

# MERRIWA Ringer

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# A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

## THE DAPHNE BOWMAN HOSPITAL, CASSILIS

In 1927, Daphne Bowman, realising the great need of the local women and children, sought help from the President of the Merriwa CWA, Mrs Violet Jennings, who suggested forming a CWA branch at Cassilis. The first meeting was held in the Cassilis Memorial Park on June 11 1927. From this meeting a CWA branch was formed at Cassilis. At the second meeting, held in July 1927, the need for a hospital was stressed and so it was decided the first branch project should be a hospital building to treat urgent cases as the nearest hospital was at Merriwa, 27 miles away. After many fundraising activities and projects, at last there was enough money to call tenders for the building. Sir Frederick McMaster donated a block of ground, and also £30 which was used to purchase the first bed and equipment (called the "Dalkeith" bed). Sir Frederick also donated an outside laundry, a hot water service and an AGA stove (the stove was sold by tender about 1955, Leo Constable bought the stove for £60 for the new dwelling on our property). Other donations came from Cassilis Repatriation Fund, CWA of NSW donated £300 in 1928 and many other donations from every family in the district. In May 1930, £500 was placed in a hospital account, the first part of the cottage hospital was built and opened on September 24 1934.

The success was a major effort as one remembers that these were the depression years. Five beds were in use most of the time and in 1937, electricity was installed and in 1938, a new wing was added. By 1939, the hospital was becoming a heavy burden for the upkeep had dramatically increased. Fund raising became very important and allowed the CWA to function freely.

In May 1958, a disaster to the community, the branch and the hospital with the sudden death of Dr Irene Bray, their greatest benefactor. Dr Bray was born in 1892 in Cootamundra NSW.

On Saturday July 5 1924, Cassilis at last had a resident medical officer, when Dr Bray and her mother were welcomed to the town. A house belonging to the Braggett family was leased for Dr Bray to reside in and conduct her practice.



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### Merriwa Central School



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*All enquiries welcome*

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 For children attending Kindergarten to Year 6  
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# Merriwa Central School

## Principal's Report

The recent weather conditions have presented many challenges for communities along the coast. Many schools have closed during the past week, and some have been established as evacuation centres. Our thoughts are with those communities impacted. Locally the wet conditions have impacted some local roads, and the ability of Cowans Buses to service some areas. The important thing is that we take care on the roads during these challenging weather events. In primary we have made alternate arrangements for recess and lunchtime due to the wet conditions.

### INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER

Thank you to staff and parents who attended our informal get-together at the RSL Club. It was a great opportunity for parents to meet with our new staff in a relaxed social environment and welcome them to town.



### SCHOOL PLAN

Parents would be aware the school is planning for the next four years as part of the Departments Schools Excellence process. After reviewing our performance in the last school plan, talking with parents, seeking feedback through the Skoolbag app, meeting with the

P&C we have completed the final draft of the new school plan. Our three priority areas or strategic directions focus on student growth and attainment, wellbeing and community engagement.

Parents are invited to collect a copy of the draft plan from the office, or talk with the P&C executive to provide further feedback. The plan is due for completion at the end of term.

### PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Parents are reminded that students should not be on school grounds until 8.30am when staff are rostered onto playground duty for supervision. In recent weeks staff have reported primary students arriving as early as 8.00am.

Schools are busy places in the morning with parent drop-off and buses arriving, the last thing we want is a child injured because they are unsupervised. Please ensure your children arrives at school after 8.30am.

### PRIMARY HOMEWORK CENTRE

Homework centre has been running in secondary for several years each Thursday afternoon. Next term we have the opportunity to establish a homework centre in primary for students in Years 3-6 due to some additional funding. Please keep an eye out for further information.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will take place Term 2 Day1 Tuesday April 20 for students K-12. MSP Photography will once again take our school photos. The ordering arrangements are slightly different this year however information will be sent out to parents in regard to this online ordering process.

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW

In the last week of Term 1 we would normally hold parent teacher interviews, however with COVID arrangements this organisation has been delayed. Parent teacher interviews for K-12 will now be held Term 2 Week 2 Tuesday April 27.

**Darren Noonan**  
Principal

## Coming Events

<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Friday 26</b>	Chess Competition - Fletcher 5.30am - 6.30pm
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Thursday 1</b>	Last Day of Term

# Primary

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student of the Week Awards in Week 8.

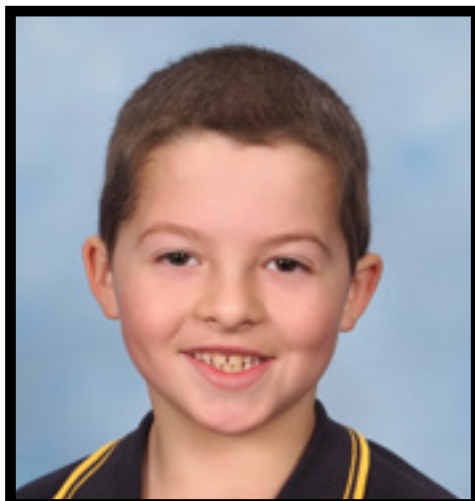
**Kindergarten - Lachlan Strachan** - for his beautiful behaviour in class and showing pride with his book work.



**Year 1- Pavishna Uthayasangar-** for working well in all areas of learning.



**Year 2/3 - Riley Tudor** -for his increased maturity and positive attitude toward learning.



**Year 3/4 - Mia Wilkinson** - for always being an independent worker who completes set tasks during literacy groups



**Year 4/5 - Linsa Dahal-** for always being an independent worker who completes set tasks during literacy groups



**Year 5/6 - Grace Collits** - for being respectful and kind to her peers





**Library - Lily Douglas** - for communicating kindly with her peers



**CLASS OF THE WEEK**

To fit in with our Harmony Week celebrations, last week's Class of the Week Award went to the class that was noticed being kind and inclusive toward their peers, both in the classroom and playground. Although it was a tough decision for teachers, Year 3/4 have been noticed playing beautifully together during break times and always speaking to their peers and teachers with respect and kindness. Lilly Martin and Christian Boromeo proudly accepted the award on behalf of Year 3/4. Well done 3/4!



**PRIMARY SRC**

We would like to announce that we will be implementing a Primary SRC next term. This wonderful opportunity will see our 2021 school leaders work alongside an elected group of students from Kindergarten to Year 5, to ensure that all students have a voice in school matters. A note will be sent home this week informing parents about our Primary SRC and the election process.

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

Congratulations to Tiarnee Dening, Nicole Tudor, Hazel Chin, Max Hourn, Grace Campbell, Mia Horvath-Richards and Mia Wilkinson for being the first students to receive Bronze Awards for 2021.



We are thrilled to announce that students in Years K-6 will now also be awarded with a special Merriwa Central School water bottle if they reach their Gold Award during the year. Students will be presented with their Gold Awards as they achieve them throughout the year, and they will then be awarded a water bottle at our end of year Presentation Day. We are very excited to present our new bottles to students as we recognise their exceptional achievement.





## HARMONY WEEK

Last week, students participated in Harmony Week activities and learnt about inclusiveness, respect and creating a sense of belonging for everyone.



5/6 students learnt about Martin Luther King Jr and discovered the power of our words and actions.



Kindergarten read lots of quality texts on 'Harmony' and created a class display to represent their understanding.



4/5 students completed a cooking lesson with Mrs Sansom and Ms Porter. Students were so excited to be cooking for Harmony Week and worked collaboratively in groups to make some delicious Scones with jam and cream.



2/3 students enjoyed creating a beautiful display to celebrate diversity and acknowledge Harmony Week.



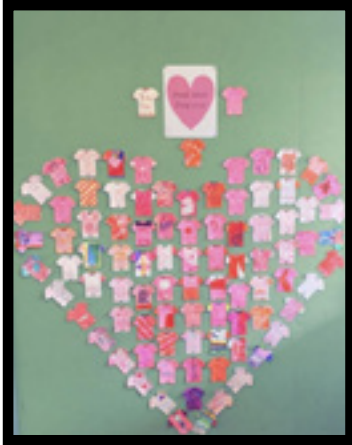
Year 1 read the text 'My Two Blankets' for Harmony week and worked together to make their own class blanket using paper.



4/5 students completed some fun activities to promote Harmony week in their classroom and learnt interesting facts about one another and themselves.

## PINK SHIRT DAY

Last Friday, students participated in Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships. Students participated in 'Pink Shirt Day' themed activities to help encourage each other to Speak Up, Stand Together and Stop Bullying. Together classes also made a wonderful display in our foyer to share their kind messages with everyone.



**Emma Garbellini**  
Relieving Infants Assistant Principal



# Secondary

## PINK SHIRT DAY

Students and staff celebrated Pink Shirt Day on Friday March 19, 2021 which coincides with the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. It is a day for schools, students and the community to say Bullying. No Way!

Year Advisers ran an extended roll call where year groups participated in class discussions about bullying and the adverse affects bullying has on the lives of young people.

Merriwa Central School is proud to support the National Day of Action against bullying.

**Anna Sansom**  
TAS / VET Teacher



## REWARDS DAY

On Thursday April 1, Years 7 to 12 students will be participating in Rewards Day activities. The activities will run from period 4 to period 6 inclusive.

Hot dogs, poppers and zooper doopers will be provided for lunch as the canteen will be closed, students are encouraged to bring their normal recess food and plenty of water. Normal school uniform is to be worn.

Staff look forward to celebrating the end of term and positive behaviour with students participating in various activities.



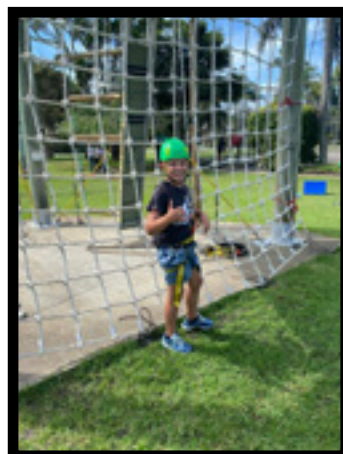
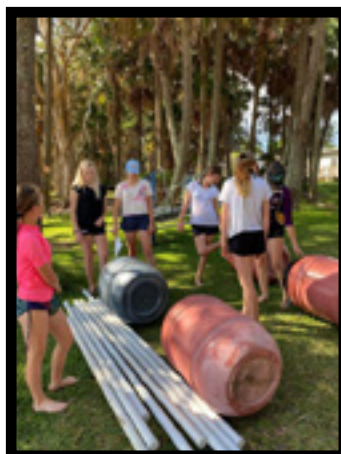
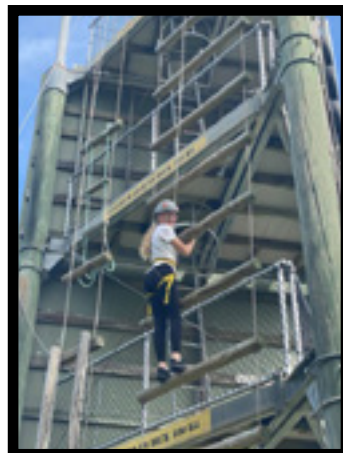
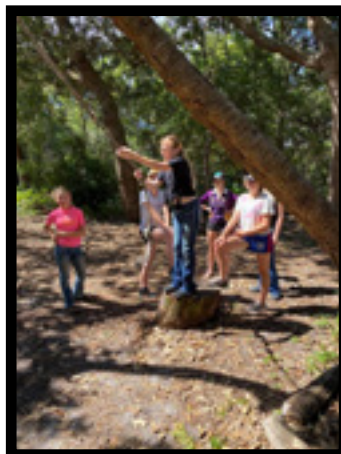
## PEER SUPPORT CAMP

Year 7 and 11 students attended the Peer Support Camp in Week 7 at Camp Elim in Forster.

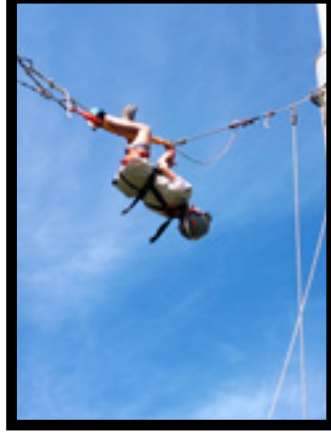
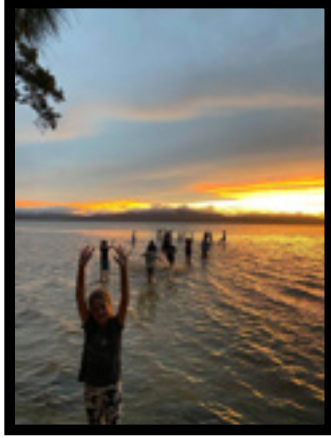
Students participated in various activities including the Giant Swing, Adventure Tower, Canoeing and Archery. Raft Building and Team Building activities were undertaken run by the year 11 students to build their leadership skills and be positive role models for the year 7 students. The activities required team work, problem-solving and strength in order to successfully complete the activities.

Free time was spent playing on the basketball court, cricket, walks along the lake and Trivia.

Mr Vaughan, Mrs Meuleman and myself hope all students enjoyed the 3 days as much as we did and created fond memories with their peers.







**Anna Sansom  
Peer Support**



**COMBINED CROSS COUNTRY**

On Wednesday we held our annual cross-country event at the Merriwa Golf Course. I want to personally thank all students that attended and pay a special thank you to the student who assisted in setting up the cross country.

When going through the points it was extremely close between 1st and 2nd Place. In 4th place on 116 points was Wentworth. 3rd Place was Lawson on 142 points. Oxley had a fantastic showing getting 160 points, but this was not enough to beat Blaxland on 166 points.

Age champions are as follows:

AGE GROUP	MALES	FEMALES
<b>18 YEARS</b>	Harrison Amidy	Nil
<b>17 YEARS</b>	Jake Williams	Brodie McMillan
<b>16 YEARS</b>	Aaron Hamson	Tahli Gleeson
<b>15 YEARS</b>	Jye Byfield	Brooklyn Blackadder
<b>14 YEARS</b>	Dylan McLennan	Alyssa Carrall
<b>13 YEARS</b>	Daniel Mead	Katana Magnus
<b>12 YEARS</b>	Isaac Constable	Mikayla Borradaile
<b>P12 YEARS</b>	Tye Blackadder	Tiarna Cousins
<b>P11 YEARS</b>	Rylan Neale	Sharlotte Oldham
<b>P10 YEARS</b>	Charlie Cook	Hazel Chin
<b>P9 YEARS</b>	Braith Hunt	Aubree Oldham
<b>P8 YEARS</b>	Jack Purcell	Claire Bidner



## CAREER NEWS



### **ACPE Scholarships Program is Open to all students**

These prestigious scholarships seek to support the following new students. See if there is one that suits you:

#### **High Academic Achievers**

This scholarship is assessed on academic merit and based on an average score achieved in the HSC examinations.

#### **Young Leaders in the Community**

This Scholarship aims to recognise the “all-rounder” who demonstrates outstanding achievement academically, strong leadership qualities and is a natural collaborator with a desire to bring positive change to our community.

#### **Elite Athletes Participating in Sport and Dance**

Intended for commencing students who have demonstrated a high level of commitment and achievement to dance or sport as an elite athlete, performer, or coach, and would benefit from financial support at tertiary level. ACPE understands the level of commitment, discipline and dedication required to excel as an athlete. We also understand that this level of commitment to a sport places different demands on students to ensure that they can maintain good academic standing.

#### **Female Student-Athletes**

Intended to support commencing female athlete students to balance sporting commitments and academic responsibilities to ensure success. ACPE understands the level of commitment, discipline and dedication required to excel as an athlete. We also understand that this level of commitment to a sport places different demands on students to ensure that they can maintain good academic standing.

#### **Students Connected through the ACPE Alumni Community**

This scholarship was established to allow the ACPE Alumni network to refer a relative, friend or colleague to study at ACPE. With a proud history spanning over 100 years, our alumni community play an important role at ACPE and can now contribute towards the next generation through the Alumni Next Generation Scholarship.

#### **Students with Disabilities**

Through ACPE's passion and commitment in

Thanks too all students and staff for their assistance and participation on the day, it would not of ran smoothly without all the help that I received. *(more photos on page 35)*

**Lachlan Vaughan**  
Sports Coordinator

**Merriwa Ringer**



providing equal opportunities and supportive education for all para-athletes. The ACPE Disability in Sport Scholarship is intended for commencing students who are currently participating in a physical activity whilst living with a disability.

### **Which Uni are the best for Nursing**

Nurses are an integral role within the health sector — the role is not limited to hospitals and can extend to areas like the military, schools, dental offices or prison services. The path to becoming a qualified and registered nurse also varies depending on whether the student is considering specialised areas of the profession.

<https://www.australiancareersservice.com.au/industry-news/which-universities-are-the-best-for-nursing>

### **Engineers Australia's Experience it! for female students Years 7-10**

18 May 2021

University teams facilitating workshops for student groups based on Engineering Design Process, Design Thinking across Civil, Electrical, Chemical, Biomed, Mechanical, Software etc!) in collab with NSW's leading Universities: USYD, UNSW, UTS, WSU, Macq, Newcastle, Wollongong, Engineers w/out Borders, Women in Eng. Bookings >31 students Full day in classroom online! Places limited!

### **UTS - Year 12 students - Round 1 applications for Bachelor of Accounting 2022**

Early closing date on Friday 21 May 2021

The UTS Bachelor of Accounting has the aim of producing potential business leaders of the future via an accounting career.

The main benefits to students who are selected into the Bachelor of Accounting are a tax-free scholarship valued at \$54,000, a year of full-time work training, and great career prospects with the major employers who support the course. No BAcc graduate has ever missed out on a job, and these job offers are generally made by April of the students' third and final year of study. That might be only 3 years away from where you are now.

Other key benefits of this program, that set it apart from cadetships or other co-op courses, are that it takes only 3 years to complete and that students in the course study, work and play together as a close group of friends throughout that time. Email [carin.alberts@uts.edu.au](mailto:carin.alberts@uts.edu.au)

**Merriwa Ringer**

Website [UTS Bachelor of Accounting](#)

### **International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS)**

The International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS) is pleased to have relaunched several bachelor-level courses with a refreshed, contemporary curriculum. These courses have been designed in consultation with industry to produce graduates who are work-ready and empowered to achieve their career goals once they have completed their studies. The newly accredited ICMS courses offering the new curriculum are:

- Bachelor of Event Management
- Bachelor of Hospitality Management
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Business (Sports Management)
- Bachelor of Business (International Tourism)
- Bachelor of Business (Marketing)
- Bachelor of Business (Entrepreneurship)

ICMS also currently offers Bachelor of Property (Development, Investment and Valuation), Bachelor of Business Management (Accounting), and Bachelor of Business Management (Fashion and Global Brand Management).

[tps://www.agrifutures.com.au/rural-industries/](https://www.agrifutures.com.au/rural-industries/)

### **Q&A School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

School based apprenticeships and traineeships allow senior high school students to commence an apprenticeship or complete a traineeship while at school. School based apprentices work part-time and undertake the first stage of their apprenticeship training before the end of the HSC year. School based trainees work part-time and complete their traineeship by the end of their HSC year.

<https://sbatinnsw.info/getting-started/questions-answered>

**J E Hegarty  
Careers Advisor**



# Cassilis Public School

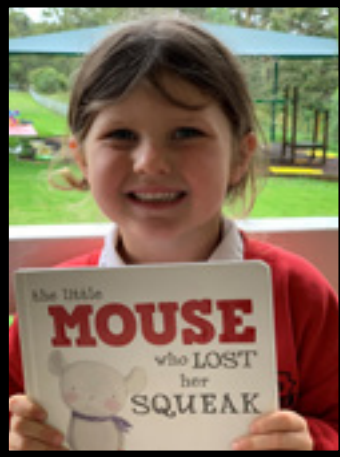
## I HEALTHY HAROLD

Catching up with our old mate Harold is always fun. We even heard he has a girlfriend now.

It's even better when you share the experience with friends from Ulan and Goolma.

Thanks for a great day last Wednesday.

Ulan P.S, you were a fabulous host.



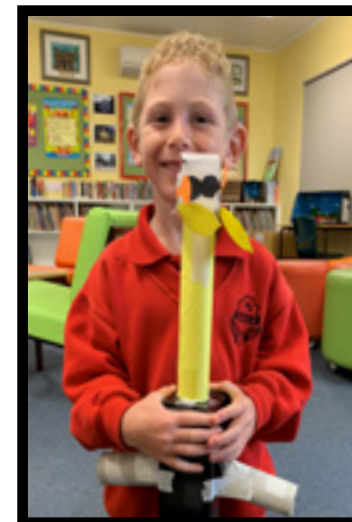
### STUDENT OF THE WEEK - TARSHA

Tarsha has been awarded the Student of the Week for her consistent effort to come to school and learn as much as she can. She loves being read to, practising reading her own books and beginning to write

letters to make a sentence. Tarsha is beginning to know the letters, sounds and numbers taught.

She shows respect and care for everyone and participates in all activities. Tarsha wears the school uniform and has tried hard to bring what she needs for school each day including her home reading folder.

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



### PBL Focus for the week

**Be a Learner- Take risks in your learning**



### NEW DATE FOR CROSS COUNTRY

The new date for the cross country is Thursday 22 April (first week back after the holidays). A special thanks to Mrs Cunningham, Stacey Anderson, Brian Cornish, Brady Nairne and the Soster family who worked so hard preparing for our postponed cross country last week.





## TIME TO GET YOUR HATS READY!!!

We would love to see you at our parade and, if we are really lucky, a very special bunny visitor is coming. An Easter egg hunt and morning tea will follow.

If you would like to make your hats at school, come and join us next Tuesday 30 March from 2pm. We have lots of bits and pieces to make a fabulous hat for your child and perhaps even for yourself.



## EASTER RAFFLE

All families were sent home tickets yesterday. We would really appreciate it if you could please donate an Easter item (egg, book, bunny, something special with a bunny on it perhaps) for the raffle as well as sell/ buy some tickets please.

All money goes to the School's P and C group. The P and C group support all students by helping to reduce the costs of excursions, pay for student of the Week books, pay for weekly sewing and cooking resources, and buy new readers.

## HARMONY DAY

Last week was Harmony Week. Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

This is a really important lesson for our students so please chat to your child about what 'everyone belongs' means to them.



**Katie Burgess  
Principal**



# St Joseph's Primary School

Writing, writing, writing and more writing has been a huge focus in the Stage 3 classroom this term. The results have been outstanding and students have been taking on lots of feedback and ensuring their writing continues to improve. One of our focus for improvement is to work on imagery in our writing. Instead of telling the audience what is happening show the audience using senses to create atmosphere and build the setting, characters, and storyline. The students have also been experimenting with metaphors and similes. Students' work is being displayed in the classroom and a selection in the front office.

Here are some snippets from the writing

'At that abrupt moment Georgina heard a meteoric gun shoot. Then she heard a scream which sounded like her mother's scream. But in that snap of a moment she heard an intense voice shouting at a little girl. Then she heard a wailing of a baby.'

"Is that you mum", "Yes", with tears in her eyes like the water in the ocean. I hugged her. We were both crying we needed to go and then I felt like I was home.

'The river flows so soft that it is calming. I can feel the ewwy gooey mud between my toes. Some of it has stuck and is forming some sort of mud shoe, so when I have to walk through a harsh bed of pebbles it doesn't hurt as much.'

'As Mary was climbing the gate, it was creaking it was like the entrance to a haunted mansion. As she was at the top of the gate, she referred it to as starting a whole new life. Mary finally reached the other side of the gate wearing a half-ripped gown and slippers.'

Through English we have been establishing links to our History topic about creating the country of Australia. We have had a particular focus on texts to do with the Stolen Generation.

Last week the students were asked to work in pairs to re-enact and interview a significant member of Australia during the time of Federation. The students researched and

produced a wonderful interview. The students particularly enjoyed dressing up and performing for their classmates. It was a great learning experience and brought history to life. Some of the people interviewed were- Louisa and Henry Lawson, Edmund Barton, Queen Victoria and Vida Goldstein. We look forward to learning more about how our government is set up and gaining extra knowledge for when we visit Parliament House in Canberra latter in the year.

After researching jingles and what makes up a jingle, we have turned to technology and have created our own. First using a program called Chrome Music Lab then importing the jingles into a program called Audacity so the students could add a voice before creating a PowerPoint presentation to promote the product. It has been amazing how technology can play such an important role in music production. The students are looking forward to sharing with their classmates.

We continue to see wonderful progress in our learning groups with Stage 2. Students are placed into ability groups to address their specific needs. The results are wonderful, and the students continue to develop independent skills being more in control of their own learning and expectations.

We have been very fortunate over the last 5 weeks to have Kristy with us to refine our cricket skills. We enjoyed our sessions with Kristy and look forward to picking up the skills of the Australian cricketers when we next watch it on the TV.

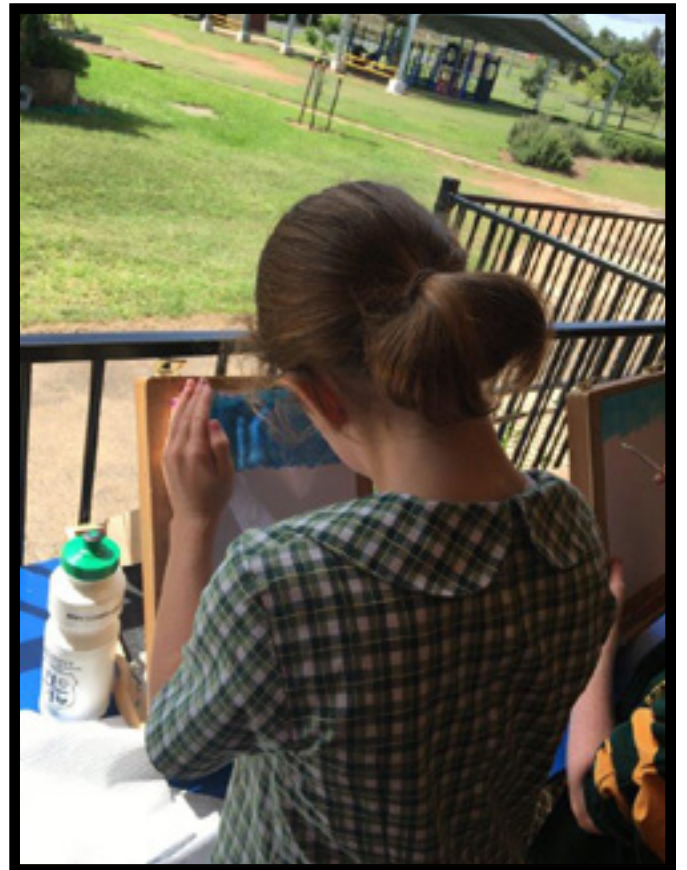
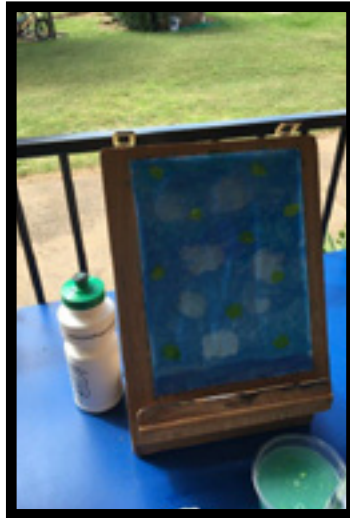
This week we will be participating in our Cross-Country carnival- we wish all the students the best of luck and look forward to sharing the results with you.





During this period of Lent, we have been learning about what is Easter? why we celebrate at Easter? And what is the Paschal Mystery- the life death and resurrection of Jesus and why it is important today.

Monet has inspired us to paint outside using art boxes. After exploring his techniques we have attempted to produce paintings inspired by his Water Lillies. From the paintings you can see that the students have truly created artworks with a Monet feel.





We all love a visit from Healthy Harold, stage 3 explored drugs in particular alcohol and what is a standard drink. It was interesting for the students to see how different drinks contain different amounts of alcohol. It was also time for Year 6 to say goodbye to Harold, which is always a little sad.

What a great place our playground is to be. We loved venturing back out there and can't wait to continue the fun- even in the rain!







### SAVE THE DATE

This year is the Year of the St Joseph. We will be having a special Open Day to celebrate the feast day of St Joseph the worker on Friday 30th April. Stay tuned for more information.

### WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

#### Week Eight - Strength Award – Forgiveness

**Kindergarten - Ahana Diwadkar-** for her forgiving and kind soul

**Bradley-** for being such a wonderfully curious and kind class member

**Stage 1 - Nevaeh Peters** – For her increased confidence to write narratives independently.

**Annabelle Marshall** – For her ability to forgive others and demonstrate kindness to those around her.

**Stage 2 Eden Barry** – for her enthusiasm and willingness to try her best within her learning.

**Thomas Luke** – for his understanding and forgiving nature, modelling the actions of Jesus.

**Stage 3 - Savannah Beeney** - for taking on feedback and demonstrating great effort in her writing.

**Kirra Green-**for demonstrating an understanding of what forgiveness looks like and for showing forgiveness when dealing with others.

**Principal's Awards - Shyanne Beeney** – for continued perseverance in lessons.

**Darcy Bear** – for his improved attitude to school and phonics awareness.

**Mr Ashley Borg  
Principal**





# Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre

Please find below the program for Merriwa Activity Centre school holidays starting April 5.

## MAC Autumn Holidays 2021

Easter Monday 5th April	Tuesday 6th April	Wednesday 7th April	Thursday 8th April	Friday 9th April	
<p><b>Public Holiday</b></p> <p><u>MAC will be open on the 19th April for the Pupil free day</u></p> <p>Please book on MAC Explor app.</p> <p>Peta Luke MAC Co-ordinator Merriwamac@gmail.com 02 6548 2083</p>	<b>Safety</b>	<b>Baking</b>	<b>Gardening</b>	<b>Health</b>	
	<p><b>Breakfast (for those in extended care)</b> Choice of cereal or toast, milk or fruit juice and piece of fruit.</p>				
	<p><b>Morning Tea</b></p>				
	Fruit Parfait	Weetbix slice	Date Loaf	Banana Bread	
	Ultimate Tag (MAC Style)	Lemon Powered light	MAC Garden Bed		Drawing Life Size Skeleton
	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>				
	 Musical Donut eating Competition	 Potato paint stamps	Mini Pizza	Tuna Pasta Bake	
			Seed Pictures	Town Walk	
	<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b></p>				
	 Wear your active wear for a bit of fast fun	Wholemeal Cheese Scones	 Come DRESSED UP in your most Ridicule golfing outfit for a MAC	Tasting Platter	 A day of life size proportions.
					

Monday 12th April	Tuesday 13th April	Wednesday 14th April	Thursday 15th April	Friday 16th April
<b>Safety</b>	<b>Baking</b>	<b>Gardening</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Animal</b>
<p><b>Breakfast (for those in extended care)</b> Choice of cereal or toast, milk or fruit juice and piece of fruit.</p>				
<p><b>Morning Tea</b></p>				
Fruit Parfait	Weetbix slice	Date Loaf	Banana Bread	Vanilla Berry Smoothie
Ultimate Tag (MAC Style)	Lemon Powered light	MAC Garden Bed	Drawing Life Size Skeleton	Pet Show
<p><b>Lunch</b></p>				
 Musical Donut eating Competition	 Potato paint stamps	Mini Pizza	Tuna Pasta Bake	Rice Cakes 
		Seed Pictures	Town Walk	Making Pet Rocks
<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b></p>				
Traffic Lights  Wear your active wear for a bit of fast fun	Wholemeal Cheese Scones	Tasty Bugs  Come DRESSED UP in your most Ridicule golfing outfit for a MAC HOLEY MOLEY course.	Tasting Platter  A day of life size proportions.	Pigs in Blankets
	Lets get our BAKE ON and make a yummy lunch.			Bring your favourite toy pet for our MAC pet show with a difference.
				







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### TUESDAY 6 APRIL

**FROM 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM**

#### **NATURE CRAFT AT MUSWELLBROOK LIBRARY**

Join us for a creative clay activity where attendees can make their own nature craft to take home.

Bookings are essential. Please contact Muswellbrook Library on 6543-1913 to book your place.



### WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL

**FROM 10:30 AM - 12 PM**

#### **PUPPET SHOW AT MUSWELLBROOK LIBRARY**

Join us for a musical puppet show with our Sustainability Team and Waste Warriors.

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### THURSDAY 8 APRIL

**FROM 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

#### **NATURE CRAFT AT DENMAN LIBRARY**

Join us for a creative clay activity where attendees can make their own nature craft to take home.

Bookings are essential. Please contact Denman Library on 6547-2208 to book your place.


### THURSDAY 15 APRIL

**FROM 10:30 AM - 12 PM**


#### **NATIVE ANIMAL HABITAT ACTIVITY AT MUSWELLBROOK LIBRARY**

Learn About How to Help Native Animals and create your own habitat to take home.

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*Storytime and Baby Rhyme Time Sessions will be held at their regularly scheduled times at 10:30am on Monday and Thursday.*



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**FREE YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITY**



# LASER TAG & INFLATABLE FUN

Friday, 9 April  
Murrurundi

**FREE EVENT**

**LASER TAG AND BUNGEE RUN, STICKY WALL!**

Sausage sizzle and drinks available to purchase.

**4:00-7:30pm, Friday, 9 April 2021**

**Rosedale Complex, Murrurundi  
(Murrurundi Youth Centre)**

**FREE BUS SERVICES** from Merriwa Youth Centre and Scone Youth Centre.

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** download your bus travel permission note and timetable at [upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

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# Anglican News

Phone: 0429 996 769

## REFLECTION - PALM SUNDAY - Mark 14:1-15:47

God is silent. There is no answer to Jesus' cry. The heavens stay closed and darkness covers the earth. Mark's Gospel presents the Crucifixion as apparent triumph of evil over good. Jesus is mocked by some and tortured by others. If Jesus dies, the Gospel seems to say, there is no God.

As Christians, we know that this is not the end of the story, but it would be wrong to hurry through and not enter into this dark and fearful place of abandonment. Many of us know this place. At some time in our life we too have voiced this cry of Jesus and found heaven silent. This week we are to bring the memory of these times into our prayers with God. For in spite of appearances, in spite of the silence, God is here.

Jesus prays from his 'heart of darkness'. He speaks out his anguish to his God with words of protest and lament, all who suffer unjustly, all who die abandoned and reviled.

Pray this cry of Jesus during this week. Let his cry become your cry and his surrender be your surrender. (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM)

**Love and blessings, from Rev Pat**

### DIARY DATES

April 1 - MAUNDY THURSDAY Service 6.00pm at Holy Trinity. Rev Anastasia and Bp Sonia will be sharing the Easter services.

April 2 - GOOD FRIDAY Service - 10.00am - Holy Trinity

April 3 - EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL - 6.00pm at Holy Trinity

April 4 - EASTER DAY - Eucharist at Holy Trinity 9.00am.

**Rev Pat Kirkby**

# Merriwa Rotary

OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Last week we were happy to host our Rotary District Governor David Roach and his wife Amanda who were making the annual DG's visit to our club. Unusually, they are members of a small club like ours, (Rylstone) where they are have chosen to stay on after their retirement.

Accompanying the Roaches were Phil Gorton, from the Wallsend-Maryland club, the Area Governor of our Zone and his wife Ruth.

Gatherings such as this give us the chance to learn about initiatives other Rotary Clubs are taking...particularly considering the the abnormal conditions of these Covid times.

## MERRIWA SENIORS DAY

Another reminder.. Merriwa Rotary and the Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary will combined to host MERRIWA SENIORS FESTIVAL at School of Arts. Action starts at 10.00am with programs to entertain as well as a FREE LUNCH for all Seniors attending.

For Covid related reasons, numbers will be limited. Please contact Elaine Sparrow if you are a Senior and would like to join the fun.

**Mark Smith**

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# Community Notice Board

## Legacy

### ROSEMARY FOR LEGACY NOT REQUIRED

Merriwa has for many years been known as 'The Rosemary town' since John Penninger started supplying Rosemary to be worn on lapels of those marching in the Anzac Day march in Sydney each year, for over 25 years. This has raised thousands of dollars for the Legacy charity.

Last year due to Covid 19 there was no march and hence no requirement for our Rosemary.

This year the Anzac day march will go ahead, but in a far reduced capacity and hence I have been informed that Rosemary from Merriwa will not be required.

However, it is important to keep your Rosemary bushes healthy by regular trims and I encourage you all to give the plants a good cutting back at this time of year, why not enjoy a good lamb roast garnished with Fresh Rosemary!

**Annie Rodgers**

## Thank You

Thank you to the lovely honest people who handed in my wallet last week to McConnells Hardware. It was gratefully appreciated.

**Geoffrey Riley**

## Merriwa Tennis Club

Merriwa Tennis Club is introducing more sports for 2021.

Netball for Juniors and adults

Futsal for Juniors and adults

For more Info contact Michelle Loft on 0425 216 505.

**Michelle Loft**

## Trinity Markets

From March 30, Trinity Markets will again be opening Tuesdays.

New opening hours will be:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - 9.30am to 2.30pm

Wednesday - 9.30am to 1.00pm

Saturday - 9.30am to 12.00noon

As many Covid19 restrictions still apply donations can only be accepted on Thursdays and are not to be left in the doorway.

Watch out for our End of Summer Sale commencing this week.

Summer clothes - why not fill a bag full!

Shoes \$2.00 a pair

Books \$1.00 each.

See you in trinity Markets where you can "Dress for Less".

**Beatrice Voysey**

## ANZAC Day Commemorations

**SUNDAY APRIL 25**

The Merriwa RSL Club Sub Branch will commemorate ANZAC Day this year with a Dawn Service at 5.40am and the main service at approximately 10.40am, proceeded by a march along Bettington Street to the Cenotaph commencing at 10.30am.

**Mary O'Neill**

### Quote for the Week

Never compare  
yourself to others.  
There is no  
comparison between the  
sun and the moon. They  
shine when it's  
their time.



# Community Notice Board

## Merriwa Bushmans Campdraft

Merriwa Bushman's Campdraft and Rodeo Association are holding a meeting Wednesday March 31 2021 at 6.30pm at the Merriwa RSL Club to finalise the organisation of the May event.

**Kellie Porter**



## Merriwa Red Cross

Merriwa Red Cross will be holding a Red Cross Calling Morning on March 26. We will be selling tickets in a raffle and 100 Club. Homemade Jams, Relish and gift cards will also be available for sale.

The funds raised help to support the vital work that Red Cross provides to those in need in Australian communities.

As always we appreciate the support given by the Merriwa Community.

**Cheree Walmsley**



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**Ringer Deadline!**

*Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by Mondays, at 12.00 noon*

**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.**



**Monday - Saturday**  
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# Business

## Merriwa Newsagency

### NIKON (A GUIDE TO MASTERING YOUR CAMERA)

Easy to follow instructions on how to set up your camera, how to edit imagery & capture landscapes. This fantastic magazine will explain so many things about your camera, for example, understanding the main camera controls, navigating the menus and how to choose the appropriate mode for a given scene. You will have so much fun experimenting and you will amaze yourself with your new skills!

### TASTE

- The 'Big' chocolate issue! The amazing 'Fault Line Cake' with Baci and meringue, is just the thing for your tastebuds, plus many other chocolate treats, all in time for Easter!
- Emergency dinner; Prep in 10 minutes! Try these protein packed mains and pop them onto the table in a flash!
- Savoury faves with a gluten-free spin, so no one will miss out. Check out best ever chicken for speedy weeknight solutions.

### MARIE CLAIRE

- 50 pages of women we love! What motivates women to keep breaking down barriers and challenging the status quo. Six prominent Australian women tell what fuels them on for a brighter future
- Meet the Maddens; actors, activists and athletes, the sisters from Sydney push boundaries and thrive at home on Gadigal land
- After suffering public and paralysing pain, three women speak about how they channelled their horrific experiences of trauma into forces of good.

### BATHROOM YEARBOOK

- Do you need some inspiration for a redo of the bathroom? In this magazine there 1000+ incredible design ideas that will have you dreaming and planning perhaps!

### A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

*The older the fiddle , the sweeter the tune.*

### BEANIE BOO

*My name is Lainey*

*A sweet little leopard, I am so sleek, don't you love my spots & fur so unique.*

*My birthday is July 9*

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**Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress**



### MERRIWA-CASSILIS ALLIANCE

*Safeguarding Our Strategic Agricultural Land*

Background: TransGrid are planning to build two high voltage 500KV power lines, an electricity superhighway 180km long, through productive farming land which runs from Merriwa North West towards Cassilis and then south of Dunedoo. Environmental Impact Statements are planned to start mid this year and construction early 2023.

### TRANSGRID MEET WITH LANDHOLDERS

70 landholders from Merriwa-Cassilis districts filled the RSL Club auditorium to Covid capacity on Friday 12 March 2021 for a meeting with Transgrid and NSW Department of Planning; representing some 28% of the 250 landholder's who will be affected by the proposal.

Transgrid's Executive Manager, Major Projects, Sean McGoldrick opened the meeting with an introduction on the project. Transgrid revealed that it isn't ONE high voltage power line but actually TWO; with the 'option' of these two 80m easements to run parallel to each other or separately.

Both the President, Peter Campbell, and the Vice President, Tony Inder, of the Merriwa-Cassilis Alliance thanked all attendees and spoke decisively on the objectives, concerns and recommendations of the newly formed landholders group.

There were also many questions from the floor from concerned landholders. Farmers discussed the impact Transgrid's restrictions on routine farming operations around the power lines will have on their production capacity; making many businesses unviable. Height restrictions on farming machinery, interference on guidance



technology and the no go area for aerial management means crops would not be managed in a timely and cost effective manner. Some properties would potentially be cut in half by the power line. Many family homes were in the proposed corridor raising health concerns. The significant negative impact on land values was also discussed.

The meeting was chaired by Brian Elton of Elton Consulting. A summary of MCA's key points;

Please be very clear that the Merriwa-Cassilis Alliance (MCA) does NOT oppose the goal of delivering renewable energy. MCA specifically oppose the location of the proposed study corridor for the following reasons;

1. The Merriwa Cassilis plateau is a highly productive parcel of land in the Upper Hunter, NSW, that is classified as Strategic Agricultural Land by NSW State Government. This area plays a critical role in food and fibre production for Australian consumers.

Agriculture in the Merriwa-Cassilis sub-region produces an estimated \$103.635 million in gross revenue (23% of all agricultural revenue for the Upper Hunter Shire total) and supports 334 jobs. One in four agricultural jobs in the Upper Hunter Shire (or 26%) is based in the Merriwa-Cassilis region.

\*REMPLAN modelling for the Upper Hunter Shire is based on ABS 2016 Census Place of Work Employment (Scaled), ABS 2017 / 2018 National Input Output Tables, and ABS June 2019 Gross State Product.

2. The Feasibility Study to determine the location of the proposed corridor is incomplete. Transgrid admitted there was no agricultural expertise within the project's technical working group who carried out the desk-top feasibility study
3. The affected landholders, were not consulted earlier in the process, or given access to any information regarding alternative proposals considered. MCA have requested a full copy of the feasibility study from Transgrid which they have stated will be available at the end of March 2021.

For this process by Transgrid to be comprehensive and transparent MCA has a number of recommendations.

1. Form a reference working group representing private landholders from the Merriwa Plateau, agriculture, Transgrid, and Department of

## Planning Industry and Environment.

Our objective is to ensure the final feasibility study determining the location of the corridor and ultimately the power line route is comprehensive and transparent.

This working group would extensively review every alternate route for these power lines; evaluate previously considered options as well as our own options.

The landscape and terrain is intrinsically known to the landowners on the Merriwa plateau. Our knowledge and understanding of the constraints and opportunities on alternative routes will be invaluable.

2. Extend by 12 months the 'study corridor refined' and consultation period til mid-late 2022

An extension of time is required;

To complete a comprehensive and thorough feasibility study on the location options for the proposed corridor.

To ensure not only the impacted landholders are aware of Transgrid's project but also neighbours, businesses and the local community of Merriwa and Cassilis, and that they have the opportunity to all be consulted.

Transgrid's proposal and the way it has been delivered to date is causing undue stress and anxiety on all our members. MCA stands united in our objective.

To gain any level of trust in the consultation process MCA president says " We haven't had the opportunity for a two way conversation up until now so we hope going forward this will happen. We want to work with Transgrid and Government. MCA await their response. "

Transgrid's Executive Manager, Sean McGoldrick, stated at the end of the meeting Transgrid would respond to MCA's recommendations from the meeting within two weeks through their Community Engagement Manager, Michael Lloyd.

**Heidi Inder**

# Merriwa Create and Grow Playgroup

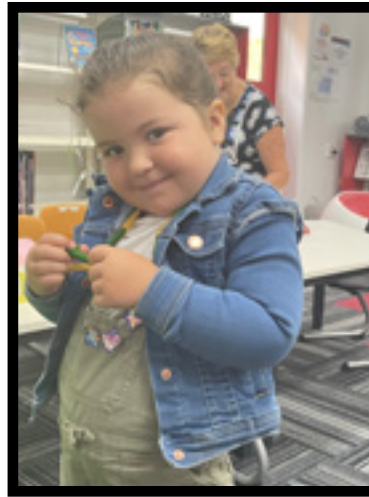
The weather was a bit miserable on Thursday so we decided to postpone our 'horse show' at the showground for a sunny day! Instead we had a ball in the library making a cubby house, playing with the balls and blocks and some of us showed extraordinary talent for putting together wood block puzzles. (which is great as putting them all away is not my favourite past time!)

Next on the agenda was story time and we were delighted to have our crafty volunteer Toni Gorlick step into the 'big' chair for a story and lead us in some nursery rhymes to music.

After lots of wriggling and giggling we got down to business and made our very own pasta necklaces.

Our next playgroup is on Thursday 1st April and the theme is Easter....and yes, I think there will definitely be an egg hunt!

To join in the fun, just text Tash on 0458 574 015 to go on the reminder list. Playgroup is for children aged 0-6, all are welcome.



Tash Taaffe

## Upper Hunter Shire Council

### ROAD SAFETY BLITZ PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE SHIRE'S ROADS

Upper Hunter Shire Council has welcomed an additional \$1.2 million funding injection to improve our roads thanks to an Australian Government funding injection as part of a \$400 million state-wide, road safety blitz in partnership with the NSW Government to reduce road trauma and save lives.

The Australian Government's funding for the Road Safety Program has awarded Four Upper Hunter Shire projects at total of \$1,234,186 in funding.

The projects are:

- Golden Highway, Merriwa - Widening of culverts \$107,328
- New England Highway, Scone at Surman St - install pedestrian refuge \$214,657
- Bunnan Rd, Gundy Rd and Willow Tree Road, provision of guardrail \$643,970
- Bunnan Rd, shoulder widening and sealing \$268,321

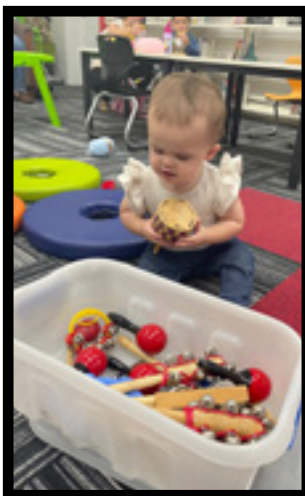
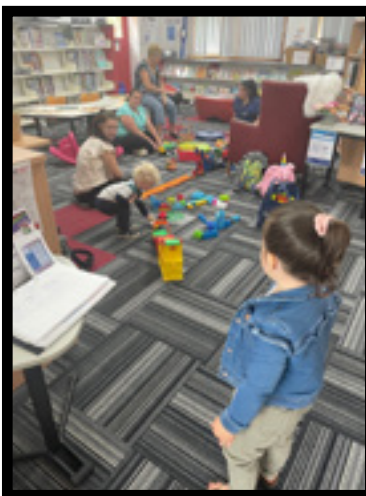
### MR 358 RESIDENT UPDATE - MARCH 2021

The next community meeting will be held on Wednesday April 21.

As we expect the COVID venue restrictions to still be in place, we will be offering two session times (the same information will be provided in each session) to enable more members of the community to participate in the conversation.

You will need to register to attend ONE of the below sessions,

Wednesday April 21 2021 - School of Arts Hall, Merriwa





4.00pm to 5.00pm

Please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BPQKB> website to register your attendance.

Or 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BPQKI> to register your attendance.

Or call 6540 1100 or advise us in person at our Administration Centres and we will register your attendance.

Registrations are open now, names of all attendees are required when booking multiple tickets.

### **UPPER HUNTER COUNCIL HOSTS NSW GOVERNOR DURING HER VISIT TO THE SHIRE**

On the weekend, Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales and her husband Mr Dennis Wilson visited the Upper Hunter Shire to attend the 2020 Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns Awards that were held in Murrurundi.

Whilst in the shire, The Governor visited Scone and met with Upper Hunter Shire Councillors and General Manager Greg McDonald who provided a presentation on the economic, social, demographic issues within the Shire and discussed our major projects.

The Scone Chamber of Commerce and the Merriwa District Progress Association were also invited to meet with The Governor to discuss their perspectives on business opportunity within their towns.

To find out more please visit [upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

### **MERRIWA RESIDENTS NOTICE OF WORK**

Upper Hunter Shire Council wishes to advise that the footpath on Bettington Street out the front of Merriwa RSL to Merriwa Pharmacy will be replaced.

The construction details are as follows:

Period of work: Monday 15 March 2021 – Friday 14 May 2021 (Weather Permitting)

Time: 7.00am to 4.30pm, Week Days

Council will provide secure and disabled access to the businesses affected.

Council apologises for any inconvenience. For your safety please adhere to any exclusion areas and follow the secure access provided

during construction.

### **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
- Merriwa Showground maintenance for upcoming events
- No 1 Oval maintenance for football season
- Regional roads vegetation maintenance
- Golden Highway – Heavy patching and shoulder repairs
- Depot trade waste works
- Bettington St footpath construction works
- Action requests as required

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

Gummun Road and Mountain Station Road

### **POSITIONS VACANT**

#### **FIELD OFFICER – SALEYARDS**

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Applications close: 5/04/21

Enquiries: Brett Peel on 0419 423 138.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR**

Location: Scone

Applications close: 5/04/21

Enquiries: Kristian Enevoldson on 6540 1123.

#### **PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT – CASUAL**

Location: Gummun Place Hostel, Merriwa

Applications close: 30/06/21

Enquiries: Suzanne Duggan on 6521 7011.

# A Walk Down Memory Lane

Dr Bray immediately won her way into the hearts of the town. As a physician, she was very skilled, she had a brilliant career first of all becoming a graduate of the Sydney University and then took up medicine and did a further five years study and passed with such brilliant examination results that the medical school tried to get her to take up medical research work. She graduated from Sydney University in 1922. She delivered over 400 babies in her time at Cassilis. Attempts were made to attract another medical officer after her death but proved unsuccessful and the hospital eventually had to close.

Information was sourced from the booklet "Cassilis 1927-1987" compiled by Cassilis CWA.

Further information and photo of Dr Bray sourced by Kim Clydsdale.



## Ringer Deadline!

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Photos also from the book "Cassilis History and Reflections " compiled by Des Turnbull.

- Photo 1 Daphne Bowman.
- Photo 2 Opening day of the Daphne Bowman cottage hospital 5th September 1934.
- Photo 3 Dr Irene Bray on graduation day at Sydney University in 1922.
- Photo 4 the Braggett house which was leased for Dr Bray's residence and practice.
- Photo 5 the hospital in the late 1930's.
- Photo 6 the AGA stove which was donated by Sir Frederick McMaster.
- Photo 7 the hospital in the 1950's.
- Photo 8 Dr Brays former residence and practice, now owned by the Wilton family, taken in the 1980's and has since been restored.

**James Constable**

# Interruption to power supply

Ausgrid is carrying out essential upgrade and maintenance work on the local electricity network.

Crews plan to carry out essential work on the network which supplies Merriwa Zone Substation.

Unfortunately, to safely carry out this work we will need to interrupt the power supply for customers in the Merriwa area on

**Sunday 11 April 2021 - between 8.30am and 4.00pm (weather permitting).**

The areas affected will include:

- Merriwa Town, Flags Rd (Merriwa end only), Depot Rd, Coulson's Creek Rd, Cullingral Rd, Forrest Reserve Rd, Bow, Idaville Rd, Ringwood, Golden Highway.

We apologise for the inconvenience this essential work may cause. Our aim is to minimise disruption caused during this work, however the times listed may change in the event of unforeseen circumstances or weather.

For more information before the interruption, please contact: **Chris Power 02 6542 9043**

On the day of the interruption: call Ausgrid on **13 13 88**.

Under Section 52 of the Electricity Supply Act 1995, the network operator (Ausgrid) may interrupt the supply of the electricity to a customer at such reasonable times as Ausgrid determines.





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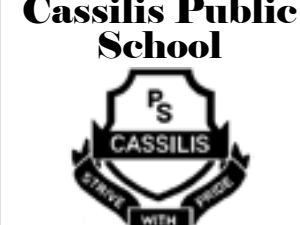
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# Clubs/Sports Merriwa RSL Club

## Merriwa Sports Club

### MEMBERS DRAW

The Friday night Members Lucky Badge 7.00pm draw for \$400.00 was not won the number was 625, this week it jackpots to \$420.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$1150.00 was not won the number was 405, this week it jackpots to \$1200.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$420.00 was not won the number was 381 this week it jackpots to \$440.00. **LTPS/19/36118**

The Sunday Morning Members Badge Draw for \$700.00 was not won last week the number was 452, this week it jackpots to \$750.00 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, and after 5 weeks we are at \$463.00.

**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**

The members draw was drawn after the Can Assist Easter raffle on Saturday night, member number 95 was drawn. The member was not present so the badge draw jackpots to \$400.00 this week. Drawn anytime between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. You must be there to win.

### SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

Raffles are back on the Saturday, 10 meat trays and 5 fruit and veg trays up for grabs. The trays have been looking amazing, thanks to Max's Country Cuts and Merriwa IGA. Raffle begins at 7.30pm.

### 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!

### RACE NIGHT

When the Merriwa Races finish on April 24 why end the good times there? We have secured a band for the race weekend, come along and dance the night away with Carrot Bowen and the Collective. Don't forget that it's "Happy Satdy" all day and night.

### POOL AND DARTS COMP

Join us for pool and darts on a Thursday night, starting 25 March. Names in by 6.00pm! \$5.00 entry for each competition, winner takes all.

### CLUBS OPENING HOURS

Mondays 3.30pm  
Tuesday 3.30pm  
Wednesday 3.30pm  
Thursday 3.30pm  
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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.

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.

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**Brendan Cowell**

### **VETERANS GOLF**

The Vets' game at Aberdeen tomorrow has been CANCELLED due to the amount of rain today and the forecast for a further 30 to 50 mm tomorrow.

Our next game is Tuesday, March 30, a Stfd at Murrurundi Golf Club with hit off by 8.30 am.

## **COMBINED CROSS COUNTRY** (continued from page 10)



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# Merriwa Little Athletics

## WET WEEKEND FOR AUBREE AT STATE

A very wet weekend at State Championships for Aubree last weekend. Unfortunately her event was a wash out on Saturday morning and rescheduled for Sunday morning. Sunday's program was way behind time with more rain delays. Finally after lots of anticipation and waiting around not to mention two false starts from the competitor in the lane next to her, Aubree got to represent Merriwa Little Athletics Club at state level, an honour that few Merriwa competitors have had the pleasure to do so. Competing against the best of the state, she came up against some very fast competitors. She came 21st overall. Well Done Aubree, we are very proud of you.



## 2019/2020/2021 PRESENTATION

### Most Consistent 19/20/21

- Abbey Bidner
- Mia Wilkinson
- Hazel Chin
- Blake Benson

### Tiny Tot encouragement awards

- Lachlan Wilkinson
- Aleira Oldham
- Clancy Caban

- Lucy Campbell
- Shyla Mcloughlin

### Junior encouragement awards

- Isabella Campbell
- Jye Bates

### Junior 'top effort' awards

- Amelia Wilkinson
- Charlotte Oldham
- Chad Booth
- Morgan Bates

### Sportsmanship award

- Thomas Hunt

### Most Improved

- Roy Lawler
- Lillie Johnston

## PERPETUALS

Jnr Encouragement Award - Samuel Williams

Senior Encouragement Award - Sean Ryan

Club Sportsperson of year - Julia Hardy

Coaches Award - Rachel Hunt

Junior Sportsperson of year - Aubree Oldham

Hi Point Score of Year - Dylan Keane

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Little A's can not happen without our Wonderful coaches. A big thank you to Tash, Julia, Jorji, Jamie and Jackson.

Also Thanks to Tash for being our wonderful Secretary and organiser of just about every thing, Mel our registrar, Emma our BBQ queen and De our treasurer. Also thank you to Darren Taaffe for line marking our track time after time, Roger Chin for helping me set up the track and field events every single week and The Upper Hunter Shire parks and gardens team for looking after the oval for us.

As I said last week our BBQ coordinator – Emma Sparrow and Treasurer – De Patterson are both stepping down after for many years of service to our great little club. Parents Please consider taking on one of these jobs, without your support to fill these positions we can not run Little A's. There will be plenty of help to get you started and both positions are easy to do.

Little Athletics will be back first Monday after the October school holidays. To all our athletes good luck for your upcoming school athletics carnivals, try hard and do your best, looking forward to seeing you all back at the start of 21/22 season.

**Belinda Keane**



# Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

Our annual Easter Raffle will be held on Sunday March 28, at our major sponsor, Merriwa RSL Club at 1.00pm. Tickets will be on sale on the day, at the club.

Jessyca Morgan

## Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club

We are thrilled to announce that Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club WILL be taking part in Hunter Valley Group 21's 2021 season!

We have very healthy numbers across the board, however there are a few age groups that are SO close to meeting team numbers and require only a few more registrations!

### Current teams are as follows:

**U6's** - Team fielded \*Coach APPOINTED

**U7's** - Registrations needed

**U8's** - None registered

**U9's** - Team fielded \*Coach APPOINTED

**U10's** - Registrations needed

**U11's** - Registrations needed

### Girls League Tag

**U12's** - Team fielded \*Coach REQUIRED

**U14's** - Registrations needed

**U16's** - Team fielded \*Coach APPOINTED

To all parents hesitant to register their child/children because of uncertain numbers in relative teams, we NEED to know your intent! Rest assured that when you register your child to play, in the event that we cannot field a team in your child's age group, your Active Kids Voucher can be transferred to any other sporting club! A full refund applies to credit card payments only! We are not permitted to give cash refunds on Active Kids Vouchers!

PLEASE... if you've been considering signing up your child to play rugby league or GLT the time is NOW!

The final decisions on potential teams will be made this coming Friday March 26. So please get

those registrations in! We cannot stress enough that all the teams requiring numbers, only need a few more!

Jane Constable

## Merriwa Newsagency

Hey kids,

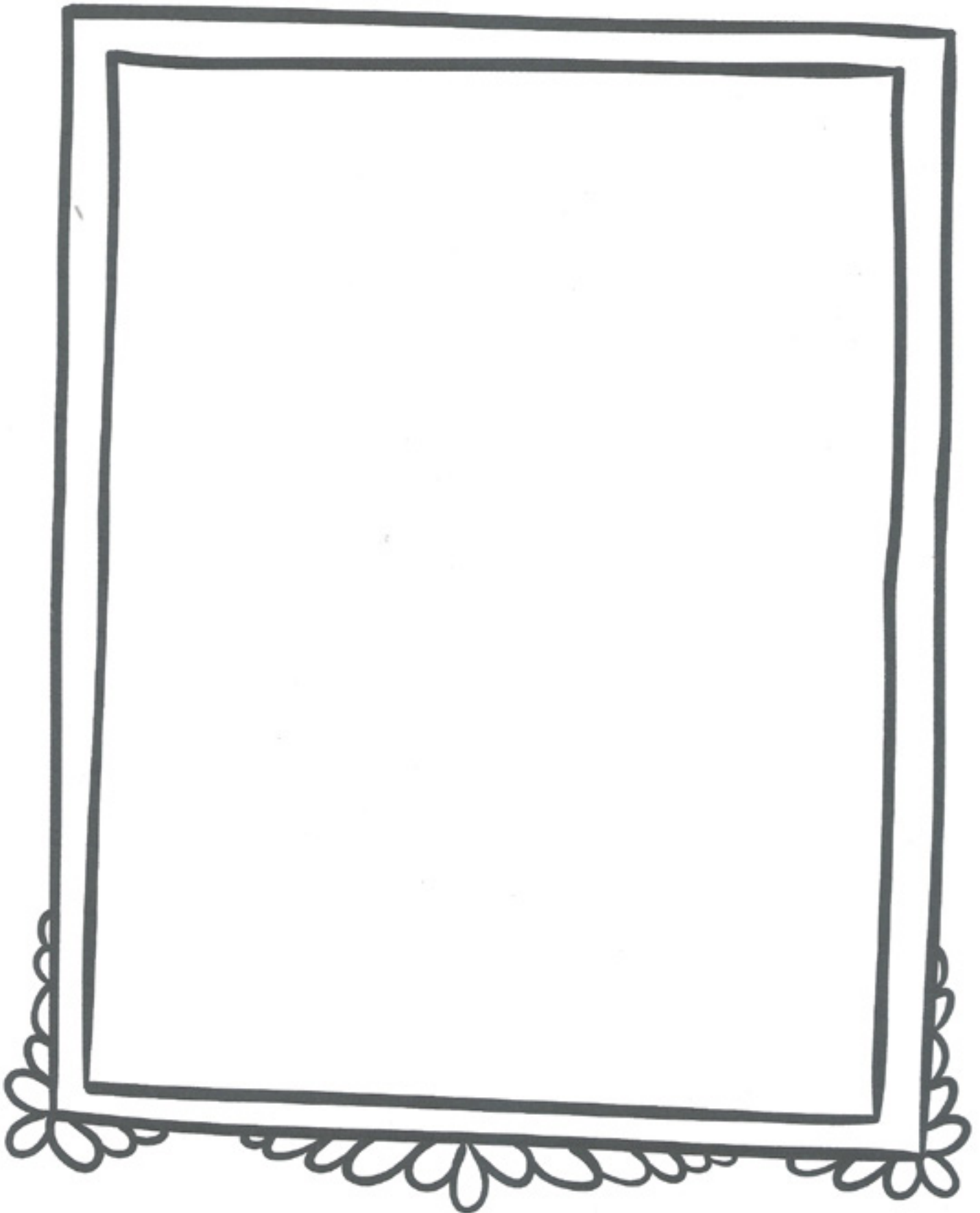
Be in the running for our Mother's Day competition. All you need to do is draw a picture of the person who is the image of your mum, grandma, nana or the person who is "like a mum" to you on page 39, place your details on page 40, and send into Merriwa Newsagency.

All entries will be displayed in the Newsagency after judging. The winner will be able to come to newsXpress Merriwa and choose a present to give their mother for Mothers Day.

### Next Week is the last Ringer for Term 1!

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or someone who is  
like a mum.



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