

MERRIWA Ringer

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Last Ringer before
Lockdown

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WHAT'S INSIDE

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MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER

COVID AND THE MERRIWA RINGER

As we tread the waters of lock down again, the Merriwa Ringer would like to wish their dedicated sponsors and readers safe keeping in this time.

We would also like to inform our readers that this week minimal printing of the Ringer occurred, and we are sorry if you have not been able to obtain a printed copy this week. We would also like to inform you that if the lock down continues, the Merriwa Ringer will cease printing until the current lock down is over.

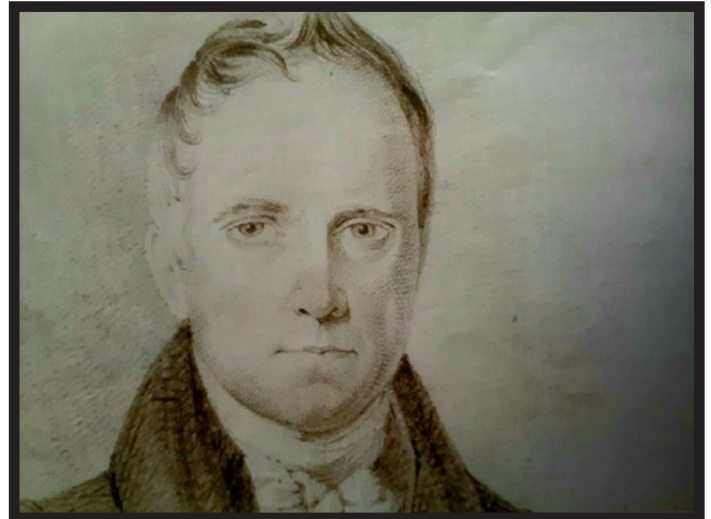
During this time, we hope you remain safe and look forward to getting back to print on our return.

Thank you for your understanding.

For further information please contact Tina Taylor on 6548 2119.

A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE



RICHARD JONES AND COCKRABIL

Walter Steven Davidson was the first owner of Collaroy station. In 1924, Davidson bought Saxon Merino sheep for the colony in partnership with Richard Jones, who became his agent and who managed the 5,000 acre property Collaroy on the Krui River near Cassilis.

Richard Jones was born January 1, 1786 at Chirbury, Shropshire, England and died on the 6th November 1852 at New Farm, Moreton Bay, NSW, later to become Queensland.

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Merriwa Central School



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Merriwa Central School

Principal's Report

We trust that students and parents are staying safe in these difficult times.

As part of the Statewide lockdown the Premier announced that the Upper Hunter local government areas (LGA) will move into stay-at-home restrictions as of August 14, 2021 5.00pm until August 22, 2021 12.01am.

There will be minimal supervision on site at our school for those students who cannot be educated at home, for example if their parent or carer is an essential worker.

If you are working from home, and your child is able to be educated from home, please keep them at home.

All students and families have been supported with learning from home materials and resources. Additional resources have been provided should the lockdown be extended. If you are yet to collect these please contact the school.

We'd also like to remind you to download the NSW school updates app onto your phone, if you haven't already done so, to receive the latest updates about the operational status of your child's school.

The Skoolbag App is our preferred method of communication to parents. If you have not done so already please download the app to your device, and add Merriwa Central School.

I want to thank all of our families for your support during this time

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Year 12 Trial Examinations have been postponed for our students. We anticipate students will complete them upon their return to school, however at the moment we are uncertain to when that will be. It is possible NESA will announce changes to the HSC timeline as we progress through the pandemic. Students are asked to ensure they are receiving updates from their NESA account.

Students and parents can also contact the NESA COVID-19 support team on 1300 138 323 or covid19support@nesa.nsw.edu.au or visit educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/covid-19-advice.

LEVEL 4 SCHOOL GUIDELINES

For the information of parents we are operating under Level 4 guidelines with:

- Minimal staff on site
- Staff and students (over 12yrs) wearing masks
- No canteen
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supplies

It is anticipated that the Merriwa Ringer will not be published next week if the lockdown is continued. Please monitor our Skoolbag App for updates.

Darren Noonan
Principal

POSITION VACANT URGENT

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL SUPERVISOR OF HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMS (PRESIDING OFFICER)

Due to some last minute changes we are urgently looking for someone to take over the role of running our HSC examinations.

We have a small group of Year 12 students who will sit their exams over four weeks from October 19, 2021.

Applicants need a current working with children check for paid employment.

Please contact:

Mrs Suzie Kirk
School Admin Manager (Rlg)
Merriwa Central School
Merriwa-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

to express your interest in the position.

For further information please contact the school on 6548 2119.

Primary

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Kindergarten - Cooper James for his beautiful behaviour in class and completing all tasks



Year 3/4 - Lilly Martin for being persistent and dedicated to achieve her personal learning goals



Year 1- Geoffrey Reid for always trying his very best



Year 4/5 - Eleyce Davis for her excellent effort, enthusiasm and application during Week 5

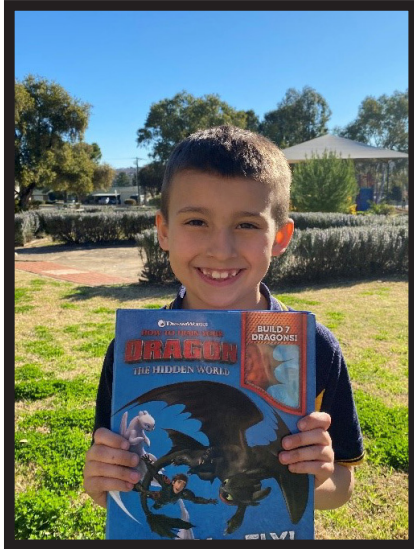


Year 2/3 - Holly Martin for being a committed and compassionate class member who always supports others



Year 5/6 - Olympia Magnus for her huge improvement in English and Mathematics

Library - Dante Ortega-Evans for remembering his library bag and borrowing is very first library book.



CLASS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Year 1 for being awarded 'Class of the Week' for Week 5, of Term 3. Year 1 received the 'Class of the Week' award for their beautiful library behaviour and watercolour paintings of their kookaburras.



BRONZE AWARDS

Nathan Shepherd, Theodore Lemanski, Blake Clarke and Fredrick Myers



SILVER AWARDS

Cadence Tudor and Seraphina Dening.



GOLD AWARDS

Grace Campbell and Olivia Purcell.



BOOK WEEK



Unfortunately, due to current circumstances we have made the decision to postpone our Book Week celebrations until a later date in Term 4. Students are still encouraged to think of a costume that they could

wear to fit in with this year's theme, 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. We look forward to celebrating this special event at a later time.

KINDERGARTEN 2022

We are now asking for expressions of interest for Kindergarten 2022 students. If you are interested in sending your child to Merriwa Central School for Kindergarten, please contact the school on 6548 2119, or visit the Primary office to pick up an information pack.

Talia Morgan
Relieving Assistant Principal (Primary)

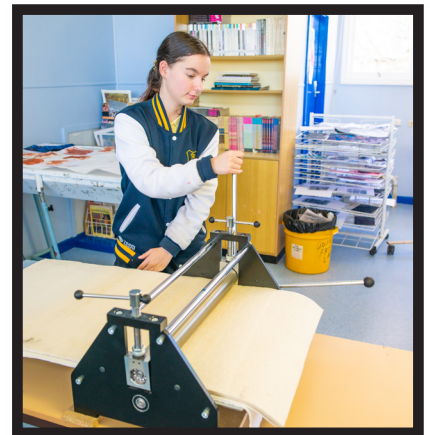
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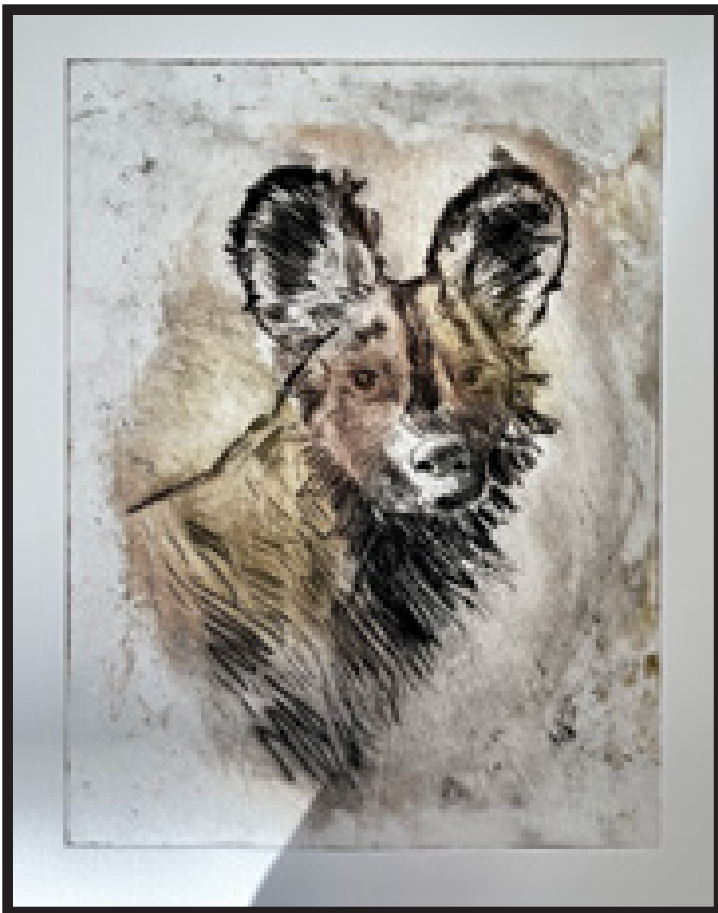
JOANNE

Joanne Hamson is a current Year 12 student completing her HSC Body of Work. Her artmaking practice is concerned with issues of animal extinction, and how art can draw attention to these concerns with increasing complexity and urgency.

Joanne's intentions have been developed through the process of printmaking. Printmaking involves a number of different stages to achieve the final portraits and artworks pictured here. Joanne has worked with great consistency and dedication to achieve the conceptual strength and technical expertise required of the HSC Visual Arts course.

Joanne continues to refine and explore her body of work prior to submission - as you can see in her latest works that have been reframed and fragmented. Joanne is a highly competent and diligent artist and her application in the HSC course is shown through her accomplished prints.





Hannah Waters
Visual Arts Teacher

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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

NIKITA CONSTABLE

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: Photography because I enjoy it

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: I am proud of the excellent report I received last semester. I came first in lots of classes and received really good marks

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: I would like to be a beautician

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: League tag

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Nikita is a dedicated student who has achieved excellent students this semester. She is very mature and goes the extra mile, asking teachers for notes and extra lesson material to study at home. I am so proud of Nikita's efforts this year and the kind natured and intelligent woman she is blossoming into. Keep chasing your dreams, Nikita!

Ashleigh Golden- Year Advisor



CAREER NEWS

UNSW ADAnow - August 12 to September 12

ADAnow is a digital showcase that brings to life our new faculty's vision: through creativity, collaboration and inclusion, we seek and solve problems to improve life on earth.

Featuring a diverse range of thinkers and creators, the online program includes art exhibitions, podcasts, music recordings, lectures, panel conversations, and research stories.

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/arts-design-architecture/about-us/adanow>

NIDA Online Information Sessions Across All Areas Up to 14 September

Do you have questions about NIDA courses and applications?

Jump on an online info session and ask all your questions. Register to attend below:

Master of Fine Arts (Cultural Leadership)

Master of Fine Arts (Directing)

Master of Fine Arts (Writing for Performance)

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting)

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Costume)

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Design for Performance)

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Properties and Objects)

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Scenic Construction and Technologies)

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Technical Theatre and Stage Management)

Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services CUA50420

Diploma of Musical Theatre (CUA50220)

Diploma of Screen and Media (Specialist Make-up Services) (CUA51020)

Diploma of Stage and Screen Performance (10194NAT)

<https://www.nida.edu.au/productions/open-day>

SBS Emerging Writers' Competition - SBS wants to hear your story...because there's a writer in all of us.

Entries are open from August 16-September 16 2021.

Are you over 18? If Yes - Enter. If not – Save this up.

the theme of this year's competition is 'Between Two Worlds: stories from a diverse Australia'. Writers aged 18 and over are asked to submit a first-person memoir piece, between 1,000-2,000 words. The winners will be announced on 10 November 2021.

<https://www.sbs.com.au/topics/voices/emergingwriterscompetition>

Position yourself for future careers in health

August 26 - 3.00pm

Associate Professor Elspeth Froud provides an insight into future career opportunities in health. A growing and in-demand industry, learn how to prepare for these careers.

https://acu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XO_HiwYeRS-oxx_AJ1P-sg

Afl Sportsready

Help improve the employment outcomes for Indigenous young people – AFL.

SportsReady in partnership with the CommBank, is currently recruiting several school-based traineeships for current year 10 Indigenous students, who are looking to pursue a career in banking/customer service. For more details:

<https://aflsportsready.com.au/school-based-trainee-bank/>

Entry requirements for Bachelor of Speech Pathology at ACU

For entry into study speech pathology in 2024, PDHPE will not count as an eligible science subject for NSW students. Science subjects that count as prerequisites for this course will include biology, chemistry or physics. More information:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/course/bachelor-of-speech-pathology>

Transport for NSW

The Road/Electrical Designer and Traffic Engineering Officer in Training Programs are offered by Transport for NSW available to people looking for a career in designing roads, while studying towards a Civil/Electrical Engineering degree. Starting salary will be approximately \$63,000.00 by the end of their four year program. Please contact RDITCoordinator@transport.nsw.gov.au for more details

Exploring Being My Own Boss Workshops

Exploring Being My Own Boss Workshops can give you an understanding of self-employment and entrepreneurship. Exploring Being My Own Boss might suit you if you have a business idea, or dream of being your own boss, but don't know where to start. By the end of this free program you'll be better able to identify business opportunities and understand what's involved when starting a business.

<https://www.dese.gov.au/EBMOB-workshops>

Job Hunting Tips for Becoming an Apprentice

Searching and applying for an Australian Apprenticeship is very much like hunting for any job. An employer has to create a vacancy and decide to use Australian Apprenticeships as a way to employ and train their staff. The following steps will explain the process to get an Australian Apprenticeship from the preparation stage, to the time you begin your training

<https://www.aapathways.com.au/job-hunting/tips>

MTA Auto Apprenticeships Here

Looking for an Apprenticeship or Job in the Automotive Industry? MTA NSW can assist via our Autotrade Careers online directory.

The intention of this service is to bring potential Employers who have apprenticeship and job opportunities, together with potential Apprentices and Job Seekers looking to work within key trades such as auto electrical, light vehicle, heavy vehicle, paint or panel within the automotive industry.

This online directory, via the MTA NSW website, allows Apprenticeship and Job seekers to register their details online for potential Employers, who are MTA NSW members, to search and select a potential applicants. Employers would then make contact with the interested potential employee directly to discuss their apprenticeship or job opportunity. <https://www.mtansw.com.au/consumer-advice/find-apprenticeship>

Apply here: <https://autotradecareers.mtansw.com.au/registration>

Current vacancies here: <https://autotradecareers.mtansw.com.au/jobs>

Student Accommodation, New Hayman Island Campus - The Hotel School Australia

The Hotel School is excited to present the brand new Hayman Island campus, located opposite the marina of InterContinental Hayman Island

Resort. Here, students will study, work and live on a 5-star resort and earn an Associate Degree. The Hotel School is welcoming applications for the February 2022 intake. For more information, click here:

<https://bit.ly/3f3WKkz>

Western Sydney University HSC Support

The sessions will run from 20-24 September

Western is offering free HSC Study Sessions run by qualified teachers and HSC markers online covering 14 subjects such as Chemistry, English, Maths and more. Visit here for a full list of subjects and more information:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/free-hsc-study-sessions?cid=em:EGMT-CAA-HSC-SS-FOM_Aug21

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) Online Information

24-26 August

Imagine a future career in psychology, counselling, coaching, social work or criminology. Join an online Discover ACAP session to learn about the courses you could study, the flexible learning options and career outcomes. For further information and to register go to:

<https://www.acap.edu.au/study-at-acap/online-events/>

Social Work Spotlight podcast - showcasing diverse areas of the profession

This podcast features interviews with social workers in Sydney, Australia, showcasing diverse areas of practice, social work stories, successes, and challenges, and providing information on media and other resources that can be accessed to help inform and educate people who are curious about the profession or wanting a career change.

<https://anchor.fm/socialworkspotlight>

Beyond Pandemic-proof your HSC

Planning help with free study-notes, preparation videos and practice papers across 11 of the most popular HSC subjects. Take control of your career planning with a huge range of information and resources. Your future at your fingertips. Register for an account today at: www.beyond.edu.au.

**Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor**



Cassilis Public School

COVID-19 UPDATE

As I am sure you are aware, the situation has changed over the weekend. Our school is very proud of how the students, staff and families are managing.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK - PAUL

Paul has been awarded the Student of the Week for his application towards all areas of learning and his respectful behaviour towards himself and others.

He has continued to make learning progress in his education through trying with every task, accepting challenges, and listening to feedback.

Paul wrote interesting and detailed information reports about LEGO, continued to work on his underwater creature writing and writing about a Spotted Handfish. His research skills are developing, and he enjoys finding answers to his questions.

He helps others to learn around him by being a positive group member and listening attentively.

Paul played safely in the playground, spoke kindly to others, and returned the sports equipment to the shed.

He comes to school each day dressed in the correct uniform and with everything he needs for learning including a champion lunch box.

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

- If you're learning at home, the expectation is not full day teaching but more realistically 2-3 hours, with lots of breaks, play and time outdoors. Be kind to yourself, and don't try to do everything. Enjoy some extra family time together playing games and relaxing.

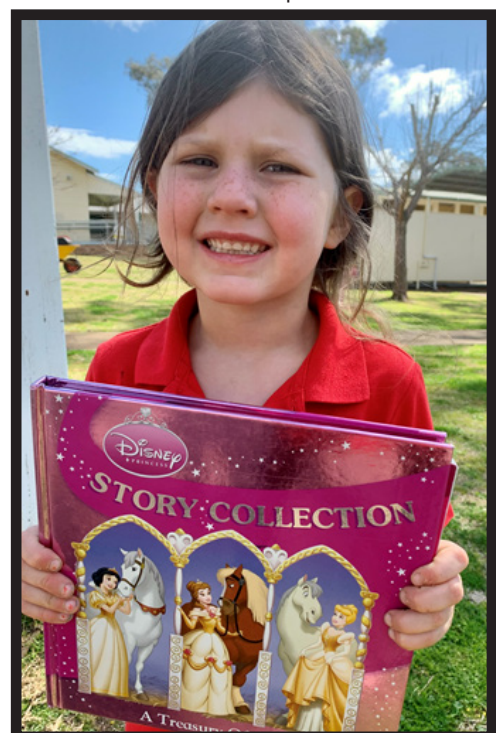
- We as a community, need to look after ourselves and should anyone display any symptoms, please go, and get tested ASAP. Please continue to be responsible and follow the rules.

- The school would love to see photos of home learning. If your child has a special interest and would like any item for learning, please let Mrs Burgess know.

- We will continue to communicate with you and look forward to getting through this together. The lockdown at this stage is 7 days. More information will follow with later and will be dependent on how things pan out in the next few days.

- Thank you for the wonderful job you are doing in keeping the kids happy and feeling safe.

Tarsha and her book prize from being Student of the Week last week. Thank you to the Cassilis P and C for kindly donating the book prizes each week. Books make the best prizes!

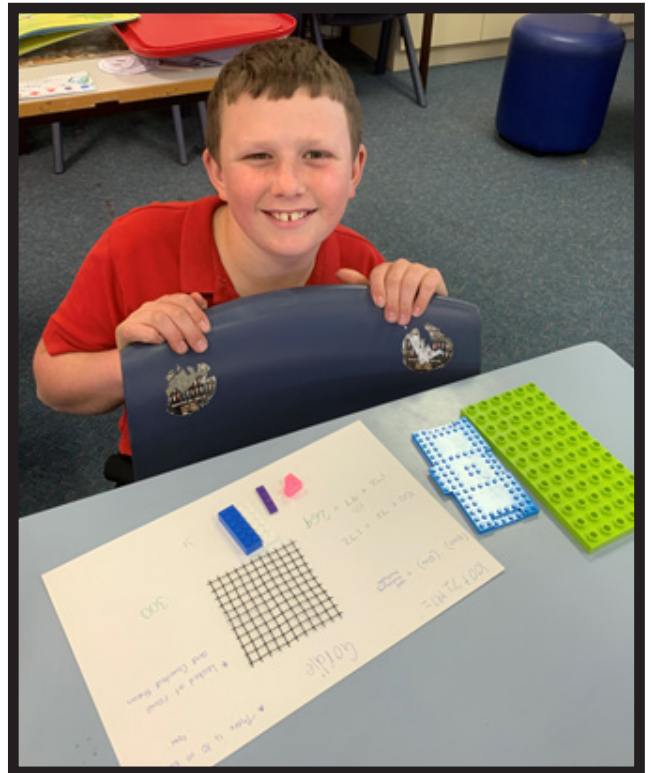


WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LEGO?



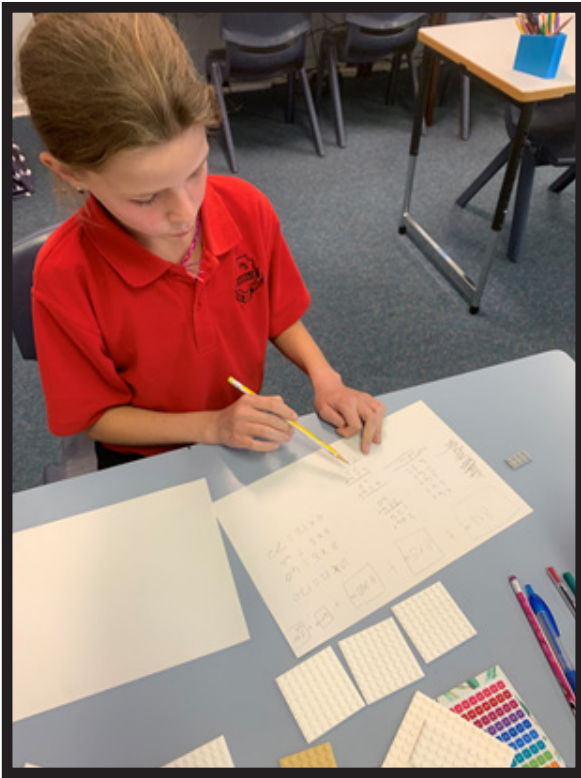
For maths, students showed their developing ability to pick up a pile of LEGO and add the studs of each block together to find the total combination of all blocks. Students even accepted the challenge to find more blocks to make a target number, for example 500.

It was excellent to see students feeling happier to sit with a task and work through out without giving up.

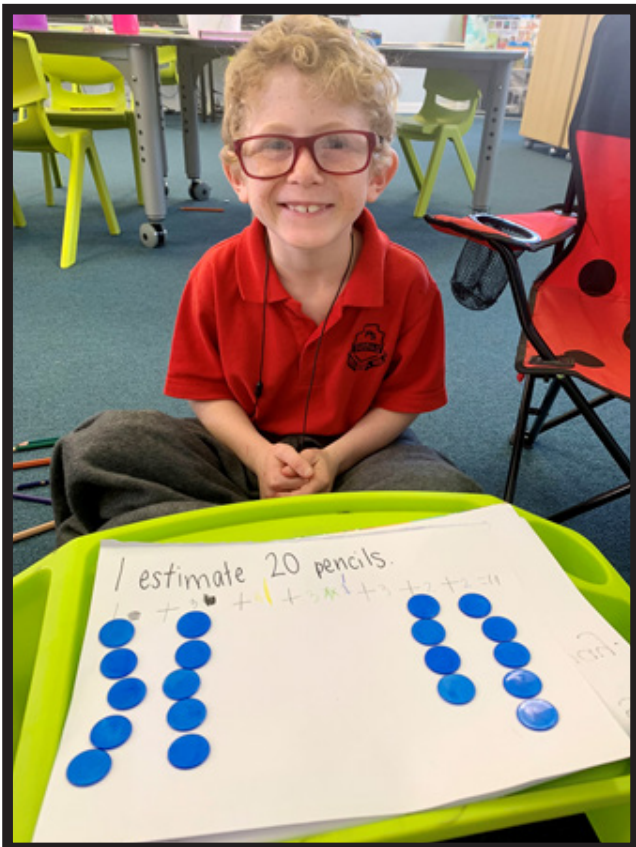


Ringer Deadline!

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and advertisements into the
Merriwa Ringer
at 12noon.*



Mathematician Cooper wanted to find the answer to a very good question. He asked how many pencils were in each students' tin. Maths is all about solving problems and students have been practising their estimating (clever guess) and organising their count to get to the correct answer.



**Katie Burgess
Principal**



JUNIOR COOKS CORNER

The Famous Lemonade Scones Recipe

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (125ml) cream see notes
- 1/2 cup (125ml) lemonade see notes
- pinch salt optional
- 1/4 cup (55g) caster sugar optional
- 2 cups (300g) self raising flour
- 3 tbs milk for brushing

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 200 degrees celsius (fan-forced). Lightly flour a 20cm square cake tin and set aside.
2. Place the lemonade and cream into a bowl. Add the salt and caster sugar and mix to combine.
3. Sift in the self raising flour and use a knife to fold it through until only just combined (the mixture will be very sticky).
4. Place the dough onto a lightly floured board.
5. With lightly floured fingers, press the mixture down to a thickness of 3cm (do not over-work the dough).
6. Using a 6cm scone cutter, cut rounds from the middle working outwards and place into the lightly floured cake tin (make sure that your scones are gently pressing up against one another as it will help them to rise).
7. Gently move the remaining dough together and cut out extra scones.
8. When you've used all of the dough, brush the tops of the scones with milk and place into the oven for 12-15 minutes.

The scones will be ready when they're golden on top.

Serve warm with your choice of fillings.

<https://bakeplaysmile.com/>



St Joseph's Primary School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Sending the Merriwa community every good wish during this difficult scenario we have been placed in. We, at Joeys, are very hopeful and praying for a shortened lockdown, so we can have our students back at school.

THANKYOU STAFF!

A huge thankyou goes to our teaching and learning support staff. On Saturday, when I was first informed of this lockdown, I asked, but was unsuccessful, in obtaining an additional day for the teachers and learning support staff to plan and organise activities for home learning. Far from being upset about it, the Joey's staff rallied, worked diligently on the Sunday and were able to produce some outstanding home learning grids, Microsoft Teams Timetables and reading texts for students to continue their work from. The spirit, dedication and hard work our staff at St Joseph's Merriwa show, is unrivalled and I am so fortunate and proud to be their Principal. Please make sure you thank your child's teacher for the professionalism and diligence they showed in getting tasks out in such a short space of time.

TRANSITION DAY CANCELLED

This was to be our first transition day with our Colourful Kinder group for 2022. We are disappointed to not be doing this, but we will have some more opportunities later in the year to see our new enrolments for 2022. Stay safe Colourful Kinders!

The next transition day is August 30. We will have two very special presentations from a Speech Pathologist at the Catholic Schools Office, Mrs Megan Piper and our Educational Specialist, Mrs Amy Butler on Zoom.

If any families are still keen to see we can best serve your Kindergarten child's (or any Primary school aged child's) needs, please contact 6548 2035 or admin@merriwa.catholic.edu.au

INCURSION WEEK AT JOEYS

The students couldn't go on excursion due to COVID, so the teachers brought the excursion to them!

Students in Infants and Stage Two took a "tour" to the Hunter Valley and Melbourne Zoos today

as part of their Incursion Afternoon.

At the Melbourne Zoo, students listened to talks about Penguins, Gorillas, Tigers and Koalas with Miss Brazier. They then were given the task to create one of the habitats using the material provided.

At the Hunter Valley Zoo, Miss Rodwell took students on a discovery journey of the Echidna. Students then collected leaves for their artwork and learned a few facts about the Echidna.





HAVE YOUR SAY - Tell Them From Me (TTFM®.) Survey – Delayed start

Last year you may recall parents, staff and students (Years 4–6) participating in an online – Tell Them From Me (TTFM®.) survey.

Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve.

The data we received provided us with valuable feedback in relation to faith, learning, student engagement and wellbeing and will help to better inform our Diocesan system as well as our own school improvement agenda.

After reading the results of the survey, we put the following into place:

What we did:

1. Established a homework club to assist with students having difficulties due to lack of parental assistance, internet difficulties etc
2. Behavioural Expectations were raised and behaviour matrix commenced (40% reduction in behaviours in 2021). Also, PB4L expectations were commenced. Gotchas are now an integral part of the daily routine for students, especially ones who always follow expectations.
3. Have adopted the High Expectation / No Excuse approach. Learning Intentions and Success Criteria with feedback, constant monitoring and high expectations for learning
4. School to share more articles and snippets from social justice action in order to educate parents.



Miss Love took students on a Scavenger Hunt and did "Animal Trivia" with the groups.

In Stage Three, Mrs Peebles set students the task to do basic research on Canberra, which was to be their destination this year before COVID and gave them the goal of "packing their bags for Canberra". Could a discovery tour be in the offering?

We are spoiled to have such high quality and innovative teachers to provide students with alternate experiences in these uncertain times.





ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS

These days we are all spending more and more time online. The online environment is extremely useful, but can also be a daunting and unsafe place for children who are unaware of the dangers. Please click on the following link for information regarding Online safety for parents/carers. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

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

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.

Please stay safe and well during this lockdown. We are only a phone call or an email away should you need anything. Take care Merriwa and surrounds.

Mr Ashley Borg
Principal



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“The love of learning,

THE SEQUESTERED NOOKS,

and all the sweet serenity

of BOOKS.”





Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

REFLECTION - PENTECOST 12 – John 6:51-58

Today's Gospel is the whole purpose of this long discourse, for today's passage focuses on the Christian Eucharist. The very first disciples all had personal experience of Jesus. They were able to be with him, to hear his words and to express their belief in him directly. By the time John's Gospel is written, most of the community would be second or third generation Christians who have not had such personal contact. Where can these Christians experience Jesus' presence and express their faith in him? The Gospel points to the presence of Christ in the celebration of the Christian Eucharist.

At this point you and I are drawn into this Gospel, for like the Johannine community we have not encountered Jesus of Nazareth. Our encounter with Jesus must be through the sacramental symbols of bread, wine, the word and the community gathered to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Again the contrast is made between the Eucharist and the manna, for the life Jesus offers us is forever. The Jewish Christians of John's first community have not lost touch with their traditions, nor have they lost touch with the God of their ancestors who fed them bread from heaven. In and through Jesus, God's nourishing gift of life for the world is available to all people of all ages.

But what is our response? The invitation is given 'Come and eat my bread and drink my wine', but some find this too hard to accept. This long Gospel passage continues with this question next week. (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.

We had no church last Sunday because Bishop Peter had cancelled all church services in the Upper Hunter. We hope we will have church next Sunday.

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

YOU READ IT HERE FIRST!

Coming soon to Merriwa....

Merriwa Rotary has a plan this Rotary year to reinvigorate our long tradition of inviting guest speakers to our meetings, whenever possible.

(I digress and shall repeat the story of another Hunter Rotary Club which invited a noted man along as a guest speaker.....

"How long would you like me to speak for?" asked the celebrated legal man as he rose to his feet.

"Oh, speak for as long as you like," said the club president "but we all leave at 8.00pm!"

Of course, that would not happen at Merriwa Rotary!

It will be our pleasure to host a well known, distinguished, much travelled speaker, with quite a story to tell.

That is all we can say at the moment, until some easing of Covid restrictions occurs, no date can be announced, and, on the instruction of our club President, no name.

A MYSTERY GUESSING GAME FOR COVID TIMES!

Writing of Covid times, prompts me to say that we are very fortunate to have in our country a legion of dedicated doctors, nurses, scientists, as well as essential workers who are putting in phenomenal hours to bring us through this crisis.

Mark Smith

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

Community Notice Board

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

AUXILIARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Friday August 20 has been CANCELLED due to current Covid restrictions. We will advise as to the re scheduling of this meeting when restrictions are lifted. Stay safe Merriwa.

Elaine Sparrow

Hunter Medical Practice

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As from Monday August 16 opening times for our Merriwa, Denman and Muswellbrook practices will be:

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Carol Cronin

Quote for the Week



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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

Merriwa Touch Football

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Merriwa Touch Football Assoc will be holding its Annual General Meeting:

When: September 13, 2021

Where: Merriwa Sports Club

Time: 6.30pm

All positions will be declared vacant. Please consider taking on a position as touch football can not go ahead without a committee.

Positions needed: President, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, junior coordinator, COVID marshal, ref coordinator.

Kate Morgan

Community Notice Board

Merriwa Create and Grow Playgroup

Unfortunately playgroup is not permitted to meet during the current Covid restrictions.

In the meantime, don't forget to sign up to Playgroup NSW. It's free and they have some great downloadable resources as well as a 'virtual playgroup' to help parents during the lockdown period. Go to www.playgroupnsw.org.au

We look forward to resuming playgroup soon.

Tash Taaffe
Community Services Officer

Merriwa Pony Club is turning 75

Our committee would like to publish a new addition of the Pony Club Book. It was first published in 1996 by Elaine Sparrow when we turned 50. The 50 year book was sponsored by Merriwa businesses, sporting and community groups, Merriwa families and surrounding Pony Clubs.

We have two sponsorship categories to consider.

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Pauline Lawler

Vale

SHIRLEY SHARPE
1936-2021



We will all have recollections of Shirley as being a major contributor to Community activities during her almost sixty years in Merriwa.

Shirley came to live at Stirling Vale after her marriage to Cam in 1960, she raised her three children and grew a productive garden before filling a need to drive a school bus run from Bunnan to Merriwa. She would have her baby in a basket to be given loads of attention by the school children.

As the children grew up, she worked at Elders, then opened a gift shop where Trinity Markets is now located. In between helping Cam, she would do Meals on Wheels, Tuck Shop at the Central School, and the flower section in the Pavilion at the Show. She was a regular on 2NM with her news items from Merriwa, and upcoming events.

Music was a significant part of Shirley's life, she played the organ at Church and many of us will remember her joyful "sing along" sessions each week at Gummun Place. I say joyful because she would always have a funny story, and the Residents would choose favourite songs. Some of the quieter residents would happily sing, remembering each word while beaming with delight.

Shirley passed away peacefully at Orange which was where she had been living, near her daughter Judith.

Shirley will not be forgotten.

Julia Hardy



Merriwa Ringer

A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

He was educated in London and entered a London business as a clerk and early chose a mercantile career. He first arrived in Sydney in 1809 and by 1815, he was agent for Forbes and Co of Bombay. In the same year he set up in Sydney as a general merchant in partnership. In 1818, Jones sailed to China on the 'Magnet' and after a short stay there, where he probably began negotiations with W. S. Davidson for a joint pastoralist venture. He returned to England and in 1823, he married Mary Louisa Peterson (1804-1887). The couple arrived in Sydney in where Jones became a successful merchant and pastoralist.

Richard Jones had settled on the Krui river by 1830 and left his property in the care of Hugh MacDonald. Jones appears to have moved his stock as far as the Krui by 1830 to a station named Cockrabil, managed by Hugh MacDonald, who for his services in the capture of bush rangers on the Liverpool Plains, received a grant of one square mile (640 acres) of land free of Quit Rent, which he selected adjacent to Jone's Cockrabil property. Cockrabil was situated between Pembroke and Collaroy up the Pembroke road. In a newspaper article, the land promised by Governor Darling on the 20th November 1830 to Hugh MacDonald seems to have been acquired by Richard Jones by 22nd April 1833. By the 1840's, Cockrabil seems to have been absorbed into Collaroy station.

Richard Jones also acted as agent for Walter Davidson who had came to the colony in 1805 and had returned to England in 1809, he never returned to Australia.

Collaroy had a small frontage to the Krui river and became the basis of what was later to become known as Collaroy station. Jones also sought to purchase for Davidson, the place called Wille Walle (Willy Wally), adjacent to Davidson's grant of 5,120 acres on the western side of the Krui. Neither Richard Jones or Walter Davidson were resident lawnowners. Both were using land as an investment and outlet for the pasturing of stock. The time was opportune for such speculation. The good quality and suitability of Australian wool was now established in the English market. Richard Jones was described by Henry Hamilton, a relative of Davidson as "a perfect old spider, clutching at anything he can lay his hands on". He was not interested in anything but the financial return. He only visited the district perhaps once a year. The land both

sides of the Krui was acquired by Richard Jones as well as land extending to the west as far as the Talbragar river. In February 1834, Jones purchased 2234 acres on the Krui.

Information courtesy of the book A Week by Waggon Historic Collaroy Station by Victor P. Dray

The book Cassilis, the frontier village by F D Hayes.

And info downloaded by Kim Clydsdale from Australian Dictionary of Biography.

And info supplied by Susan Blyton.

Photo 1 Richard Jones

Photo 2 Mary Louisa Jones.



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Father's Day is just four weeks away! There is a wonderful selection of cards available for Dad and Grandad as well as some great gifts. Drop in to see what's in store!

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- Issue 3; meet Australian hat designer Helen Kaminski, artist Luke Sciberras and chef Analiese Gregory. Hear from columnists Gabrielle Chan, Meg Mason and Errol Parker from The Betoota Advocate. Remember artist Albert Namatjira and discover knife maker Mac Ramsay. Learn about songlines, the climbing community of Natimuk and the urban design of Bathurst. Hike in the Snowy Mountains, go to a rodeo in Far North Queensland and stay in a hut on a cattle property. All this and more in the latest issue of this great magazine.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY

- Duchess Kate and how her dignity and duty is cutting through the noise of current media storms
- Golden Girls! Celebrating the sportsmanship and spirit of Swim Team Australia .Olympic dreams came true in the pool in Tokyo and the Aussie champions made us proud not just with the medals but with their generosity and grace, sense of fun and their team spirit.
- Meet the healthcare heroes bringing healing to the bush. The further you live from a big city in Australia, the tougher it is to get the healthcare you need.

TASTE

- Candy Crush! Make a scrumptious Clinkers Cake, or maybe you would love to make a Skittles Pastel Cake! Inspired by the colours of spring, these colourful delicious creations are works of art and you will have a ton of fun putting them together!
- Treat Dad to a Father's Day Sunday roast of one pot creamy chicken, cheesy chilli bites, rocky road dessert and a affogato espresso martini to finish... or maybe to begin with sounds better!
- Marion Grasby's muffin pan frittatas serve up tasty Thai curry flavour in bite sized pops. The Thai twist on the classic frittata with curry

paste, fresh herbs and coconut milk add the character to these yummy morsels.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S HEALTH

- Mind Games; with the conversation growing around athletes mental health, four sportspeople share how they deal with performance pressure, media attention and much more. Deciding to be an athlete is , in some ways choosing a life of pain and with the pressure to perform looming large.
- Lifting the muscle myths; use the cheat sheet to outsmart gym wisdom and achieve the results you're after faster.

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

- Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.

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Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress

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NSW HEALTH SEWAGE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM EXTENDED TO SCONE

NSW Health has extended their Sewage Surveillance Program to include the Scone Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) for an initial two week period commencing 16 August 2021.

The NSW Sewage Surveillance Program tests untreated sewage for fragments of the COVID-19 (SARS CoV- 2) virus at sewage treatment plant locations across NSW. Testing sewage can help track infections in the community and provide early warning of an increase in infections.

NSW Health decide all testing locations within NSW and have confirmed that there is currently no capacity to pick up additional testing sites within the Upper Hunter Shire. However, Council continues to liaise with NSW Health regularly in regards to the evolving COVID-19 situation, and will certainly facilitate testing in our other sewerage systems if this option becomes available.

UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL COVID – 19 LOCKDOWN INFORMATION

The NSW Government has announced stay at home orders for the state of NSW including the Upper Hunter LGA to apply from 5.55pm on August 14, 2021 to 12.01am on Sunday August 22, 2021.

Council has made changes to its operations and facilities in line with the Public Health Order.

Whilst our Customer Service centres doors will be closed, we will be unable to provide face-to-face services without a prior booking and only for essential or urgent matters.

The following options are available for Council's day-to-day services and transactions:

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For more information about COVID restrictions that apply in regional NSW, visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/what-you-can-do-nsw>.

Hannah White

Merriwa Wellbeing Superpreaders

Outcome: "It has been just so lovely. I started on the weekend – the café was closed, I knew my family was all good and didn't need me so I switched off and I felt like I could just breathe. It's been so good, I've been out in the garden making the most of this beautiful weather, I've read a couple of chapters of a book, been for a walk. I've been able to chill and it's just like a big release, when you haven't got to worry for an hour."

Lauren Sinderberry is another Wellbeing Superspreader who's taking some time to be kinder to herself and she's set herself a goal to try a 'self-compassion' practice.

Why: "I have very high expectations of myself and I'm a little bit hard on myself when I don't execute things the way I think they should be done. I need to cut myself some slack. It's about being a bit kinder to myself when I can't do everything I think I should."

How: "Coach Emma gave me a poster to put up that reminds me to take a breath when I get stressed out; to take a breath, to put things in perspective and to remind myself to talk kindly to myself."

Coach Emma says: "Sometimes it's good to have a reminder that encourages you to speak to yourself like you would a mate. For example – instead of saying 'what an idiot' if you stuff up somehow, think about how you'd treat a friend in a similar situation: "You did your best, you learnt something."

"Self-kindness is about the stuff we're doing externally and transferring it to ourselves, it's a way to move forward and support ourselves emotionally."

All of these goals are simple, easy to achieve and can make a big difference to wellbeing. If you want to find out more, check in with any of the Superspreaders who'll happily talk more about their experiences.

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The Friday night Members Lucky Badge 7.00pm draw for \$220.00 was won the number was 149, This week it jackpots to \$240.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$1350.00 was not won the number was 55, this week it jackpots to \$1400.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$120.00 was won the number was 443, this week it commencing at \$140.00. LTPS/19/36118

The Sunday Members Badge Draw for \$1300.00 was not won last week the number was 533, this week it jackpots to \$1350.00 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 are now closed.

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

Wednesday Nights from 6.00pm - \$6.00 PINTS.

Dine and Discover vouchers – please register and download or print your vouchers and use them before they expire on August 31, 2021. If you don't have a smart phone or computer, contact the local Service NSW department at the UHSC Merriwa office.

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 10.00pm

Sunday 11.30am to 12.30pm

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

Merriwa Ringer

Saturday 5.30/8.00pm.

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Sports Club

THANK YOU

Thank you to the directors, staff and patrons who assisted with painting the Club. It looks amazing! We sincerely appreciate the time you took to complete this mammoth task.

SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

Due to Saturdays announcement we were unable to run our raffle and members' draw. The draw will remain at \$875.00 when we resume next.

COVID LOCKDOWN

Please be advised that the Merriwa Sports Club will be closed this week following the NSW Premier's advice. We will re-open as soon as we are able to. On behalf of the Directors and staff, please stay safe and take care during these difficult times. We look forward to seeing you all in the not too distant future.

Brendan Cowell

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 is back Monday July 12 at 12noon.

Merriwa Wellbeing Superpreaders

All of our Merriwa Wellbeing Superpreaders have now completed their first session with Wellbeing Coach Emma Delahey from Life Coaching Melbourne and they've all found the sessions mighty helpful so far.

Wellbeing Superpreader and farmer Henry Killen says using the services of a wellbeing coach should be no different to getting someone in to help with an aspect of business.

"We have Farm Advisers come in all the time to help us with whatever facet of our business requires help and I thought 'why not do it for ourselves'. We mostly work on our own all day, we're in our own little bubble so these sorts of things can help."

Henry's first Action for Wellbeing is to identify three good things that happened in his day during dinner with his fiancé Emma.

Why: "When we met up with all the other Wellbeing Superpreaders Emma Sparrow said it's something she does with her family every night and that it works really well for them."

Outcome: "We've tried it a few times and it's been really good. It's pretty easy to talk about all the crap things that can happen in the day – who annoyed you at work or what went wrong – this is a nice way to look at the positives in a day. Last night my positive was how much I enjoyed my lunch! I'd been in the cattle yards and lunch was late so I really appreciated it!"

Kylie Austin's first goal is all about giving herself an hour each day away from her phone, from her computer; just be device free.

Why: "I don't often get time to stop and think. It feels like I'm always answering questions or there's always someone needing something of you and that's fine but it just meant I wasn't getting any time to have some free headspace. I've never done this before; I've always felt obligated to answer a message or a call and I feel guilty if I don't respond straight away. But everyone can manage if they can't reach me for an hour."



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