



MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Valuing individual potential - achieving personal best

Term 4 Week 2, 2022

Principals Report

Welcome back to Term 4. As we begin the Term we have COVID cases on the rise locally, with several staff, students and volunteers testing positive last week. Even though national guidelines have changed recently, remember if your child is sick or has COVID symptoms they need to stay home.

COVID has highlighted the shortage of volunteers on the primary canteen, which was closed last week. If you can assist in the canteen, perhaps once a month please contact the office and our canteen coordinators will be in touch.

Year 12 Farewell

We ended Term 3 with a lovely farewell dinner for Year 12 2022. Thank you to everyone who made the night such a success, Mr Vaughan Year 12 Year Adviser, Mrs West and Ms La Trobe organisers, Year 11 students for setting up the hall, and Kylie Austin and her team for catering.



Best wishes to Year 12 who are now sitting their HSC exams in the Great Hall under the supervision of Nyssa Caban Presiding Officer.

Staff Changes



Welcome to Laura Fulwood HSIE teacher who has been permanently appointed to our school. Laura joins us from Singleton High School, and this is her first permanent appointment with the Department of Education.

In other news Mrs Morgan Assistant Principal (Rlg) has accepted a transfer to Rutherford Public School, commencing in 2023. Mrs Morgan has made an outstanding contribution to our students and we will be sad to see her leave our school, however we wish her the best in her new adventure.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1 November at 6.30pm at the Merriva RSL Club. Secondary students are very excited by the new refrigerated drinking fountain installed over the holidays, funded by the P&C.



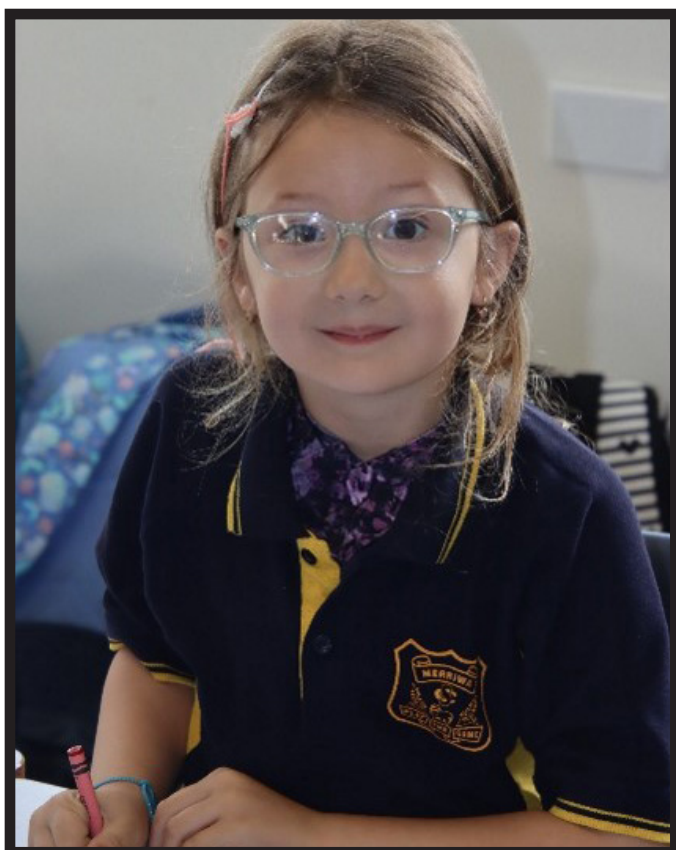
Year 7 2023

An information evening will take place tonight for the next cohort of Year 7 students. Parents and students are reminded the information session will commence at 6.00pm in the Great Hall.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Primary News

Kindergarten Transition 2023



Our Kindergarten Transition commenced this week and we were delighted to welcome our future Kindergarten students and their families to our school. They had a wonderful morning meeting Miss Olsson, their buddies and getting to know their new classroom. We can't wait for them to return again next week!

Our amazing P&C provide all Kindergarten students with a voucher for their first school shirt and these are ready to be collected from the primary office. Thank you to the P&C for continuing to support our new students in this way.

Transition Dates and Times

- Tuesday 25 October 9.00am–11.00am
- Tuesday 1 November 9.00am–11.30am
- Tuesday 8 November 9.00am–1.00pm
- Tuesday 15 November 9.00am–1.35pm
- Tuesday 22 November 9.00am–2.00pm
- Tuesday 29 November 9.00am–3.00pm
- Tuesday 6 December – Post Transition Meetings for Parents

Art Display at Merriwa Gallery

Primary students have been invited to a wonderful opportunity offered by the Merriwa Gallery where they will be displaying students' artworks. Infants students' artworks will be on display from Friday 28 to Sunday, 30 October and primary students' artworks will be on display from Friday 4 to Sunday, 6 October. Be sure to head on down to check out their beautiful creations. A special thank you to Ellie from the gallery for this amazing offer.

Keirra Hourn
Relieving Assistant Principal-Infants

Infants Excursion to Inflatable World



Infants students will be heading to Inflatable World on Thursday, 27 October. Notes and payment are due back, please contact the office if you have any questions.

Students are to be at school at 7.40am ready for the bus to leave at 8.00am. We will be returning at approximately 3.00pm. Don't forget to pack recess, lunch, and plenty of water.

We are looking forward to a fabulous day out.

Lisen Olsson
Teacher In Charge of Excursion

Grandparents Day



Kindergarten to Year 6 students are looking forward to welcoming and celebrating with grandparents and family members on Friday, 28 October 2022 for Grandparents Day.

The celebrations will begin with our K-6 Assembly commencing at 10.15am. Following our Assembly there will be a morning tea provided for our special guests, supplied and run by our P&C. Any

donations of slices would be appreciated.

There will be open classrooms between 11.30am and 12.00pm. Our Grandparents Day will conclude at 12.00pm.

If you have any questions please contact the school. We hope to see you there!

Isabelle Ticehurst
Grandparents Day Coordinator

Mayor for the Day

Congratulations to Jack Purcell who received a First Place in the, Mayor for the Day competition. Well done Jack.



Primary Years 3-6 Excursion

In Week 8, students in Years 3-6 will be attending an excursion to Nobby's Beach. Students will participate in a Surf Fun Safe program. This program is a fun experience for the students to learn beach education. They will have options to participate in sand and water activities.

This program includes:

- Beach Walk (identification of hazards, rips, wave types and beach signage)
- Water Skills (wading, dolphin dives, negotiating the surf and catching waves)
- Surf Skills (use of body boards and nipper)

boards)

- Sun Protection
- Beach Games (beach soccer, volleyball, flags)

The cost of the excursion is \$20.00, and students need to return their permission note and money by Wednesday, 16 November.

Primary Assembly Dates Term 4

As the weather warms up, our Primary Assemblies will change to the mornings. The following dates and times have been scheduled for Assemblies.

- Week 3 - Friday, 28 October at 10.15 am
- Week 6 - Friday, 18 November at 10.00 am
- Week 9 - Friday, 9 December 10.00 am

Intensive Swimming



In weeks 9 and 10 of this Term all students from K-6 will be participating in either the 'Learn to Swim Program' or the 'Swim and Survive Program' at the local swimming pool. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

Talia Morgan
Relieving Assistant Principal- Primary

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Secondary News

Year 7 2023 Transition

Year 6 into 7 Transition begins this Thursday, 20 October with an information session and school tour at the Secondary Campus. This will begin at 6.00pm in the Great Hall, and will be a great opportunity for parents, carers and students to gain information and view the school. Supper will be provided.

Following this, three Transition Days will occur on the following dates:

- Thursday, 27 October 2022
- Thursday, 3 November 2022
- Thursday, 10 November 2022

Students will attend the Secondary Campus from 9.00am – 3.30pm. Full school uniform is required, and a BBQ lunch will be provided on the last day. If there are any questions, please contact Laura Wenzel (Year Advisor) on 6548 2119. We look forward to meeting you all!

Laura Wenzel
English Teacher

Careers News

A huge congratulations to Mia Jacobs and Kiesha-Lee Taylor for securing the Hunter New England Health school-based traineeship at the Merriwa Multipurpose Service. Both were successful in their written application and final interview – a great achievement and step towards their future career goals. Students will commence their traineeship in 2023 in Nursing.



Upcoming Events

TAFE YES+ program (Weeks 4-9)

Students aged 15 years and in Year 9 or Year 10 are invited to participate in the TAFE YES+ Program running across several weeks of this Term. Two industry areas are being offered specifically to support the future career pathways of Merriwa Central School students – Hair & Beauty and Automotive. Further information and details to come.

Barista Training (Week 10)

Several students will be involved in a TAFE-run barista course across two days in Week 10. This will be an invaluable course for students in Years 10-12 looking to build their resume and qualifications. Student expressions of interest are required due to limited capacity. Students should check their emails or the Careers News Google Classroom – code: v2fafwu.

Hannah Waters
Careers Advisor



EquiStart Program

STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT

In this program

- Horse behaviour and identification
- Safe horse handling techniques
- Health checks and observations
- Basic first aid treatments
- Grooming and presentation of horses
- Cleaning stables and housing
- Providing feed and water
- Hazards associated with working with horses
- Biosecurity requirements
- Participate in workplace health & safety procedures
- Assessment completions throughout the course

Post program opportunities may lead to direct employment and Traineeships in the Thoroughbred Industry.

SUITABILITY

WHO CAN APPLY:

Suited to school leavers, career seekers, looking to enter the Thoroughbred Industry in the Hunter Valley.

DETAILS

DATES: 14 Nov to 3 Dec 2022

COST: FEE FREE (Cond Apply)

ENQUIRIES: TAFE NSW
susanne.turnbull@tafensw.edu.au
(02) 6540 3224
SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY

DELIVERY

ONLINE & SCONE CAMPUS:

1 Week - 4hr Online Sessions
2 Weeks - Practical on Campus with on Farm Work Experience.

*Short term, low cost student accommodation available.

This course offers very practical information and skills, with a work placement component. It is advised that the applicant be physically fit and capable of carrying feed and water containers. Own vehicle, drivers license and previous experience with horses is highly recommended but not essential.

Applications Now Open



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(02) 5504 3816

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SBAT VACANCY

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP NOW AVAILABLE
FOR A YEAR 10 STUDENT

HOSPITALITY STAFF at Denman Hotel

Completing Cert II

Hospitality Kitchen Ops OR Food & Bev

School-based traineeships available both front and back of house. Offering students the opportunity to work in a busy pub, and develop skills across a range of tasks & settings.

Roles available:-

- **Front of House** - customer service, waiting tables, barista and & dessert preparation & plating.
- **Back of House** - kitchen, food prep, cooking, cleaning & dishwashing.

This opportunity will suit students who have completed Hospitality at school in year 10 or are planning on completing in year 11.

Students can apply for either Front or Back of house positions. Additional shifts outside of school hours are available.

NOTE - this traineeship has ATAR eligibility.

To APPLY scan the QR code or contact SBAT Engagement officer Tracy on 0460 030 617 for more information.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE TRAINEESHIP

Denman Children's Centre DENMAN

Completing a Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care

Opportunity to work as a school-based traineeship at Denman Children's Centre. The centre provides care for children aged 6 weeks to school age.

Students will be required to complete work experience as part of the recruitment process. SBT training is delivered on line.

This traineeship is not ATAR eligible

To APPLY scan the QR code or contact SBAT Engagement officer Tracy on 0460 030 617 for more information.



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Merriwa Central School P&C
HAM RAFFLES

Thursday 8th December
7:30pm

Merriwa RSL Club

Hams supplied by Merriwa Farm Fresh Meats,
Alexander Downs and Merriwa IGA

Other prizes include Gift Vouchers, WLT cards,
Restaurant Vouchers
and much more.





EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PRIMARY CANTEEN COORDINATOR

Our wonderful volunteer Jill Carrall is stepping down at the end of this year after years of volunteering at Merriwa Central School. We truly appreciate all the hard work Jill has put in to providing nutritious and delicious meals for our students.

We are asking for expressions of interest in taking over the volunteer canteen coordinator position. Jill has generously offered to provide training throughout Term 4 for anyone interested in the position.

At the moment our Primary canteen runs on a Friday however next year we are happy to change days to suit interested applicants.

For further information on the position please email us at merriwacentralschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or call Hollie on 0408175028



Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- ✳ School newsletters
- ✳ Cancellations
- ✳ Notices
- ✳ Reminders
- ✳ Events
- ✳ ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!

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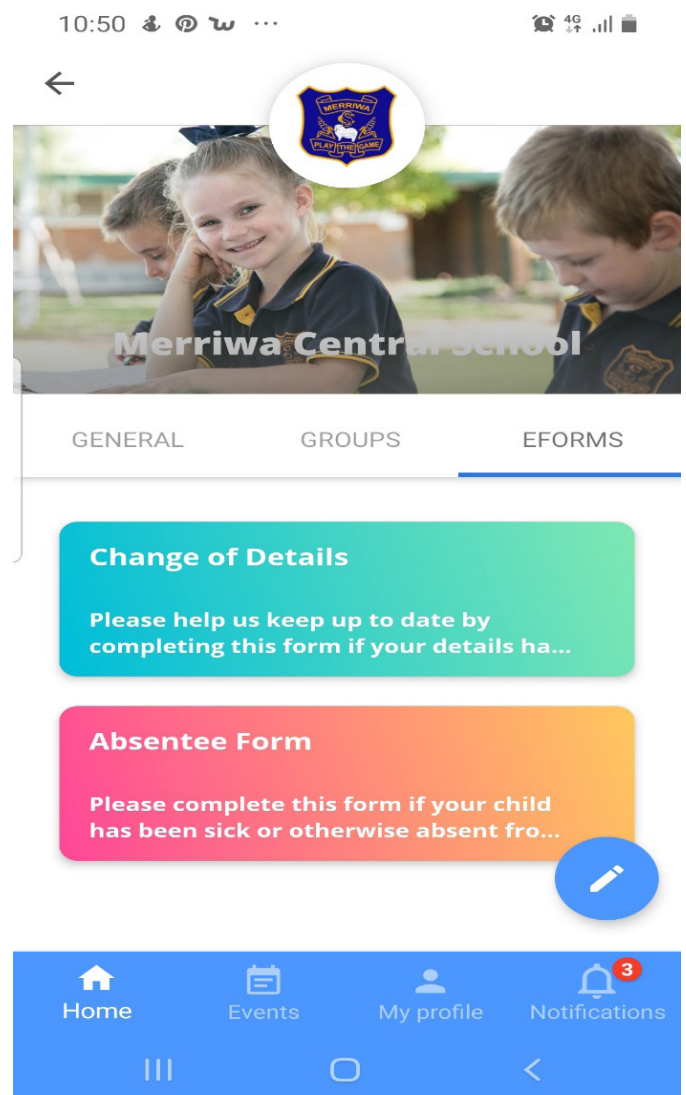
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Skoolbag App

How to submit an Absentee Form or Change of Details Form - Click on the School Badge in the App - Click on the EFORMS tab.



Term Four	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
October	2		Kindergarten Transition 9.00am- 11.00am		Get Smart Years 9/10 Girls at MCS Library Year 7 2023 Orientation Information Evening 6.00pm Great Hall		
		17	18	19	20	21	22/23
October	3	Year 9/10 Exams Primary Homework Club library 3.15pm- 4.15pm	Year 9/10 Exams Kindergarten Transition 9.00am- 11.00am Years 3,4 & 5 Check in Assessment	Year 9/10 Exams Years 3,4 & 5 Check in Assessment	Year 9/10 Exams Year 7 2023 Orientation Day Secondary Homework Club library 3.30pm – 4.30pm K-2 Excursion Inflatable World Maitland 7.40am	Year 9/10 Exams K-6 Assembly 10.15am Grandparents Day 10.15am at Primary	
		24	25	26	27	28	29/30
October/November	4	Year 7/8 Exams Primary Homework Club library 3.15pm- 4.15pm	Year 7/8 Exams Kindergarten Transition 9.00am- 11.30am P&C Meeting at Merriwa RSL Club 6.30pm	Year 7/8 Exams	Year 7/8 Exams Year 7 2023 Orientation Day Secondary Homework Club library 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 7/8 Exams	
		31	1	2	3	4	5/6
November	5	Primary Homework Club library 3.15pm- 4.15pm	Kindergarten Transition 9.00am- 1.00pm		Year 7 2023 Orientation Day Secondary Homework Club library 3.30pm – 4.30pm		
		7	8	9	10	11	12/13
November	6	Primary Homework Club library 3.15pm- 4.15pm	Kindergarten Transition 9.00am- 1.35pm		Secondary Homework Club library 3.30pm – 4.30pm	K-6 Assembly 10.00am	
		14	15	16	17	18	19/20