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# A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

## SANDY HOLLOW TO ULAN RAILWAY PART 2



Continuing on from last weeks Sandy Hollow to Ulan rail line, the reason for the line, the Ulan Coal mine.

It appears that coal was first discovered at Ulan in the early 20th century at the outlet of a wombat hole but nothing was done about exploration until early 1919. Not a great deal happened, with some coal being mined for local use. Mudgee, from 1920's to 1930's had a fairly large gasworks and this gasworks kept the mine going for some considerable time. In the 1950's, the coal leases were sold to Ulan County Council to utilise Ulan coal. The Electricity Commission took over and built the power station and called for tenders in the 1950's to supply 50 tons a day and was signed on February 2, 1956.

In 1976, the new owners of the Ulan Coal mine completed an exploration programme which confirmed the mines potential to supply the export market with high quality coal. Further studies indicated that the proven reserves would be best exploited by a combination of open cut mining methods and treatment in a coal

preparation plant.

However, transportation to the coast would not be economical using the existing rail route from Gulgong to Newcastle via Werris Creek, and so the developers proposal to recommence construction of the abandoned Ulan to Muswellbrook route in principal by the NSW Government in 1980.

From the commencement of work on the rail line and then the mine opening, people from the Merriwa district have found employment with people like the Houlahan's on the rail line in the early days through to the later works, Paul Fitzpatrick was contracted to supply fuel along the line because of his smaller vehicle, larger vehicles were 'nt able to reach some of the sites. The Nutts had trucks hauling coal at Ulan. The mine employs workers from this area so over the



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# Merriwa Central School

## Principal's Report

Congratulations to our primary students who competed at Zone Cross Country in Muswellbrook on Monday. Thank you to Ms Higgins for supervising the students at the event, from all reports they had a fantastic day.

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Information has been sent home in regard to our Kinder-Year 12 athletics carnival on Friday. Please take the opportunity to read the advice about the organisation for the day for primary and secondary students.

### CASUAL TEACHER SHORTAGE

In the first weeks of term we have had a number of staff on sick leave and have been unable to secure casual staff. Staff are doing their very best to cover their absent colleagues, however they are going above and beyond to ensure all classes are covered. You may recall earlier in the year staff took industrial action to highlight the issue of the casual teacher shortage which unfortunately is occurring across the State. I have been in contact with our Director Daniel Hurd to seek assistance with this urgent staffing matter.

### SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL

It is important that students, parents and pedestrians take care at drop-off and pick up time. It is a busy time of the day and the last thing we need is a child to be injured coming or leaving school.

Foot scooter, skateboard riders should always wear an approved helmet, properly fitted and fastened. Bicycle helmets with a standards approved sticker, properly fitted and fastened provide the best head protection.

Could parents remind your child to be considerate of pedestrians. Your child should keep to the left and ride in a courteous manner that does not cause other road users to react suddenly. They need to slow down or walk in busy areas. They should also avoid using foot scooters, skateboards on roads.

**Darren Noonan**  
Principal

## Primary

### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to parents and staff for a wonderful evening last Tuesday. If for any reason parents missed the opportunity to meet with teachers, please don't hesitate to phone and make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher.

### SNAKE TAILS

Last Monday students had a special visit from Snake Tails. Students enjoyed the fascinating and engaging performance, creating a greater understanding of the role of our reptiles in the environment today and how to protect our Australian reptiles.



## Coming Events

| MAY                 |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>Friday 7</b>     | Athletics Carnival   |
| <b>Monday 10</b>    | Healthy Harold<br>Chess Excursion                          |
| <b>Tuesday 11</b>   | Healthy Harold   |
| <b>Wednesday 12</b> | Healthy Harold<br>Red Hill Environment<br>Education Centre |
| <b>Thursday 13</b>  | Red Hill Environment<br>Education Centre                   |
| <b>Friday 14</b>    | Red Hill Environment<br>Education Centre                   |
| <b>Wednesday 19</b> | Raw Challenge  |



**Year 1- Tyson Borg** for excellent improvement in reading



**Year 2/3 - Isabella Campbell** for her beautiful honey bee artwork!

### ASSEMBLY

Thank you to parents and guests who attended our school assembly last Friday. It was a fantastic afternoon acknowledging the student achievements, as well as commemorating ANZAC day. Our next Kinder-Year 6 Assembly will be Friday May 14 (Week 4) at 2.15pm.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

**Kindergarten - Jackson Douglas** for his application during learning tasks and his effort and improvement in reading



**Year 3/4 - Bella Telfer** for improvement in all areas



**Year 4/5 - Eleyce Davis** for working extremely hard during our Minecraft portraits



**Year 5/6 - Tianah Cousins** for her amazing dedication she shows towards her writing.



## CLASS OF THE WEEK

Last week teachers were keeping an eye on the class that was displaying positive behaviour and attention during the Snake Tails show. Year 3/4 were noticed listening beautifully and asking well-thought questions. Christian Boromeo



and Grace Campbell accepted the award on behalf of Year 3/4. Well done!

**Emma Garbellini**  
Relieving  
Infants Assistant  
Principal

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### ISAAC CONSTABLE

**FAVOURITE SUBJECT:** PDH/PE because the practical lessons are always fun... and the theory lessons are sometimes fun

**BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** I won the whole school colouring-in competition in primary last year

**CAREER ASPIRATIONS:** I'm not sure right now but I want to do something that is really fun and makes me happy

**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** I like to play games (video games like APEX Legends) and listen to music (I love the song Human by Rag'n'Bone Man)

**YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT:** Isaac is a capable and dedicated student. He is considerate of others and works well with his peers. Isaac is diligent and focused across his classes and is highly engaged and interested in his learning. Isaac is a kind, generous and attentive individual – who is only too happy to listen to and assist others.

**Hannah Waters- Year Advisor**



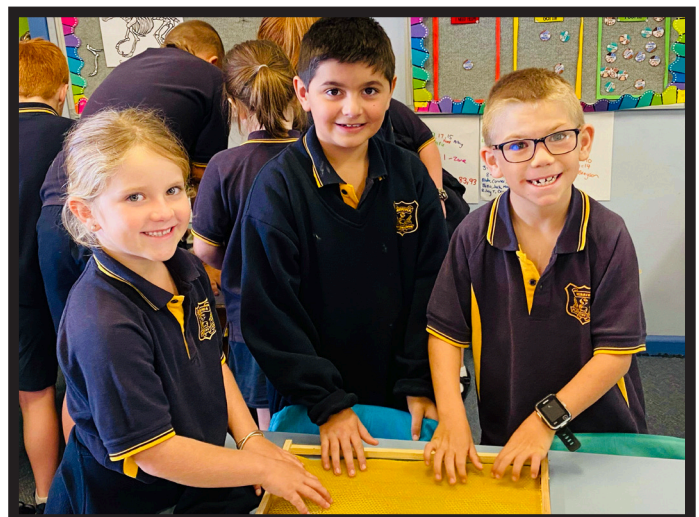
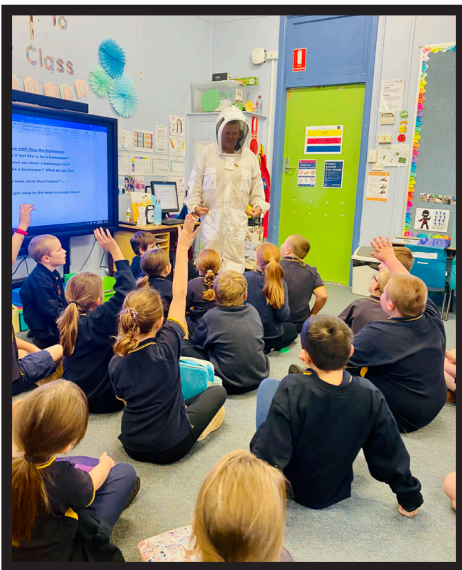
## YEAR 2/3'S VISIT WITH A BEEKEEPER

In class this term, Year 2/3 students have been learning all about honey bees. We have read a variety of texts about the fascinating little creatures and students have written detailed descriptions and information reports, sharing all that they have learnt about honey bees.

Last Thursday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from a local beekeeper, our very own Tina Taylor! The students were buzzing with excitement when she arrived and were thrilled to see her beekeeping suit and equipment. We learnt so much about honey bees and beekeeping, and students were delighted to have all of their many questions answered.

After a fascinating chat, everyone was able to investigate Tina's beekeeping equipment. Students were able to look closely at a bee box, bee hive wax, a smoker and more. We even found a pupa in the fresh honeycomb Tina brought in for us to see! Another highlight of the morning was when we were able to try on the beekeeping suit, it was surprisingly heavy!

Year 2/3 would like to thank Tina for coming in to chat with us and for going above and beyond to make our visit with a beekeeper so special.



# Secondary

## CHS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

Last Thursday (April 29), saw four students (Dylan Keane, Alyssa Carrall, Mia Jacobs and Jye Byfield) from Merriwa Central School attend the CHS Swimming Championships at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre. This was the first time any student had swam or been to the complex and it was an eye-opening experience for all of them. The students represented the school proudly and showed excellent determination throughout their event.

The students swam in the Mixed Open Central Schools 4x50 Freestyle Relay against another ten central school teams. Merriwa Central School ended up placing 6th out of the 11 teams. The students were up against some much older competition and have done extremely well to place where they have. All students swam their personal best times and that is all that can be asked of them. Congratulations to Jindabyne Central School for taking out the event.



**Keirra Hourn  
Class Teacher**

### Primary Campus Lunch Order Menu

| Item   | Cost      | Quantity |
|--|-----------|----------|
| Pizza Ham and Pineapple  | \$3.50    |          |
| Mini pies Beef X 4   | \$3.00    |          |
| Chicken tender wrap – with lettuce/cheese mayo <b>or</b> sweet chili sauce | \$3.50    |          |
| Chicken fingers X 8  | \$3.50    |          |
| Spaghetti Bolognese  | \$3.50    |          |
| Chicken Soup   | \$3.50    |          |
| Toasted sandwich   |           |          |
| Cheese   | \$2.00    |          |
| Cheese/ham   | \$3.00    |          |
| Ham/cheese/tomato  | \$3.50    |          |
| Chill J sparkling fruit juice  |           |          |
| Blackcurrant   | \$2.00    |          |
| Raspberry  | \$2.00    |          |
| Grape  | \$2.00    |          |
| Watermelon   | \$2.00    |          |
| Orange passionfruit  | \$2.00    |          |
| Flavoured milk   |           |          |
| chocolate  | \$2.00    |          |
| strawberry   | \$2.00    |          |
| Fruit juice popper   | \$2.00    |          |
| Bottled water  | \$1.00    |          |
| Sauce Tomato or barbecue   | \$0.40    |          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$</b> |          |

### Recess Order Menu

| Item                   | Cost      | Quantity |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Mini chicken wrap      | \$1.00    |          |
| Meatballs              | \$0.50    |          |
| Pizza scrolls          | \$0.50    |          |
| Cupcake                | \$0.50    |          |
| Fresh fruit cup        | \$1.00    |          |
| Garlic bread           | \$0.60    |          |
| Jelly cup              | \$0.60    |          |
| <b>RECESS SPECIALS</b> |           |          |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$</b> |          |

It has been a successful long season for the swimmers at Merriwa Central School and I encourage all students that are interested in swimming to join the local swim club next season to help build on the successes achieved in 2021.

Results are below:

| Place | School     | Association | Time    |
|-------|------------|-------------|---------|
| 1     | Jindabyne  | SC          | 2:03.85 |
| 2     | Coolamon   | R           | 2:04.89 |
| 3     | Braidwood  | SC          | 2:08.58 |
| 4     | Trundle    | W           | 2:09.55 |
| 5     | Hillston   | R           | 2:13.46 |
| 6     | Merriwa    | Hunter      | 2:14.83 |
| 7     | Walcha     | NW          | 2:15.52 |
| 8     | Boorowa    | W           | 2:17.82 |
| 9     | Yeoval     | W           | 2:24.94 |
| 10    | Bingara    | NW          | 2:34.98 |
| 11    | Woodenbong | NC          | 2:40.27 |

**Matt Dean  
Head Teacher VET**



**RURAL YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

On April 25, I went to Sydney as a Rural Youth Ambassador. The Rural youth Ambassadors are run by Rural Inspire, and their ultimate goal is to provide opportunities to young people in Rural areas. We were the first NSW Rural Youth Ambassadors and all of us come from Rural towns within NSW. The Victorian program has been running for over 10 years. The goal for us Rural youth Ambassadors, however, was to bring light to rural issues within schools and solutions to these issues.



Since June of last year, we identified four issues within rural schools: Teacher retention, Mental health, Opportunities within schools, and life after school. During our time in Sydney we saw a range of politicians and programs for young people, some of which had worked in our community such as the COVID Tutoring. We saw a range of Bureaucrat and the Australian Business and Community Network, and even Minister of Education for NSW, Sarah Mitchell. Although I don't have to time to expand on our solutions in-depth, rest assured that this program was truly valuable. I can't believe I actually ad the opportunity to make a difference and explore what it's like to be a young person in a rural area, with people who can make the changes needed. My peers and I will treasure this opportunity for years to come.

One day hope to have the opportunity to be an Alumni and provide the support the program needs to keep running. Jemma Walsh was once a part of this program, and without her we would have never got to Sydney. Alumni coming back and helping young people reach the heights they can is what was most enlightening to me. A big thank you to Phil Brown as well, we couldn't have done it without you.

Although this trip was hard work and a big commitment through Year 11, and now Year 12, it was most definitely worth it. Any Student in Year 10 or below should consider applying for this program in Year 11. Only we can change the school experience for rural students in a meaningful way. I'm sure you all have issues with your education, this is your chance to be heard. For anyone also looking at University, this program is great for early entry and will help with any application you make. These opportunities will allow you to have a voice and be heard. Saying yes to opportunities has opened a range of possibilities for myself, so say yes and see where it leads.



**Harrison Amidy**



## CAREER NEWS

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<https://sydneyfilmschool.edu.au/diploma-of-screen-and-media/>

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<https://www.studyabroad.com/>

### 6 Pandemic-fighting STEM Careers in Public Health

In the last year the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has turned the world as we know it upside down.

The virus, originating in China, has spread to almost 200 countries and six continents – and has already claimed 30,000+ lives.

Helping to minimise the spread and flatten the curve is everyone's job, but there are a number of specialised STEM professionals working harder than ever to find cures, treat patients and mine valuable data.

Here, we look at six STEM + health careers dedicated to fighting COVID-19 from the front line.

[https://careerswithstem.com.au/stem-careers-in-public-health/?utm\\_source=Refraction+Media&utm\\_campaign=4412ea6283-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_04\\_04\\_COPY\\_03&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_20dc88b9ea-4412ea6283-148898187&mc\\_cid=4412ea6283&mc\\_eid=5a58dfdde9](https://careerswithstem.com.au/stem-careers-in-public-health/?utm_source=Refraction+Media&utm_campaign=4412ea6283-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_04_04_COPY_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_20dc88b9ea-4412ea6283-148898187&mc_cid=4412ea6283&mc_eid=5a58dfdde9)

### International Science School

In 2021, due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Sydney is unable to welcome the usual amazing cohort of talented, enthusiastic science students to the Professor Harry Messel International Science School.

But if the students can't come to us ... then we're taking the ISS to them — ISS is going online!

For one week, from Monday 5 July to Friday 9 July this year, we will gather 120 of Australia's top secondary science students in years 11-12 for inspiring talks by leading researchers, interactive activities run by the University of Sydney's amazing science outreach team, and a bunch of other events to get your brain firing and help you meet like-minded people from across the nation.

It's going to be a great week.

So get your application in by FRIDAY 7 MAY for your chance to take part in this year's ISS Online.

Apply here: [https://iss.formstack.com/forms/iss\\_online\\_21](https://iss.formstack.com/forms/iss_online_21)

Details here: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/science/industry-and-community/community->

engagement/international-science-school.html

### **What is forensic science really like?**

What's it really like to have that dream job you've been eyeing off? We've found out for you and are busting myths about some hard-to-pin-down careers in STEM. Professor Shari Forbes dishes the decomposing dirt on forensic science, and it's nothing like CSI. <https://careerswithstem.com/mythbusting-jobs-forensic-scientist/>

### **Total College Farming and Agriculture Fee Free Traineeships**

Training blocks blend group-based, classroom learning with practical skills and hands-on exercises. Trainees also visit commercial farms in NSW and learn from industry professionals.

#### **Trainee wage subsidies:**

Any business or Group Training Organisation that engages an Australian Apprentice between 5 October 2020 and 30 September 2021 may be eligible for a subsidy of 50 per cent of wages paid to an apprentice for a 12-month period from the date of commencement, to a maximum of \$7,000 per quarter. Click here for more information.

- Trainees get nationally accredited training and qualifications while being paid to work in the industry they love.
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Our trainers are qualified and experienced in training and assessment for the farming community, and sympathetic to the needs of trainees, employers and their industries.

Training consists of up to 6 week-long study blocks on campus either at Paterson or Yanco. The Paterson campus includes commercial farming operations in the Hunter Valley and offers a residential, block release program for trainees. The program offered by Yanco campus is flexible and include a mix of residential, on-farm and online delivery options.

More information about traineeships offered by Total College can be found here <https://www.total.nsw.edu.au/courses/traineeships>

### **BBM Global Industry Scholarships - Take Leading Aussie Agriculture to the World Scholarships Applications for 2022 open in April 2021.**

The BBM Global Agriculture Scholarship is your opportunity to go overseas, to follow your

passion, explore the possibilities and create the career you love. To apply for an Agricultural scholarship, you need to have (or be completing) your Certificate IV.

Total has a long history of Cert IVs applying and being successful with this scholarship. If you are interested, we can connect you with past applicants to talk about where they went, what they did and how that has helped them.

<https://www.bbm.asn.au/>

Apply here: <https://www.bbm.asn.au/global-industry-scholarships/apply-now/>

### **NECA Electrical Practice Tests**

NECA have put together resources to help Students prepare for Aptitude tests in the electrical Industry.

To be an electrician requires you have to be able to make calculations relating to electrical design. It is important to have a good understanding of sums, algebra, geometry and trigonometry. Working with Electrical can be hazardous when miscalculations occur.

Geometry comes into play when calculating cross sectional areas of cables and algebra is used when calculating current (Amps) and electrical loads.

Trigonometry comes into play when you start to look at capacitance and magnetism.

Below we have listed a number of link to Aptitude tests, we strongly recommend you practice these tests prior to sitting your aptitude Exam.

Practice Tests: <https://bit.ly/3dG3uTu> <https://bit.ly/2Us6r2p> <https://www.necatrainng.com.au/maths-in-the-electrical-trade/>

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

**Jane Hegarty  
Careers Advisor**



# St Joseph's Primary School

## HERE'S A CLUE ABOUT YEARS 1 AND 2

It has already been a busy but productive start back to Term 2 in Stage One. This term students will be engaged in a range of classroom learning activities as well as a number of whole school events including, our school athletics carnival, the initial planning of our 2021 school play, Catholic Schools week, Reconciliation week, Vinnies Day and School Camp draft and Fete.

Our English studies have been focused on informative texts. Students have been developing their knowledge of the difference between real and make-believe and between a fact and an opinion. During this term, students will have a large focus on vowel digraphs (2 letters, making one sound) though explicit phonics instruction. Explicit phonics instruction is important for students learning to read, decode texts and when writing their own texts.

So far in Maths this term, we have learnt about whole number, and 3D objects. Students thoroughly enjoyed learning about both of these topics by engaging in hands on activities. Last week students finished off their maths by using a range of materials including playdough, Lego and magnets, to build and explore 3D objects and their properties. This week students will be learning about addition and subtraction, specifically how to use a range of strategies to solve questions and word problems.



In religion, students have begun learning about the Jewish people and their special relationship with God. They have and will continue to learn about ways that the Hebrew Scriptures

describes God's presence in the lives of people who lived at the time. Following this, Stage One will begin to develop their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Sacraments. This will be focused on learning about Baptism, the initial Sacrament of Initiation into the Church community.

In Stage 1 students have been investigating how materials can be changed, manipulated and combined. Students will follow the design process to create objects by manipulating and combining materials. The students will make predictions and observe and record their results.



Years 1 and 2 are examining how the present, past and future are signified by terms indicating time such as 'a long time', 'then and now', 'now and then', 'old and new', 'tomorrow', as well as

by dates and changes that may have personal significance, such as birthdays, celebrations and seasons. Students will identify days, holidays, events celebrated by other students and their families. They will explore and experience cultural differences in the days celebrated.

Infants have been busy working together to create dramatic plays using sculptures as the characters. After reading the text, *Possum Magic* by Mem Fox, students created sculptures representing either an Australian animal or an Australian food.

**ST JOSEPH'S THE WORKER DAY**

Last Friday, our school celebrated St Joseph's the Worker Day. Parents, carers, friends and the wider community were invited in to an open day. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day with a special thanks to Melissa Bates, Jaleesa Wallace, Katie Cowan, Cassandra McLaren, Darren Marshall and Jason Bear for sharing their presentations with us as part of our day. We all had a terrific day and are already planning on next year's Open Day! We hope all of our families enjoyed being with us as much as we enjoyed having them!



**MOTHER'S DAY**

This week, we are celebrating Mother's Day with a breakfast barbeque and a whole school liturgy. Thank you to all those who gave their time to assist with our Mother's Day stall. Students have been busy at work in their classrooms creating their own little surprises to give out of Mother's Day.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

This week is Catholic Schools Week throughout Australia. We celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. Catholic Education is celebrating 200 years in Australia, marking the bicentenary of the first Catholic school established in Parramatta in October 1820. The first Catholic school in Australia 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. By 1833, there were 10 Catholic schools in the colony. Over 200 years, Catholic schools have grown to become the largest provider of schooling in Australia (outside government) with one in five school age students attending a Catholic school. This represents 777,000 students in 1,755 schools across the country and employing over 100,000 teachers and staff. We are privileged to be, but a small yet significant part of the history of Catholic Education in Australia.

**RECOGNITION FOR MRS PEEBLES**

On Monday, Mrs Peebles received her plaque and recognition for 25 years of service to Catholic Education.

20 of these, have been at St Joseph's Merriwa.

Thank you for everything you do, each and every day, Mrs Peebles and congratulations on



your achievement and dedication to your craft, the students and the families of the St Joseph's Merriwa community.

**Shykiah Walters** - for developing a positive attitude towards her writing

**Principal's Awards - Samuel Williams** – for an excellent effort in all subjects this week.

**Mr Ashley Borg**  
Principal



**Sammie Love**  
Stage 1 Teacher

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following award winners.

**Week Two - Strength Award – Self-Regulation**

**Kindergarten -Bradley Hanrahan** - for always applying himself to all tasks

**Ahana Diwadkar** - for trying her very best in everything that she does

**Stage 1 - Charlie Constable** – for his increased independence during writing tasks

**Archy Wallace** – for his ability to control his emotions and actions to benefit his learning

**Stage 2 - Fletcher Gardner** – for the pride he takes in his book work ensuring his writing is neat and beautifully presented.

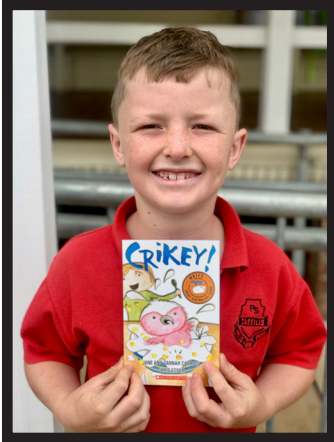
**Shyanne Beeney** - for her growing ability to regulate and take ownership of her own learning

**Stage 3 - Rihanna Hunt** -for always demonstrating a clam approach to life being able to self regulate



# Cassilis Public School

Both Ben and Gordie loved the walk up Split Rock and meeting new people. Cassilis looks forward to attending the camp again in 2022.



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK - PAUL

Paul has been voted the Student of the Week for his really positive attitude towards learning including giving everything a go.

He showed persistency all week with his classroom learning and

stayed on task.

Paul was very helpful and a great role model to other students encouraging them to follow school expectations.

Paul showed a very calm, responsible and sensible approach to the veggie garden and some fabulous areas in maths and mouse writing. He enjoyed improving his reading by doing lots of practice to improve fluency and comprehension.

He consistently wears his school uniform and is prepared for learning.

Congratulations Paul. You should feel very proud of your achievements and effort.



## YOUNG LEADERS OF THE WEST

What an amazing camp Ben and Gordie have had in the past three days.

Leadership talks, learning about how to improve our environment, fresh air, challenging but very rewarding hikes, movie making, games, yoga and making some new friends amongst 19 schools and

49 kids!

A brilliant and unique opportunity for our students. Thank you so much to the Warrumbungle NP Environmental Ed Centre.

You guys rock! Thanks Wes for the cool 360 degree shot.





### ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Awesome effort to our zone cross country runners, Olivia, Skye and Skylah.

You should feel very proud of how you ran the race yesterday at Muswellbrook.

### ATHLETICS TRAINING

Qualified athletics coach, Ernie Sluiter will be coming to Cassilis on Monday May 17 and 24 to teach the components of the various athletics track and field events.

Mrs Burgess, who is also a qualified coach, will be teaching sports sessions after Ernie's visits.

Don't forget that Pittman Cup Athletics Carnival is on Friday May 28 at Sandy Hollow. All families are encouraged to attend.

**Katie Burgess**  
Principal



# Sandy Hollow Public School

## CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

All students had a fantastic time at the Small Schools' Cross Country Carnival at Cassilis last Thursday. Most students came away with a place, and if they didn't, they tried their very best. Riley, Taylan and Eli qualified for Zone and will travel to Muswellbrook on Monday 3 May to compete against students from all over the Upper Hunter. Good luck boys! Sandy Hollow Public School was the overall winner of the day, and we are very proud to have the shield hanging in our school for the next 12 months! Many thanks to Cassilis Public School for organising the event, and also to the many parents who transported our students and came along to cheer us on! Well done to all SHPS students, your participation and sportsmanship on the day was outstanding.



**Mrs Jane Fuiono  
Principal**

## STRENGTH SUPERHERO

**Strength of the week:**

***Zest Approaching life with excitement and energy, living life as an adventure.***

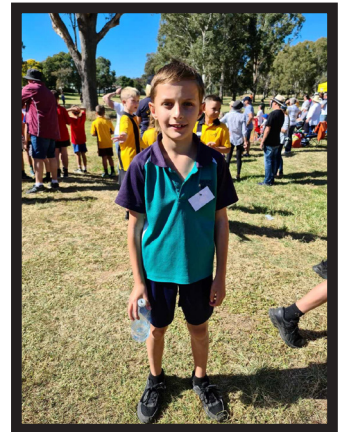
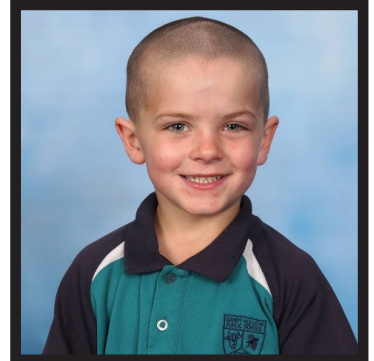
This week's focus strength is 'Zest'.

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 Nate.

## ZEST SUPER HERO

Nate was chosen for this award because he is always keen to try anything new and does so with enthusiasm.

**Well done, Nate!**



## ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Two students participated in the Zone Cross Country Carnival in Muswellbrook Monday May 3. Both boys ran extremely well, and one came in 9th place out of a very large group of runners. Well done boys!

## GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Our senior students attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Newcastle Monday May 3. They thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills which will help them in their role as leaders of the school. Thank you Mrs Parker for transporting and supervising the students.





### AWARDS

- Tyson - YCDI - Persistence - Perseverance in mathematical tasks.
- Zoe - Settling in beautifully to SHPS.
- Nate - YCDI - Persistence - always persevering with class work.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Taylan – encouraging others during whole-school sport



### SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK

Knox – demonstrating excellent sportsmanship at the Cassilis Cross Country



### GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Taylan

### BRONZE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Lucas

### TERM 1 ATTENDANCE AWARDS

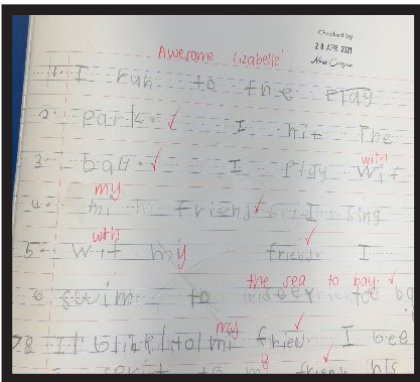
- Tanaya
- Lizabelle
- Henry
- Aubree
- Logan
- Hayden
- Attalica
- Leo

### TERM 1 HOMEWORK AWARDS

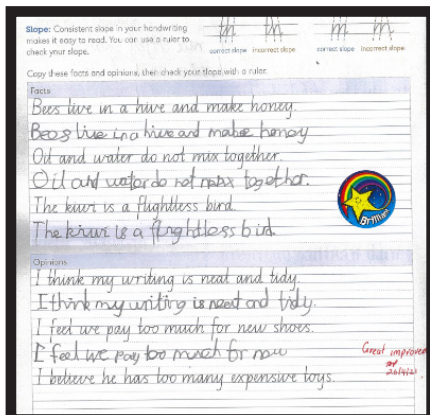
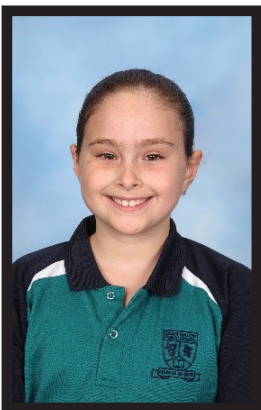
- Mya
- Tyson
- Attalica
- Eli
- Mikaela
- Leo
- Lizabelle
- Za'Kiah
- Henry
- Logan
- Lucas
- Hayden
- Aubree

### WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Lizabelle



Attalica



Jane Fuiono  
Relieving Principal



# Anglican News

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## REFLECTION - EASTER 6 - John 15:9-17

Last week gave us the image of a vine to express the intimacy between Jesus and his disciples. This week, Jesus draws on the image of a family to speak of his relationship with God as a father. Because this is such familiar language, we can forget that it is such familiar language, and we can forget that it is in fact an image. God is not a father, nor a vine-keeper, nor a shepherd. These are images drawn from life-experience to try to speak about God in ways familiar to our human experience.

The close love between a parent and child is the love Jesus says exist between himself and his disciples. Later he speaks of them as friends. There is in this passage a progression of relationships: God loves Jesus who loves disciples who are to love one another. The measuring stick for our relationship with God is our relationship with each other. Christians cannot draw into a pious cosy 'me and God' duet. Being at home with God requires that we open ourselves to be at home with others. Not an easy task!

Here is a saying 'absence makes the heart grow fonder' and this can be true

For God. It's easier to love the 'absent' God in a distant heaven than to love

God in our families, or workplaces or living in our streets. 'Love one another, as I have loved you'. Jesus loved to the point of giving his life. What are we asked to give to another – a listening ear, an hour of our time, a card or letter, a visit? 'What I command you is to love one another'. (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

**2021 IS THE CENTENARY YEAR OF ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.**

Rotary "Down Under" started a national celebration to mark this epic milestone in April with special projects across Australia and New Zealand to celebrate and mark the occasion. Many centenary projects are under way.

Following the foundation of Rotary International on the shores of Lake Michigan, Chicago in 1905, the organisation spread quickly across the USA, Canada and Britain.

Membership totalled 800,000 by 2021 when two special commissioners arrived in Australia from Canada. They met with World War hero, John Monash who agreed to accept charter membership of the first club....in Melbourne. John Monash maintained his involvement for many years. Further meetings with the Canadians were held in Sydney, Auckland and Wellington. All these cities launched Rotary clubs simultaneously and the organisation expanded rapidly.

Rotary Merriwa was launched over fifty years ago and continues to enjoy working for and being a part of our community.



**Mark Smith**

**The Merriwa Community News is available to charity groups or non-funded, not for profit organisations and anyone wishing to advise of a special event (birthday/anniversary/etc). If you would like to make use of this free service, please contact us before 12.00noon on Mondays.**

# Community Notice Board

## Merriwa Country Women's Association

### 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.

**Enquiries to:** Barbara Campbell on 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131 or Kim Clydsdale on 6548 2558 or 0421 910 658.

The CWA rooms are available for hire at very reasonable rates by contacting Kim Clydsdale on 6548 2558 or 0421 910 658.

**Kim Clydsdale**

## Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

### MERRIWA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING

We wish to invite all members and the community to attend our General Meeting to be held at 2.00pm on Friday May 21, 2021 to be held at the RSL Club. Unfortunately we can still not hold meetings at the MPS hence the RSL venue.

Thank you and hope to see you there.

**Elaine Sparrow**

## St David's Uniting Church

### PIE DRIVE

Our PIE DRIVE is back! Delivery Date is Tuesday June 22, 2021 – just in time for School Holidays.

Thompson's Pies are our providers and all items are pre-packaged, so will be COVID safe. Thompsons have supplied our Pie Drive items for the past 20 years and they are always a quality item.

Order Sheets will be out in the next week and can be accessed in various places around town, but if anyone is unable access a sheet, please contact Barbara Campbell on 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131.

**Barbara Campbell**

## Gummun Place Mother's Day Stall

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**

## Merriwa RSL Sub Branch

### TO THE PEOPLE OF MERRIWA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

We, the Merriwa RSL Sub Branch, would like to say a big thank you for your turnout on ANZAC Day, both for the Dawn and Main Services.

It was so good to see a really strong crowd and we thank you for helping and supporting us on this our day of days.

To help us out in the future, we are wanting to hold a sausage sizzle at the School of Arts on Voting Day, May 22. Please come along and enjoy.

Thank you once again.

**Bob Baihn**

### Quote for the Week

When it rains look for

**RAINBOWS**

When it's dark look for

**STARS**



# Community Notice Board

## Cooking Corner

### 5 MINUTE MICROWAVE TIM TAM FUDGE

**Prep Time:** 5 minutes

**Chilling time:** 3 hours

**Calories:** 201kcal

**Author:** Lucy - Bake Play Smile

#### Ingredients

- 395 g tin sweetened condensed milk
- 375 g milk chocolate
- 200 g Tim Tams roughly chopped

#### Instructions - Microwave Method

1. Grease and line a 20cm X 20cm square baking tin with greaseproof baking paper and set aside
2. Place the sweetened condensed milk and chocolate melts into a microwave safe bowl
3. Heat on 50% power in 30 second bursts, stirring each time with a dry metal spoon until just melted (this will take approximately 1-2 minutes)
4. Working quickly, stir through the chopped Tim Tams
5. Pour into the prepared tin and place into the fridge for 2-3 hours to set
6. Cut into small slices and serve.

#### Thermomix Method

1. Grease and line a 20cm X 20cm square baking tin with greaseproof baking paper and set aside
2. Place the sweetened condensed milk and chocolate into the TM bowl. Melt on 70 degrees, 3-4 minutes, Speed 2, or until just melted.
3. Working quickly, add the chopped Tim Tams and mix on Reverse, Speed 2, 15 seconds or until combined (use the spatula to assist).
4. Pour into the prepared tin and place into the fridge for 2-3 hours to set. Cut into small slices and serve.

#### Nutrition

Calories: 201kcal | Carbohydrates: 30g | Protein: 3g | Fat: 9g | Saturated Fat: 5g | Cholesterol: 2mg | Sodium: 69mg | Potassium: 76mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 25g | Vitamin A: 50IU | Calcium: 56mg | Iron: 1.4mg

## 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**

## Thank You

Thank you to Maria Cameron for the coffee and cupcakes supplied to the Men's Shed on the weekend at the showground.

Well done to all the people involved in the restoration of the main street footpaths.

**Hylt Cronin**

## St David's Uniting Church

St David's Uniting Church will be changing service time to 10.00am for the first, second, fourth and fifth Sunday. With Sunday school at 9.00am.

We will still meet at 6.00pm for the third Sunday each month, with no Sunday school on the evening service. "

**Karen Campbell**

# Business Merriwa Newsagency

**Congratulations to Thomas Luke for receiving the Spirit of St Joseph's Award in Term 1.**

**Well done Thomas!**

## BETTER HOMES AND GARDEN'S

- Pot Pies made easy! What makes a pie melt in the mouth good? A tender filling topped with perfectly delicious pastry does! Welcome to comfort food season with many tempting recipes to create for the cold evenings!
- Tool Talk; tips and tricks for three workshop favourites, the circular saw, belt sander and the essential tape measure
- Prepare the garden for winter with the top four jobs before your garden sleeps.

## FRANKIE

- The time is now, don't wait for a special occasion to use the things that make you happy! Wear your fancy shoes into town or down the road, write the shopping list on beautiful paper or take yourself out to lunch to that swish café you have always wanted to go. How 'bout it, seize the day today!
- Feasting on the cheap! Cupboards nearly bare and a hungry feeling in your tum? These five wallet friendly recipes use pantry staples to get you through.

## GARDENING AUSTRALIA

- Romancing the rose; the dreamiest blooms to add to your garden
- Think Big! While some want smaller trees, others prefer large trees that provide shade and beautiful autumn colour for generations
- Cut with confidence; your essential pruning guide. The do's and the don'ts of the chop chop!

## HORSES AND PEOPLE

- This great magazine is loaded with information, such as, when to seek a specialist for your horse, tips for buying a horse float to avoid problems down the track and dealing with rainwater runoff around stables and other horse facilities. Also a feature of the Best Horse Museums around the world to add to the 'Bucket List'

## GRAZIA

- 'Through the Hourglass', in a year where time slowed to an occasional standstill, our appreciation for beautiful timepieces is at an all time high. This issue includes as always, gorgeous fashion shoots and breathtaking jewellery page after page. This one is a keeper!

## AN OATMEAL STUDIOS MOMENT

- You're older but wiser...you are as young as you feel...You're not getting older. You're getting better. The fantasy lives on!

## BEANIE BOO

*My name is Milo.*

*When I come to the shore just to play, nearby swimmers will visit but I will never stay.*

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# Upper Hunter Shire Council

## 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 the closure.

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,

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).

### DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

Council has adopted the Delivery Program 2017/2018-2021/2022 and Operational Plan 2021/2022, which provides the details of how Council is going to fund and action the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027.

Upper Hunter Shire Council is responsible for delivering a wide range of services and facilities, so focusing on what is important to the community is key.

The community is being urged to comment on the Delivery Program and Operational Plan until 28 May. Residents can do this by:

- Attending a public meeting at Scone, Aberdeen, Cassilis, Merriwa, Moonan, Murrurundi
- In person during office hours at any of these Council offices:

135 Liverpool Street Scone

34-40 Vennacher Street Merriwa

47 Mayne Street Murrurundi

- Phone on 6540 1100
- Online at [upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)
- Email at [council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)
- Post to General Manager, PO Box 208, Scone NSW 2337

### Public meeting dates are as follows:

- Aberdeen - Aberdeen Community Hall - Wednesday May 12 2021 - 6.00pm-7.30pm
- Cassilis - Cassilis Community Hall - Monday May 17 2021 - 5.00pm-6.30pm
- Scone - Council Chambers - Monday May 10 2021 - 6.00pm-7.30pm
- Merriwa - Merriwa School of Arts - Monday May 17 2021 - 7.00pm - 8.30pm
- Moonan - Moonan Hall - Tuesday May 18 2021 - 6.00pm-7.30pm
- Murrurundi - CWA Rooms - Wednesday May 19 2021 - 6.00pm-7.30pm

### OUTCOMES OF COUNCIL MEETING 26 APRIL 2021

Donation to help Cassilis attract country music lovers.

Council has approved a donation of \$200.00 to Cassilis Bowling Club to assist with the running of their Cassilis Country Music and Campfire event on the October 2021 long weekend.

Cassilis Bowling Club has hosted the event on the October for the past four years. Last year it was not held due to COVID-19. The weekend is the second biggest event in the year for Cassilis and surrounding communities and provides a relaxing and family friendly country experience for locals and brings many visitors to the town.

Bow Rural Fire Service shed land acquired.

Council has endorsed the acquisition of half a hectare of land for a cost of \$1 from local business Alexander Downs Pty Ltd situated on the Golden Highway, Bow near Merriwa for the purposes of building a new Bow RFS Brigade Shed.

The land has been graciously donated to Council for the volunteer emergency service and Councillors passed on their appreciation to Alexander Downs.

For more information visit [upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

### 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
- Public toilet maintenance
- Bunnan Bridge to Kars Springs construction works
- Bettington Street footpath finalisation of ongoing works
- Driver Reviver ongoing works
- Regional roads, heavy patching.
- Maintenance to Oval 1 canteen.
- Action requests as required



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

Tunbridge Road  
Summerhill Road

## Merriwa Playgroup



Playgroup resumed for the term last week in the Library and boy there were lots of happy little faces!

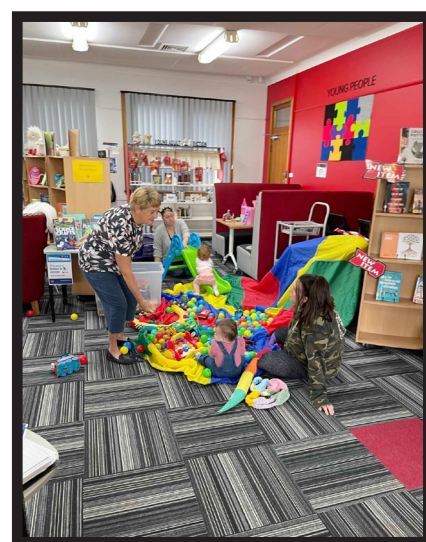
We were absolutely delighted to welcome some brand new bubs including baby Taj, Dakota and Lacey.

Thanks to a generous donation of woollen goods from the marvellous Merriwa CWA, all the children received a knitted beanie to keep them snug this winter!

Special thanks to Toni Gorlick for her fabulous 'tea party' activity last week complete with arrowroot biscuits and props as well as the very popular bunny rabbit theme for Easter. Your creativity and passion for craft is very much appreciated Toni. Thanks also to Deirdre Peebles for reading our story and leading us in our singing. How lucky we are to have such special volunteers like you two.

Our next playgroup is on Thursday May 13. As we move about sometimes, if you'd like to come along call or text Tash Taaffe (Community Services Officer) on 0458 574 015 to go on the playgroup text reminder list. You will receive a text the day before

playgroup letting you know where we will be meeting. All we ask for is a gold coin donation to go towards the craft materials and BYO morning tea.



Tash Taaffe


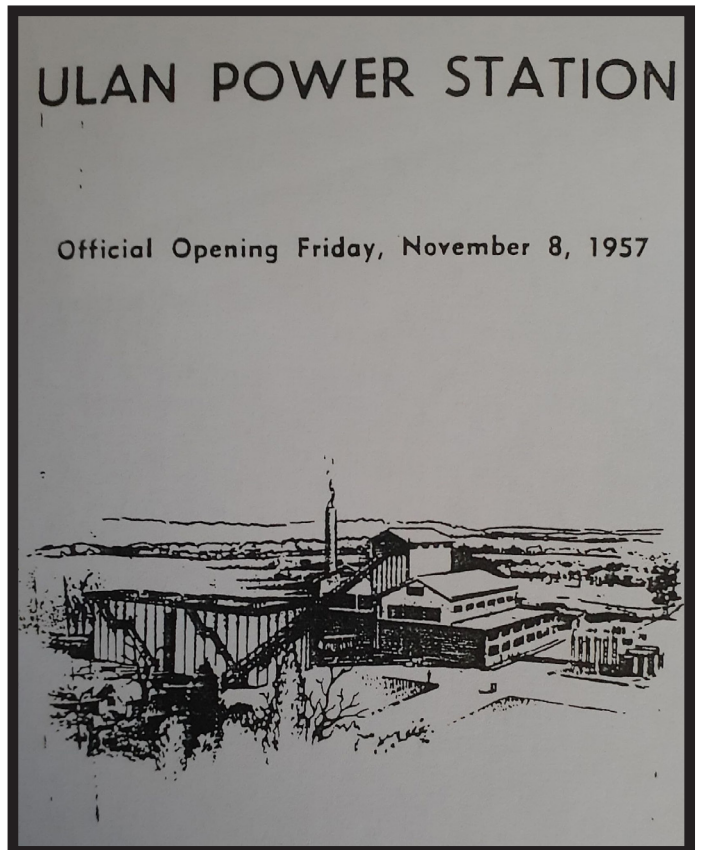
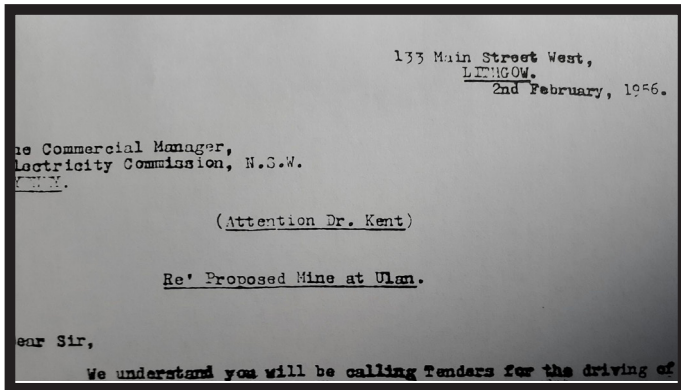
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**James Constable**



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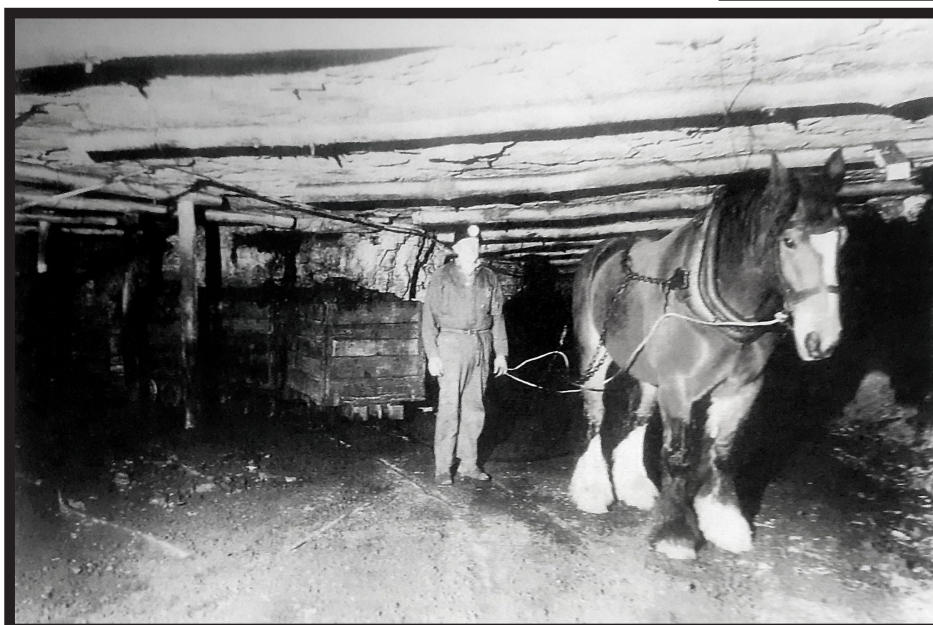
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# Clubs/Sports Merriwa RSL Club

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.

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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**

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### **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.

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**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

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**Brendan Cowell**

# Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club

Merriwa Junior Magpies hit the paddock again this week with our GLT Friday night another home game for our girls, then off to Singleton for our Junior tackle sides on Saturday. Everyone had great games, they all worked hard at training and are improving each week. Our magpies always play fair and have fun.

I would like to thank all our Player of the Week sponsors for coming on board and helping our Junior magpies out.

- U6's White - Cassilis Park
- U6's Black - The Sparrows Nest
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- U9's - Cory David Vero
- U11's - Eat @153
- U12's GLT - Welderup
- U14's GLT - Merriwa Engineering
- U16's GLT - LJ and CA Earthmoving and Engineering

Thank you all again for your support it is very appreciated!

Thank you to all our other sponsors as well.

Next weeks games for our Junior tackle sides are at Aberdeen. Our GLT sides have a bye.

**Kacie Neale**

## UNDER 6'S

Merriwa whites were all very excited for their second game and what an improvement it was from last week. There were some nice tries scored and also a special mention to William Sparrow for one of the best textbook bootlace tackles you will see. The player of the match went to a well deserving Ruby Urso who last week wasn't keen to get on the field and this week she scored some great tries and tried her very best.

Merriwa Black had a great game again this week with some great tries and awesome tackles! The payer of the week went to Nevaeh Peters, great job! Thank you Bernie Constable for running the kids this week.

**Merriwa Ringer**



**Jason Bear**

## 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

A great second game from our under 9s, They went in leading 4 tries to 3 at half time but unfortunately lost 4 tries to 7 in the second half.

Try scorers - Hudson Wallace (2) Archy Wallace (2)

Defence is what we will be working on at training this week.

Congratulations to Riley Tudor for getting player of the match with his great attack and defence.



**Ben Wallace**

## UNDER 11'S

Our U11's had a tough game this week against Denman but although the result wasn't in our favor they never gave up, they kept their heads high and they played fair. They should all be very proud of the effort they put in. Work hard at training and we will see you all at the next game!

### Denica Nutt

## UNDER 12'S GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

The girls came out of the change room this week with a whole new perspective of the game. They were hungry and in great spirits. They worked hard at training



and took in what had happened in round 1. Their opposition was on par with our girls this week so it was great to see some good competitiveness on the field. They worked as a team and got some points on the board. They tagged well

and ran well. Tries went to Lula, Annabelle, Grace and Amelia with the help from all players getting it closer to the try line. Unfortunately we lost but not by a lot. I'm very proud of the girls as in only a week they have improved so much.

Player of the Week for round 1 was Lula Peebles and Round 2 was Tianah Cousins.

Well done girls!

**Michelle Loft**

## UNDER 14'S GLT

Merriwa Under 14's played Aberdeen on Friday night, Aberdeen came away with the win but the Merriwa girls played well and should be proud of themselves. Mia Morgan scored the 2 tries of the game for Merriwa.

Mia Morgan was the Player of the Week this week.



**Amanda Thompson**

## UNDER 16'S

On Friday night the U16's League Tag girls versed the reigning premiers from last year's group Aberdeen. The girls were immediately on the back foot after Aberdeen scored two quick tries, but the girls did not let that kill their spirit.

Mia Jacobs crossed over in the left corner to get one try back after an excellent run.

Later in the first half the chemistry between Josie Porter and Brooklyn Blackadder led to a try under the posts to Brooklyn after a sneaky set play under the posts. Josie knocked the conversion over making the score at the half 10-8 in favour of the magpies girls. Aberdeen came out of half-time firing putting on a quick succession of tries boosting the score up to 26-10 with not long to go in the game.

The Merriwa girls were building pressure on their

**Merriwa Ringer**

# Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

Footy's back and I bet it felt good to be back, especially for the players who hadn't played since September 2019.

The League Tag game started slow and wasn't looking good with Murrurundi ahead 10-0, we soon changed that and came back to win 18-10. Great work, ladies. It was a hard game and there's areas we need to improve on, so let's get to training.

**Players player:** Taylah Blackadder

**Points:** Taylah - 9, Mackenzie - 5, Gaynor - 2 and Brodie H - 2.

In the Reserve Grade, it too started out slow, down 6-4 at half time. Merriwa came back with a try to lead for the first time, 10-6, with Murrurundi returning the fav, score and converting, score and leading 12-10. Merriwa went over two more times, thankfully, winning the game 18-10. Well done, Men. Good effort for the first game back in 20 months. Let's gets to training and get set for this weekends home game.

**Players player:** Bradley Ellis

**Points:** Brad - 3, Seth - 3, Nick - 3, Austin - 1, Ian - 1 and Braydon -1.

## HOME GAME

First home game for the season.

Monarch Blues Tag at 2.00pm Merriwa v Murrurundi.

Reserve Grade at 3.00pm Merriwa v Muswellbrook.

Full canteen available.

**Let's go Magpies**

**Jessyca Morgan**

line, and a quick scoot from dummy half saw Mia Jacobs go in for her second try of the game, unfortunately it was too little too late, and the score finished up 26-14.

The girls all put in an amazing effort and should be very proud of the way they played and supported one another on the field. With a bye this round we now have two weeks before the next game against Denman.

Coaches points went as follows:

- Ashleigh Loft – 3 points
- Mia Jacobs – 2 points
- Tahli Gleeson – 1 points

**Players player** – Mia Jacobs

**Lachlan Vaughan**

## Merriwa Netball Social Club

After our first netball night in 2021 we had a huge success.

Juniors had a great first session learning some basic skills then that was followed by a game .

Player of the Week goes to Nicole Tudor.

Seniors was also great with the hours teams laughing and just enjoying the social aspect of the game.

Player of the Week was Liam Harding.

Thank you to my volunteers Jo Taylor and Izzy Ticehurst and Stacey Loft

**Michelle Loft**

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