



MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Valuing individual potential - achieving personal best

Term 2 Week 2, 2022

Principals Report

Welcome back to Term 2. We managed to survive the spike in community spread of COVID in the last weeks of Term 1. It was a very challenging time for staff and families to manage the self-isolation of close contacts, and to keep the school open. We hope parents found the additional supply of RAT kits useful in managing symptoms of children.

Staffing remains a constant challenge for our school. We have several permanent positions unfilled, and a shortage of casual teachers to replace staff when absent. We are fortunate to have two new school executive starting in Week 4 to fill vacant positions. Following a merit selection process in Term 1 Ms Natasha Freeth from Yoeval Central School will take up the Head Teacher VET position, and Elizabeth La Trobe from Temora High School will take up the newly established Head Teacher Special Education role. Thank you to Ms Tarnika Wood for relieving in the Head Teacher VET role in Term 1.

ANZAC Day



ANZAC Day was once again commemorated locally with the march and service which had been disrupted in recent years due to COVID. I would like to thank all students and staff who participated in the town ANZAC Day ceremony. It was great to see Merriwa Central School so well represented on the day.

NAPLAN tests

Students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the NAPLAN tests next week. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. It is important that all students attend school during this testing period.

Athletics Carnival

The annual athletics carnival is scheduled for next Friday 13 May. Secondary students will commence the day at the sports ground, however primary students will walk down with their teachers. Information has been sent home to parents and primary students are encouraged to pre-order from the canteen. We look forward to parents joining us on the day.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will take place on Thursday 12 May. Information has been sent home to parents and bookings can be made by calling the school. All parents are encouraged to come along and discuss their child's progress and meet new staff.

P&C Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended the P&C meeting on Tuesday night. The P&C plays a vital role in supporting the school and welcomes new members. The annual general meeting will be held next month and new parents are invited to attend.

Recently the P&C purchased new bubblers for both primary and secondary students which not only look great, but will provide refrigerated water in summer. The primary bubbler was installed over the holidays, and the secondary bubbler will be installed in the coming months.



Darren Noonan
Principal

Primary News

Thank you

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for donating our new bubbler system.



Primary Excursion

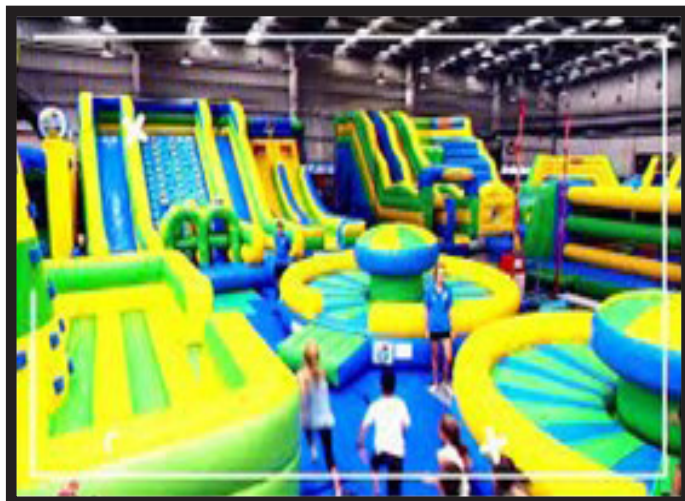
Primary students 3-6 will be going on an excursion in Week 7, Thursday 9 June to Maitland. We will be going on a guided tour of Maitland Gaol and then exert all our energy at Inflatable World,

before returning to school.

Student notes need to be returned by Monday 23 May.

Students will assemble under the COLA at 7.45am for a departure time of 8.00am.

Students will need to wear full school uniform. We suggest that girls wear shorts or skorts on the day. Students need to have enclosed footwear and ensure they are wearing socks to be able to go on the equipment at inflatable world. Recess and lunch will need to be packed and we suggest plenty of water for the busy day.



P&C Mothers Day Stall

Friday 6 May 2022
at the
Primary Campus

Gifts will range from
\$1.00 to \$10.00

Welcome Miss Knight

Miss Knight will be completing her practicum with us for the next 5 weeks. She joins us from the University of New England and will be working with Miss Fleming in the 3/4 class.



Variety Night

This term, students will be practicing for Variety Night. Variety Night is our annual Education Week event, which showcases all our students' amazing, creative talents. This year our theme is 'Through the Decades' and we have the wonderful Miss Elliott coming in to help support our teachers and students with their class items. We can't wait to share this wonderful event with everyone on Wednesday 3 August (Term 3). More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Zone Cross Country



Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Zone Cross Country. A big

thank you to Mrs Martin for supervising the group on the day and Mrs Moore for organising the event.

SRC

A massive congratulations to our infants SRC who represented their classes in term 1. Miss Fleming greatly appreciated all your valued ideas and help around the playground. They all took their position seriously and represented the school with pride.

Term 1 Infants SRC

Kindergarten

Alleah Hourn and Finn Moore

Year 1

Emmy Hunt and William Sparrow

Year 2

Taniel Roberts and Nate Marchese



This term Miss Fleming looks forward to working with some new infants SRC.

Kindergarten

Isabelle Pryor and Lachlan Wilkinson

Year 1

Grace Bidner and Billy Caban

Year 2

Amelia Wilkinson and Oliver Strachan

Talia Morgan
Relieving Assistant Principal - Primary

Secondary News

Bell Shakespeare

Merriwa Central School students have been invited to attend a visiting performance from the Bell Shakespeare Company on Thursday 19 May 2022. This will supplement the study of William Shakespeare in 7-10 English.

Students will be watching the performance "Shakespeare is Dead"

"Offering a smorgasbord of Shakespeare, from romance to tragedies to histories and comedies, students will be introduced to a host of Shakespeare's characters and explore some of his most iconic scenes. Students will learn key plot devices and language techniques, receive a masterclass in iambic pentameter, and even learn about Elizabethan England and the world in which Shakespeare wrote his plays.

Shakespeare Is Dead is an ideal taster of Shakespeare- a collection of his 'best bits' and a wonderful way to blow any negative ideas about Shakespeare out of the way for even the most reluctant students."

Students will walk to the Merriwa School of Arts Hall at the end of lunch (1:40pm). The performance will commence at 2.00pm, and will go for 50 minutes, followed by a 10 minute Q&A session with the players. Students will then walk back to school in time to catch buses home.

The school has subsidised the cost of the performance for students.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Piper.

Emma Piper
Head Teacher (Mentor) | English Teacher
Girls Adviser | ROAR Coordinator

Term 1 Rewards Day

With the commencement of Term 1 in view, eligible students participated with their peers in Rewards Day. They popped on their joggers and hit the ground running in mixed teams from years 7-12 in The Amazing Race.

Teams participated in a variety of challenges

or push backs if the task couldn't be achieved, across 10 different countries. Competition was fierce, and they worked together to complete challenges and return to base to answer a question before their Passports could be stamped, enabling them to move onto the next country and challenge.

Congratulations to all competitors. Coming in first from team Gryffindor was Lily Swan, Tiana Gleeson, Jeremy Clark, Thomas Amidy and Kiesha-Lee Taylor.

Just pipped at the post was team number 2 from The Benchwarmers Harry Cook, Lilly Turner, Raine Gee, Kaelyn Rondel and Elsie Taylor-Stacey, .

Well done to all the students. The laughs that were heard across the school, the team work that was demonstrated and the high number of candidates that were eligible to participate should all be commended.





Narelle Smith
Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing

Secondary Sports Wrap

Zone Cross Country

On Thursday 7 April, Merriwa had 3 students attend Zone Cross Country at Bill Rose Sports Complex, Scone. All three students represented the school outstandingly and showed great respect to all students and staff who were present

on the day. Unfortunately, we did have some students qualify who were unable to attend.

The following students represented the school.

Paige Carrall - 1st Place Girls 12 Years
Tiana Gleeson - 1st Place Girls 16 Years
Dylan Keane - 7th Place Boys 16 Years

All three students have been successful in qualifying for the regional carnival on 17 June 2022 (Week 8). Please see Mr Vaughan for more details.

Congratulations to all of our participants.

Athletics Carnival

Our 2021 Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 13 May. The Athletics Carnival is a compulsory school day, and all students are encouraged to be involved in the fun and competition on the day.

Students who turn 5, 6 or 7 this year will walk to the Merriwa Sports Oval at 11.00am and will be participating in various novelty activities. Students aged 8 and over will walk down at 9.00am and will walk back to school at 2.30pm. Bus students will be collected from the oval with Secondary bus students. High School students will be required to meet at the oval on the day of the carnival. The P&C will be running a canteen on the day.

A note will be going home with more information.

Lachlan Vaughan
PDHPE Teacher
Year 12 Advisor | Sports Coordinator | ROAR
Coordinator

SkoolBag

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

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

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- Learn techniques that reinforce your bond with your children.

Where: Merriwa Youth Centre, Bow St
Merriwa

When: Tues, 10 May 2022

Time: 10am to 2.30pm

Cost: FREE

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**MCS P&C kindly invites you to
attend our 2022 AGM**

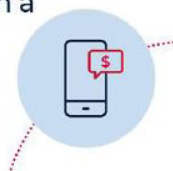
**on
Tuesday 7 June 6:30pm
at
Merriwa RSL**

**All positions will be declared vacant
All welcome**

How to Make a Payment Online

A new **online
payment page**
is now live on our
school website!

Access from a mobile,
tablet or PC and in a
language of your
choice.



Go to Merriwa Central School Website
<https://merriwa-c.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Select *make a payment*

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Term Two	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/ Sunday
May	2	White Card Course Homework Club Primary 3.15pm to 4.15pm	P & C Meeting RSL Club 6.30pm		Hunter Valley Wildlife Park Excursion K-2 Health and Wellbeing League Stars 3-6 Homework Club Secondary 3.30pm to 4.30pm Riding for the Disabled at Muswellbrook Support Class Excursion	Mothers Day Stall Primary Campus	
		2	3	4	5	6	7/8
May	3	Homework Club Primary 3.15pm to 4.15pm	NAPLAN Athletics Practice K-6	NAPLAN	NAPLAN Homework Club Secondary 3.30pm to 4.30pm Parent Teacher Interviews Riding for the Disabled at Muswellbrook Support Class Excursion	K-12 Athletics Carnival	
		9	10	11	12	13	14/15
May	4	Homework Club Primary 3.15pm to 4.15pm			Bell Shakespeare performance 7-10 Merriwa School of Arts Homework Club Secondary 3.30pm to 4.30pm Riding for the Disabled at Muswellbrook Support Class Excursion		
		16	17	18	19	20	21/22
May	5	Homework Club Primary 3.15pm to 4.15pm			Homework Club Secondary 3.30pm to 4.30pm Riding for the Disabled at Muswellbrook Support Class Excursion		
		23	24	25	26	27	28/29