Hat Day for Mental Awareness, what hat will you be wearing on Friday?

Hat Day this Friday!

Donations can be made in the main street or by attending the Hat Day dinner at the Merriwa Sports Club at 7.00pm.

All community are welcome to help raise money for Mental Awareness.

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Photography Competition

Entries close: OCTOBER 13
AT 12 NOON

Topic for the month is: MEN AND WOMEN AT WORK

The winning photo will receive a prize to the value of $50.00 from the monthly sponsor and this month it is sponsored by:
MERRIWA TYRE AND SERVICE CENTRE

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This is a very broad topic but an easy topic to cover, it is open to interpretation and we hope to see many photos sent in to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

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On Tuesday September 16 students from Year 1-3 went all the way to Newcastle to board the Young Endeavour. The Young Endeavour was a gift from the United Kingdom to the Government and people of Australia to mark the Bicentenary in 1988. As Australia’s sail training flagship, the Young Endeavour participates in major events in Australia and around the world. We were taken on a tour around the ship including below deck where we got to see the replica of Captain Cook’s sleeping quarters! We discovered how small and cramped living on a ship would be and that everyone on board has an important job to do.

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REWARDS ACTIVITIES

On Friday 19 September Primary students participated in Rewards Activities for Term 3. Students from Years 3-6 relaxed with a movie afternoon and yummy popcorn. Infants students walked to Merriwa Sports Club to play Putt Putt! It was a fantastic day and it was very interesting to see some of the strategies students used to work their way around the course. Students were lining up the ball, using their putter to angle their shot and some even measured how far they had to tap the ball. The best part was watching teams work together to find the best way to sink their ball. Thank you to the Merriwa Sports Club for having us, we had lots of fun!

MERRIWA SHOW

The first weekend of the school holidays was the Merriwa Springtime Show! It was a fantastic event and our school presented a wonderful display. Many students also had entries in events such as art, photography, horse events, and many others. Below are just some of the entries from Merriwa Central students in the photography exhibition.
Tonight at the Secondary Campus will host the Year 7 Orientation evening. Parents and students are invited to attend. This term, Year 6 students will participate in orientation days each Thursday in Weeks 2, 3 and 4. If you have any questions about the program please contact the Primary Office on 6548 2101 or the Secondary Office on 6548 2119.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

A reminder for parents that the Kindergarten transition program will begin on Tuesday October 21 from 9.00-11.00am. Please contact the primary office on 6548 2101 if you have any questions about the program.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

Secondary News

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FACULTY
NEWS (VET)

Firstly the VET Faculty would like to wish all Year 12 students all the best with their Higher School Certificate examinations which begin next week. We would like to remind students that staff are available to help support them in their subject preparation for exams, they just need to arrange a time that is suitable to meet with staff members for some extra revision with their course work.

Term IV is also the time that our Year 11 students commence their Year 12 work so it is important that they begin the term focused and organised so that all assessment work can be completed to a level that will maximise their results in the Higher School Certificate in 2015. Consequently it is important to use all their time effectively this term so that major works are well under way in their practical subjects so there is minimal stress as completion dates seem to come around very quickly in Year 12.

Year 10 are about to undertake their next week of work experience and will be attending a work place of their choice form November 17 to November 21. Most students are already organised however there are a few who still have not decided where they would like to go so we will need to finalise this in the first two weeks of term IV. A number of students will be completing their work experience with employers with the view to hopefully gain a school based traineeship/apprenticeship in that industry in 2015-2106. This is a fabulous opportunity for students to impress employers and for them to really engage in that industry to see if it is a future career pathway they are interested in.

Year 10 students will also be completing “All My Own Work” in their career lessons this term so they are fully prepared for Stage 6 enrolment requirements. This is a mandatory requirement by the Board of Studies before a student can enrol in Stage 6 courses.

Year 9 will be finalising their Work Health and Safety (WH&S) modules in careers so they are fully prepared to attend work experience in Year 10. They have been looking at various industry WH&S scenarios in class and will have to complete a quiz online this term to complete this work.

Please remember all staff are available to support students with their school work so please contact staff if you wish to discuss your child’s progress.

Jane Hegarty
VET Head Teacher
Why I want to be in ROAR? I believe it would be a great challenge physically and mentally

What is my favourite subject: Art and Sport
What is my favourite sport? Rugby League
What is my favourite team? Broncos
Favourite Player: Darren Lockier
Best Sporting Achievement: Playing Rep Rugby League
Who inspires you and Why: My family as they are always encouraging me and helping me achieve my goals
Advice to young players: If you are not there to win all you need to do is have fun and enjoy the game.
Year 5/6 Report

What a successful term it was in Term 3 for the leaders of St Joseph’s. There were many reasons to make Mr Morris extremely proud.

Early in the term the Year Six Leaders ran a successful fundraiser for Life Education with a footy colours day and sausage sizzle.

5/6 were also responsible for a very entertaining and successful Mission Day on the last day of Term 3. There were many well organised activities, we used our communication skills studied in Science to advertise the day and each activity. We raised $250.00.

We thoroughly enjoyed the public speaking experience with lots of practice put in. Students’ confidence grew steadily throughout the term and the performances improved dramatically. Clancy Moore and Eliza Peebles were selected by their classmates to represent St Joseph’s at the Upper Hunter Public Speaking next week.

The highlight of Term 3 however was undoubtedly the St Joseph’s whole school performance. Year 5/6 totally blew the audience away with their performance of “The Emperor’s New Clothes”. It was fabulous to see the wholehearted effort and the wonderful acting ability of the senior students. They certainly led by example.

Finally the “Spirit of St Joseph” award was won by one of our fine leaders, Ty Riley. Ty’s leadership skills again shone this term and he thoroughly deserved the award.

Term 4 will be extremely busy for everyone, especially our Year Six Leaders as they prepare for their primary school graduation.

Our English program this term will focus on persuasion, studying how people use words and images to persuade people to agree with opinions, or to sell goods and services. We will continue to improve our spelling using activities based on the four spelling strategies, and our comprehension activities will be based around questioning and monitoring.

Our Mathematics test results have improved dramatically throughout this year so we will continue with our Balanced Numeracy sessions each day. These involve a daily workout question, a NAPLAN question, and modelled, guided and independent activities using concrete materials and computer technology, and finally a reflection where we can say or write how we feel about the topic being taught.

Our first Religion unit for Term 4 will be Justice, where we will explore being stewards of creation and what we do in our lives to promote and live this stewardship. Our second unit will be Christmas and Advent, in which we will look at Christmas as a time of hope and the traditions and rituals associated with Christmas and Advent.

Everyone is looking forward to our excursion to Coonabarabran to coincide with the Space unit we are going to study in Science. We look forward to giving a report in our end of term Ringer article.

In HSIE we will be studying the Australian Colonies looking at the lives of Australians in the 1800s. We will look at the lives of European settlers and Indigenous Australians during this era of Australian history.

Our Creative Arts activities this term will be based around the Space and Australian History themes. There will be some art that will make our hands dirty which should be lots of fun.

Personal Power will be the topic studied during PDH lessons this term. We will learn about positive relationships, what types of things are attributed to power and how to protect ourselves.

After Cassilis Sports Day in Week One our focus in PE will move to Gymnastics and Swimming throughout the rest of the term.

We look forward to informing the Merriwa community of more success stories from Year 5/6 at the end of the term.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE “SPIRIT OF ST JOSEPH:” WINNER FOR TERM 3

Ty Riley - Ty has shown great understanding and empathy for others students and helping them through difficult times. He has demonstrated great leadership skills by contributing to leadership meetings, assisting teachers wherever he can, and being a great role model to younger students.

Remember!

Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer BEFORE 9.00am Monday! No late articles will be accepted!
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Women’s Guild meeting - first Thursday monthly November: 2.00pm

Messy Church - Parish Hall - Last Friday monthly October to November: 3.30pm

Men’s breakfast - Parish Hall - Third Saturday monthly October to November: 7.30am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 10: Women’s Guild street stall, all donations of saleable items appreciated.

October 12: Rev’d Glen Hughes commissioning as Priest in charge of Merriwa and Murrurundi parishes. Service at St. Alban’s Muswellbrook at 1.00pm. Please provide cakes/slices for afternoon tea.

October 18: Ladies Guild Clearing sale lunch please contact Didi Alker phone 6548 2868 for details.

October 19: Come along and meet Rev’d Glen, his wife Jo and their two children Thomas and Isabelle on his first Sunday with us at “Holy Trinity”

December 14: Carols in the Park.

School has resumed for the last term and so as you work hard to give of your very best as you reach for the stars. Pray this prayer with your family.....

A back to school prayer for children:

Dear Father God,
Thank you for holiday times
For freedom, family and friends.
Help me to keep these happy times in my heart.
I am excited to start school.
To spend time with my teacher and school friends.
Help me to settle back into this school year!
Help me to learn, to grow in confidence
And to have lots of fun.
(a school prayer for children to say from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa Rotary

MERRIWA COMMUNITY HAT DAY

Friday October 10, 2014 – join in the hat parade down the street through the day then join us for dinner at the Sports Club 7.00pm. All welcome. Do your part for ‘mental awareness.’ Show your support.

WHAT HAT WILL YOU WEAR?

Merriwa Rotary invite our community to join us in mental health awareness HATDAY to help reduce the stigma commonly associated with mental illness. Support this event by wearing a hat and offering a donation that will be directed to the Australian Rotary Health for Mental Health Research. Come join us at the Sports Club for dinner at our ‘Mad Hatters Party’.

All Merriwa businesses have come on board to assist Rotary raise awareness of mental health and raise money needed for mental health research. On Friday October 10, the shops in Merriwa will have an assortment of hats being worn by employees and bosses. If you catch anyone without their hat on, fine them! Ask them to place their fine money in the donation tin. While you’re shopping support this day by also wearing a hat to shop and donate to a very worthy cause. Collection buckets, hats or boxes will be placed in convenient locations (near checkouts or exits) into which customers could drop donations.

Did You Know ..........???

Almost 20% of the Australian population will be affected by mental illness in a 12 month period.

That’s over four million people in Australia who suffer from a mental disturbance each and every year.

The Australian Rotary Health for Mental Health Research program has led the way as the largest Non-Government organization providing funding for mental health research within Australia. ARH has undertaken successful research into SIDS, Suicide, Alzheimer’s and numerous other illnesses through all major Universities within Australia. The Australian Government has worked in conjunction with us to fund mental health awareness community forums over several years that have helped to reduce the stigma commonly associated with mental illness.

Money raised from Hat Day will go toward research that further investigates the causes of mental illness, provides more effective pharmaceutical and therapeutic treatments, and improves services offered across the country.

We ask for your generous support. Donate into the
If you want to report a crime other than an emergency and you are not in danger, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444. The information will be passed to your local police straight away.

Every time you report a crime always request a COPS Event Number, this is your proof that you have reported the crime to police. Keep a record of your COPS Event Number, you will need it to follow up the event or if you need to make an insurance claim.

This information relates to reporting crimes which are not an emergency.

In the event of an Emergency dial 000.

The Hunter Valley Local Area Command in Muswellbrook is staffed continuously and can be contacted on 6542 6999.

The local Police Stations are not staffed all the time, their telephone numbers are as follows:

- Cassilis Police Station: 6376 1001
- Denman Police Station: 6547 2400
- Merriwa Police Station: 6548 2203

This information is brought to you as a public service by Merriwa District Progress Association Inc.

**Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary**

**MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**

The Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary would like to invite the Merriwa Community to attend our Melbourne Cup Garden Luncheon to be held on Tuesday November 4, 2014. This year our beautiful garden setting is at Col and Gaye Bates, ‘Kingslyn’. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a scrumptious luncheon in amongst the beautiful trees and gardens at ‘Kingslyn’.

More in next week’s RINGER. Start getting your friends together now. Don’t let them go elsewhere as this is the place to be for Melbourne Cup Day. Lots of prizes to be had and sweeps to win.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

$2.00 per Ticket

First Prize - HD TV DVD 61cm Palsonic Combo - Donated by Vero and Son’s Electrical

Second Prize - $200.00 Donated in store Voucher to Max’s Country Cuts

Third Prize - $50.00 Fuel Voucher to Caltex

Fourth Prize - $40.00 Donated in store Voucher to ‘Alexiam of Merriwa’ Preserves and Cookery

Tickets available from the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre or during street stalls outside of IGA and Merriwa Pharmacy.

**Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces**

In Celebrating 25 years of the Festival of the Fleeces, the Committee would like to say thank you to all the businesses and local community members who at different times over the past quarter century have donated to and sponsored the Festival. Because of you, Merriwa’s famous Running of the Sheep and the Festival of the Fleeces are not only a great community event, but also a State, Interstate, and International attraction.

Without the generous support of all of our amazing sponsors since 1990, the Upper Hunter Shire would not have Merriwa’s major community and tourist attraction in which our local businesses can showcase their amazing produce and rich history of life on the land in rural Australia.

The Festival Committee would like to thank all local businesses and community members for their past and ongoing support and would like to invite who have had an association with the Festival over the years to celebrate 2015 together at a special Gala evening.

The Gala Celebration will be held at the Merriwa School of Arts on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 30 May 2015. In order for the committee to organise this event, those who are interested in attending are asked to contact the committee by the end of December 2014.

This will be an event where information will be shared, memories reminisced, and legendary stories passed down.

For more information or to confirm your attendance at this event please contact the Minute Secretary, Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee on:

**Beren Arden-Wood**

**Elaine Sparrow**
SHOWJUMPING RESULTS

1. **MRS P STEWART**
   AM7 for Pony Club riders under 13 yrs.
   Height 30cm
   First Amy Thompson riding Simba
   Second Sam Thompson riding Dolly
   Third Bridie Ryan riding Molly
   Fourth Hannah Riley riding Doc

2. **HEAVENLY HORSE DESIGNS**
   AM7 for Pony Club riders 13yrs and under 17yrs. Height 40cm
   First Kerrie Ward riding Nulla
   Second Robert Thorburn riding Quntum

3. **MERRIWA UPHOLSTERY AND SADDLERY**
   UNOFFICIAL 50cm AM7
   First Amy Thompson riding Simba
   Second Charlie Richardson riding Sunny
   Third Sam Thompson riding Dolly
   Fourth Hannah Riley riding Doc

4. **RUSSELL’S CHAFF MUDGEE**
   UNOFFICIAL 70cm AM7
   First Natalia Clysdale riding Hugo
   Second Sophie Whitehouse riding Torque
   Third Blair Richardson riding Dry Shore
   Fourth Amy Thompson riding Simba

5. **F AND S.E. UNDERWOOD**
   UNOFFICIAL 90cm AM7
   First Ashley Randle riding Henry
   Second Natayla Bretherton riding Dressed in a Rush
   Third Milly Fisher riding Vivianne
   Fourth Robert Thorburn riding Too the Fore

6. **GLANDORE WESTERN STAR**
   UNOFFICIAL 105cm AM5
   First Milly Fisher riding Vivianne
   Second Milly Fisher riding Mo Jo Jo Jo
   Third Ruby Varley riding Jumping Jack Sparrow
   Fourth Natayla Bretherton riding Dressed in a Rush

7. **GILDER PARTNERSHIP**
   UNOFFICIAL 120cm AM5
   First Milly Fisher riding Mo Jo Jo Jo
   Second Nikki Richardson riding Rudolph
   Third Blair Richardson riding Maverick

8. **CASSILIS PARK MERINO STUD AND MRS D BISHOP OPEN SIXBAR**
   First Natayla Bretherton riding Dressed in a Rush

MERINO SHEEP SECTION - MERRIWA SHOW 2014

Grand Champion Ram, a fine wool ram awarded to Mr. Trevor Pike “Bulla Gulley

Reserve Champion Ram, a super fine Merino ram awarded to first time exhibitor, Miss Show girl, Teresa Hogan “Hebuterne”.

FAIRFAX PAVILION ENTRIES

- **Needlework** - Acting Captain: Ros Munro
  Trophy for most successful exhibitor classes Open class, donated by Mrs. Jean Keeping
  Winner: Mavis Merrick
  Trophy for most successful exhibitor in Junior Classes, donated by Mrs. Robyn Dorney
  Winner: Molly Wong

- **Horticulture** Captain: Mary Frampton
  Prize donated for most successful exhibitor gaining highest point score: donated by Mrs M. Frampton
  Winner: Chris Wild
  Prize donated for Runner up of most successful exhibitor gaining highest point score: donated by Mrs M. Frampton and Mrs L Moore
  Winner: Andrew Swain
  Prize donated for most outstanding single exhibit, open: donated by Mrs M Frampton
  Winner: Emily Gell
  Prize donated for most outstanding single exhibit, 16 and Under donated by Mrs L Moore
  Winner: Harriet Alker
  Prize donated for most outstanding single exhibit, 12 and Under: donated by Mrs G Stanton
  Winner: Maddie Armitage

YOUNG FARMER COMPETITION RESULTS
Get a handle on crop management at the Spring Cropping Field Day

Grain producers are invited to explore the latest research and development into cropping at the upcoming Spring Cropping Field Day in Merriwa.

Key experts including Peter Matthews, Greg Brooke and Steven Simpfendorfer, from NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), along with Tim Weaver from the industry body, Pulse Australia, will be available to advise landholders on the latest techniques in crop management.

Sarah Giblin, Land Services Officer for Hunter Local Land Services (LLS), said Upper Hunter land managers will learn about techniques to manage crop diseases, such as crown rot and other cereal diseases, which will improve crop production and help make their business more viable and profitable.

‘The DPI experts will showcase the latest research and development from the National Variety and Cereal Fertiliser Trials. These trials are a great opportunity for grain producers wishing to check out the latest knowledge in cropping’, said Ms Giblin.

The Spring Cropping Field Day is on Friday October 17 from 9.00am – 4.00pm at local Merriwa property, ‘Woodlands’.

‘Woodlands’ is located on the corner of Possum Springs Road and Flight Springs Road, south west of Merriwa.

Please register your place either online at https://hunterlls.wufoo.eu/forms/spring-cropping-field-day/ or contact Hunter Local Land Services Muswellbrook Office on 6542 4444 by Monday, October 13, 2014.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided - please notify the Muswellbrook office of any dietary requirement when you book.


Maree Whelan

First: Tim Gilder
Second: John Touse
Third: Maisie Morrow
Fourth: David Brookes

Tash Taaffe
Merriwa Community Portal
IGA Alien Hunt Competition Winner is …

The Merriwa Community Portal IGA Alien Hunt Competition has now come to a close. Entrants had to seek out the 10 alien images hidden within the pages of the Merriwa website - www.merriwa.nsw.au. All correct entries were entered into the draw to win $200.00 sponsored by Merriwa IGA.

The Upper Hunter Shire Council has been a strong supporter of the website so the Merriwa Community Portal Committee (MCPC), a sub-committee of the Merriwa District Progress Association (MDPA) asked Mayor Michael Johnsen to draw the winner of the IGA Alien competition. The winner is Amber Austin!

The Merriwa Community Portal (www.merriwa.nsw.au) has been well received in the community. We would like to thank everyone who has been on to the website in the last eight weeks to look at what Merriwa has to offer.

Kim Fenley

Merriwa Healthy Environment Group
WITH APPRECIATION

Merriwa Healthy Environment Group would like to thank the many people who supported our Win-a-Painting competition at the Show.

For those who weren’t at the Show but would also like to contribute to motor neurone disease research, tickets are now on sale at Di’s Clothing Patch with the painting by Colleen M Parker FRAS displayed in the window.

The lucky winner will be drawn in late October.

All profits will go to the Motor Neurone Disease Association of NSW Inc.

Jenny Finnie

Merriwa Campdraft AGM

Merriwa Campdraft AGM to be held on Wednesday October 15 at the Merriwa RSL Club starting 7.30pm sharp. All positions will be declared vacant.

All new members are welcome. For more information contact Megan Richards on 0427 437 743.

Megan Richards

Merriwa Railway

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Bryan Baker

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Tom was a wonderful man, and he will be surely missed by everyone who knew him.

Robyn McAlister

Mainly Music

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Where: Parish Hall, Merriwa

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It is a $2.00 gold coin donation. Also bring some morning tea for your children.

For more info phone Amanda 0429 485 032.

Amanda Tudor

Merriwa Swimming Club

When: Registrations October 5
Where: Swimming Pool
Time: 4.00pm
This is a sign on day and all interested swimmers are welcome to join. Any information, contact Jodie Magner on 0429 375 280.

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Amanda Tudor
We are back for another term, and a busy term it will be! We hope that everyone enjoyed their School holidays and especially the Long Weekend.

**CALENDARS**

The time to buy your 2015 calendar is now. There are so many different types that it is hard to choose! There are ones that feature Australian animals and landscapes - perfect for a friend overseas (they make a great Christmas present as they are easy to post). There are calendars for busy families - with different columns for all the family members - making it impossible to forget about school meetings, sports days and birthday parties. There are many more types to choose from so come in and grab one today.

**THE STICK**

When it comes to staying steady on our feet, some of us need a little extra help. The problem is that most walking sticks are boring and get in the way more often than not. We have a range of brilliant walking sticks in store now. They are bright and colourful. They are also able to be folded up without losing any stability. This means they can be put into a handbag or the console of the car. They are a great alternative to the normal boring black or grey walking stick.

**CATALOGUE FOR KIDS**

There is a great catalogue of Melissa and Doug products available now. They are a great way to start the Christmas Stocking for your children, grand children, nephews, nieces etc. They are all very affordable and will fill the hours with fun and creativity. There are crafts galore - stamp kits, sticker pads, create-your-own, colouring pads, puzzles, magnetic puzzle games, bead sets and more. There are plenty of ideas for boys and girls.

**CATALOGUE FOR THE OFFICE**

The latest OfficeSmart Catalogue has just arrived and is full of great savings for the office at home and at work. There are great deals on inkjets for your printer, so come in and stock up so that you never run out again.

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**HAT DAY DINNER**

Support Mental Health Awareness and Research by attending the Hat Day Dinner. It is hosted by Merriwa Rotary Club and everyone is welcome. It is Friday night at the Merriwa Sports Club at 7.00pm for 7.30pm Dinner. It is $20.00 per person. If you are interested or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Neville.

**PHONE CARDS: all cards are now available including Telstra, Optus and Vodafone**

Cash or Eftpos only

Neville and Leanne Hook

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**Hunter Weeds Authority**

The Upper Hunter Weeds Authority would like to provide the following information regarding the change in weed declaration of African Boxthorn (Lycium ferocissimum) from a Class 4 to a Class 3 Weed in the Upper Hunter. This change was included in latest gazetted list of declared plants for NSW (Order 30) and applies to all Councils in the Hunter and Central Coast Region.

Plants which have been placed in Class 3 category are considered to pose a potentially serious threat to primary production or the environment of a region for which the order applies, are not widely distributed in the area and are likely to spread in the area or to another area. These plants must be wholly and continuously suppressed and destroyed.


This website has been designed to keep residents of the Hunter and Central Coast regions of NSW informed of problem weeds in the region and how to deal with them. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Ivan Pillay

Noxious Plants Inspector

Upper Hunter Weeds Authority

Mob 0429 683 494

ivan.pillay@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au

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Dr Noman Jawaad Medical Practice
WE ARE OPEN 5 FIVES DAYS A WEEK

MERRIWA

Dr Jawaad works Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Dr Cho works Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm.

DENMAN

Dr Jawaad works Tuesday 8.30am to 6.00pm and Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm

Dr Cho works Monday 8.00am to 5.00pm

For all appointments for Merriwa and Denman please phone 6532 5013.

CLINIC CHANGES

Dr Jawaad will be on Annual Leave from Saturday 27 September until Sunday 26 October 2014. During this time Dr Cho will be available for appointments in Merriwa on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Dr Cho will also be covering Denman on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Dr Noman Jawaad
Merriwa Library would like to thank Talitha Sawley for her wonderful Tuesday Morning Toddler Times over the last school term. Talitha is now preparing for another child and won’t be back until the new year.

In the meantime, Merriwa Library will conduct a story reading for youngsters on Tuesday mornings (during school term), with a craft activity to follow. Parents are invited to bring their children to the library at 10.00am. The library will open to the public at 10.30am as normal.

P: Mark Shields 6521 7007

2015 ROSTO OLIVES FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Festival Committee would like to thank CJ and JM Vero and Son’s Electrical for their generous donation of a HD DVD TV for first prize in the Festival’s Christmas Raffle.

Thank you to Max’s Country Cuts for their donation of quality meat as a second prize and Alexiam of Merriwa Preserves & Cookery for their donation of an in store gift voucher.

Tickets are just $2.00 and can purchased from the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre or on sale during street stalls outside of IGA or Merriwa Pharmacy.

Raffle drawn at the community Churches Carols in the park 14 December 2014.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING MAINTENANCE

Council, in conjunction with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), will be carrying out pedestrian crossing restoration in Merriwa at the intersections of Bettington and Vennacher Streets and Bettington and Bow Streets in the near future.

This work will involve grinding away the current deteriorated paint on the roadway and reinstatement within a few days with new thermoplastic paint.

Traffic control will be in place during active work periods for the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

Council apologises for any inconvenience that this may cause and will do its best to keep it to a minimum. Pedestrians and motorists are urged to take particular care during the works and during the time that the pedestrian crossing marks are absent from the road surface.

P: Md Hasan 6521 7045

OCTOBER MEETING SCHEDULE

Development and Environmental Services Committee
Tuesday 14 October 2014, 10.00am Works and Technical Services Committee
Tuesday 14 October 2014, 1.00pm

Community and Youth Services Committee
Tuesday 14 October 2014, 4pm

Finance Committee
Friday 24 October 2014, 1.00pm

Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday 27 October 2014, 5.00pm

All meetings are held at Council’s Administration Centre, Scone, unless otherwise stated.
236 Wollar Road Merriwa $285,000.00

This 129 acre property has been lovingly established and looked after by the current owners for seven years. There is a gorgeous one room timber cottage with enclosed front verandah with a combustion fire inside and another fire to keep the porch warm and also to cook on. Added bonus is NBN internet is connected to the property and also can be used as a phone. Directly out the front of the cabin is a fire pit, perfect for sitting around and singing a few camp songs. A massive 22m x 11m shed has been built to house the two buildings. One is a container with full bathroom and storage the other is an insulated work hut which is currently used as the main bedroom, it has running water, A/C and TV Reception. There are 2 x 5000gal tanks for water storage and a household tank, the current owners have not ever run out of water. On the property you will also find two dams, fencing in excellent condition and tracks in and around the property have been established for easy access. The country is mostly Basalt Soil with some Red and Black soils at the top of the property. It currently holds 14 head of cattle. The land is mostly cleared with a small portion timbered. This property is a perfect tree change and is sold on a Walk In Walk Out basis!

105B Prices Lane Merriwa $137,500.00

Situated in a quiet rural/residential setting only two minutes to town this 5 acre block is very well located. The block has a dwelling entitlement with power, phone and water all ready to be connected. A gravel drive has been put in place and the block is fenced on three sides. Boasting fabulous views and backing onto the racecourse this is a great spot to build your dream home and have a bit of room for the kid’s to play or a pony.

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Email: merriwapete943@gmail.com

7 Bow Street MERRIWA NSW 2329

**Sponsor Renewal**

for Term 4 are now due.
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Pre-School is for 2 – 5 year olds
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Ph: 6548 3023
Email: sandyhollo-p.School@det.nsw.edu.au

Merriwa Central School P & C Association

President: Jayne Cronin
Senior Vice: Christine Riley
Junior Vice: Yvonne McNaught
Secretary: Gaynor Blackadder
Treasurer: Anna Whaley

Meets the first Wednesday of each Month at 7pm, Merriwa RSL Club

SANDY HOLLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL

Telephone 02 6547 4521
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Chlorine Parish

St Anne’s Merriwa
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - Sat 6.00pm
2nd & 4th Sunday - Sun 8.30am

St Joseph’s Cassilis
2nd & 4th Sunday - 10.00am

Parish Priest - 6548 2086
St Vincent de Paul - 6548 3092

MERRY RACES
Race Day for 2015 is April 18

Race Club President - David Alker
Contact - 0427 482 095
Vice Presidents - Peter Bishop and Paul Frampton

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6548 2213
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**Merriwa Sports Club**

The Sports Club provides a wide range of benefits for members and guests.

**Mondays** - Happy Two Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

**Tuesdays** - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

**Wednesdays** - Social Darts - 7.00pm - Draw for partners

**Thursdays** - Beginning 9/10/14 Bingo will commence 6.00pm

**Fridays** - Happy Two Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm and free raffles and Cricket Club “Chook Wheel”

**Saturdays** - Monster Raffle drawn from 7.45pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday badge draw. Schnooners $3.00 from 5.00pm - 7.00pm.

**Sundays** - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of $25.00 meat or fuel vouchers.

**Last Sunday each month** - Smorgasbord all you can eat Chinese entree, mains and desserts

Casual bowls and golf also available. Donations in honesty box.

Chinese/Australian restaurant open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Dinner Tuesday to Sunday 5.30pm to 9.00pm. Closed Mondays, reopen 5.00pm Tuesday.

For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle October 4**

Saturday Members Draw won No. 160 - Next week $100.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $460.00

**Free Tickets:** John Denning  
**Dinner:** Loretta Cooper  
**Bowls Raffle:** Peter Lawler

**Sunday Raffle October 5**

Sunday Members draw - No 142 not won. Next week $300.00

**COMING UP EVENTS**

**Friday October 10** – Rotary Club Mad Hatter’s Dinner Party Fundraiser – wear your favourite hat and support Mental Health Research.

**Friday October 24** – Family Disco – Halloween Theme – Basket Supper.

**Monday November 3** – Rotary Club Calcutta Night.

**Saturday November 22** – Trivia Night – details to follow.

**Saturday December 6** – Christmas Party – details to follow.

**Cassilis Bowling Club**

Friday night Snack Bar  
Affordable family meals.

Friday night raffles  
Meat trays, Vegetable trays, Schooner Draw, Joker Draw, Members Draw and Vegetable trays.

**PREVIOUS WEEK’S RESULTS**

**Friday September 19**

**Members Draw:** $50.00 - Eric Hermitage – claimed - $50.00 next week.

**Joker Draw:** $1758.00 – Cookie – flipped an ace

**Julie Smith**
for $175 - $1583.00 next week.

Congratulations Eric and Cookie.

Friday September 26

Members Draw: $50.00 - Owen Witney – unclaimed

- $55.00 next week.

Joker Draw: $1583.00 – Martin Harvey – unsuccessful

- $1621.00 next week.

End of the month draw – September – Don Hourn (again).

Friday October 3

Members Draw: $55.00 - Kelvin O’Malley – claimed

$50.00 next week.

Joker Draw: $1621.00 – Stacey Anderson – unsuccessful - $1686.00.

Hilary Parker

Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $1900.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 646. This week it jackpots to $1950.00. The 7.00pm draw for $100.00 was not won. The number was 560. This week it jackpots to $120.00. The 9.00pm draw for $260.00 was not won and the number was 314. This week it jackpots to $280.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $900.00 was not won last week. The number was 657 and this week it jackpots to $950.00. It will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. LTPS/13/04473

The Friday 8.30pm badge draw and the Sunday badge draw both now commence at $500.00.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB

Melbourne Cup Luncheon 1.00pm Tuesday November 4, $15.00 per person – cold meat and salad plus dessert, bookings essential 6548 2295.

Prizes for best dressed male female and best hat female.

HAPPY HOUR IS BACK - Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Sunday 11.00am to 12 noon, $3.00 schooners and $2.00 middies, and starting this week $5.00 Corona’s.

Social darts 7.00pm Thursday nights.

Matt Morgan

Rules for Junior Teams

Juniors teams will consist of players of school age that are in Kinder - Year 6 (or Under 12 years of age by January 1, 2015) and will be mixed sex teams. This year we will be trialing a new thing with the teams where each team will be required to have one adult assist the team. This adult will be a parent from the childs team. To be fair, each parent should share the responsibility so that the same parent is not assisting each week. These parents will help the two Junior coaches, Isaac Austin and Sean Edens-Rosa to help the juniors learn the game and to make the game run smoother.

Juniors games will be held at 6.00pm each week and will run for 30 minutes. For the first two weeks of games, the juniors will be placed in teams on the day rather than teams until teams are decided.

Interested in sponsoring the juniors? Please contact me on 0447 219 193 after 6.00pm.

Tina Taylor

Merriwa Touch Football

Reminder that the second Registration Day is on Wednesday October 15 at the Sports Oval from 5.30pm to 6.00pm - marshalling area. Rego packs have been made up and can be picked up from Max’s Country Cut’s, Barbra Eipper or Tina Taylor. It is the responsibility of the Team captain to get all paperwork filled in, collect the money and return it to the committee on the Registration day. All players must have paid their subs before taking the field.

Registration fees will be $65.00 per senior player, $35.00 per junior player (School age children Under 12 years of age by January 1, 2015).

Merriwa Little A’s

Merriwa Little Athletics season opens THIS MONDAY 13 October from 5.30pm till 7.00pm at Merriwa No. 2 Oval. Tots to teens, mums and dads all welcome. If you haven’t tried Little A’s before, come down and join us - your first two training sessions are FREE! Looking forward to seeing lots of new and familiar faces down at the track. Registration information available on the night. Contact Tash Taaffe (president) on 0458 574 015 or 6548 5059 for more information..

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If you would like your event included in the community calendar or wish to claim a date, please call Tina at the Ringer so that your event is not missed!

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