

MERRIWA Ringer

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WHAT'S INSIDE



Merriwa Pony Club kicks off for 2021


Pest Alert
Termite Solutions



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

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A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

FATHER O'REILLY



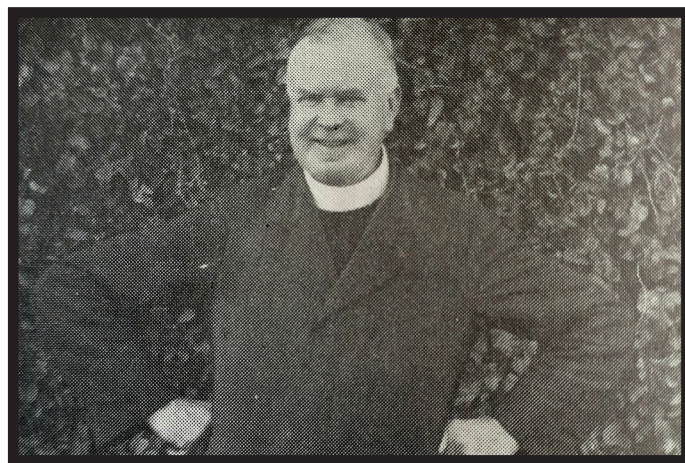
William Edmund O'Reilly was born in Trim, County Meath, Ireland on September 28 1858. Father O'Reilly's first appointment in Australia was to the Cathedral Parish in West Maitland. Three years later he was appointed to the Merriwa Mission in March 1886.

The house which became the Presbytery is believed to have been part of the United States exhibit at Sydney's Great International Exhibition in 1879. The house was purchased and transported to Merriwa but not much else is known about the house. When renovations were carried out by one of the doctor's who later owned the house, a board was found with the legend "Appoco Bleakley Sydney, American Pitch Pine Export Co. New Orleans, LA. for export Sydney.

The house was the Catholic Presbytery from about 1886, until 1913. By mutual agreement, Father O'Reilly exchanged houses with the local medical officer, Dr R.W.L. Schuette. Details of the exchange are not known, but what may have prompted the move, was Witney's creek, also known as Doctor's creek, was prone to flooding and the priest couldn't get to the church and

the doctor was isolated (up beside the church in what is now known as the Catholic Presbytery) from the town. Doctors Armstrong, O'Flanagan and Turkington had lived in the house before Dr Schuette.

Father O'Reilly was parish priest of Merriwa for 36 years and became one of its leaders in many activities in the life of the church and the town. Father O'Reilly was a great promoter of the saints of Ireland and a public holiday was declared for the area with the whole district getting into the festivities. The Merriwa and Cassilis Standard reported the celebrations on March 21, 1896. The NSW Government refused to grant a public holiday in NSW and so Father O'Reilly canvassed all the various shopkeepers, not just the Catholics and the town had its public holiday, with the Merriwa and Cassilis Standard announcing March 17, St Patrick's



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Merriwa Central School



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Merriwa Central School

Primary

NEW BAGS FOR KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students were thrilled to receive their new Merriwa Central School carry bags last week. These bags can be used for a number of purposes, such as library bags, or as a means to carry home reader and note folders. Kindergarten students are loving their library lessons with Miss Dunn, and last week they excitedly used their new bags to carry their library books home.



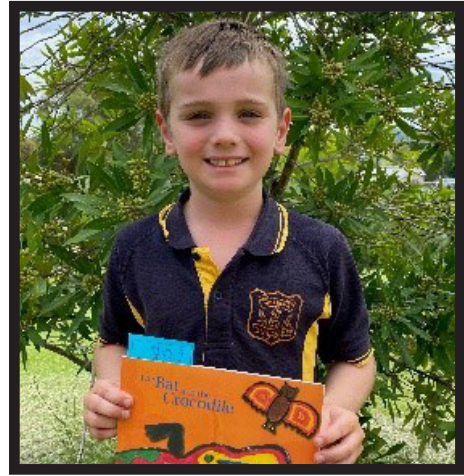
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student of the Week Awards in Week 3.

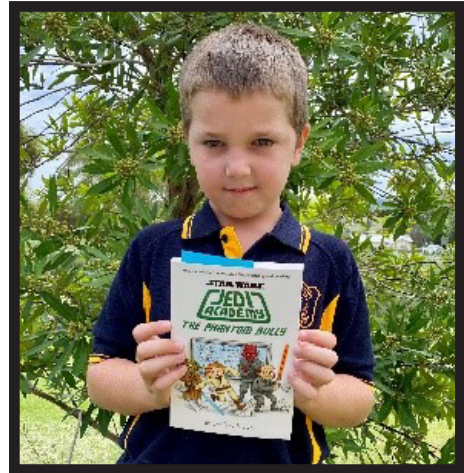
Kindergarten - Emmy Hunt for being a kind and hard-working student in class



Year 1 - Nicholas Campbell for always listening and doing his work



Year 2/3 - Brayson Coles for his focus during mathematics lessons



Year 3/4 - Oliver Reid for excellent skills during reading



Coming Events

FEBRUARY	
Friday 26	Year 12 Uni Pathways excursion Vaccinations - Year 7 to 10
MARCH	
Monday 8	Year 7 Peer Support Camp

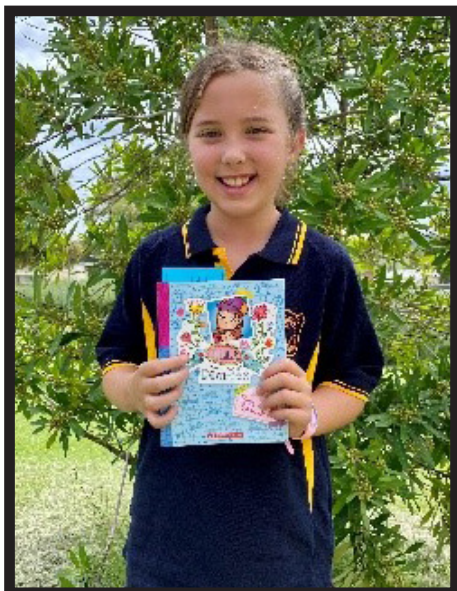
Year 4/5 - Nicole Tudor for always working hard to complete all tasks given to her



Year 5/6 - Cadence Tudor for participation and focus during writing



Library - Abby Bidner for beautiful manners and participation in sport and library



CLASS OF THE WEEK

Our Class of the Week award was presented to Year 3/4 for being the class that was noticed displaying positive behaviour in classrooms and in the playground last week. The Class of the Week recipients will get to proudly display a certificate and our new sheep mascot in their classroom for the week. Congratulations to Year 3/4 for their excellent efforts and for being the first class this year to receive the Class of the Week Award.



Emma Garbellini
Relieving Infants Assistant Principal

Secondary

ENGLISH REPORT

Year 8 English have been engaged in the work unit Aliens and Other Worlds. They have been exploring characters as diverse as aliens, vampires, witches, robots and so on. We are currently at the early stages of revising narrative writing which will help students in preparation for their writing folio assessment. Also, student workbooks have been collected and written feedback has been provided.

Year 10 English are studying a work unit focussed on the concept of Power. They have been examining the nature of power, how it is represented through texts and how it applies to our own lives. Students have been engaged in composing a variety of personal responses which will assist them in their writing folio assessment. Workbooks will be collected this week.

Year 11 English Studies are currently studying the unit Achieving Through English – English in Education, Work and Community. The students'

focus is presently on finding their place in the workforce and determining the skills they will require to undertake particular jobs. They have been accessing the Job Outlook website to this end.

Year 11 Standard English are engaged in the unit Reading to Write – Transition to Senior English. They have been examining the reciprocal nature of the relationship between reading and writing. Students have also been a variety of texts in order to respond to what a text is about and how the composer represents meaning through a variety of language features.



**Shane Hall
Head Teacher Secondary Studies**

GIRLS ADVISER UPDATE

VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations will be held for all Year 7 and Year 10 students on February 26 2021. Information packets were distributed to all students last week. Parents are encouraged to read through the information carefully and return the signed consent cards to the front office as soon as possible.

Vaccinations are scheduled to commence at 9:30am. If you have any questions about times, please see Miss Piper or your child's year adviser.

RULES IN RELATIONSHIPS - YEAR 8 BOYS

Upper Hunter Shire Council Youth Services have been asked to present a skills group focusing on Rules in Relationships for Year 8 Boys of Merriwa Central School. The group has 8 modules which cover:

- Myths of Masculinity

- Attitudes towards Women
- Love means Respect
- Equality and Gender
- Space (Separating oneself from the situation when triggered, provoked or tempted)
- Think (time out to think, relax and calm down)
- Ownership (Taking ownership and responsibility of behaviour)

The group will commence in Week 4 of Term 1 and will run for 8 weeks, with each week incorporating a module of the course along with a final week of evaluation and rewards for completion of the course. The sessions will be interactive and practical and aim to build skills and awareness in a positive and supportive environment.

**Emma Piper
Girls Adviser**

CAREERS NEWS

AFTT Film and Acting Open Day

Saturday May 22. 9.30am, 2021

Experience Australia's most exciting creative arts academy, where taking risks is expected, pushing boundaries is encouraged, and collaboration is key.

If you're searching for information about a career in Film, Acting or Live Production then come along to our open day in September and learn how to build your creative future.

You'll be able to soak up the culture, learn about the best way to finance your studies, meet our tutors and speak to current students about their experiences. Find out why AFTT is now Australia's most contemporary fully immersive arts academy. Don't miss out.

<https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/open-days/may-open-day>

Sydney Writers Festival Student Sessions 2021 - Secondary School Days 2021

April 30 – May 4

Hear from Australia's most exciting literary talents

The Secondary School Days program is a wonderful opportunity for students to listen, investigate and question, alongside some of Australia's leading writers for young adults.

Throughout the day, these writers inspire and challenge students through a thoughtful discussion of literature and ideas. The program is designed to grow students' enjoyment of books, writing and reading by providing them with new perspectives, insight into writing processes and encouragement to consider their own creative pursuits.

During four 45-minute sessions, writers and illustrators perform from their work, talk about their craft and take questions from the audience.

Read more here: <https://www.swf.org.au/secondary-school-days-2021/>

Book here: <https://admin.swf.org.au/secondary-school-days-booking-form/>

HSC Preparation Course - Years 10-12 Course: Essay Writing

This two-day Essay Writing course focuses on the essay form and related critical thinking, language and punctuation skills for students in Years 10 – 12. The course is relevant to a range of subjects that require the writing of essays for assignments and exams.

<https://cce.sydney.edu.au/course/ESH2>

Women in Science at the Australian Maritime Museum

March 5

Join the Australian National Maritime Museum for their annual celebration of Women in Science, encouraging high school girls to 'look beyond the lab coats' and learn about the many career possibilities in STEM.

Visit the museum on Friday March 5 or join in online for our new virtual programs.

For more information, check out the Australian National Maritime Museum's Women in Science page or contact megan.baehnisch@sea.museum

<https://www.sea.museum/learn/school-excursions/special-programs/women-in-science>

Charles Sturt University Medicine Information Night - Interested in a career in medicine?

Wagga Wagga

Tuesday March 16 2021, 6.00–7.30pm

Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga campus
Orange

Monday March 22 2021, 6.00–7.30pm

Charles Sturt University, Orange campus
Bathurst

Tuesday March 23 2021, 6.00–7.30pm

Charles Sturt University, Bathurst campus

Online event

Tuesday May 4 2021, 6.00–7.30pm

Come to our free medicine information night and discover everything you need to know about our five-year undergraduate entry degree, the Doctor of Medicine. It's a Joint Program in Medicine offered by Charles Sturt University in partnership with Western Sydney University.

Whether you're in high school, looking for a career change or keen to take the next step in your health career – this information night is for you! Parents and career advisers are also welcome.

We'll start with an overview of the course and our facilities, entry requirements and how to apply. We'll tell you about clinical placements, career opportunities, support services, scholarships and more. Then you'll have a chance to mingle with our School of Rural Medicine team and chat with current students.

You will get to know our team, have all your questions answered and hear about the experiences of rural and regional doctors.

Book your spot quickly! Numbers at our on-campus events are limited due to COVID restrictions.

Find a medicine information night near you <https://engage.csu.edu.au/medicine-info-nights>

Over 1000 Apprenticeships and Traineeships now available

Group Training Organisations (GTOs) have over 1000 open apprenticeships and traineeships across the Sydney Metro and Regional areas. Many targeting school leavers. For more information and to contact a local GTO and visit:

The Apprentice Employment Network represents 28 Group Training Organisations across NSW and the ACT. Group Training is a training and employment arrangement where an organisation, known as a Group Training Organisation or GTO, employs apprentices and

trainees under an Apprenticeship / Traineeship Training Contract and places them with host employers.

A GTO assumes the employer responsibilities for the quality and continuity of the apprentices' and trainees' employment and training. The GTO also manages the additional care and support necessary to achieve the successful completion of the training contract.

Our industry has 100s of positions available through out the year. Use this website to assist in finding out more about our members, opportunities and tips to find a job. <http://aennswact.com.au/find-an-apprenticeship-nsw/>

Science Extension Free Resources

HSC Science Extension students. Need a little help with your data analysis? Choosing your project? Check out these free resources and lectures below. Email: science.alliance@sydney.edu.au

Where to Study Surveying – Plan the Land

Whether it's University or TAFE find all your options on one page here:

<https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/study/where-to-study-nsw/>

Unmet Demand for Surveyors

By 2023, there is expected to be a gap of 302 registered/licensed surveyors.

While many industries are currently suffering a drop in available jobs, this is certainly not the case for the surveying profession. Recent graduates can feel confident in finding work and enjoying a secure and lasting career.

The Australian Government has also reported that the current labour market rating for 'surveyor' has been classified as 'shortage'. Vacancies are not being filled and on average there aren't enough suitable applicants per vacancy.

In particular, New South Wales and Victoria are reporting the most significant shortages.

<https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/increased-demand-for-surveyors/s://canvas.sydney.edu.au/courses/12077>

Master Chefs of the Future - HTN Apprentice Chef Opportunities

The largest recruitment Group Training Organisation in Australia for future apprentice chefs. We encourage, support, promote, develop the vocational skills of young people who wish to pursue a career in a range of food service industries.

<http://htn.com.au/about-htn/>

Express your interest and contact them at: <http://htn.com.au/contact-htn/>

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

Jane Hegarty
Careers Adviser

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MONTANA PEEL

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: Sport and PE

It is fun and I like to play games with my friends

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: I have a blue ribbon in horse riding for barrel racing

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: I would like to make pizzas

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I like to sleep and play with my dog

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Montana has settled into high school well and has been enjoying going to class each day. She is an enthusiastic student who is always polite and respectful of teachers and other students. I would like to encourage Montana to continue with this hard work so that she can make the most of her schooling years.

Harley Hannon - Year Advisor





Sandy Hollow Public School

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Mr John Sunderland, from Godolphin Woodlands who visited Sandy Hollow Public School on Tuesday to present a cheque for \$1000.00 to the school. The money will be used to purchase teaching resources for the school, which will benefit all students at SHPS. We are grateful for this contribution by Sheikh Mohammed, the owner of Godolphin Woodlands, who makes annual contributions to schools not only in this area, but to many schools around the world.



**Mrs Jane Fuiono
Relieving Principal**

STRENGTH SUPERHERO

Strength of the week: Fairness

Treating all people the same and with fairness & justice; not letting feelings bias decisions about others; giving everyone a fair chance.

This week's focus strength is 'Fairness'.

This week and over the next week we will be focusing on this strength. Students will be encouraged to look for it happening at school and staff will be looking for this strength in the way the children interact with each other. Our Character Strength Super Hero this week is Logan.



FAIRNESS SUPER HERO

Logan was chosen for this award because he is always fair when playing games, both in class and in the playground.

Well done, Logan!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

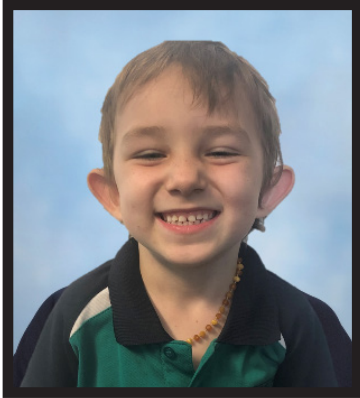
Last week four of our primary students attended the Small Schools combined swimming carnival in Scone. Eli, Riley, Attalica and Mya represented Sandy Hollow Public School with pride, and great sportsmanship. They all tried their best, and came away with a place in one of their events. Riley even became the Small Schools 11 year Boy Champion! Well done to these four swimmers, and thank you to the parents who accompanied them.



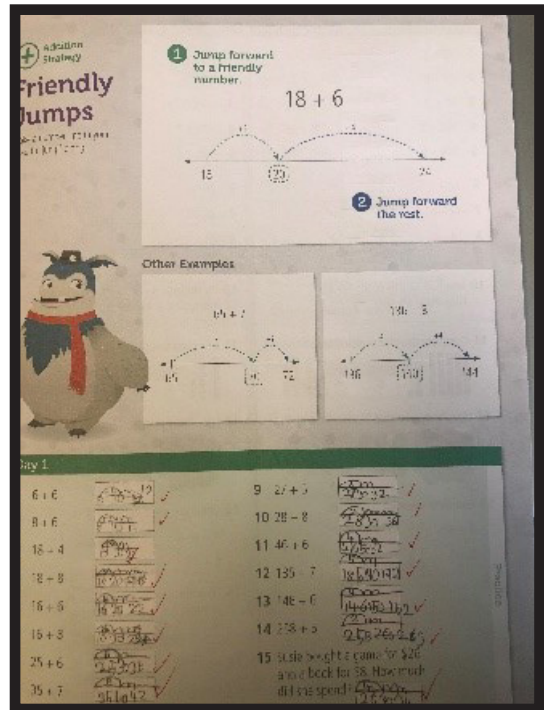
AWARDS

- **Attalica** – for trying hard in maths mental.
- **Hayden** - Perseverance with InitialLit activities.
- **Lucas** - YCDI - Confidence - Displaying confidence when presenting his news.

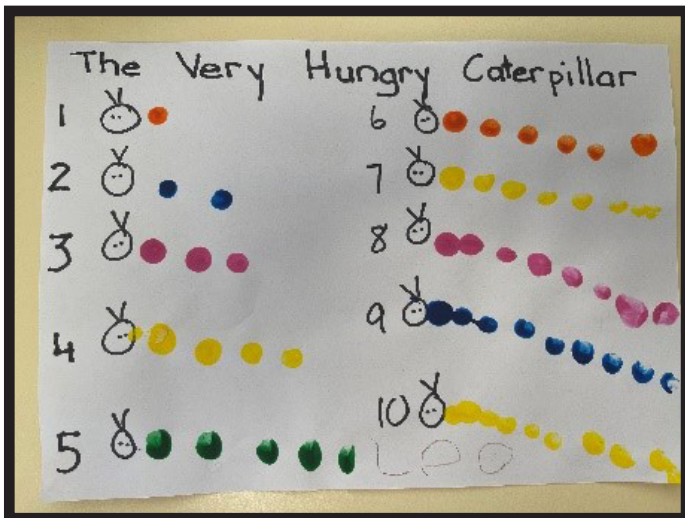
WORKERS OF THE WEEK



Leo



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Lizabelle Trying hard in Literacy.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK



Eli



Mya Great Sportsmanship at the swimming carnival.

Jane Fuiono
Relieving Principal



Cassilis Public School



START OF SCHOOL

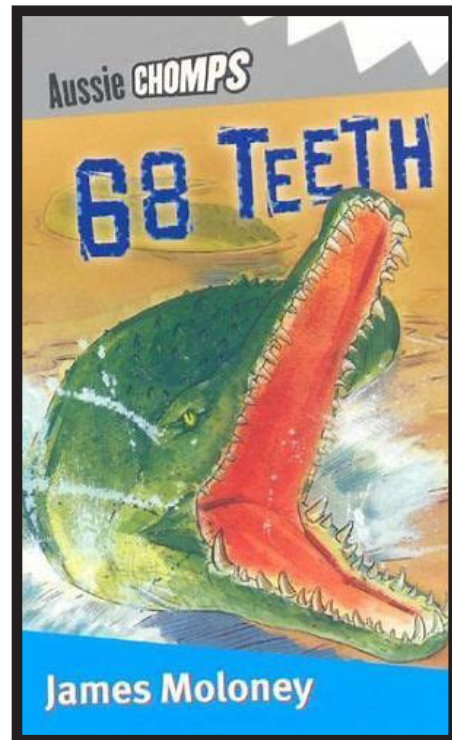
Playground play starts at 8.45am.

The bell rings for assembly and class at 9.00am.

It would be wonderful to see all

our students arrive one time at 8:5am as often as possible so they can chat and play before going into the classroom.

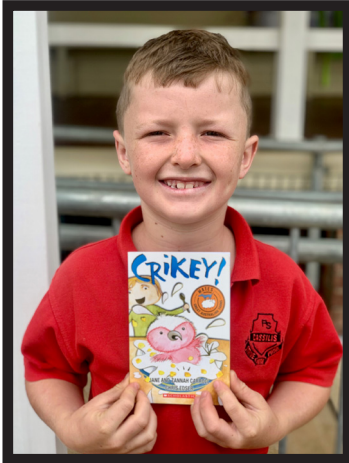
68 TEETH



The narrative from James Moloney is the focus text for the primary class for the five half of this term. Discussions about this book have been really rich as the themes of villains verses good characters, have sparked conversations with the students.

Having one of the main characters as a huge croc, also helps. From this text, students have started planning and composing their own imaginative piece of writing about life on a station. We will share them once they are published but just to give you a little taster.... one of our students is writing about being a new purchaser of a station, one student is writing about a helicopter crash on the land and another is writing about doing school by the air.

Writing is a process and at Cassilis we pride ourselves in teaching and modelling to the students the steps included.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Paul

Paul has been awarded this award for his effort to stay on task with each activity last week and his willingness to challenge himself and attempt new learning. This positive mindset meant that Paul

achieved success particularly in his writing drafts about living on a station.

All teachers commented on his manners throughout the week with lots of "please" and "thank you"s. Paul always wears his uniform with pride and was a great and sensible help in the gardens. He knows that you learn for mistakes and it was pleasing to see Paul accept when he made one and then try extra hard to make up for it. Congratulations Paul on your efforts and achievements, Youi should feel very proud of yourself.

PBL FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Be Respectful
Be Safe
Be a Learner




steering you to success

Be Safe - Be in the right place at the right time.

VICE-CAPTAIN REPORT WITH LEVI

This week we helped clean up the garden and plant some new plants. It was good fun and the gardens look really nice.



FENCE WORKS HAVE BEGUN

You may have noticed a few missing panels of our old fence running alongside the road. Our new pool style high fence started construction yesterday and is due for completion by this Friday.

WE LOVE OUR NEW LIBRARY BAGS

For another year, the wonderful ladies at Merriwa Sewing Club have generously sewn library bags for kindergarten students. These bags also have books and pencils included.



Thank you very much and the students can't wait to use them.

ECO-SCHOOLS CAMP

Students in Year 5-6 have been invited to attend the Mudgee Network Small School Eco-Leaders Camp. This will be another valuable opportunity for our students to participate in. The school is covering the cost of the camp and students leave school next Tuesday morning and return Wednesday lunch time.

SPRUCING UP THE GARDENS





Wow are the gardens looking awesome. When COVID restrictions ease, we would love our families to come into the school and help out.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cassilis's famous 'real' cross country is on Friday March 19. We have sent out the invitations to our friends at other schools.

Students started their cross-country training last Friday during sport.

MINI QUICHES WERE A HUGE HIT

Every single quiche was eaten. They were quick to make, cheap ingredients and very healthy.

It would be great to see students come to school with some mini quiches in their lunch boxes one day.



Good for Kids good for life

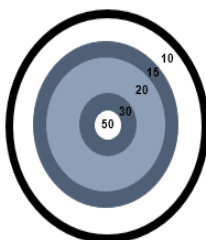
SUMMER FUN

Physical activity makes kids stronger and fitter, they can concentrate and learn better at school, and sleep better at night.

The weather is warm, and it's a great time to get outdoors to get your 60 minutes of activity each day. Just remember to slip, slop, slap!

Some fun ideas to stay active in the summer time are:

- Create a slip and slide in your yard with a tarp, water and detergent.
- Go for a bike or scooter ride.
- Go out for a picnic and pack the soccer ball with you.
- Plan a scavenger hunt.
- Use chalk to draw on the path/driveway and play games like hopscotch, or draw a bullseye and use markers or bean bags to see who can score the most points. On hot days you could use wet sponges or water balloons.





Cooper wanted to count all the 'longs' so he organised his count into groups of ten bundles. Clever maths, Cooper. There were 118.



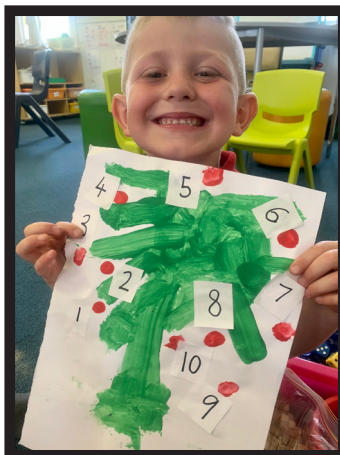
Levi made a short line of blocks and then was asked to make a longer one.

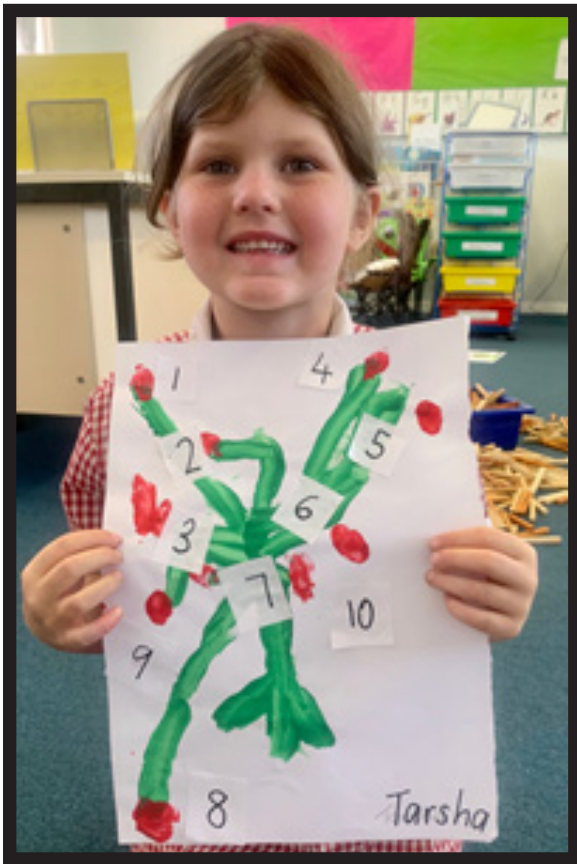


Digby, Levi and Tarsha painted an apple tree and then placed ten apples in it and completed their work by numbering the numbers. Lots of counting and checking!

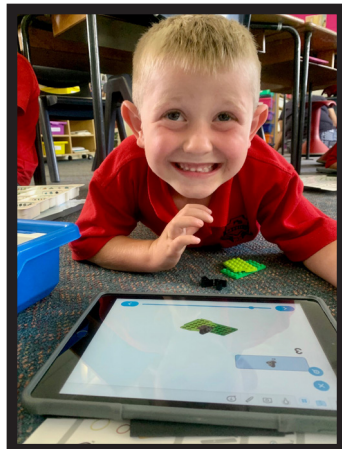
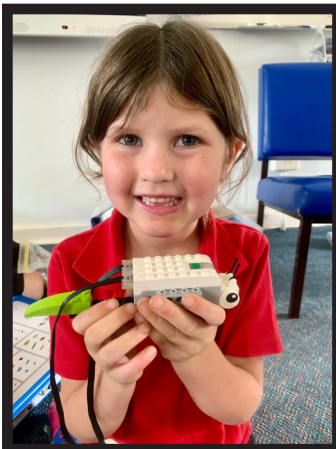


Lots of counting forwards and backwards





FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS TO CREATE OUR LEGO ROBOTS



**Katie Burgess
Principal**



St Joseph's Primary School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Another week has flown by in the world of St Joseph's. We continue to be amazed, as teachers, by the tenacity and hard work the students are producing each day.

Mrs Jackson took our students through a writing sample, so she could assess the capabilities of our students in writing. She was astounded by the effort and persistence of the students, that they did not give up and that everyone produced an appropriate amount of writing. We look forward to the results.

Staff recently held PP and D (Professional Practice and Development) meetings last week. This is to set their personal and professional goals for the year. I write to inform you of this because your child will go through a process which is similar in nature, called "Goal Setting Meetings". Even I need to undertake this task with Mr Quinn on Thursday!

We welcome Fletcher and his family to the St Joseph's Community. We hope you have a terrific time with us!

OPENING SCHOOL LITURGY

The Opening School Liturgy commenced our week on Monday, with a fantastic liturgical service.

Our Year Six parents assisted us to commission their children to be our 2021 leadership team. It was great to see them all in attendance.

Kindergarten students, as well as newer students and staff finished the liturgy by planting a beautiful tree, thanks to Merriwa Home Hardware for assisting us and Mrs Brazier for preparing the space.

Thank you to Mrs Peebles for another reverent and upbeat liturgy.

WORLD OF MATHS

World of Maths came to St Joseph's this week as well! The activities were magnificent, engaging and had the students talking about it long after their time was completed.

Thank you once again to the staff and World of Maths for the day.

CRICKET SKILLS COME TO JOEYS

For the next five weeks, students will be completing lessons on cricket skills. This is provided with the assistance of Sports Schools Australia and is fully funded, which is magnificent.

Our coach, Kristy, took students through catching skills last week. Students (and Mr Borg) learned that the ice cream bowl is the best way to catch the ball and that you should always watch the ball all the way into your hands.

Students were taken through catching and throwing drills which will grow into batting and bowling drills in the coming weeks.

PECKING ORDER COMES TO MERRIWA

Joey's students got their mask creation skills in motion for the Aspire production of "The Pecking Order" yesterday.

Students made masks with Miss Brazier, a teacher with a definite talent for the Creative Arts.

'This is it, it's my turn. It has to be!' Munch the Magpie is desperate to be leader of the flock, but it seems like everyone else gets picked over her all the time. However, when members of the flock start to disappear will Munch have what it takes to save her friends?

Featuring a host of colourful characters of both the avian and human variety 'The Pecking Order' asks what makes a great leader and encourages us to embrace people's differences.

Filmed over the course of a week at the Civic Theatre this is an opportunity to see the complete version of ASPIRE's original production for 2020 on the big screen.

From all reports, it was a wonderful production, well done to Anna Kerrigan and everyone involved.

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A small but enthusiastic team of students attended the Upper Hunter Swimming Carnival on Monday at Denman.

We saw some mixed results and all students gave their best on the day.

We thank Denman Pool and St James' Muswellbrook for their organisation as well as Miss Rodwell for accompanying the students.

WELLBEING WEEK ACTIVITIES

As has been our tradition for a couple of years now, Wellbeing Week has been a staple of each

term.

No meetings for staff, no homework for students and a lot of fun and relaxing activities for students during their lunch breaks!

A selection of the activities staff held with students were:

- Bingo
- Disco Dancing
- Mindfulness Colouring
- Shared lunch and whole school game on large oval

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

SUCCESSFUL FOUNDATIONS

Ms Kim Moroney, Early Learning Education Officer at the CSO, visited us during the week to view Kindergarten learning in action as part of the Successful Foundations program.

She was very impressed with the play stations, the effort Miss Brazier and Mrs Jackson put in to set it up and by the student's enthusiasm, teamwork and communication skills.

Kindergarten parents will receive some communication from Ms Moroney shortly.

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@merriva.catholic.edu.au or Ashley.borg@mnm.catholic.edu.au

DATES FOR THE DIARY

February 23 – Parent Information Night

March 1-4 – Goal Setting Meetings

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

I hope you all have a terrific fortnight ahead. If

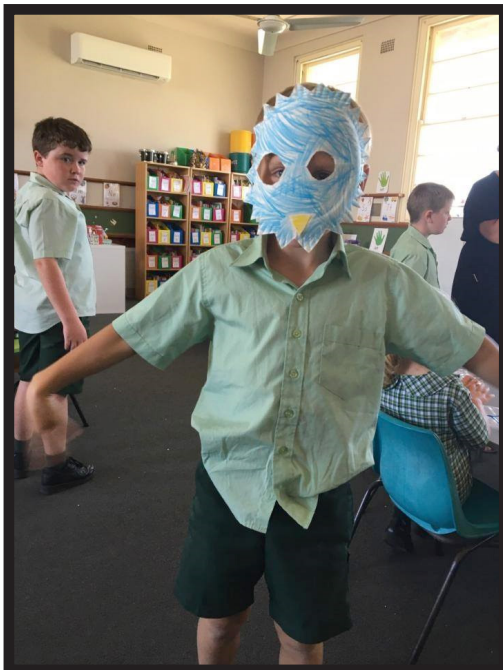
you have any queries, questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me, contact me by phone or email me.

God Bless

Mr Ashley Borg
Principal

ashley.borg@mn.catholic.edu.au





WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week Two - Strength Award - Gratitude

Kindergarten - Ahana Diwadkar - for always working beautifully with others

Bradley Hanrahan - Gratitude award for always helping others without being asked

Stage 1 - Nevaeh Peters – for demonstrating the strength of gratitude by always taking the time to express her thankfulness to others

Eddison Raines – For his impressive contribution to our infants interactive writing sessions

Stage 2 - Samuel Williams – for his enthusiasm and engagement within the storyline of ASPIRE's Pecking Order

Charlotte Saunders – for her appreciation and taking the time to thank her peers for making her feel welcomed

Stage 3 - Savannah Beeney - for working well and showing persistence completing Maths Addition and Subtraction problems

Jeremy Hopkins - for always having manners in thanking all those he comes in contact with

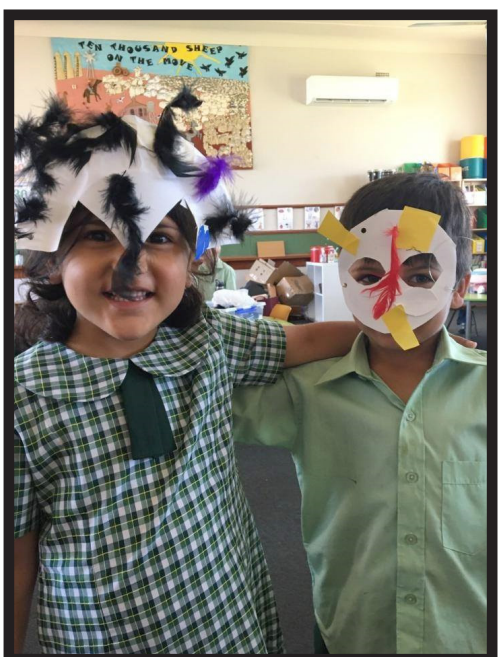
Principal's Awards - Arman Diwadkar – for showing resilience in the playground

Callum Nicholls – for his enthusiasm during games and activities

Jeff Charlton – for his efforts to improve in all areas of school

Kirra Green – for showing excellent leadership to her Kinder buddy.

Mr Ashley Borg
Principal





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REFLECTION - LENT 1 - Mark 1:9-15

Wilderness times are moments of crisis - moments when choice and change are forced upon us. It is rare that we walk willingly into a wilderness, usually it is the result of losing our way or an accident. The Gospel tells us that Jesus was 'driven by the Spirit' into the wilderness. For all its starkness and inhospitableness a wilderness can also be an invitation to discover depths in ordinary living can leave untapped, for a wilderness demands more resourcefulness than the everyday norm. This is why the wilderness is often used as a place for initiation in ancient relegates, for here a person can meet the Divine reality with greater immediacy.

Jesus experienced such a time of wilderness immediately after his experience of John's baptism, which was obviously a deep religious awakening event. Do not let his divinity shroud the truth of his full humanity and therefore his need to search and question as we do. We are not told by Mark what he experiences in the wilderness, but no doubt it was a time of reflection on this event, and wondering about his response. He emerges from the wilderness time to begin his public proclamation of God's reign.

Lent invites us to share Jesus' experience of a wilderness time, to allow God's Spirit to drive us very the next forty days so that we, like Jesus, can meet with God and God's desire for us. May this be a rich and blessed time of encounter 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.

Lent has begun and Ash Wednesday was last Wednesday February 17. We had a service at 10.30am.

Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

THE ROTARY ANGUS PEEBLES SCHOLARSHIP

This year's award was shared by two local students, both of whom are heading to University.

Jackson Keane plans to become a secondary school teacher and will be studying at Newcastle University. Libby Towell will be studying at Armidale to become a primary school teacher.

Our club wishes them well as they start a new and challenging path in their education.

We hope to have them back to our club, when they have a vacation, so they can fill us in on how University life is going.



THE ROTARY MERRIWA PLAYGROUNDS

The continued upgrading of the Rotary Playground area has been proceeding, primarily thanks to funds provided by the NSW government. Merriwa Rotary undertook to finance the much needed addition of extra tables and seating to our playground area. Council provided the concrete bases needed. Our club will now fund the approximately \$6,000.00 cost of the tables and seating which are consistently and increasingly in use by travellers.

The playgrounds nicely complement the much patronised Rotary rest area, on the western side of town opposite the Showground.

NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL EARLY NOTICE

Merriwa Rotary will join Merriwa CWA in sponsoring Seniors Week in April. Planning is underway for the week. Attendance will be limited according to the Covid situation at the time. As things are at the moment, numbers will be OK up to 100.

More information will follow as we get nearer the date.

Mark Smith

Merriwa Ringer

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

Ringer Deadline!

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Easy Meals

HALIBUT SOFT TACOS

TOTAL TIME: Prep/Total Time: 30 min.

YIELD: Four servings.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium mango, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 cup cubed avocado
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped seeded jalapeno pepper
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro
- 3 teaspoons olive oil, divided
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 pound halibut steaks (3/4 inch thick)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 Bibb lettuce leaves
- 4 flour tortillas (6 inches), warmed
- 4 teaspoons sweet Thai chili sauce

DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl, combine the mango, avocado, onion, jalapeno, cilantro, 2 teaspoons oil, lemon juice and honey; set aside. Brush halibut with remaining oil; sprinkle with salt and pepper
2. Grill halibut on greased rack, covered, over high heat or broil 3-4 in. from the heat until fish flakes easily with a fork, 3-5 minutes on each side
3. Place lettuce leaves on tortillas; top with fish and mango mixture. Drizzle with chili sauce.

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/halibut-soft-tacos/>



Miranda Boland Fundraiser

Update

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the MIRANDA BOLAND FUNDRAISER. All funds raised will be beneficial to her recovery going forward.

They say it takes a "village to nurture a child"

Miranda Boland is undoubtedly a product of this. I was privy to stories from many, from her school days to the present. The influence of, care, love, attention bestowed upon her as a child, has in turn "blossomed" a beautiful, productive, independent young woman, ready to face whatever the world has to offer her. It's the little things that matter.

.In closing, I would like to thank Laurel Whitby, Kacie Lea Neale, Stacey Wilson, Kate Morgan Lorretta Cooper, Tina Taylor and Bronwyn Redgate, for their assistance, on the night, We couldn't have done it without you ladies. Dermott Shannon you are priceless! I have you on speed dial for the next event.

A total amount of \$4,835.00 was raised.

On behalf of Miranda Boland thank you to all that helped and donated.

Thank you to:

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- **Merriwa Rugby League Football Club**
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- **Wendy Gill**
- **The lady with the lollipops**

Thank you to the Merriwa Sports Club also for hosting the event and pledging 10% of the takings towards the fundraising event. This contributed a further \$535.50 to the total amount for the evening.

Marlene Rogers

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Country Education Foundation of Merriwa

GRANT RECIPIENTS AFTERNOON TEA

The Country Education Foundation of Merriwa, Merriwa Rotary Club and the Welcoming Centre presented our 2021 grants to our recipients on Monday February 8 at our local Men's Shed. Unfortunately, Chloe English was unable to join us but we celebrated in her absence. Recipients were joined by their families for the presentation and had the opportunity to speak with a representative from the CEF head office in Orange about our non-profit organisation. The recipients had the space to discuss how they can continue to use the CEF to support their tertiary education whilst celebrating their exciting adventure ahead. We look forward to hearing about their orientation weeks and time as they begin further study.



Pictured from left to right: Emma Burns (CEF, Orange), Jane Hegarty (CEF Merriwa), Jackson Keane, George Rodgers, Jake Barry, Libbie Towell, Nikki Gilder (CEF Merriwa). Absent: Chloe English.

Hannah Waters

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

Welcome to a new year. Wishing our community a healthy 2021. Our Auxiliary would welcome members and the community to attend our first meeting of the year on Friday February 19, 2021 at the Merriwa RSL Club at 2.00pm.

On the agenda will be fundraising ideas for the year and up to date information on Auxiliaries and our Merriwa MPS.

Come and join us for the meeting. Membership is \$5.00 if you wish to be a part of keeping our MPS and staff abreast of new and modern equipment for the benefit of our community. We have a wonderful hospital which we have to keep open, one day it could be one of us that needs that bed. See you on Friday February 19 at 2.00pm.

Elaine Sparrow

Cassilis DDG AGM



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting is to be held:

When: Monday March 1
Where: Cassilis Public School
Time: 7.00 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend.

RSVP: Sarah Witton on 0408 322 470 or via email on cassilisdistrictdevelopment@gmail.com

Jane Hegarty

Farewell

We would like to wish Stephanie Hook a small farewell and hope that she enjoys her new venture in life.

Hylt Cronin

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

Community Notice Board

A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

Day as a strict holiday. The public are requested to transact all business on

March 16 and was undersigned by D Quigley, R Lovatt, Kum Chong Loong, E Hazell, W Elbra, J McCosker, E Budden.

The move to the 'new' presbytery took place in 1913. Fr O'Reilly suffered from a bad heart in his latter years and would sometimes stop Mass to sit down until the pain passed. Altar boys always traveled with him and many a time had to drive the horses. He passed away on October 27 1922.

Information sourced from "Saint Anne's Church, Merriwa, 1881 - 1981, "

By Rev. Harold Campbell



Photo 1

Fr O'Reilly on his arrival 1886

Photo 2

Fr O'Reilly taken in 1921

Photo 3

Fr O'Reilly with his 'two in hand' outside the Royal Hotel, Cassilis

Photo 4

The "new" Presbytery with Fr O'Reilly on the right in 1913

Photo 5

St Patricks Day procession 1899

Photo 6

Fr O'Reilly's grave outside St Anne's Church.

Merriwa RSL Sub Branch

Merriwa RSL Sub Branch will have their Annual General Meeting on Sunday February 14 commencing at 11.30am.

All members cordilly invited to attend.

Mary O'Neill

Merriwa Senior Citizens Association

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 23 commencing at 11.30am in the Squatter's room of the club.

Mary O'Neill

Business

Merriwa Newsagency

Congratulations to the organisers of the fundraiser for Miranda Boland. The generosity of those who donated and volunteered was amazing. What a great excuse for a night out. The attendance showed how we can pull together as a community to help someone who is in need. It was obvious that everyone thoroughly enjoyed their night.

Well done.

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Our Ugears order has arrived, to all the people who have wanted the Flower which opens to reveal a ballerina on display in the window, we now have it in stock along with a Butterfly, stagecoach Carousel.

BUMPER PUZZLES issue is in store, how well do you know this brown land? 160 puzzles test your knowledge of Australia there are Cipher Cross-Crosswords-Sudoku – Word finder. In this bumper Issue

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

- 290 Ideas to Make, Build Grow and Cook
- Delish Dinners in a flash. Easy Sew Facemask Pattern
- Colour crush - rooms to swoon.

WELLBEING

Creativity Book allows the reader to Pause with puzzles, Calm with colouring. Inspiring ideas for living, create hand projects all inside one magazine.

OUTBACK

- The latest issue features Macquarie Marshes and their Golden crop harvest as well as Queensland's Matilda country
- The latest Issues of Australian Working Stock Dog Magazine and Horse Deals are now in store.

We are enjoying hearing the giggles from customers who are buying a card from our immensely popular Spirit Humour range. We hope that the recipients enjoy them as much as you got in the choosing.

The Royal Australian Mint 6 Coin Baby Uncirculated Set 2020, Firefighters Coin, also Super Car Holden and Ford 50 cents and Uncirculated Coin set of 6 2021 Commemorating 50 years of the Aboriginal Flag.

This order is extremely popular, please speak to Neville if you would like a particular coin.

We would like to wish Aubree Oldham good luck at the state little Athletics Competition.

Now we must get ready for Le Tour de Merriwa.

DON'T FORGET THE FUNDRAISER FOR MIRANDA IS ON THIS WEEK AT THE MERRIWA SPORTS CLUB.

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

IN THE WORKS IN MERRIWA AND CASSILIS

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
- Vennacher St ILU's maintenance
- Regional roads and Golden Highway vegetation maintenance
- Golden Highway and Regional roads paveline marking
- Maintenance grading – Hampshire, Roma and Ridgeland Roads
- Depot trade waste works
- Cassilis Rest Area facility removal works
- Pothole repairs as required
- Action requests as required

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

- Springfield Road
- Gum Ridge Road

SPOT A PROBLEM?

We encourage you to report any issues or areas of concern regarding public assets from dumped waste to water faults to us. You can do this by using the Snap Send Solve App or you can complete the customer request management form at www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au.

WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH YOUR WASTE?

That's the question the Council is exploring to inform the development of the UHSC 10-year Waste Strategy. Council is currently undertaking a three phase process to better understand how the Shire uses and manages their waste to inform and enhance the delivery of services and the allocation of resources for the next 10 years.

The phases are:

1. An EPA funded Waste and Recycling Survey completed last week. Through this survey we were wanting to understand community habits with waste. Bin contents from randomly selected households are being collected and analyzed, with a report to be provided to Council.
2. Telephone Survey of residents in the Shire. These calls started on Monday 8 February and will be made for two weeks. It will only take about 10mins to share your thoughts so if you get a call from IRIS Research please don't hang up (they're not trying to sell you anything), we just want to know what you think
3. Broader community consultation on the 10 year Waste Strategy.

INCREDIBLE RESPONSE TO OUR RECENT HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT!

Nearly, 8 tonnes of problem household waste has been recovered from sheds, garages and homes in the Upper Hunter. Over 2142kg of paint, over 1052kg of pesticides and so many other strange, out-of-date and toxic substances, including a turtle soup can! There was a huge increase in the number of residents taking the opportunity to get rid of potentially hazardous material from their homes and disposed of safely. Thanks to everyone who took part.

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HOW OFTEN DO WE GET TO SEE A WARBIRD UP CLOSE?

A historic fighter jet arrives on the back of a truck, (escorted by police), at Scone Regional Airport on Saturday February 20 at about 6am. There will be a BBQ Breakfast & drinks available to purchase at the Scone Aero Club as well as Joy Flights for purchase. Gates open at 5.30am and there will be warbirds operating on the day.

The event is FREE to attend but bookings are essential, please book early to avoid disappointment: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOJNG>

Kirriily Anderson

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Merriwa Rugby League Football Club
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BBQ area and Kids Play area
Friday
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Sunday
 Raffles
 Members Badge Draw between 11.30am & 1.30pm
Club: 6548 2157
Bistro: 6548 2295
 For the information of members and their guests.

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Secretary/Treasurer Kacie Neale
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MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
 Get involved in influencing decisions on matters that affect the whole local community
 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 \$340.00 was not won the number was 251, this week it jackpots to \$360.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$1000.00 was not won the number was 412, this week it jackpots to \$1050.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$360.00 was not won the number was 398 this week it jackpots to \$380.00. **LTPS/19/36118**

The Sunday Morning Members Badge Draw for \$550.00 was not won last week the number was 91, this week it jackpots to \$600.00 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 February 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

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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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Merriwa Pony Club

An outstanding roll up of 27 riders kicked off our 2021 season on Sunday. This is our largest February rally day tally in years! Great to see so many young riders keen to be back in the saddle.

Instructors for the day included Clare Martin (utility), Pauline Lawler (sporting), De Patterson (flat work) and guest instructor Jess Somerfield (show jumping) each giving their all over the four sessions with their hard work paying off by the end of the day with lots of smiles on the dials of riders, and no doubt a few weary horses!

We were delighted to welcome new member Lilly Turner to the club. Lilly and her horse did a wonderful job keeping up with the other junior riders at her first rally day. We were also thrilled to see the Magnus girls Joy, Olympia and Katana back on their ponies after a prolonged spell after a spill. Also fabulous to see Quill Osborne back on track with his trusty white steed while sister Wren 'upsized' to her mum's horse who had plenty of get up and go, and fortunately plenty of whoa.

Big thanks to the 'sanders' John Hardwick, Rob Patterson, Darren Taaffe and Murray Wright for preparing the old jump rails for another lick of paint and to Connie Gillis and family for running the canteen.

Don't forget TODAY (Thursday!!) is the last day to get your entries into the Merriwa Tetrathlon which will be held this Sunday. You do not need to be the worlds best athlete but you do need to have a world class 'have a go' attitude. This event is all about participation, doing your best and having fun!

Merriwa Pony Club is also thrilled to be hosting the NSW Pony Club State Tetrathlon on March 5 to March 7. Some of the states best young athletes will be in town vying for top honours at this unique event which involves four phases - cross country jumping, running, swimming and electronic shooting. We hope you will show your support from the sidelines at the pool, showground or river running track, especially for our fabulous Upper Hunter athletes!

To register for the Tetrathlon this weekend or for pony club this season please use the pony club app. If you need assistance text or call secretary De Patterson on 0416 194 501.





Merriwa Pony Club is extremely thankful to be the recipient of \$7,315.00 sponsorship from Bengalla Mining Company to purchase a fantastic new jumping course for our members to enjoy. We are thrilled to have the support of Bengalla in our community they have truly made a difference to our club and we are very grateful!

Tash Taaffe

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Little Athletics

Don't forget Little Athletics every Monday afternoon at 5.30pm. We still have a few weeks left before the end of season. Don't miss out on our remaining sessions.

AWARDS FOR FEBRUARY 1

Charlie Barry for excellent throwing in discus.

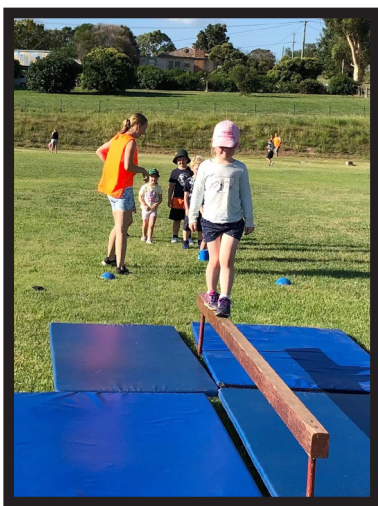
Jayden Smith for brilliant and effort in discus.

Roy Lawler for sensational pace in 200m.

Grace Bidner for power and precision in discus.

Abby Bidner for fantastic skills in hurdles.

Thomas Campbell for applying himself in sprints.



Belinda Keane

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 Baerami & Merriwa Zone Substations.

Unfortunately, to safely carry out this work we will need to interrupt the power supply for customers in the areas of Baerami, Gungah & Merriwa on

Sunday 28 February 2021 - between 8.30am and 4.00pm (weather permitting).

The areas affected will include:

- Baerami - Bylong Valley Way, Baerami Creek Rd, Widden Valley Rd
- Gungah - Flags Rd, Giants Creek Rd, Worrindi Rd
- Merriwa - Merriwa Town, Flags Rd, 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.



Junior Rugby League Football Club

Registrations for the 2021 season are NOW OPEN!

Children aged 5 and over are eligible to play Rugby League, and girls aged 11-16 are eligible to play Girls League Tag.

We accept the Active Kids Voucher, which can be applied for through the Service NSW website. So registration doesn't have to cost a cent!

To register your child for Rugby League or Girls League Tag go to the MySideline website. If you require assistance with the registration process or have any questions at all, please contact us via our Facebook page. Alternatively you can email:

Secretary - Kacie Neale westernbling@hotmail.com

Registrar - Megan Constable amconstable@tpg.com.au

Let's get our Mighty Mini Magpies back on the field in 2021!

Jane Constable

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