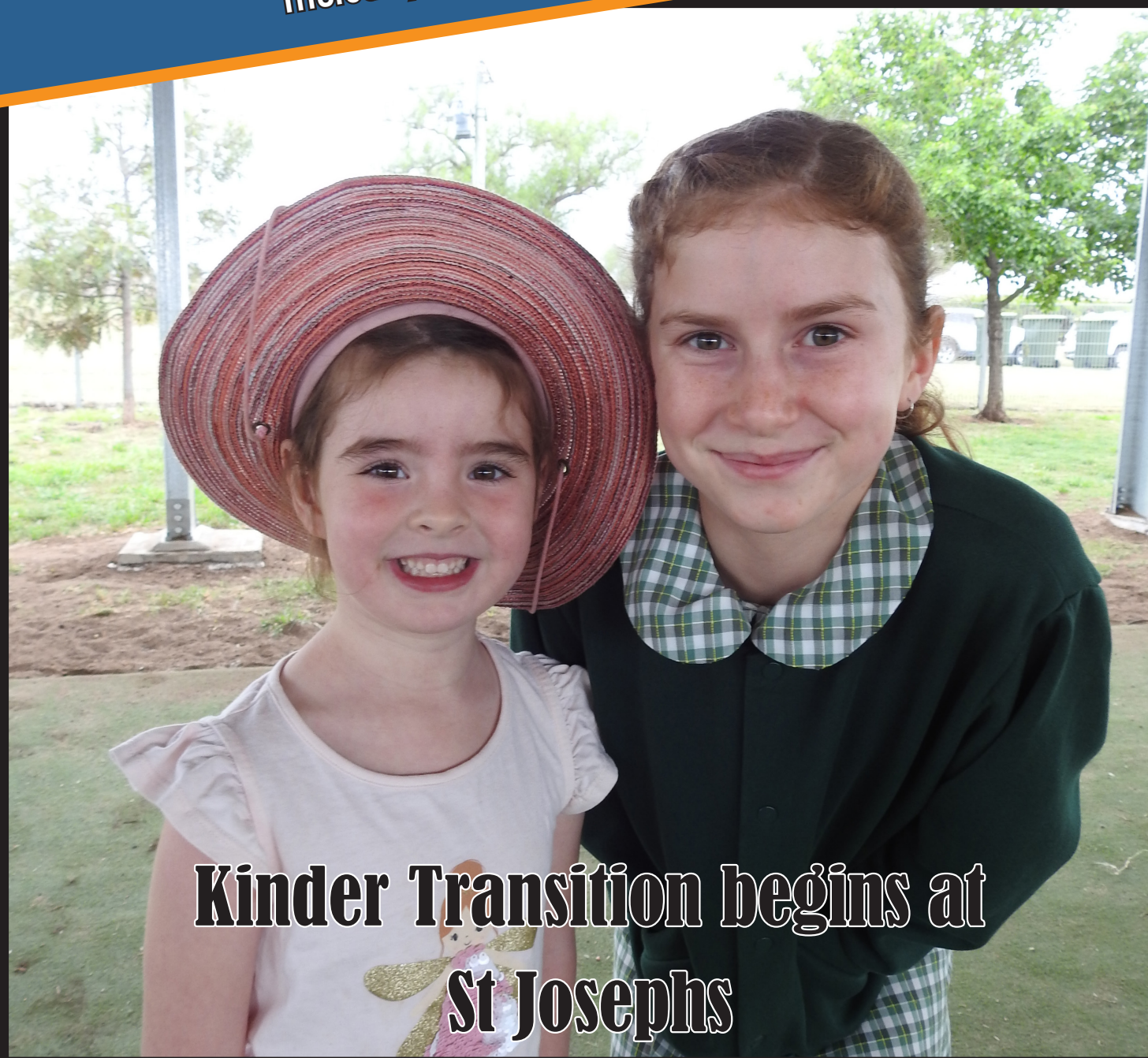


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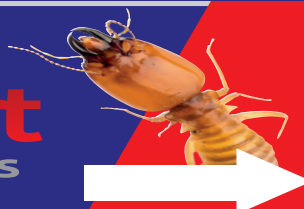
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**Kinder Transition begins at  
St Josephs**

**Pest Alert**  
Termite Solutions



Did you know that the recent rain  
can cause higher Termite activity!  
Have you had your House Inspected?

 **0439 464 966**



# A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE



## LAMP ERECTED IN MERRIWA

Article appearing in the Mudgee Guardian 4th September 1913.

The Budden Memorial Committee have just had a lamp erected at the corner of Bettington street. It is a fine lamp and stands on a stone and concrete base with a marble tablet inset, bearing the inscription "Erected to the memory of Elijah Budden by the citizens of Merriwa and district, 1913".

The erection was entrusted to Mr Armitage of Muswellbrook, who is to be complimented on his work.



## Merriwa Central School



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# Merriwa Central School

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4 and the return to face to face learning. It has been a difficult time for students and parents during the learning from home period. As most areas of the state have now come out of lockdown, we grapple with the new COVID restrictions which are in place.

### CURRENT COVID MEASURES

Students and staff return to school under a number of COVID measures to ensure their safety whilst at school. Some of the measures include:

- staff are required to wear masks indoor and outdoors
- secondary students are required to wear masks indoors, and it is recommended they wear mask outdoors
- parents and visitors are not permitted on site, we ask parents to continue the curbside drop-off.
- assemblies and excursions are not permitted
- Kinder orientation and Year 7 transition can take place with additional safeguards in place
- additional cleaning of high touch surfaces continues
- all staff on site are required to be fully vaccinated by November 8 (this includes volunteers)
- please remember to use the usual QR codes to check-in when visiting the office



### KINDER ORIENTATION AND YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Our transition programs have been delayed slightly due to the learning from home period. However now that restrictions are being relaxed we are able to commence these important programs to prepare our students for the year ahead.

Miss Emma Garbellini our Kindergarten teacher for 2022 will be sending information to parents in regard to our Kinder orientation program shortly. Miss Tarnika Wood secondary science teacher will be the Year 7 Year Adviser 2022 and will visit Year 6 students this week with information about the transition program.

If parents need further information please don't hesitate to contact the school, or download our Skoolbag app to keep up-to-date with communication to parents.

**Darren Noonan**  
Principal

## Coming Events

OCTOBER	
<b>Thursday 21</b>	Year 7 Transition
Tuesday 26	Kindergarten Transition 9.00am to 11.00am
<b>Thursday 28</b>	Year 7 Transition
NOVEMBER	
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Kindergarten Transition - 9.00am to 11.00am
<b>Thursday 4</b>	Year 7 Transition
<b>Friday 27</b>	Little Sprouts

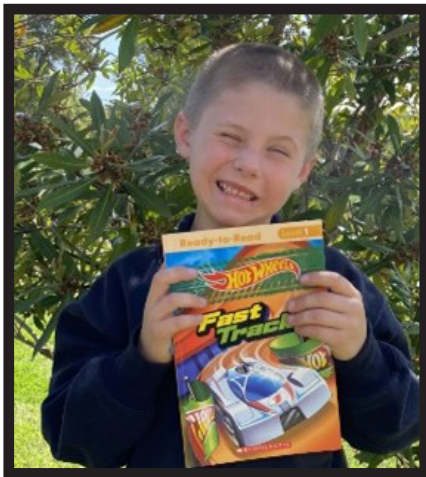


# Primary

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



**Kindergarten - Emmy Hunt** for her wonderful behaviour and improvement in reading



**Year 1- Cooper James** for settling well back into school



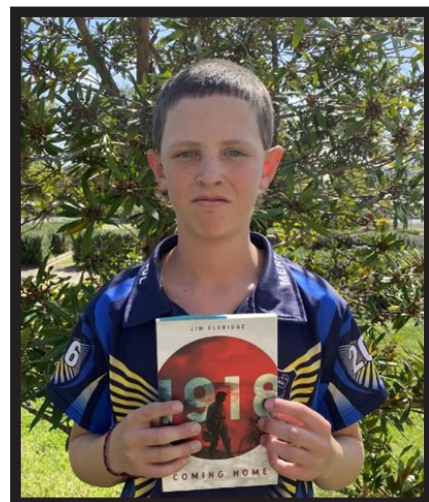
**Year 2/3 - Alby Caban** for his outstanding Rhyme Orama creation



**Year 3/4 - Olivia Purcell** for her attention to detail and dedication to her artworks



**Year 4/5 - Jase Whitby** for his outstanding effort in all subjects



**Year 5/6 - Jacob Gee** for improvement in behaviour



**Library - Abigail Goodear** for being a wondering library helper.



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

## Secondary

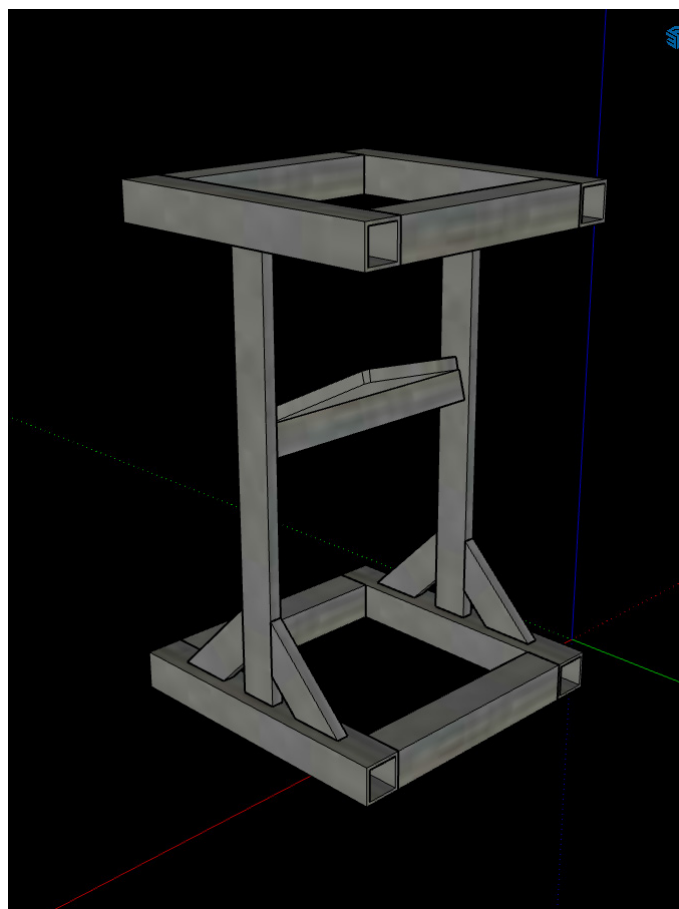
It has been a busy week back at school after such an extended time away but the TAS department is full steam ahead with some new and exciting projects!

Year 9/10 Timber students have selected from some high quality timbers including New Guinea Rosewood and Queensland Maple to begin constructing their heirloom boxes. The class is enjoying using timbers of a higher quality, which will stand the test of time and hopefully house some family heirlooms by the end of term! In class they are also learning about the environmental effects of old-growth logging and how logging industries can sustainably maintain profit margins and plantation growth.

Year 9/10 Metal students are embarking on a new project designed by their teacher Mrs Burgess to use a combination of reclaimed SHS steel and new steel flat bar supplied by local Merriwa business WelderUp to create a kindling splitter which eliminates many of the safety risks involved in traditional axe splitting. In class they are also learning about Advanced Manufacturing techniques used in the Metalworking Industry, and comparing these to the manufacturing techniques used here at Merriwa Central School.

The new HSC Timber Technologies class are well under way planning and researching their major projects to be constructed over the next year. Among some of our students' design ideas are

a River Resin Study Desk and a BlackJack Dealer table. We can't wait to see how these exciting projects develop over the next year!



**Annalise Burgess**  
**TAS Teache**

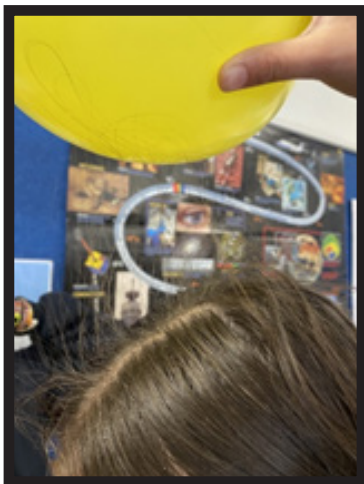
## YEAR 8 SCIENCE

The start of Term 4 saw the start of a new topic in year 8 Science, Electrostatics and Magnetism.

During the last few lesson students have been exploring how static electricity is made and its effects.



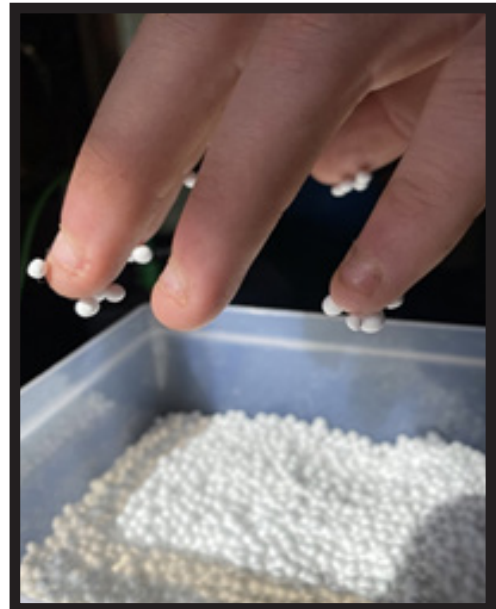
A balloon was charged by rubbing it on hair and then placed over tissue paper, the paper was attracted to the balloon



Hair standing on end, charged balloon attracted the hair



Without a static charge the bean bag beans are not attracted to the human body naturally Does the human body attract objects? Only when a



static charge passes through it. Using a Van der Graff generator, a student placed their hand on the generator and then in the container with the bean, withdrawing their hand, some of the bean stuck to their hand, being attracted by the static charge going through the body.

## YEAR 12 BIOLOGY

The start of Term 4 saw the Year 11 biology students progress into Year 12 biology, starting their first session on Reproduction in Plants.

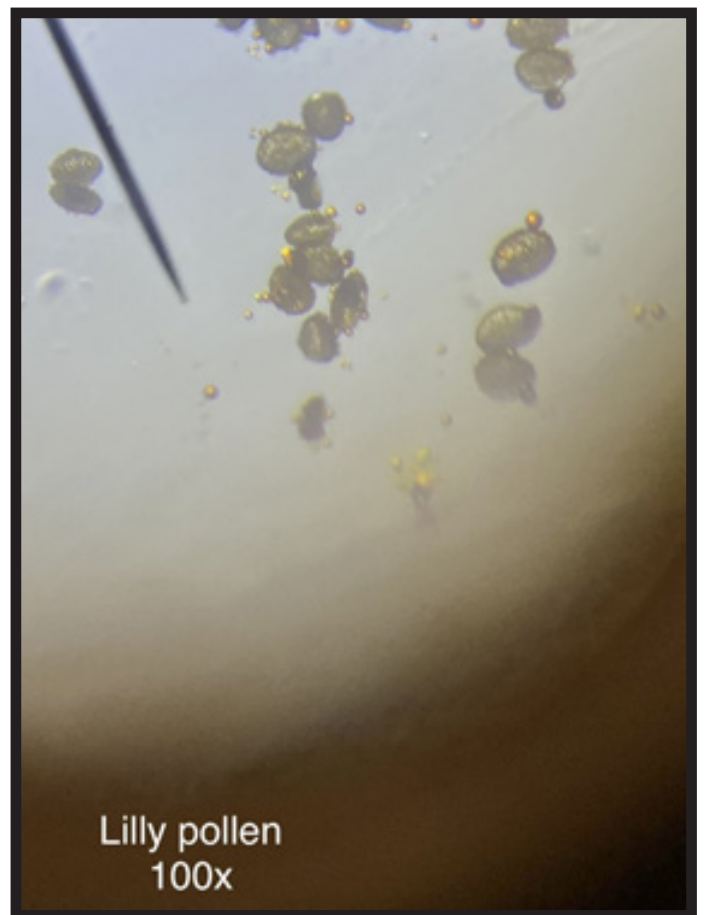
A plant dissection was conducted on an Oriental Lilly. The students labelled the different parts of the flower, observed the ovary of the plant which contain the ovules, the female reproductive cells of the plant. They then observed different types of pollen through the microscope, observing that not all pollen is the same size or shape, pollen is the male reproductive cell of plants. All images are viewed through a microscope at 100x magnification, except the ovary which is viewed at 10x magnification.



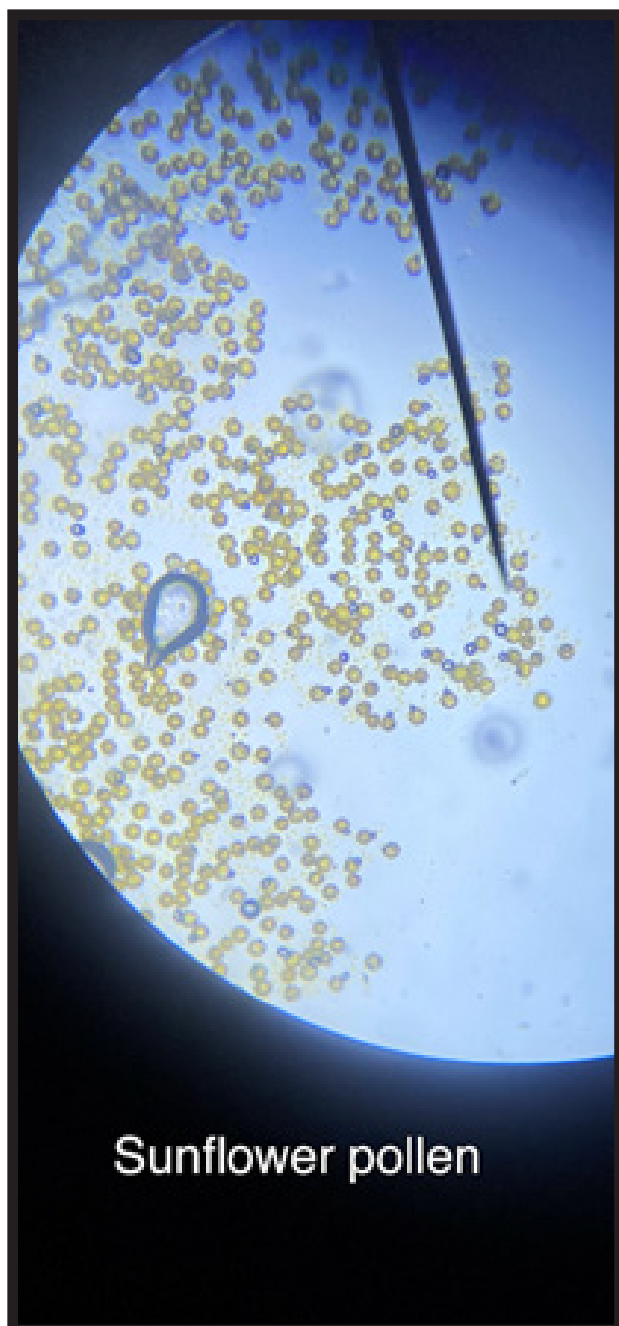




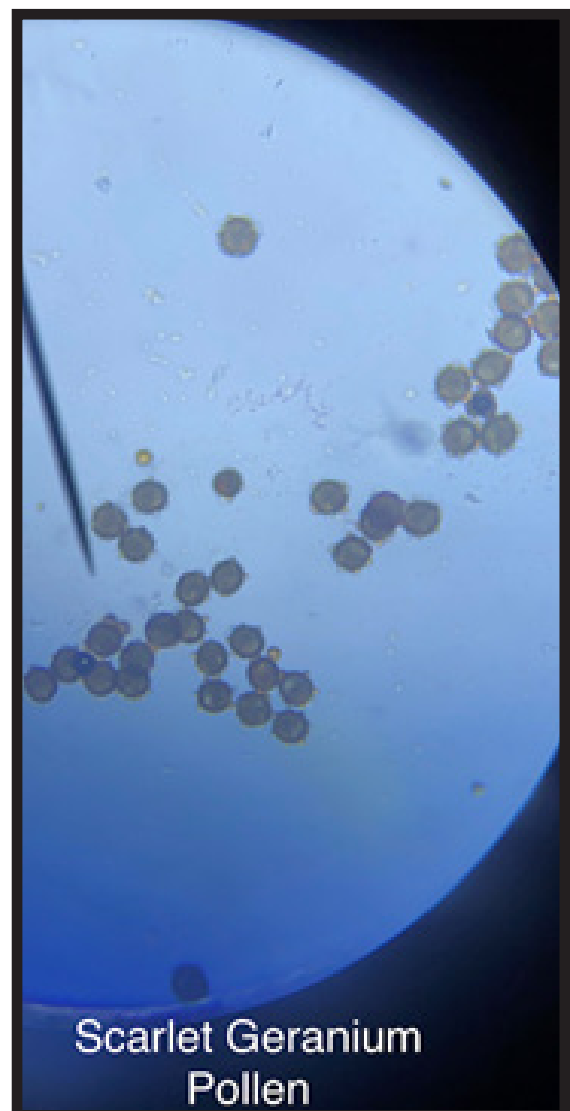
Lilly ovary



Lilly pollen  
100x



Sunflower pollen



Scarlet Geranium  
Pollen

## NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

### **Vaccination Information:**

- Year 7 - Human papillomavirus (HPV9) vaccine 2-doses at least 6 months apart, Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) – single dose
- Years 10 - Meningococcal ACWY vaccine - single dose
- Year 7 students (and those who missed out earlier in the year) will be receiving their second Merriwa Central School on October 22, 2021. HNE has retained the consent cards that were signed at the beginning of the year.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw\\_consent.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx)

Regarding COVID vaccines - NO decision has been made regarding offering COVID vaccine at schools and it is encouraged that parents take their children over 12 years old to be COVID vaccinated.

This could be an issue with the school clinic as it is recommended that there is a 7 day interval between a COVID vaccine and another.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child has received a COVID vaccination, please send in the date of administration of a COVID vaccine with your child. Those children who had the COVID vaccine within 7 days of October 22 will have to wait until next year to have dose 2 Gardasil (HPV).

**Emma Piper  
Girls Adviser**

## CAREER NEWS

**UAC webinar:** Applying for the Educational Access Scheme Nov 3, 2021. 6.00pm The Educational Access Scheme can help students who have experienced long-term disadvantage get to university. We'll show you how to apply, run through the application deadlines and give answers to the most commonly asked questions. <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/eas>

### **UAC Information Dates Coming Up**

- SRS first offers released – November 12
- ATARs for NSW HSC students will now be released at 9.00am on Thursday January 20 2022
- ATARs for ACT Year 12 students will now be released at 9.00am on Thursday January 20 2022
- January Round 2 will now be the first ATAR based offer round. The deadline for changing preferences for January Round 2 will be midnight on Friday January 21 2022
- HSC results released by NESA – January 24 2022
- January Round 2 offers will be released at 7.30am on Wednesday January 26 2022. Changes to other UAC dates will be confirmed as soon as possible, as will the arrangements for ACT ATARs. Information for NSW and ACT students applying interstate, and interstate students applying to NSW and ACT universities, will also follow.

### **Ron Baumann Scholarship:**

University of Sydney Apply by 29 October 2021 \$6,000 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student. Coursework student studying social work, social welfare or humanitarian issue <https://www.sydney.edu.au/scholarships/b/ronbaumann-scholarship.html>

### **University of Sydney Residential Colleges:**

Many of our affiliated, accommodation providers have their own scholarships that you can apply for! Mandelbaum House Sancta Sophia College St Andrew's College St John's College St Paul's College Wesley College Women's College St Paul's Graduate House Sancta Sophia's Graduate House

### **UNSW Girls in Engineering Club**

The UNSW Girls in Engineering Club is a fun, inspiring community for high school girls interested in a



career in engineering. We provide opportunities to explore the diverse fields of engineering where you can connect and share ideas with fellow high school girls. You'll hear from inspiring role models such as UNSW Engineering students and female engineers who are already making their mark on the world. By joining the club you will receive: Exclusive invitations to Girls in Engineering Club events Monthly inspo delivered to your email, featuring profiles of female engineers, study tips and more! Opportunities to be mentored by female engineering students <https://www.unsw.edu.au/engineering/study/girlsengineering-club>

### **UNSW Girls in Engineering:**

Club Summer Intensive Program Competition Applications close: Midnight 14 November 2021

For high school girls in Years 10 – 12 looking for a global engineering experience, enter the GIE Club Summer Intensive Program Competition to win a place in the program worth \$500! UNSW has 10 places to award to the best competition entries. Winners will undertake an international humanitarian engineering program. More info: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/engineering/gie-summerintensive-competition>

### **University of Newcastle**

Year 12 COVID adjustment points given the extraordinary challenges faced by students completing the HSC in 2021, the University of Newcastle will again be offering 5 adjustment points to all 2021 HSC applicants.\* There is no separate application required. The points will be automatically added to their rank. Students are eligible for a maximum of 12 adjustment points. \*The 5 points are available for all programs with the exception of the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (Joint Medical Program). Learn more about adjustment points. <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting-in/entry-schemes/subject-performance-scheme>

### **Reminder closing soon - Westpac Young Technologist Scholarship**

Applications for this scholarship are open until Sunday, October 31 2021 The Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship is a game changer for any high school graduate who is passionate about tech and eager to explore its potential for good. With this scholarship, students will receive \$15,000 over three years, and have access to an Enrichment Program which includes access to mentoring, internships, professional

development and more to launch a career in technology [https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all\\_uws\\_scholarships/WESTPAC](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/WESTPAC)

### **Southern Cross University Advice for Year 12s**

Don't stress and enjoy the moment: top tips for finishing Year 12 and starting uni : <https://www.scu.edu.au/engage/news/latestnews/2021/dont-stress-and-enjoy-the-moment-toptips-for-finishing-year-12and-starting-uni.php>

### **The one stop shop for everything TAFE NSW**

So many tools, so many resources! Make sure you check out the new TAFE NSW Online Resource to make it easy for you to guide and inform your high school students about their study and career options. It's also a great resource for parents. <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/documents/60140/60957/CAA-Online-Resources-flyer-A4-v10.pdf>

Training Services NSW Summer skills is back! The NSW Government will offer fee-free short courses for school leavers aged 16 to 24. From mid-October, students will be able to enrol on a wide range of courses to kick off their careers and find summer jobs in different NSW destinations. More information is coming soon. Suggest your students to register their interest today at : <https://bit.ly/3hO80TJ>.

### **Master Builders Pre-apprenticeship Program 2022**

Master Builders Pre-Apprenticeship Program is the first step you should be taking. Master Builders have created a program with a holistic approach preparing you to become the best quality 1st-year carpentry apprentice. 3 week Pre Apprenticeship Course Dates: (1) Female Pre Apprenticeship Carpentry Program - All Female Group - January 31, 2022 - 18 February 2022 (see information below) (2) Open Pre Apprenticeship Carpentry Program - February 21, 2022 - March 11, 2022 During the program you will:

- Build house frames
- Safely use hand and power tools
- Effectively demolish part of a structure
- Obtain your White Card

<https://www.mbansw.asn.au/pre-apprenticeshipprogram>

## Career Pathways with Coles

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## Transport for NSW Traineeships

Transport for NSW are now advertising for trainees for the 2022 intake. Traineeships are in the areas of:

- Road Designer – Parramatta <https://career10.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=26244&company=TfNSW>
- Road Designer – Newcastle <https://career10.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=26246&company=TfNSW>
- Road Designer – Grafton <https://career10.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=26247&company=TfNSW>
- Road Designer – Parkes <https://career10.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=26248&company=TfNSW>
- Road Designer – Wagga <https://career10.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=26250&company=TfNSW>
- Road Designer – Wollongong <https://career10.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=26251&company=TfNSW>
- Traffic Engineering Officer - Parramatta <https://career10.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=27041&company=TfNSW>
- Electrical Designer - Parramatta <https://career10.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=27026&company=TfNSW>

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**Jane Hegarty**  
Careers Advisor



## 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:

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[Merriwa-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Merriwa-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**For further information please  
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# Tuning in to Teens

## Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting program  
for parents of adolescents aged 12-18years

**Where:** Zoom (online)

**When:** 4.30pm to 6.30pm - Tuesday evenings

12th October, 2021 to 16th November, 2021

Call Michelle on 0438 676 289 to register your interest

Assisting you to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen
- be better at understanding your teen
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen
- teach your teen to deal with conflict

*Tuning in to Teens* shows you how to help your teen develop *emotional intelligence*. Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success –
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.





# Cassilis Public School

Goodbye and thank you to Angus the student and welcome to Angus the volunteer support teacher!

Last Wednesday we held a special assembly and morning tea for Angus Morton. Angus started kindergarten at Cassilis, and last term finished Year 12 at Coolah Central School. As a senior student, Angus has been attending Cassilis once a week. Mrs Nairne reflected on the wonderful student he is, very well respected and hard working. She told the assembly about the numerous experiences she and Angus have shared from numerous excursions over the years.



Angus will now be supporting the teachers to improve student learning on a Wednesday and Thursday. He will also work with Mr Cornish as a General Assistant.



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK- OLIVIA

Olivia has been chosen as the Student of the Week by the staff for her consistent approach to learning, stretching her ability by trying increasingly challenging tasks and for being a polite and

friendly member of our school family.

She is a reflective student who checks over her work, making necessary corrections to meet the success criteria, and completes work to a high standard. Olivia listens to advice from the teachers on ways to improve.

She engaged in all lessons, including reading aloud with improved expression, during our shared text study. Olivia played around with creating 3D objects out of cubes to show their top and front views.

She is a respectful and active listener who follows and responds to instructions. Every day Olivia wears her school uniform with pride and attends school ready to learn.

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

## CHANGE OF DAY FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS

The School Photographer has requested a change of date from Wednesday 20 to Thursday 21 of October. I apologise for any inconvenience.







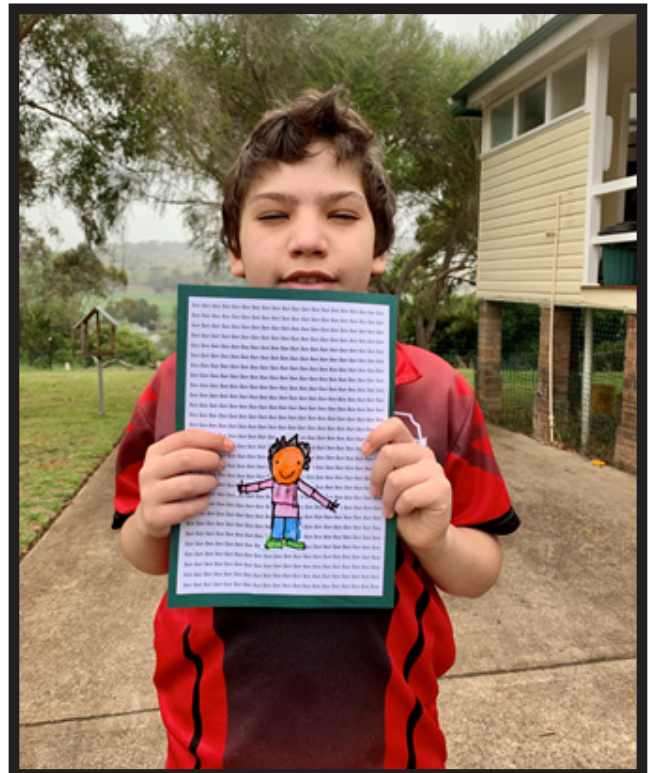
This term in Personal Development/Health, we are learning more about ourselves including what our individual strengths are areas which we can strengthen.



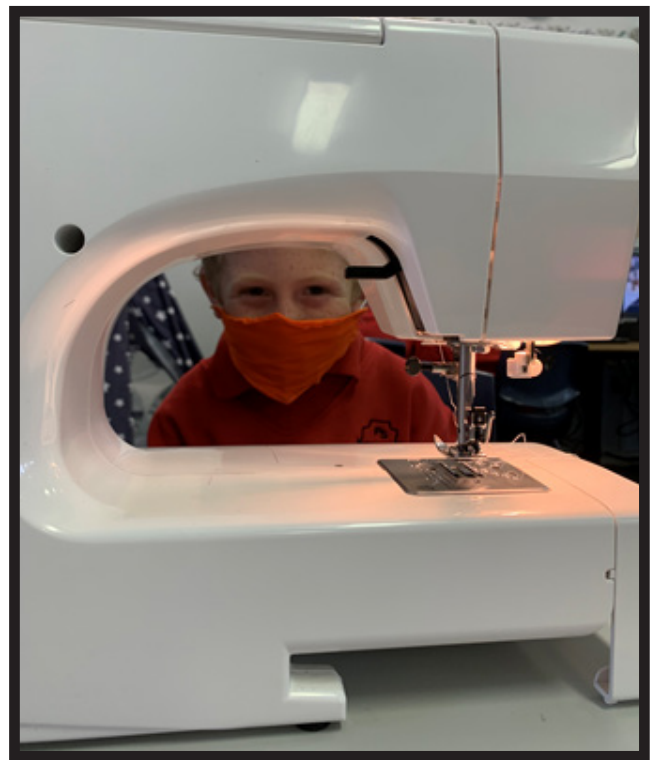
Hi Gus, I wish I could I have been there today to help you celebrate your amazing achievement of finishing school! Being there the day you started your school journey was a great day. I feel so incredibly lucky to have been one of your teachers....maybe your favourite (wink) throughout your school years! I have so many fond memories of our time together at Cassilis and I know that they will stay with me forever. Your laugh, smile and spirit light up the room wherever you go. You are an incredible young man....with so many more wonderful adventures ahead for you. I can't wait to hear of all your achievements in the years ahead. As you move into the next exciting chapter of your life, I wish you all the best for the future that lies ahead.

Congratulations, Gus! I couldn't be more proud of you.

**Take care! Mrs Leman (Ms Osmond)**



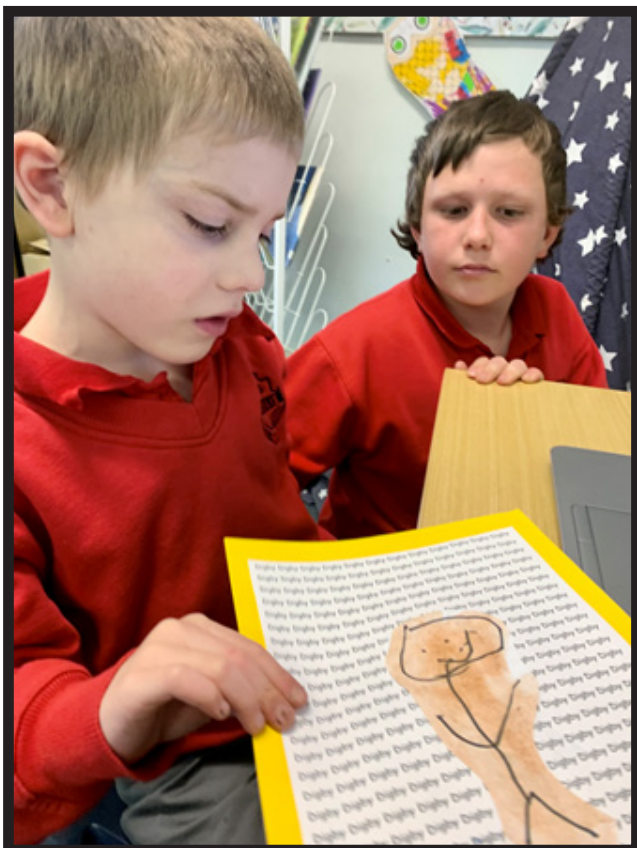




K/1 students discovered more about spheres (balls). Levi commented that his sphere has circle holes in it.

Tarsha's sphere is orange and can bounce.

Cooper said his sphere is not flat.



Mrs Nairne organised a great sewing lesson where students were able to create their own masks to wear if they want to.





### PERSONALISED LEARNING AT CASSILIS

Through looking at what the students are showing us in their learning, staff have created learning goals in writing, reading and mathematics. Since returning to school last week, Mrs Nairne and the students spent some time planning their goals for term 4. Students identified the areas they needed improvement in and then chose a personal learning goal that they would like to complete this term and present at our end of year presentation assembly.

All students will have timetabled opportunities one-on-one with Mrs Nairne to work towards achieving their goals. This will support their classroom learning.

**Katie Burgess**  
Principal

### Ringer Deadline!

*Please remember to place  
your articles  
and advertisements into the  
**Merriwa Ringer**  
at 12noon.*

### JUNIOR COOKS CORNER

#### Ice Cream S'mores



#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ cup marshmallow fluff
- 6 graham crackers, broken into 12 squares
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream, slightly softened
- 3½ ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 tablespoon canola oil

**Hands-On:** - 20 mins

**Total:** 4 hrs 30 mins

**Yield:** Serves 6

#### Instructions

Step 1 - Stir the cocoa powder into the marshmallow fluff in a medium bowl, adding a little at a time and stirring until smooth between additions. Spread evenly among 6 of the graham cracker squares. Divide the ice cream among the remaining squares, spreading evenly. Sandwich the squares together and freeze on a wax paper-lined pan until the ice cream is firm, at least 4 hours and up to overnight.

Step 2 - Microwave the chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl on high in 20-second intervals, whisking in between, until melted and smooth. Add the oil and stir to combine. Dip half of each sandwich in the melted chocolate and return to the pan. Freeze until the chocolate sets, about 10 minutes. Keep frozen, covered, for up to 3 days.

#### Nutrition Facts

Per Serving: 280 calories; fat 16g; cholesterol 20mg; sodium 110mg; protein 4g; carbohydrates 37g; sugars 25g; fiber 2g; iron 1mg; calcium 61mg.

Serve warm with your choice of fillings.

<https://bakeplaysmile.com/>



# St Joseph's Primary School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

We come back to school for Term Four, 2021, where we celebrate our community being out of lockdown, learning to live with what is and has for some time, been a debilitating and deadly virus for many people around Australia and in our world.

For Upper Hunter residents, we have been very fortunate for much of this time that COVID-19 has not overly impacted us all physically, however the lockdowns, restrictions and closures of everyday facilities and personal freedoms have been quite dangerous to our mental health and wellbeing.

I have often thought about the children and families during this time period, especially in Term Three when school was back to Level Four restrictions. How do we best cater to our families and serve them well, whilst acknowledging that we have to deal with arguably the most difficult scenario in our generation?

What about the families that struggle to engage with home learning and are genuinely struggling to cope with the demands of both the lockdowns and of the home learning? What can we do to make their experience easier and less stressful?

I would like to thank each teacher, learning support assistant and staff member at St Joseph's for their extremely hard work and efforts to communicate, plan worthwhile lessons, negotiate new systems and connect with all of our families.

Now that we are back together, as a school community and that NSW is past the 70% double dose milestone, that we revert back to Level 3 restrictions. To this effect, a note was placed on Compass for families on Friday evening. Please take the time to read it and ask any questions if necessary.

We pray for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The sick, the locked-down, those families who have suffered loss as a result of the virus, both recently and since the pandemic began. May we continue to stay safe and protect each other in this close-knit community of Merriwa.

## NAPLAN RESULTS ON THE IMPROVE

This year saw our Year Three results ABOVE the State average for the first time in over 10 years! Reading, Writing and Numeracy were the main highlights.

Our Year 5 Growth was the HIGHEST in the Catholic Schools Office of Maitland Newcastle in Reading and in the top 10 for Writing and Spelling.

If EVER there was a time to look at St Joseph's Merriwa to elevate your child's educational status, NOW is the time to do it! We have wonderful teachers, excellent learning support and an ancillary staff who work above and beyond to make your child SAFE, HAPPY and SUPPORTED.

Come and see what we have to offer!

## TRANSITION SESSIONS – COLOURFUL KINDER RETURNS

On Monday, we had our Colourful Kinder sessions return to St Joseph's. We thank our families for their patience during this process and hope that our children enjoyed their first day as Colourful Kinders at school.

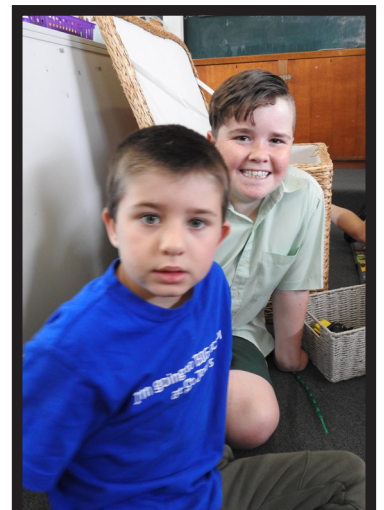
Students played in our playground, got to know one another and their buddies, danced, coloured in and had LOTS OF FUN!

Thank you to Mrs Jackson for her hard work in organising the play session and the fun sessions which followed and to our Buddies in Year 5 for their leadership.

Please don not hesitate to contact us on 6548 2035 for a tour of our school and for any questions related to what we can do for your child at Joeys.











## SCHOOL FEES

We have commenced the final term of 2021 and we thank all our families for their prompt payment of school fees this year, under difficult circumstances. Every cent you pay allows us to purchase the equipment and resources which help your children succeed.

This year, we have fully funded and paid for the following:

- Our COLA
- Decodable readers to support our phonics explicit instructional direction
- New furniture in Stages 2 and 3
- 15 Laptops and 6 Ipads (partially funded by Campdraft and Fete funds, thanks to our wonderful P and F and our families)
- A new photocopier / scanner for the staff
- Blinds for the safety of our students
- A new deck outside the Joey's Room
- Payment of cleaner's wages
- Payment of groundsperson's wages

Coming to the end of the year, we ask that all families are up to date with fees, or on track to be as close to paid as possible.

Please see Mr Borg or Mrs Hunt if you need any assistance whatsoever. We appreciate and value each of our families at Joey's and we thank you all so much for the unwavering support you give us.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? (CALLING ON PAST JOEYS STUDENTS)

For future editions of the Ringer, we are looking at any past St Joseph's Students to contact us on [admin@merriwa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@merriwa.catholic.edu.au) and send us an expression of interest to participate in our new potential initiative, "Where Are They Now?" . We would love to know how our past students are faring, either in the local community or out in the wider world!

## TEACHERS AS MANDATORY REPORTERS

The Children and Young Person's (Care and Protection) Act 1998

Parents need to be aware that as teachers in the state of NSW we are required by law to report certain information to the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). Reports to the



Child Protection Helpline (Ph. 132 111, 24 hrs/7 days) must be made where we have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child or young person is at risk of significant harm and our concerns are current. Risk of significant harm may occur from a single act or omission or to a series of acts or omissions.

We can get help to determine whether we need to report by using the DCJ online Mandatory Reporters Guide: <https://reporter.childstory.nsw.gov.au/s/>

We can also contact the Office of Safeguarding (Ph. 4979 1390 Mon-Fri). Information about the roles and functions of the Office of Safeguarding can be found here: <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:

- 15 OCTOBER – SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
- 20 OCTOBER – GYMNASTICS
- 22 OCTOBER - MISSION DAY
- 25 OCTOBER – KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION
- 27 OCTOBER – GYMNASTICS
- 28 OCTOBER – PLAY PRACTICE
- 29 OCTOBER – AUSTRALIAN TEACHERS DAY

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

**Mr Ashley Borg**  
Principal

### WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

#### Week 1 Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence

**Kindergarten - Ahana Diwadkar** - for applying herself diligently to all tasks and always approaching tasks with a positive attitude

**Ruby Urso** - for always taking the time to appreciate the beauty in the world around her.

**Stage 1 - Noah Ridding** – for his perseverance shown when learning the dance for our play

Lily Schmidt – for her appreciation of the beauty of the nature that is at our school

**Stage 2 - Cooper Smith** – for his deep engagement and wonderful facts on erosion in Science

**Tommy Booth** – for taking the time to kindly acknowledge and appreciate the hard work of his peers

**Stage 3 - Jye Bates** - for using his own initiative to make improvements to his speech during his own time

**Archie Constable** - for his outstanding care always taken in schoolwork, showing the strength of beauty and excellence.

**Principal's Awards - Lilly Towell** – for an improved effort in writing production

**Charlie Constable** - for an improved piece of writing.

### **Ringer Deadline!**

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

by Mondays, at 12.00 noon



## Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

### REFLECTION - PENTECOST 21 - Mark 10:35-45

The gospel today presents with two attitudes to authority: that of the disciples and the attitude of Jesus. The disciples look on authority as an indicator of prestige and power. James and John seize the moment to request this honour and the other disciples are disgruntled for it seems they might miss out. Jesus depicts the reverse.

For Jesus authority is for the service of others; authority looks to the need of others. I struggle to name public figures in our country who could be examples of Jesus attitude. In our society, and even within our church, authority can appear to mean privilege and power. This is not the model of leadership that Jesus proposes.

An author is one who creates something new; usually we use the term only for one who writes a book, but an author can have a broader meaning than this. In other words, to have authority is to have a creative task. Authority, when exercised well, is life-giving and life-enhancing. Conversely, if authority is abused it crushes life.

Jesus demonstrates this understanding of authority in his readiness to create life for others even at the expense of his own life. Jesus is ready to give his life that others may have life, and this is the model of Christian authority he asks of us. In the coming weeks we live out these words when we expend ourselves that others may live. (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.

**Rev Pat Kirkby**

## Merriwa Rotary THE ROTARY PLAYGROUNDS

If you are the same age as some of our Rotary members, you might remember "Don't Fence Me In" written by Cole Porter and subsequently a hit song for Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters in the 1940's.

### ***What on earth has this to do with Rotary Merriwa, you may ask?***

Well, here is the answer....Work on the new air conditioned catering block at the Rotary Playgrounds is complete. Multiple tables and chairs are in place and it is good to see travellers pulling up there and enjoying the new facilities.

This welcome addition provides a safe place for people to stop for a break to recharge.

It was financed primarily by government grant. Merriwa Rotary spent several thousand dollars on new tables and seating as well as doing significant lobbying to have the government funds on offer directed to Merriwa.

New signage is being prepared so that the people who have given valuable, indispensable assistance to the Rotary Playgrounds project are fittingly acknowledged.

### ***What's all this about FENCING? .....***

The answer. Rotary has equipped the playground areas with safety fencing in recognition of the hazards caused by the ever increasing traffic flow on the Golden Highway.

**ON ANOTHER NOTE.....** we have many new arrivals settling in our community. Any men and women who would like to come along to see our service club in operation, with a view to possibly joining our band, would be welcome to come to a dinner meeting and look us over. Please contact our President, Rob Goodear.



**Mark Smith**





# Community Notice Board

**Merriwa Rugby League**

**Football Club**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**When:** Sunday November 7

**Time:** 3.00pm

**Location:** Merriwa RSL.

All positions declared vacant.

Hope to see lots of people there.

**Jessyca Morgan**

**Merriwa Junior Rugby League**

**Football Club**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date:** Sunday October 10, 2021

**Time:** 1.00pm

**Location:** Merriwa RSL Club - Auditorium

Please note that all rules pertaining to public health orders for a licenced venue apply, ie. mask wearing, social distancing, QR check in.

All positions will be declared vacant!

Even if you are unable to commit to a role for the 2022 season, but you might still like to contribute in some capacity, please consider attending. It would be fantastic to see some fresh faces! We hope to see you there!

If you're unable to attend, but would like to take on a role, or know of someone who does, we will be accepting nominations via FB messenger or email, merriwamagpiesjrl@gmail.com

Please do NOT attend if you are unwell, are under stay at home orders due to visiting an LGA of concern, or you are a close/casual contact of a positive COVID case.

More information to follow regarding presentation of 2021 trophies/jerseys.

**Julie Wilton**

## **Notice of Intent**

### **NOTICE OF 1080 WILD DOG BAITING**

Wild dog and fox baiting will be carried out by Rural and Environmental Management (REM) on Yancoal's Goulburn River Biodiversity Area (GRBA), Seven Oaks Biodiversity Area (Merriwa) and the Bowditch Biodiversity Area (Sandy Hollow).

The GRBA is located 40km south west of Merriwa, via Golden HWY and 2329 Comialla Road. The Seven Oaks Biodiversity Area is located at 397 Smedes Road, Turill. The Bowditch Biodiversity area is located 2.5km north of Sandy Hollow off Wybong Road.

The baits will be laid from Monday October 11 and collected by Friday November 5, 2021.

Warning, domestic animals may be affected by the bait. To avoid accidental poisoning of domestic pets, please ensure their presence at home during this period. If domestic animals are affected by poison seek veterinary assistance immediately.

For further information regarding the baiting program please call the Yancoal Community Information Line on 1800 727 745 please phone reception for more information.

**Rosemarie Rohr**  
**Rural and Environmental Management Pty Ltd**

## **MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that, COVID-19 restrictions permitting, the Merriwa District Progress Association Inc. will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 6.00pm on Wednesday October 20 2021 at the Merriwa RSL Club.

For further information, email merriwaprogress@gmail.com.

**Stephen Gowlland**

**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

## Tennis Hot Shots

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MERRIWA TENNIS CLUB, TERM 4.**

It's a program designed to help every child, no matter their age or ability, jump in and start playing tennis. ANZ Tennis Hot Shots is played on smaller courts with modified equipment, including lighter racquets, lower nets and low compression balls that don't bounce too high. With four fun stages (Blue, Red, Orange and Green).

Programs for older children available as well.

Coaching and match play conducted by Chris Herden, Tennis Australia Club Professional, 25 years international and Australian coaching experience. Active Kids provider. Bookings and Enquiries 0400 331 553.

**Chris Herden**

## Toy Box

Toy Box Mobile Play Group is excited to be back visiting all venues. We hope everyone has survived lock down and is ready to be out and about again.

As expected, there are some added restrictions for us to be able to operate from NSW Health;

- All parents/ carers/ staff joining Toy Box will be required to be vaccinated, with at least their first dose. Double vaccination is required by November 8. An Australian Government approved Covid 19 certificate of vaccination must be sighted as proof.
- QR code sign in and out
- All adults are to wear masks
- The 1 person per 4 square metre rule will apply. However our venues are big enough to fit everybody!
- If you or your child have colds or flu like symptoms, please stay home.

Please share with your staff, notice boards, school newsletters and front counter. We are available for families to join all over the Upper Hunter.

**Kimberley Vincin**

## Merriwa CWA

### PLANT STALL

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the Plant Stall over the long weekend and made it a success.

Your support was greatly appreciated.

All proceeds from the weekend will be donated to the Merriwa CWA.

It has been a difficult year for the CWA due to COVID restrictions, this contribution will help out immensely.

Thank you again and we look forward to your patronage again next year.



**Robyn and Vicki**

## Thank You

During the break of the Ringer, I have had three reasons to say thank you. At this time, I would like to offer these words of thanks:

To Les Tudor for taking the time to transport me to Maitland on July 1, 2021

To Karen, Cassie and Rachel for the beautiful afternoon tea which was enjoyed whole heartedly on September 27, 2021

To the Austin family for such a beautiful lunch which was enjoyed on October 9, 2021.

Thank you everyone.

**Hylt Cronin**



# Business

## Merriwa Newsagency

*Congratulations to Chad Booth for receiving the Spirit of St Joseph Award "Actions not Words". Chad has developed a mature approach to all aspects of school life and his interaction with others. His preparation and presentation for NAIDOC week was outstanding and showed his growth in his responsibility to his own work and actions.*

*Well done Chad!*

*Christmas is heading this way soon! Gorgeous cards and gifts are in plentiful supply here at newsXpress, drop in and browse! Also just in... more of the delicious handmade chocolate from Charlotte Piper, you had better hurry though, these are so popular!*

### HUNTER AND COASTAL LIFESTYLE

- Local stories; Scone is home to the most expensive horse in Australia. Meet superstar stallion 'I am Invincible' aka Vinnie, and the people who helped him become the superstar that he is
- Meet the local makers; the latest on new vendors for boutique, artisan producers from the Hunter and Central Coast
- The Morpeth experience; there is a lot to discover in Australia's oldest river port, the birthplace of one of our most familiar icons, 'Arnott's Biscuits'

### AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY

- Deborah and Rachel and the power of friendship, family and finding fun. They have always admired each other but when Rachel Griffiths and Deborah Mailman finally joined forces in TV's Total Control, they were not only in fan girl heaven, they became instant friends
- Made with love; healing the hearts of our veterans and their families
- Elizabeth Taylor, a life in photos. She was Hollywood glamour personified over the course of a six decade long career and she continues to captivate audiences. In a new book, eight photographers reveal their memories of the woman who dazzled through their camera lenses.

### OUTBACK

- Wisdom and experience combine with youth and energy on the Victoria River District's Killarney Station to underpin long term professional and personal growth
- Wool market warms up! Sheep numbers are at a 100 year low but wool growers can once again pull in good returns for their hard work
- Mixed Veg; Australia's innovative vegetable growers are part of a \$4.85 billion industry! Among the veggies we eat, the average Aussie is chomping through some 17 kg of potatoes a year, 8kg of onions and 2 kg of leafy veg! Vegetable consumption is growing, 10 years ago nearly 10% counted themselves as vegan or vegetarian, now it is 12%.

### GRAZIER SPRING EDITION

- I-Girl with a Pearl Earring; Jeweller Emily Burton's creative journey began as a teacher but her long drives back to university soon set her on a surprising new career path
- Author Gabrielle Chan explores the intricate relationship between producers and consumers in her new book, 'Why You Should give a BEEP about Farming'. Everything we do, everything we eat, how we live is one big opportunity-cost equation when it comes to nature
- Sister Love; Tragedy, triumphs and friendship, the bond that ties us. One of the most important relationships for many, if we are lucky enough to have one...a sister.

### FAMILY CIRCLE

- Here comes the sun! No bake Rocky Road slice, vegetarian pub grub, best and favourite cheesecakes plus a bonus extract from Jamie Oliver's new book! Also in this Issue, 13 stylish projects to make, DIY health checks and also advice on how to help your teen. So much to interest you in this new edition, pick up your copy today!

### A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

*To the world you are someone, but to someone you are the world.*

### BEANIE BOO

My name is Bamboo.

I love to crunch bamboo when I eat but I ate so much, I can't see my feet!

My birthday is June 7

**PHONECARDS: All cards are now available including Telstra, Optus and Vodafone. Cash and Effpos only.**

**Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress**

## Wellbeing Superspreaders

All of our Wellbeing Superspreaders have now completed their sessions with the wellbeing Coach and while we sadly haven't been able to share some of their goals and actions via The Ringer while it's been out of action, we're hopeful many of you have been able to follow their progress via the @merriwawellbeingsuperspreader accounts on Facebook and Instagram.

Over the past three months they've all come to realise how small actions can make a significant difference to wellbeing and here are just a few examples:

- Darren Marshall has been recreating the feel good vibes that come with holidays by allocating time for reading and relaxation while at home



- Lauren Sinderberry has been coming up with weekly meal plans to take the pressure off each day and reduce stress
- Kylie Austin has been making time for herself by giving herself an hour a day without the

phone

- Rob Smith started to focus on the things he could control so he didn't get disheartened by the daily COVID updates
- Leanne Hunt is using visual cues to help bring on the endorphins that come with running
- James Munro is getting into the habit of stretching first thing in the morning to set himself up for a good day both physically and mentally
- Bruce Blackadder has been enjoying the sense of accomplishment that comes with setting goals to achieve something as simple as slashing the paddock
- Julia Hardy has been allocating a set time each day for reading so she can stay mentally active
- Henry Killen has been looking for the positives in every day by sharing 3 good things about his day during dinner with his fiancé Emma
- A poster saying 'If you can't change it, change the way you think about it' is working as a visual cue for Emma Sparrow to avoid getting sucked into negativity.



These goals and actions are all so simple, they're all so achievable but as our Superspreader James Munro says these fundamentals are so often forgotten if they're not prioritised.

"I've learned that it's all about having a wellbeing strategy, because a lot of us don't. I also realised that wellbeing is something you've actually got to work on and it made me reflect on relationships with people and that they're the key to feeling good."



The Wellbeing Superspreaders are also all on a mission to recruit as many people as possible to join them for training in Mental Health First Aid. The course teaches the signs and symptoms of mental ill health and how to help those in need. The more people in our community with this knowledge, the better we'll all be. Details as follows:

**What:** Mental Health First Aid training  
**Where:** Merriwa, tbc  
**When:** Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 November  
**Cost:** Free! (normally \$500.00)

To book your spot, please email your name and contact number to: [info@uhwheretheresawill.com.au](mailto:info@uhwheretheresawill.com.au) or for further information call 0409 417 202.

Polly Yuille

## Upper Hunter Shire Council

### MERRIWA POOL OPENING SOON

Merriwa pool will open for the new season on Friday, October 15, 2021.

New service provider Community Aquatics have taken over the management of the swimming pools and are eager to welcome the public for this season.

For more information including about fees and opening hours visit council's website.

Have your Say – Draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking community feedback on the Draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. The draft strategy and action plan is now available for comment and all residents are urged to have their say.

Let us know what you think by emailing [council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au) or submitting a written comment via council's website.

Submissions will close at 4.00pm on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

### BULK WASTE COLLECTION

If you live in Merriwa or Cassilis and have an existing kerbside waste collection then place your bulky waste on the kerb over the weekend of October 23 and 24, 2021.

Stack your waste neatly and securely on the edge of the kerb. DO NOT BLOCK the footpath or roadway.

Stack your waste into two tidy piles and keep your total waste under the capacity of one standard box trailer load (2m3).

#### Pile 1 - Garden organics:

Hedge or shrub prunings, twigs and leaves. Small branches up to 150mm diameter.

#### Pile 2 - Bulky Household Waste:

Larger items such as unrepairable furniture, old floor coverings, broken glass (wrapped in newspaper).

For more information visit council's website or collect an information brochure from your nearest council office.

### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Australia Day Award nominations are now open, residents are encouraged to nominate an individual or community group that they would like to acknowledge for their achievements and contributions to the community.

Nominating is a great way to thank those that are doing great things in the community.

Nominations close October 29, 2021.

Nomination forms can be collected from any council office or downloaded from council's website.

### LOCAL ELECTIONS – CHECK YOUR ENROLMENT DETAILS

Local elections will be held on December 4, 2021 so it's time to check and update, if required your enrolment details.

To check, update or apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/3kef26d>

### WELL DONE UPPER HUNTER – MERRIWA VACCINATION CLINIC SUCCESS

More than 630 people were vaccinated on October 1 at the pop-up clinic at Merriwa.

Thank you to all the nurses who delivered the injections, the Royal Flying Doctor Service NSW/ACT for coming to Merriwa to deliver the vaccines and to the volunteers who helped make the clinic possible.

Well done to all those who waited to get their

jobs, thanks for helping to keep yourselves and the Upper Hunter safe from COVID-19.

### MAYORAL VACCINATION CHALLENGE UPDATE

The latest vaccination rates have Upper Hunter sitting at 92.3 per cent first dose and 66.9 per cent second dose.

Upper Hunter is ahead of Dungog Shire (88.4% and 58.7%), Singleton Shire (87.2% and 49.9%), Liverpool Plains Shire (85.3% and 52.7%) and Muswellbrook (81.3% and 47.7%) in the mayor's race.

Well done to everyone who everyone who has been vaccinated and remember to get tested if you have the slightest symptoms of COVID-19 such as sore throat, fever, runny nose or cough.

(Please note these statistics are current as at 5 October, 2021).

### 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
- Cassilis Hall Maintenance
- Bunnan Bridge to Kars Springs construction works
- Bettington Street footpath
- Resheeting – Pembroke Road
- Maintenance Grading – Wollar Road.
- Heavy patching – Mountain Station Road, Idaville Road
- Initial seal preparation – Bow, McCartney Road
- Regional Road shoulder grading for reseals.
- Action requests as required.

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

- Vinegaroy Road
- Ulan Road

**Hannah White**



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10.00am - Sundays second and  
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Trinity

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Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

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Contact: 0429 996 769

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### WEEKEND MASSES

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Churches



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**President Bernard Constable**  
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## Clubs/Sports Merriwa RSL Club

The Friday night Members Lucky Badge 7.00pm draw for \$280.00 was not won the number was 374, This week it jackpots to \$300.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$500.00 was not won the number was 303, this week it jackpots to \$550.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$180.00 was won the number was 87, this week it commencing at \$200.00. LTPS/19/36118

The Sunday Members Badge Draw for \$1400.00 was not won last week the number was 92, this week it jackpots to \$1450.00 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.

DOUBLE THE RAFFLE PRIZES FRIDAY October 22 and Sunday October 24.

**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 October 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 - Saturday 5.30/8.00pm.

**Matt Morgan**

## Merriwa Sports Club

Welcome back from lockdown. It has been great to be back at the Sports Club and being able to run our raffles and members draw. If you have visited us recently you would notice the change indoors. The recent paint job looks amazing. Thank you to everyone that helped. It was much easier and quicker with all the wonderful people who gave up their time to help.

Please note that the club will no longer trade on Mondays for the foreseeable future. Trade on every other day will remain unchanged.

### NOTICE OF AGM

Merriwa Sports Club AGM to be held on Sunday November 28 at 11.00am. All members are invited to attend.

### SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

Come along and enjoy our Saturday night raffles, 15 prizes 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 \$975.00 this week. Drawn anytime between 6.30pm and 8.30pm, you must be there to win.

### HAPPY HOURS

**Friday** - 5.00-7.00pm

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

### CLUB OPENING HOURS

**Tuesday to Friday** - 3.30pm to close

**Saturday and Sunday** - 12.00pm to close.

### COVID ENTRY TO PREMISES RESTRICTIONS

Due to government regulations, we are unable to permit members or guests onto our premises unless they have proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19. If you are asked by staff or directors to present your Green Tick you will need to present it, do not be offended when you are refused entry if you're unable to provide this. We hope that you understand that this is not our policy and that we must follow the directive of the NSW Government, therefore we will not tolerate aggressive behaviour if you are not happy about these rules. Thank you for your understanding.

**Brendan Cowell**

**Merriwa Ringer**





# Liverpool Range Wind Farm

Drop-in Consultation Sessions are confirmed for 26 and 27 October in Coolah and 28 October in Cassilis, under strict COVID-19 guidelines.

CONSULTATION  
DATES  
CONFIRMED



## NEW DATES

Meeting in-person is critical to consultation on major projects, such as this one. We have therefore decided to engage regionally based consultants, C7even Communications, to undertake consultation activities on our behalf.

Consultation activities will follow the format outlined below, and the Tilt Renewables Melbourne-based team will be online via video chat, available to speak to on the three days. Should you wish to speak to us on the 25th or 29th of October, or if you can't attend any of the days, please call us anytime, on 1800 WE TILT (938 458).

## DROP-IN CONSULTATION SESSIONS

### TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER

#### Coolah Youth Hall

10.30am – 12.30pm  
Drop-in information session

12.30 – 1.30pm

Technical specialist webinar:

**Visual impact: Moir Landscape Architects Pty Ltd**

1.30 – 7pm  
Drop-in information session

### WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER

#### Coolah Youth Hall

10.30am – 12.30pm  
Drop-in information session

12.30 – 1.30pm

Technical specialist webinar:

**Noise: Sonus Pty Ltd**

1.30 – 7pm  
Drop-in information session

### THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER

#### Cassilis Bowling Club

10.30am – 12.30pm  
Drop-in information session

12.30 – 1.30pm

Project Information webinar:

**Tilt Renewables**

1.30 – 7pm  
Drop-in information session

We will not be submitting the proposed Modification Application until we have had the opportunity to consult with the community, to get your input and help shape the proposed changes to the Approved Project.



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