

MERRIWA Ringer

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Thursday March 4, 2021

WHAT'S INSIDE



**Le Tour de Merriwa takes off this
Sunday**


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

Le Tour de Merriwa

Come and ride along Coulson's Creek Road towards Willow Tree ...

Coulson's Creek Road is a quiet rural road with minimal traffic and a relatively good road surface.

All riders will roll out of Merriwa at 8.00am and will need to be back in Merriwa by 12.00pm.

Riders can turnaround at any point, tailoring the distance to suit their ability.

Refreshments and toilet at 21kms, far turnaround and refreshments at 41kms (approx).

When: On Sunday March 7, 2021 at 8.00am to 12.00pm

Location: Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre, car park at the rear

Address: 161 Bettington Street, Merriwa, NSW 2329

Following on from Merriwa's first ever cycling event last March entries have just opened for the second Edition of Le Tour de Merriwa.

The course winds out of town and up Coulsons Creek Road which crosses the Great Dividing Range 41km South of Willow Tree.

Last year we went to the top of the range and back and this year we were hoping to go down the other side onto the Liverpool Plains before turning around however, due to subsidence, the road has been temporarily closed 3km from the top on the Merriwa side.

That means that unfortunately this year's course misses the really big mountain climbs.

The good news is that 72km of the ride (total distance 78km) will now be on a road with no through traffic - a cyclist's paradise.

Registration is \$45.00 and includes:

- Freshly baked date loaf, banana bread (and gluten free options) made by our local Country Women's Association
- a post ride BBQ run by Merriwa Mens Shed
- Electrolytes
- Energy Gels
- Insurance
- Bottled Water

The fee also includes a \$10.00 donation to the Merriwa Volunteer Rescue Squad who will be managing traffic control.

This is a fair dinkum, grass roots country ride through one of the most beautiful dry land agricultural areas in Australia.

The whole town really gets behind this event and will be decorating in the blue white and red.

If you can't make it to France this year then this is the next best thing.

Please share this post to anyone you think may be interested.

Vive Le Tour!

Vive les escargots!

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/713703>

Merriwa Central School



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St Joseph's Primary School Merriwa

Empowering and challenging students to become lifelong learners

All enquiries welcome

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Merriwa Pre-School
For children 2 - 5 years

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

Cassilis Public School



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Merriwa Central School

Deputy Principal's Report

NEW STAFF

Welcome to Miss De Almieda who will be based on the secondary campus for the remainder of 2021.



TELL THEM FROM ME

In 2021 Merriwa Central School students from Year 4 to Year 12 will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me.html>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between March 8 and April 30. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form for parents/carers about the

survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of all students. Parents or carers of children of compulsory school age are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day.

Recent roll checks have been conducted at school and letters will be mailed out to families of students who have attendance patterns causing concern. If you receive a letter regarding the attendance of your child, please read it carefully along with the attached attendance brochure. If you require further information or support, please don't hesitate to contact the school and speak to our Deputy Principal, Miss Sharon Kenaly.

Students who have had consistent, regular attendance this term, meeting the Department of Education's requirements, will receive an attendance certificate acknowledging their efforts before the end of term.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

School must ensure:

- Early identification of students at risk of developing poor attendance patterns through strategies such as regular roll checks
- The school's Learning and Support Team, in partnership with parents, identify and implement strategies that address the learning and support needs of a student with attendance patterns of concern

That if a range of school based interventions have been unsuccessful in resolving attendance difficulties, the principal can request support by making an application to the Home School Liaison Program and submitting the application to the local program manager for consideration.

Coming Events

MARCH

Monday 8

Year 7 Peer Support Camp

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents must ensure:

- Their children, who are enrolled at school attend every day the school is open for their instruction
- It is very important that your child arrives at school on time each morning so that they are ready to learn and receive the appropriate learning support
- They provide an explanation for absences by means such as a telephone call, written note, through the school app or email to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record
- They work in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school, including communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with school.

Important points to remember:

- Families should try to arrange holidays in school vacations or seek application for extended leave travel at the school office
- A child must be at school every day unless he/she is too sick to attend school, has been injured and can't attend school, has a special religious ceremony to attend, has an infectious illness e.g. Chicken Pox, Measles etc. or seeks leave from the school for various reasons acceptable to the Principal
- Appointments with people like doctors or dentists should be made for before or after school wherever possible
- On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
 - being sick or having an infectious disease
 - having an unavoidable medical appointment
 - being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
 - exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

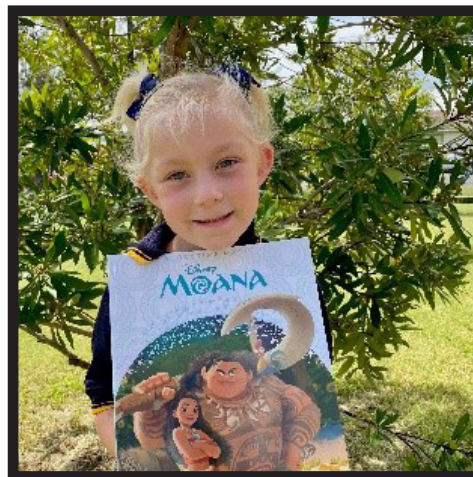
Sharon Kenaly
Deputy Principal

Primary

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten: Laura Richards for great effort during reading and her beautiful behaviour in class



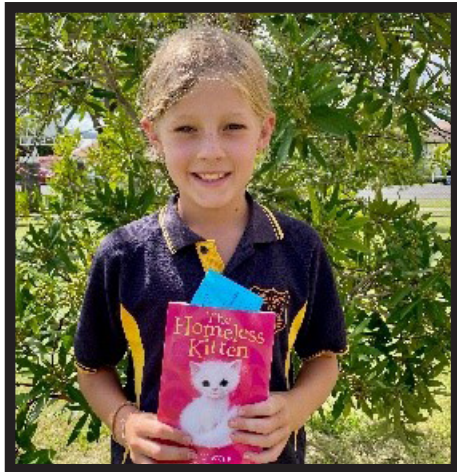
Year 1: Jacob Sawley for working well in class with writing and maths, and also being a great helper



Year 2/3: Claire Bidner for consistent beautiful behaviour in the classroom



Year 3/4: Rylee Munn for being a cooperative student in class and for always being willing to help others.



Library: Tianah Cousins for beautiful manners and helping classmates.



CLASS OF THE WEEK

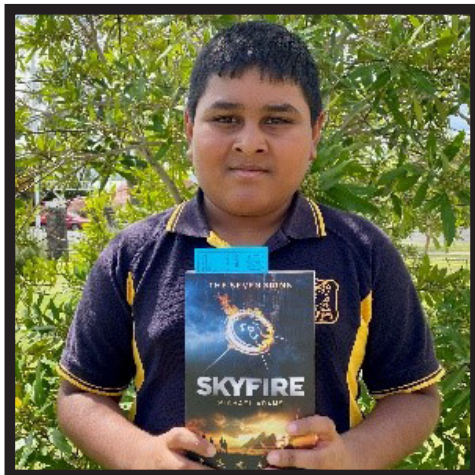
Year 4/5: Kirralea Allen for working hard to complete her work to high standards across all Key Learning Areas.



Last week teachers were on the look out to spot the class that consistently had tidy and neat lines during the week. Congratulations to Kindergarten for their wonderful effort in making sure they are always lining up sensibly on the verandah and under the COLA. Aleira Oldham and Billy Caban proudly accepted the Class of the Week Award on behalf of Kindergarten. Congratulations Kindergarten!



Year 5/6: Litharshan Uthayasangar for fantastic effort in mathematics.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Clean Up Australia Day is this Sunday March 7. In support of this special day, students will be completing activities with their classes this Friday. Students will learn about recycling and why it is important to put all rubbish in the bin.

Emma Garbellini
Relieving Infants Assistant Principal

Secondary

ZONE SWIMMING

On February 15 we were able to take nine students to the Upper Hunter Secondary Schools Zone Swimming Carnival at Singleton. The students represented the school excellently as they showed the utmost respect towards all present on the day. Students also put their hands up to assist with time keeping on the day when they weren't swimming, which was highly appreciated by the convening staff. All the students swam the best they could, unfortunately we were unable to get any qualifiers through to regionals. The U/16 boys relay team missed out on regionals by 0.15 seconds finishing 9th overall in the entire region. The following students represented the school.

- Amelia Clarke
- Katana Magnus
- Shane Hall
- Alyssa Carrall
- Jye Byfield
- Dylan Keane
- Josie Porter
- Mia Jacobs
- Izaiah Hall

- Dylan Keane
- Mia Jacobs

We would like to congratulate all students who were able to represent the school on the day. Well done to all.



Mr Lachlan Vaughan
Sports Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

The Australian College of Physical Education Campus Tours - Health, Sport, Dance

Thursday's every week.

10 Parkview Drive, Sydney Olympic Park

We'd love to show you around our purpose-built campus in the heart of the Sydney Olympic Park. Tours run regularly. To lock in your place, select an upcoming tour date and time now. We look forward to meeting with you. To lock in a day and time simply fill out the form below. If you have any other questions, call us on 1300 302 867.

<https://acpe.edu.au/about-us/events/>

Brent Street Autumn Intensive Workshop

Date: April 14-16 2021

Time: Daily from 9.30am – 3.30pm (Registration is at 9.00am on the first day)

Who: This program is suitable for 7 – 18 year olds of an intermediate to advanced level

Price: \$360.00 including GST

To book your ticket to our 2021 Autumn Intensive, [click here](#)

Participate in 15 incredible classes with the



We are able to announce that the following students will have the opportunity to represent the school at CHS swimming trials as part of the Open Central Schools Relay. The students are

- Alyssa Carrall
- Jye Byfield

country's best choreographers and teachers across three massive days.

Each day starts at 9.30am, with five 1-hour classes with an industry-leading dance teacher/choreographer. Students are divided into age groups, subject to numbers. The day concludes at 3.30pm.

On the final day, participation certificates are awarded on the final day of the workshop, plus the chance to win a scholarship to the 2021 Winter Camp.

Please note, this program is suitable for 7–18-year-old students of intermediate to advanced level.

<https://brentstreet.com.au/workshop/autumn-intensive-2021/>

Budding Journalists! ABC Heywire Competition

We're currently upgrading our entry process, but the Heywire Competition is still open! You can enter by emailing your story to us at abcheywire@abc.net.au

Tell a story about an aspect of your life, where you live. Check out last year's winning stories for inspiration and our tips for great Heywire story (below). Tell your story in any format you like:

The Heywire competition is open to young regional, rural and remote Australians between 16-22 years of age. Please be sure to include your name, town, postcode and your date of birth.

If you need help deciding what to write about or how to start writing your story, you can take part in an online Heywire Storytelling workshop here.

Teachers, check out this page for some great resources available to use in the classroom.

Please get in touch if you have any questions at abcheywire@abc.net.au or phone 1800 26 26 46.

<https://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition/>

Do a Virtual Internship

We're bringing the international experience to you, so you don't have to wait until 2021 to make an impact! Develop your skills and contribute to global social impact on our virtual internship.

<https://www.challengesabroad.com.au/our-challenges/virtual-internships/>

Careers in Maths

See how different people in a wide range

of careers use maths as part of their daily routine at work. The site increases Australia's mathematically capable workforce through hundreds profiles, videos, jobs. Delivering maths careers materials to students and is committed to working towards increasing Australia's mathematically capable workforce through hundreds of profiles, videos and jobs.

<http://mathsadds.amsi.org.au/>

Overseas medicine internship opportunities for high school students

We understand that getting medical work experience as a student can be extremely difficult. We offer young people from secondary and senior secondary school a safe, guided experience into the world of medicine through our High School Special Projects.

Our medical internships abroad for high school students focus on experiential education, so you learn by doing. You can expect to:

- Shadow doctors and other medical professionals in busy hospitals and clinics
- Attend medical workshops and seminars
- Get first-hand insight into the healthcare challenges people face everyday
- Participate in community healthcare outreaches that serve people in need
- Learn essential medical skills like measuring blood pressure and blood sugar levels

<https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/medical-work-experience-teenagers/>

Free UCAT Webinars for Year 12 and 11 Students

March 14

A survey of hundreds of 97th+ percentile students after UCAT 2020 found that they spent around 250 hrs on UCAT prep, and that their success was determined by HOW they distributed their prep time and WHAT they did for UCAT study. This free webinar will cover a Term 1&2 timeline to keep students on track, including weekly prep goals and study milestones. Register:

<https://www.icanmed.com.au/webinars>

Saver Plus - helping students save for education expenses

Saver Plus is a free matched savings and financial education program that matches participants' savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500, for education costs such as textbooks, laptops/

tablets, course related tools and uniforms. It's a great option to share with clients alongside course information! To be connected with your local coordinator call 1300 610 355 or visit:

<http://www.saverplus.org.au>

Careers Harvest

Great website on all career fields and pathways on the land, environment and agriculture. Explore career options, scholarships and internships on offer.

<http://www.careerharvest.com.au/>

Western Sydney University Free HSC Study

Free HSC Study Sessions will run from Monday 20 September - Friday 24 September. The sessions are led by highly qualified and experienced educators who will give you the skills and knowledge to maximise your HSC results.

Each workshop is an invaluable addition to your school studies, as you will develop a solid understanding of HSC exam techniques, subject knowledge, and HSC preparation skills.

Register your interest below and we'll be in touch with more information closer to the event.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/free-hsc-study-sessions.html>

Applying to the Australian Defence Force Academy

Applying for ADFA is a competitive, dual

application process that can take up to 12 months. It's preferable you apply in Year 11, but you can still apply in Year 12.

To start the ADF application process, use our degree and job match tool to explore the courses through ADFA, and the careers they can lead to. You can choose from a range of UNSW degrees, each of which leads directly to an officer role in the Navy, Army or Air Force. You will also need to ensure you are eligible.

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/australian-defence-force-academy/how-to-apply/>

Explore Teaching

Thinking about a career in education? Find out what it's like to be a teacher in NSW schools and what type of teacher you could become.

<https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/exploreteaching>

If you require any further information then please contact me at school.

Jane Hegarty
Careers Adviser

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

ALYSSA CARRALL

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: PDHPE and PASS. Because I enjoy doing sport It is fun and I like to play games with my friends

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Winning the 2018 under 12's League Tag grand final

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: I don't know yet

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: League tag. Swimming

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Alyssa is an optimistic student who has a particular love of humour both in and outside of the classroom. Alyssa is being recognised as student of the week for her continued dedication towards her classwork and for her representation of her school house of Blaxland at the school swimming carnival where she was age champion as well as represented the school proudly at the zone swimming carnival.

Andrew Buchan - Year Advisor

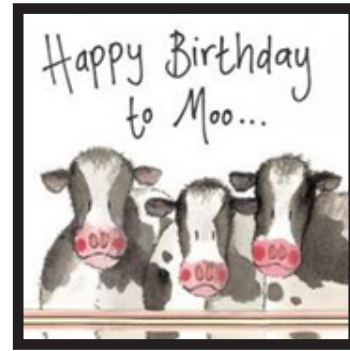




Cassilis Public School

Be Respectful - Use kind words

Happy Birthday to Cooper for last Saturday



SCHOOL PHOTOS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 4

Tarsha drew a picture of Brian Cornsuh, our general assistant. We all appreciate the great job that he is doing. Our school grounds are incredible!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK - GORDIE

Gordie has received this award for his engagement and curiosity at the Red Hill Eco-Schools Camp, his improving ability to stay on task at school and an increased display of self-regulation.

Gordie thrives outdoors and enjoys sharing his knowledge with others. It was wonderful to see him participating in all activities including walking around Gulgong, the sensory garden walk, art and Masterchef fun, doing our insect investigation and planning his eco-schools project at school. He carefully thought about his leadership strengths and areas which he wants to develop.

He came prepared for both the excursion and for learning each day in a neat, clean uniform.

Gordie has continued to be responsible when looking after the birds at school and has taught others what needs to be done.

He was a respectful and keen listener and enjoyed the hands on lesson with Mr Ferrie making his bug motel.

Congratulations Gordie and keep up the great work.



Thanks, Mr Ferrie! Such a great male role model for our kids - Gordie and Arran loved their bug motels. It's wonderful having Ulan join us for learning each Thursday.

PBL FOCUS FOR THE WEEK -

Be Respectful
Be Safe
Be a Learner



steering you to success




We love small schools working together to make kids smile.



**WAKING UP
AT RED HILL
ENVIRONMENTAL
ED CENTRE FOR THE
SECOND DAY OF
THE ECO-SCHOOLS
CAMP**





We've had a brilliant time so far getting to know each other, thinking about our own leadership strengths and areas to further develop, tour of Gulgong and learning about the local leaders, feeling more calm and alert in the sensory garden and doing the 5 senses meditation, cooking up a MasterChef storm in the mud kitchen, starting today with a walk up Flirtation Hill and doing a special Acknowledgement of Country.

Looking forward to talking about our projects that the leaders are completing back at school during this year.

WONDERFUL 2D SHAPES

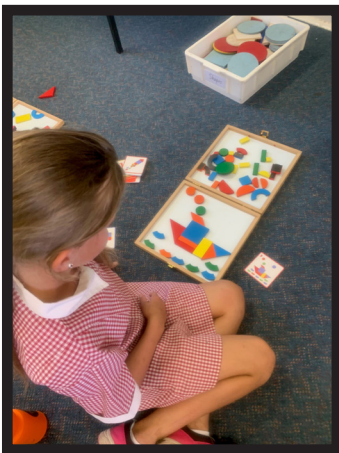
Students enjoyed copying and making their own pictures with a range of 2D shapes.



Tarsha enjoyed using the tent outside for some quieter play.



Tarsha was asked to sort the shapes. First she sorted by colour and then by the different shapes. Very clever.



Cooperpractising subtraction.

RUN, RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

Sorry gingerbread man, we caught you and then ate you and you were delicious! It's great having sometimes foods especially when we made them ourselves and were able to



Students in primary then completed an open-ended task with asked the questions -

Write down everything that you know and everything that you can find out about a square.

place half as much sugar as the recipe asked for.

TJUPURRU WAS LOTS OF FUN

These tasks provide valuable information into what our students already know so we know where to start the teaching from.

Lots of practising strengthening our hand ready for writing.

Last Friday students enjoyed a very special visit from this electric and engaging performer who had been at Coolah Central the day before and wowed the audience there. Teaching our students about traditional Aboriginal music is very important plus Tjupurru grabbed everyone's attention by mixing this traditional music with modern sounds. A looping machine allowed the students to turn into sound boxes with various intriguing noises.



LET'S IMPROVE SPELLING AT CASSILIS

This year Cassilis Public School will be implementing a new Spelling Program to improve the spelling skills of our students. This focus aligns to both our School Plan's Strategic Areas- Student Growth and Attainment and High Quality Practice.

The Spelling Mastery Program has a focus on developing students' understanding of spelling rules and techniques to assist them in increasing their spelling abilities. Students will spend 20 minutes every morning working their way through lessons that are set at their individual spelling levels. These lessons will start as soon as we receive the resources needed to implement the program.

Teachers are currently collecting evidence of what our students know so we can better teach the where to next. The staff will also be participating in professional learning to gain a deep understanding about how to best teach spelling.

Well done to Ms Sanders for leading this school improvement initiative.

WINTER SPORTS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Thank you to players and Committee from Merriwa Magpies Football Club. It's not long until junior league and netball start in both Coolah and Merriwa. While there is some travelling involved, the benefits to your children in being involved in a sports team are amazing! Please see Mrs Burgess for more information and remember you can use your Active Kids Voucher so usually registration is free.



Don't forget to read and fill in your log books every day.

SCHOLASTIC
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

READING EVERY DAY...

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

READ
Every Day
Lead a Better
LIFE



Katie Burgess
Principal



St Joseph's Primary School

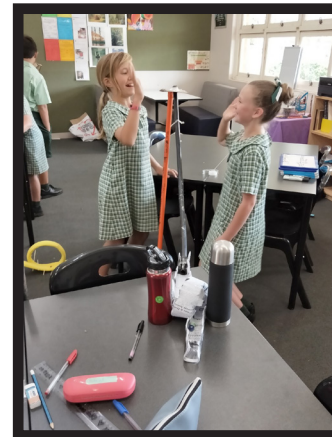
FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

We have worked our way through the first half of the term and wow, has it flown! Staff have been working hard on compiling Common Formative Assessment Tasks (CFATS), which have been designed in Mathematics. Based on current research via "Learning By Doing", by DuFour and "Clarity", from Lyn Sharratt, our Infants and Primary teams are working on making all of our tasks accessible to students of all abilities. I would like to thank the teachers for their very hard work in this area.

Students have been working very diligently in all areas of their learning. From excellent reading and spelling groups in Primary to our Play based pedagogy and learning in Kindergarten, St Joseph's is the "place to be" when it comes to hard work and fun.

We were visited last week by the Human Resource and Teaching and Learning teams at the Catholic Schools Office. Their comments about our efforts, hard work and what they witnessed during their visits, certainly give us encouragement to keep going.

Our Parent Information Sessions were well attended and gave us an insight into the wonderful support we have from our parents. Thank you for making time to visit and listen to our teachers. I will be looking into making some changes into this next year and possibly combining our Goal Setting Meetings and Information session into an extended interview with your teacher. Look out for a survey on Compass shortly.





BELL TIMES

We wish to advise and confirm our bell times, as we have noticed some inconsistencies in dismissal times.

For the avoidance of doubt, we confirm the following:

- **3.00pm** – End of official instruction / learning (BELL SOUNDS)
- **3.02pm** – Safety Check / Bus Board and Prayer
- **3.05pm** – Children dismissed from school

We conduct a safety check and bus board because we wish to ensure the safeguarding of your children. Making sure students get home safely is paramount and integral to us and we may sometimes take longer than expected to dismiss children.

The staff appreciate your understanding and we hope this change to dismissal procedures gives clarity to the situation.

WORKING BEE

Our Working Bee will be held on Sunday March 7, from 8.30am – 10.30am. Some of the following jobs are proposed to be undertaken on the day:

- Work on the "Sensory Garden", clearing weeds and preparing the area for

aggregated rocks/pebbles

- Pruning trees in courtyard/removal of some small trees
- Weeding main area of the school
- Basic maintenance of air conditioners and fans

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning. Bring your own gloves and tools.

OLD FURNITURE

We are currently trying to sell some of our old furniture to the Merriwa community. Anyone who wishes to come and purchase any of the old desks, tables and chairs, please contact Mr Borg at the Office.

- Large Table - \$15.00
- Small Desk - \$10.00
- Cushioned Chair - \$10.00
- Chairs - \$5.00

ENROLMENTS

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

For enquiries, email admin@merriwa.catholic.edu.au or Ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au

DATES FOR THE DIARY

March 1-4 – Goal Setting Meetings

March 8 – Clean Up Australia Day at St Joseph's (INFANTS)

March 11 – Willow Tree Horse Sports

March 15 – Healthy Harold Visit

March 19 – St Joseph's Day/National Ride to School Day

I hope you all have a terrific fortnight ahead. If you have any queries, questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me, contact me by phone or email me.

Mr Ashley Borg
Principal



Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

REFLECTION - LENT 3 - John 2:13-25

Today we hear of the first public action of Jesus according to John's Gospel. Jesus obeys the Jewish law and goes to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem. Because Jews came from all around the Roman Empire for this Festival, animals were brought into the Temple precincts so that pilgrims could buy what they needed for the Passover sacrifice. This was also the time when the Jews paid their taxes to support the ongoing sacrifices in the Temple. Two animals were killed every day as a ritual to forgive sin. By contributing through the Temple tax, every Jew participated in this daily ritual to reconcile them with God. However, this tax needed to be paid with special coins that did not have the image of the Roman Emperor, and only at this time of the year were tables set up in the Temple to let people change their coins into special coins without a 'graven image.'

This is the background to Jesus' actions in the Temple. It is not really a cleansing since all the animals and money changes were there as help to the people during this Passover time.

Jesus' actions are a powerful prophetic symbol announcing the end of such Temple sacrifices. This is the meaning of his actions, which the Jews understand since they asked him for his credentials. 'What sign do you have?' or 'What's your authority for doing this?' Jesus' reply points to himself as the living Temple where God dwells. With the coming of Jesus a building made of stones is no longer needed to reconcile with God. (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM)

Love and blessings, from Rev Pat (who has now retired).

DIARY DATES

9.00am - Sundays church – Eucharist at Holy Trinity second and fourth Sundays.

Morning Prayer first and third Sundays with Rev Pat.

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

THE FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

We learned during last week, that this year's festival has been cancelled. This is another casualty of Covid 19. The festival has traditionally been a big day for our community, as well as being, in particular, a very intense day for Rotary Merriwa with work starting on our barbecue well before the sun rises and ending as the sun sets. It has also been a day on which we have been able to raise significant funds to help the causes we support.

This year is also the one in which the Rotary Club of Charlestown had generously offered to come here on masse to run the barbecue on our behalf.

We respect the decision to cancel the festival for 2021. The numbers attending every year would have made the necessary compliance with Covid rules impossible to handle.

Covid 19, having gone on its less-than-merry way, we shall be sizzling back into action in 2022.

SENIORS WEEK

This year, Merriwa Rotary will be joining with the Merriwa Hospital local committee in celebrations to mark Seniors Week in the second half of March. Activities are being planned and details will follow as we get closer to the date.

ROTARY BOWELCARE

This important annual lifesaving program runs from March until the end of May. Kits are available now and may be ordered by phoning 02 4341 6695, Tuesdays to Thursdays between 9.00am and 3.00pm or by using the internet Mail Order form, copies of which are available at Merriwa Pharmacy.

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This year, KITS ARE NOT AVAILABLE at PHARMACIES and MUST BE POSTED BACK DIRECTLY to Rotary BowelCare in the reply paid envelope provided.

Mark Smith

Hunter Local Lands Services

GOULBURN RIVER WILD DOG ASSOCIATION AGM

The committee of the Goulburn River Wild Dog Association would like to invite all Merriwa and Cassilis district landholders to attend the annual general meeting to be held at Merriwa RSL on Wednesday March 4 2021.

The meeting will start with a BBQ dinner at 6.00pm followed by the meeting at 7.00pm.

Membership of the Goulburn River Wild Dog Association is critical to landholder/community ownership of wild dog management in the local area.

The benefits of membership are:

- Update on local wild dog issues/management
- Biannual ground baiting programs
- Assistance and support with a professional trapper from the Professional wild dog controller program (PWDC).
- Annual aerial baiting services

Location: Merriwa RSL

Date: Wednesday March 3 2021

Time: 6.00pm BBQ for 7.00pm Meeting

Please RSVP for catering purposes to Peter Campbell Ph: 0428 485 126 E: pw_campbell@bigpond.com or Hunter LLS senior biosecurity officer, Richard Ali Ph: 0429 722 944 E: richard.ali@lls.nsw.gov.au

Maria Cameron

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LET'S CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS WITH A FREE LUNCHEON

The Rotary Club of Merriwa and the Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary have combined to host the Merriwa SENIORS FESTIVAL, a FREE LUNCHEON, commencing at 10.00am on Wednesday April 7, 2021 at the Merriwa School of Arts. We are celebrating the role SENIORS play and the value of the contribution they make to our community.

The festival aims to support people to remain active and socially connected within the Merriwa community by offering a mix of activities, to have fun, to learn, be engaged, be challenged and most importantly get out and about meeting new people and linking up with old friends. Make the MOST of this Seniors Festival. The event is free for Over 60's and a Gold Coin donation for Under 60's. Transport to and from the venue can be arranged – call the organisers to book a pick up. Bookings for the day are essential for numbers for catering, dietary requirements and of course COVID restrictions. First in best dressed. Numbers may have to be limited. RSVP by Tuesday March 30, 2021 to Elaine Sparrow 6548 8560/0427488 560.

The day will commence with Devonshire Morning Tea, followed by some fun, friendly and inclusive activities then a scrumptious hot and cold finger food luncheon. Everyone is welcome, YOUNG or OLDER. We love to celebrate, especially to showcase our wonderful Senior people within our beautiful community. A lot of you have made Merriwa what it is today and we wish to say THANK YOU for your valued contribution. So come along, bring your friends but most importantly BOOK YOURSELF in. The early bird catches the worm so they say, so do it NOW and get your name on the list of attendees. Your own personal TAXI can come pick you up if needed.

For bookings or more information call Elaine on 6548 8560/ 0427 488 560 /e: jesparrow46@gmail.com. We will need your name, dietary requirements and pick up or own transport. On the day we will have a sign in registry (COVID) and COVID related questions to answer but apart from that we want to celebrate, have fun, fill our hall with laughter and friendship and celebrate the SENIORS who live within our Merriwa District.

Elaine Sparrow

Community Notice Board

Merriwa District Progress Association



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY CANCELLED FOR 2021

The Merriwa District Progress Association is disappointed to announce it will not be organising the Clean Up Australia Day event in Merriwa this year.

Severe constraints imposed by the Clean Up Australia Day Organisation due to COVID-19 restrict the number of participants allowed to participate and impose control measures on the method of operation making it impractical to run this activity.

We sincerely regret this outcome, but plan to resume the Clean Up Australia Day in Merriwa in 2022.

Enquiries can be directed to Beron Arden-Wood on 02 6548 2245.

Stephen Gowlland

Congratulations



Congratulations to Kay and Alex Taylor on their 50th Wedding Anniversary for February 27. This milestone is no small feat but you seemed to have achieved it easier than most.

We look forward to celebrating your 75th with you in 2046.

Andrew, Owen, Steven and families

Merriwa Uniting Church

“WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer this year is to be held at St. David's Uniting Church commencing at 7.00pm this Friday, March 5. All are welcome and Covid 19 conditions will apply. For more information please contact Betty Campbell on 6548 5153.

Betty Campbell

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.

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Sandra Reichel

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Sunday March 7 is the day! What day you ask? Le Tour de Merriwa! Grab your bike and ride Coulson's Creek Road towards Willow Tree and take in the beautiful surrounds of the quiet rural road. All riders will leave Merriwa at 8.00am and return by 12.00pm. Riders can turn around at any point in the course. At 21kms there will be refreshments and the toilet. At 41kms approximately, there are refreshments for you again. Book online to be a part of this great day. www.trybooking.com/events/landing/713703

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY

- Sylvia Jeffreys ; her beautiful chaos, her joy and gratitude!
- Vice President Kamala Harris, from the early years to her epic love story
- Good Health; the science of scent, an expert guide to fasting and the secret to a healthier brain
- Exclusive Susan Sarandon; on love, loss and letting go.

WOMEN'S WEEKLY BEAUTIFUL AUSTRALIA SPECIAL COLLECTOR'S ISSUE

Celebrating our lucky country; the communities, the characters and homegrown charms as well as beautiful pictures of our country and its gorgeous animals. So many wonderful stories to read, tasty recipes to make and a handy regional shopping guide. You will need a large cuppa for this one! Pick up a copy today!

FAMILY CIRCLE

157 reasons to smile!

Embrace joy and sweeten the Easter weekend with lunch at home with family and friends with this delicious menu.

Why not try your hand at making some 'No-Knead Hot Cross Buns', no need to go out to buy when you can DIY instead. Or how about some inspiration and extra oomph to your lunchbox with new takes on retro fillings for sandwiches.

So many delicious things to make with recipes galore in this issue. There is also a section on wellbeing, with information on your health and what healthy looks like and feels like.

There are fantastic craft and sewing ideas to

immerse yourself into as well as a book reviews and an extract too.

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

Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress

Upper Hunter Shire Council

FESTIVALS' NEW FLEECE OF LIFE FOR 2021!

Due to the constantly changing nature of the pandemic the Festival of the Fleeces organising committee have unanimously agreed that the event, as it has traditionally been delivered for 29 years, cannot be held in a manner that is safe and economically viable in 2021.

The Festival of the Fleeces is adapting and the committee has gotten 'COVID-creative' for 2021. Designed to embrace and capture the same community enthusiasm and spirit that this event is known for, the hybrid version will be experienced through a mix of activities.

There will be a showcase of Merriwa from the main street, to the storefronts, to the footpaths, and to front yards. Visual displays and tributes to the history of the festival will lead up to a festival first – an online digital display that brings together two icons of the town – silo art and the traditional running of the sheep.

"We are looking forward to presenting a scaled down digitalised event that still captures the great spirit of the festival of the fleeces. The committee acknowledges the support of the UHSC in running this signature event at Merriwa." Cr Campbell said.

Upper Hunter General Manager Greg McDonald, was informed of the committee's decision and understands the position taken. "it is the committee and the community that guides and leads the organisation of Festival of the Fleeces and I know they have the best interests of the event at heart."

"The support Council has provided for the event in the past as part of the chartered agreement will continue this year and into the future."

Mayor Collison said "I recognise the value of this festival to the Merriwa Community not just in financial terms but in bringing people together to celebrate all that is great in the Australian Wool Industry. I can understand residents may be disappointed that we are not yet able to

return to 'life as normal' and have the festival as we want it in 2021, but we are still in the midst of a pandemic, and as such I respect the committee's decision to scale down the event in 2021."

"I encourage you to support the event in 2021, and look forward to attending the Festival of the Fleeces, in all its red sock and sheep glory in 2022."

**Maurice Collison
Mayor**

MERRIWA AND CASSILIS WORKS SCHEDULE

The following construction and maintenance works are happening in Merriwa and Cassilis this week.

- Toilets, garbage
- Parks, sports fields and reserves mowing and maintenance
- No 1 Oval maintenance for football season
- Merriwa Surgery slab
- Regional roads and Golden Highway vegetation maintenance
- Golden Highway – Heavy patching
- Maintenance grading – Hampshire, Roma and Ridglands Roads
- Depot trade waste works
- Action requests as required

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

- Middle Creek Road, Gummun Road and Dales Creek Road

VIBE BUSINESS SURVEY

Upper Hunter Shire Council is conducting a survey to better understand the needs of businesses across the shire to inform programs and strategies into the future.

We would appreciate your feedback in relation to the impacts of the drought, COVID-19 and the Scone Bypass and your thoughts on the economic outlook in 2021.

The survey is open until 14 March and will only take 5 mins to complete, and can be submitted anonymously.

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OUTCOMES OF FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Request for donations

Council approved donations of:

- \$200.00 to the Moonan Flat Soldiers Memorial Hall to waive waste collection fees.
- \$290.00 to the Merriwa VRA Rescue Squad for the hire of part of the Merriwa Showgrounds.

ANNUAL SPORTS BOARD FEE WAIVERS

Council endorsed the proposal to waive annual sports board fees a combination of 50% of the 2019/20 and 50% of the 2020/21 for the following sporting bodies:

- Scone Senior Rugby League
- Aberdeen Senior Rugby League
- Merriwa Senior Rugby League

- Merriwa Junior Rugby League.

Other sporting groups wishing to apply for the waiver can do so by applying in writing to the General Manager.

COUNCIL POSITION ON THE SALE OF THE TAFE CAMPUS

Council decided to take the following position:

Council calls upon the NSW Government to immediately cease any proposal to sell Scone TAFE.

The Council calls on Minister Geoff Lee for a full and comprehensive consultation with the community about the impact the sale of the TAFE will have on the future of jobs and skills in the Hunter.

Council request the findings of this transparent community consultation will be reported back to Council and the community.

RELOCATION OF THE SCONE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE AND SCONE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE (SNRC)

Council endorsed the proposal to relocate the Scone Visitor Information Centre (VIC) to Campbells Corner and for the SNRC to be relocated to the Visitor information Centre.

Please visit upperhunter.nsw.gov.au to read the full council meeting overview.

Hannah White

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 Meets on Third Wednesday every month at 6.00pm Merriwa RSL
 merriwaprogress@gmail.com



Clubs/Sports

Merriwa RSL Club

The Friday night Members Lucky Badge 7.00pm draw for \$380.00 was not won the number was 2, this week it jackpots to \$400.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$1100.00 was not won the number was 103, this week it jackpots to \$1150.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$400.00 was not won the number was 362 this week it jackpots to \$420.00. **LTPS/19/36118**

The Sunday Morning Members Badge Draw for \$650.00 was not won last week the number was 126, this week it jackpots to \$700.00 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.

Wednesday Nights from 6.00pm - \$6.00 PINTS.

For every pint sold between February and June 30, the RSL Club will be donating \$1.00 to help with Miranda Boland's recovery.

Entertainment – Friday March 26 live entertainment in the main lounge from 8.30pm.

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, 10.00pm and 11.30pm.

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 12.00/2.00pm, Dinner Monday – Saturday 6.00/8.00pm

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Sports Club

HONKI HAUS
RESTAURANT

Honki Haus now doing lunch time specials on a weekend. Come on in for a delicious meal, whether it's for lunch or dinner.

Honki Haus Restaurant closed Mondays and Tuesday. Open for dinner Wednesday to Saturday 4.30pm to 8.00pm. Sunday dinners 4.30pm to 7.00pm. Open for lunch Saturday and Sunday 12noon to 2.00pm.

For bookings and take away – 0460 817 606

HONKI HAUS

Weekend Lunch Special*

\$15

Two Course Meal:

Light Entree

Choice of one Stir Fry Below (Chicken or Beef)

- Satay
- Black Bean
- Curry
- Mongolian
- Garlic
- Chilli
- Peking
- Sweet and Sour Pork
- Honey or Lemon Chicken
- Chow Mein

+ \$2.00 for Change to Fried Rice
+ \$4.00 for Change to King Prawns

*Subject to Availability, while stocks last
*Terms and Conditions Apply

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self contained in central location
1 bedroom with queen bed, double
sofa-bed separate (on request), full
kitchen and facilities, spacious
bathroom, lounge room, dining room,
laundry, smart tv, wi-fi, air conditioning

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living room, smart tv, wi-fi, air conditioning

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SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

Saturday night raffles, draw begins at 7.30. Ten meat trays and five fruit and veg trays up for grabs. Thanks to Merriwa IGA and Max's Country Cuts for the amazing trays that you provide every week.

MEMBERS DRAW

Drawn any time between 6.30-8.30pm. Must be here to win! Member number 96 was not present at Saturdays draw so jackpots to \$275.00 this week.

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

CLUBS OPENING HOURS

Mondays to Friday 3.30pm
Saturdays 12.00pm
Sundays 3.00pm

Our bowling and golfing areas are looking absolutely amazing, why not come in for a social game of lawn bowls or golf? Contact the Sports Club on 6548 2028 or Brendan Cowell on 0427

027 891 for more information or bookings.

As everyone is aware, COVID restrictions apply when in the club. Everyone is required to sign in upon entry using the Services NSW site. Please do not be offended if you are asked to sit down inside while drinking alcohol or when we reach our capacity and may be required to move to another area of the club.

Brendan Cowell

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1782 Wollara Road, Merriwa

\$499,000.00

Situated 25 minutes from Merriwa and 3.5 hours from Sydney, this 110 acre property would make an ideal weekend retreat or permanent home. The country ranges from flat to slightly undulating with open paddocks and pockets of timber. There are three dams offering plenty of water for stock. The home has four big bedrooms, a large rumpus room and an open plan lounge with a combustion fire. The kitchen has plenty of cupboard space, a gas stove and a breakfast bar. There is also an attached dining area. There are verandahs front and rear taking in the beautiful views over the property. There is a two bay steel shed and a two bay garage. The home is on solar power and has 35,000L of fresh water storage. This property offers a lovely rural lifestyle at an affordable price.



VIEW AT www.jtsrealty.com.au

**Sunday
7 March 2021
8am - 12pm**

2ème Édition

Le Tour de Merriwa



Ride Coulson's Creek Road

Coulson's Creek Road towards Willow Tree, is a quiet rural road with minimal traffic and a relatively good road surface.

All riders will roll out of Merriwa at 8am and will need to be back in Merriwa by 12pm.

Riders can turnaround at any point, tailoring the distance to suit their ability.

Refreshments and toilet at 21kms, far turnaround and refreshments at 41kms (approx).

BOOK ONLINE

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/713703

Event details subject to change

Little Athletics

Our final Little Athletics is on this week. We will be having an awards presentation and a free family bbq, some games and novelty races to finish off another fabulous season.

See you all Monday.



Belinda Keane

Merriwa Pony Club

Dozens of riders descended upon Merriwa showground from as far away as Walcha, Kootingal and Gloucester on Sunday for what proved to be a spectacular test of courage, determination, focus and fitness.

This was the third time the Merriwa Pony Club have hosted a tetrathlon and if the enthusiasm generated by the athletes in attendance is anything to go by, it won't be their last.

The 'tet' as it is affectionately known, is completed by athletes who must successfully complete four phases - jumping, running, swimming and shooting.

Merriwa Pony Club president Clare Martin said it was a new event for pony club members in New South Wales but was becoming increasingly popular.

"It is a wonderful way for riders to show what they can do on - and off - their horses.

"Not only do their horses need to be fit, but so do the riders.

Mrs Martin said the event really took athletes out of their 'comfort zone'.

"It is as much about getting the mind right as it is about getting you and your horse fit.

"Riders must develop lots of skills to be able to ride well but in this event they also need endurance to be able to run up to three kilometres, great technique to be able to swim up to 200 metres and then they need patience and accuracy to be able to shoot.

"It's a great test of skills on so many levels.

In the senior competition, Nicole Martin (Merriwa) took out top honours with Anastasia Haling (Kootingal) coming in second place. In juniors Darcy Taaffe (Merriwa) lead the pack with Olivia U'ren (Kootingal) second and Amy Redgate (Denman) a close third.

In the sub junior competition Miriam U'ren (Kootingal) was triumphant with Charlotte Marchant (Gloucester) close on her heels followed by Nikko Anderson (Merriwa), Gabrielle Mclean (Denman) and Ben Patterson (Merriwa).

In the Minis age group it was Merriwa riders all the way with Lilly Martin on top of the podium, Olivia Curteis, Eddison Raines and Wren Osborne with Angus Mclean (Denman) placing fifth.

Meanwhile in the Peewees age group Fletcher Martin (Merriwa) was the overall winner followed closely by Claire Raines (Merriwa), Charlotte Caruana (Denman), Isabelle and Ella Pryor (Merriwa).

Mrs Martin said she was thrilled with the outcome of last weekends Tetrathlon which she said was a great warm for many riders who will be competing in the Pony Club NSW State Tetrathlon and Formal Gymkhana this weekend.

The Pony Club NSW State Tetrathlon and Formal Gymkhana will be held in Merriwa at the showground from Friday March 5 to Sunday 7. Spectators are most welcome!



Tash Taaffe



Merriwa Ringer

Quote for the Week

Happy are those who take life day by day, complain very little, and are thankful for the little things in life.

Faisal Dil

A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

THE MERRIWA OASIS CAFE

A notice appearing in the Merriwa and Cassilis News, dated Friday November 29 1935, "As announced by advertisement elsewhere in this issue, a new business will be opened in Bettington street on Thursday next, December 5, to be known as the Merriwa Oasis. As the name would imply, it has been the aim of the proprietor to provide a bright spot in our midst, and he undoubtedly succeeded along these lines", the article goes on to say "The proprietor, Mr J N Kyriakou realises that the success of a business depends largely on prompt attention, cleanliness and civility and he is determined that his business will not be found wanting in any of these directions and what is more, he is a believer in advertising.

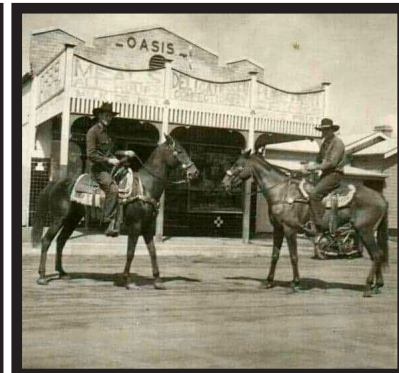
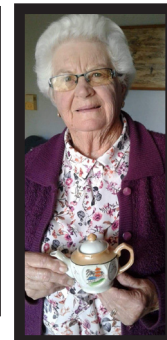
Mr W Hindes, late of Moree is the builder and the workmanship showed throughout the building reflects very great credit to him as a contractor."

By a happy gesture on the part of Mr Kyriakou, the funds of the Merriwa District Hospital will benefit to the extent of half the takings on Friday December 6.

At a later stage, a cellar was dug under the cafe which housed a motor and compressor for the refrigeration units. A kerosene powered generator provided electricity. Originally the cellar would have been quite roomy, but after heavy rainfall, water found its way into the cellar, resulting in the eastern wall collapsing. The photo shows a good deal of rubble which was taken from the collapsed section, leaving an untidy appearance.

Philomena Constable (nee McRae) remembers going into the cafe with her mother at about age 6, and told Mr Kyriakou that it was her birthday today. A big fuss was made by John Kyriakou and he turned around and took down a gift off the shelves, a teapot full of lollies and wrapped in cellophane and handed it to Philomena. She showed me the teapot during a chat I had with her in 2020, she said "but the lollies are long gone".

Photos and information are courtesy of Marina Kyriakou. Other photos and information sourced locally.



The Merriwa Oasis

OPENING ON THURSDAY, 5th. DECEMBER.

J. N. KYRIAKOU desires to notify the Public of Merriwa and surrounding district that his New and Up-to-Date **REFRESHMENT ROOMS** in Bettington Street will be opened on **THURSDAY NEXT, 5th. DECEMBER**, and hopes by strict attention to business, combined with cleanliness and civility to all customers to merit a fair share of patronage.

High-Class Fruit, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Etc., at Moderate Prices.

DONATION TO HOSPITAL.—Half the takings on **FRI-DAY, 6th. DECEMBER**, will be donated to the Merriwa District Hospital.



“Rams” Screening on the Outdoor Cinema
at the Cassilis Bowling Club

Friday 19th March 2021 @ 8pm

Free Movie Entry

Come along to the Cassilis Bowling Club and enjoy a
family night out!

Ma’s Kitchen will be open from 6pm serving delicious
Fish & Chips, Pizzas and Hamburgers



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Drought Recovery Program

Paige Makes Regional Swimming Carnival

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

On Tuesday March 2 I attend the Regional Swimming Carnival at New Lambton.

It is an amazing pool that has nine lanes. I was in lane 7 for butterfly and lane 8 for freestyle.

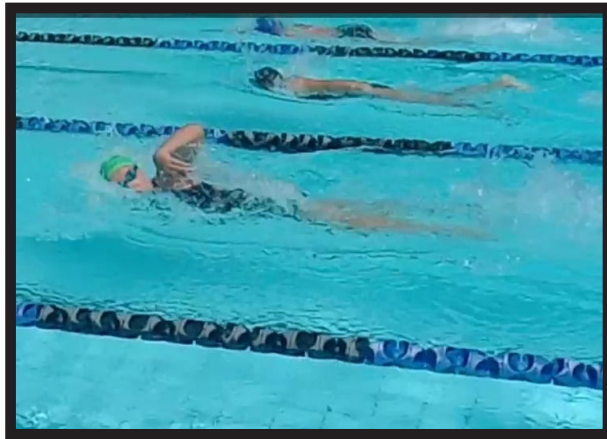
I swam a time of 48.03 for my butterfly and won my heat. I ended up fifth overall.

Then I had a long wait till my freestyle lap and I beat my PB swimming a 41.05.

I enjoyed watching all the swimming events. There were some amazing swimmers yesterday and I wish everyone luck that made it onto state. Well done.

Also thank you to everyone for the support you have given me.

Paige and Olivia Walker



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