

MERRIWA Ringer

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WHAT'S INSIDE



Paige Qualifies for Regional


Pest Alert
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A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

MERRIWA HOSPITAL



Recent arrivals at Merriwa District Hospital. The Daniel triplets, with Nurse Pittman and Sister Horner and Medd.

The first public hospital in Merriwa was occupied in 1884 and two years later on March 1886, an area of eight acres was formally dedicated as a site for a public hospital. In 1892, a new hospital comprising two wards, an operating room, kitchen and laundry was built on the present hospital site. The architect was John W Pender of Maitland and the builder, John Leard of Merriwa.

The new hospital was opened on March 7, 1892 and at the opening, it was reported at the time that "many hardships were experienced in obtaining proper medical attention and nursing patients, with hospitals no nearer than Muswellbrook, Scone or Mudgee, any of which places could not be reached under a journey of 45 miles and therefore the hospital must be regarded as a boon in our midst.

Towards the turn of the century, the public spirit appears to have waned and this prompted the following article to be published in the 'Merriwa and Cassilis Standard' of June 1896 "a beautiful illustration of the profound apathy into which a small town can sink is to be found in Merriwa just now. First the School of Arts meeting, next the

Common annual meeting, then the Hospital Ball and afterwards the hospital meeting all fell through for want of attendance. At none of these meetings could a quorum be gathered. A severe drain was placed on the hospital's accommodation and resources during 1902 when there was an outbreak of typhoid fever. Ten cases were recorded and resulted in the death of one child.

The landed gentry gave their leadership and support and a race meeting was conducted on 6 June 1904 in aid of the hospital at the Brindley Park race course. The hospital continued to improve the facilities available for the treatment

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Merriwa Central School

Principal's Report

Congratulations to all students who participated in the zone swimming carnivals last week. I heard very positive reports from parents and teachers about the competitive spirit and citizenship demonstrated by our students representing the school. Thank you to Mrs Morgan and Mr Vaughan for organising the events, and parents who assisted with transport on the day.

SCHOOL LEADERS HEAD TO ADELAIDE

Once again our secondary leaders will fly to Adelaide to participate with Upper Hunter Schools in the National Leadership Summit. This fabulous opportunity has been made possible by the Where There's A Will foundation. Thank you to Ms Lindy Hunt for her leadership of this initiative.

NEW SECONDARY JERSEY

Secondary students have been keen to update our existing 7-12 winter uniform with a Canterbury jersey. Students have voted on several options and this is the winning design. The estimated cost of the new jerseys will be around \$60-70. It is anticipated that the jersey will be ordered through the school.

Like any change to school uniform it will be introduced over a period of time, with 2021 and 2022 the transition years to phase in the new jerseys. Parents are not expected to suddenly purchase new jerseys for all secondary students in one go. Let us know what you think of the new design.

Colour images have been published on our Facebook page and app for the information of parents.



E-CIGARETTES

Recently we have seen an increase in reports that students may be using e-cigarettes (otherwise known as 'vaping') across local schools and in the community. We take this issue seriously due to the negative health effects vaping can have on young people, who are often unaware of the risks associated with the practice.

Vaping is the act of inhaling a vapour produced by an e-cigarette or electronic vaporizer. The vapour can contain nicotine and other substances and may expose users to chemicals and toxins which are harmful to health. The devices are small and can be easily hidden in a pocket or bag. The most popular disposable vapes resemble large USB sticks or highlighter pens.

The Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2008 was amended in 2015 to define e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories to be separate from tobacco products. The Act makes many of the provisions that apply to tobacco products also apply to e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories. The Act makes it an offence:

- to sell e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories to persons aged under 18
- for adults to buy e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories on behalf of persons aged under 18

The NSW Department of Education has advised schools that students should not bring e-cigarettes or e-cigarette accessories onto school premises or use them during school-based activities. Consistent with Department of Education and school policy - vaping, selling or being in the possession of e-cigarettes will result in disciplinary action that may lead to a student being suspended from school.

We are asking parents to be informed about this ongoing concern and to speak to their children about making positive decisions. Additional information to support parents and students can be found at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/electronic-cigarettes.aspx>

Darren Noonan
Principal

Primary

ZONE SWIMMING

Last Tuesday, the following 10 students represented Merriwa Central School in the Upper Hunter Primary Zone Swimming Carnival at Scone Memorial Pool. From Year 3 – Riley Tudor and Braith Hunt, Year 4 - Grace Campbell and Lilly Martin, Year 5 - Paige Walker, Olympia Magnus and Seraphina Dening, Year 6 - Jacob Gee, Tye Blackadder and Paige Carrall. All students swam beautifully and came away with some great results, especially Paige Walker, who received third place in 50m Butterfly and Freestyle. All students displayed outstanding behaviour throughout the day and should be congratulated on their wonderful support and encouragement they gave to each other. Thank you very much to the parent/grandparent drivers for transporting the students.

Talia Morgan

Relieving Primary Assistant Principal



IN CLASS WITH 2/3

2/3 have been fine tuning their letter writing skills. They have been having a lot of fun corresponding with characters from some of our favourite stories, encouraging them to think about how they've been treating the other characters.



2/3 have also been investigating different ways they can count large collections of items. Their task was to determine the most accurate and efficient way to count the items and compare their findings with their peers. Students found strategies such as grouping and skip counting were much more effective than counting objects one at a time!

Keirra Hourn
Class Teacher

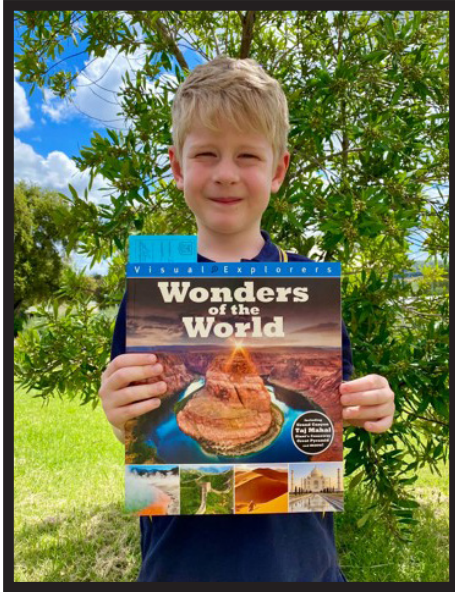
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Kindergarten- Jace Hourn for his dedication and achievement in literacy and numeracy activities.



Year 1- Oliver Strachan for fantastic reading.



Year 4/5- Jase Whitby for showing enthusiasm and interest when learning about addition and subtraction strategies.



Year 2/3- Blake Clarke for amazing work in all writing lessons.



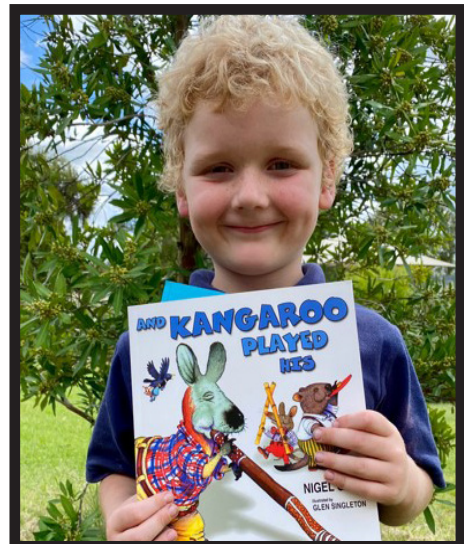
Year 5/6- Darcy Clark for using beautiful manners and being a respectful student at all times.



Year 3/4- Max Houn for excellent expression and fluency when reading.



Library- Ethan Chin for great enthusiasm and participation in Reading responses during Library lessons.



CLASS OF THE WEEK

Last week's Class of the Week title was awarded to the class that was noticed displaying positive behaviour during Library lessons. Miss Dunn was pleased to announce that she noticed Year 4/5 enjoying quiet reading and using the library appropriately last week. Ashton Marchese and Mia Horvath-Richards proudly accepted the award on behalf of 4/5. Congratulations and well done!

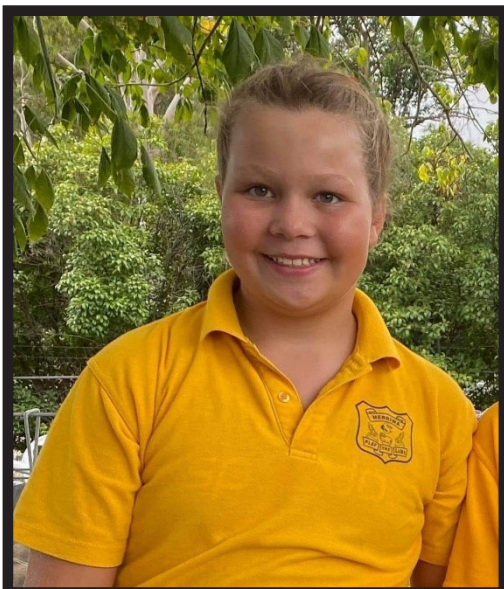


Emma Garbellini

Relieving Infants Assistant Principal

CONGRATULATIONS PAIGE

Paige Walker was successful in qualifying for Regionals in 50m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle. Paige will now travel to Lambton on Tuesday March 2 and compete in the Hunter Swimming Carnival. We wish Paige all the very best.



Secondary

SRC PLANNING DAY

On Friday February 19, SRC students from Years 7-12 participated in a planning day with Mrs Sansom.

The students spent the day discussing what it means to be a part of the Student Representative Council and the attributes and qualities each student brings to the team.

They developed short and long term goals for 2021 and planned out the focus areas for this year's SRC team and participated in an election for the executive roles.

It was a very productive day and the students should be proud to represent their year groups during 2021.

Anna Sansom
SRC Coordinator



Coming Events

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

**Parent- teacher
Informal Get-together
Thursday March 11
6-7pm
Merriwa RSL Club**

**An open invitation to all parents to meet our
new teaching staff in an informal social setting.
Come along and say hi to your child's teachers!**

**Darren Noonan
Principal**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK
TAMIKA DRURY**

FAVOURITE SUBJECT: Photography because I think it is so fun taking photos of nature, people and a lot more.

BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Being nominated for young citizen of the year

CAREER ASPIRATIONS: Photographer

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: SRC, Youth Council

YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT: Tamika has started this year off showing exemplary behaviour and pride in her work. She has shown she is able to balance her schoolwork with her SRC commitments and has been a great role model for all students at the school. Congratulations Tamika!

Lachlan Vaughan - Year Advisor



CAREER NEWS

Creative Careers Expo 10 and 11 June 2021

Our annual Creative Careers Expo relaunches over two days in 2021 with a packed program of talks from artists and creative professionals, breakout workshops and speed meets, alongside an array of tertiary stallholders. The expo provides inspiration and understanding of diverse career paths in the creative industries, for school age young people and job seekers.

Previous tertiary partners and stallholders include AFTRS, JMC Academy, NAISDA Dance College, National Art School (NAS), National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA), TAFE NSW, University of Sydney, University of Technology Sydney (UTS), University of Wollongong, UNSW Sydney, Western Sydney University – and more.

Full program announced in February 2021.

Early registrations and more info:

Edwina Hill, Education Officer edwina.hill@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

(02) 4645 4298

<https://c-a-c.com.au/creative-careers-expo/#>

Sydney Design School Interior Design

Join us for our Open Day

Saturday 29 May 2021. Starts 10am

Join us for our biggest day of the year! Our Director Amanda Grace will take you through our flexible course options and give you a comprehensive introduction to our creative School community. Meet our passionate Educators and Careers Coach and explore our inspiring student work. This event may be held on campus or online, we'll update you closer to the time.

<https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/information-sessions/>

AIT Online Info Sessions - Academy of Information Technology

12 – 16 April 2021

Students will have the chance to hear from AIT's course advisors, educators & recent graduates. This is the ideal opportunity to explore study options and career paths in Film, Animation, 3D, Games & Mobile App Development.

<https://hubs.ly/H0stkys0>

CSIRO Indigenous Cadetship - Plan Ahead

Calling all Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander undergraduate students! Take on a paid cadetship in an exciting and stimulating workplace with real life projects, excellent career development opportunities, study support and access to the latest research and state-of-the-art technology.

<https://www.csiro.au/en/Careers/Indigenous-careers/Aboriginal-and-Torres-Strait-Islander-Cadetships>

CSIRO Indigenous Traineeship

Apply for a traineeship and receive structured, on the job training and the opportunity to complete a nationally accredited qualification in a diverse, multicultural work environment. Our traineeship program offers diverse, multicultural work environments across CSIRO in all areas of science, research and support services, such as human resources, administration, finance, communication, information technology, lab assistants and more.

<https://www.csiro.au/en/Careers/Indigenous-careers/Aboriginal-and-Torres-Strait-Islander-Traineeships>

UNSW Capital W Girls in Business Workshop

6 April. 9am to 2pm

Are you a female high school student interested in a career in business? Want to find out what working in Marketing or Finance is really like and hear some tips and tricks from women who are working in the industry? Come along to UNSW Business School and Capital W Society's Girls in Business Workshop. This workshop will give you the chance to explore where a career in business could take you, while meeting likeminded young women. You'll also build on invaluable soft skills including communicating, presenting and networking.

Registrations will be opening soon!

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/capital-w-girls-business-workshop>

Earth Hour 2021 Coming Soon

27 March. 8.30pm

Earth Hour has always been for everyone. Every year, the hour of no power turns individuals, schools, businesses and communities into a million-strong movement of people supporting nature through the symbolic action of switching

off our lights.

Sign up to make a switch for nature this Earth Hour at 8.30pm local time, Saturday 27 March 2021!

What can you do beyond the hour?

- Discover the stories of Earth Hour 2020
- Make simple changes to your daily life today
- Calculate your Ecological Footprint
- Learn more about the work we're doing at WWF-Australia.

<https://www.earthhour.org.au/>

Become a HIA apprentice

We're always on the lookout for great people wanting to start or continue their apprenticeship in the building industry. Join HIA and let us guide you through your career and the process of becoming a qualified tradesperson. During your apprenticeship, we give you all the support you need including mentoring and training. We'll help you make a smooth transition from school to the workforce – we will be with you every step of the way!

<https://hia.com.au/products-services/apprentices/why-choose-HIA-apprentices>

ADF Gap Year - Register soon your interest

Spend an exciting 12-months in the Navy, Army or Air Force, where you'll get paid for meaningful work while travelling around Australia, gaining skills for life, and making lifelong friends.

Complete an online enquiry form, visit a Recruiting Centre, attend an event, or simply call us, and we'll be more than happy to help.

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year/?faqCategory=1ce888ec-d56d-486a-b0ae-76b76335231e&faqTag=recruitment-process&page=1&perPage=21&query=>

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

J E Hegarty
Careers Advisor

Merriwa Central School P&C



NOTICE OF AGM

Tuesday 4th May, 6:30pm

Merriwa RSL Club

The MCS P&C AGM will take place on Tuesday 4 of May at the Merriwa RSL Club. In order to vote or hold a position on the committee, you must be a financial member before the close of our next meeting, which will take place on Tuesday March 2 (also at the Merriwa RSL Club at 6:30pm). A \$2 fee is payable to become a member, and this can be paid in person at the March meeting, or alternatively can be paid directly into our P&C Account prior to the meeting:

Account Name: Merriwa Central School P&C

Account No: 415929 (\$3)

BSB: 932000

Please leave your name as a reference if transferring funds electronically.

The MCS P&C would love to see as many new members as possible, so parents, carers and teachers, please consider coming along! It's a wonderful way for parents and staff to interact, to share insights into what is happening on both campuses, and to contribute to the progress and development of our school. We hope to see lots of new faces there!

Talitha Sawley
MSC P&C Secretary



Cassilis Public School

A Special Visit

This Wednesday Cassilis P.S gets to showcase and show-off your amazing kids during a visit from Daniel Hurd (Director Educational Leadership | Mudgee Network) and Lisa Muir (Executive Director, School Performance – Regional North and West).

The purpose of the visit is to highlight the great work we do around individualising learning for every child through the individual education programs and excellent lesson differentiation.

The teachers are currently gathering evidence of what each student is doing in reading, writing and maths to write their first learning goal for 2021. Mrs Nairne has started to ask students about their personal learning goals which they may or may not want to share with you at home. These have always been a little secret between Mrs Nairne and the student to make it more exciting.

The NSW Department of Education's (DoE) Strategic Plan for 2018-2020 includes the goal that 'every student is known, valued and cared for in our schools'. This can be understood to mean that NSW public schools – collectively and through their individual teachers seek to:

- Know who each of their students are, including what they bring with them to school that influences their learning; who they are, as people and as learners; where they are at in their learning trajectory; what their aspirations are; and where they need to go to next
- Value each of their students, including respecting their personal stories; recognise the contribution they make to their learning community; and hold high expectations for their learning success
- Care for each of their students, including providing the support necessary to succeed as learners and experience wellbeing in the school context.

Cassilis P.S is extremely proud of the high quality and engaging education that it provides and how this education is modified to support and extend all students.

INTRODUCING MISS SANDERS

Hi I'm Miss Sanders. Last week was my first week in my new position teaching in the Mc Master room 3 days a week and I look forward to spending the year with the students and meeting their families. I am in my first year of teaching and I cannot

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Tarsha



Tarsha is a kind and polite student who has settled well into the routine of school.

Tarsha for her enthusiasm towards every task and giving everything a go.

She enjoys listening to stories and constructed some good sentences about the story. She loves drawing and putting detail and colour in.

Her understanding of numbers is improving because she is trying really hard.

Tarsha was in the right place at the right time last week.

Congratulations Tarsha on receiving this award.

MISS SANDERS



wait to become a part of the school community and the wider Cassilis community. An interest of mine is exploring and experimenting with new technologies, especially alongside my students. This term we are focusing on robotics and how they work. Watch this space as we progress through the term. I would like to say thank you to the Cassilis community for making me feel so welcome over the past few weeks.

ECO-SCHOOLS CAMP

Our Year 5 and 6 students are off today for the overnight experience at Red Hill. They are excited to share their environmental projects with you when they return.

NEW SCHOOL FENCE

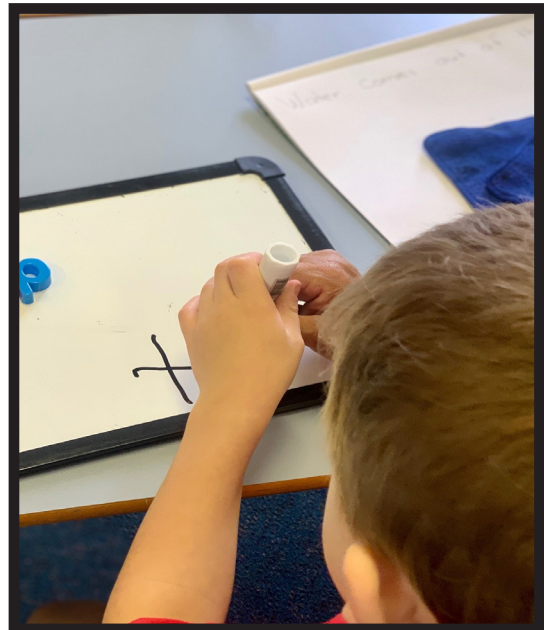
The new school fence has been completed, apart from the main entry gate which needs some further work to make it more user friendly. It is wonderful to separate the car park from our main school.

Please ensure that, if you enter the gate, that you close it behind you and teach your children to do the same.

LOTS OF PRACTISE WITH OUR SOUNDS- s,a,t,i,p

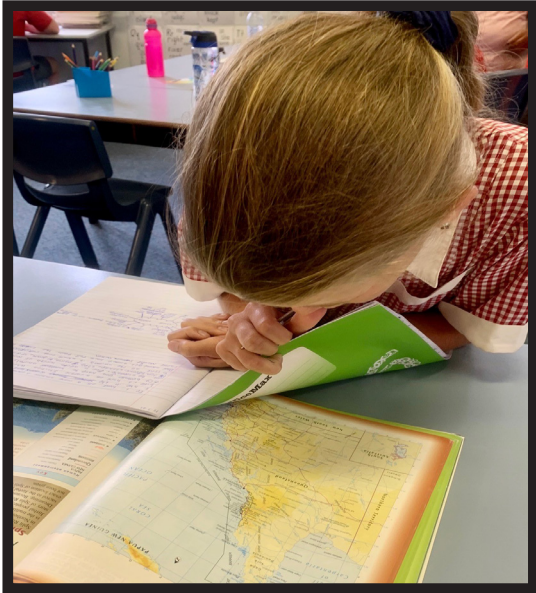


We can use letters and sounds to make words!

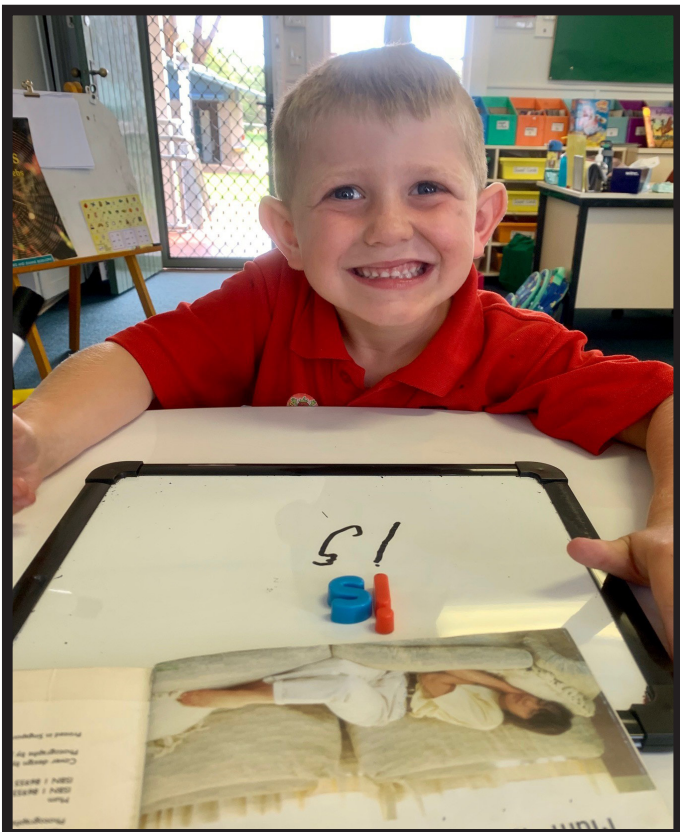


Ben counted how many longs he could pull out of the tray in 60 seconds.





Don't our Penguins look awesome!





Increasing our fitness ready for the cross country with some circuits and long-distance running practice.



Aren't the School Grounds Looking Fabulous!

Thank you to Brian Cornish, Scott Witton, Fiona Cornish, Anne- Maree Nairne, Terri Cunningham, Row McDonald and all our student helpers for their efforts outdoors. It's lovely to be learning in such a beautiful space.

Paul and Mrs Nairne created a garden outside our new fence today.



Katie Burgess
Principal



St Joseph's Primary School

THERE'S SO MUCH TO ADORE IN 3/4

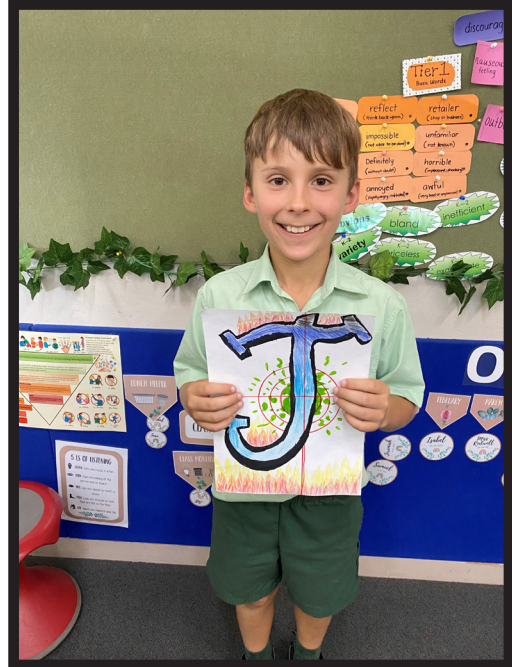
Stage 2 has had a fantastic start to the new school year. The first 4 weeks have flown by with students eagerly engaged in their learning and gaining new knowledge and skills from exciting learning opportunities.

In Mathematics we have learnt about whole number, addition and subtraction. Students have learnt a variety of strategies to help them solve addition and subtraction questions and word problems. A couple of weeks ago, students had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a variety of hands-on problem-solving maths activities, when we had World of Maths visit us. Stage 2 were very excited to work in groups with Stage 3 to use their skills of teamwork, problem solving and perseverance to achieve the possible outcomes and answers of the 17 activities. Needless to say, these activities taught them several Math concepts whilst encouraging important 21st Century skills of creativity, collaboration and critical thinking.

The focus for English this term is narrative. We have looked at and analysed the sequence of different narrative stories. Stage 2 have been developing a deeper understanding of the structure consisting of an orientation, complication and resolution and the language features to create an engaging and interesting story. Throughout the term students will enjoy time to write and share their own narratives to the rest of the class. Students also complete activities to develop comprehension, spelling, grammar, handwriting and computing skills.



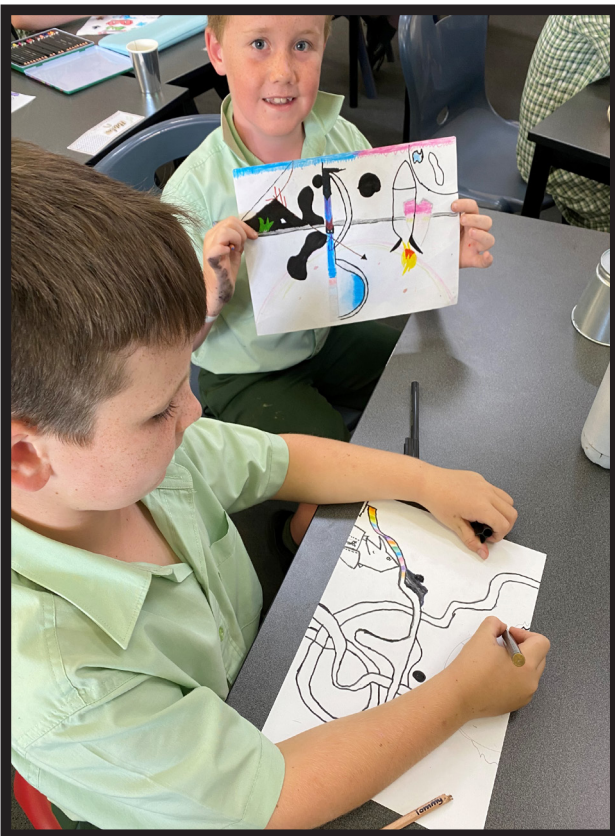
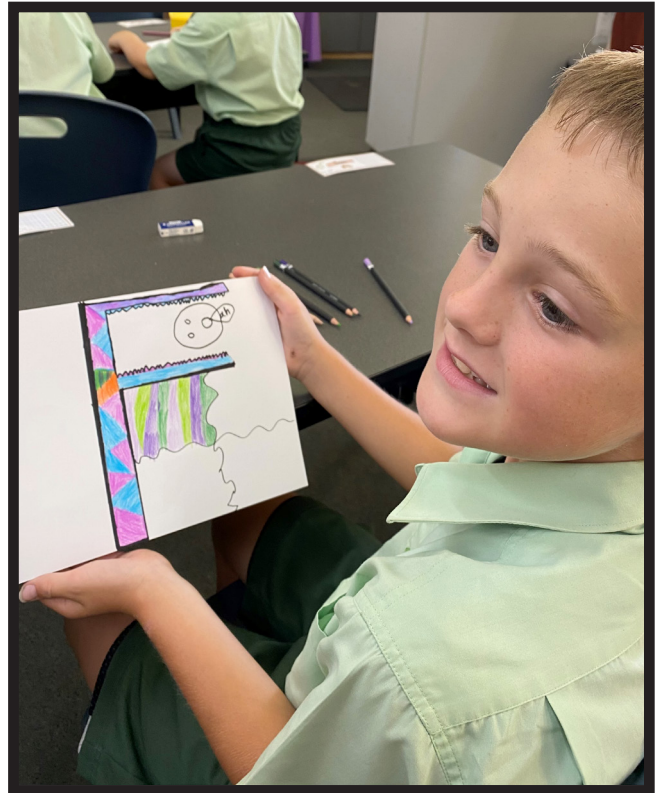
In Religion we have been learning about Jesus' ministry. Throughout the unit students will gain knowledge and understanding of Jesus' ministry and how his words and actions showed love and compassion for people. The class have enjoyed reading and watching some of Jesus' healing stories such as: The Blind Man, The Paralysed Man and the 10 Lepers.



Heat, light, electrical energy, the behaviour of light as well as the effects of heat energy (melting and expanding) are the focus of our Science lessons this term. Students have been enjoyed looking at the concepts of reflection and shadows through experimenting with mirrors, torches, and everyday objects. Students will make predictions, plan, conduct, assess, retest, and draw conclusions on how energy can be generated sustainably.

The first 2 terms this year we will be studying History and our topic is First Contacts. The topic provides opportunities for students to build inquiry skills to assist in explaining how people, events and the past have shaped, and continue to shape, our world. We have started learning and investigating the actions, lifestyles and choices of our indigenous people and explorers of the past. Students have been thoroughly engaged in our reading of the true story 'Nanberry' by Jackie French. This novel gives a deeper insight into the experiences of both Europeans and Aboriginal people after the first fleet as it explores Nanberry, a young Aboriginal boy who is adopted by Surgeon White in 1789 as the new colony in Sydney Cove is established. Nanberry is clever and uses his unique gifts as an interpreter to bridge the two worlds he lives in.

In Creative Arts, students will be taught Music and Visual Arts this term. In Music, students will learn and play the recorder demonstrating basic knowledge of musical concepts. The focus of the recorder will be rhythm and pitch. In Visual Arts, students will familiarise themselves with the element of design in order to create works involving patterns, contrast and balance. Students will create artworks that represent a variety of subject matter and make choices about the forms and techniques used.



WELLBEING WEEK FUN!

Last week we celebrated wellbeing week with a multitude of activities. The beginning of the week saw students having a game of Bingo, dancing on the green, decorating some delicious treats and to finish off the week students had a shared lunch and games with their teachers. The students thoroughly enjoyed all activities and can't wait until next term's wellbeing week.



UPPER HUNTER REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last week, ten very excited students proudly represented our school at this year's Regional Swimming Carnival at Denman. Congratulations to Lula Peebles, Emma McLaren, Jeremy Hopkins, Chad Booth, Annabelle Hunt, Rihanna Hunt, Jye Bates, Hudson Wallace, Tommy Booth and Archy Wallace who competed on the day. Excellent sportsmanship and racing were displayed by all students. It was lovely to hear reports of students also making friends with students from other schools in our region during marshalling. I would like to thank Jaleesa Wallace for your wonderful time keeping skills and all of our parents for your support in getting students to and from the carnival on the day.

An extra Congratulations to Jeremy Hopkins who finished third in 12/13 years 50m Butterfly and will now represent the Upper Hunter at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Thursday 25th February. We wish you all the best Jeremy.

Naomi Rodwell
Stage 2 Teacher



WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week Four - Strength Award – Kindness

Kindergarten - Arman Diwadakar for always showing kindness to others.

Darcy Bear – For learning to be in the right place at the right time.

Stage 1 - Noah Ridding – For his thoughtful and kind greetings to all each morning

Charlie Constable – For his enthusiasm and perseverance during Maths games rotations

Stage 2 - Lilly Towell – for displaying the strength of kindness through her positivity, encouragement and ensuring others around her do not miss out.

Jeremiah Raines - for his impressive thought and creative flair in his graffiti artwork.

Stage 3 -Jye Bates- for demonstrating the strength of kindness with a smile on his face in all that he does.

Kirra Green- for showing a mature approach to her learning in all areas

Principal's Awards: Paddy Armstrong – for his leadership qualities demonstrated through play in class.

Lula Peebles – for her excellent start to her school captain's role.





Anglican News

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REFLECTION - LENT 2 - Mark 9:2-20

Last Sunday's Gospel described Jesus' entry into the wilderness and I suggested that this is a time of encountering God. In today's Gospel, while the setting is different, we glimpse such a moment of encounter.

It is described as a moment of transformation, or transfiguration. An encounter with God changes us. In the Gospel this is depicted as the outer change in Jesus' appearance, but for most of us, the experience of God brings about an inner change, a change of heart.

Jesus knows himself in this moment to be God's beloved one. When I have heard people speak of their moments of experiencing God, they too speak of knowing themselves as God's beloved. Sometimes things get in the way of our knowing this about ourselves. Some have grown up with harsh images of God, some may look on life events and see themselves as unlovable but the Gospel insists another truth. 'God so loved the world he gave his only son'. God so loves me he gives his son! Wow! Can I believe this? Dare I believe this? Dare I believe God loves me?

In Hebrew the word for 'wilderness' is mid-bar, and the term for 'word' is d-bar. Wilderness and word are related which is why so many prophets spent time in the wilderness to seek God's word. Listen to the words of today's Gospel again. 'This is my beloved'. Take these words into your heart this week as you continue this invitation into a wilderness time.

(From 'Sundays Under the Southern Cross' by Mary Coloe PBVM)

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

DIARY DATES

9.00am - 2nd and 4th Sundays Eucharist at Holy Trinity

9.00am - 1st and 3rd Sundays Morning Prayer with Rev. Pat at Holy Trinity

Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

ROTARY LONG TERM STUDENT EXCHANGE

This is a program with which our club has been greatly involved over the last 50 years.

We have hosted students from many places, as part of the year-long exchange scheme.

We have had students from Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, the USA, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Germany and Poland, to name some of the countries, as well, we have sent local students overseas, to many diverse locations. Visiting students live with host families, usually for periods of three months. Often, our incoming students arrive with some English skills. By the time they depart, they speak very good English...with the appropriate Australian accents and all the idioms.



In Australia, students should be in Year 10 or 11 in the year that they make the application and they must return to finish their secondary education in Australia. Our experience is that this is a program which runs very well

Selection of outgoing students usually begins in April each year. The certainty of the date of resumption of the program, post Covid, has yet to be determined.

However, for students and their families who may possibly be interested in participation this year, or in future years, more information can be obtained from Rotary Merriwa .

**Mark Smith
Rotary Merriwa**

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!

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

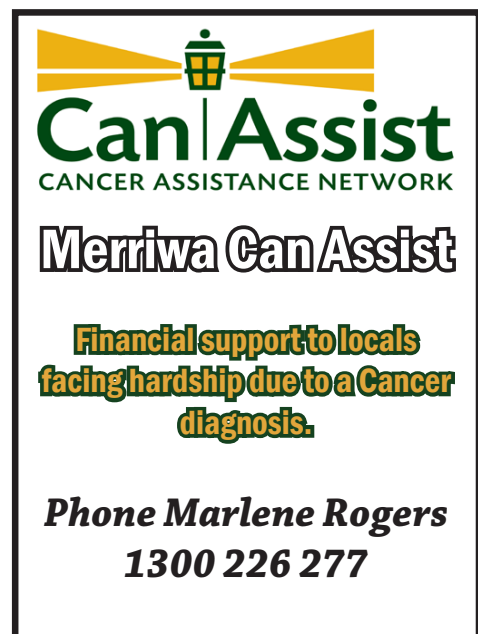
Merriwa Can Assist

Want to know more about us and what we do? Read on!

Merriwa Can Assist is a not for profit organisation that is solely run by volunteers. All money raised goes directly to people in our community that have been diagnosed with cancer and are receiving treatment. We are committed to ensuring that all country people within the Merriwa region have financial support to help them access cancer treatment and care. We Can Assist by providing financial assistance for accommodation, fuel vouchers, grocery vouchers, payment of utility bills, payment of pharmacy and medication bills.

There is no means testing so everyone is welcome and encouraged to apply. Your information remains completely confidential and the process is very simple. If you or someone you know is affected by cancer please contact us on 0431 939 093, via email at merriwa@canassist.com.au or on our Facebook page. Alternatively, if you'd like to find out more information about how you can help or join our committee please contact the secretary Marlene Rogers on 02 6548 5191.

Marlene Rogers



Community Notice Board

A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

of patients, but apart from a mortuary, erected in 1903, it was not until 1922

that any further addition was made to the buildings. In that year, an Isolation block of four wards was erected. It served for some years as an isolation unit and was later converted to an obstetric block. This unit continued in use as a maternity unit until 1979.



From the beginning, finance was always a major source of concern to the committee and many much needed items of equipment could not be procured due to lack of funds. In 1930 a Public Hospitals Bill was introduced and passed by parliament. The following year, 1931, a public meeting was convened by the Merriwa Shire Council to give consideration to closing the hospital due to lack of funds. The meeting defeated a motion that the hospital should be closed.

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The hospital improved its financial position in the following year and in 1933, the Government accepted increased responsibility for building and maintenance funding. During the next five years, major improvements were carried out including the building of two private wards, new operating

theatre, X-Ray room and Matron's and staff quarters. An X-Ray plant was installed and the hospital connected to a septic disposal system. A tennis court was also built during the period. However the maintenance funding of the hospital was a constant source of concern to the board, culminating in a decision by the directors to resign on October 30, 1944. Following a visit to the hospital on May 25, 1945, by the superintendent of the Hospitals Commission, Mr Otten, the board agreed to withdraw their resignations on the condition of increased financial support by the Commission.

OBITUARY

The Board records with deep regret the passing of Dr. Peter Gerald John Dobson, whose tragic death occurred on Saturday, 3rd November, 1984.
 Dr. Dobson had served the people of Merriwa since 1964, during which time he was able to ensure a very high standard of Medical Care at Merriwa District Hospital.
 His death is a sad loss to all the people of Merriwa.



A substantial bequest from the estate of Thomas Hogan, a district pastoralist in 1941. The hospital continues to benefit from the income from the trust (as of 1984). The hospital was fortunate to be allocated a date in 1957 by the Northern Traveller's Cot Fund to hold a Carnival in Merriwa which helped raise funds for the construction of new children's wards which were built in the following year.

Information courtesy of Elaine Sparrow from her book 'UHA Merriwa Branch 1930-2005. Diary jottings of the history and people associated with the Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary and Merriwa District Hospital 1884-1984 from which some of these photos were sourced and Kim Clydsdale who also sourced photos.



Community Notice Board

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

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate all our local students for doing so well last week and winning all their awards

Hylt Cronin



Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Bones, who will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Hylt Cronin

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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.

Upper Hunter Shire Council

Merriwa and Cassilis Works Schedule

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

- Toilets, garbage
- Parks, sports fields and reserves mowing and maintenance
- No 1 Oval maintenance for football season
- Vennacher St ILU kitchen
- Gummun Place maintenance
- Regional roads & Golden Highway vegetation maintenance
- Golden Highway – heavy patching
- Maintenance grading – Hampshire, Roma & Ridgeland Roads
- Depot trade waste works
- Action requests as required

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

- Middle Creek Road
- Gummun Road

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Information from MR358 Community Meeting

On 16 February 2021, Upper Hunter Shire Council held a community meeting to discuss the closure of MR358 the Merriwa to Willow Tree Road (also known as Coulson's Creek Road).

Representatives from Upper Hunter Shire Council, Douglas Partners and the Project Control Group which includes Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW), Public Works Advisory and Infrastructure New South Wales (INSW) shared the most recent report findings prior to opening the floor for discussion.

All information presented on the night is available on our website at upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

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Just arrived from 'Learning Can Be Fun', Write & Wipe Learning Sets! Lots of different sets are available, for ages 3+ to 7+. There are sets for Pre School Skills, Primary School Skills, Time, Numbers, Multiplication, First Words & also Addition. These are so handy & easy to use over & over. Also available are Poster Sets of 4 for Early Learning, Numeracy & Literacy Skills, perfect to put on the wall for everyday.

TASTE

- The Retro Issue! Rissole revival, dress it up dress it down. The versatile Aussie rissole is back on the table with an up to date spin fusing classics from around the world. Make a cheesy garlic cob with chicken parmigiana rissoles...all in one dinner!!

-24 pages of back to school ideas; Stuck in a sandwich rut? Liven up lunch with these sweet & savoury sannie ideas. There are many to try, for example ricotta, fig & walnut, or beetroot & egg, or salami & capsicum, just to name a few.

GARDENING AUSTRALIA

- Autumn action, get ready for a new season. Light bulb moments, ideas for pots, beds and rolling displays.

-Survival of the fittest; all daffodils enjoy sub-zero winters but which ones can handle a hot dry summer? Find out which is suited to our climate for beautiful blooms.

- The Blueberry Ash has a lot to offer, especially if you need privacy. This native tree produces pretty flowers & edible fruit, a good all rounder for the garden.

AUSTRALIAN HOUSE & GARDEN

- The kitchen files; It's pretty hot in here! Gorgeous kitchen's you will be happy to spend time in.

-All Australian beauties; beautiful homes, layouts & homewares to dream of in this March edition, pick up a copy!

AUSTRALIAN MEN'S HEALTH

- Chris Hemsworth is changing the world on his own terms. Forging a career that's reaching new heights from the place he always longed to be; home.

- Make your comeback, mentally physically & emotionally.

MARIE CLAIRE

- Shop the new season, trends to try & pieces to buy . Beauty buys for under \$30, products you & your wallet will love.

- Vanessa Kirby from The Crown to Hollywood screen queen. Her latest role in 'Pieces of a Woman is sparking Oscar buzz, as well as helping women deal with the trauma of a previously silent subject.

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

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Clubs/Sports Merriwa RSL Club

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The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$1050.00 was not won the number was 574, this week it jackpots to \$1100.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$380.00 was not won the number was 73 this week it jackpots to \$400.00. **LTPS/19/36118**

The Sunday Members Badge Draw for \$600.00 was not won last week the number was 558, this week it jackpots to \$650.00 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.

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SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

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Two Course Meal:

Light Entree

Choice of one Stir Fry Below (Chicken or Beef)

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

+\$2.00 for Change to Fried Rice
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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

HONKI HAUS RESTAURANT

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

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

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Little Athletics

Little Athletics might be winding down but that is not stopping all of our keen athletes that showed up with so much enthusiasm last Monday afternoon. It's great to see all those smiling faces turning up and enjoying their athletics. Our last session of the season will be on the 8 March, where we will have a small presentation and a free BBQ and drinks available. So don't miss out on our remaining sessions.



We had a lovely visit from Jim Brien, new to Merriwa and an old state runner who generously donated three of his old athletics medals. Thank you very much Jim, hope you can visit us again sometime.

Awards for 8/2/21

Grace Campbell for exceptional effort and technique in shot put.

Archie Constable for overcoming obstacles to finish more than ten laps in distance.

Annabelle Hunt for incredible determination, drive and performance in distance running.

Blake Hoadley for always trying his best in distance running and shot put.

Darcy Taaffe for excellence in triple jump and long distance.

Hazel Chin for outstanding effort in triple jump.

Tori Hunt for being bright and enthusiastic for all things 'tots'.

Thomas Campbell for pushing himself and having a go in triple jump.

Callum Parker for sensational effort in long jump.

Well done guys. See you all Monday



Belinda Keane



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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

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