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WHAT'S INSIDE



Spaceship lands in Merriwa

**Pest Alert**
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A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE



An article posted on our site by Kay Teale from the Newcastle/Maitland Catholic Sentinel, January 1962.

MERRIWA CHILDREN TRAVEL 90 MILES TO SCHOOL

"Some children in the Merriwa district travel 90 miles per day to school" Said Mr John Shannon when outlining the history of Merriwa at the opening of a new classroom block in Merriwa on Sunday November 19, 1961.

His Lordship Bishop John Toohey blessed and opened the new block of two new classrooms which were built at a cost of £8,500. Merriwa which is situated in the Western Extremity of the Hunter Valley, about 130 miles from Newcastle.

The first catholic school in Merriwa was built almost eighty years ago, a humble slab building. After the St Joseph sisters were established at Lochinvar in 1883, the first branch convent they opened was at Merriwa. Father O'Reilly was the parish priest and with that indomitable drive we have come to associate with the early pioneer priests, he did not rest until he had a convent established and a Catholic school in his parish.

A modern school was built in about 1924 by Rev. Father Ward and it was a modern school, for even in 1924, it had central heating. In 1954, a modern kindergarten was built during Rev.

Father Casey's time as priest-in-charge.

With over 200 children now attending the school daily, there was a need for further extension and two new classrooms have been added to the existing school.

200 CHILDREN TRAVELLING

One of the reasons why there is a need for the extra school accommadation is the modern means of transport and subsidised fares. Every morning, over 200 children arrive in Merriwa by bus to go to school, some to the Catholic school, some to Merriwa Central School. Some of these children travel up to 90 miles each day (45 miles each way).

They come from Idaville, Springfield, Collaroy, Gungal and the Willow Tree road districts.



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Merriwa Central School



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'Empowering and challenging students to become lifelong learners'

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Merriwa Central School

Deputy Principal's Report

which explores how Country has cared for and healed First Nations people spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally. The artwork includes communities, people, animals and bush medicines spread over different landscapes of red dirt, green grass, bush land and coastal areas to tell the story of the many ways Country can and has healed us throughout our lives and journeys.

Sharon Kenaly
Deputy Principal



HEAL COUNTRY!
4-11 JULY 2021

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Students from Merriwa Central School celebrate NAIDOC in Week 10 Term 2 2021.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising National activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

The 2021 National NAIDOC Poster, 'Care for Country' was designed by Gubbi Gubbi artist Maggie-Jean Douglas. Using the 2021 NAIDOC Week theme, "Heal Country!" as inspiration; 'Care for Country' is a bright and vibrant artwork

NEW UNIFORM ADDITIONS



Year 6 shirts enjoyed by all!



Year 12 Jerseys looking great!

Coming Events

JUNE	
Thursday 24	Aurora HSC Biology NAIDOC Day
Friday 25	Last Day of Term 2
JULY	
Monday 12	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 13	Students return

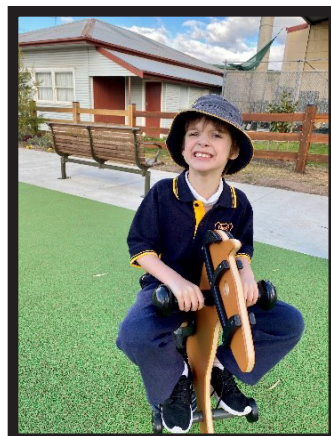
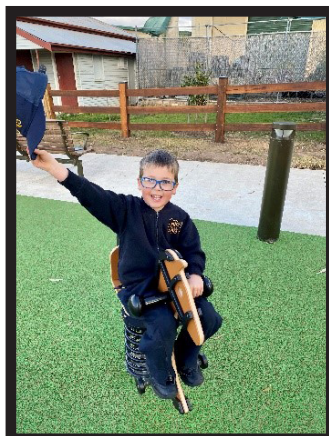
Primary

INFANTS SPIRITED DAY OUT

Last Thursday, infants students enjoyed a wonderful day out to the Muswellbrook Cinema to watch the film Spirit Untamed. We were lucky enough to have the whole cinema to ourselves and delicious popcorn combos ready as soon as we arrived. A special thank you to Christy at Muswellbrook Cinema for opening the cinema early and taking such great care of us. Students found the movie very entertaining and hilarious, with many laugh out loud moments.

We stopped on the way back to school at Denman Memorial Park for lunch and a play on the incredible play equipment. Students had an absolute blast and the tunnel slides were a definite highlight!

Students are to be congratulated on their beautiful behaviour and respectful manners throughout the entire day. Well done!



ALIENS AT MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

On Tuesday June 15, a spaceship was discovered by students at primary campus. The marvellous and suspicious spacecraft had crashed to the ground, leaving a spectacular mess!



The impressive spaceship was average sized and grey all over. It had two sleek wings, four black rocket boosters and some fascinating tubes connected to it. When it crashed to the Earth, some shiny tubes and rusty springs exploded from the ship!

Year 2/3 discovered a fire extinguisher nearby and noticed that the spacecraft was covered in peculiar, white powder. Students predicted that the spaceship was flying too fast, caught

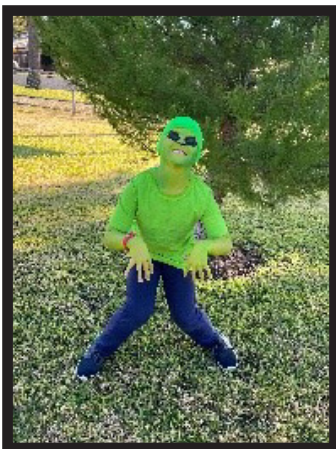


fire and plummeted to the ground!

There was also a mysterious, inhuman handprint on the spaceship and strange prints on the grass. Perhaps, an alien has crawled from the spacecraft and is hiding out somewhere in our little town!



Some students believed that the spacecraft was actually an astronaut's rocket that was attacked by an evil alien.



Whilst the owner of the spacecraft remained a mystery, students greatly enjoyed exploring the interesting and amazing crash site!

By Year 2/3



PRIMARY SPACE DAY

Last Tuesday's space themed reward activities were a huge success and everyone looked sensational in their costumes. The atmosphere was otherworldly as aliens, astronauts, men in black and Star Wars beings arrived at school. Students were shocked to discover a spaceship had crashed into our school through the night!

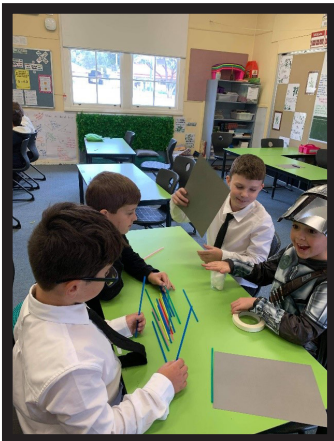
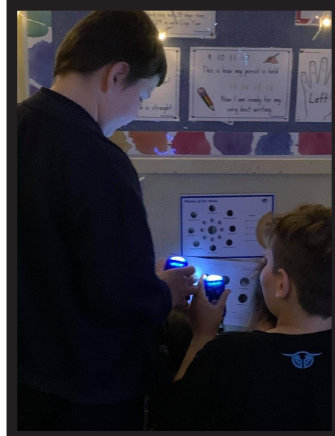
Students spent the morning session visiting the crash site, painting stars, designing their own planets and creating a variety of space inspired writing and artworks.

After recess, students rotated through three different activities within the infants and primary classrooms. Infants students travelled through space, exploring and learning all about the solar system. They were very excited to use "magic space paper" to project planets and other space matter onto. Students also gazed upon the stars and recreated constellations using marshmallows and toothpicks. They were delighted to be able to eat their creations at the end! Their final activity was to design colourful rockets stuck to straws that they blew through, to launch into the sky.

Primary students used cardboard and split pins to create a sun, moon and earth to replicate a solar eclipse. They also had a space lander stem activity where their mission was to design and create landing gear to keep their astronaut marshmallows safe. Arguably, the most popular primary rotation, was the planetarium escape room. Students were "locked" in the classroom and had to solve clues to find the correct combination in order to escape. They used flashlights to locate and read posters around the room with information all about space. It was a very fun and exciting way to learn more about space!

Students finished their day by watching a space movie with their class. It was a memorable day and students are to be commended on their enthusiasm and exceptional teamwork.



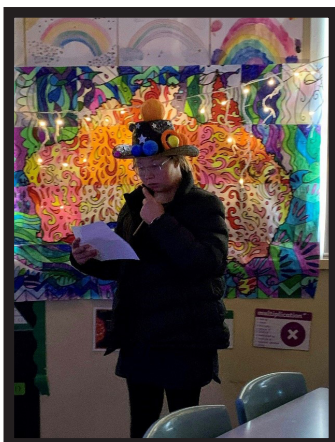


ATTENDANCE AWARDS

At last week's Kinder-Year 6 assembly we acknowledged students who have had 100% attendance during the semester.

Congratulations to the following students for 100% attendance in Term 1.

Shyla Cornish, William Sparrow, Ethan Chin, Joy Magnus, Nicholas Hockings, Mia Wilkinson, Olivia Purcell, Tye Blackadder, Olympia Magnus, Hazel Chin



Congratulations to the following students for 100% attendance in Term 2.

Kairi Taylor, Ruby Kneeves, Amelia Wilkinson, Isabella Campbell, Daniel Kneeves, Grace Campbell, Ashton Marchese, Madyson Sait, Tiarnee Denning, Thomas Kneeves, Braith Hunt, Rylan Coles, Torah Coles, Darcy Clark, Grace Collits



A huge congratulations to Tianah Cousins and Jack Purcell for having 100% attendance in both Term 1 and Term 2



INFANTS SRC

Thank you and well done to our Term 2 Infants SRC representatives Oliver Strachan, Taniel Roberts, Beau Hall, Layla Thompson, Grace Bidner and Jace Hourn.



Congratulation to our Term 3 Infants SRC representatives Emmy Hunt, Lachlan Strachan, Amelia Wilkinson, Nicholas Hockings, Claire Bidner and Alby Caban.



EDUCATION WEEK ASSEMBLY

Due to COVID restrictions that are still in place, our annual Variety Night will not be able to go ahead. Instead we would like to invite Parents and Caregivers to attend our Education Week Assembly on Friday July 30 at 11.00am on the Primary Campus. Our students are busy preparing an item to share with you all and we are looking forward to welcoming you back in Term 3.

Students will receive a note about their costumes and will require to bring them in by Week 2, Monday July 19. If you require further information please contact your child's class teacher or the coordinator, Mrs Morgan.



**Talia Morgan
Coordinator**

BRONZE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Bronze Awards.

Shyla Cornish, Clancy Caban, William Carr, Billy Caban, Jackson Douglas, Nate Marchese, Oliver Reid, Bailey Morgan, Tianah Cousins, Darcy Clark, Eleyce Davis



SILVER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Silver Award.

Lachlan Strachan, Emmy Hunt, Oliver Strachan, Holly Martin, Claire Bidner, Jacob Sawley, Taniel Robert, Nicholas Campbell, Jason Bristow, Madyson Sait, Joshua Sawley, Rylee Munn, Abby Bidner, Olivia Purcell, Jai Wright.



GOLD AWARD

Congratulations to Mia Wilkinson for achieving her Gold Award. What an amazing achievement, well done.



CLASS OF THE WEEK

Last week's Class of the Week Award went to the class that was noticed keeping their eating area clean and tidy at recess and lunch times. Year 1 were ensuring all of their rubbish was thrown in the bin after all eating times. Pavishna Uthayasangar and Geoffrey Reid proudly accepted the award on behalf of Year 1. Well done, Year 1.

Emma Garbellini



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student of the Week Awards in Week 9.

Kindergarten - Sasha Wallace for settling in beautifully at Merriwa Central School and her wonderful behaviour on our Infants excursion to the movies



Year 1 - Ashleigh Keane for working well in class



Year 2/3 - Fredrick Myers for his insightful ideas and enthusiasm during group tasks



Year 3/4 - Christian Boromeo for being polite to his peers and willingness to help others



Year 4/5 - Lachlan Munn for ongoing and continual improvement in his behaviour and work ethic



Year 5/6 - Tye Blackadder for improvement in spelling.



Relieving Infants Assistant
Principal

Secondary

YEAR 12 JACKETS

The highly anticipated Year 12 Leavers Jackets arrived on Monday afternoon – just in time for this season's heavy frosts. The jackets were designed by this year's graduating class, and ordered through the company Team Spirit, who we regularly trust to produce our high-quality sports and ROAR uniforms. Each jacket was custom made with our school logo and colours, and includes a nickname for each student. Year 12 have received many compliments already; especially about how good the jackets look alongside our new school jerseys for 7-11.

On behalf of Year 12, I would like to thank Mr Noonan and Mrs Byrne for facilitating the jacket order. I would also like to thank all staff members who purchased a jacket to help our small cohort meet the minimum order requirement. I know Year 12 are very grateful.



Emma Piper
Year Adviser

YEAR 11 STANDARD ENGLISH

This term Year 11 have been studying Module A: Contemporary Possibilities. This unit has focused on how Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous Sherlock Holmes character has changed over time and how new and emerging technologies have enabled this. Specifically, students have been studying Season 1 of the BBC television series Sherlock. They have explored how the creators of this series have adapted the character to suit a contemporary audience and its expectations.

For the past few weeks students have been engaged in creating a multimodal presentation focusing on Sherlock, but also with an emphasis on the Victorian context of the original Sir Arthur Conan Doyle short stories. Students have been developing their understanding of the Crime Fiction genre and its associated features.

I look forward to viewing and assessing these multimodal presentations.



Shane Hall
Secondary Studies Head Teacher

RUGBY LEAGUE 7'S KNOCKOUT

Last week Merriwa Central School Under 14's and Under 16's boys played in the Central School Rugby League 7's at Dubbo. The Under 16's combined and played with Trangie Central School, winning two games from four. Dylan Keane was our player of the day. All boys showed outstanding sportsmanship and respect on the day.

The Under 14's team won all four of their games, which means that they have now qualified for the State Championships to be played next term. The boys played really well and it did not take long for them to gel as a team. Daniel Mead was the Under 14's player of the day, and again the boys were all excellent sports and represented the school with the utmost pride.

GAME RESULTS

16'S

- Game 1: 46-4 v's Portland Central School
- Game 2: 24-10 v's Molong Central School
- Game 3: 18-16 v's Gulargambone/Baradine
- Game 4: Forfeit v's Coolah



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14'S

- Game 1: 64-0 vs Portland Central School
- Game 2: 36-6 vs Mendooran Central School
- Game 3: 24-20 vs Dunedoo Central School
- Final 1: 26-4 vs Gulargambone Central School



Merriwa Central School is also happy to announce that we have received new football jerseys. Thankyou to the P and C for providing the funds to allow for us to get new and updated football jerseys for our students to represent the school in.



Lachlan Vaughan
PDHPE Teacher

CAREER NEWS

Early offers for Visuals Arts and Music students

The Creative Arts Special Admissions Scheme (CASAS) offers talented Year 12 students a chance to receive an early offer to study music or visual arts based on their audition or portfolio and their academic performance in year 11 and 12 so far, prior to getting an ATAR.

Apply to the Con: <https://bit.ly/2QAmY5i>

Apply to the SCA: <https://bit.ly/3yk98ot>

Academy of Interactive Entertainment Holiday Courses

Get Started in Games & Film - Holiday Courses at Academy of Interactive Entertainment Learn how to 3D model and texture your own pocket monster! Then animate and bring your pocket monster to life. See what goes on behind the

scenes of Animation. Available for Ages 12+ Visit:

<https://aie.edu.au/course/sydney-holiday-courses/>

JMC Open Day - August 14

At JMC, it's all about exploring your passion, discovering a rewarding career and making a few life-long connections along the way. It's about helping you grow your skills, hone your creativity, and learn as much as you can about your chosen field so that you eventually land that job you've always dreamed of.

- Take a tour of our facilities, including our newly renovated learning spaces and studios
- Check out some of our serious gear
- Chat with current students and heads of departments
- Attend detailed course overview sessions
- Find out more about internship and study abroad opportunities
- See live performances, film + tv demos, and recording sessions in action - <https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/open-day-events/sydney-campus-aug21-open-day>

Young Writers - Voiceworks

Voiceworks is a national, quarterly literary journal that features exciting new fiction, nonfiction, poetry, art and comics by people under the age of 25.

Published by Express Media, Voiceworks is a national quarterly journal that features exciting new writing and art by young Australians. It is a unique opportunity for people under twenty-five to publish their fiction, nonfiction, poetry, art and comics. - <https://expressmedia.org.au/programs/voiceworks/>

The Hachette Australia Prize for Young Writers - Closes 12 August 2021

The Hachette Australia Prize for Young Writers is a developmental award open to Australian secondary school-aged students across the nation.

The prize recognises writing excellence in three categories: Fiction, Creative Nonfiction and Poetry. Entries can include writing for readers of any age. <https://expressmedia.org.au/programs/hachette-australia-prize/>

TAFE Real Futures Grant Scholarship - Closes October 31 - \$5,000.00

Areas: accounting and finance, business administration, business and management, health, medical and wellbeing

Eligibility Criteria: Available to students 18 years or older enrolled full-time and studying a certificate, diploma, degree or traineeship.

We know that real health for you and your family is only ever as good as the people who are providing it. And we know that finances are a key factor for families as well as insurance products and services. So with that in mind, we are helping to encourage the best people into the healthcare, business and finance industries by providing the Real Futures Grant. - <https://www.realinsurance.com.au/real-futures-grant>

UTS Virtual Reality Health Department Tour - <https://vimeo.com/236559108>

SEDA College NSW

SEDA College NSW have five full and 2-part scholarships for Year 11, 2022. The Currow Awards support: Students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent; and/or Students from any background where one or both parents have not completed Year 12; and/or Students who are economically disadvantaged. - <https://enquiry.sedacollege.nsw.edu.au/student/apply>

ANSTO Community Events and School Holiday Programs - Torrens – Business – School Hols Workshop - June 28 to July 15 - <https://www.ansto.gov.au/whats-on>

The world of Business offers endless career opportunities. Join our workshops and connect with academics and students to discover where our qualifications can lead you. Find out how we prepare you for a role in a range of fields, including marketing, commerce, project management and entrepreneurship. - <https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/school-holiday-workshops/business-school-holiday-workshops>

Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships

The NSW Government's new Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships mean that students can get the skills they need to get the job they want and their course fees will be covered.

Young people (aged 15-30) who meet the Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarship criteria are eligible for a government subsidy which covers their Smart and Skilled course fee.

Eligible students can receive a single Fee Free Scholarship in a financial year, and two Fee-Free

Scholarships across 4 financial years. - <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/enrol/payment-funding/smart-skilled>

TAFE to Uni Pathways by Credit Transfer

A credit transfer is when a portion of your TAFE NSW studies counts towards a uni course, potentially knocking a year or more off your future uni studies. More than 100 TAFE NSW courses now have credit transfer arrangements in place for 700 courses in many major Australian universities. This puts these students ahead of the eight ball when it comes to enrolling for a university course. - https://credittransfer.tafensw.edu.au/?_ga=2.150205619.465717532.1623741121-215900748.1611467770&_gac=1.11855616.1622669494.7KH0zID26QIVSB0rCh1YtgGVEAAYASAAEgKwPPD_BwE

Teach Scholarships

If your future plans include completing an initial teacher education degree or you are currently studying to become a teacher of mathematics, science (with physics), selected technological and applied studies subjects or special education (K - 12) you could be eligible for the Teacher Education Scholarship. The Teacher Education Scholarship provides financial support whilst studying and a permanent teaching position in a high-demand subject area following successful completion of studies. - <https://teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy/teacher-education-scholarship> and <https://teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy>

Register your interest in Teaching

If you would like to request a tailored information session for your school or university please email: hrpromotions@det.nsw.edu.au. - <https://nsw.us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=1b73da7775cca263240290668&id=6d7e4b9782>

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor

Ringer Deadline!

*Please remember to place
your articles
and advertisements into
the
Merriwa Ringer*

is back Monday July 12 at 12noon.



St Joseph's Primary School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Welcome to the last few days of the second term. At the halfway point and students, staff and parents will welcome a very well-earned break. As a Principal, I cannot be any prouder of the way students have worked this semester. Students and teachers have worked diligently on modifying and adapting learning intentions and success criteria, in accordance with the work we are doing to improve our school's academic performance. Students continue to gain a greater understanding of what they are learning and why, how to improve and where to go for help, some of the questions they are asked on daily learning walks and talks.

My best wishes go out to the Merriwa community for a safe and happy holiday period. We hope you can be there to support the St Joseph's Junior Campdraft and Fete on Saturday. Good luck to all of the local riders and their horses.

STUDENT REPORTS

By the time you read this, your child's report will have been accessed on Compass. Teachers have worked hard to establish assessment data, grades and improvement plans for each student.

I strongly encourage you to speak to your child about their reports, where they feel they might improve and how they might access this.

Please make arrangements to speak to your teacher during the Parent/Teacher Interview process to gain a greater clarification into grades. If further appointments are required, please arrange these through your teacher or myself.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We hope that you have engaged with your teacher for parent/teacher interviews and that this has been a positive experience for you. Your teachers have worked diligently to ensure they know each of your children's strengths and where they can develop further.

CAMPDRAFT AND FETE

We are only weeks away from our major fundraiser, the St Joseph's Junior Campdraft and Fete. This is the prime fundraiser of the year.

We really appreciate all of the sponsors that currently have contributed to this event, both in Merriwa and its surrounds.

Our amazing Parents and Friends Association work around the clock to make this wonderful event happen. We ask that all families get involved in what ever way possible and make this event great, after spending a year on the sidelines with COVID.



UPPER HUNTER REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On a very windy Alroy Oval in Singleton last Friday, our Joey's team represented us all with pride at the Upper Hunter Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival.

All of children were very competitive, which demonstrates the improved talent we have in the school and the additional coaching we are utilising through the Sports Schools Australia program and Nicky Western.

We look forward to giving more information into results as they come in.





CHAD AND JYE EXPLORE BANGARRA

Chad and Jye were invited to the Upper Hunter excursion organised by Mrs Tania Thompson, Aboriginal Education Teacher at St James' Muswellbrook, to the Sydney Opera House, to watch the Bangarra Dance Theatre.

"Sandsong – Stories from the Great Sandy Desert", highlighted the plight of the Stolen Generation and was a journey into ancient story systems framed against the backdrop of ever-changing government policy and of the survival of people determined to hold strong to their Culture.

Chad and Jye travelled early in the day by bus and were greatly entertained by a world class production.



We thank St James' Muswellbrook and Mrs Thompson for the wonderful opportunity.

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 or Ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE 25 – LAST DAY TERM TWO/VINNIES DAY

JUNE 26 – CAMPDRAFT AND FETE

JULY 12 – TERM THREE STARTS

JULY 16 – PUPIL FREE DAY – SPIRITUALITY

JULY 21 – NAIDOC DAY AT ST JOSEPH'S

JULY 23 – ASPIRE EXCURSION

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.

Ashley Borg
Principal

WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week 9 Strength award - Perseverance

Kindergarten - Darcy Bear - for his loving and pure-hearted comments and insights in religion lessons

Arman Diwadkar - for showing perseverance in literacy activities

Stage 1 - Daniel Dallas - for his perseverance when completing writing tasks

Charlie Barry – for her interesting narrative which included dynamic dialogue

Stage 2 - Sean Evans – for his detailed knowledge of Jesus being the Son of God

Tommy Booth - for trying hard to focus and persevere through learning activities

Stage 3 - Archie Constable - for showing perseverance at the Regional Athletics Carnival and not giving up even when faced with challenges

Savannah Beeney - for showing good skills and confidence when completing Maths tasks

Principal's Awards:

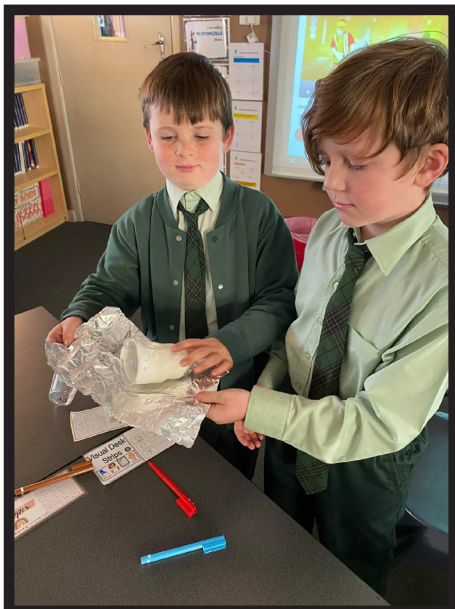
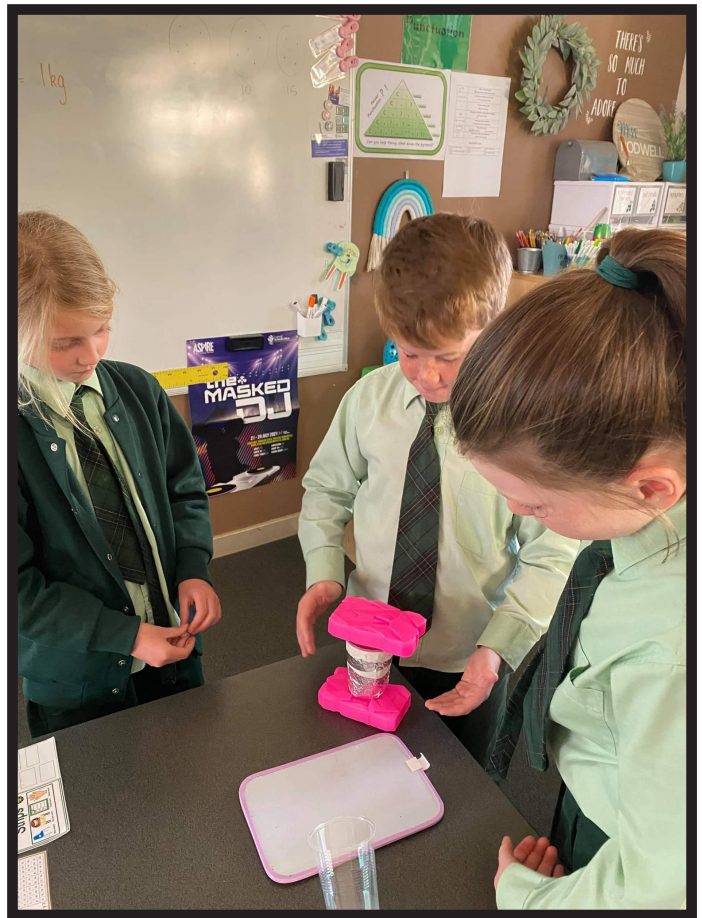
Lily Schmidt – for continuing to make excellent choices in the playground

Tommy Booth – for an improved attitude to his learning

Uniform Awards: (Presented by the School Captain and Vice Captain)

Annabelle Hunt and Claire Raines.

Mr Ashley Borg
Principal





Cassilis Public School



STUDENT OF THE WEEK - SKYLAH

Skylah has been chosen as the last Student of the Week for Term 2 for her respectful and hard-working approach to school. She engaged in all learning tasks given to her and completed them within the time frame provided. Skylah participated well in class discussions and played nicely in the playground, involving herself in all games. She listened respectfully and tried especially hard with each writing task, especially paying attention to revising.

She wears schools uniform every day and is prepared for learning.

Congratulations Skylah on your efforts and achievements. You should feel very proud of yourself.

PEDDLE, CASSILIS, PEDDLE

On Monday students enjoyed bike riding at our local recreation grounds. Cassilis, and the surrounding towns of Merriwa and Coolah, have some wonderful places to ride and we are looking forward to exploring these during our cycling for sport next term to be held every week.

Before we took our bikes for a spin, Constable Ben came to chat to the students about being in safe places meaning that an adult can either see you or know where you are. We discussed that some places have a higher risk than others and to think about how we can reduce the

risk. Some ways are by checking our bikes and wearing a well fitted, quality helmet.

Constable Ben helped to make sure our bikes were in tip top shape with the help of his tyre pump and taking pedals off for some students to practice using the bike like a balance bike. He gave some great advice to the students, telling them that if it feels wrong in their gut then it is wrong and that telling the truth will never get them in as much trouble as either hiding it or telling lies. The students responded very positively to the visit and the school really appreciate Constable Ben's efforts over the years to build relationships with our students and be a positive role model.

The students loved getting out on two wheels today and were tired after riding around (bike fitness will get better as we practice more at school and at home) and were proud of their efforts with not giving up when it was challenging.

It was fun riding multiple bikes today. I really enjoyed it. – Ben

I liked going fast on my bike at the park. – Levi

My favourite part of the day was riding my bike around the rodeo grounds. – Skylah

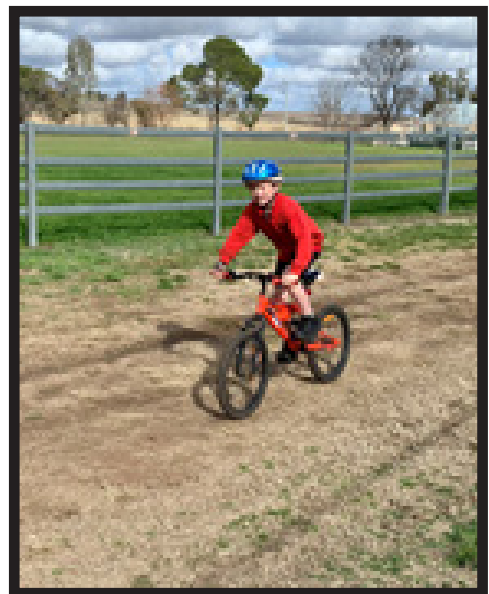
I enjoyed policeman Ben visiting our school this morning to talk about bike safety. – Gordie

Today I loved going really fast on the dirt on my bike. – Cooper

Today I had fun riding my pushbike around and spending time away from school but still learning the safety of riding outside. – Paul

Thank you to Cate Horton for coming along and helping the students and to the P and C for providing a delicious chicken burger which went down a treat after our great exercise in the fresh air.







THANK YOU!

It is great that our Cassilis community continues to be very mindful around illness and being aware of the continued risk of COVID-19.

We cannot thank you enough for not sending sick students to school.

You are giving your child's body the opportunity to recover as quickly as possible as well as preventing the illness being spread at school - Students, teachers, and their families. **THANK YOU!**

Going into Term 3, keeping this in mind this will be really helpful in reducing the spread of sickness amongst our community and keeping COVID safe.

Thank you from us all at School!

Please remember to contact the school if your child is sick as soon as possible. We need to know.

CHAMPIONING 'CHAMPION FOOD'

At Cassilis School we are required to support the students' health and wellbeing. We ask our families to support us to do this by ensuring that lunch boxes have loads of "Champion Foods".



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Katie Burgess
Principal

Merriwa Ringer



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REFLECTION - PENTECOST 5 – Mark 5:21-43

What strikes us about Jesus in this reading is his willingness to help those who are in need of his help. He is always sensitive to where people are and to what they need and is most practical in his concern for us. If you wish to dwell with Jesus being like this for you now, you might let him be tuned to where you are in a sensitive way. Likewise you might allow yourself to be with Him as one who is attuned to your needs and does not impose his desires on you.

Perhaps you are suffering right now – burning with anger at someone who has hurt you or unable to forgive an old hurt, or you are a bit depressed.

Talk with the woman who has been in pain for twelve years. Listen to her tell you to touch Jesus' cloak. Imagine doing that. This is not magic but a meeting with Jesus and asking for his help, the thing God carries its own healing power. Prayer can often feel like touching the hem of Jesus' garment, but it is authentic when, like the woman, you tell the Lord the whole truth. In many ways it may surprise you. The truth 'sets your free' (John 8:32)

Love and blessings, from Rev Pat

DIARY DATES

10.00am - Sundays second and fourth Sundays Eucharist at Holy Trinity

10.00am - First and third Sundays Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

10.00am - Friday Eucharist at Holy Trinity

11.00am - Friday Extended Eucharist at MPS or Hostel alternating

Saturday July 31 at 12noon - Christmas In July. Tickets available from Di's Clothing Patch.

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

THE SALE...THE BARBECUE

It was great for our club to have been invited to operate the barbecue at the recent big sale at Woolbrook. Our team was able to keep the orders flowing out at good pace. Thank you to all those who patronised our stall. Profits made on the day will flow into our ongoing Merriwa projects.

CHANGING PLACES

Our club was represented by three of our members, with their spouses, as our closest neighbouring Rotary Club, Denman, marked its changeover.. Merriwa's incoming leadership team will take office while the Ringer will be out of print. We shall bring you details in the first Ringer after the school break.

Changing office bearers at DISTRICT level will also take place at Mudgee on Sunday, June 27.

Rotary Merriwa's annual distribution of funds to charitable and service providers will also take place during the school holidays. Again, look to the next Ringer for the details.

HAPPY ROTARY NEW YEAR!

Mark Smith



JULY CALENDAR

UHSC Merriwa Youth Centre

Thursday 2 July – CASP SYC Excursion (see Youth Centre for details)

Wednesday 7 July – Soup and movie

Wednesday 14 July - Pasta Night

Wednesday 21 July – Spotlight

Wednesday 30 June – Hot dogs and popcorn

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Holy Trinity Guild

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Holy Trinity Guild are happy to announce they will be holding Christmas in July at the Parish Hall On Saturday July 31.

For those interested in attending, more information will be supplied closer to the date.

Joan Morgan

Working Dog Challenge

With talks of the Merriwa Spring Time Show going ahead for 2021, it is time to ask the question... **Who is interested in having the Working Dog Challenge again?**

This is a fun event for all dogs, big or small, testing the connection between dog and owner as they complete a course of jumps, climbs, tunnels and gates...

We have a sponsor, with Marie Scott and Stay and Play Photography generously donating prizes for the event. But what were are after is an indication of people with dogs, willing to give it a go; people to assist on the day with setting up, scoring and packing up.

If you fit into any of these catagories then please feel free to let me know on 0447 219 193.

We will be holding an information session in the near future which will explain the rules of the game. We will also aim to hold a training session prior to the event.

It was an event enjoyed by all in previous years and will be great to have it run again for 2021.

Tina Taylor

Thank You

I would like to take a moment to thank numerous people for all their well wishes on my recent retirement.

To the Merriwa Central School P and C for their beautiful flowers and the staff at the Merriwa Central School for the lovely farewell celebration and gifts. I have enjoyed working at Merriwa Central School and the memories I have made will last forever. Thank you.

To Debbie Hunt, thank you for the wonderful afternoon tea with SASS staff and friends and others who have taken the time to offer me farewell wishes.

Julie Byrne

St David's Uniting Church

PIE DRIVE

We would like to take a moment to thank everyone for the orders they have placed in our recent pie drive. As always it amazes us at the ongoing support for our annual fundraiser, even if we did miss 2020.

Enjoy your goodies and please enjoy your holidays. A specil thank you to all the businesses that were willing to have our order forms, without your support our fundraiser would not have been as successful.

Barbara Campbell

Holidays

STUDENT BREAK

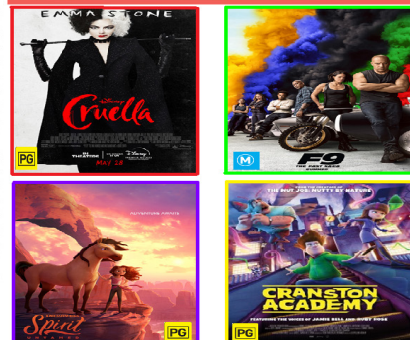
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MERRIWA LANDCARE AND GREEN THUMBS

A fond farewell this week and special thank you to Merriwa Landcare members, Rob and Jenny Lee. Their contribution to Merriwa Landcare over many years is difficult to quantify in terms of their wealth of knowledge of local native vegetation species, volunteering to take on committee roles, and can-do attitude when it came to getting their hand dirty planting or committing their time and energy to complex grant applications. Nothing was ever too much trouble for this couple who often volunteered their beautiful garden and nursery complex for fundraising projects or Green Thumb workshops.

Recently, Jenny has been a project coordinator for Merriwa Landcare, volunteering her time and expertise over the past five years. Thanks to Jenny's efforts over \$100,000 worth of grant funding has been invested in projects in the Merriwa and Cassilis communities including the Sir Ivan Fire Biodiversity forum, revegetation and fencing projects. Jenny toured impacted properties and assisted in compiling shrub and tree planting lists, and mapping significant areas for regeneration. Her behind the scenes efforts ensured conservation and regeneration efforts were made easy.

We wish the Lee's all the best and will miss them dearly in Landcare and our local community! Best wishes and fun times ahead!

Maria Cameron

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.

Carols in the Park

MARK THIS DATE

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

Covid19 restrictions may still be in place, so we may have to modify the way we hold the event..

However, please keep this date free.

Cr Ron Campbell



TERM 3 CALENDAR 2021

Children's Mobile Playgroup

0-6 years of age

July 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	12th Jerrys Plains	13th Ellerston	14th Bunnann	15th Settlement	16th Wingen
2	19th McCullys Gap	20th Wybong	21st Gundy	22nd Hebden	23rd Cassilis
3	26th Jerrys Plains	27th Ellerston	28th Bunnann	29th Settlement	30th Wingen

August 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	2nd McCullys Gap	3rd Wybong	4th Gundy	5th Hebden	6th Cassilis
5	9th Jerrys Plains	10th Ellerston	11th Bunnann	12th Settlement	13th Wingen
6	16th McCullys Gap	17th Wybong	18th Gundy	19th Hebden	20th Cassilis
7	23rd Jerrys Plains	24th Ellerston	25th Bunnann	26th Settlement	27th Wingen

September 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8	30th McCullys Gap	31st Wybong	1st Gundy	2nd Hebden	3rd Cassilis
9	6th Jerrys Plains	7th Ellerston	8th Bunnann	9th Settlement	10th Wingen
10	13th McCullys Gap	14th Wybong	15th Gundy	16th Hebden	17th Cassilis

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OUTBACK STATIONS

- 10 Great Australian Pastoral Properties; from 'Brickhouse' in the Pilbara, Western Australia, to 'Jandra' at Bourke in NSW. Read about the lives of the wonderful people living and thriving in these and other places across the country. Reading about them will make you want to go adventuring!

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY

- Exclusive; Natalie Barr talks about her close relationship with her two sons and how a policy of openness in conversations has been a priority in family discussions
- Finding me; growing up Dianne O'Brien thought life was good until she lost her Mum and then the mirage imploded. A child of the stolen generation, her story is tragic, shocking, miraculous and ultimately uplifting when she finally meets her people
- Breaking free, helping families dealing with addiction. Behind addiction is trauma and behind the trauma is pain.

GARDENING AUSTRALIA

- Winter projects ; step by step instructions on how to make a bird nesting material dispenser or turn an old mop bucket or logs into containers to grow stuff. Learn how to make a 'charbecue' to keep warm and nourish the soil. Outdoor firepits are increasingly popular & with fire there is always ash and charcoal so managed well these are a valuable garden resource
- Crimes against compost; a good sweet compost heap is all about balance. Here you can learn about how to avoid six common misdeeds
- -The gardener's bucket list; Larnach Castle & Gardens, Dunedin, New Zealand. The gardens have expanded over the past 50 years and they are a horticultural masterpiece with a number of fascinating sections, including a South Seas garden, a rock garden and a

formal raised lawn.

MARIE CLAIRE

- Rose Byrne talks of her life with her boys and on being back home as her career hits new heights with her new series, Physical
- A moment in time; This year's National Geographic Portrait Prize incorporates a period in time like no other, 2020. The finalists, worked around the theme 'Living Memory', acknowledging the seismic events that shaped the country and our collective consciousness.

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

Dare to fly, dare to dream, dare to be you.

BEANIE BOO

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DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Upper Hunter Shire Council is asking for feedback in regards to the draft Waste Management Strategy 2021-2031.

The purpose of the strategy is to provide further recommendations in respect to waste and resource recovery and to enable Council to transition to a more sustainable waste management framework.

The draft strategy is on display at each of Council's offices and is available at upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Residents are invited to provide written comment regarding the strategy by 13 July via:

Email: council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Mail: PO Box 208, Scone NSW 2337

DRAFT ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2021

Council has resolved to implement an update of the Upper Hunter On-Site Sewage Management Strategy.

The strategy provides an integrated approach to on-site sewage management systems within a self-regulating framework of community education, local support services and environmental and public health protection.

The draft strategy has been placed on exhibition for public comment for a period of 28 days from 16 June 2021.

The draft strategy is on display at each of Council's offices and is available at upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Residents are invited to provide written comment regarding the strategy by 14 July via:

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BUILDING UPGRADES FOR AIRPORT

Modifications to the development application for the Hunter Warbirds aviation attraction were approved at the extraordinary council meeting on 8 June.

The modifications include:

- The installation of two, 480 kilolitre colorbond steel water tanks, with a diameter of 7.50

metres and height of 12.5 metres to service the fire suppression system.

- Construction of an ancillary pump room.

Upper Hunter Shire Council, Mayor Maurice Collison said the design scope for the building had to be changed, in order to meet fire safety regulations.

Most museums and aviation centres have static displays of aircraft which are not operational.

"To set our facility apart from others and create a real point of difference, we decided to have fully operational aircraft in our facility. That means that the aircraft that are on display can be wheeled out and flown for joy flights," Mayor Collison said.

"This will be a unique feature of the Hunter Warbird facility. This though requires additional fire suppression and this week we approved the change in the development application to make this a reality," he said.

The alternative option would have been to bleed the aircraft of fuel each time, they went back into the centre and then refuel them each time they were deployed for a joy flight.

This would not have been a workable solution both logistically and in terms of the potential damage that this practice could do to the engines of vintage aircraft.

The construction remains within the approved budget.

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
- Capital works tree planting
- Bunnan Bridge to Kars Springs construction works
- Bettington Street footpath
- Cassilis Community Hall, construction works
- Driver Reviver ongoing works
- Golden Highway, road maintenance
- Action requests as required

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

- Willunga Road
- Redwell Road
- Redman Road

Hannah White

Hunter Local Lands Services

HUNTER LLS FUNDS AUSTRALIAN FIRST CULTURAL BURN TRAINING PROGRAM

The first of 13 Cultural Burns planned for the Hunter region in 2021 are underway, as part of an Australian first training program to help build knowledge, skills they already have and share understanding of traditional burning and land management practices.

Hunter Local Land Services is supporting Tocal College in developing a Certificate III, IV and Diploma in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, Cultural Burn, in partnership with Firesticks Alliance.

The pilot course is the first tertiary qualified Cultural Burn course to be conducted in Australia. The course teaches Aboriginal land management students in both Aboriginal Fire Knowledge Practices and Western Science to understand the positive ecological impacts of cultural burning and Aboriginal land management practices focussing on Traditional fire management practices and techniques. In the recently commenced pilot there are 30 students enrolled, who come from a diverse range of employment and community backgrounds.

Hunter Local Land Services Aboriginal Community Officer Toby Whaleboat said the course could not have been developed or proceed without the support of local Elders and community, especially allowing the students to work on Country.

"We are so grateful to be working with Traditional owners, our community and Local Aboriginal Councils in the Hunter and Manning Great Lakes, as well as our training partners to deliver this unique course," said Toby Whaleboat.

"The students will get access to some of the best teachers in the country, including Victor Steffensen from Firesticks Alliance, combined with local knowledge passed on through Elders here in our region.

"We're hoping this pilot course could become the model for teaching Cultural Burning knowledge in a formal land management capacity across Australia."

The Cultural Burn Training will be conducted in various vegetation and ecosystems from the coast (Coastal heath) to Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands and open grassy woodlands in the west of the Hunter and will be conducted on high elevated areas such as Mount Sugar Loaf.

Each of the burns is being held on different types of land tenures from Travelling Stock Reserves to privately held properties, teaching the students how to apply the correct fire knowledge to specific types of vegetation to achieve the best outcomes for the landscape.

Monitoring plans will be developed and established to capture data prior to each burn and after each burn.

"One of the major outcomes of our cultural burning program is to offer opportunities for connection to Country for local Aboriginal student and communities, and the opportunity to share cultural knowledge on caring for Country," said Toby.

It's hoped outcomes will include reducing weed infestations, improving the health, function of native vegetation communities, protecting habitat for native animals, and reducing the risks of wildfires, promoting resilient landscapes.

Penny Evans

AGRISKILLS TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

Agriskills training partnership has organised another round of fully funded courses for the Upper Hunter. These free courses will improve your workplace, health and safety and job prospects in local rural industries. Morning tea and light lunch provided. Dates are as follows – please contact Lynne Ring at TAFE NSW in Scone to register on 6540 3218

Agricultural Chemical Skill Set: Places are available for the full two-day course or one-day refresher

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Cassilis: July 6 and July 7, 2021

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Maria Cameron

Merriwa Ringer



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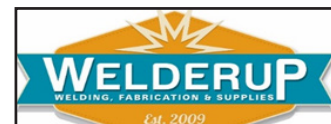
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CWA

Meets Second Monday
of the month
10.00am
CWA Rooms
159 Bettington Street

Visitors and new members are always welcome

Enquiries to:

President: Barbara Campbell
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Email: barbaraj911@gmail.com
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Merriwa

Cnr Brisbane and MacKenzie Streets

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51 – 53 Ogilvie Street

For appointments please phone 6532 5013

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2020/21 starts Oct 12!

Tots (3 & 4 yrs) to u/17 yrs

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at Merriwa No. 2 Oval
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New Members Welcome

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e: belindak@live.com.au

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Friday Happy Hours 5.00-7.00pm

Saturday **Happy Saturday** all day \$5 schooners, house spirits and wine. Club raffles and members draw

HONKI HAUS CHINESE RESTAURANT

Wednesday-Friday open for dinner. Saturday-Sunday open lunch and dinner.

Dine in or take away



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Merriwa Magpies



Rugby League Football Club

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

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Tyler Austin - President
Marie Scott - Secretary

Tel: 0498 378 500



Clare Martin
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Fiona Morgan
Treasurer

Rally days every 2nd Sunday of month from February to October

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Friday
Raffles and 3 Members Badge Draws

Sunday
Raffles

Members Badge Draw between 11.30am & 1.30pm

Club: 6548 2157
Bistro: 6548 2295

For the information of members and their guests.



President Bernard Constable
Secretary Julie Wilton

All inquiries to the secretary
0498332565
merriwamagpiesjrl@gmail.com

MERRIWA RACES

April 23, 2022

Race Club President - Paul Frampton

Contact - 0428 485 182

Visit www.merriwaraceclub.com.au

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Treasurer: Kelly Curtis

October Long weekend

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Secretary: James Armstrong 0412 926 525

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MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Get involved in influencing decisions on matters that affect the whole local community

Meets on Third Wednesday every month at 6.00pm Merriwa RSL

merriwaprogress@gmail.com



Clubs/Sports Merriwa RSL Club

The Friday night Members Lucky Badge 7.00pm draw for \$140.00 was won the number was 221, this week it commences at \$100.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$1000.00 was not won the number was 609, this week it jackpots to \$1050.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$360.00 was not won the number was 399, this week it jackpots to \$380.00. LTPS/19/36118

The Sunday Members Badge Draw for \$950.00 was not won last week the number was 676, this week it jackpots to \$1000.00 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.

Nominations for Board of Directors will open on July 16 and close on August 1, 2021.

Voting will commence on August 27 and close September 5, 2021.

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 and 10.00pm.

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

STATE OF ORIGIN

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, two fruit and veg trays, an IGA voucher, cleaning pack and a snack pack up for grabs. The trays and packs are amazing, thanks to Merriwa IGA and Max's Country Cuts. Raffle begins at 7.30pm. The members draw was drawn on Saturday night, member number 91 was not present so the badge draw jackpots to \$700.00 this week. Drawn anytime between 6.30pm and 8.30pm, 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.

POOL AND DARTS COMPETITION

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!

2021/22 MEMBERSHIPS

Membership renewals for 2021/22 have been sent out, keep an eye in the post for your renewal. From July 1 the 2021/22 member numbers will be used for our members draw so make sure you remember to renew for your chance to win!

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

Brendan Cowell

Yesterday, we travelled to Aberdeen. Sunday mornings are always an early start, monarch blues kicked off at 10.20am. We started okay, with the score being 10 all. Unfortunately, it all went down from there, we just couldn't put any more points on them but they added another 16. End score 26-10. Bad luck girls.

Player's Player: Brodie McMillian

In the reserve grade at 12:30pm, it was a slow game, good defence from both teams, making it a tight game, thankfully Magpies came away with the win, 12-10.

Player's Player: John Whitby

HOME GAME

This Saturday June 26 against Murrurundi

Monarch Blues at 2.00pm

Reserve Grade at 3.00pm.

Let's go Magpies

Jessyca Morgan

Ringer Deadline!

*Please remember to place
your articles
and advertisements into
the
Merriwa Ringer*

is back Monday July 12 at 12noon.

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club

Round 9 saw our League Tag Girls travel to Scone and Aberdeen to play. With having a week off with washed out games the week before the girls were eager to get back out on the field. The conditions were on the cooler side but the girls dug deep and gave it their all. Well done girls.

Saturday morning saw our league teams head off to Muswellbrook to play. There were some great games of football played by our Merriwa teams.

Well done to all of our Magpies.

Thank you to our wonderful committee, volunteers, coaches, League safe, team managers, parents and most importantly our invaluable sponsors.

Brooke Marchese and Amanda Tudor

UNDER 6'S BLACK

The Sparrows Nest Player of the Week went to Paddy Armstrong.



And the Sparrows Nest Player of the Week for the previous week was Clancy Caban.

UNDER 6'S WHITE

Great game had by all. Some excellent tries Ruby scoring 5, Darcy 4, Liam 3 and Geoffery 2. Some superstar passing by Maggie and Olivia. Well done Merriwa whites!

Cassilis Park Player of the Week went to Maggie Urso.





UNDER 7'S

The Under 7's had a fantastic game of footy last weekend. The best Game they have played so far. They worked together as a team to make some great tackles and were really strong in defending their line.

A season first Happened last weekend and tries were scored by every single team member there on the day. Tries went to: Callum Nicholls-(1), Charlie Barry-(5), Charlie Constable-(1), CJ Thompson-(1), Kayden Milgate-(1), Nate Marchese-(1) and Miles Hvurf-(2). Well done kids, you all played an exceptional game of footy!!

The Craig MacPherson Haulage Player of the Week went to Charlie Barry for not only making some try stopping tackles but for have a fantastic game and running in five of her own tries!

UNDER 9'S

Merriwa Under 9's had another great game this week. Tries this week went to Archy (4), Morgan (3), Aubree (3) and Riley (1).



The Cory and David Vero Player of the Week went to Alby Caban. Alby's footy is improving by the week, he made some great runs and tackled well.

UNDER 11'S

The Eat@153 Player of the Week went to Deakin Milgate.

GIRLS LEAGUE TAG



The Merriwa Engineering player of the week went to Hallie Milgate.

UNDER 16'S



The LJ and CA Constable Earthmoving Player of the Week went to Brooklyn Blackadder.



UNDER 12'S

The Welderup Player of the Week went to Shakira Andrews.

UNDER 14'S



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WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

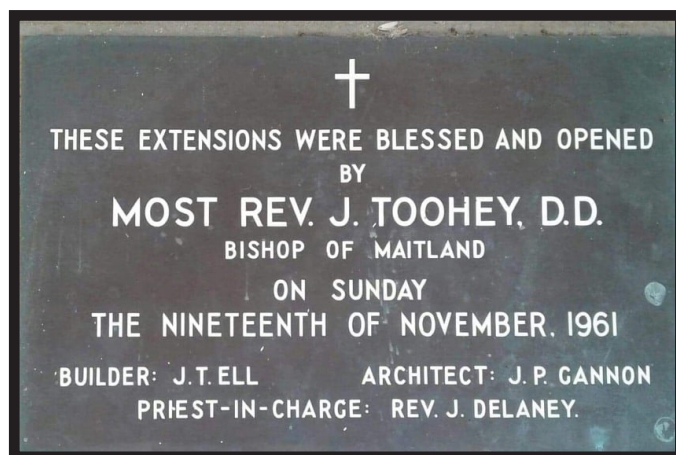
Carl McNamara's two children travel 90 miles per day. The cost of this thirst for knowledge varies from 7/6 per week per family to almost £1/10/- per family per week.

After his Lordship, Bishop Toohey had blessed and opened the new building, the five senior parishioners hoisted the Australian Flag while 'Advance Australia Fair' was played. The five men, Alan McRae, Stephen Costigan, Edmund Nixon, Michael McNamara and James Murray have all seen the Catholic school at Merriwa grow from a slab hut down in the town opposite the Post Office to the three gracious buildings so beautifully situated on the spacious plot of over eight acres of grassy slopes beside the town.

During the Blessing Ceremony, the Bishop was assisted by Father Delaney, the present Priest-in-charge and by Rev. Father W. Cantwell, a former Rector of Merriwa.

Since this article was written, we have found a few mistakes, the older classrooms were built in 1928, not 1924 and the first Catholic school was erected opposite the Post Office in 1858.

- Photo 1 the new classroom.
- Photo 2 the plaque dated 1 November 19, 1961.
- Photo 3 the original school opposite the Post Office near where the fountain is located.



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NOTE: 4WD access only and there is NO dwelling entitlement.

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St Joseph's Primary School Merriwa P&F Association presents

2021 Junior Campdraft & Fete

Saturday 26th June - Merriwa Showground



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