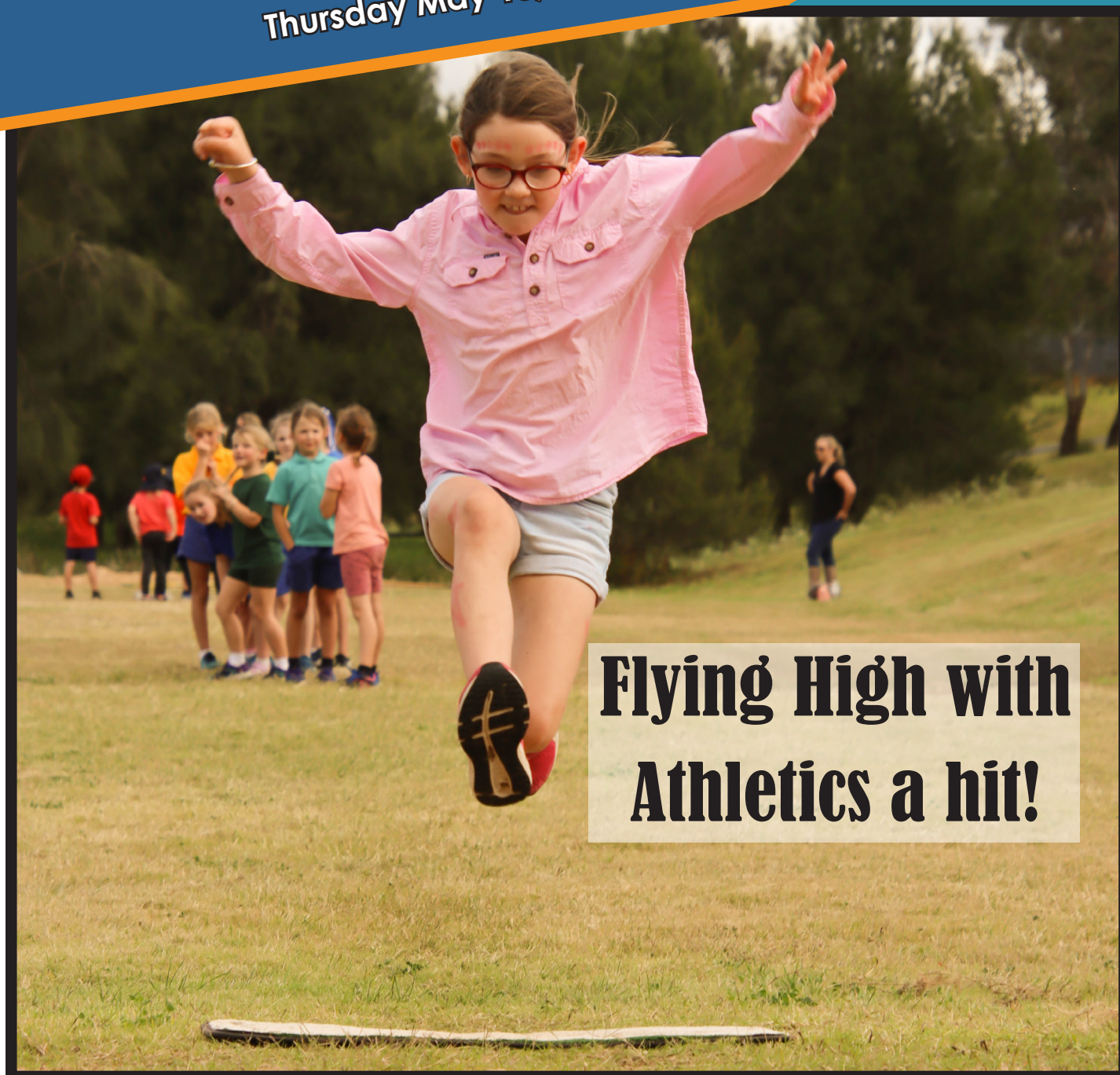


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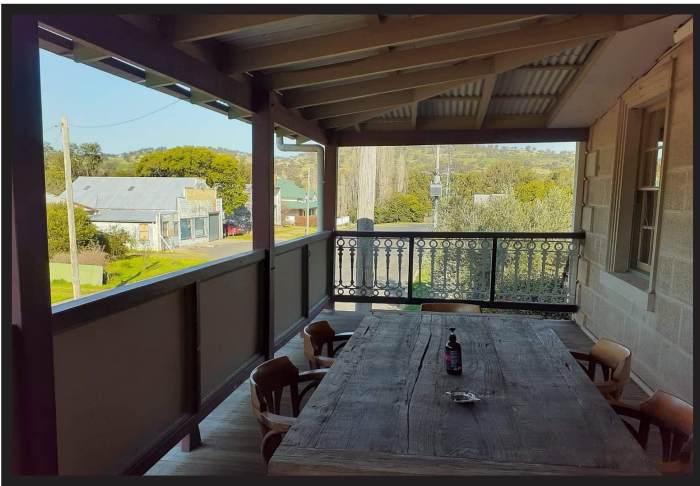
WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

WILLIAM BRAGGETT, ROYAL HOTEL CASSILIS

He had quickly overcome his early indiscretions and became a successful entrepreneur and well liked family man, a pioneer of the Upper Hunter region.

On 18th October 1844, William Braggett and William Bratt purchased one lot in Buccleugh street where an inn and then later the Royal Hotel was to be established. The Traveller's Rest Inn was opened by William Braggett on July 1, 1859. Much of the planning for the new hotel occurred during 1867, as an extended lead up time was required to quarry and transport the sandstone, employ stone masons and builders, excavate the two cellars before the foundations were even laid and lathe cedar stairs, bannisters and bar tops.

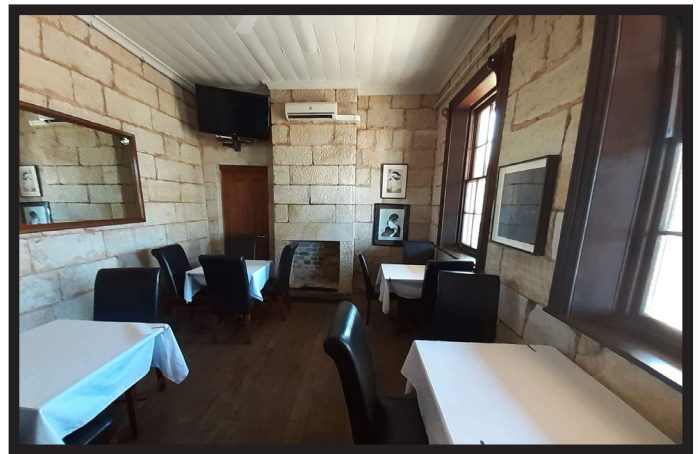
By June 1869, people could refer to Mr William Braggetts new (incomplete) building in Dalkeith



Born about 1819 in the Liverpool area, he was apprenticed as a ropemakers boy. William was arrested after stealing a small quantity of lead at the age of 13. He was tried in Liverpool and was sentenced to seven years gaol and transported to Sydney town in 1833/1834. He was assigned to a property in the Upper Hunter, served his time where he learnt a variety of trades to assist him in future life.

Arriving in Cassilis as a free man about 1842, he succeeded as a blacksmith, small farmer and a hotelier over the next 35 years. He won the contracts for mail deliveries in the Upper Hunter and conducted coach services from Singleton to Merriwa and Cassilis. After building the Travellers Rest and then the Royal Hotel in Cassilis, he combined a blacksmithing business, coach service and hotel accommodation, catering for valley residents and those bound for Mudgee and beyond. Eventually he bought out the township of Dalkeith, as Cassilis was then known and the surrounding 1224 acres and acquired holdings in other centres including Bow.

William Braggett died in 1876 at the age of about 57 or 58, a prosperous landowner and innkeeper.



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Merriwa Central School

Deputy Principal's Report

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday Merriwa Central School ran a highly successful athletics carnival for Kinder-Year 12 students. Participation, house spirit and collaboration were clearly evident throughout the day. A level of healthy competition across all events was great to see. Sadly the weather brought the event to an early conclusion but mostly all events could be run and make up sessions have been held this week when possible.



NAPLAN

This week students from Years 3,5,7 and 9 completed NAPLAN tests. Student have completed tests in the areas of reading, language conventions, writing and numeracy. The data from these tests will be analysed to inform and improve teaching and learning across the school.

YEAR 11 FARM CASE STUDY

Preliminary agriculture students travelled to Glen Eden Holsteins farm at Muswellbrook. Students visited the local Dairy to learn about aspects of production, nutrition, reproduction, herd health, pasture management, irrigation techniques, impact of new technology, supplementary feeding, calf rearing and product marketing. Students toured various sites on the farm getting an excellent understanding of all aspects of Dairy Farming. Thanks to John Raphael from Glen Eden Holsteins for providing such valuable and interesting information to the students.



Sharon Kenaly
Deputy Principal

Coming Events

MAY		
Thursday 13	Red Hill	Environment Education Centre
Friday 14	Red Hill	Environment Education Centre
		Careers Expo - Years 9 to 12
Wednesday 19		Raw Challenge

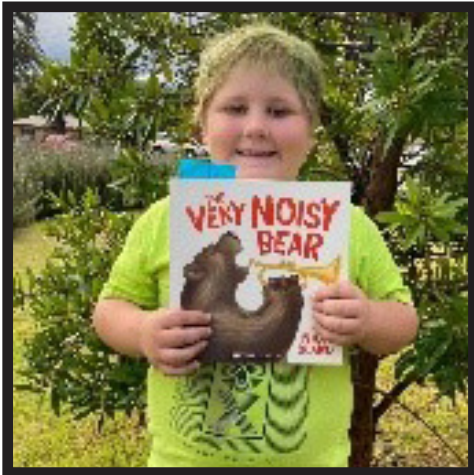
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

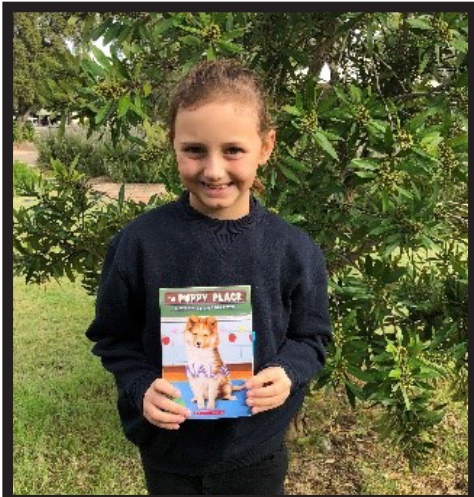
Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student of the Week Awards in Week 3.



Kindergarten - Billy Caban for his enthusiasm and improvement in all learning areas



Year 1 - CJ Thompson for always participating in class discussions



Year 2/3 - Ryleigh Anshaw for improved focus in all learning areas



Year 3/4 - Harrison Constable for always participating with enthusiasm during dance and drama lessons



Year 4/5 - Jai Wright for always leading by example with learning and behaviour



Year 5/6 - Charlotte Oldham for beautiful behaviour in the classroom

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Last week, teachers were looking for the class that had the most students in full school uniform each day. Year 3/4 were noticed proudly wearing their full school uniform every day. Rylee Munn and Kiaya Proctor happily accepted the award on behalf of Year 3/4. Congratulations and well done, Year 3/4!

Jacob Gee, Paige Carrall and Tianah Cousins. Congratulations is due to many students who not only put in an outstanding effort during their event, but also behaved in a commendable manner, as representatives of Merriwa Central School. Thank you to the parent/grandparent drivers who helped to make the day possible, and who were of great assistance on the day.



Emma Garbellini
Relieving Infants Assistant
Principal

PRIMARY PSSA ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday May 3, the following students aged 8 to 12, travelled to Karoola Park, Muswellbrook, to compete in the Upper Hunter Zone Cross Country Carnival; Jack Purcell, Claire Bidner, Braith Hunt, Joshua Sawley, Charlie Cook, Joshua Orton, Rylee Munn, Abby Bidner, Lilly Martin, Rylan Neale, Lachlan Munn, Deakin Milgate, Grace Collits, Tye Blackadder, Rylan Coles,



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TOBY FAIRHALL

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: PD/H/PE because I enjoy the practical side and being able to run around

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Coming first in shotput at this year's athletics carnival

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: I haven't thought that far ahead

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I like to go hunting and fishing with my mates on the weekend

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Toby is a well-behaved and mature student. He is actively engaged in the ROAR program, and quickly becoming a leader and role model for other students. When Toby is not participating in sports-related events, he is engaged in his classwork or completing any unfinished work and assessments during homework club.

Harley Hannon - Year Advisor





Peta Higgins
Attending Teacher

Secondary

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday the Merriwa Central School held its annual athletics carnival in what we thought were going to be fantastic conditions. The day started off wonderfully and all students had an excellent attitude heading into each event. Team spirit was seen in all of the houses, and all students were encouraging one another to participate in as many events as they could. As the day went on we saw lots of old records broken in a variety of different events. The these were:

Holly Martin – 8 Years Girls 100m: 18.88sec (previous record 18.97sec)

Brooklyn Blackadder – 15 Years Girls Long Jump: 4.29m (previous record 4.22m)

Rylan Neale – 11 Years Boys Long Jump: 3.22m (previous record 3.20m)

Grace Collits – 11 Years Girls Shot Put: 8.10m (previous record 7.72m), 11 Years Girls High Jump: 1.05m (equalled previous record)

Aubree Oldham – Junior Girls 200m: 37.09sec (Previous 38.43sec), 9 years girls 100m: 17.37sec (Previous 17.85), Junior Girls High Jump: 1.00m (equal previous), Junior Girls Long Jump: 3.07m (previous 2.66m)

The Junior girls long jump record was actually broken three times on the day. Olivia Purcell jumped 2.67m (previous 2.66m) only to be outjumped by Lilly Martin who jumped 2.92m. Aubree Oldham however now olds the record 3.07m.

Overall the students participated fantastically on the day and should all be proud of their efforts.

The overall results for the day were: fourth Place Blaxland (789 points), third Place Wentworth (790 points), 2nd Place Lawson (842 points) and 1st Place Oxley (911 points).

Age Champions are:

Boys

Junior: Jack Purcell

11years: Deakin Milgate

Senior: Jacob Gee

12years: Isaac Constable

13years: Daniel Mead/Toby Fairhall

14years: Dylan McLennan

15years: Dylan Keane

16years: Izaiah Hall

17years+: Harrison Amidy

Girls

Junior: Aubree Oldham

11years: Grace Collits

Senior: Tianah Cousins

12years: Mikayla Borradaile

13years: Katana Magnus

14years: Isabella Blades Garden

15years: Brooklyn Blackadder

16years: Tahli Gleeson

17yrs+: Brodie McMillan/Isabel Swan

I want to personally thank all staff, students and volunteers on the day who were able to come and assist on the day. A special mention to the Merriwa Little Athletics for allowing us to use some of their athletics equipment on the day as well.









**Lachlan Vaughan
PDHPE Teacher**

CAREER NEWS

Merriwa Central School students participated in Prepare to Work Safely in the Construction Industry (White Card) training on Thursday May 6. Sixteen students took advantage of the training provided and all students learnt about the importance of Safety in the Workplace and the range of workplaces that now require this form of training. They are to be congratulated on completing the course work satisfactorily and will receive their certificate in the mail from Work Cover at a later date.



Brent Street Winter Dance Camp – Act, Sing, Dance - July 5 to 9, 2021

BRACE YOURSELF – A WINTER STORM IS COMING!

These winter holidays, join us in 25 incredible classes with the country's best choreographers and teachers across five massive days.

Each day starts at 9.30am, with five 1-hour

classes with an industry-leading dance teacher/choreographer. Students are divided into age groups, subject to numbers. The day concludes at 3:30 pm.

On the final day, participation certificates are awarded on the final day of the workshop, plus the chance to win a scholarship to the 2021 Spring Intensive.

Please note, this program is suitable for 7 – 18-year-old students of intermediate to advanced level.

<https://brentstreet.com.au/workshop/winter-camp-2021/>

Orana Fashion Business College Scholarships

The value of each scholarship is 20% off the tuition fee.

Scholarships are available for the following accredited courses:

- 10118NAT Diploma of Social Media Marketing (major in fashion, beauty and lifestyle)
- BSB50215 Diploma of Business (major in fashion)
- BSB40215 Certificate IV in Business (major in fashion)

<https://www.oranacollege.com.au/scholarships/>

Call Victoria Bonnet. M: 0411402654 P:02 9199 8555

Apply here: <https://orana.typeform.com/to/zHVAKQ>

University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) registrations close soon - May 17

If you're applying for an undergraduate medical or health-related degree, you may need to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). The deadline to register for UCAT is 11.59pm on Monday May 17 2021. UCAT will be held in various locations across Australia in July.

Check the course description of the course you're interested in studying in 2022 and register as soon as possible: UAC undergraduate course search.

And if you missed UAC Digital's recent Let's Chat – Medicine webinar, you can watch it on YouTube. Get information about additional selection criteria and pathways to medicine, and answers to FAQs.

Remember, entry into undergraduate medicine

degrees is highly competitive so don't miss out!

Application dates for undergraduate medical degrees

UCAT preparation advice and practice tests

<https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/ucat-registration-closing-soon>

National Youth Science Forum - Apply by July 2, 2021

Inspiring Australia's young scientists.

Applications are now open for the 2022 Year 12 Program.

In 2022, the NYSF will deliver a 12-day program from 10-25 January via a combination of in-person and digital STEM experiences. 2022 participants will experience everything the NYSF is famous for, including keynote speakers, lectures, hands-on workshops, debates, expos and enriching social activities. In-person STEM visit days and events will be held over a week of the program at major city hubs across the country, enabling students to meet each other and network with like-minded peers. A continuous program of digital events will run alongside the in-person events meaning the program is accessible to all. This option also means the NYSF experience is still accessible and stimulating should there be a COVID-19 hotspot emerge or lockdown called at a hub location.

<https://www.nysf.edu.au/programs/year-12-program/>

Apply here: <https://nysfau.secure.force.com/ApplicationforProgram?ProgramID=a077F00000w6x0T>

ANU The Kim Jackson Scholarship Female Undergraduate Engineering - June 13

The Kim Jackson Scholarship is a new scholarship at ANU. It supports a promising female engineering student to pursue her passion for technology/engineering through an undergraduate degree at the ANU College of Engineering & Computer Science.

This exciting opportunity is valued at \$20,000 per annum for each year of an ANU undergraduate engineering degree. The recipient must come from a non-metropolitan area to apply for this scholarship.

https://cecs.anu.edu.au/study/scholarships/kim-jackson-scholarship?utm_source=Refraction+Media&utm_campaign=bc88607149-EMAIL_

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Year 10-12: Head-start or continue UCAT Preparation - May 23 2021

Intensive Training UCAT Workshop - LIVE ONLINE INTERACTIVE (2-days event) Parents are invited to Day 2 of the workshop (Pathways into Medicine and Medical Interviews).

TEL (02) 4367 0404 / MOB: 0412 439 115 / MOB: 0404 197 178 / enquiries@nie.edu.au

<https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/product/216-simulated-ucats-day-workshop>

AIQS Year 12 Scholarships - Up to \$5000

Applications for 2021 are now open!

Applications close Sunday, October 31, 2021.

AIQS offers a number of scholarships each year for Year 12 students who qualify for entry into a Quantity Surveying, Construction Economics, Construction Management (Economics) or other appropriate course at an AIQS accredited university in Australia.

Of the scholarships offered, at least one Equity Scholarship will be awarded to a student experiencing educational disadvantages.

We offer a limited number of scholarships for Year 12 students who qualify for entry into an AIQS accredited course in Australia.

The value of the scholarship is AU\$5,000 and includes:

- AU\$4,000 (\$1,000.00 upon enrolment, \$1,000.00 after completion of eight units, \$2,000.00 upon completion of degree. This is paid as cash into your bank account
- Text books and manuals (published by AIQS) including the Australian and New Zealand Standard Method of Measurement
- AIQS Student membership whilst studying the accredited degree
- AIQS Graduate membership for one year (post graduation).

For further information on the requirements for scholarships, please refer to the AIQS Scholarships Criteria and Conditions.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, complete the essay as detailed in the above

Criteria and Conditions then submit the Student Application Form to education@aiqs.com.au.

<https://www.aiqs.com.au/scholarships-students>

Bert Evans Apprenticeship Scholarship

Closes soon on Friday May 28 2021.

The Scholarships are worth \$5,000.00 each year for up to three years.

Scholarships are available to assist apprentices in NSW who have demonstrated:

- hardship in their personal circumstances
- aptitude for vocational education and training that leads to successful completion of their trade training
- a positive attitude and application in workplace and off-the-job training.

Scholarships are open to NSW registered apprentices in both metropolitan and country areas, including school based apprentices.

There will be a maximum of 100 Scholarships awarded in 2021.

https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/apprenticeships_traineeships/students/bert-evans_scholarships.html

Taronga Zoo Podcast Talks

The deep connections our staff develop with wildlife and the natural world affects the lives of others, near and far. From Sydney to Dubbo, Taronga's people all have amazing untold Zoo stories that will touch your heart and open your eyes.

Hayden Turner invites you to listen in each week and join our family with 'Taronga Talks'.

<https://taronga.org.au/get-involved/taronga-talks/season-1>

NECA Careers Paths

See where a career in electrotechnology can take you. This electro career map shows you the fantastic opportunities that lie ahead. The sky is the limit!

<https://www.necatrainning.com.au/electrical-apprentices/career-paths/#infographic>

For further information then please contact me at school.

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor



St Joseph's Primary School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

A couple of small reminders to head off our Ringer contribution this week!

- May 14 is National Walk to School Day.
- May 21 is a PUPIL FREE DAY as staff will continue to work on Writing Improvement.
- May 28 is our Athletics Carnival

OPEN DAY

Last week, we saw a wonderful community display with the inaugural St Joseph The Worker Open Day at St Joseph's. Students came dressed in the clothes of their favourite occupation. We had fire fighters, police officers, veterinarians, doctors, teachers and so many more interesting and wonderful occupations.

Students, parents and visitors were treated to a beautiful liturgy at the commencement of the day, organised by Mrs Peebles and students. The liturgy emphasized the work of St Joseph to provide for his new family and recognised the work of all people in our society, which helps to run the towns, suburbs in which we live in.

We worked on creating a colourful display of hands which demonstrated the hard-working people with St Joseph by their side as patron.

During the middle of the day, we were treated to varied, interesting and engaging presentations from Jason (Police), Darren (Paramedic), Mel (Postie), Jaleesa (Mining), Katie (Bus Service) and Mrs McLaren (Fire Brigade). All of the presentations were outstanding and gave students and the audience a greater awareness

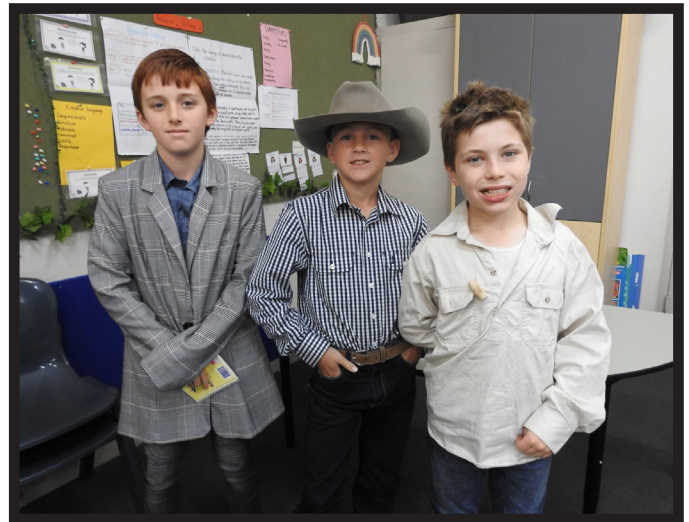
of what goes on behind the scenes. Students were also fortunate enough to be given a glimpse into the Ambulance and Police Van.

We thank all of our volunteers and everyone who was involved in a highly successful day.

We also warmly



welcomed all of our visitors and new families to the school and sincerely hope you enjoyed your day, we LOVED having you with us!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SUCCESS

We had a terrific week for Catholic Schools Week, which included our Catholic Schools Week liturgy, where Mrs Peebles received her 25 year service plaque in front of the school and the

wider community. We congratulate Mrs Peebles on her outstanding service to Catholic Education and thank her for all she does for the students, staff and families of the St Joseph's community.



Our Mother's Day stall was a great success, thanks to Natalie Hourn and Sarah Booth for volunteering their time to make this happen for the students.

On the Wednesday night, staff, parents and our parishioners joined for a fun night of bingo, dinner and great company at Eat@153. We thank Miss Rodwell, Miss Love and Miss Brazier for the Bingo, as well as the parents and parishioners who attended.

Special thanks to Kylie and Teresa for the magnificent meals and service provided.

Friday saw an excellent turnout to the Mother's Day BBQ. As usual, it was great to see our students, parents and staff come together and celebrate all of our Mums and those who are like Mums to us as a school community. Our liturgy and activities were a terrific way to end the

week.

We wish all of our Mums, Grandmothers and those who are like our Mums the happiest of Mother's Day!



WELLBEING WEEK

Wellbeing Week coincided with Catholic Schools Week this week. We had Bingo, Clay making, Artwork and Trivia, just to name a few of the activities.

Thank you to our hardworking staff, who make this happen each term.

Staff are also going to be working on Visible Wellbeing lessons with students, focusing on Emotional Management, during the remainder of the term.

FENCE

You may have noticed there was something different on the back oval today when you drove along the back of the school. Our fence, which we believe has been standing for 40 years, sadly was in need of repair.



Thank you to Mrs Karin Brazier, Mr Paul Fairfull for building the fence and Mr Les Turner for being present for the part of the day to assist.

Also we express our heartfelt appreciation to Mr Roger Moore for donating his time and equipment to dig the post holes.

An excellent job!



NAPLAN

This week sees the start of the 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".

PLTS AND BUMP IT UP WALLS

During the last week, staff have been given time off class to work in their PLT's (Professional Learning Teams), to work on improving writing outcomes, including some reading outcomes. The main reading and writing skills which staff are looking at improving are phonics and phonemic awareness, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation, as well as the process of Crafting ideas.

Using the Lyn Sharratt text, "Clarity", as our guide, we continue to look at using Bump It Up Walls, which show students the progressive stages of work improvement in writing, and Anchor Charts, which are posted around the classroom, or on desks, to provide students with an opportunity to refer to learning skills which are difficult, such as spelling rules.

Kindergarten and Stage One looked at the process of feedback as well, with "Five Star Writing", which gives students an opportunity to complete set work in writing and mark their own work! What a powerful tool for children to know that they are on the right track and where they go to improve!

Stage Two and Three did something quite similar, however their focus is on ensuring that students utilize a greater vocabulary, have very specific punctuation and to enhance the way they use language in their writing, in order to make it more interesting.

Well done to our staff and we thank Mrs Ranclaud for her work as a casual teacher on both classes. As usual, I had a lot of fun working in Kindergarten and Stage Three and continue to be amazed at the academic, social and emotional growth of the students.

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

Ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- May 10 – May 21 – NAPLAN Testing Years 3-5
- May 14 – Walk To School Day (details in Compass)
- May 21 – PUPIL FREE DAY
- May 28 – School Athletics Carnival

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 Three - Strength Award – Creativity

Kindergarten - Arman Diwadkar – for his creativity in STEM.

Stage 1 - Archy Wallace – for his enthusiasm and determination during big write sessions

Eddison Raines – for his creativity and design flair evident when completing his Mother's Day creations

Stage 2 - Sean Evans – for his growing independence in learning tasks

Morgan Bates - for using his wonderful imagination to represent his knowledge in exciting ways

Stage 3 - Kirra Green – for a great effort in improvement in her writing

Jye Bates - for always thinking about life in a creative way

Principal's Awards - Morgan Bates – for efforts to improve his reading

Shykiah Walters - for her inquisitive nature in Science.

Mr Ashley Borg
Principal



Cassilis Public School

An Expression of Interest will be advertised this Friday and will be open for two weeks. The EOI will be for a 5-day fortnight from 12 July 2021 to 17 December 2021 (with the possibility of an extension). The advert will be published on SchoolBiz (DoE employees can access this), in the Merriwa Ringer and on our Facebook page. Please chat to Mrs Burgess for further details or a copy of the job description and selection criteria.

The school welcomes and encourages phone calls if you are interested in the position and want to find out more information.

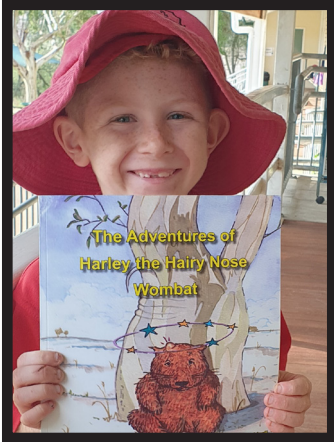
CULTURAL INCLUSION IN THE MUDGEES NETWORK

Yesterday, Mrs Burgess had the pleasure of attending this important meeting in Dunedoo. The purpose was to improve outcomes for Aboriginal students in the schools across the Mudgee Network. It involved all Principals, our Director- Daniel Hurd, members of the Dubbo, Mudgee and Gilgandra Aboriginal Education Committee, Three Rivers Regional Assembly and Lands Councils.

The meeting discussed:

- Making schools cultural safe for students and their families so they feel comfortable and welcomed
- Students needing to choose their learning paths and get onto the right one
- Education is important - We want our kids to be smart
- Days not attending school are days lost
- Take opportunities at school to enhance learning
- Using the skills in our community to engage students and improve learning
- Have conversations at school with families not meetings where they don't get to contribute.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - COOPER



Cooper has been awarded the Student of the Week. He stayed on task and was focused to improve his learning and did very well to bounce back from a couple of minor problems.

Cooper gave everything a go and showed great effort, listened well to instructions and directions during lessons and in the playground including not entering the eco program space when he was asked.

Copper also was very encouraging and on numerous occasions was caught being kind and helpful to students.

He showed appreciation for the gifts given to him on Friday, improved with learning the skills of shot put, helped to pamper his mum and always wears the correct school uniform and returns permission notes.

Congratulations Cooper. You should feel very proud of your efforts and achievements.

SAM'S POSITION

Sadly, for our school, our wonderful Mrs Terri Cunningham will be finishing her job at Cassilis at the end of this Term. She has accepted a five day a week job at Merriwa Central School.

Mrs Cunningham has shown her ability to be a fabulous team member, a kind person to everyone, a dedicated and reliable worker and a keen interest in learning more about her position.

A farewell will be organised for later this term and I will send out details later. We hope that you can join us in saying thank you, goodbye and we will miss you.



Moving forward, the school looks forward to working on and discussing the above points with our staff, families and community.

GOOD FOR THE SOUL...GARDENING



Well done to Tarsha and Olivia who both reached 25 nights of recorded reading. Reading every night will make a wonderful difference!



It brought a smile to our faces.

Thank you to Catherine and her team from Friends with Dignity who delivered a load of goodies to our students on Friday.



Each child was lucky to receive a school bag, lunch box, drink bottle and stationery items.

The school was given lots of new and pre-loved

books, prize box items and stationery to support learning.

A SPECIAL HUGE THANK YOU TO LANDCARE

Who donated some much needed plants to our school yesterday. Catherine also dropped off some very informative materials for the students and taught the children how to best plant our new natives, grown locally.

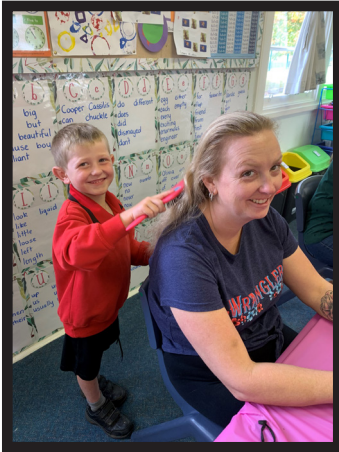
WE LOVE YOU

To all the women who provide love and care and support to our children, thank you and we hoped that you had a wonderful day and enjoyed your thoughtful and handmade gifts and cards.

Thank you to the Mums and our special Nan who showed their support to their children by coming to school last Friday. They loved seeing you and pampering you and so did the teachers! My fingernails looked amazing all weekend. There was a hair station, nail buffing and painting, massage, games, creation station (I hope that the artworks have found a great piece of wall to hang in your house) and a delicious morning tea.

A beautiful morning with beautiful ladies so thanks you very much!

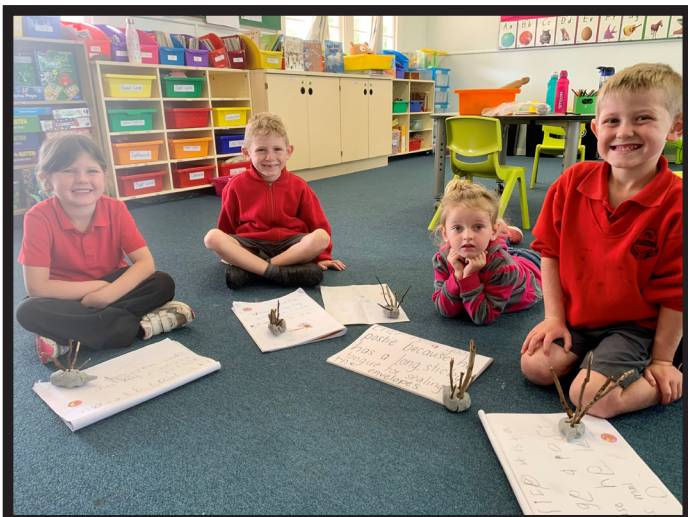




MELISSA ENJOYED COMING TO CASSILIS

It was wonderful to have Melissa join us last Thursday to see the wonderful learning that happens every day at Cassilis. The students were very welcoming, and Melissa was a delightful visitor.

Community members are encouraged to come and check out the fabulous learning at Cassilis! We love sharing what we do.



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REFLECTION - EASTER 7 - John 17:11-19

Today we glimpse a particularly intimate moment between Jesus and God; Jesus prays. Most of the Gospel recounts words Jesus spoke to others, but in this passage we get direct insight into his relationship with God and his concerns as he faces death. He is concerned for disciples that they may fall away. He prays that they may be true. He is concerned that the power of evil may be too much for them. He prays for their protection.

In these words I hear Jesus praying for me. These past years with all the global crises and their impact on this country, being a Gospel person of faith has been difficult. It would be easier to join others and scream for vengeance and war (disguised as justice and self-protection) but being true to the Gospel demands a different, almost impossible response. 'Pray for those who persecute you.' I know that the power of evil could catch up in my experience of grief and rage. I need Jesus' prayers for me so that I can catch up, in my stumbling way, to live out the Gospel that I teach.

I am not sure that I know what it is like to feel 'hated', but some think that any person with religious faith must be 'simple-minded' or neurotic, or living in the past. So I do know what it's like to be ridiculed, scorned, ignored or patronized. With Jesus I pray 'Consecrate me in the truth' that I can be a person of integrity when put to the test. (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.

Parish Council Meeting this Sunday and every second month.

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

**WHO READS THE ROTARY NEWS IN THE RINGER?
WELL I WONDER!**

Last week's article had a couple of stunning errors, which would seem to have gone unnoticed. So far, it seems that the one hundred year mistake in reporting the foundation of Rotary Australia.... in 2021.... not 1921 is something I got away with. Time will tell, as I expect my pocket will empty out at the next Rotary meeting.

THE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

This is an award which Rotary Clubs throughout the world make in order to recognise service given to the community by citizens whom the club would like to honour. It can be given to Rotarians as well as awarded to members of the community whose exceptional service is recognised.

A Rotary Club can earn the right to award a fellowship, by donating \$US1,000 to Rotary Foundation.

Rotary Foundation supports many worthwhile causes, the most outstanding of which has, in recent years, been POLIO PLUS a program which has almost entirely eliminated the threat of poliomyelitis...a disease which claimed a heavy toll in Australia and throughout the world until vaccines were developed in the 1960's.

Merriwa Rotary has awarded many Paul Harris Fellowships, usually at the annual Changeover dinner in July.

WELCOME TO BLAZE AID!

At our last meeting, we learned about the great efforts of Blaze Aid crews in replacing miles of fencing and planting thousands of trees in the Cassilis area which was badly affected by the bushfires of the summer of 2019/20.

You have our thanks, Blaze Aiders!

AND FINALLY.... A TEASER...

Who was the internationally known celebrity whom Rotary invited to our last meeting and whose presence we greatly appreciated?

Mark Smith

Community Notice Board

Merriwa Country Women's Association

Merriwa Candlelight Vigil and Information Session

MEMBERS WELCOME

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 2pm 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

Many thanks to everyone that attended the candlelight vigil held on Wednesday evening on the steps of the Merriwa CWA rooms.

The event was held to remember those that have been impacted by family and domestic violence in our community.

Thanks to those who brought in donated items of food for the women's shelter in Muswellbrook managed by Upper Hunter Homeless Support, it was very much appreciated.

On May 25 we will be holding an information session and luncheon at the Merriwa CWA rooms from 11.00am with speakers that work with individuals and families impacted by domestic violence.

The session is for ANYONE who would like to know more about what services are available in Merriwa and Cassilis to help a friend, work colleague, neighbour or family member should the need arise.

This is a joint initiative of Upper Hunter Homeless Support, Merriwa CWA and the Upper Hunter Shire Council.

To register for the free luncheon or find out more contact Community Services Officer Tash Taaffe ttaaffe@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or m: 0458 574 015.



Tash Taaffe

Community Notice Board

Thank You

To the community members that brought flowers to the hostel for mothers day a massive thank you.

The ladies loved them and many asked to let people know how much they are appreciated so again from residents and staff.

Thank you for your kindness.

Julie Wilton

Merriwa Central School

NOTICE OF SCHOOL EVACUATION DRILL

Merriwa Central School undertakes annual evacuation and lockdown drills as part of our management plan to ensure students and staff are familiar with these procedures in case of an emergency.

Our alarm system is very effective and can be heard across town from both our primary and secondary campus.

Don't be alarmed next week should you hear our evacuation alarm on Wednesday it is just a drill.

Please feel free to share this information with you neighbours.

Darren Noonan

Principal

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles

and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer

by Mondays, at 12.00 noon

Quote for the Week

When it rains look for

RAINBOWS

When it's dark look for

STARS

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



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Thank you to everyone who entered the competition, your portraits of Mum are absolutely beautiful!

HOME BEAUTIFUL

- The Romance of Winter; delicious food, cosy living rooms and long chats. It's all here in this latest edition of Home Beautiful
- The Golden Glow; the onset of winter doesn't mean you have to farewell outdoor living. Add warmth and atmosphere to your yard with the mesmerising glow of a flickering fire pit
- 2021 Bathroom Lookbook; inspirational designs, top trends and the best buys for your space

HOMESPUN KNITTING

For beginners and beyond; how to begin? Learn about yarn weights and a full stitch guide to really help you with a particular effect. There are 14 patterns included in this magazine to make Hand Warmers, simple socks, a Rib jumper, a baby blanket and a Whimsy neck wrap. Lots of great advice to help you begin and gorgeous pictures to inspire you to help you keep going!

AUSTRALIAN GUITAR

- Foo Fighters, they're back with another soul stirring album of rock 'n' roll gold and for the first time we get a walk through the backstory behind the most ambitious Foo's album yet!
- Play it like Page; 20 lessons to help you master the playing style of Led Zeppelins Lead Riffer!
- Stacks of artist interviews and more! Pick up a copy today!

ORGANIC GARDENER

- Expert tips for planning a vegie patch. Now is the perfect time to start your winter vegies.
- Quince are tough but gorgeous looking trees with aromatic fruit that's delicious once cooked. They deserve a starring role in every productive garden. Find out how in this issue.

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

If friends were flowers I'd pick you

BEANIE BOO

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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
- Email at council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au
- Post to General Manager, PO Box 208, Scone NSW 2337

Public meeting dates are as follows:

Cassilis - Cassilis Community Hall - Monday May 17 2021 - 5.00pm-6.30pm

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

For more information visit 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
- Maintenance grading on Flaggs Road
- 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:

- Glenroy Road
- Redwell Road

A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

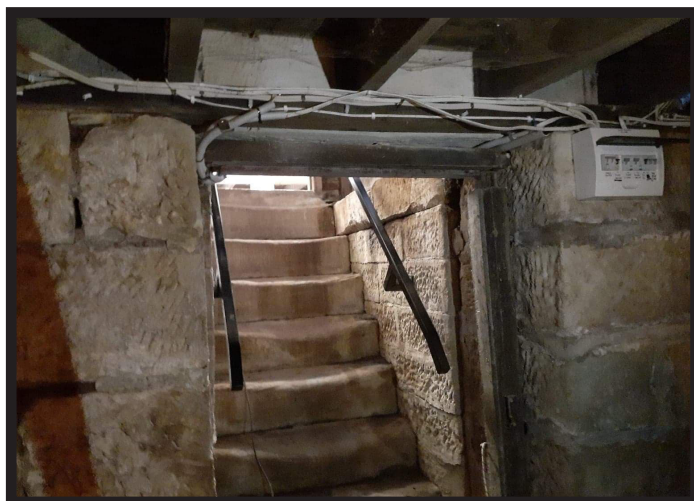
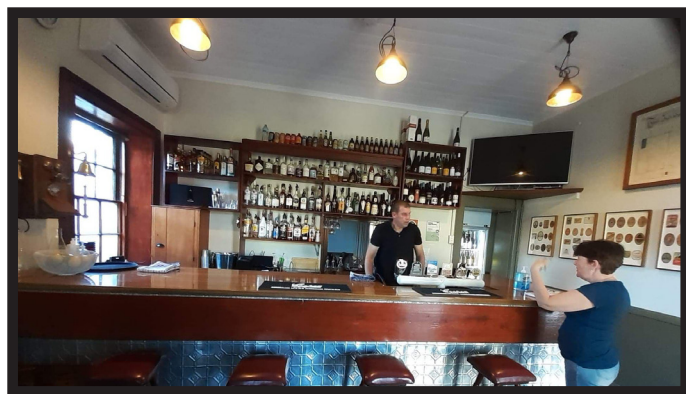
something that had become a landmark for travellers and locals alike.

During 1869, the Governor of NSW, the Earl of Belmore visited the town of Dalkeith. Two triumphal arches were erected across the village streets, the first near the Telegraph office in Branksome street and the other outside William's new hotel in Buccleugh street, each bearing the word "WELCOME". On the day of the visit, the locals were up early decorating the town and buildings including William's unfinished hotel, the tallest building in town. An address was read to the Governor, penned by six gentlemen, John Morris, William Braggett, Robert Byfield, George Piper, James Miller and T C Croft.

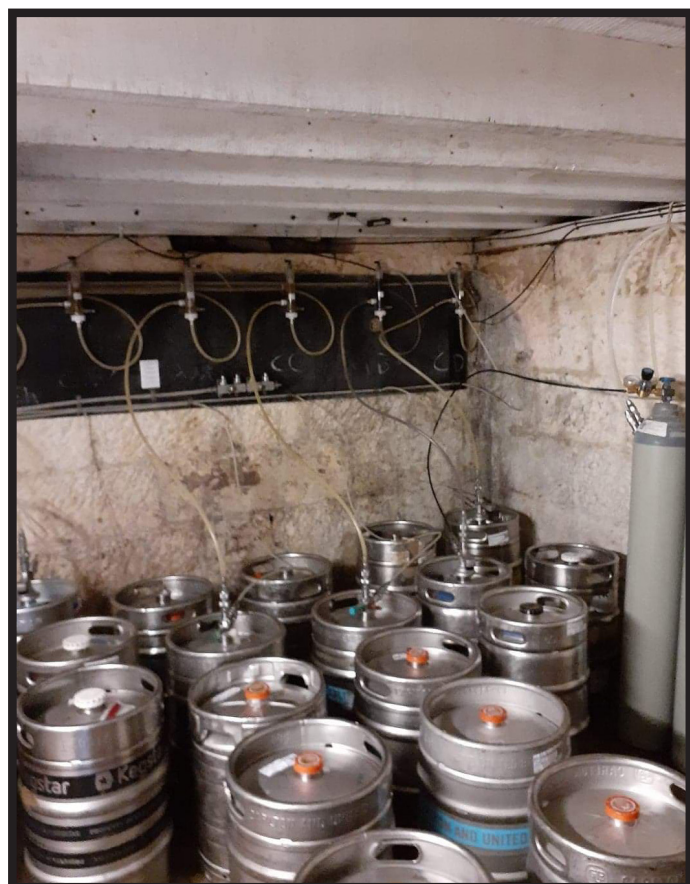
William named his new inn, the Royal Hotel and it was reported in the Maitland Mercury that the hotel would be opened on the 8th October 1870. He could safely say that it was the best finished hotel outside of Sydney.

Info courtesy of the book 'William Braggett' Upper Hunter Pioneer by Eddie J Braggett and also the book 'Casilis, the Frontier Village' by F D Hayes.

A thankyou to Sean and Erika for allowing me access through the premises and to Matt Purcell for the guided tour.



James Constable



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Clubs/Sports Merriwa RSL Club

The Friday night Members Lucky Badge 7.00pm draw for \$580.00 was not won the number was 369, this week it jackpots to \$600.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$700.00 was not won the number was 144, this week it jackpots to \$750.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$240.00 was not won the number was 387, this week it jackpots to \$260.00. LTPS/19/36118

The Sunday Members Badge Draw for \$650.00 was not won last week the number was 134, this week it jackpots to \$700.00 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, and after three months we have donated \$1199.00.

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 10pm

Sunday 11.30am to 12.30pm

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

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Sports Club

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 \$5.00 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 \$500.00. 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.

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For bookings and take away – 0460 817 606.

Brendan Cowell

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club

Another big weekend of footy for our Junior magpies, our tackle sides ventured to Aberdeen this week. The kids all had a great day and are improving out of sight each and every game! Congratulations to each and everyone of you. Thank you to our coaches, league safe and team managers who take the time to help our kids and prepare the kids for game day.

Thank you to all our Sponsors big and small for supporting our Junior Magpies in 2021, we appreciate you all!

See you all at training again this week.

Good luck and play safe to you all for the upcoming games next weekend.

Kacie Neale

UNDER 6'S

Merriwa Blacks had a tough game coming up against some much bigger kids however this didn't stop them. They all had a great game with Bradley Hanrahan getting player of the week with some great tackling.

Merriwa whites also had a tough game but once again they all put in one hundred percent effort. With some great tries and some great tackling Aleira Oldham received the Player of the Week.



Jason Bear



UNDER 7'S

This week the Under 7's travelled to Aberdeen for a 1.00pm game against Scone. After a few warm up drills they were ready to take to the field. It was very warm conditions but the team tried their best. Charlie Barry scored some speedy tries and Cj also touched down with his 1st try of the season.

Well done Cj. We saw some great tackles and we look forward to seeing their skills continue to grow in the coming weeks. This weeks Craig MacPherson Haulage player of the week went to CJ Thompson. See you all at training.

UNDER 9'S

Great effort from our Under 9's.

Try scorers - Logan Reid (2)

Aubrey Oldman (2)

Eden Barry (1)



Congratulations to our player of the match Eden Barry for an awesome returning game.

Ben Wallace

UNDER 11'S

Merriwa Magpies went to Aberdeen to play Muswellbrook Rams on the weekend. The Team were all hyped up and excited as it was Stevie's Birthday on game day.

Team all decided they will try and score a try each for his birthday.

Madyson was chosen for the team captain for the game. Samuel played an excellent game and is getting more confident each game

which resulted with him receiving the Eat @153 Player of the Match. Congratulations Samuel from everyone. The team getting more of a bond each week and more confidence. Charlie kept everyone on there toes with his speed and steps and scoring multiple times. Rylan diving in with no fear to tackle. Each week the kids are improving and doing well as a team. The score ended up being 38-20 Muswellbrook way but the kids came off the field with there heads held high and with smiles. Great Job Under 11's Merriwa



Magpies. Thanks to all the Family and Friends that came and supported the team. See you all at Denman next week.

Denica Nutt

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

On Saturday, we had our first home game in 91 weeks... and it felt like a lifetime ago.

Monarch Blues tag kicked off at 2.00pm, against Murrurundi. Last week we played them at their home ground, coming away with the win. Unfortunately, we couldn't do it again. Going down 6-0. We will meet them again in Round 8 at home. Let's get to training and work on going up from here on out.

Eat @ 153's Players Player: Mackenzie Blackadder

The Reserve Grade took on Muswellbrook at home, with the seven tries being scored by two players, with many others assisting. It was a great effort from the boys, not really looking like they were going to lose at any point but there is still room for improvement. Great win boys, score being 38-18.

Twisted Takeaway's Players Player: Lachlan Walker

Check out our Facebook page, Merriwa Magpies Reserve Grade and Ladies League Tag for any information or to read our player probe.

Round 3 games are being played Thursday May 13 at Aberdeen versing Aberdeen. Monarch Blues Tag at 5.20pm. Reserve Grade at 7.15pm.

Let's go Magpies

Jessyca Morgan

Merriwa Bushman's Campdraft and Rodeo Association

Reldas Stormbird equal second and third with John Duggan riding Quindella Modern, fourth was Denny Farley riding Chad and equal fifth went to Neil Bailey with Beau Peep and James Bailey riding Annugunna Fletcher.

We were blessed with lots of sunshine for the running of the Maiden B with some top campdrafting action leading up to lunch with Denny Farley and Sadee being awarded the blue ribbon, newly wed now local Molly Van Hemert aboard Tiffany took second place, Henry Thompson and Tiffany were third, equal fourth went to Kylie Atfield on her horse Guess Whos Got a Cat, Kylie Faifull with Little Fella and Ali Burges on Vogue.

The future stars of our sport were up next with the running of the Eat@153 Juvenile draft 13 and under 17, Caroon Pty Ltd and Upper Hunter Audio and Sound 8 and under 13 Junior draft and the Merriwa Petroleum and Ag Supplies 8 and under 13 Junior Cut-out. The Juvenile draft saw some top competition with four riders posting a score of 87 to result in a run off. Hamish Palmer, Nicholas Edwards, Clay Saddler and Eloise Clare all put in a top effort in the run off to try and claim top honours. It was Hamish Palmer who continued with the high scores riding his lovely mare Covergirl scoring an 89 in the run off to add to his 87. This secured Hamish the shiny blue ribbon and also a Harold Boots Bag. Nichols Edwards was second, Eloise Clare 3rd, Clay Saddler 4th and taking fifth place was Eloise again on her other horse.

More results next week.



Kellie Porter



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Merriwa Bushman's Campdraft and Rodeo Association



Winner and place getters pictured with Cutout winner Lachlan Sansom and Diva....

Due to the rain gods gracing our beautiful Merriwa district with its presence last year the Merriwa BC&RA were able to add an extra event to the Campdraft calendar. Due to receiving record nominations the planned 2-day event turned into a 2 and a bit day event with the R M Property & Livestock ladies draft commencing on Friday 30 April at 3pm. Former local Linda Drynan was the eventual winner riding One Stylish Pink scoring an 87, other placings were filled by =2/3 , Kristy Andrews and Kate Thompson, 4th Molly Shannon and =5th Hanna Riley, Kellie Porter, Jessica Nias, Rozinda Clare and Kyra O'Brien.

Saturday morning saw the program kick off nice and early with the Merriwa RSL Club Maiden A combined Merriwa IGA Encouragement campdraft. Once again the cattle were in top condition and were great for the maiden horses. Placings were – Wade Mile riding expression first, Adam Sadler riding

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