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# A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE



## SIR FREDERICK DUNCAN MCMASTER AND DALKEITH PART 2

After taking over management of Dalkeith in 1891 and assuming the ownership in 1899, Sir Frederick set about improving the property and its sheep. He later introduced Peppin blood to the flock. In 1911, McMaster bought 'Comedy King', the Boonoke exhibition ram for 800 guineas and later that year acquired 'Australia Day'. Only one season of use was obtained from 'Comedy King', owing to his coming to an untimely end through blood poisoning. As important as these purchases were, the purchase from the Messrs Falkiner of Boonoke stud of 1,000 four year old ewes, selected from the drop of their year by Mr Otway Falkiner himself. 150 of the best ewes to form the foundation of the proposed stud. It was on this foundation that Sir Frederick built his stud. The district had been known all along for

the quality of wool grown on it and for the frame and constitution of the sheep. The introduction of all pure Peppin blood further accentuated these features.

The property is/was bounded by the Munmurra river to the east and on the west by the Talbragar river. The former river runs into the Hunter river and the latter into the Macquarie. The main dividing range of the two watersheds being on the property. In addition to this, there are four other creeks and numerous wells and springs. Dalkeith overlooks the township of Cassilis, a locality once known as 'The Private Village of Dalkeith'.

By the late 1920's, he had produced two grand champion rams at the Sydney Show. In 1927, he sold his most acclaimed ram to Boonoke for 5,000 guineas. What made this sale even more remarkable, as a condition of the sale, Dalkeith



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### Merriwa Central School



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### St Joseph's Primary School Merriwa

*'Empowering and challenging students to become lifelong learners'*

*All enquiries welcome*

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Ph 6548 2035

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**President:** Hollie Hunt  
**Vice Presidents:** Nyssa Caban and Sarah Bidner  
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**Treasurer:** Emma Douglas

*Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm at Merriwa RSL Club*

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**Merriwa Pre-School**  
For children 2 - 5 years

**Activity Centre**  
For children attending Kindergarten to Year 6  
After School Care and Vacation Care

### Cassilis Public School



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# Merriwa Central School

## Deputy Principal's Report

### EDUCATION WEEK ASSEMBLY

Kinder-Year 6 prepared items for the Education Week assembly. These items were filmed and have been uploaded. Congratulations to students and staff for their entertaining items.

#### PBL LAUNCH



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) was successfully launched on July 23. A short video was compiled by students and staff to explain PBL at Merriwa Central School. This PBL video will be uploaded to the school facebook page. All Students enjoyed the colour run in the afternoon despite the winter weather. Thanks to staff and students for embracing the message of the day and participating to make the event successful. The PBL expectations of SAFE, RESPECTFUL, LEARNER will be further explored during specific lessons and school wide signage.

#### YEAR 10 INTO YEAR 11 SUBJECT SELECTION

Parents attended a subject selection evening on Tuesday July 27. A booklet outlining senior curriculum choices was distributed to students. Students and their parents attended individual meetings with their Year Adviser Miss Golden and the Careers Adviser Mrs Hegarty. Subject selection is an important process enabling students to commence thinking about their senior pattern of study options and how that can relate to post school options.

#### YEAR 8 INTO YEAR 9 SUBJECT SELECTION

An information booklet outlining Year 9 elective options will be distributed to Year 8 students shortly. Students will attend an information session at school to outline the options available. Students will select from subjects across the three elective lines and return the selection sheet to the office. Dates and timeframes will be outlined in the booklet. If you have any questions please contact Ms Kenaly.

**Sharon Kenaly**  
Deputy Principal

## Coming Events

AUGUST	
Friday 6	Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 12	Feeling Fantastic - UHYS
Monday 16	Trial HSC Exam
Friday 27	Little Sprouts



# Primary

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Kindergarten - Jace Hourn** for always participating in mathematics discussions and using wonderful problem-solving strategies



**Year 1- Joy Magnus** for beautiful class behaviour



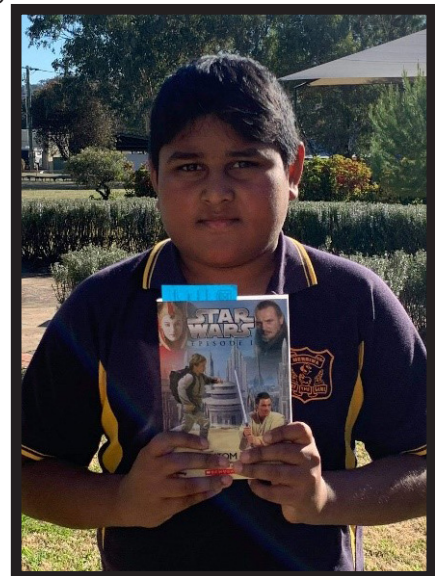
**Year 2/3 - Jackson Carr** for outstanding improvement in writing



**Year 3/4 - Abigail Goodear** for always wearing her school uniform with pride and being a polite student



**Year 4/5 - Bailey Morgan** for commitment to learning this week



**Year 5/6 - Litharshan Uthayasangar** for fantastic work in science.



### CLASS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Year 3/4 for being awarded 'Class of the Week' for Week 3 of Term 3. The award was received by Xzavier Sait and Mia Wilkinson.



### BRONZE AWARDS

Matilda Clark, Kayden Milgate, Ashleigh Keane, Ella Pryor, Henry Creber, Tyson Borg.



### SILVER AWARDS

Zane Walker, Darcy Clark, Jase Whitby, Braith Hunt, Alfred Chance, Kairi Taylor, Amelia Wilkinson, Bella Telfer.



### GOLD AWARDS

Cadence Tudor, Aubree Oldham, Blake Benson, Max Hourn, Harrison Constable, Tiarnae Denning, Lachlan Munn, Ashton Marchese.



### MINILIT

Congratulations to Riley Tudor, Daniel Kneevies, Alby Caban and Jack Purcell for receiving their completion certificates for MiniLit.



### JEANS FOR GENES

Merriwa Central School Secondary and Primary students will be celebrating Jeans for Genes day, Week 4, Friday August 6. Students are asked to make a gold coin donation and wear their jeans to raise awareness and funds for this great cause. School shirts are still to be worn.



**Talia Morgan**  
Relieving Assistant Principal (Primary)



## BOOK WEEK

This year we will be celebrating Book Week on Friday 27th August. We typically celebrate Book Week with our community reading day, Little Sprouts. Unfortunately, due to COVID19 restrictions we are unable to host Little Sprouts Day this year. However, we are very excited to still be able to provide students with the opportunity to celebrate Book Week. This year's theme is, 'Old Worlds, New Worlds and Other Worlds'. Students are encouraged to dress as a character from a book within this theme on Friday 27th August. More information for this exciting day will be provided in the coming weeks.



### KINDERGARTEN 2022

We are now asking for expressions of interest for Kindergarten 2022 students. Our Kindergarten Transition will commence in Term 4. If you are interested in sending your child to our Kindergarten Transition program, please contact the school on 6548 2119, or visit the Primary office to pick up an information pack.



## ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday July 28, 20 Primary School Students from Merriwa Central School made an early morning trip to Alroy Park at Singleton to compete at Zone Athletics.

The weather was cool and windy in Singleton, the car parks were full but the Oval was filled with happy, sporty and enthusiastic students from our School and other schools in our region.

Our Merriwa Central Students competed in their qualifying events ranging from 100m running sprints, to shot put, high jump, long jump and Discus. All students gave their ultimate best effort which was wonderful to see. Some students even beat their own PB 'Personal Best'.

Each student is to be commended on their effort in their events. They all gave their best and made our School proud. In addition, Merriwa Central School Students were very well behaved and well mannered. It was a pleasure having them represent our school with pride.

Congratulations to all students who made it to zone Athletics, we are proud of you and your efforts.

Excitedly, Some students have qualified for regional Athletics, which is amazing. As a school we wish you luck and know you will give it your best effort.

Thank you to our Parents and Carers who transported our students to and from the event and who assisted in ensuring students were at their event at the right time. A big thank you to Mrs Emma Sparrow for transporting additional Students to the event.

Talia Morgan, thank you for your time in organising our Zone Athletics Excursion. Thank you Ms Peta Higgins for representing our School and running the Discus event. Also, thank you to Mrs Courtney Martin who assisted in ensuring students were in the right place at the right time.

Congratulations again to all students.







**Ms Tracey Gardner  
Classroom Teacher**

## Secondary

### YEAR 11 STANDARD ENGLISH

This term Year 11 have been studying Module B: Close Study of Literature. This unit has focused on Australian author Craig Silvey's acclaimed novel, *Jasper Jones*. Specifically, students have been studying contextual aspects of the novel's setting (a remote mining town in Western Australia) and the prevailing attitude of the town's residents (racist and narrow-minded.) The action of the novel is set in late 1965 against the backdrop of the Vietnam War.

For the past few weeks students have been engaged in reading the novel, exploring its distinctive qualities and re-visiting essay writing. Students have been developing their understanding of prose fiction and its associated features, including character, narrative voice, themes, use of imagery and symbolism, etc.

**Shane Hall  
Head Teacher Secondary Studies**

### YEAR 7 ENGLISH

Year 7 English have been exploring the life and works of William Shakespeare – including his most famous characters, his most iconic scenes, his plot devices, language techniques, and the world in which he lived.

At the end of the term, students will write, direct and star in their own mini Shakespeare-inspired films, which we will watch together in our class short-film festival.

As part of my ongoing mentorship with the Bell Shakespeare Company, our school was meant to receive a visit and performance from their players next week. This has, however, unfortunately been cancelled due to the current health advice and restrictions on Greater Sydney. We are hoping to reschedule a performance for late Term 4 or early 2022.

Here are some of our favourite Shakespeare facts that we have learnt so far:

- *Shakespeare invented over 1700 new words and phrases, some of which we still use today e.g. "Break the ice". – William Collins*
- *The Lion King is based off the play Hamlet. – Luke Charters*
- *Shakespeare's dad was a professional ale taster. – Amelia Clarke and Hallie Milgate*
- *In Shakespeare's time, bear baiting, public execution and cockfighting were common forms of entertainment. – Kaelyn Rondel, Isaac Constable and Raine Gee.*

**Emma Piper  
English and Modern History**

### RUGBY LEAGUE CENTRAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Last week saw Merriwa Central School participate in both the Under 16's and Opens Touch Football. We entered teams in both the boy's and girls' competitions for both age groups. The overall day was a huge success for the school as all four teams will now progress to the state finals to be held later this term. The students represented the school outstandingly, showing great sportsmanship and respect for each other and the teams they versed. They received lots of praise from other schools and staff about how they carried themselves on the day.

#### **Results:**

**Under 16's Boys:** Toby Fairhall, Shane Hall, Jeremy Clarke, Izaiah Hall, Jack Fairhall, Jye Byfield,



Dylan Keane, Jerone Andrews, Robert Keegan and Jack Goodear

**Game 1:** Merriwa 5 v's Trundle 1

**Game 2:** Merriwa 6 v's Coolah 2

**Game 3:** Merriwa 4 v's Gulargambone 4

**Game 4:** Merriwa 7 v's Dunedoo 3

**Overall place:** First Place



**Under 16's Girls:** Katana Magnus, Lilly Turner, Hallie Milgate, Alyssa Carrall, Mia Jacobs, Brooklyn Blackadder, Tiana Gleeson, Josie Porter, Stella Mason, Ildiko Papp

**Game 1:** Merriwa 1 v's Dunedoo 2

**Game 2:** Merriwa 4 v's Gulargambone 1

**Qualifying Final:** Merriwa 4 v's Trundle 1

**Overall Place:** Second Place



**Opens Boys:** Shane Hall, Jeremy Clarke, Izaiah Hall, Jack Fairhall, Jye Byfield, Dylan Keane, Jerone Andrews, Robert Keegan, Jack Goodear and Harrison Amidy

**Game 1:** Merriwa 8 v's Trangie 1

**Game 2:** Merriwa 3 v's Coolah 2

**Overall Place:** First Place

**Open Girls:** Alyssa Carrall, Mia Jacobs, Brooklyn Blackadder, Tiana Gleeson, Josie Porter, Stella Mason, Ildiko Papp, Hermyon-Lee Bradbury, Brodie McMillan, Isabel Swan

**Game 1:** Merriwa 3 v's Coolah 1

**Game 2:** Merriwa 1 v's Dunedoo 2

**Game 3:** Merriwa 7 v's Trangie 0

**Overall Place:** Second Place



**Lachlan Vaughan**  
PDHPE Teacher

## CAREER NEWS

### TAFE NSW Schools Launchpad Virtual Course – Games Design

The international games industry is worth billions of dollars, and students could be a part of it. They can get their dream career and put years of gaming experience to good use as they learn to create concepts, storyboard and animate characters, and write code to power game engines and drive storylines. <https://vimeo.com/549152950/45c2a6b274>

### Study Interior Design - Sydney Design School Info Session

Online Wednesday August 11- 6.00pm

Online Wednesday September 1 - 6.00pm

**Note:** Applications open September 11

Find out everything you need to know about our flexible courses and career support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to



our unique philosophy, passionate Educators and industry focused approach to learning. Ask all the questions you need to make an informed decision. <https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/information-sessions/>

### **Shillington Graphics Education – Info Sessions**

Tuesday, August 31 at 6.00pm AEST sharp

Zoom link will be sent in advance

Want to kickstart your creative career with Shillington? Join us for an upcoming Info Session!

- Discover how our unique approach works for online, on campus, part-time and full-time
- Watch an interactive demonstration of design software and creative thinking techniques
- Check out student work and hear graduate stories
- Meet Shillington teachers and staff to get all your questions answered in real time

#### **Register here:**

<https://www.shillingtoneducation.com.au/graphic-design-course/info-sessions-and-graduation/>

**Excelsia College Early Offer Program – Music, Drama, Screen** Applications are open until Saturday August 28, 2021.

#### **Apply Now**

Your opportunity to secure a place at the No.1 rated college in NSW for Skills Development in Creative Arts\*

If you are currently in Year 12, the early offer program gives you the peace of mind and assurance of securing a place to study the Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Dramatic Art or Bachelor of Screen Production before you sit your HSC exams! This means you can be offered a place to your chosen course conditional on you completing Year 12 for ATAR students and successfully completing your pathway if you are a non ATAR student.

Early Offer applications are now open for Semester 1 2022. The Excelsia College Early Offer Program is an opportunity for talented artists to celebrate and be rewarded for their dedication in the areas of Music, Drama or Screen Production.

Please review the criteria below and fill the enquiry form on this page to apply for the program. For students who have already completed their HSC, click the following button

to fill the online

**Application form:** <https://excelsia.edu.au/apply/early-offer-program/>

### **Watch On-demand. Macquarie University Q&A Series**

Missed one of the online Q&As? Each session focused on a different area of study. Hear from our Student Ambassadors, who are current students studying at Macquarie University.

Watch now – Arts

### **Sports People - Employment in Sport**

Established in 1996, Sportspeople was the first agency in Australia to offer a specialised sport recruitment service. Today Sportspeople remains a highly specialised agency offering a range of recruitment services to the broader sport, fitness and aquatics sector throughout Australia and New Zealand. <http://www.sportspeople.com.au>

### **Institute of Health and Nursing Australia (IHNA) No ATAR no worries!**

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### **Reminder - Engineering and IT Early Entry Program-EDGE**

Applications will open on August 10. Closes September 12

This scheme is specifically for those students who want to study an Engineering or IT degree. Based on broader criteria than the ATAR alone, the Edge Program assesses students' applications on their Year 11 results plus Edge points. More information can be found here:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/early-entry-program-edge>

**Choosi Futures Grant Program** - Open until October 31, 2021.

The value of this grant is AUD \$5,000 and is paid as a lump-sum payment to the winner.

Choosi is passionate about helping to make a healthier Australia and as part of this commitment, we developed the annual Choosi



Futures Grant Program – a financial assistance of \$5,000 that's offered to one lucky student enrolled in a full-time, accredited Australian education institution studying a certificate, diploma, degree, or traineeship in any of the following areas: Medicine, Health Sciences & Healthcare, and/or Specialist Healthcare. <https://www.choosi.com.au/grants>

### **Scholarships for Year 12 Students Quantity Surveyors**

Applications for 2021 are now open! Applications close Sunday, October 31.

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

Of the scholarships offered, at least one Equity Scholarship will be awarded to a student experiencing educational disadvantages. We offer a limited number of scholarships for year 12 students who qualify for entry into an AIQS accredited course in Australia.

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

AU\$4,000 (\$1,000 upon enrolment, \$1,000 after completion of eight units, \$2,000 upon completion of degree. This is paid as cash into your bank account.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, complete the essay as detailed in the above Criteria and Conditions then submit the Student Application Form to [education@aiqs.com.au](mailto:education@aiqs.com.au).

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

### **Entrepreneurship Education**

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<https://www.entrepreneur.edu.au/>

### **The Hotel School Scholarships**

Now open. Closing date is October 1, 2021.

Are you passionate about a career in Hospitality and Tourism? Then we want to hear from you.

People love to travel. If you would like to join an exciting industry that will continue to grow past 2021, your pathway could be through The Hotel School's scholarship program.

Enquire now and talk to our course advisors about applications.

To apply for a scholarship, your first step is to complete your course application process and then:

Submit an essay or video explaining: 'What interests you about a career in the hospitality and tourism industry?'

Essay has a limit of 500 words with a tolerance of +/- 10%

Video should be 2 mins in length (max)

Applicants should submit either their essay or video through the following email address: [thssscholarships@scu.edu.au](mailto:thssscholarships@scu.edu.au), along with their academic records and a passport size photo.

<https://hotelschool.scu.edu.au/apply/scholarships/>

### **Meat and Livestock Careers and Events**

The meat and livestock industry plays a huge role in Australia's wealth creation. Be part of it. Use this site to find more information on different jobs and opportunities. To apply for a role at MLA, select the role from our list of current opportunities and 'apply' to create a profile and submit your application. You can register your details and set up a job alert for future opportunities.

<https://www.mla.com.au/about-mla/careers-at-mla/#>

Events and workshops here:

<https://www.mla.com.au/news-and-events/events-and-workshops/#>

### **Eating for the Planet Webinar - August 18 - 7.00pm**

This free webinar will explore the relationship between the food we eat, agriculture, health, and climate change, and how we can improve our health by Eating for the Planet.

It will also launch our e-book about how to start a food coop.

Food sustains us, so let's talk about how to ensure



that our choices around eating also help sustain the planet (and no, we are not going to tell you all to go vegan!).

Eating provides us with many opportunities to have a positive climate impact. One option would be to collectively purchase and we'll show you how via our e-book on starting a food co-op which we will be launching during the webinar. However, many small changes can have a big impact when it comes to food, so come along and we're pretty sure you'll leave with at least one thing you can do right now to reduce your carbon footprint.

<https://events.humanitix.com/eating-for-the-planet>

### **MIGAS Apprenticeships and Traineeships Availability**

MIGAS specialises in skilled and traditional trade apprenticeships and traineeships. That means we are always looking for people interested in pursuing a career in trade-related industries such as engineering, mining, energy, manufacturing, building and construction, and warehousing.

Read more about apprenticeship or traineeship types and specialisations by browsing the

categories below.

Once you're set on your preferred apprenticeship or traineeship, head to our Jobs Board to find a current opening in your region and apply! If you don't see a current vacancy that appeals to you, register with MIGAS to receive our latest job alerts.

MIGAS specialises in skilled and traditional trade apprenticeships and traineeships. That means we are always looking for people interested in pursuing a career in trade related industries such as:

- Diesel Fitting Apprenticeships
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeships
- Light Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeships
- Panel Beating Apprenticeships

To enquire about this role or other currently advertised positions, please phone our recruitment on 1300 464 427.

<https://www.migas.com.au/apprenticeships/>

**Jane Hegarty**  
Careers Advisor

## **More PBL Photos**



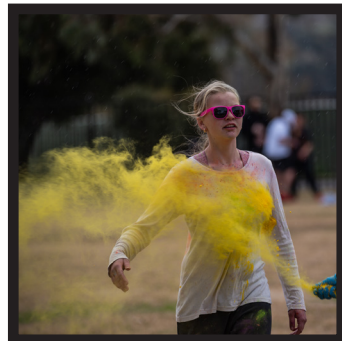
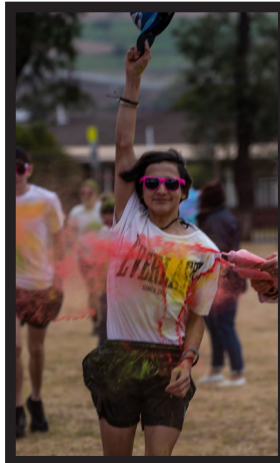


## More PBL Photos





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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### CASUAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

*Expressions of interest are sought for casual work which includes:*

- Administration skills including a knowledge of computer software programs such as Microsoft Office
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Customer Service
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Current First Aid Certificate

Applicants must have current working with Children Check Clearance.

Please forward Resume and Application to:

Mrs Suzie Kirk  
Merriwa Central School  
Bow Street Merriwa 2329  
Merriwa-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**For further information please contact the school on 6548 2119.**

**MERRRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL**

## New Secondary Jersey

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# St Joseph's Primary School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

We finish off our fourth week of Term Three with Olympics Themed celebrations to round off Wellbeing Week, a wonderful, fun-filled week as a school community, where we focus on the students and staff wellbeing.

From Art work, to karaoke singing at lunchtimes, stories being read, mindfulness colouring and Olympic themed events, Wellbeing Week once again proved to be a hit with Joeys' kids.

Thankyou to the staff for ensuring the fun never stops at St Joseph's!



## KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

The first of our COLOURFUL KINDIES transition sessions starts on AUGUST 16, from 9.30am.

Come and see what it is like to be a Joey's Kid, what our school can offer your family and your child and see the best of what we have to offer in quality Catholic Education.

Contact Mr Borg at the office on 6548 2035 or email: [admin@merriwa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@merriwa.catholic.edu.au) for further details.





## **NAIDOC DAY**

NAIDOC Day was a terrific event for all of our students and we were so excited to have Cassilis Public School come to visit us and join in. Thank you Mrs Burgess, staff and students for coming and we hope you enjoyed your experience.

The activities were outstanding and well-organised by Mrs Jackson. The staff did a fantastic job at ensuring our Indigenous culture was well portrayed and enjoyed by all students.

Chad did a magnificent job at showing the students all about what he has learned over the last 6-12 months, learning about his culture and heritage. We thank you, Chad, for the outstanding way you presented your ever-increasing wealth of knowledge.

Mrs Thompson, Aboriginal Education Teacher from St James' Muswellbrook, provided us with Wattle Seed Ice Cream and the Kanga Bangas were a great treat for the students. The surprise was just how many students tried and enjoyed the taste!

We thank the National Indigenous Australians Agency for the financial grant that we were able to obtain in order to make today happen for our students.

## **DIOCESAN ATHLETICS SUCCESS**

Rihanna Hunt became the first student at Joeys to progress through to the Polding Athletics Carnival since Darcy in 2017/2018 last week, by finishing second place in the 11 years girls Shot Put last Wednesday.

Her throw of 6.98m was 54cm longer than her throw, which won her the Regional Catholic Schools title a month or so ago.

Rihanna's dedication, training and hard work has definitely paid off and we congratulate her on a job well done.

We will now have to wait for COVID restrictions, but she will compete at Polding Championships, at Glendale at a later date.

For those interested, Polding is the Northern NSW Catholic Schools Region, which consists of the Diocese of Armidale, Diocese of Bathurst, Diocese of Broken Bay (Sydney), Diocese of Lismore, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and Diocese of Wilannia-Forbes.

You'll have to agree that Rihanna's achievement is outstanding and we are so proud of her!

## **PHOTO DAY**

On Tuesday, students had their photo day at Joeys. It was great to see all of our students wearing our uniform with pride and in the correct fashion.

For our Year One students and Miss Brazier, Miss Rodwell and Miss Love, this is their first official group photo, as COVID restrictions last year meant that we could not have group photos.

We excitedly await the finished product and thank MSP Photography for their work.

## **OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING**

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and well being of children and vulnerable adults — particularly those who participate in the life of the Diocese as part of our faith communities in parishes, in our diocesan systemic schools, early education centres and out-of-school hours care service, as part of our welfare and community services through CatholicCare and other diocesan ministries.

The office of Director of Safeguarding has been established by decree, issued by the Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle.

The Office of Safeguarding is an integral part of the Diocese, reporting directly to the Bishop's Office. The Office of Safeguarding is placed outside the Diocese's services, programmes and parishes, overseeing their safeguarding standards in operation.

The Office of Safeguarding works with NSW Police, the Office of the Children's Guardian, the Department of Community and Justice and other statutory authorities and specialist authorities within the Catholic Church in Australia to fulfil its responsibilities and maximise the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

The Office of Safeguarding supports the Diocese to promote and uphold the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as institution of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Valuable information, resources and support can be found at the following website; <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>

## **VOLUNTEERING AT JOEYS**

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

Please let the school know if there is anything we



can do to help.

### ENROLMENTS

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

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

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**AUGUST 6** – SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

**AUGUST 16** – KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION #1

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

**Mr Ashley Borg**  
Principal

[ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au)  
6548 2035

### WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

#### Week Three - Strength - Gratitude

**Kindergarten - Jayden Schmidt** - for being a wonderful kind and grateful persons

**Ruby Urso** - for always being polite and respectful to all

**Stage 1 - Eddison Raines** - for his impressive work with multiplication and division

**Daniel Dallas** – for demonstrating gratitude through his manners and communication with others

**Stage 2 - Shyanne Beeney** – for her great efforts of using trading to calculate 3-digit addition problems

**Jeff Charlton** - for actively demonstrating gratitude towards his peers by giving them class shout outs.

**Stage 3 - Emma McLaren** - for embracing her role in our school play with a sense of professionalism and fun

**Lula Peebles** - for showing the strength of gratitude and appreciating all the opportunities she is given.

### Principal's Awards:

**Jayden Schmidt** - for the diligent reminders he gives Mr Borg at lunchtimes

**Rihanna Hunt** - for her outstanding effort at Diocesan Athletics

**Samuel Williams** - his outstanding aptitude and attitude to school-work.

**Mr Ashley Borg**  
Principal





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# Cassilis Public School



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK- DIGBY

Digby has received the Student of the Week for his kindness towards others, his excellent effort and improvement in communication and trying all activities at school last week.

He delivered a fantastic speech during the assembly

last week on what he wants to do when he gets older. After reading books, Digby has increased the length of his sentences which he co-constructs with the teachers. He did some pleasing practice working with numbers beyond 12 including representing them with a collection of items.

Digby has been enjoying creating his own garden by planting branches into the soil. He liked showing the teachers and his fellow students.

Each day he comes to school with his full school uniform on with everything that he needs for learning.

Digby shows respect and kindness to others. He loves to laugh and smile at school.

Congratulations Digby, you should feel very proud of your achievements.

## CASSILIS DEVELOPS LIFELONG LEARNERS

Students continued to celebrate education, as we do every day, last week by holding a special assembly where every student received an award and presented their speeches on what they wanted to do when they get older. Our students continuously set goals and strategies to achieving them. Learning is continued with further challenging goals. This also helps to energise our students and keep them loving learning!

At the moment our students want to have the following jobs when they get older:



- A farmer who is also a mechanic
- A policeman
- A nail technician
- A medical doctor
- A farmer who paints landscapes from her verandah
- A hunter
- A farmer using the tractor to collect wood and hay
- A helicopter pilot who also helps to cull kangaroos
- A game designer
- A farmer who has lots of different animals.





**Congratulations to all the students for their following efforts and achievements:**

Angus - For actively participating in class discussion, being an organised learner and staying on task.

Benjamin - Improved effort in mathematics, being an organised learner and staying on task.

Cooper - Enthusiasm in number activities and is an active participant in all learning areas.

Digby - Impressive improvement with language skills and showing pride in his uniform and school.

Gordie - Improved attitude and effort to contribute during lessons and working collaboratively.

Levi - Fantastic effort and improvement in writing and a hardworking and dedicated approach to his learning.

Olivia - Consistent effort in mathematics, being an organised learner and staying on task.

Paul - For improved attitude towards all learning areas and displaying a well-regulated engine.

Skye - Positive attitude and creativity in visual arts, and for making positive choices to stay safe.

Skylah - Displays a conscientious approach towards learning and is organised and ready to be a learner.

Tarsha - Displaying a positive approach to learning and being an active class participant in all areas.

**AT THE MOMENT, WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO WHEN WE GET OLDER?**

Being a farmer when I grow up will give me more skills which will help me become a better farming person. I am really passionate about becoming a farmer because it sounds like a fun and exciting job. I also want to have a lot of animals and make sure they're all in good condition. I will have lots of important jobs like checking fences and stock water. I can grow crops to save money for myself and then use the crops to feed my animals. I will grow a garden to feed myself. My dad grew up on a farm and has given me loads of experience which will help me to start my own farm. My dad used to ride bulls which were crazy. On my farm there will be hens, cows, bulls, ducks, geese, dogs, and sheep. I am really looking forward to living on a farm. It will be one of my biggest dreams when I grow up. By Olivia



When I grow up, I want to be a doctor to help people. When a person gets sick, I will help make them better and if you have a scratch, I will put cream and a band-aid on it. Doctors are kind and friendly. Tarsha



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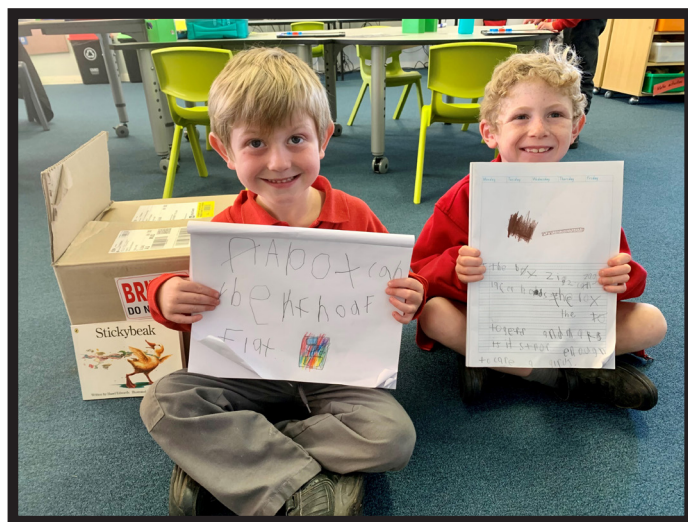
K/1 students were asked to estimate then count how many eggs were on their page. We used the strategy of placing a cube on each egg then taking all the cubes off and arranging them in a pattern of a tens frame. This familiar structure helps us to organise our count instead of getting mixed up. Cooper even wanted to count his tens frames by ten and place the matching number beside it. Very clever, Cooper.



**PRIMARY STUDENTS INVESTIGATED TIME ZONES LAST FRIDAY IN MATHEMATICS AND MADE SOME FANTASTIC DISCOVERIES ABOUT TIME AROUND THE WORLD**



## MORE INFORMATIVE TEXT WRITING



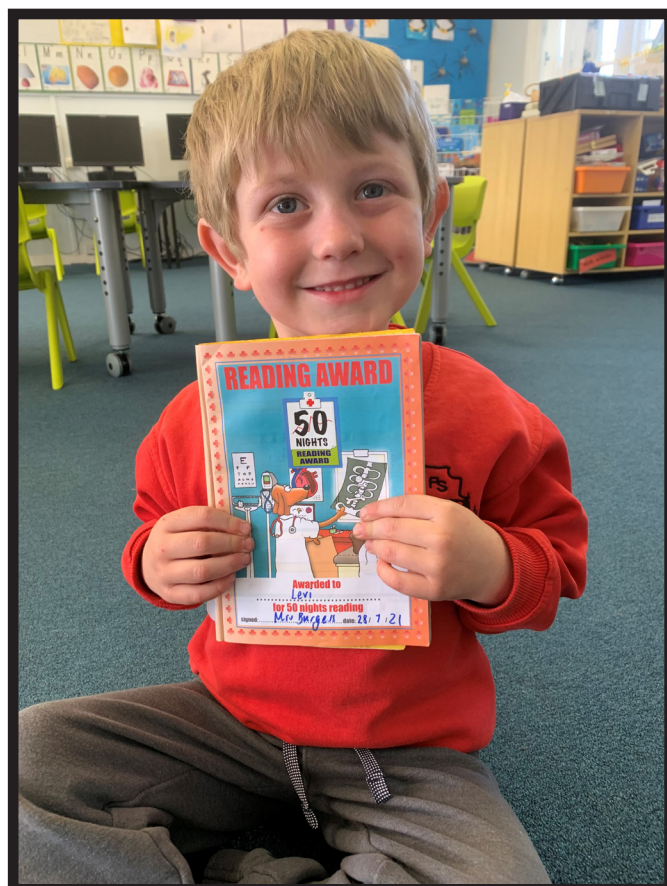
We love information texts! Even a narrative like *Stickybeak* can lead to great learning about boxes as a box was featured in the story.

The Olympics have also provided some fabulous information to learn and write about. Students have watched highlights and information videos on various sports.

*I like watching the skateboarders go over the rails and stairs - Tarsha*

*A skateboard has four wheels on it - Digby*

**CONGRATULATIONS LEVI ON REACHING 50 NIGHTS OF READING. KEEP UP THE PRACTICE!**





Olivia is really enjoying the bike riding and is improving her skills and fitness each week.



In Geography, students are learning more about the geographical features and culture of Japan including origami and the cherry blossom.



## JUNIOR COOKS CORNER

### Zucchini Garlic Bites - Don't Lose This

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup zucchini grated and drained well
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese grated fine
- 1 clove garlic grated fine
- 2 tablespoons fresh chives chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh basil chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh oregano chopped
- pinch of salt and pepper
- tomato sauce for dipping

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly coat a baking sheet with olive oil or non-stick spray. Set aside.

Use a box grater to grate the zucchini into a clean towel. Roll up the towel and twist to wring out the moisture. Grate the garlic using the small holes on the box grater.

In a medium bowl, combine all of the ingredients and mix well.

Shape a tablespoon of the mixture into your hands, pat into small balls, and place on the baking sheet.

Bake for 15-18 minutes in the preheated oven until golden. Serve warm with marinara sauce. Recipe makes about 16 bites.

**Katie Burgess**  
Principal





## Anglican News

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### REFLECTION - PENTECOST 11 – John 6:35,41-51

The Gospel continues to build on the miracle of the bread and the presentation of Jesus as the new Moses. The Jews last week had asked for a sign and gave Jesus the text, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat'. Jesus picks up this imagery of bread from heaven to describe his own mission from God to nourish the world. The Jews in the story do not realise Jesus' true origins from God for they see only his human origins, his mother and father in Nazareth. Jesus continues to use 'bread' as a symbol for his teaching and to contrast his teaching with that of Moses.

Jewish authors had written a legend that Moses had in fact gone up to heaven and seen God and he was therefore able to return to earth with true revelation of what he had seen. The Fourth Gospel refutes this legend and teaches that no-one has gone up to heaven to see God. The only one who can truly reveal God is one who has come from God, namely Jesus.

The Jewish audience has struggled to understand Jesus so far in his 'homily', but their confusion grows even more when, at the end of this passage, the language turns to the Eucharist as Jesus speaks of eating his flesh. Up until this point 'bread' has been a metaphor for teaching. When Jesus speaks of eating his flesh, the metaphor has become the sacramental language of the Christian Eucharist. The issue now is where can Christians of all times have contact with Jesus so that they can believe and be nourished by him? (From 'Sundays Under the Southern Cross' by Mary Coloe PBVM)

### 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.

This Sunday we will have Bishop Sonia with us who will preach. Please come and join us as we enjoy having Bishop Sonia with us at last.

**Rev Pat Kirkby**

## Merriwa Rotary

**WELCOME KRIS!**

By the time this Ringer appears in print, Merriwa Rotary will have had the pleasure of welcoming again to our club Kristyn Telfer.

Kristyn was a long term exchange student, sponsored by our club for a year's stay in Germany. During her stay she made the most of all the opportunities presented, becoming fluent in German and very much a part of the community where she represented Merriwa with distinction.

### THE MERRIWA CYCLING/ WALKING TRACK

Our President, Rob Goodear and member Neil Hunt have met with our local Councillor, Ron Campbell regarding the proposed track for Merriwa and the funding which the Council has announced for the project. The local council is always keen to have Rotary involved in such projects.

Finally....

### ROTARY SKATE PARK / PLAYGROUND

Work on the new catering unit has almost finished with turf being laid.



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# Community Notice Board

## Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

## Trinity Markets

### MERRIWA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WHEN:** Friday August 20  
**TIME:** 1.00pm  
**PLACE:** CWA Rooms Bettington Street  
**GUEST SPEAKER:** Marina Lee -Warner, Hunter Homeless Support - Heart to Heart Project

Afternoon Tea will be available, everyone is welcome to attend

Covid -19 Restrictions will apply. Please sign in on arrival.

**Robyn McAlister**

### Merriwa CWA

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, 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 CWA**

**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.**

Are you looking for some winter woolens? Come and check out all the stock in Trinity Markets. We are open Tuesday to Saturday at 9.30am and closing at 1.00pm weekdays and closing 12noon on Saturdays.

Face masks must be worn and everyone must check in. We have a QR code. Please help keep our community safe and obey the Covid 19 guidelines. Donations are still taken Thursdays.

See you in Trinity Markets where you can Dress for Less.

For the next weeks please direct any enquiries to Barbara Cronin.

**Beatrice Voysey**

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Merriwa Surgery would like to advise Dr Jasem will be on leave from July 15, 2021 until September 6, 2021. For those that are concerned Dr Jasem is returning following his leave and will continue to provide ongoing healthcare to the community.

During this time Dr Plaskitt will be in the practice three days per week working Monday's through to Wednesday's, unfortunately the surgery will need to be closed for one week during Dr Jasem's leave commencing Monday August 9, 2021 through to Sunday August 15, 2021.

As of September 1, 2021, we would like to advise changes to our billing, we have previously been a Bulk Billing practice, this is no longer feasible for the practice and changes to mixed billing will commence in September, this means that unless you hold a pensioner concession card or are a child Under 16 years, there will be a fee for your consultation. These fee's will be available in the surgery in the coming weeks.

Merriwa Surgery continue with our Covid vaccination clinics, please phone reception for more information.

**Dr Emad Jasem**



# A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

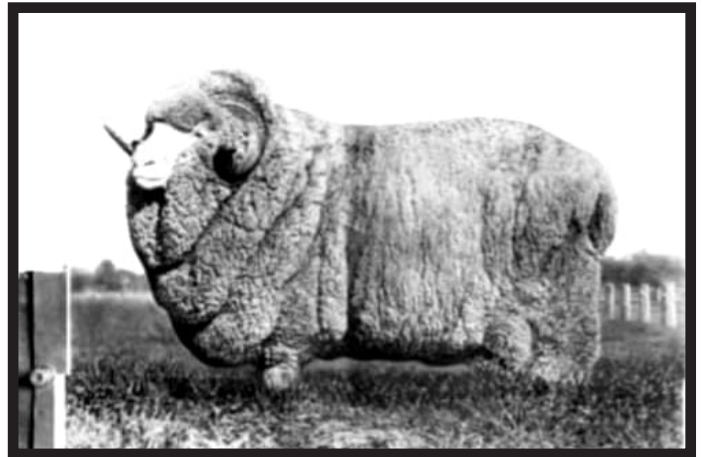
be permitted to mate fifty ewes with the ram next season, the monetary value of the deal was enormously increased. The remarkable feature of the sale was that it was made to Boonoke, for never before in it's fifty years existence had the stud bought an outside ram. The blood of course was the same, the Dalkeith stud having been founded and developed on Boonoke stock. Three years earlier , Dalkeith bought a 1600 guinea ram from the Falkiners. The ram exerted a most potent influence on the flock he was known as F2.

Mr Otway Falkiner of Boonoke, also bred Clydsdale and Thoroughbred horses. He won the 1932 Sydney Cup with a race horse called David. The Dalkeith ram he won the 1928 Grand Champion ram with he had named David of Dalkeith after his racehorse.

During the early 1950's, David's form was copied from photographs by Arthur Douglas Robertson and reproduced in plastic, which we have come to know as the Golden Fleece ram.

Another famous ram, which has been mistaken for David, is a ram bred by Uardry Merino stud at Hay in the Riverina owned by Charles Mills. This ram was Grand Champion at the Sydney Show in 1932 and his form was used on the one shilling coin from 1938 to 1964. The same image was again used on the 1991 fifty cent coin to mark twenty five years of decimal currency in Australia.

Information sourced from various newspapers sourced by Kim Clydsdale and from Mr Google.



## Quote for the Week

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AND TRY AGAIN.



# Business Merriwa Newsagency

## OUTBACK MAGAZINE

- Raw talent; from milling their own timbers to using ancient carpentry techniques, a South Australian building company is establishing a reputation for high quality craftsmanship
- Credits where they're due; carbon is a commodity in high demand internationally and if managed well can be an integral part of productive agricultural enterprises in Australia
- At first glance it seems there's not much doing at Dooen, a tiny district of a couple of a hundred people in country Victoria. The town has disappeared itself with shop fronts doubling as more than one service. Though defiant against the odds, the pub remains, despite many occasions when last drinks could have been called, it has survived into it's 146th year.

## COUNTRY STYLE

- Beautiful Tasmania! The allure of Tassie shacks. A couple's impulse purchase and considered renovation of a 100 year old bayside shack provided the chance to collaborate on a creative project
- Messing about in boats. Joining the Living Boat Trust in Franklin, Tasmania, gave one woman new skills and experiences as well as a support network
- Apple of the Isle; with it's rugged beauty and historic charm, Tasmania's northern coast is packed with magic!

## BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS REAL CLEAN

- Sanity saving cleaning hacks and insider's secrets revealed! Tips on how to clean just about everything in your home all with products you probably have already in your pantry. There are even tips on how to rally the kid's into helping clean up!

## STORY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

- The campaigns, figures and stories that defined the Great War. Discover the pivotal moments that led to the world going to war. Learn about the key figures who let nothing stand in their way to their quest and finally the shocking aftermath of the war and the

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## OUTDOOR DESIGN

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## A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

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*My birthday is July 11.*

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# Upper Hunter Shire Council

## OUTCOMES FROM COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 26, 2021

### MR358 EARTHWORKS AND PLANT HIRE

Council supports the recommendation to not call tenders for a section of preliminary earthworks on Coulson's Creek Road in accordance with Section 55–3(i) and (k) of the Local Government Act 1993. Inviting tenders would not achieve a satisfactory result due to the urgency of works being required to protect the environment and the road from further slips. Council supports the decision to enter into hourly rates contract with available plant hirers to allow these works to commence as soon as possible, and undertake immediate recovery of material before it becomes unrecoverable.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Council has adopted the Waste Management Strategy 2021-31 following public exhibition. Minor amendments were made subsequent to consideration of feedback received during the public exhibition period.

### MERRIWA CYCLE AND WALKWAY

Council supported the recommendation to use the Merriwa Economic Development and Tourism Committee as the primary method for obtaining community feedback and input to the final design and delivery of the Merriwa Cycle and Walkway project.

Council also endorsed the application of the 'New Kerbing, Guttering & Paving for Footpaths and Cycleways' policy with no exemptions in order to generate a portion of the funds required for Councils co-contribution for the project.

### COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Council has supported the following requests for community donations:

- \$200.00 to Blandford Public School to assist in the cost of their 150 year celebrations;
- \$100.00 to Merriwa Pony Club to assist with the publication of their 75 Year Pony Club Book.
- The provision of in-kind support for the King of the Ranges event.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS POSTPONED

The Minister for Local Government has made an order postponing the Local Government

elections until 4 December 2021. Councillors will continue to hold office until elections are held in December. For more information on the NSW Local Government elections, visit: [elections.nsw.gov.au](https://elections.nsw.gov.au)

### NSW GOVERNMENT FUTURE OF GAS STATEMENT

Upper Hunter Shire Council welcomes the NSW Government's decision outlined in the Future of Gas Statement to not renew the expired petroleum exploration licenses [PELs] within the shire and the prohibition of any future gasfield development in the Upper Hunter.

"The protection of our prime agricultural land, our diverse agricultural industries and the precious water resources they rely upon was the guiding principle behind Council's long held opposition to CSG exploration and extraction within the shire." Mayor Collison said. "I am glad NSW Government's Future of Gas Statement aligns with this vision."

Although Council recognises it is not the consent authority for mining or CSG developments, Council will continue to advocate on behalf of the community to ensure the future of all sustainable industries, especially agriculture, that support and grow our unique reputation and identity.

### COMMUNITY RECYCLING STATIONS

Community members can now drop off their batteries, fluoro globes, mobile phones and E-waste at a variety of local Community Recycling Stations. These problem household wastes cannot be disposed of in standard landfills, posing the risk of starting fires and leaching harmful chemicals.

#### Community Recycling Stations are located at:

- Scone Administration Centre
- Merriwa Office
- Murrurundi Office
- Aberdeen Library
- Scone Library

Please note that stations only collect smaller household items. Larger items (e.g. bulky computers) must be taken to the Community Recycling Centre located at the Scone Waste Management Facility.

### 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
- Playground inspections and maintenance
- Capital works tree planting
- Bunnan Bridge to Kars Springs construction works
- Bettington Street footpath
- Cassilis Community Hall, construction works
- Murrurundi Youth Centre maintenance
- Driver Reviver ongoing works
- Golden Highway, road maintenance
- Golden Highway patching works and guardrail installation.
- Maintenance Grading – Gummun Road, Pembroke, Dales Creek
- Action requests as required

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

- Martin's Lane
- Rotherwood Road

**Hannah White**

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## **Creative Corner**

### **CARAMILK DUMP CAKE**

Dump cakes are a simply layer of all the ingredients in the pan, bake and enjoy!

#### **8 INGREDIENTS**

- 2 x 133g pkt Golden Oreo
- 395g can sweetened condensed milk
- 150g Biscoff spread
- 180g block Caramilk chocolate, chopped
- 540g pkt caramel cake mix
- 150g cold unsalted butter, thinly sliced into approx. 30 pieces
- 125ml (1/2 cup) milk
- Vanilla ice-cream, to serve

#### **DIRECTIONS**

**Step 1** - Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan forced. Grease a 5cm deep 26 x 20cm rectangle cake pan. Line with baking paper, overhanging the sides.

**Step 2** - Arrange biscuits in a single layer over the base of the prepared pan. Pour over condensed milk. Dollop with Biscoff spread and spread slightly to cover. Scatter with caramilk pieces. Sprinkle with the cake mix, spreading with a fork to cover. Arrange butter in rows over the top and carefully pour over the milk.

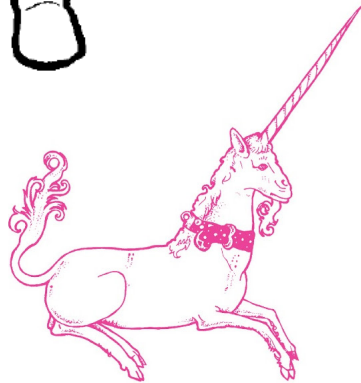
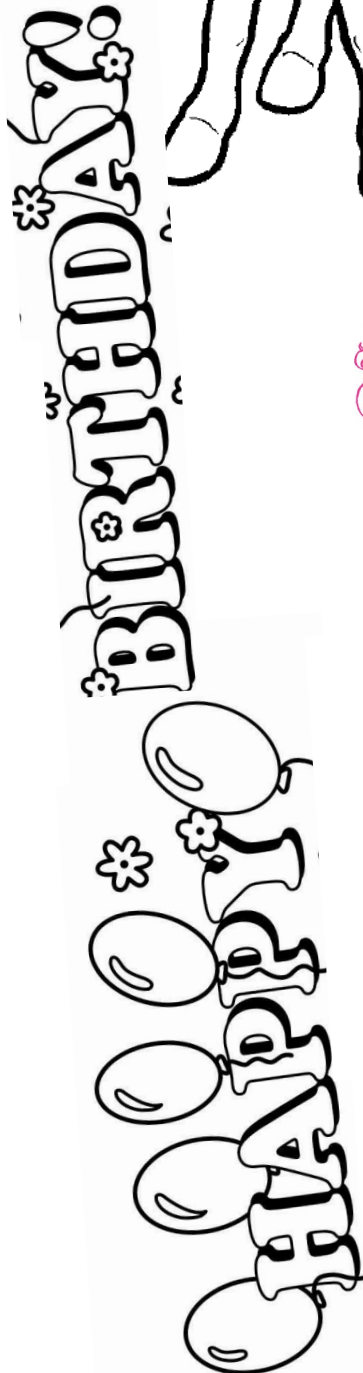
**Step 3** - Bake for 35-40 minutes. Set aside in the pan to cool completely .

**Step 4** - Use the baking paper to remove cake from the pan. Cut into slices and serve with ice-cream.



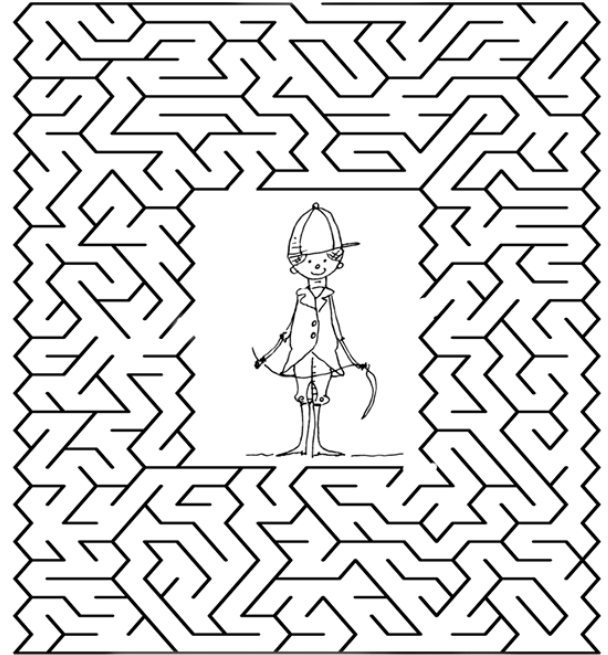
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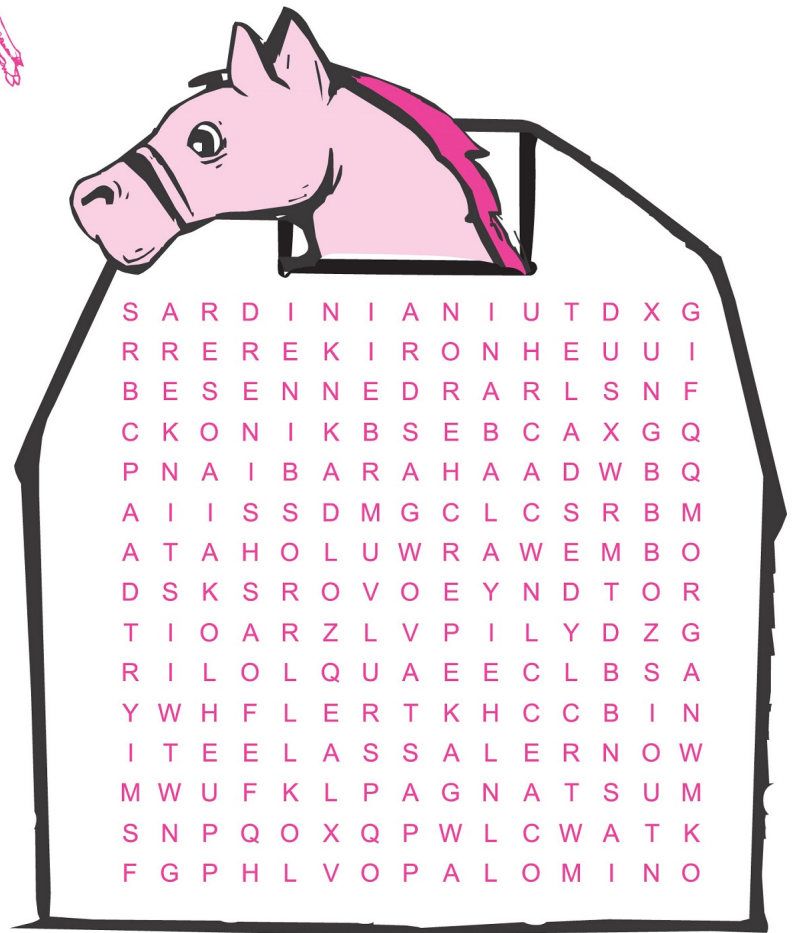
Can you help the rider  
find his mount?  
What color is the horse?

Dana's Doodles



Unicorns are pretend creatures with the body of a horse and a head with a horn. Can you find all of these real horse breeds in the letters below? Look up, down, sideways, backward, and diagonally.

Appaloosa  
Arabian  
Ardenes  
Azteca  
Bashkir  
Clydesdale  
Fleuve  
Holsteiner  
Konik  
Lokai  
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The Friday night Members Lucky Badge 7.00pm draw for \$180.00 was won the number was 478, This week it jackpots to \$200.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$1250.00 was not won the number was 37, this week it jackpots to \$1300.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$100.00 was won the number was 462, this week it commencing at \$100.00. LTPS/19/36118

The Sunday Members Badge Draw for \$1200.00 was not won last week the number was 169, this week it jackpots to \$1250.00 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.

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### HAPPY HOURS

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**Matt Morgan**

## Merriwa Sports Club

### 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 was not present so the badge draw jackpots to \$850.00 this week. Drawn anytime between 6.30pm and 8.30pm, you must be there to win.

### FRIDAY NIGHT CHOOK RAFFLES

Friday night Chook Raffles held every Friday night with tickets on sale from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Draw will start at 6.30pm with 10 chooks to be won. \$2.00 per tickets.

### HAPPY HOURS

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CanAssist's Drag Show they were hosting has been postponed, the date is to be confirmed, Watch this space!! 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.

**Brendan Cowell**

# **Merriwa Rugby League Football Club**

On Saturday was a day to thank our wonderful sponsors. We appreciate all of them for their continued support for the Merriwa Magpies. We loved having you at our home game cheering us on.

Unfortunately, the Monarch Blues tag game was a lot harder and quicker than what we expected. The Magpies went down 62-4 against Scone. We need to all get to training and put in, ready to take them on again on Saturday August 7 at home.

**Players Player:** a draw, Taylah Blackadder and Gaynor Blackadder

In the Reserve Grade though, the Magpies took on Greta-Branxton, the last time these two teams played each other the score was 10-6 to the Magpies. This round though, the Magpies being at home, have the crowd behind them, they were able to come up winners again but this time, the score being 26-10. Great work, boys.

**Players Player:** Sam Wesley

We have a weekend off for the teams and their partners to get together and bond.

Our next game is Saturday August 7 at home, Merriwa v Scone. Kick off at 2.00pm for Monarch Blues tag and Reserve Grade at 3.00pm.

Let's go Magpies.

Please remember to stay safe, wear a mask and keep away from Covid hotspots, we have a season to finish. Take care.

**Let's go Magpies**

**Jessyca Morgan**

# **Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club**

## **ROUND 14**

It has come to the end of the season for our Tassell Financial Planning Under 12's and Kingslyn Under 14's league tag girls who played last friday night at Singleton.

Our Under 16's still have a chance to make the finals depending on other clubs results so we wait anxiously to see if they have progressed to the next round.

We congratulate all the girls as they always put in a 100% effort on both training and game days. A lot of girls were new to the game but that didn't stop them for getting out on the field and giving it their all, and having a lot of fun in the process.

We look forward to seeing you girls next season.

Last Saturday tackle teams travelled to Muswellbrook. What a great day for footy it was, the sun was out and the kids were ready to play! All Merriwa teams showed amazing improvement with great defence, offloads and lots of tries scored.

The RM Property and Livestock Under 11's played their last game of the season last weekend. These kids improved with every game and had an amazing team spirit. Well done team! We look forward to seeing you all back ready and rearing to go next season.

We are getting close to the end of the season for all our other Magpie teams with this weekend being the last game before finals. Keep up with the awesome effort kids. Go Magpies!

A massive 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 AND UNDER 6'S WHITE

What a whirlwind of a game!

Merriwa Whites and Blacks played each other last week! It was an interesting game, lots of skill shown throughout the game! Defence is improving every week with everyone having a go. Everyone has come such a long way!

Overall it was just a really fun game to watch this week with lots of laughs had by all, well done teams!! Keep up the great work!

Merriwa Under 6's White Player of the Week went to Ruby Urso and the Under 6's Blacks Player of the Week went to William Sparrow.



## UNDER 7'S

The Craig MacPherson Haulage Player of the Week went to Ryder Rawlings for having an absolute cracking game of footy and for tackling non stop. Well done mate.

**Cheers Baz**

## UNDER 9'S

Merriwa Under 9's all played an awesome game last week. They took the field with a ready to win attitude and win they did. The team are moving forward in leaps and bounds, making metres and passing the ball out. Tries went to Morgan (1), Hudson(1), Red(1), Oliver (1), Logan (2) and Aubree (4)



The Cory and David Vero Player of the Week went to Tommy Booth for his epic tackling and runs.

## UNDER 11'S



As disappointed as all The Under 11's Merriwa Magpies were, it's another season done and dusted.

Merriwa Magpies v's Scone Thoroughbred at Muswellbrook. The team were on a high and keen to get on the field to play there last game of footy.

They had lost the game but they never gave up on tackling or defending.

Under 11's have showed so much improvement during the season and have always had a positive attitude and worked as a team. The bond of friendships and teamwork was just unbelievable and you always new the kids were going to have fun even if they lost a game. It Was good seeing a few of the players also

wearing the Men of League Crazy socks. I would like to Thank Matt and Stevie for taking the time and taking on the responsibility of coaching the Under 11's this season and for spoiling them last training day with Pizza. Massive Thanks to all the parents for making this season happen by having the kids at training and to game days. Most of all a shoutout for the kids that played football and have made the season a great season. We hope to see you all next year.

The Eat at 153 player of the week went to Bailey Morgan, Madyson Sait, Hunter Copland, Alesha Wright, Joshua Orton and Jase Whitby.

### **GIRLS LEAGUE TAG UNDER 12'S**

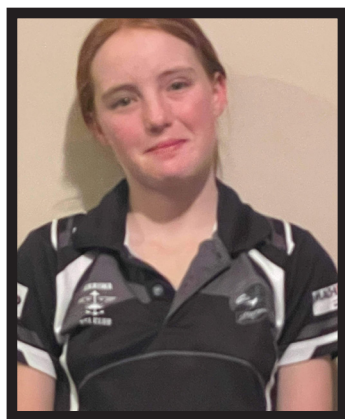
These girls are a team to watch in the future

With their good spirits, fun, passion and attitude they are bound for a good season ahead.

Phil and I are so proud of them. They never gave up. They kept going and giving their all even when the score board wasn't in their favour.

Maybe not winners on points but definitely winners in our hearts!

Thank you for being a great bunch of girls to



coach.

The WelderUp Player of the Week went to Kirra Green.

### **UNDER 14'S**

The girls played a great game, sadly lost but only played with 10 players and did

Merriwa Under 16's come up against a very strong Singleton side. Prior to the game the girls knew that a win on the night would potentially get them through to the finals (if Scone lost to Muswellbrook). The cold air got to the game early which lead to very slippery conditions to start the game. Both teams failed to capitalise when they had the ball as it was slipping out of the girls' hands regularly. Singleton had the upper hand at the end of the first half 16-6. The girls were able to regather themselves at the change and come out firing in the second half. They scored 3 unanswered tries to take the game to 20-16 with 5 minutes to go. Singleton scored with 3 minutes left in the game, taking the score to 20-20. Some great defence and a late penalty saw the Merriwa girls on the opposition line with time ticking down. With little time on the clock the girls were able to rally together and score the winning try. Final Score 26-20. The girls played awesome, and while the result of the Muswellbrook vs Scone game did not go in our favour, the girls' chances of making finals are up to Denman. Should Denman beat Scone on Wednesday night, Merriwa will make it through to the finals. Overall an outstanding result to finish the regular season, they left everything they could out on the park.

**LJ and CA Constable  
Earthmoving Player's  
Player:** Ashleigh Loft

**Coaches      Points:**  
3 – Ashleigh Loft,  
2 – Josie Porter, 1 –  
Brooklyn Blackadder.

**Lachlan Vaughan**



Merriwa proud by not putting their heads down. Singleton coach congratulated them on the effort they put in and that they never gave up. The girls have been a pleasure to coach and have done me proud. The girls should be proud of the effort and improvements they have made since the beginning of the season.

The Merriwa Engineering Player of the Week went to The whole team for having a positive, never give up attitude all season.

Well done girls and we can't wait to see you all back next season.

### **UNDER 16'S**

Final game for the regular season saw the

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## MERRIWA UNDER 16'S LEAGUE TAG



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