

MERRIWA Ringer

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WHAT'S INSIDE



Junior Rugby League home game a hit


Pest Alert
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Did you know that the recent rain
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Have you had your House Inspected?

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A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

FITZROY HOTEL, WHERE DID THE NAME COME FROM?



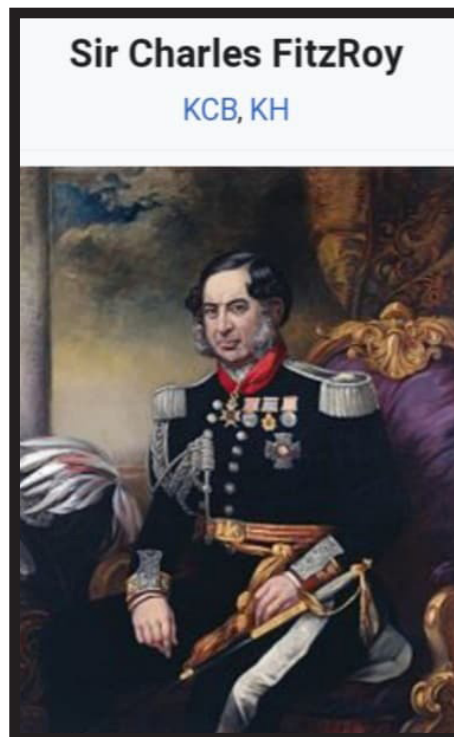
Charles Augustus FitzRoy was a British military officer, politician and member of the aristocracy who held governorships in several British colonies during the 19th century. He was born June 10 1796 and died February 16 1858. His spouse was Mary Lennox.

Charles was appointed the tenth governor of the colony of NSW in 1845 and was governor for eight years. As was the custom of the day, many places were named after prominent people, Royalty and explorers and the name FitzRoy was used widely in Australia. It must be remembered that the state of NSW covered most of Australia excluding Western Australia, a smaller part of South Australia and Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania). For a while too, New Zealand was administered from NSW.

Places named after FitzRoy include FitzRoy Crossing in WA, suburbs FitzRoy in Victoria and South Australia, an electoral district in Queensland, FitzRoy Islands in Tasmania, FitzRoy river in Queensland and countless others including the FitzRoy hotel in Merriwa. The early

spelling with the capitol R was in keeping with the name but all appear to have lost the capitol R.

A newspaper report first mentions the hotel with a report; FitzRoy Hotel, Merriwa, July 1, 1848, the undersigned respectfully begs leave to inform his friends and the public generally that he has opened his house at Merriwa under the sign of the "FitzRoy Hotel". Gentlemen and families travelling on the line of road will find the house commodious, with good accommodation,



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Merriwa Central School



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Merriwa Central School

Primary

NAIDOC WEEK

Merriwa Central School students will be celebrating NAIDOC week on Thursday June 24. NAIDOC week is held each year to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This year's theme - Heal Country, heal our nation, calls for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage. Students will participate in a range of activities on this day and a hot dog lunch will be provided.

THEN AND NOW

Last week, Primary students attended the school performance, Then and Now. The performance looked at the determination, courage and good humour of Australian women, from the First Fleet to the early 1900's. Students were transported back in time to explore the vast differences between the way things were done then, compared to now. They identified objects from the past including a screwdriver and drill, fly spray and an iron. It was a very captivating performance and all students enjoyed it thoroughly.



Sarah Fleming
Coordinator

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On Thursday June 10, Year 5 and 6 students will travel to Muswellbrook to participate in the Science and Engineering Challenge. The Science and Engineering Challenge is a non-profit, STEM outreach program run throughout the schools each year. The goal of the program is to challenge students' perception of science and engineering and experience aspects of those fields that they normally would not encounter in a school environment. The Rotary Club of Muswellbrook will be providing a sausage sizzle and water on the day.

GOLD AWARD

Congratulations to Paige Walker for receiving her Gold Award at last week's assembly. This is a wonderful achievement, well done, Paige.



SILVER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Silver Awards at last week's assembly.

Harrison Constable, Hazel Chin, Tiarnee Denning, Grace Campbell



BRONZE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Awards at last week's assembly.

CJ Thompson, Christian Boromeo, Daniel Kneeves, Kiaya Proctor, Joshua Orton, Felix Hodges, Nicholas Hockings, William Sparrow, Jacob Sawley, Riley Tudor.



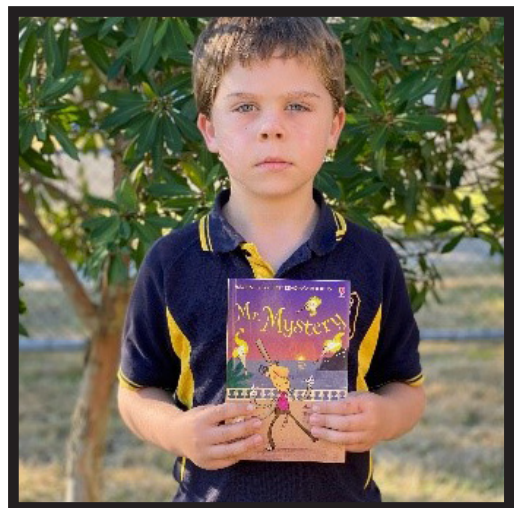
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student of the Week Awards in Week 6.

Kindergarten - Henry Creber for his wonderful behaviour and engagement in class



Year 1 - Geoffrey Reid for working well this week and participating more in class



Year 2/3 - Dominic Quinney for amazing positivity and commitment to learning



Year 3/4 - Olivia Purcell for her determination and effort in wood work lessons



Year 4/5 - Madyson Sait for pushing herself to complete three and four digit short division questions independently and successfully



Year 5/6 - Paige Carrall for beautiful behaviour



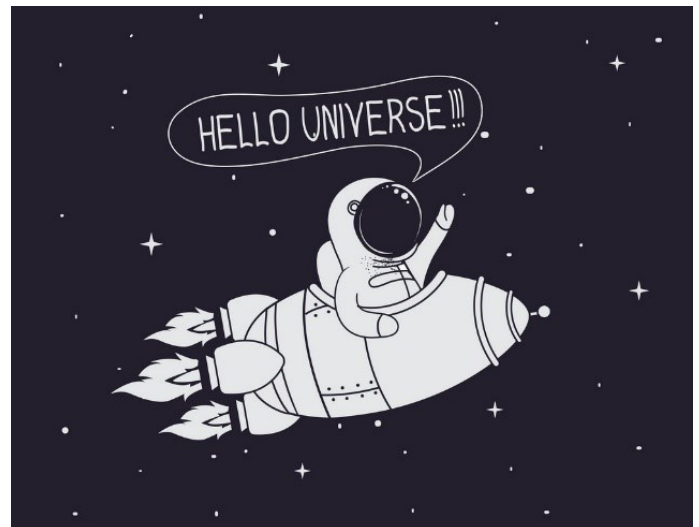
CLASS OF THE WEEK

Last week, teachers were keeping an eye out for the class that made sure they were ready in their lines and at classrooms each time the bell rang. Year 2/3 were spotted lining up sensibly at afternoon assemblies and were also outside classrooms when the bell went. Fredrick Myers and Zane Walker proudly accepted the award on behalf of Year 2/3. Well done!



Emma Garbellini
Relieving
Infants
Assistant
Principal

TERM 2 REWARD ACTIVITIES – LET'S EXPLORE SPACE!



On Tuesday June 15, we will be celebrating the positive behaviour of Kinder-Year 6 students with a space themed day. Eligible students will spend the day participating in a variety of exciting space themed activities. They are invited to come dressed up in a space outfit and we look forward to seeing what ideas everyone comes up with!

INFANTS CINEMA EXCURSION

On Thursday, June 17, students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2/3 will be heading to Muswellbrook Cinema to watch the movie 'Spirit Untamed'. Students will be stopping at Denman Memorial Park for lunch and a play on the park's new and improved play equipment.

Students will have received notes this week with important information and details of the



excursion. Please return these notes along with payment to the primary office by Thursday 10 June. A friendly reminder that late payments cannot be accepted.

We are looking forward to what is sure to be a fun day out for our infants classes.

Keirra Hourn
Excursion Coordinator



Secondary WORK EXPERIENCE

During the week May 24-28 Year 10 student participated in the Merriwa Central School Work Experience program. Students attended a range of industries and by all reports were thoroughly enjoying their week when I visited a number of work sites. Merriwa Central School would like to thank all the employers involved for their time and effort in hosting a student. The value of the program is thanks to you and the worthwhile skills students pick up on their transition from school to work stay with them as they progress through their schooling. Employers involved in the program were:

Max's Country Cuts - Butchery - Thomas Amidy

Upper Hunter Shire - Mechanics - Justin Caban

Beauty and Co - Beauty - Nikita Constable

Welderup Pty Ltd - Metal Fabrication - Jack Fairhall

Double R - Mechanics - Jack Goodear

Gleeson Plumbing - Plumbing - Izaiah Hall

Reece - Logistics and Warehousing - Aaron Hamson

IGA Merriwa - Retail - Kasey Jongerden

Merriwa Cakes and Pastries - Hospitality - Brooke McLennan

Coolie Angus Stud - Agriculture - Jack Mobberley

Denman Childrens Centre Early - Childhood Care - Ildiko Papp

Nutrien Ag - Agriculture Services - Shiane Peel

Vinery Stud - Photography - Josie Porter

Merriwa Central School - Education - Kaitlyn Smith

Eat@153 - Hospitality - Elsie Taylor-Stacie

Gummun Place - Aged Care - Jye Towell

Merriwa Petroleum and Ag - Agriculture Services - Dakota Turner

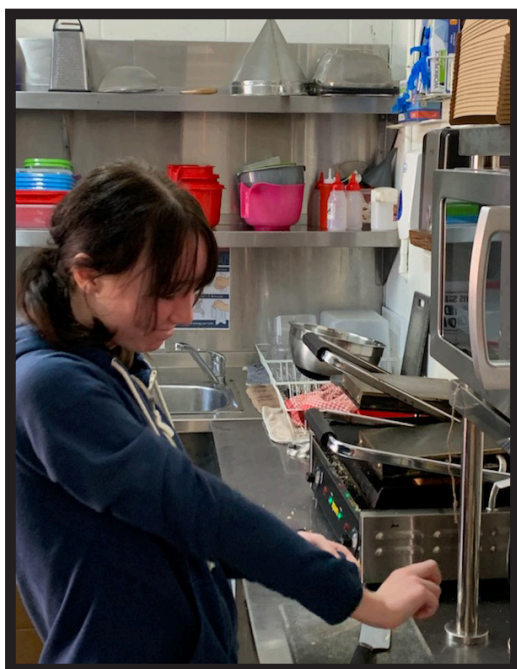
Pet Medical - Animal Care - Hermyon-Lee Bradbury

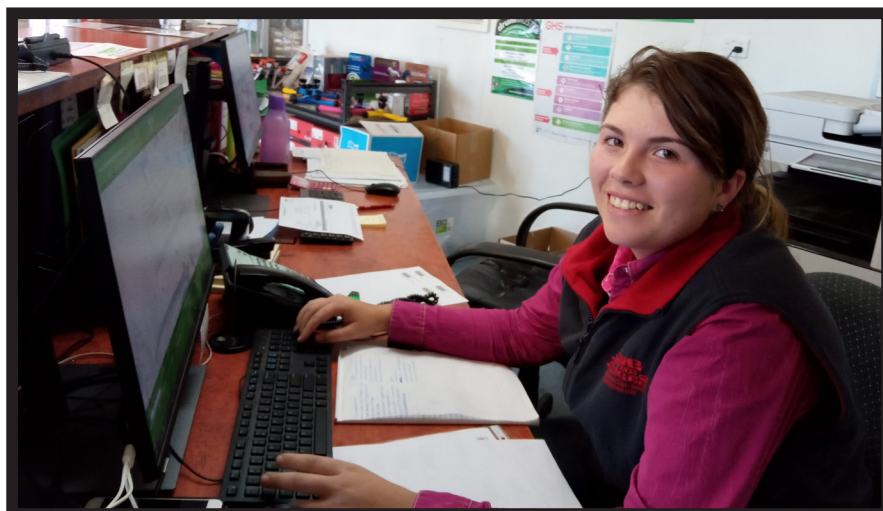
Mathew Hancock - Farrier - Jerone Andrews

Sandy Hollow Public School - Education - Taylah McNamara

I am looking forward to reading the students Work Experience journals when they return this week.

Once again thank you to all those involved.





Jane Hegarty

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

JONATHAN KEEGAN

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: Maths because I got the highest mark in the assessment

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Beating Harrison in the maths assessment

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: Own my own servo

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I'm too busy for hobbies

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Jonathan is a mature and capable student, who has shown dedication towards his senior studies. He is an active member of the school community and has taken on the leadership role of ROAR vice-captain this year. Jonathan has shown a high level of commitment to his practical major work and should be commended on his application to his mathematics course.

Emma Piper - Year Advisor



AIE Open Day - August 15

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Sun August 15, 2021. AIE will be running this event on campus and online.

AIE Campuses in Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne and Canberra will be open for you to check out the facilities, meet our teachers and see our student work. We will also be holding a livestream of our Open Day for prospective students interested in studying online.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/open-day/

UN Youth - Junior Leadership Weekend Registrations for 2021 Express Your Interest - September 2021

Sydney Academy of Sports and Recreation, Narrabeen

If you are interested in Junior Leadership Weekend 2021, please complete the Expression of Interest Form.

Are you in Years 7 – 8 and passionate about making change in your community? Come to Junior Leadership Weekend 2021!

In September 2021, more than 100 students from across NSW will come together to take part in Junior Leadership Weekend. You will learn about leadership, diplomacy and advocacy in the context of a yet to be revealed theme of international importance. You will form connections and friendships with a diverse array of students and work with them to deliver change in your local communities, and beyond.

<https://unyouth.org.au/event/jlw/>

Camp Counsellors USA Zoom - Thursday June 17. 7.00pm

Ever wanted to be a Summer Camp Counselor? Tune in to our online Zoom information event to learn all you need to know about being a role model, leader and hero to campers. CCUSA's programs run in the USA, Canada, the UK, Russia and Croatia. Camps are looking to hire Aussies for their 2022 summer seasons.

Meeting ID: 853 8545 7319 Passcode: 872045 . Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85385457319...>

Physical Aptitude Test - FireFit Training Guide from NSW Fire and Rescue

As firefighters, we put life first and we train to get it right.

Firefighting is a physically demanding occupation. Tasks include carrying heavy loads including personal protective equipment, handling temperature extremes, variable terrains and confined spaces, all of which impose unique physical and physiological demands upon firefighters.

The FireFit Training Guide is based on an eight to 12-week program, depending on each individual's fitness level, and is available to help eligible candidates prepare for the Fire and Rescue NSW Physical Aptitude Test (PAT)*.

We have created a series of exercise focused videos called "Train Like a Firefighter" that will show you how each exercise relates to the physical demands required of firefighters.

<https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=9098>

UNSW Girls in Engineering Cybersecurity Workshop July 2021

When we think of security, most of us would automatically think about anything that locks. With the increased reliance on technology, cybersecurity is becoming a hot industry. Our GIE Club Cybersecurity workshop will be taking place in the second week of the winter school holidays, so fill out the Expression of Interest form below to receive an email when registrations open to make sure you don't miss out!

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/engineering/study/girls-engineering-club/events>

How much does it cost to study at Uni? From UAC

Dreaming about attending university but worried about the cost? There are government loans, Equity Scholarships and other kinds of financial assistance to help you with the costs of study.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/can-i-afford-university>

How to Keep to a Budget While at University

If you think being a student means being poor, think again! With careful planning and a little self-restraint, you can learn to keep to a budget and not skimp on life's necessities.

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/education-blogs/student-life/how-to-keep-to-a-budget-while-at-uni>

Careers in the Thoroughbred Industry

Wanting to pursue a rewarding career with thoroughbreds? Watch this very useful video.

<https://vimeo.com/194453771>

Le Cordon Bleu High School Residential

July 6 to 8

We're opening our doors to high school students in Years 11 and 12, to experience a 'day in the life' at one of the world's leading culinary and hospitality institutions to provide a taste of what a future career in global hospitality will be like.

Meet lecturers and Le Cordon Bleu professionals, hear from industry experts, discover what Le Cordon Bleu hospitality management degree programmes involve and experience hands-on culinary arts with our chefs.

Inquire now about this residential designed to take your passion for hospitality, gastronomy and management to the next level ...and join us at Le Cordon Bleu Sydney!

<https://www.cordonbleu.edu/sydney/enter-the-world-of-le-cordon-bleu/en>

TAFE NSW - TAFE NSW Degrees Scholarships Program

2022 TAFE NSW is excited to announce the launch of its inaugural Degrees Scholarship Program for 2022! Five generous scholarships are on offer for students who will commence studying their bachelor degree next year. Application dates and further details will be released soon. Register your interest to be the first to hear:

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees>

Eligibility Quiz for the NSW Police Force

Take the quiz to see if you may be eligible to commence an application to the NSW Police Force.

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/eligibility_quiz

AFP Recruitment Public Group Facebook

If you are keen to join the Australian Federal Police Force, join this group and keep an eye on developments here.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/242770709580143/?ref=pages_groups_card&source_id=148004722006806

For more information then please contact me at school.

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor

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Coming Events

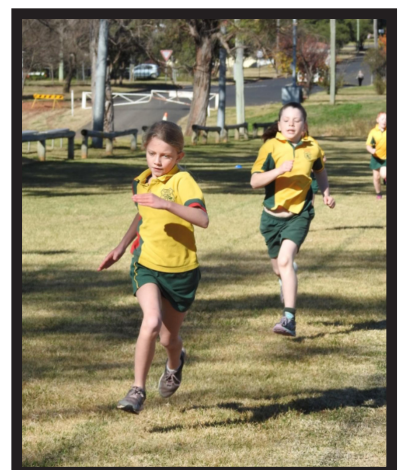
JUNE	
Friday 4	Upper Hunter Touch Football - Primary
Thursday 10	Primary Science and Engineering Challenge
Friday 11	Chemistry Prac Day - WSU Parramatta
Tuesday 15	Primary Assembly U16's Central Schools Rugby League 7's - Dubbo



St Joseph's Primary School

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our athletics carnival was an enormous success! The students had a wonderful time putting their athletic skills to the test and encouraging their peers to do their best. Thank you to all the parents and members of the community who came and supported our school last Friday. Your efforts are deeply appreciated, our children are lucky to benefit from being in such a beautiful community. The staff would like to say a special thank you to Nicky Western, for her outstanding efforts honing our students' athletic skills for the first five weeks of Term 2.



NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Last week, we acknowledged the pain inflicted upon the First Nation peoples of this land by starting our school day with a thoughtful and reflective prayer on May 26, National Sorry Day. Thank you to Miss Love and Chad Booth for saying the prayer, which reminded us of the strength and resilience of the Stolen Generation and filled us with hope for reconciliation.

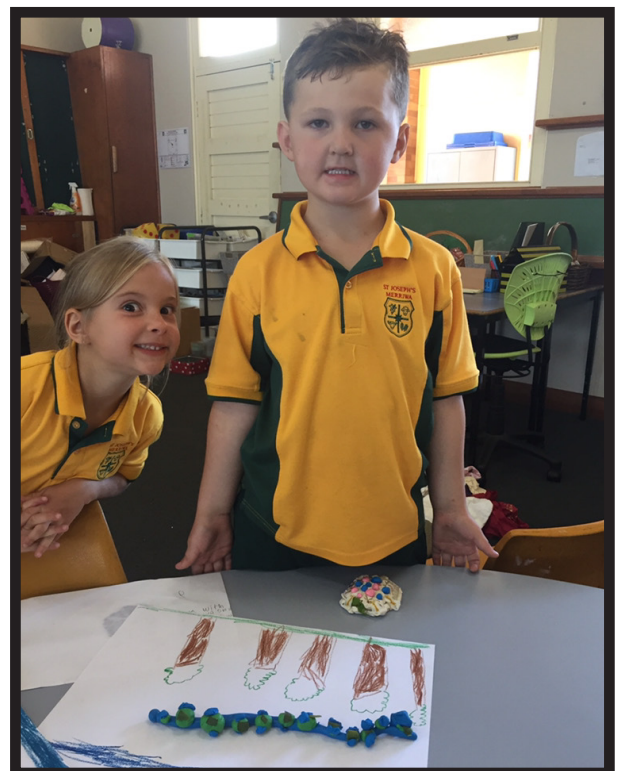


NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN AT JOEY'S

Kindergarten are coming along beautifully in Term 2! We are having so much fun learning and practicing new sounds. We are consolidating r, l, d, b, f, h, i and u at the moment and we will be moving on to new sounds shortly! We are also learning how to segment and blend short words to help us read and write independently. We are starting to instantly recognise lots of sight words, which are words that have a sound we can figure out and a tricky sound, like the word 'day'. As a class, we work together to recall our new words and sounds then we play literacy games in small groups to help us consolidate what we learnt in a fun way. Kindergarten are showing an early love of writing and include writing in their play, which is wonderful to see. We may have a few authors on our hands!

Mathematics is also another favourite of Kindergarten's. Counting backwards and forwards and by 2s, 5s and 10s on the hundreds chart is very popular. Rotations are also very popular, which are multiple activities set up around the classroom that children move between to help consolidate the mathematical concepts being taught in class that week.

We are having a wonderful time with our Kinds and we can't believe how quickly the year is going! Time flies when you are having fun!





WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week Six- Strength Award – Love of Learning

Kindergarten - Bradley Hanrahan - for his love of learning about all creatures great and small

Claire Raines - for lending her mature and calm personality to make our classroom a better place

Stage 1 - Myles Hvirf – for his impressive ability to make and divide into equal groups

Charlie Constable – for demonstrating love of learning through his focus and involvement in all class activities

Stage 2 - Tommy Booth - for trying hard to use impressive vocabulary in writing tasks

Tess Grocott – for the way she engages in class discussions treating them as opportunities to expand her understanding

Stage 3 - Savannah Beeney – for developing a love of learning and striving to continuously make improvements

Rihanna Hunt - for taking on feedback from Nikki during shot put skills development and putting them into practice

Principal's Awards - Lily Towell – for showing great persistence at the Athletics Carnival

Jye Bates - for his consistent effort at Athletics

Bradley Hanrahan – for his excellent efforts at the Athletics Carnival

Myles Hvirf – for showing great resilience at the Athletics Carnival.

Georgia Brazier
Kindergarten Class Teacher

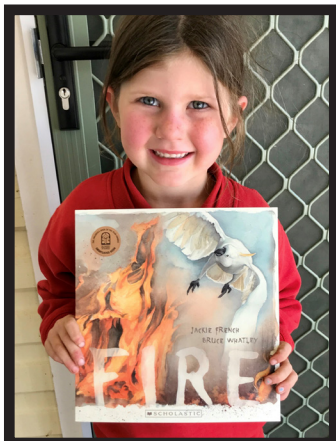
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK - TARSHA

Tarsha has earned the Student of the Week title for her consistent happy and hard-working approach to all activities, her perseverance and kindness towards others.

Tarsha has made some very impressive gains in reading, writing and mathematics because she attempts every activity and challenges herself. Tarsha is a great listener to the teachers and knows that mistakes are an important part of learning.

She shows kindness and manners towards all students and staff. Her great sense of humour makes us all laugh.

At Pittman Cup, Tarsha ran, jumped and threw all day long with enthusiasm. She made a super effort and we were all very proud of her. All her efforts in practice before hand helped her to feel confident and improved her skills. Tarsha cheered on her friends and showed good sportsmanship.

Tarsha has been trying to be more organised by bringing her reader back daily.

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

WONDERFUL PITTMAN CUP

In the oldest running sports carnival in NSW, students from Martindale, Sandy Hollow and Cassilis had a fabulous day last Friday. It is incredible, and a special bonus of being at a small school, that all students had lots of opportunities to run, jump, throw and push. At most schools, our younger students only get to do one run.

Thank you to Tammy Parker and the staff at Sandy Hollow, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Margaret Bibby and Mrs Bibby who came to cheer on the kids, to our marvellous staff for their efforts in making sure the kids had a great day and the athletes for all their dedication and effort.



I bet everyone slept very well Friday night.

CANBERRA EXCURSION

Planning is continuing for our exciting excursion. A detailed itinerary will be sent home soon.





Thanks Mr Cunningham, for coming to Cassilis yesterday and making sure our computers are working well to assist staff and student learning

MORE ATHLETICS PRACTICE WITH ERNIE

Last Thursday afternoon, we were very privileged to have Ernie join us for the second time as an athletics coach. Ernie is from Dubbo and he brought with him many skills and expertise in athletics.

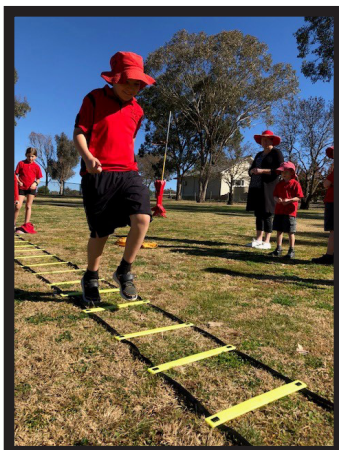
The students participated in many drills and activities to further help them with high jump and long jump.

Ernie was able to show the students the correct techniques for these sports and the children had lots of fun completing the activities.

There were lots of improvements from the students and then they were able to apply what they had learnt at Pittman Cup the following Day. A huge thank you to Ernie for his time and expertise.



CAN YOU SHOW HOW FAR DIFFERENT ANIMALS CAN JUMP?



Our mathematicians investigated how far different animals could jump. They discussed the various forms of measurement including feet, mm, cm, and meters and how to convert and compare.



Skye reading that a penguin can jump 3 metres.

COMMENTS RE PITTMAN CUP

Levi: I liked catching in the ball games.

Tarsha: I had fun when I was jumping on the big mats.

Cooper: I liked running fast down the track. I went well.

Skylah: I liked running the 800m and felt happy that I finished it.

Skye: I liked running the 800m and was exhausted when I finished.

Gordie: Cheering for the other students was fun.

Olivia: I had the most fun doing the long jump because I came first. The practise at school really helped.

Ben: I enjoyed high jump and with more practise might clear the bar one day.

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Katie Burgess
Principal



Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

REFLECTION - PENTECOST 2 – Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Last week we learnt about the sign of the Cross as a bodily gesture to affirm that we are people in communion with God. Today's liturgy continues this theme of living in communion with God as it presents a second great symbol – the eating and the drinking of food.

Because our liturgy has developed over 2,000 years and has become quite formalised we can lose sight that its basic element is a gathering of people round a table to share nourishment. Jesus had many meals with his disciples and friends but only a few meals are written about in the Gospels. The meal this Gospel highlights is his final one. For that reason the gathering had a special, poignant significance. It also coincided with the great Jewish celebration called the Passover. During this meal Jesus gave the ritual bread and wine a new meaning; that of his own life. When he was no longer physically present with the disciples they were to continue to gather around a table, to share bread and wine, and by his words, 'This is my body; this is my blood', he promised that in these gatherings he will be present.

And so Christians had continued this practice of the Lord's Supper, in homes, in caves, in catacombs, in halls, in prison cells and cathedrals. The Eucharist gathers God's fragile, frequently failing people to nourish, forgive and bless. Hear the invitation; 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed' (Prov. 9:5) (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

COMING SOON

Merriwa Rotary has been invited to do a barbecue at the soon-to-happen sale of an impressive catalogue of farm machinery, tools, irrigation equipment and many other things.

The venue is 145 Depot Road. The sale will commence at 10.00am on Saturday June 19.

Planning is underway at our club and we promise the usual high-quality fare. You have our assurance that we shall be ready to provide well for your eating needs on the big day.

MHERV....Rotary's health check program, which operated on May 25 and 26 was well patronised by our Merriwa/Cassilis community. We hope to continue to offer this service on an annual basis.

THE LATE FRANK ARMSTONG

Frank was a very committed member of our club, rarely missing a meeting, a past President, always being present to help at barbecues, attending by Zoom when regular meetings could not be held because of Covid 19.

We were most grateful to Frank's sister, Deidre, who attended a recent meeting to present to our club a cheque to assist Rotary community works, as a memorial to Frank's connection to our club.

ROB TINDALL

Rob attended a recent meeting of our club and presented a very impressive program of possible things, which our community might be able to do to make Merriwa a place where enough is on offer to encourage travellers to not just pull up and enjoy our excellent eating and playground facilities, but also to stay overnight or longer.

These are early days, but if our community can match Rob's enthusiasm, we have much to look forward to.

Mark Smith

Community Notice Board

Well Done

St David's Uniting Church

Congratulations to all the students that have been working hard at school and have received awards lately.

Also wanting to mention the great broadcast that Ray Hadley put across the radio for the late Robert 'Bob' Fulton.

Hyllt Cronin

Lots of Big Hearts in Merriwa

Sincere thanks to all that attended the Heart to Heart information session last Tuesday.

It was very humbling to see so many come to learn more about supporting someone who may be impacted by family or domestic violence.

Special thanks to the hardworking Merriwa CWA who decorated the hall to perfection. The candles, balloons and flowers were an especially welcome touch.

To Upper Hunter Homeless Support for their thought provoking presentation and Hunter Valley Local Area Command DV Officer Mel Google for her very informative session, we thank you!

It is reassuring to know there are services working in Merriwa and Cassilis every day to support families and individuals impacted by domestic violence.

If you'd like to know more contact Community Services Officer Tash Taaffe 0458 574 015 or email ttaaffe@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au



The next Heart to Heart information session will be held in Cassilis. More details to follow.

Tash Taaffe

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.

PIE DRIVE

Orders close on Friday June 4, 2021 (this week).

Sheets around town will be collected on Friday 4. Anyone who has an order sheet would they kindly return it to me (Barbara Campbell) to enable us to total up the order and compile the grand total sheet.

Delivery is planned for Tuesday June 22.

If anyone has missed ordering, and would still like to, please call me on: 6548 5131 or mobile 0428 485 131.

In case anyone misses ordering individually, we do have "Extras" on the day. Safest way then is to ask for an item and we will put it aside,

Barbara Campbell

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Community Notice Board

Merriwa Show Pavilion

It is all good news, The Pavilion at the Merriwa Show will be going ahead with all sections in place.

We have a new trophy in memory of Kim Fitzroy Gill, which will be awarded to a child 12 and under, to bake and decorate a cake for a Birthday celebration.

Patchwork and knitters, prepare your entries, woodwork, leatherwork for Craft section, Photography and Art are always popular. Cooking, Preserves, and Horticulture are always favourites.

Look for the Schedule on line, or each section will be featured in the Ringer in the coming months.

Entries will be taken on Thursday September 16 between 2.00am-4.00pm

or Friday morning 8.00am-10.00am, September 17.

Julia Hardy



JUNE CALENDAR

UHSC Merriwa Youth Centre

Wednesday 2 June – Winter Movies Night

Wednesday 9 June - Spotlight

Wednesday 16 June - Pasta Night

Wednesday 23 June – Craft & wear your beanie for brain cancer

Tuesday 29 June – SYC Excursion (see Youth Centre for details)

Wednesday 30 June - Painting



UHSC MERRIWA YOUTH CENTRE

33 Bow St Merriwa * for 12 to 17 year olds

Wed: 4:00pm – 7:30pm

Facebook: @MerriwaYouthCentre

Phone: 0428 971 208



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Interruption to power supply

Ausgrid is carrying out essential upgrade and maintenance work on the local electricity network.

Crews plan to carry out essential work on the network which supplies Merriwa Zone Substation.

Unfortunately, to safely carry out this work we will need to interrupt the power supply for customers in the Merriwa area on

Sunday 6 June 2021 - between 8.30am and 4.00pm (weather permitting).

The areas affected will include:

- Merriwa Town, Flags Rd (Merriwa end only), Depot Rd, Coulson's Creek Rd, Cullingral Rd, Forrest Reserve Rd, Bow, Idaville Rd, Ringwood, Golden Highway.

We apologise for the inconvenience this essential work may cause. Our aim is to minimise disruption caused during this work, however the times listed may change in the event of unforeseen circumstances or weather.

For more information before the interruption, please contact: **Chris Power 02 6542 9043**

On the day of the interruption: call Ausgrid on **13 13 88**.

Under Section 52 of the Electricity Supply Act 1995, the network operator (Ausgrid) may interrupt the supply of the electricity to a customer at such reasonable times as Ausgrid determines.



Community Notice Board

Worondi RFS Brigade ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Where: Gungal RFS Shed - Golden Highway

When: 10.00am Sunday June 6

All locals are welcomed to attend the Annual General Meeting and a BBQ which will be held after the meeting where you have an opportunity to talk to the RFS Management.

Please RSVP by June 3 so that food can be bought. If you have a special food requirement then advise at the same time to: Kim Fenley on 0418 570 743, 6548 3060 or fenshome4@bigpond.com.

Kim Fenley
Captain Worondi RFS Brigade

Merriwa CWA CWA EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

The Hunter River Group of the Country Women's Association has available the following Grants:

1. The Hunter River Group Educational Grant valued at \$500.00, for a student entering Tertiary Educational in 2022, whether it be for University, TAFE, or College
2. The Jean Latham Educational Grant valued at \$300.00. This grant is available for Year 11 students entering Year 12 in 2022 and reside in the bounds of the Hunter River Group.

To be eligible the student must meet the following criteria:

- Reside within the bounds of the Hunter River Group
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

Mature students may apply.

Every application will remain confidential.

Applications should be returned to the branch secretary by September 30, 2021.

Robyn McAlister

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary STREET STALL

The Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a street stall on Friday June 4, 2021.

All members and community are asked to help support this stall by contributing cakes and slices. All proceeds goes to our Merriwa MPS for equipment needed.

Elaine Sparrow

Merriwa Senior Citizens Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our next meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 22 at 11.30am.

Subs are due (\$5.00).

Raffle for a \$30.00 voucher to be won.

Please bring a plate to share for lunch in the Squatters' room of the club.

Thank you.

Mary O'Neill

Quote for the Week

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you have traveled in
the wrong direction,
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turn around.

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COUNTRY STYLE

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- To the letter; loneliness is felt very deeply by some living in remote areas and this inspired Mea Campbell to create an organisation based on good old fashioned pen pals.

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- Fruity Desserts; new favourites for the family. Set your heart on the best of the season and transform these gorgeous fruits into easy to make treats. How about Mini Pear, Toffee and Cinnamon Pies, or maybe Oven Baked Oranges? There are a few new recipes to try.

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul

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I zig and zag through water and snow. The icy lines in my fur really flow.

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To register for a Youth Centre membership or for more information about services offered please visit upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or call council on 6540 1100.

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
- Cassilis Community Hall asbestos removal
- Driver Reviver ongoing works
- Regional roads, heavy patching.
- Action requests as required

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

- Avocado Road and Flight Springs Road

Hannah White

MERRIWA CREATE AND GROW PLAYGROUP

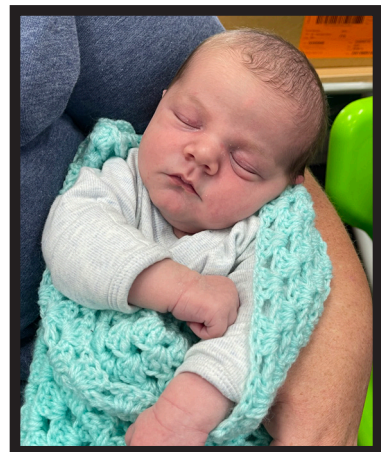
Playgroup was thrilled to welcome our newest little member 2 week old Spencer! It was equally wonderful to welcome back Spencers big sister Clara and brother Atticus to playgroup after a few weeks off while the family were getting ready for the storks exciting delivery.

With the leaves turning all different shades of gold, red and brown outside our craft this week was all about autumn. Craft creator and playgroup honorary 'grandma' Toni put her magic fingers to work cutting out leaves and string to make a mobile. We also did some shadow drawings which turned out terrific!

The weather was perfect for a picnic in the park so after a busy morning of free play, music and craft we toddled down to the park for morning tea, bubbles and a boogey. Aura and Benjamin get the golden groover awards this week! Morgan and Clara were the chief bubble chasers while Mahli, Atticus and Lane had fun with the pom poms and scarves.

Special thanks to Courtney for donating two gorgeous table cloths for our craft, we really appreciate it!

Next Thursday 10 June is our last playgroup for Term 2 – the year is flying by fast! If you'd like to join playgroup, text Tash Taaffe on 0458 574 015 to go on the playgroup group reminder list. All kids 0-6 very welcome.



Tash Taaffe

Merriwa Ringer

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Join Jason Trompf and Hunter Local Land Services for a sheep focused day looking at;

- Rebuilding your flock with genetics in mind
- Ewe reproductive health and management
- Managing pregnant ewes in the current season

Date: Tuesday 22 June 2021

Time: 8:30am-3:00pm

Location: Cassilis Park, Cassilis



Register your place:

<https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/rebuilding-the-flock-cassilis/>

Lunch will be provided on the day. Please bring a hat, sun screen and water bottle and wear sturdy shoes.

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THIS EVENT IS COVID-19 SAFE.

Numbers are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. All confirmed participants will be required to register and must not attend if they have any symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, shortness or breath, or loss of taste or smell.

Contact:

Hunter Local Land Services
Land Services Officer - Livestock
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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

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What's better than a good game of State of Origin? Origin on the BIG SCREEN, hot dogs and the chance to win money! The Merriwa Sports Club will be playing the game on the big screen and will be supplying hot dogs. Doubles are also on sale for \$1.00, match the two first try scorers and you win \$100.00.

SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

Come along and enjoy our Saturday night raffles, ten meat trays and five fruit and veg trays up for grabs. The trays are looking amazing, thanks to Merriwa IGA and Max's Country Cuts. Raffle begins at 7.30pm. The members draw was drawn on Saturday night, member number 99 was not present so the badge draw jackpots to \$625.00 this week. Drawn anytime between 6.30 and 8.30 pm, you must be there to win.

HAPPY HOURS

Friday 5.00-7.00pm

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

THURSDAY NIGHT POOL AND DARTS

We have had a great few weeks of darts, with a new winner every week. Join us for pool and darts on Thursday nights. Names in by 6.00pm. \$5.00 entry for each competition, winner takes all.

CLUBS OPENING HOURS

Mondays to Friday 3.30pm to close

Saturdays to Sundays 12.00pm to close

HONKI HAUS RESAURANT

Honki Haus now doing lunch time specials on a weekend. Come on in for a delicious meal, whether it's for lunch or dinner. Honki Haus Restaurant closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Open for dinner Wednesday to Saturday 4.30pm to 8.00pm. Sunday dinners 4.30pm to 7.00pm. Open for lunch Saturday and Sunday 12noon to 2.00pm.

For bookings and take away – 0460 817 606.

DRAG SHOW

CanAssist will be hosting a Drag Show on July 17, starting at 5.30pm. Tickets are \$50.00, this includes a two course meal, provided by

Eat@153, and a fabulous show. There will be games, prizes and a lot of fun. All money raised will go directly to CanAssist Merriwa. Book your table of eight today, tickets are selling fast!

Brendan Cowell

MERRIWA WOMENS BOWLING CLUB

Mixed and Mufti Friendship Day at Merriwa on Wednesday June 16, 2021. Morning Tea 9.30am with Play beginning at 10.00am.

Please leave name on the board at the Sports Club or to Loretta Cooper on 0428 482 679 by June 11, 2021.

Loretta Copper

Campdraft

The last event on our program was the Harold Boots Open 4 Open. This event puts the top open only horses against each other in what is always a great competition and a fabulous event to watch. Some tough cattle saw some of the top riders not as successful as usual but meant for an exciting finish. Fresh of their fabulous Sydney Royal World Championship Campdraft success Troy Palmer and Jabell Shekera Spin set the score to beat by putting one around to secure a 90. After some top runs Troy and Shekera wouldn't be overtaken and they took home the blue ribbon. They also were awarded a Harold Boots Saddle pad. Tony Mortimer and his ever reliable Little Abby were close with an 89 taking second, Rachael Beard riding Destiny scored an 87 to ensure the ladies were not outdone placing third, Rebecca Roberts and Duckergeous placed fourth on an 86 and Hannah Riley riding Whitney filled fifth place on 85.

On behalf of Merriwa Bushmen's Campdraft

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and Rodeo association we would like to sincerely thank all our generous sponsors who made our event possible, our cattle donors who without them the draft would not have ran, Maria Cameron for running the canteen, the Mens Shed for assisting by cooking the BBQ, our judges for the weekend, Jake McIntyre for ensuring the PA system ran smoothly, Jim Callinan for the tremendous job announcing as always, our hard working committee who kept the show rolling, Stephen Ninness and Tom Carrigan for the many hours organising the trucks and then carting cattle, Fiona Morgan and Kathy Samson for helping me out in the office - without you ladies things would not have ran so smoothly.

Kellie Porter



Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club

A fabulous weekend of footy was had by all last weekend. Friday night saw Our Girls League tag teams venture to Scone to play. All the teams played really well considering the cooler conditions and some players being out due to sickness or injury which left some teams with very limited subs.

Regardless of the set backs all the Merriwa Teams got out there and gave it their all. Well done Girls.

Saturday kicked off with a very chilly start to the day and saw merriwa host our first home round of the season for our Mini/mod teams and what a fantastic day it was. Despite the cold weather the ovals were full of excited kids ready to run out on the fields and play the game they love. A big thank you to our Merriwa senior league guys and girls for turning up and cheering on our Junior players, all the kids played their hardest and were very excited to see the support of our senior teams on the sidelines of their games, clapping and cheering them on. some of the senior boys even done a guard of honour clapping our Under 7's team onto the field. It is small gestures like these that boost the confidence and spirits of our young players and reinforce their love and passion for the game.

The day ran smoothly and was a massive credit to everyone who gave up some of their valuable time to help out in any way over the course of the day.

Days like these wouldn't be a success if it wasn't for our committee, volunteers, coaches, League safe, team managers, Table duty volunteers, parents and most importantly our invaluable sponsors.

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We can never thank each and every one of our sponsors or volunteers enough for their support of our Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football club. we look forward to seeing all the kids back out on fields again over the weekend for another great round of footy.

Brooke Marchese and Amanda Tudor

UNDER 6'S BLACK

Merriwa's Blacks had a very frosty start to their 8:30am games with some of kids asking "why don't we play in summer instead". Once they warmed up they had a good tough game against Denman.

The Sparrow's Nest player of the week went to William Sparrow



UNDER 6'S WHITE

Merriwa Whites faired a bit better with the weather and they also had a tough game against Denman.

A number of photos were taken of the kids which showed they were definitely having fun.

Cassilis Park player of the week went to a very deserving Geoffrey Reid.



UNDER 7'S

The Under 7's rolled up excited for their first home game against Scone! The team were very lucky to have the Senior Magpies come and show their support and clap the team onto the field through a tunnel. The smiles on the kids faces said it all. The kids played well and showed off the palming skills they have been learning at training. Well done team! See you at training.

The Craig MacPherson Haulage Player of the Week went to Nate Marchese.

The kids being clapped out onto the field by senior league.



UNDER 9'S

Playing at home last week our Under 9's used this to their advantage when coming up against denman devils, they scored lots of tries and their defensive line was awesome. Fantastic effort by all our little magpies and a massive congrats to our Player of the Week, Rylee Munn who never backed down.

The Cory and David Vero Player of the Week went to Rylee Munn.



UNDER 11'S

Merriwa Under 11's Magpies played against Muswellbrook Rams here at our home ground last weekend. The score was a very close call being 22-28 Muswellbrook Rams way. Sharlotte Oldham received Player of the week for putting in a top effort and scoring multiple tries. Charlie, Deacon and Toby showed awesome skills and improvements on the field. Jai was on fire and played an awesome game. Shyanne, Madison, Lachlan, Bailey, Hunter, Jace, Alesha, Rylan, Chad, Samuel and Josh making more improvements each week which is making the

team stronger. Thanks to Matt and Stevie for taking the time for the kids with training and game days. Massive shout out to all the Family and Friends that came and supported the Merriwa Junior Magpies last weekend. See you all this weekend at Scone.



The Eat@153 Player of the Week went to Charlotte Oldham.

GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

UNDER 12'S

Our Under 12's bench was not as full on Friday due to illness and injuries. The girls had another great game and used their skills to put some points in the board. Another loss to us but a win to me as they are still enjoying the game and having fun.

Michelle Loft

The WelderUp Player of the Week went to Paige Carroll.

Paige was upset Friday night as she wasn't sure if she would be able to play due to a previous injury with her hand. Paige decided to take to the field and made some great tags and passes and that's why she was our Under 12's Player of the Week.







UNDER 14'S

Last week Our Under 14's girls travelled to Scone to play. They went up against the scone side and although scone were the better team on the night and came away with the win our girls never gave up and tried their hardest from start to finish.

Well done girls.

The Merriwa Engineering Player of the Week was Hallie Milgate.

UNDER 16's

Last Friday night our Under 16's girls travelled across to Scone in a late night match against an outstanding young group of girls. Our captain, Maddy Thrift lead Merriwa out onto the field proud and ready to go, all the girls eager to improve on last week's game against Muswellbrook. Unfortunately, an injury to our fullback Brooklyn Blackadder saw her out for part of the game and ultimately the efforts of Scone Under 16's were too strong resulting in a loss for Merriwa. Big thankyou to our Under 14's players that stayed back to play up in the 16's – Rachel, Alyssa, Mia and Savannah, your efforts and sportsmanship on the field is hard to go unnoticed. We are excited to train hard this week and place emphasis on our game plan ready to take on Round 7 this Friday June 4.

Players Player(s): Maddy Thrift, Sam Bristow and Ash Loft

Coaches Points: 3 – Alyssa Carrall, 2 – Maddy Thrift, 1 – Mia Morgan

Lachlan Vaughan

A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

civility and attention. The mail leaves the "FitzRoy" on Mondays and Wednesdays at one o'clock,pm for Merton, Muswell Brook, Singleton and Maitland, returning Mondays and Fridays. Any parties wishing to travel by the mail, and leave their horses till their return, every attention will be paid to them on a moderate scale.

N.B. Stabling for eight horses with good provender(sic), Charles Thompson.

Most early inns, stores and houses were of slab construction and looked alike with a sign out front declaring their business. In 1892, James Ell built the sandstone (or free stone as it was known) building we know today.

Photo 1 Sir Charles FitzRoy.

Photo 2 map of NSW as it appeared around the time.

Photo 3 an early photo of the hotel with the Albion Motor transport about 1912.

Information, Trove newspapers courtesy Kim Clydsdale Photos of the FitzRoy courtesy Merriwa Historical Society. Information on Charles FitzRoy courtesy of Mr.Google. The map of NSW came out of an old 1939 school atlas.



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Merriwa Tennis Club

Merriwa Tennis Club has just wrapped up our autumn doubles competition, we started our competition on March 1 with 9 teams and finished on May 31 with our fantastic finals.

Congratulations to our four top teams who played off in the semi-final round.

- **Team 1** – Anne Marie Peebles, Leanne Hunt, Brett Garland and David Gibbs
- **Team 2** – Heather Proctor, Connie Gillis, Ashley Borg and Oscar Kraeft
- **Team 7** – Kate Morgan, Alyssa Moore, David Martin and Paul Carrall
- **Team 9** – Hannah Walmsley, Sarah Edmonds, Jamie Edmonds and Jason Bear.

Smashing their way into the finals were Team 7 and Team 9, With Team 7 coming out on top with 27 points followed by Team 9 with 25 points.

Congratulations to our autumn 2021 winners and runners up.

Our Spring Competition will start in September 2021, if interested in having a team or have any questions, please contact us on our Facebook page "Merriwa Tennis Club". Our Teams consist of four players, two male players and two female



players. If you don't have a team ready to enter then please get in touch, we may be able to help.

Our courts are available for hire, if you wish to hire them then please send a message to us on Facebook.

I would like to thank our wonderful Merriwa tennis committee members for another successful competition and the work that goes on behind the scenes to give our community the facilities and opportunity to play tennis.

Courtney Gillis

MCS in touch with our community



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