the rail line from Sandy Hollow to Ulan to move the coal to Newcastle.

The rail line from Muswellbrook to Sandy Hollow also had to be upgraded to handle the heavier loading. Two quarries were created, one on Shannon's property at Merriwa where 250000 tonnes of ballast was extracted and another on Murrumbo property at Bylong where 350000 tonnes of ballast was extracted. The contract for the ballast was won by Readymix Australia and crushing plants were set up at both locations.

In the mid 19th century, a railway was proposed to link the far western districts of NSW with a coastal port. The preferred route, which presented fewer engineering problems was from the vicinity of Dubbo through Muswellbrook to Newcastle. However, political pressure from the Bathurst District convinced the NSW Parliament to build a line over the Blue Mountains.

Early in the 20th century, with growing congestion of the ports of Sydney and Wollongong, the opening of a direct route from Dubbo to Newcastle was again proposed. The proposed new railway line was very important to the western district farmers beset by the rising cost of transportation of their produce to Sydney. Approval was finally given in 1927 by Act of Parliament to construct the Sandy Hollow to Maryvale Railway.

Construction did not start until 1936 and then only continued slowly until 1951. By that stage, many of the major obstacles had been overcome and a formation suitable for the axle loadings of those days had been substantially completed.



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## Merriwa Central School



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Empowering and challenging students to become lifelong learners

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# Merriwa Central School

## Principal's Report

### ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day ceremonies were held on Friday April 23 2021 at Merriwa Central School to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Students and staff participated in the march and the Anzac Day Service held at the Merriwa Cenotaph. Our school leaders all, of whom did a fantastic job and were a credit to our school participating in the Anzac Service. Thank you to all students, teachers and parents who joined us for the march to represent the school.



### PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

A successful parent teacher afternoon/ evening was held on Tuesday at Merriwa Central School. It was great to see so many parents in attendance. Parent/teacher provided an opportunity for productive feedback to be shared and discussed face to face.



### UNIFORM

As the weather cools down, it is time to bring out the winter uniform. Parents are reminded that students are expected to be in full school uniform each day and secondary students need to have a note to explain why they may be out of uniform. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you require financial assistance



with uniforms. Our students look great when they are all in correct school uniform. A new winter jersey will be available for purchase shortly.

**Sharon Kenaly**  
Deputy Principal

## Coming Events

**MAY**

**Friday 7**

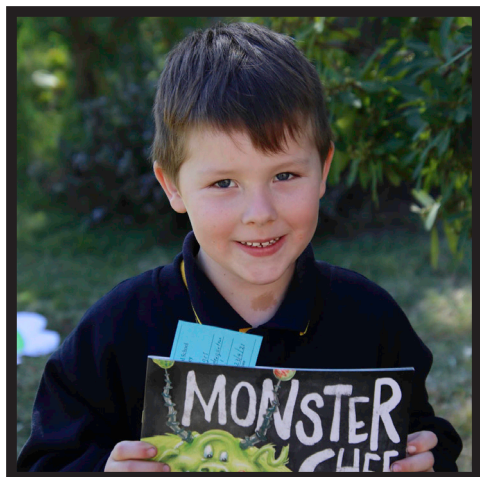
Athletics Carnival

# Primary

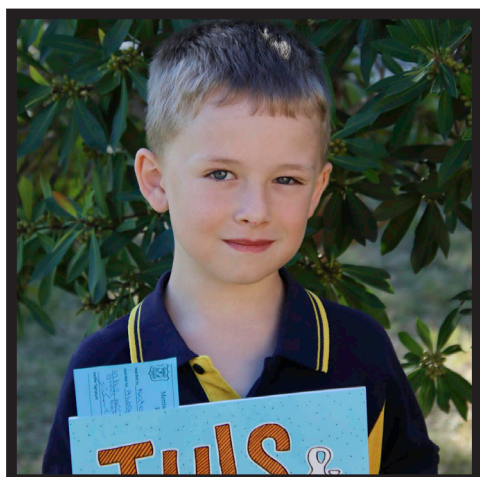
## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student of the Week Awards in Week 1.

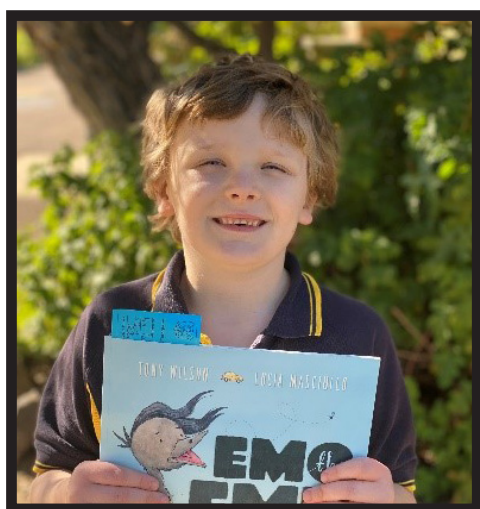
**Kindergarten - Felix Hodges** - for being a superstar student in class



**Year 1- Nate Marchese** - for always trying hard in his work and for his good behaviour



**Year 2/3 - Jackson Carr** - for fantastic behaviour and effort in the classroom



**Year 3/4 - Lilly Martin** - for description in her writing



**Year 4/5 - Ashton Marchese** - for an outstanding effort in persuasive writing



**Year 5/6 - Torah Coles** - for improvement in mathematics.



## CLASS OF THE WEEK

Last week's Class of the Week award went to the class that was noticed displaying beautiful behaviour during our special assembly on Friday. Teachers were proud of all classes for

being respectful and sensible throughout the assembly. Year 2/3 were the stand out class for their wonderful behaviour during the assembly. Congratulations and well done to Year 2/3.



**BRONZE AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Awards - Aubree Oldham, Braith Hunt, Beau Hall, Ashton Marchese, Jace Hourn, Bella Telfer, Lilly Martin.



**TERM 2 SRC REPRESENTATIVES**

Kindergarten Grace Bidner and Jace Hourn

Year 1 Taniel Roberts and Oliver Strachan

Year 2/3 Layla Thompson and Beau Hall

Year 3/4 Abby Bidner and Max Hourn

Year 4/5 Hazel Chin and Paige Walker

Year 5/6 Paige Carrall and Tye Blackadder



**Emma Garbellini**  
Relieving Infants Assistant Principal

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival will be held on Friday May 7 at the Merriwa Sports Ground. All students between 8 and 18 will be in attendance and competing for their house and zone representation. Students between the ages of 5 and 7 will be collected by bus and will be participating from 11.00am.

Our infants will be attending the carnival from 11.00am until 1.30pm. Lunch for all primary will be held at 12.00pm. Primary lunches must be ordered before Friday April 30. Order forms can be collected from the classrooms or canteen. Food and snacks will also be available on the day.

During the day the gates on Brisbane Street will be closed to all traffic for the safety of the students. We request that no vehicles be brought in between these gates for the duration. We thank parents and community for their understanding.

Everyone is also reminded that this is a smoke free zone, we appreciate your understanding and ask that this be carried out on the outside of the sporting facility zone.

Due to Covid restrictions, parents will need to be seated in the designated seating areas around the field. Parents are not to be seated with the students however students can visit the parents.

**Talia Morgan**  
Primary Sports Coordinator



The Merriwa Central School P and C Annual General Meeting will take place this Tuesday May 4 at 6.30pm at the Merriwa RSL Club. We hope to see a good roll up of Merriwa Central School Primary and Secondary parents there!

Also next week, we have our annual Mother's Day Stall taking place on Wednesday May 5. All students will have the opportunity to attend the stall during the day and purchase a special gift for their Mum or someone special, to share this coming Mother's Day. Gifts will be priced from \$2.00 to \$10.00, so please support our stall if you are able.

**Talitha Sawley**

# ANZAC Day March



# Secondary CAREER NEWS

## UOW College - Screen and Media Information session - Tuesday May 4 - 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Want a career in Screen and Media? Join the online info session to find out how studying the Diploma of Screen and Media can help you achieve your career goals. You'll hear about course structure, entry requirements and job outcomes. Staff will be available to answer any questions. Register here:

<https://studentservice.uow.edu.au/Portal/Events/Register?eventId=cceb4f11-e490-eb11-817f-005056812c00>

## JMC Online Open Day - May 22 - Sydney and Brisbane

Take a tour of our facilities, including our newly renovated learning spaces and studios

Check out some of our serious gear

Chat with current students and heads of departments

Attend detailed course overview sessions

Find out more about internship and study abroad opportunities

See live performances, film + tv demos, and recording sessions in action

Learn why JMC has been ranked #1 for student satisfaction amongst all private creative institutions in Australia

Sydney - <https://www.jmccademy.edu.au/events/open-day-events/sydney-campus-may21-open-day>

## AFTT Acting High School Workshop - July 7. 9.30am to 5pm

This workshop is a great opportunity to visit our campus and experience the way we teach our students as we showcase acting in a concise one day workshop. This is a very hands on day where students will have a chance to interact, use state of the art equipment and learn new techniques.

Explore an introduction to the Morris Technique preparation exercises, coupled with improvisation and script work in the AFTT theatre. You will also have the chance to apply acting techniques whilst performing on camera and collaborating with peers to write, perform and shoot your very own single shot short film.

## Merriwa Central School P&C



**NOTICE OF AGM**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 6:30pm**  
**Merriwa RSL Club**

<https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/high-school-workshops/acting-high-school-workshop>

**AFTT Film High School Workshop** - July 6. 9.30am to 5.00pm

This workshop is a great opportunity to visit our campus and experience the way we teach our students as we showcase film in a concise one day workshop. This is a very hands on day where students will have a chance to interact, use state of the art equipment and learn new techniques.

Using AFTT's industry standard film gear, students will be taught the basics of film making and post production work flow. An industry professional tutor will guide them through the process, setting a strong foundation on which they can easily build upon.

<https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/high-school-workshops/film-high-school-workshop>

### **Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards**

Entries accepted: March 1 to June 30, 2021 and results announced during early September.

A unique national project, giving Australia's youth a voice and an opportunity to strive for excellence in literature.

"Our poets are encouraged to take inspiration from wherever they may find it, however if they are looking for some direction, competition participants are invited to use this year's optional theme to inspire their entries."

In 2021, the Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Society has chosen the theme "Rich and Rare." As always, it is an optional theme, so please write about whatever topic sparks your poetic genius.

<https://www.dorothea.com.au/How-to-Enter-awards>

### **How did you get that dream job – free webinar series**

The AFL SportsReady webinar series explores how traineeships can prepare people for real-life work, create valuable industry networks and how this career pathway has led many people to rewarding and successful careers. Register for upcoming webinars or view previous recordings here:

<https://aflsportsready.com.au/how-did-you-get-the-job-webinar-series/>

### **My Health Career Videos**

Watch a variety of specialists who give their candid insight on why they enjoy their careers.

Pharmacy: <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/pharmacy/>

Physiotherapy: <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/physiotherapy>

Podiatry: <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/podiatry/>

Psychology: <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/psychology/>

All: <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/>

## **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

### **MATILDA-ROSE WHITBY**

**FAVOURITE SUBJECT:** Maths! It is very fun and I'm good at it!

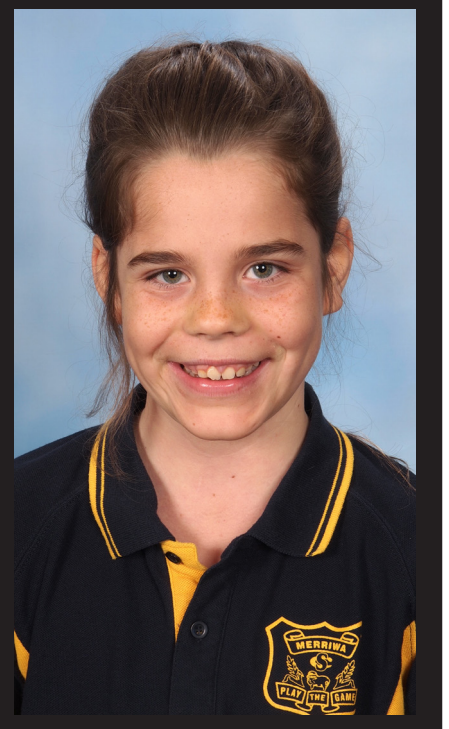
**BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** Reading aloud to myself

**CAREER ASPIRATIONS:** I want to work with cars

**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** I like to paint horses and horse ride. My favourite thing to do when I ride horses is jumping!

**YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT:** Matilda-Rose is a generous and caring student. She participates in her classes with attention and enthusiasm and shows sincere support for her peers. It is with this dedication and commitment to her learning, as well as her valuing of peer relationships, that Matilda-Rose is our student of the week.

**Hannah Waters- Year Advisor**



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### **Macquarie University Q&A Series**

Every Tuesday - 11 May to 29 June 2021, 5:00pm

Join us for our online Q&A Series! Each session will focus on a different area of study or our early entry programs. You'll hear from our Student Ambassadors, who are current students studying at Macquarie University and have the opportunity to ask your questions.

Register for the topics that interest you:

22 June - Science

29 June - Medicine and Health

[https://macquarie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Hjtv00ltS8igVUyXmswpLw](https://macquarie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hjtv00ltS8igVUyXmswpLw)

**Sydney Law School Student Panel** - May 19, 4.00pm

In this panel discussion we'll hear from some of our current students and ask why they decided to study law at Sydney. They'll also share their experience of what it is like studying at Sydney Law School and the opportunities they're most looking forward to taking advantage of

[https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hp7pWk-vQwy7MgkX9EUAew](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hp7pWk-vQwy7MgkX9EUAew)

**VET COURSES** - Fee-Free Apprenticeships are a great way for students to launch their careers

There's never been a better time to start an apprenticeship in NSW. The NSW Government is paying the course cost for 100,000 new apprenticeships – meaning apprentices undertaking a government funded apprenticeship no longer face a student fee of up to \$2000.

Apprenticeships are a great career pathway. They combine on-the-job training with classroom study to give you the skills and experience employers are looking for. Apprenticeships generally take around 3-4 years to complete, and apprentices earn a salary while they learn. There are more than 120 different apprenticeship courses available in NSW, in a range of industries including construction, cooking, aviation and automotive.

Grants available if you're starting a new career or a new business.

Under its fee free apprenticeship initiative, the NSW Government will pay the course fee for 100,000 new apprentices who commence

their training from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2022 – employers won't have to pay a cent for the qualification training for new apprentices.

<http://bit.ly/2U8Hevl>

### **My Gain Videos – Nearly Every Apprenticeship Video is Here**

Nearly every possible apprenticeship or traineeship career is here to watch. Enjoy!

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCQK6YZq96X\\_sxjeW5ir\\_mA/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCQK6YZq96X_sxjeW5ir_mA/videos)

### **Hospitality Scholarship – High Flyer Kenvale College** - Closes June 23 2021

Make a lasting impression

And earn yourself a partial scholarship in Hospitality, Cookery or Events

If you have a real passion for a career in Hospitality, Cookery or Event Management, then our High Flyer Program is for you. It's a scholarship program run by Kenvale College designed to give 26 selected students a real head start in their career. The finalists will be divided into two teams of 13 participating in the Hospitality and Events team or Cookery team

<https://kenvale.edu.au/study-with-us/domestic-students/scholarships/high-flyer-program/>

### **Why Aged Care is a Great Career Move**

A career in the fast-growing aged care industry could be absolutely right for you. Be inspired, challenged and bring comfort and dignity to older Australians.

To make sure working in aged care was really going to be right, Aiden took up an aged care short course which included four weeks of work experience. Next, he applied for a traineeship vacancy with a large provider. "Of course, there were a few hoops to go through," he says. But very quickly he was offered a place. "I accepted, I started and I'm loving it!" he says. "The advantages of taking up a traineeship over just doing a course are that you are getting paid on the job while you learn," he says.

<http://bit.ly/2U6hQ9s>

If you require any further information then please contact me at school.

**Jane Hegarty**  
**Careers Advisor**





# Cassilis Public School



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK - OLIVIA

Olivia has been awarded the Student of the Week for her consistent positive attitude towards learning and including others.

She focused well to create her plan for

the beginning of her writing about mice. Olivia gathered ideas to support her writing. She explained her thinking during area lesson in mathematics and made an impressive mouse cage to show different areas.

Olivia shows persistency at cross country by participating and trying in every sports lesson. She completed the race well on Thursday. Olivia helped to set up and pack away for the event which was really appreciated. She showed respect during both the school and town ANZAC Services including singing the National Anthem. Olivia enjoyed crocheting the poppy with Mrs Bibby and was an active listener.

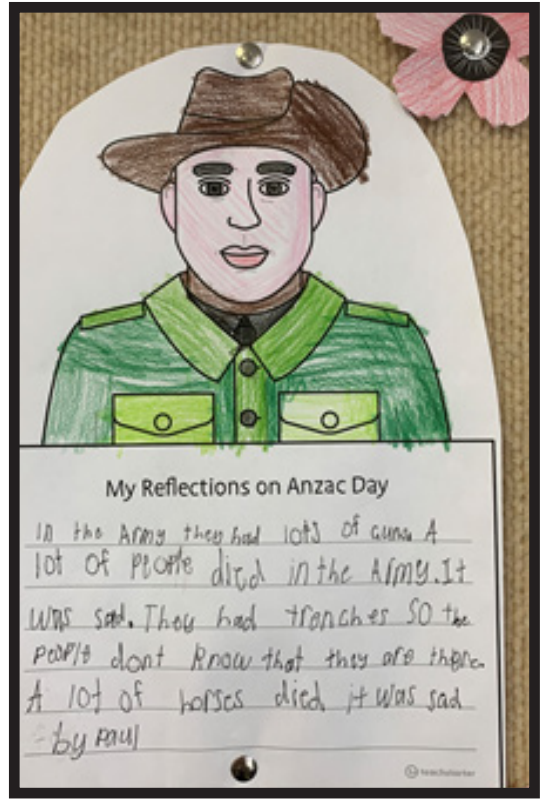
Congratulations Olivia on your efforts, work and positive attitude. You should feel very proud of your achievements.

### ANZAC DAY- LEST WE FORGET



Well done for a lovely and respectful community ANZAC service.

The students also participated in a respectful service at school on Friday led by Olivia and Ben.



Thank you to the talented Mrs Nairne for our beautiful wreath.



### WE'RE GOING ON A BUSH RUN

There's nothing better than running a real cross country course, through some spectacular countryside, with your friends.



Celebrating a long history of holding this event, Cassilis School was very excited about opening its doors to students, staff and families from Sacred Heart Coolah, Martindale, Sandy Hollow, Ulan, Goolma and Lue schools.

Every athlete should be very proud of completing the course and giving their best. There were lots of smiles as students crossed the finishing line. Thank you to everyone who supported our event. Our students get the best feeling sharing their school with others. A special thanks to the incredible team at Cassilis School including the P and C, the Soster family, the Witton family, and to Coles Mudgee who donated lots of pieces of fruit providing valuable fuel to our engines.



Running in her first race as a Kindergarten student, Tarsha commented that she ran two laps of her house after she woke up in preparation for the event. She said she enjoyed running in the bush where she heard some birds.

Skylah liked walking the track with other people.

Skye said that running the track was fun.

Digby told us that Dad's legs were tired and so were his.

Paul liked the track as he saw a few mice as he was running along.

Cooper felt happy when he had finished the race.

Levi liked running in the bush and his legs were tired that night.

Olivia enjoyed passing people and seeing her friends whom she had met previously.

Olivia, Skye and Skylah will compete at the Zone Carnival in Muswellbrook next Monday 3 May. Good luck, girls.



**Katie Burgess**  
Principal

### **Ringer Deadline!**

*Please remember to place your  
articles*

*and advertisements into the  
**Merriwa Ringer***

*by Mondays, at 12.00 noon*



# St Joseph's Primary School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Welcome back to another fun filled term full of learning and enthusiastic students and teachers just ready to get back into the swing of things!

We are all getting preparations ready for our St Joseph The Worker Day celebration on Friday, working hard on teacher professional learning in writing, learning all about the finer points of athletics with Nicky and setting new and exciting challenges for ourselves with our learning.

## ST JOSEPH THE WORKER DAY/OPEN DAY – APRIL 30

On Friday April 30, St Joseph's will be hosting an OPEN DAY to celebrate the feast day of St Joseph the Worker. St Joseph is Jesus' Stepfather and supported Jesus and his mother, Mary by working very hard to provide for the both of them.

As we celebrate this traditional feast day of our special saint, we will be having many fun activities throughout the day and will be celebrating workers in the Merriwa community.

Students will be asked to attend school on this day in clothes representing a profession of their choice. Asking your child, "What would you like to be when you grow up?" might assist you in making the clothing choice for the day!

We will also be having guest speakers from special occupations in the Merriwa community. So far we have:

- Paramedics
- Fire fighters
- Post officers
- Police officers

This special day will be showcasing St Joseph's in the community. We encourage all prospective families, who are considering a change, or new families to the area to come and join us from 9:30am on Friday April 30, to attend our Open Day and see the wonderful work that goes on each and every day at JOEYS.

## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Thank you to the students, parents and teachers who represented us at the ANZAC Day service on Sunday.

As usual we thank the Merriwa RSL Sub Branch for allowing us to participate in the service and have Lula and Emma read a beautiful poem about the spirit of the ANZACS.

Well done to Archie and Jeremy who served us in the laying of the wreath for the St Joseph's P and F Association.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them."

## CROSS COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Jeremiah, Eddison, Fletcher and Eden are expected to compete for St Joseph's at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. We wish them the very best of luck on the day and look forward to sharing their results with the Merriwa community.

## NAPLAN

Students will be preparing for the upcoming NAPLAN testing, which is to occur during May 10 – May 21 (inclusive). These tests give the school an adequate set of data with which to work through, however all we ask of our students is that they give it their best, come to school with a positive attitude and not to put pressure on themselves.

We are so proud of what our students are doing in class, their improved attitudes to school, the way they care for one another and support one another, the respect they show their teachers and the increased confidence to attempt difficult work.

As I was once reliably told by a former colleague, "NAPLAN is one test on one day, it doesn't tell you the character, emotional intelligence, enthusiasm and the rounded education they receive".

## VOLUNTEERING AT JOEYS

Thank you to all of our parents who have returned their forms in order to continue their volunteering roles with us. I know it is a very difficult and tedious process, but we are here to support you.

Please let the school know if there is anything we can do to help.

## SCONE HORSE SPORT BEST WISHES

Jeremiah and Kirra will be representing Joeys at the Scone Horse Sports on Friday April 30. We wish them all the very best with their endeavours.

We thank Mrs Ninness for taking the time to escort and supervise the students on the day.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (MAY 3 – MAY 7)

Catholic Schools Week is the beginning of St Joseph's Enrolment period. We would love to see more happy, smiling faces here at Joeys, so please spread the word about the great work that happens here!

This year celebrates 200 years of Catholic Education and commemorates the establishment of the first Catholic School in Australia, which was founded in October 1820 by Irish Catholic priest Fr John Therry and run by convict and lay person George Marley. The school, which Catholic historians believe was in Hunter Street, Parramatta, taught 31 students.

Some of the events we have planned for the week, which will incorporate Wellbeing Week include:

- Catholic Schools Week Liturgy Monday May 3
- Wednesday May 5 – Eat@153 – 6.00pm – Cost \$30.00
- Wellbeing Week Activities with students
- Mother's Day BBQ, Liturgy and Activities – Friday May 7

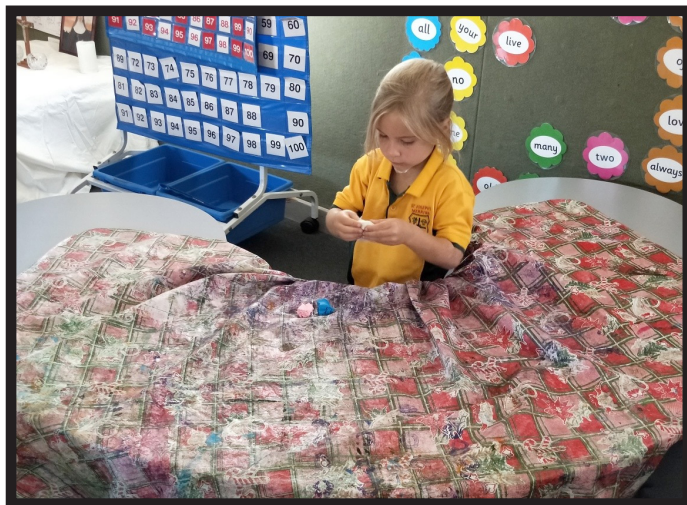
We are looking very much forward to promoting our terrific school in a very positive light, as always!

## ENROLMENTS

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

For enquiries, email [admin@merriwa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@merriwa.catholic.edu.au) or [Ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au)





## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**April 30** – St Joseph the Work Day / OPEN DAY

**May 3- May 7** – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**May 3** – Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 2:45pm (no awards)

**May 5** – Parish / School Dinner Eat@153 6pm

**May 7** – Mothers Day BBQ

**May 10 – May 21** – NAPLAN Testing Years 3-5

As always, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with me about any matters that concern you, regarding your child, or just to say "HELLO!" We value tremendously the support all of you give St Joseph's.

**Mr Ashley Borg**  
Principal

## WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

### Week One - Strength Award – Spirituality

**Kindergarten - Ruby Urso** for always being ready to learn

**Paddy Armstrong** for always sharing and being kind to others

**Stage 1 - Nevaeh Peters** for her discussions about our relationship with God

**Eddison Raines** for his work with adding and partitioning five-digit numbers

**Stage 2 - Lilly Towell** for her fantastic use of show don't tell to set the scene in her narrative

**Charlotte Saunders** for the reverence and faith she demonstrates within her actions

**Stage 3 - Jeremy Hopkins** for demonstrating a reflective manner when learning and discussing his own faith journey

**Jye Bates** for always being willing to give things a go and enjoying life

**Principal's Awards - Archie Constable** for his outstanding and selfless service to the Merriwa Community this weekend (League Tag – Friday night, Merriwa Races – Saturday, ANZAC Day – Sunday)

**Eddison Raines** – for his outstanding "pavlova" creation in Art.

**Mr Ashley Borg**  
Principal



# Anglican News

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## REFLECTION -EASTER 5 – John 15:1-8

'Make your home in me as I make mine in you'. These words express the profound insight of this Gospel, that God dwells in us as we dwell in God. God is at home in our living and we have our home within the life of God. I struggled to find words for this truth and can only speak of a famous Icon of the Trinity where there are three figures sitting at a table with an empty space in the foreground. The Icon draws the viewer into this space, inviting the viewer to sit at this table, to join the communion and be part of this divine household.

Just as I use this ancient Russian Icon as an image of our reciprocal dwelling in God, so Jesus gives his disciples an image they would be familiar with, the image of the vine. A vine is one entity. While there may be times when it is technically more accurate to speak of the vine-stock and the vine-branches as separate, usually they are regarded as one. The vine has no reality apart from its inter-woven branches. The image Jesus offers speaks of the profound intimacy and reciprocity God desires with us. 'I am the vine, you are the branches'.

Just as a vine needs to be cared for by the vine-dresser, being 'at home' with another requires time and tending. Home-making is the task of a lifetime. May we attend to the God who is at home with us and may we find our home withing the loving embrace of God. (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM)

### Love and blessings, from Rev Pat

#### DIARY DATES

9.00am - Sundays second and fourth Sundays Eucharist at Holy Trinity

9.00am - 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.

Rev Pat Kirkby

# Merriwa Rotary

## EYES RIGHT!

The donation of spectacles, which are no longer needed, has been a field in which Merriwa Rotary has been active and successful over many years. Hundreds of such glasses have been received by Rotary to be forwarded on to the RECYCLE FOR SIGHT program.

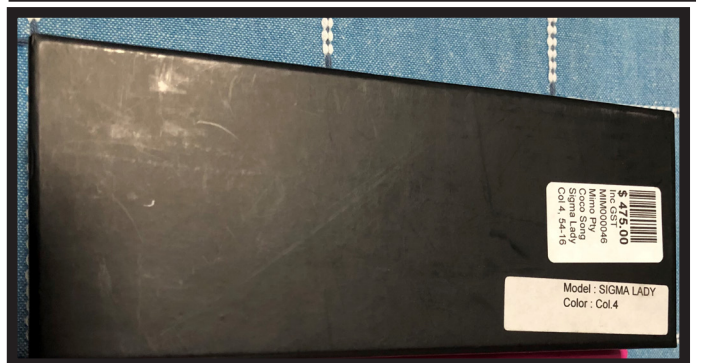
To tell the story again, the glasses are examined by qualified optometrists, graded and then forwarded on to the program, to be sent to poorer countries overseas where there are large numbers of people who are unable to afford to buy glasses, and where qualified optometrists will distribute them appropriately.

Many people who are prescribed glasses will be able to bear witness to the large amount of money they often cost.

Our thanks to all who have supported the cause. It is a Rotary program which Merriwa/Cassilis has supported magnificently.

Anyone who has glasses which they no longer need, can leave them at MERRIWA PHARMACY, whenever it is convenient.

LIFE magazine used to quote the phrase.... "A picture is worth a thousand words". Here are two photos to tell the tale.



Mark Smith

Merriwa Ringer

# Community Notice Board

## Merriwa Country Women's Association

## Gummun Place Mother's Day Stall

We hope you all enjoyed the Merriwa races. We certainly did. Thank you for supporting us with the food stall.

We also need to thank Alan Wright, Ross Gorlick and Keirin Short for helping us set up and running the BBQ. Also thank you to all our great ladies who helped on the day with cooking and serving, we really couldn't do any of this without everyone's help. A special thank you goes to Sarah Bakker and Kelly Cropper who operated the coffee machine.

We will be going back to our Kid's Cooking again next school holidays, so if anyone has a suggestion for the cooking just let me know.

For the long week end in June, we will be having a history weekend. Everyone will be welcome. So start digging out those old photo's (70's and earlier). I will have more information soon so keep the date free.

### OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 11 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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**Kim Clydsdale**

## Making a Splash

Congratulations to the four talented swimmers representing Merriwa Central School at Homebush this week. Good Luck to Jye Byfield, Alyssa Carrall, Mia Jacobs, Dylan Keane and coach Matt Dean at the NSW Combined High Schools Swimming Championships.

**Melissa Collins**

A Mother's Day stall will be held at the Gummun Place Shed on May 8, 2021 from 9.00am to 3.00pm or until all items are sold out.

Social distancing will be in place throughout the duration of the stall with hand sanitisation stations also available on the day.

**Julie Wilton**

### Ringer Deadline!

*Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the*  
**Merriwa Ringer**  
by Mondays, at 12.00 noon

### Quote for the Week

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A GREAT DAY, WE  
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GREAT DAY!**

# Community Notice Board

## Merriwa District Progress Association

### Red Cross

The members of Merriwa Red Cross would like to thank the Merriwa Community for their support in their recent efforts to raise money for Red Cross Calling.

An amount of \$520.05 was forwarded to Red Cross. Red Cross Calling raises money for their programs such as Save-a-mate, Breakfast Club, Telecross, First Aid Training and Community Visitors Scheme to name just a few, all of which offer help within Australian communities.

We thank you so much for helping Red Cross to maintain these essential services.

The winner of the Raffle was B Palmer No 19.

The winners of the 100 Club were :

First Adele Fear No. 42

Second T Walmsley No. 88

Third T Walmsley No. 62

We thank Robert Smith for his assistance re the use of the chair and table and for drawing the raffle and 100 Club.

**Cheree Walmsley**

### MEET THE UPPER HUNTER CANDIDATES - WEDNESDAY MAY 5

The Merriwa District Progress Association will be holding a public meeting to give enrolled voters the opportunity to meet candidates for the upcoming State by-election for the seat of Upper Hunter.

The meeting will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday May 5 2021 in the auditorium of the Merriwa RSL Club.

Each candidate will be given the opportunity to make a short presentation to the meeting and to answer questions from the floor.

All voters in the Upper Hunter electorate are encouraged to attend to find out what issues each candidate considers important for this district, so they can make an informed decision on election day.

Would those people proposing to attend please RSVP to merriwaprogress@gmail.com so appropriate arrangements can be made for seating and COVID-19 precautions.

**Stephen Gowlland**

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to all the students for Term 2.

Congratulations to Archie Constable in his ongoing efforts to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue helicopter.

**Hylt Cronin**

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### AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY

- Prince Philip; a life and love remembered. He was born Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, became a British naval officer but chose love and a life of unflinching public service as the Queen's devoted consort
- Carla Zampatti; family always came first. Just weeks before Christmas, The Weekly were invited into her home for a deeply personal interview and photo shoot with her daughters and five of her grandchildren. No one could have imagined that this memorable day would be the iconic fashion queen's last major interview
- Investigation; miracles or myths? The truth behind the trillion dollar wellness industry.

### GALAH ISSUE 2

- This lovely magazine is full of beautiful pictures and wonderful stories of people living their lives doing what they love. You will dip in and out of this magazine many times over!

### FAMILY CIRCLE

- Celebrate the little things! 157 ideas to be cheery about, such as scrumptious easy meals for cooler days, one pot meals, slow cooker and pasta bake recipes. Plenty of sweet treats to fill the biscuit tin with...if they last that long! Also pages of fantastic craft ideas & projects to create, sewing, knitting, painting and printing! All here in this latest edition, pick up a copy today!

### INSIDE OUT

- Inspiration overload! 70+ pages of clever homes
- Ken Done; for 4 decades, his colourful signature style has made his work instantly recognisable and widely loved. In a new book about his life and career he reveals the fascinating stories behind some of his most famous works
- Renovation Revolution; how women renovators are changing everything! An online global community 'Build Her

collective' aims at empowering women to build or renovate their own properties with confidence.

### VOGUE LIVING AUSTRALIA

- Celebrating Australian Design, the land of many talents. Featuring the local creative stars of 2021 plus the ultimate shopping guide for interiors

### MARIE CLAIRE AUSTRALIA

- Australian of the Year, Grace Tame on survival, speaking out and starting a revolution
- Letters to Mum; if you could tell your mum anything, what would it be? In honour of Mother's Day, four prominent Australians write letters to the most special woman in their life.

### A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

*To be old and wise you must first be young and crazy! Permission to act however you want!*

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Merriwa Surgery would like to advise that the surgery will be closed from Monday May 3 until Wednesday May 5 inclusive. This is to make way for new flooring throughout the practice to be done. We apologise for the inconvenience.

**Megan Richards**

# Upper Hunter Shire Council

## MERRIWA TO WILLOW TREE ROAD – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR REHABILITATION CONSTRUCTION

Council engaged GHD Pty Ltd in January to prepare the detailed design and preparation of tender documentation for the rehabilitation construction of Coulsons Creek Road (MR358) CH 36.2 to CH39.6 to achieve the safe travel of B-Doubles vehicles along this section. GHD's work includes the preparation and submission of all reports, drawings, technical and other documentation as required.

The project is now at a point where Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited from organisations wishing to be pre-registered to tender for the proposed construction contract or be nominated as a preferred geotechnical subcontractor for Coulson Creek Road (MR358) – Rehabilitation Construction 39/2021. Included in this is the option of Early Tenderer Involvement (ETI), which will allow both GHD and Council to gain valuable input on aspects of the project such as specific design elements (pavement, geotechnical, stormwater and hydrology and structures), constructability and cost validation.

The EOI period closes 10.00am May 6 2021, which is available on Tenderlink For any further information regarding this please contact Gavin Newton-Smith 65401100.

## MERRIWA TO WILLOW TREE ROAD – TRAFFIC OFFENCES

The MR358 Merriwa to Willow Tree Road has been closed to all traffic since January 21 2021 due to the current risk of landslip in some sections, with signs of movement including cracking observed in both lanes which has continued to worsen.

The closure has been undertaken to ensure the safety of road users, based on geotechnical advice.

Despite all reasonable attempts to stop public vehicles entering the site, some have continued to disregard signage, move concrete and water filled barriers and cut chains and locks.

Therefore Council will be installing surveillance devices this week to record all vehicles illegally entering the site. The collected information will be handed to the relevant authorities for processing.

Council apologises for the inconvenience to the road users and the community, however safety of the community is paramount and persons damaging these safety barriers are potentially

harming themselves and other road users.

The alternative route for motorists wanting to travel this road will be via the New England Highway and the Scone to Merriwa Road with expected additional travel time being approximately 30 minutes (44 kilometres).

## REST AND RECOUP IN MERRIWA

Construction has commenced on a new Driver Reviver facility in Merriwa. Upper Hunter Shire Council applied for the project funding under the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and received \$150,000 to undertake the works.

The Driver Reviver plans were put on display for community feedback in May last year and will be built at Merriwa Park on the corner of King George V Ave and Quigley Street Merriwa.

Once the new facility has been completed, which is approximately 32m2 and constructed of Colourbond and cladding on a concrete slab, the old facility will be demolished.

The Driver Reviver will have a hand washing basin, security roller shutters and a covered outside aluminum bench seats and table. The new location will increase safety and parking opportunities, and create a space for tourists to stop and visit the town.

Merriwa Rotary Club and members of the community have been working closely with Council to ensure the project will meet the needs of the Merriwa community.

## MERRIWA AND CASSILIS 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
- Bunnan Bridge to Kars Springs construction works
- Bettington Street footpath construction works
- Driver Reviver slab profiles and set out
- Regional roads, heavy patching.
- Maintenance to Oval 1 canteen.
- Cassilis Hall, ladies toilet demolition
- Action requests as required

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

Middle Creek Road

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Information and photos courtesy of the book 'Coals to Newcastle' also photos taken along the line.

Photo 1,2,3 early work at #3 tunnel.

Photo 4 bridge beam being raised into position.

Photo 5 rail line stockpiled at Denman.

Photo 6 Readymix Crushing plant at Bylong quarry.

Photo 7 blasting at Bylong quarry to win rock for the crusher.

Photo 8 the SUM1000 tracklaying machine at #3 tunnel at Bylong.



James Constable



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 Get involved in influencing decisions on matters that affect the whole local community  
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**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 660, this week it jackpots to \$480.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$1300.00 was not won the number was 722, this week it jackpots to \$1350.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$120.00 was not won the number was 329 this week it jackpots to \$140.00. **LTPS/19/36118**

The Sunday Morning Members Badge Draw for \$850.00 was not won last week the number was 142, this week it jackpots to \$900.00 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.**

For every pint sold between February and June 30, the RSL Club will be donating \$1.00 to help with Miranda Boland's recovery.

**Entertainment** – Friday March 26 live entertainment in the main lounge from 8.30pm.

**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, 10.00pm and 11.30pm.

### **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 12.00/2.00pm, Dinner Monday – Saturday 6.00/8.00pm

**Matt Morgan**

## **Merriwa Sports Club**

We had a great night on Saturday after the races, the band was amazing and everyone looked like they were having a wonderful time! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the event, as always, we appreciate the support and patronage.

### **THURSDAY NIGHT POOL AND DARTS**

We had a great turn out to darts this week, unfortunately not so many for pool but everyone who was there Thursday night had a fantastic time. Congratulations to Matt Mead on winning this weeks competition. Hope to see more and more people there every week. Only \$5 entry for each competition, winner takes the lot!

### **SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLES**

Come along and enjoy our Saturday night raffles. 10 meat trays and 5 fruit and veg trays up for grabs!! Raffle starts at 7:30pm

Members' Badge Draw draw this week, any time between 6.30-8.30pm. Members draw not won this week, jackpots to \$500. Must be here to win it.

### **HAPPY SATURDAY**

All day every Saturday we will be hosting Happy Saturday! \$5.00 beers, \$5.00 house spirits, \$5.00 wine. ALL DAY.

Our bowling and golfing areas are looking absolutely amazing, why not come in for a social game of lawn bowls or golf? We have a great outdoor area for kids to run around in, ask the friendly bar staff for a use of the footy or cricket gear. Contact the Sports Club on 6548 2028 or Brendan Cowell on 0427 027 891 for more information or bookings.

### **CLUBS OPENING HOURS**

Mondays 3.30pm

Tuesday 3.30pm

Wednesday 3.30pm

Thursday 3.30pm

Fridays 3.30pm

Saturdays 12.00pm

Sundays 12.00pm

### **HONKI HAUS RESAURANT**

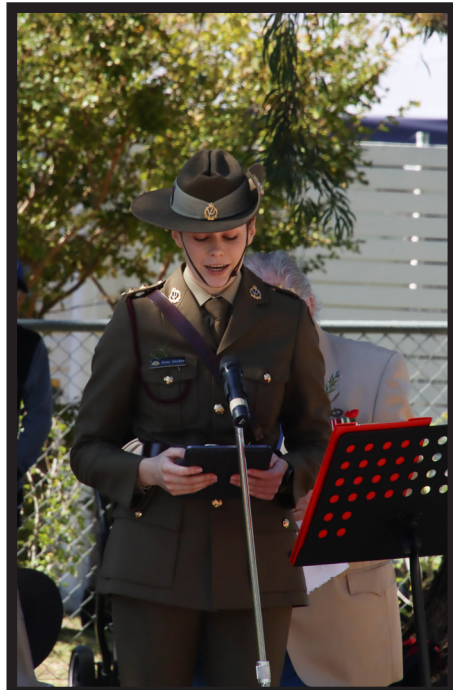
Honki Haus now doing lunch time specials on a weekend. Come on in for a delicious meal, whether it's for lunch or dinner. Honki Haus Restaurant closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Open for dinner Wednesday to Saturday 4.30pm to 8.00pm. Sunday dinners 4.30pm to 7.00pm. Open for lunch Saturday and Sunday 12noon to 2.00pm.

For bookings and take away – 0460 817 606.

**Brendan Cowell**

# ANZAC Day March





# Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club

Friday night kicked off our 2021 Magpies Junior league season with the GLT tag sides playing, Congratulations to all 3 teams and can't wait to see how your season goes.

Saturday then saw our Tackle sides head to Scone for an early start, I have heard that all teams had a fantastic day!

See you all at training again this week and looking forward to seeing you all at Singleton for next weeks games.

Would like to thank our committee, coaches and volunteers for all your help. Our club can't run without your help.

**Kacie Neale**

## UNDER 6'S

The under 6's arrived in Scone very eager and excited for their first ever game. Merriwa fielded two teams with some players playing in both games.

Tackling was definitely the highlight with some strong defence on display. Most players scored a try and coach Jason definitely had his work cut out for him directing them on the field.

It was noticeable how much the kids skills, confidence and understanding of the game improved throughout the morning, with some players leading the way for those still learning the ropes.

Everyone is looking forward to the game next weekend in Singleton and we will see everyone at training on Tuesday at 4.00pm.



**Kylie Armstrong**



## UNDER 7'S

The Under 7's had an early start for Round 1 with a 8.30am kickoff. All players showed up keen for their first game. They played a great game scoring a total of 9 tries. Tries were scored by Charlie Barry (7) Cj Thompson (1) and

Myles Hvirf (1) Some great tackles were made but we look forward to improving these skills in the coming weeks. See you all at training this week.

## UNDER 9'S

What a great start to the season for our Under 9's Magpies.

With a lot of kids missing out last year (due to COVID), they have come back in full force and will definitely be a team to contend with once again.

It was great to see the kids back on the field, and working together as a team.

They defended well and held their own, with just a few things to work on throughout the year.

I couldn't be more proud of how they played with all the new learnings Under 9's bring.

Congrats to one of our newest team members Logan for receiving player of the match.

Let's go magpies.



**Ben Wallace**

## UNDER 12'S GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

For the first game of league tag the Under 12's were excited and nervous but the smiles on their faces was more than enough. As they took to the field they were focused on the game ahead. Although the opposition were older and had previous experience this did not effect them in any way. They played extremely well and played as a team. They talked to each other and never gave up. It was a loss in the end but they all had fun and can't wait till their next game.



Michelle Loft

## UNDER 11'S

What a great start to 2021 Under 11's Merriwa Magpies Season, Was good seeing all the kids with massive smiles on there faces ready to play football. All the kids were keen to play and to get out on the field. Massive shout out to Matt and Stevie for being by the kids side. The kids all played a awesome game and all played as a team. The score was close and didn't bother the kids as they enjoyed being out there. Score was 18-14 other way. With Rylan scoring three tries and receiving Players player of the match. Thanks to all the Parents and Family's that came along and cheered the Boys and Girls on during the game. Bring on Great Footy Season.



Denica Nutt

## UNDER 16'S

On Friday nights the Under 16's League Tag girls braved the cold and took to the field for their first game of the season. In the sheds before the game you could feel the nerves building as a lot of the girls hadn't played football in over a year due to the COVID break. By the time kick-off came around the nerves had settled and the girls were ready to hit the park, and it didn't take long for the girls to get in the groove. An early double to Brooklyn Blackadder (who finished with 6 on the night), followed up by a sneaky try from Josie Porter got us off to a fantastic start. Not only were the girls on fire in attack, their defence was impenetrable. The girls held Great-Branxton out for the whole game. Other tries went to Mia Jacobs and Ashleigh Loft. The final score for the game, 48-0, with a big game against Aberdeen this weekend, it is sure to be a thriller.

Lachlan Vaughan

## Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

The 2021 season is kicking off this weekend, with our first game being at Murrurundi on Saturday May 1. League Tag kicking off at 2.00pm, followed by Reserve Grade at 3.00pm.

It feels like a lifetime since we played and hopefully that year off gives the Magpies a good enough break to be fresh and ready to play hard.

Our following game will be on Saturday May 8, at home. League Tag, Merriwa v Murrurundi at 2.00pm and Reserve game, it will be Merriwa v Muswellbrook at 3.00pm.

Before we begin our season, the Magpies would like to thank our 2020/2021 sponsors.

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LETS GO MAGPIES!

Jessyca Morgan

# Merriwa Progress Association

## UPPER HUNTER CANDIDATES FORUM

The Merriwa District Progress Association has arranged a public forum to give enrolled voters the opportunity to meet candidates for the upcoming State by-election for the seat of Upper Hunter.

The meeting will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday May 5 2021 in the Merriwa RSL Club auditorium.

Each of the ten candidates will be given the opportunity to make a short presentation to the meeting and to answer questions from the floor.

Enrolled voters are encouraged to attend to find out what issues each candidate considers important for the Merriwa district so they can make an informed decision on election day.

As the seating capacity of the auditorium is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, please email [merriwaprogress@gmail.com](mailto:merriwaprogress@gmail.com) to indicate your intention to attend.

If you are unable to attend, the Forum will be 'live-streamed' on the MyMerriwa Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/mymerriwa2/>

Stephen Gowlland

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FOR THE STATE

## UPPER HUNTER BY-ELECTION

The Merriwa District Progress Association presents the candidates for the Upper Hunter by-election on May 22, 2021 to the local community to better understand how each candidate will serve the Merriwa district.

**6.00pm Wednesday May 5, 2021**

**MERRIWA RSL CLUB AUDITORIUM**

**WHO WILL YOU VOTE FOR?**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the RSL auditorium is only permitted to hold 90 people, so book early to avoid disappointment.

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**Friday 14 May** – Closed Scone Cup public holiday  
**Friday 21 May** – Tie-dye  
**Friday 28 May** – Spotlight

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