



MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Valuing individual potential - achieving personal best*

Term 1 Week 3, 2024

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to a new school year. A special welcome to our new students and staff. It has been great to see our Kinder students settle in so well to their new classroom.

### Welcome to new staff

The teacher shortage is impacting many schools across the Hunter and beyond. We are lucky to have two relieving Head Teachers join us in secondary, Greg Woods Head Teacher Vocational Education and Training (VET), and Adam Dubois Head Teacher PDHPE. In primary Abbie McDonald has joined our staff and will work across K-6. Terri Woods has joined our learning support staff in secondary.

We currently have a number of temporary and permanent secondary teaching positions unfilled including PDHPE, special education, visual arts, learning and support, HSIE, and agriculture. As a result we have had to adjust the curriculum mix available for students.

### Improvements to our school

As you can tell the school has been a busy place over the school holidays. We have had a range of contractors on site improving facilities for students.

Primary classrooms, four have been totally renovated with new flooring, acoustic panelling on walls, and LED lighting, they look fantastic. The amphitheatre in the primary playground has been given a much needed makeover.



However the most exciting addition to the primary campus has been the construction of our multipurpose court. The new court has been long overdue, and students are very excited to test it out. We hope to have Stage 2 of this project complete by the end of Term 2 which is the construction of a shade shelter over the court.



On the secondary campus, ramps have been constructed over the break to improve access around the site and into classrooms. Further works will occur during the year to enhance access for all students on site.

Construction continues on the performance studio on the secondary campus. It is on track to be completed mid way through this term. Once completed it will be a valuable asset for our community.

### **Student Assistance**

The rising cost of living is having a significant impact on many of our families. If you are struggling to purchase uniforms assistance is available through our student assistance scheme. All applications are confidential and the application forms for 2024 can be downloaded from the school website. Please return completed forms to the office. Parents are asked to submit these applications each year.

Assistance for excursions is provided on a case-by-case basis. Please discuss with the excursion organiser or your child's teacher if financial assistance is needed. We want to ensure every child has access to all the learning opportunities available to them.

### **New behaviour policy**

The Department has introduced a new behaviour policy to be implemented in 2024. The policy gives schools greater authority to address poor behaviour of students. As we implement this new policy students will be reminded of the expectations of behaviour towards students and staff.

Parents are reminded of supports available at school for all students which include, the class teacher, year adviser, student support officer, school counsellor, and our Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing.

### **Mobile phone ban in all NSW schools**

Parents are reminded that mobile phones are banned in all NSW schools. Please do not contact your child on their phone during school hours. Please ring the office to leave a message.

Students must hand phones into the office at the start of the day and collect them in the afternoon.

No phones are to be used in the classroom or playground. If a teacher sees a phone then the student will be directed to hand it in at the office. This is a breach of school rules. Ongoing breach of school rules may result in suspension.

### **Local walking excursions**

Throughout the year students will participate in activities within walking distance around the town. Teachers will supervise students walking to the pool, between primary and secondary, to the sports ovals or other local venues. Information about these activities will be communicated to primary parents through the app or newsletter. To stay up to date please download the Audiri App.

**Darren Noonan**  
**Principal**

## **Primary News**

### **Infants**

Welcome everyone to a new school year! It has been wonderful to welcome back familiar faces and to have Kindergarten students join us for their first year at school. Our Year 1 and Year 2/3 classes have been delighted to settle into their brand new classrooms and were so excited by the amazing work that was done to them over the holiday break. Kindergarten look very impressive in their new school hats and note folder bags that the school happily provide each year. A special thank you to our P&C who also provided each Kindergarten student with a shirt voucher to start their schooling.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead, with many exciting events and opportunities to enjoy!

### **Best Start Assessment for Kindergarten**

Kindergarten's Best Start assessment is underway over the coming weeks. It is a state-wide assessment that helps teachers identify



the literacy and numeracy skills which your child brings with them at the beginning of kindergarten.

The assessment is conducted one on one by your child's classroom teacher, who will make sure that your child feels at ease and is comfortable. Once completed, you will be provided with information about the skills your child demonstrated during the assessment and ideas about how you can support your child during the first year at school.



**Kindergarten**



**Year 1**



**Year 2/3**

**Keirra Hourn  
Year 2/3 Teacher  
Assistant Principal Infants**

## **Book Club 2024**

Each term you will receive two book club catalogues. If you would like to purchase a book simply select the book or books you or your child would like, go online to place your order, then pay through LOOP ([scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)) by the due date. The office will not be taking any orders.

Books ordered through LOOP will be sent to school and distributed to the students by their class teacher. If you do not want your child to receive the purchase, please let me know.

**Tammy Parker  
Book Club Organiser**

## **Primary Library 2024**

I am looking forward to everyone borrowing from the library. We have a variety of new books as well as many old favourites available. Students who borrow and return books each week are rewarded for their efforts. Library days are:

- Kindergarten – Monday
- Year 1 – Tuesday
- Year 3 – Tuesday
- Years 5/6 – Wednesday
- Years 4/5 – Thursday
- Years 2/3 – Thursday
- Bronze – Friday

Don't forget your library bags!

**Tammy Parker  
Library Teacher**

## **NRL Gala Day**

Students from Year 1 to Year 6 have been invited to attend an NRL Gala Day Thursday, 28 February to be held at Merriwa Sports Oval. This event will be run by Corey Ridley, Game Development Officer for NRL and will focus on skill development, followed by a game of tag.

Years 1 and 2/3 students will depart school at 9.00am and return to school following the event.

Years 3, 4/5 and 5/6 will depart school at 11.30am and return to school following the event. Students are reminded to wear hats and pack plenty of water. If you have any concerns regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Parker.

**Tammy Parker**  
**Primary Sports Coordinator**

### Kindergarten Settling in

What an exciting week it's been for our new Kindergarten kiddos! They've been absolute stars jumping into the big school routine with two feet. We're so proud of how well they're settling in! This week we have been busy diving into the magical world of letters and numbers, as well as learning about our names. Students were thrilled to experience library and sport for the very first time too. We look forward to many more fun filled days of learning and growing together!



**Nicole Johnston**  
**Kindergarten Teacher**

### Primary Formal Assemblies

Our formal assemblies will usually be held in weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each Term. In the warmer seasons of Term 1 and 4, assemblies will be in the mornings at 10.15am. In the cooler seasons of Term 2 and 3, assemblies will be in the afternoons at 2.15pm. All assemblies will take place under the Primary COLA. Any changes and reminders to assemblies will be sent out via our school Audiri app.

Our Week 9 assembly Term 1 has been pushed back to Week 11 due to the Easter long weekend. In addition to our formal assemblies parents are invited to attend our informal assemblies that occur most Friday afternoons from 2.45pm, where Student of the week, Class of the Week and Sheldon Snaps are announced.

### Primary Leaders for 2024

Please welcome our Primary School Leaders for 2024. Captains Max Hourn and Mia Wilkinson, Vice Captains Alby Caban and Abigail Goodear and Prefects Dallas Duthie and Katie Pidgeon. We are excited to see their commitment, passion and dedication to Merriwa Central School grow and blossom throughout the year.

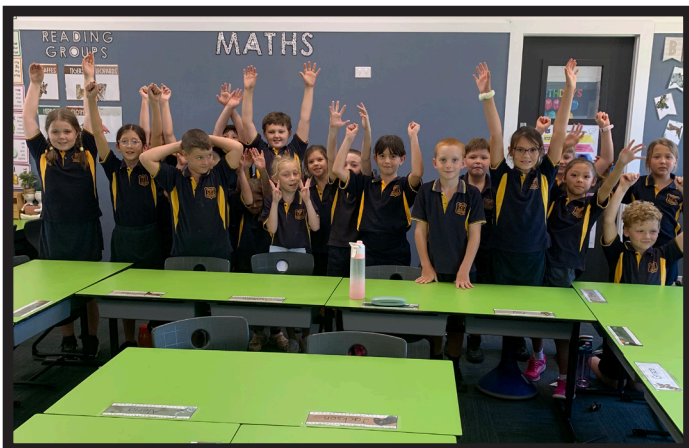


### Welcome to Primary 2024

Welcome back everyone to a new school year! It is wonderful to see the return of smiling faces after the Christmas break. Primary students in classes Year 3, Bronze, Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 have settled in well to school routines and were eager to begin their lessons. Students in Year 3 and 4/5 were excited to see that their rooms had been renovated and refurbished over the



holidays and can't wait to publish their work around the room.



Year 3



Year 4/5



Year 5/6



Bronze Class

## Primary Canteen Menu 2024

Primary canteen has an updated Summer menu to kick start the year. Please note that there have been some price increases with particular items as product prices have increased at the shops. Thank you to Belinda Keane who has volunteered in the canteen again this year. Any extra hands would be greatly appreciated to keep our canteen running for our students. If you would like to volunteer please contact our P&C via their Facebook page or email [merriwacentralschoolpandc@outlook.com](mailto:merriwacentralschoolpandc@outlook.com)

**Sarah Roberts**  
Assistant Principal Primary

## Install the App in 4 easy steps!



The free Audiri school app offers parents a convenient way to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last-minute forms, newsletters, all school communications, and even make cashless payments. With Audiri, you can get started in just a few minutes by following these simple steps:

1. Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for 'Audiri'. Install the app.
2. Create an account and follow the prompts. Click 'Sign up'. Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign up'. A confirmation email will be sent to confirm your account. Open the confirmation email and confirm your account.
3. Open the app, and click 'Add/Remove'. Type your school's name and press enter.
4. Tap the + icon to add. Now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services.



## Search Audiri in the app store



[audiri.com.au](http://audiri.com.au)



**Primary Campus  
Monday Lunch Order Menu 2024**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Class: \_\_\_\_\_

| Item   |  | Cost   | Quantity |
|--|--|--------|----------|
| Pizza  | Ham and Cheese                               | \$4.00 |          |
| Pies   |  | \$3.50 |          |
| Chicken tender wrap – with lettuce/cheese mayo |  | \$3.50 |          |
| Chicken fingers X 8                            |  | \$4.00 |          |
| Chicken Burger – lettuce & mayo                |  | \$5.00 |          |
| Fish Finger Burger with mayo                   |  | \$5.00 |          |
| Toasted sandwich                               | Cheese                                       | \$3.00 |          |
|  | Cheese/ham                                   | \$3.50 |          |
|  | Ham/cheese/tomato                            | \$3.50 |          |
| Chill J sparkling fruit juice                  | Blackcurrant                                 | \$3.00 |          |
|  | Apple/Cola                                   | \$3.00 |          |
|  | Raspberry                                    | \$3.00 |          |
|  | Grape  | \$3.00 |          |
|  | Watermelon                                   | \$3.00 |          |
| Flavoured milk                                 | Chocolate or Strawberry                      | \$2.50 |          |
|  | Fruit juice popper – Apple, Orange, Tropical | \$2.00 |          |
| Bottled water                                  |  | \$1.50 |          |
| Zoooper Dooper                                 |  | \$0.80 |          |
| Ice cream - Twin Pole                          |  | \$1.50 |          |
| Sauce  | Tomato or barbecue                           | \$0.50 |          |
| <b>Total</b>                                   |  | \$     |          |

**Primary Campus  
Monday Recess Order Menu 2024**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Class: \_\_\_\_\_

| Item                                   | Cost   | Quantity |
|--|--------|----------|
| Mini chicken wrap                      | \$1.50 |          |
| Pizza scrolls                          | \$0.80 |          |
| Party Pies                             | \$0.80 |          |
| Garlic bread                           | \$0.50 |          |
| Cupcake                                | \$0.50 |          |
| Fresh fruit cup                        | \$2.00 |          |
| Jelly cup                              | \$1.00 |          |
| Flavoured Milk – Chocolate, Strawberry | \$2.50 |          |
| Popper – Apple, Orange, Tropical       | \$2.00 |          |
| Water                                  | \$1.50 |          |
| <b>RECESS SPECIALS</b>                 |        |          |
|  |        |          |
|  |        |          |
| <b>Total</b>                           | \$     |          |
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Swimming Carnival 2024









# Secondary News

Welcome back to Term 1. It is wonderful to see students back on campus and settling quickly into the school routines.

A reminder to all students and parents that vaping in NOT allowed on school grounds.

The Government statistics about vaping.

“Around 16.5% of young people 16-24 in NSW vape. Around two years ago, that figure was at 4.5 per cent.

There’s a lot we’re still learning about the long-term effects of vaping. But we do know the effects of vaping are real and can cause serious damage to health”.

NSW Health website has very helpful information about vaping for students, parents and carers. It is a worthwhile site to visit: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/vaping>

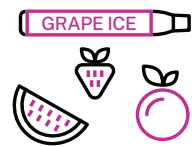
It is a valuable resource when having a conversation with your young person.


The DOE Behaviour Policy will be followed when students are found vaping at school.

### VAPES ARE DESIGNED TO BE APPEALING TO YOU

The flavours (e.g. watermelon, grape, caramel, bubble-gum, vanilla and mint) and colourful packaging used for vapes make them appealing. **Many vapes also contain nicotine, which you can become addicted to very quickly.**

Tobacco companies are continuously looking for new customers. Vapes are a new way to get young people addicted to nicotine, which is often difficult to quit.






### MOST YOUNG PEOPLE DO NOT VAPE

Vaping may seem popular, but in fact, research shows that 4 in 5 young people do not vape.

You might think vaping is harmless, but it isn't, and the **serious consequences of vaping are just starting to emerge.**

Any take up of vaping by young people is worrying.



### NICOTINE IS HARMFUL FOR YOUR YOUNG BRAIN

Nicotine is a drug that is in many vapes and is very addictive for young brains. **It can cause long-lasting negative effects on your brain development.**

Nicotine changes the way brain synapses are formed in young people.

This can harm your ability to pay attention, learn and affect your mood and memory.


### RISKS TO YOUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Vapes may expose you to chemicals at levels that have the potential to cause negative health effects. Vaping can impact your lungs and fitness. It can also leave you at increased risk of depression and anxiety. **Vaping has been linked to serious lung disease.** Importantly, many of the long-term harms of vaping are still unknown.

You're not vaping water. When you inhale from a vape you can be exposed to:


- the same harmful chemicals found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray.
- toxins such as formaldehyde and heavy metals.
- ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs.
- flavouring chemicals such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to serious lung disease).

Vapes have even been known to explode causing serious burns.



Do you know what you're vaping?  
Get the evidence\* and facts at [health.nsw.gov.au/vaping](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/vaping)

\*All statements are backed by evidence which can be found on the website



### SELLING VAPES TO PEOPLE UNDER 18 IS ILLEGAL

It is illegal for anyone to sell any vape to people under 18 years of age, including retailers such as tobacconists, convenience stores and service stations. **It is also illegal to sell vapes to friends or contacts under 18 on social media.**

You may have heard that nicotine vapes are available with a prescription from a doctor. This is only for people over 18 years as a tool to help quit smoking. Even then, doctors will explain the risks of using vapes to patients.

There are a number of retailers who might illegally sell you vapes. This is a crime. If you think someone is selling vapes illegally, you can report this to NSW Health via its website or call the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412.



### THE SIGNS YOU ARE ADDICTED TO VAPING



How do you know you are getting hooked on vaping?  
Nicotine addiction from vapes is the same as for smokers.

**This can mean feeling irritable or anxious, as well as craving to vape.**

You may also experience a lack of concentration when you can't vape and you can have trouble sleeping.



### MISLEADING AND DANGEROUS LABELLING

Vaping products are often not labelled or are incorrectly labelled.

**Most vapes with labels that claim to be nicotine free contain nicotine and a lot of other chemicals.**

They just don't put it on the pack.



### GOOD REASONS TO NOT VAPE

You don't want vaping to come between you and your friends.

**Have a reason or two that you can tell your mates why you don't want to vape.**

For example, "Vaping is not for me because I don't know what's in it" or "I care about my health and fitness and don't want vaping to ruin it" or "Vapes may taste or smell good, but I've heard they can contain nicotine and I don't want to get hooked like a cigarette smoker".



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## THE FACTS ABOUT VAPING

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Vapes are electronic devices designed to deliver vapourised liquids into your lungs when you breathe in. Vapes aren't water. The main ingredient in vapes is propylene glycol, vegetable glycerine or glycerol, and they often also contain nicotine, flavours and other chemicals. Vapes may contain harmful chemicals that aren't listed on the pack.

The biggest misunderstanding about vapes is that they are harmless compared to cigarettes. This is not true. **Vapes are not safe.**

### DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE VAPING?



**NICOTINE**

Many vapes contain nicotine making them **very addictive**



**FRUITY**

The nicotine in 1 vape can **= 50 cigarettes**



If you vape you are **3 times** as likely to take up smoking cigarettes



Vaping has been linked to **serious lung disease**



Vape aerosol is **not water vapour**



Vapes can contain the same **harmful chemicals** found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray.



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**Lisa Zielinski**  
Deputy Principal

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Secondary Campus are very excited to introduce our new token system, which students have shown a keen interest in. Students will receive a Sheldon token when they are observed being, SAFE, RESPECTFUL or a LEARNER. To ensure we stay focused on the positives a fortnightly focus will be set for staff to really look out for. The first focus is 'having your equipment ready'. You can support your child by ensuring they pack their bag the night before with a pencil case and the books needed for the next day.

Tokens will be collected in homeroom tins, and then fed into tubes at Monday morning assembly to recognise all the hard work and positive behaviours of our students. Year groups will then receive recognition when they reach certain levels. The first recognition is a nice cool icy pole for everyone in the class...I wonder which year group will reach this first.

### MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL PBL RECOGNITION

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Tokens</b><br>Given out by teacher<br>to students meeting expectations                            |   |
|                   | <b>Collection</b><br>Students place tokens in year<br>buckets in their homeroom.     |
| <b>Assembly</b><br>Year rep brings bucket of tokens<br>to assembly                                   |   |
|                   | <b>PBL Recognition tubes</b><br>Year rep pours tokens into your<br>years tube        |
| <b>Recognition Rewards</b><br>When your year reaches the<br>marker the group receives that<br>reward |   |
|                   | <b>Suggestions</b><br>Have suggestions for Recognition<br>Rewards? Tell your SRC rep |

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

## Student Representative Council (SRC)

Secondary SRC will have its first meeting for 2024 on Tuesday.

The SRC are busy planning some fun lunch activities to help celebrate Harmony Week in a few weeks, and plan to include a "Wear Orange, for Harmony Day" day.

Year 7 SRC nominations are now open and due on Thursday of Week 3 with class voting taking place on Friday. The Year 7 SRC representatives will be presented their badges at the next formal assembly on Monday Week 8 in the Great Hall.

Unfortunately we are still having issues with our Trucker hats, we will let you know when we have more information.

**Elizabeth La Trobe**  
**Head Teacher Support**

If you or someone else needs  
immediate help – call 000

Additional Support Services

**Life Line** – 13 11 14  
24/7 confidential crisis support

**NSW Mental Health Line** – 1800 011 511  
24/7 telephone assessment & referral

**Beyond Blue** 1300 224 636  
[www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)  
24/7 mental health counselling, support and referral

**Alcohol & Drug Information Service**  
1800 250 015 (24/7)  
Information, support referral & counselling on drugs  
and alcohol

**Kids Helpline** (24hrs) 1800 55 1800  
[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)  
Young people 5-25 years old

**Suicide Call Back Service** 1300 659 467  
[www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au)  
24/7 telephone support & counselling for anyone  
affected by suicide

**Men's Helpline** 1300 789 978  
[www.mensline.org.au](http://www.mensline.org.au)  
24/7 information & referral service for men with family  
and relationship concerns



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

## Parent Workshop - Keeping kids safe online

Lorraine Upward - Police Youth Engagement Officer, will visit our school on Thursday, 7 March. Lorraine will talk to students about being safe online and run a workshop for parents.

The parent information session will focus on - Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

**Where:** Secondary Campus

**When:** Thursday, March 7 at 5.00pm

**Narelle Smith**  
**Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing**





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# Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow online safety presentation will take place on

**DATE:** 7th March 2024 5pm

**LOCATION:** Merriwa Central School - Secondary Campus

## The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) for more information about online safety and security.

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# THOUGHTS 'N' DREAMS

# '24

**ENTER  
NOW!**

The Friends of Myall Creek Committee invite all school children from Years K to 12 to participate in the 15th annual Thoughts 'n' Dreams student art, writing and song competition.

Join hundreds of other school kids from across Australia to say NO to racism and YES to treating everyone with respect and understanding. ENTRY DETAILS OVERLEAF.

[www.myallcreek.org](http://www.myallcreek.org)

**GREAT  
PRIZES  
TO BE WON**

**65,000 YEARS OF AWESOMENESS. LET'S CELEBRATE!**

**2024 MYALL CREEK MEMORIAL STUDENT ART, WRITING AND SONG COMPETITION**



# PRIZE CATEGORIES

**CATEGORY 1** KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 3

**CATEGORY 2** YEAR 4 – YEAR 6

**CATEGORY 3** YEAR 7 – YEAR 9

**CATEGORY 4** YEAR 10 – YEAR 12

Three (3) prizes will be awarded in each category.

FIRST PRIZE: \$50 and a book.

1ST & 2ND HIGHLY COMMENDED: \$25 and a book.

**ENTRY FEE** Free

**NO. OF ENTRIES** You may enter into one or more of the writing, art and/or song sections as many times as you like.

**SIZE** Written work – maximum one (1) x A4 page. Artwork – any size. Songs or dances – one (1) x four (4) minutes or less.

## THEME

Best written work (essays/poems/short stories etc) or artworks (any medium), songs or dance routines depicting the theme of:

**65,000 YEARS  
OF AWESOMENESS?  
Let's celebrate!**

## DEADLINE

Closing date for entries:

**5.00pm, Friday 17th May, 2024**

NO late online entries will be accepted.

## ENTRIES

Due to the relaxing of Covid-19 restrictions, the 2024 competition will be accepting both physical and digital entries this year.

We encourage all group entries to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

**PHYSICAL ENTRIES** – Written work and/or artwork to be sent to:  
**2024 Thoughts 'n' Dreams Competition**

Att: Jo Miller  
c/o- 5 Junction Street,  
Bingara NSW 2404

For the return of written work and artworks, please supply a stamped self-addressed envelope (in the correct size). If this is not provided please see officials for alternate collection arrangements. Any items not collected will remain the property of the Friends of Myall Creek Memorial.

**DIGITAL ENTRIES** – Emailed to:  
jo@hopwoodmiller.com

ALL entries or emails must include the following information:

- i) Name of student ii) Age
- iii) Email address and/or phone number
- iv) Year of student/class and school

## JUDGING

Judges will choose three (3) finalists in each of the four (4) categories. These finalists will be notified by phone by **Monday 3rd June 2024.**

**The judges' decision will be final.**

## THE CEREMONY

**Sunday June 9th, 2024**

**9.00am** – Morning tea at the Myall Creek Memorial Hall.

**9.45am** – Short walk to the Memorial site for the ceremony, returning to the hall around midday.

**1.00pm** – Announcement of winners and awarding of prizes of the 15th Annual Thoughts 'n' Dreams Competition.

For more information please contact:

Jo Miller on 0414 418 600 or  
jo@hopwoodmiller.com  
or go to: [www.myallcreek.org](http://www.myallcreek.org)



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## MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT BOOK/EQUIPMENT LIST

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Primary<br/>K-2</b>             | <b>Include:</b><br>All equipment is provided by the school. Children may bring in their own pencil cases, and it is suggested that each child brings in a paint shirt that will protect school uniforms during art lessons.   |
| <b>Primary Yr 3 - 6</b>            | <b>Include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• blue and red pens, lead pencils, eraser, rule, glue stick, scissors, pencil sharpener, pencil case</li> <li>• Coloured pencils and textas are also recommended.</li> <li>• All workbooks and art supplies will be supplied by the school. Please DO NOT send permanent markers, liquid paper or whiteout tape.</li> <li>• A paint shirt is also suggested to protect school uniforms during visual arts activities.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Secondary 7-12</b>              | <b>Include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• red, black and blue biros, lead pencil, eraser, plastic or wooden ruler, glue stick, scissors, pencil sharpener and pencil case</li> <li>• Calculator [Casio Scientific fx-82au]</li> <li>• USB Stick</li> <li>• Safety Glasses</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Years 7-10 Subject Specific</b> |   |
| English                            | 148 page A4 Exercise book   |
| History<br>Geography               | 148 page A4 Exercise book<br>148 page A4 Exercise book  |
| Music                              | 148 page A4 Exercise book   |
| Mathematics                        | 148 page A4 Exercise book (not a Grid book) – 2-3 books   |
| Science                            | 148 page A4 Exercise book –1-2 books<br>Assignment Book   |
| PD/H/PE                            | 96 page A4 Exercise book  |
| <b>Years 7 - 8</b>                 |   |
| Technology                         | 96-128 pages A4 Exercise book   |
| Creative & Visual Art              | A3 Sketch book  |
| <b>Year 8</b>                      |   |
| LOTE                               | 148 page A4 Exercise book   |
| <b>Years 9 - 10</b>                |   |
| Commerce                           | 148 page A4 Exercise book   |
| Agriculture                        | 148 page A4 Exercise book   |
| Technics                           | 64 page A4 Exercise book  |
| Food Tech                          | 96 page A4 Exercise book  |
| <b>Years 11 - 12</b>               | Two A4 Folders with 4 D-rings<br>A4 Books for each subject  |



**Secondary Campus  
Recess and Lunch Order Menu 2024**

| Item                      | Cost   |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Large meat Pies           | \$3.50 |
| Party Pie                 | .80c   |
| Fruit Cups                | \$2.00 |
| Salad Roll/ Sandwich      | \$5.00 |
| Ham Salad Sandwich / Roll | \$6.00 |
| Chicken Salad             | \$6.00 |
| Egg and Lettuce Sandwich  | \$4.00 |
| Cheese Sandwich           | \$3.00 |
| Toasted Cheese            | \$3.00 |
| Toasted Ham and cheese    | \$4.00 |
| Chicken Burger            | \$4.00 |
| Small chicken wrap        | \$3.00 |
| Chicken Fingers (4)       | \$3.00 |
| Chicken Fingers (8)       | \$5.00 |
| Piazza Scroll             | .80c   |
| Cup cakes                 | \$1.00 |
| Juice Bomb                | \$3.00 |
| Juices                    | \$3.50 |
| Water Bottle              | \$2.00 |
| Oak Milk                  | \$4.00 |
| Zooper Doopers            | .80c   |

## New Senior School Uniform 2024

### Purchasing information

- Senior navy polo top  
Purchase from Di's Clothing Patch
- Senior girls & boys lemon collared shirts
  - Tartan skirts
- Senior boys trousers  
Purchase from Merriwa  
Central School office only



| Term One           | Week | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday/<br>Sunday |
|--------------------|------|--|--|--|---|---|---------------------|
| February           | 3    | Year 7,10<br>&11 Peer<br>Support<br>Camp<br><br>12 | Year 7,10<br>&11 Peer<br>Support<br>Camp<br><br>13                                   | Year 7,10<br>&11 Peer<br>Support<br>Camp<br><br>14               | 15  | Primary K-6<br>Formal<br>Assembly<br>10.15am<br><br>16                              | 17/18               |
| February           | 4    | 19   | 20   | 21   | Primary Zone<br>Swimming<br>Carnival Score<br><br>Secondary Zone<br>Swimming<br>Carnival<br>Singleton<br><br>Driving Lessons<br><br>22              | 23  | 24/25               |
| February/<br>March | 5    | 26   | 27   | NRL Gala Day<br>Years 1 to 6<br>Merriwa<br>Sports Oval<br><br>28 | 29  | 1   | 2/3                 |
| March              | 6    | 4  | Life<br>Education<br>Healthy<br>Harold K-6<br><br>P&C Meeting<br>RSL 6.30pm<br><br>5 | Life<br>Education<br>Healthy<br>Harold K-6<br><br>6              | Police and<br>Community Talk<br>Primary &<br>Secondary &<br>Parent evening<br>session 5.00pm<br>Secondary<br>Campus<br><br>Driving Lessons<br><br>7 | Primary K-6<br>Formal<br>Assembly<br>10.15am<br><br>8                               | 9/10                |
| March              | 7    | 11   | 12   | NAPLAN<br><br>13   | NAPLAN<br><br>14  | NAPLAN<br><br>15  | 16/17               |
| March              | 8    | NAPLAN<br><br>18                                   | NAPLAN<br><br>19   | NAPLAN<br><br>20   | NAPLAN<br><br>21  | NAPLAN<br><br>22  | 24                  |
| March              | 9    | NAPLAN<br><br>25                                   | NRL Mental<br>Health State<br>of Mind<br>Program<br><br>26                           | 27   | 28  | Good Friday<br><br>29   | 30/31               |
| March/<br>April    | 10   | Easter<br>Monday<br><br>1                          | 2  | 3  | Driving Lessons<br><br>4  | School Photo<br>Day<br><br>5  | 6/7                 |
| April              | 11   | 8  | 9  | 10   | 11  | Primary K-6<br>Formal<br>Assembly<br>10.15am<br><br>Last Day of<br>Term 1<br><br>12 | 13                  |