Congratulations to Cheryl Squires for her take on this months topic “Men and Women at work”, sponsored by Merriwa Tyre and Service Centre.
"Tarnuk" MERRIWA

A/C Jada Grazing Partnership

Saturday 18 October 2014 at 10.00am

Broad acre farm machinery all in very good condition.

TRACTORS: 2009 Case MX215 FWA 1750hrs, 1400L Hardi nose tank with Hypro. Case 2094 FWA 10500hrs, engine rebuild @7000hrs.

TRUCK/TRAILERS: Acco T2670 twin steer bogie drive, Cummins L10 -250HP, 23' tipper, 26' stock crate, convertible grain bin, pallet gates, ROT, Rego 6/15, 202,000km. Dog trailer 16’ flat top.

GRAIN HANDLING: JD7720 Header. Finch chaser bin 16T. Nomoyle 45’x9’ hyd auger, 22HP Vanguard engine. Jetstream 30’x6’ auger electric 3ph motor. 25’x7’ auger, 8 HP B&S eng. 2x 25T round saucer bins. 25T Goddard field bin, tarp, 12’ unload auger. 10T mobile field bin.


GENERAL: Southern X pump jack with Honda 5HP. Old Landrover (spares), misc fuel tanks, 1500L fuel tank ground mounted, 3PL round hay bale lifter. Assorted windmill parts, sails, stand parts. Quantity tin troughing, concrete troughing, shearing gear, workshop tools, fencing hand tools, poly pipe and fittings, saddlery gear, steel water tank, corrugated iron, trailing harrow leaves. 4x claw foot baths.

HOUSEHOLD: A range of general household furniture and items, mahogany dressing table, 2x teak benches, wrought-iron garden setting (including a table and 2 benches), wool basket.


TERMS: Bid card system used. Photo ID required. Strictly cash or approved cheque on day of sale. GST will be added to hammer price. CATERING: Anglican Women's Guild and Men's Shed, Merriwa.

DIRECTIONS: From Merriwa take Scone Road 2km then turn onto Willow Tree Road continue for 9km, follow signs.

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Principal Report’s

TREE REMOVAL

Following the death of a student in Sydney earlier this year, the Department has inspected trees on all Government School sites and identified those which present a risk. The second round of tree removals will be occurring in the coming weeks. This round will see the trees that were identified as high risk removed from both the Primary and Secondary campuses. Once all of the identified trees have been successfully removed we will replace them in a timely manner.

SUN SMART

As we approach summer our sport sessions have returned to Wednesday mornings in order to better protect our students. It is also vitally important that all students wear hats when they are outside regardless of the weather. As part of the Sun Smart strategy our school has a No Hat - No Play policy and we have sunscreen available at both the Primary and Secondary campus. Prevention is the best cure.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Next Friday October 24 we will be celebrating Grandparents Day.

Come along and enjoy the festivities at our Primary Campus and see the wonderful work that our students are producing on a daily basis.

Adam Johnston
Relieving Principal

Primary News

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Next Friday October 24 the Primary campus will be celebrating Grandparents Day! We will begin the day with a special Grandparents Day Assembly at 10.00am followed by open classrooms. All Grandparents (and parents) are invited to the assembly and then to join us in classrooms for some activities. We will then have a morning tea under the COLA before students resume classes at 11.25am.

We hope to see many Grandparents there!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Last Friday we kicked off the last term with some wonderful students working to achieve their best. Congratulations to our book award recipients:

Kindergarten: Matthew Grady
Year 1/2: Zane Smith
Year 2/3: Damien Constable
Year 4/5: Joanne Hamson
Year 5/6: Lachlan Harrison

AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

A reminder that Aussie Bush Camp is in Week 5 this term – only a few weeks away! Payments must be finalised as soon as possible. Students will receive information soon including a checklist of what they need to bring.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Laurie on the Primary campus.

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Primary News

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

Last Thursday evening our Year 6 students and their parents attended an information session in the Great Hall as the first part of their transition into secondary school. The Year Advisor for 2015, Mr Lomax, hosted a wonderful evening where students were introduced to future teachers, fellow students and toured many of the classrooms they will be using next year. Many parents were impressed with the upgrades the secondary campus has had since they attended school, especially the Trade Training Centre and the Science classroom. Many parents said it was fun to be able to participate in some of the interesting lessons students will enjoy next year. Our year 6 students came back to school the next day buzzed with ideas about what secondary school will be like next year:

“My favourite part was watching the Bunsen burner blow up!” – Tomeka.

“I liked volunteering my mum for the English activity” – Liana.

“I liked seeing all the artwork on display” – Nikki.

Year 6 students will continue their transition each Thursday for the next three weeks and attend sessions where they will participate in activities with secondary teachers, and students, for 2015.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Next Tuesday October 21, the Kindergarten Transition Program will have its first session. It will begin at 9.00am and finish at 11.00am and students will need to bring fresh fruit (already cut/peeled) and a bottle of water for fruit break. Parents are welcome to come early and join us for the morning assembly which begins at 9.00am. A warning bell will ring at 8.55am for students to be seated under the COLA. Please remain with your child until Miss Willis collects them to go to the Kindergarten room.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal
Merriwa Ringer
Welcome back. I hope everyone had a great break. Term 4 with all its examinations, final assessment tasks and report writing is in full swing. Year 12 students (2013-2014) are nearly through the first week of their HSC and the new HSC students have begun their courses. Stage 4 and 5 students are working on their last assessment tasks and Year 9 and 10 students have their examinations spread over the next fortnight. Good luck to you all and I am sure you will all do your best.

Around the classes: Year 8 English are really enjoying their film unit, in particular the cross-curricula focus led by Miss Hopkins. They are using their film study and study of picture books to create their own picture books. Year 10 History has produced outstanding personal project responses based on an aspect of Australia’s migration history. Their use of ICT skills to represent the results of their research was very impressive. They are now studying for next week’s examination. The new English Studies class has begun its study of texts related to Australian identity – “We Are Australians”.

Mr Johnston and Mrs Roberts (nee Hall) are helping Year 9 students to make their own films. Year 10 English are also studying for their exams on Thursday and Friday. Year 12 Ancient History have started their study of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Miss Roe’s Year 7 History class are beginning their study of China and Year 9 History is doing a comparison study of World War 1 and 2.

Miss Hopkins’ Stage 4 Visual Arts classes are investigating the Pop Art movement this term, to coincide with the major Pop Art exhibition at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. They’ve started designing their Andy Warhol inspired lino prints and learning about this fun printmaking process.

Congratulations to our Year 9/10 Photography students who won prizes in the Merriwa Show Photography section, especially Manda Sormaz, Leah Wright-Riley, Jodie Mulholland, Georgia Cameron, Hanna Byfield and Breanna Goodear. Well done to all of our students who participated in this excellent opportunity to exhibit their artworks.

Tony March
English Head Teacher

CATCHING UP MISSED VACCINES FOR YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9 STUDENTS IN 2014

If your child’s school still has another vaccination clinic this year, any missed vaccine/s from previous visits in 2014, they can be given at this coming clinic.

YEAR 7 STUDENTS

If your child missed vaccine/s while in Year 7, they can receive them in Year 8. A letter or call will give information regarding missed vaccines. If you want your child to complete missed vaccines in year 8 there is no need for you to take any further action.

In 2015 the school nurses will request your child attend the clinic to receive any missed doses of vaccines.

All Year 7 vaccines - (HPV, chickenpox & dTpa) – can also receive missed doses from your local doctor.

Please note that free catch-up vaccine is only available via your local doctor if your child commenced vaccination in 2014.

YEAR 9 STUDENTS

If any year 9 student has not received all 3 doses
What is my favourite subject: Art
What is my favourite sport: Football
What is my favourite team: Bulldogs
Favourite Player: Trent Hodkinson
Best Sporting Achievement: Playing footy for the school
Who inspires you and Why: Everyone for their ideas
Advice to young players: What goes around comes around

Online Computer Diplomas to start your IT career-
Computer Power Institute (CPI) is passionate about making a difference to student’s lives. They do this by providing affordable, accessible IT Diplomas with International Vendor Certifications. Through weekly student intakes, students can be enrolled to quickly start their online computer courses. Computer Power provide IT courses in Information Technology, Networking, Software Development and Website Development designed for individuals with little or no vocational experience. See www.computerpower.edu.au

NEW CAREER EVENTS

ROAR Profile
Corey Smith-Wildey
Year 9

Practice Aptitude Quiz Survey - The Practice Aptitude Quizzes are produced by the Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service (www.aapathways.com.au/quiz). The Quizzes provide a general illustration of the literacy, comprehension and maths standards required when undertaking entry level training in around 30 industries. They are a way for students to gain an understanding of what employers and training providers will expect of them if they undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship.


Industry Days for Students interested in: Event Management, Travel and Tourism, Sports Management or Journalism. The days are run by industry experts and give students a true taste of what it’s like to work in their dream career while having some fun along the way. Macleay College will host these days for senior high school students on October 25 and November 1, 10.00am - 1.00pm. RSVP is essential as places are limited. Please visit: https://www.macleay.edu.au/news/industry-days-oct2014

PREVIOUS WEEK ITEMS

Automotive, Technical and Parts Apprenticeships Be placed at a dealer for full time employment and flown to Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane for block training. Opportunities on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VantageAutomotive Visit http://www.vantageautomotive.com/ or call (02) 8014 8990.

Posse Marketing and Social Media Internships - Opportunity for students to gain experience in marketing, communications and social media during a 4 week Internship Program. Interns play a very important role in the growth of Posse across the world. By participating in this internship, you will have heavy involvement in developing Posse for new markets, driving business growth and analysing results. Applications are now open. Enquiries to alexander@posse.com

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

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor

Why I want to be in ROAR? To build respect and sportsmanship
What is my favourite subject: Art
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Entries close: **NOVEMBER 9 AT 12 NOON**

Topic for the month is: **PET PORTRAITS**

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 PAINTING AND DECORATING**

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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.

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages.
Introducing St Joseph Merriwa’s two newest Permanent teaching staff members! We are very excited to announce that Mrs Samantha Kerr and Miss Paige Farrow have been successful in gaining permanent teaching positions at St Joseph’s School from 2015.

I have interviewed each teacher for a Ringer exclusive!

**MRS KERR**

When did you start teaching at St Joseph’s School Merriwa?

May 28, 2012

What Classes have you/do you teach?

2012 - Stage Two
2013 - Kindergarten
2014 - Kindergarten

Why did you choose teaching as a career?

I chose teaching because of the positive experiences I had while I was at school. I enjoy working with students as they learn, seeing their confidence and knowledge grow. My love of learning is continually developing by the knowledge the students of St Joseph’s teach me!

Describe your experience so far at St Joseph’s:

Throughout my time teaching at St Joseph’s I have experienced all aspects of a school life! I love working with the staff and parents to provide students with learning experiences in the classroom, the school community as well as the wider community.

What challenges you most in teaching?

Knowing that you can never be prepared for some answers you will be told and having a quick response or answer!

If you could give one piece of advice to the following groups, what would it be?

**Students?** Continue to challenge yourselves and learn about something that is unfamiliar - teachers love learning new things from you!

**Parents?** Share everyday learning with your child like the problem solving skills required to choose a loaf of bread!

What can we expect from you in 2015?

A lot of collaborative learning with the members of staff, students, parents and community members.

**MISS FARROW**

When did you start teaching at St Joseph’s School Merriwa?

Term 2 2014

What Classes have you/do you teach?

3/4

Why did you choose teaching as a career?

Teaching is such a rewarding career. I get a great sense of joy when I see students gain new insights, become more interested in a subject and learn about themselves.

Describe your experience so far at St Joseph’s:

I have absolutely loved my time at St Joseph’s. Since arriving I have been warmly welcomed by the school community and have enjoyed the diversity of everyday school life.

What challenges you most in teaching?

Finding an appropriate balance between school and home life.

If you could give one piece of advice to the following groups, what would it be?

**Students?** Try your best, you never know what you are capable of.

**Parents?** Try to read with your students every day asking them questions about the story along the way.

What can we expect from you in 2015?

A collaborative environment between students and staff, a lively environment in my class and lots of involvement in school events.
Thank you Samantha and Paige for your input. We look forward to working with you again in 2015 and having you as an integral part of the Merriwa community. Please make these wonderful teachers feel welcome.

The Term 4 Working Bee was a wonderful success with some hardworking parents and children in attendance with our coordinator Dermot. Thank you to the Moore family as well as representatives from the Shannon, Wightman, Roberts families. The grounds look fantastic again. Special thanks to Kim Roberts for returning today to mulch. Darcy Moore made the following comment: “I thought it was a great working bee where everyone contributed to the jobs we had to do.”

Thank you to the staff and students from Cassilis Public School for the wonderful Coaching clinic day hosted last Friday. Our students had a great time meeting and mixing with children from a lot of other schools and learned some new sports skills as well.

Congratulations to the following award winners.

**WEEK 1**

**Kindergarten** - William Collins – for great confidence telling the time!

**Sam Grady** – for great contributions to class discussions

**1/2** - Christian Cropper - For great effort in writing activities

**Ella Beaven** - For great work in English

**3/4** - Camdyn Constable: for his sensible and mature approach to class work

**Charles Brazier** - for his great understanding of persuasion

**5/6** - Gaby Nicholls – for always putting effort and passion into her studies

**Nick Roberts** – showing great Mathematical ability to work out daily brainteaser questions

**Principal’s Awards - Bobby Keegan** - for demonstrating very good skills for getting along with others and for remaining on task.

Helen Whale
Principal

Remember!
Get your articles and advertisements into the **Merriwa Ringer**
BEFORE 9.00am Monday!
No late articles will be accepted!
It is a pleasure to announce Cameron Bowler as this week’s student of the week. Cameron has earned this award for his application to Quicksmart lessons, teamwork and enthusiasm in touch football and orienteering. Cameron displayed great leadership qualities on Friday by completing his set tasks, while also assisting and working with the younger students. Well done, Cameron on a great week of learning.

**LET’S GET TO KNOW THE STUDENT OF THE WEEK A LITTLE BETTER........**

**What is your favourite food?** Potato Bake

**What job/work would you like when you are older?** Military

**Apart from your family, who is one of your role models and why?** Wayne Johnson because he is an awesome actor

**If you were given $100, what would you buy?** A whole heap of junk – lollies mainly

**What is one thing that people may not know about you?** Nothing I want to tell

**What is something you are really good at?** I’m good at riding motor bikes.

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**FROM MRS GRINHAM’S DESK**

Welcome to Term 4. I hope you enjoyed the extra time with your children and spent time together as families.

It will be another busy term for Cassilis Public School.

This Friday the school hosts Cassilis PS sports workshop where five neighbouring schools will join with us to experience a variety of sports.

Next week the relay team are going to Homebush to compete in State Athletics and later in the term we have swimming school and end of year activities.

It was lovely in the holidays to see children out and about, enjoying the warm weather, riding bikes, playing in the park and chatting to Mr Grinham and myself as we enjoyed the peace and quiet of this beautiful little town.

**SPORT IN ACTION**

The last week of term three our Touch Football Team travelled to Sydney to compete in the Small Schools Touch Football finals.

We are proud to announce that we came second!

All students had a fabulous time and played their best.

We would like to thank the P@C, Macquarie Generation and Betrola Investments for their kind donations.

We would also like to thank Ian Tilmouth and Wayne Burgess for coaching the team and Mrs. Nairne for managing the team.

Without everyone’s contribution trips like this would not be possible for small schools.
Students and teachers enjoyed Rewards Day with a variety of ‘Spring’ activities.

In the morning we did cooking and craft, after lunch we tried an orienteering scatter course and in the afternoon watched a movie “Gnomio and Juliette”

Congratulations and well done to all students who had a fabulous Term 3 and made improvements in their learning!

SPONSORS WANTED

Are you, your company or business able to sponsor our amazing team? The team need state shirts, entry fees, accommodation, transport and meals for the two days of the state carnival. It is an honour to represent not only Cassilis Public School but also The Hunter Region.

Any donations or sponsorship towards the trip will be greatly appreciated by the students and their families. Please drop into the school or contact us on 63 76 1009 to help our amazing students.

NOW ENROLLING K-6

Cassilis PS is now enrolling students K-6.

We offer a variety of innovative and engaging programs to all students. Drop in to collect your enrolment form. Kindergarten orientation starts Term 4. School tours available to new families.

Jeanette Gringham
Relieving Principal
Welcome back. I trust everyone had a relaxing break and is now ready to jump into Term 4. We have a very busy schedule this term. This week alone we have the parent information session for our new Kinders, Go Go Golf, Milo cricket, Cassilis sports workshop, two day beef education camp and solar boat presentations. A busy time for all.

**GENERAL ASSISTANT POSITION**

Congratulations to Craig Parker who was successful in becoming our new GA, after interviews were held at the end of last term. Thank you to Mr Paul Higgins who sat on the panel for the position and assisted with the interview process.

Craig has been very busy over the holidays removing a tank, mowing, cleaning up the transpiration pit, stump removal and gardening. Thank you to the community members who assisted him with some of these tasks. Our school grounds are already looking fantastic. We just need some rain so our grass can turn green.

**YOGA**

Starting Week 3, I have organised for all students K-6 to participate in four Yoga sessions. These sessions will take place in the Library using the video conferencing equipment. There will be no cost for these sessions.

**SOLAR BOATS**

Final testing will be conducted last week to ensure all boats are ready to race on Wednesday. All teams have done oral presentations where they talked about how they built their boat and set up the solar panels and circuits. We will be travelling to the caravan park to conduct our final tests.

We need parent drivers for 12 students. Parents will not be required to stay with the students for the day. Supervision will be provided by Mrs Darlington.

**YARD/BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Over the holidays all the buildings were sprayed for spiders. We also had several trees treated for white ants. Over the next few weeks, we will have a further eight trees removed from the playground which have been identified as high risk.

**BEEF EDUCATION CAMP**

Four members of our cattle team - Kristy Walker, Olivia McLean, Jake Pike and William Stair attended a two day beef education camp at Muswellbrook on Thursday and Friday this week. This will put them in good stead ready for Beef Bonanza which will be held in Scone on Friday October 24 to Sunday October 26.

**MILO CRICKET**

Mrs Parker has managed to negotiate four sessions of MILO cricket at our school at a greatly reduced cost. Students will complete two sessions this Thursday and two more next Thursday.

**4/5/6 CLASS NEWS**

This term, apart from sport, solar boats and Beef Bonanza, I have a very full classroom program planned.

In literacy we will complete our unit on “The Revenge of Dr Von Burpinberger”, which will have a spelling and writing focus.

In numeracy all students will be completing topics and investigations with the focus being decimals and fractions, algebra and number patterns, 3D shapes, measuring and drawing angles and rotation, reflection and translations of 2D shapes.

In HSIE we will be studying Indonesia as one of our Asian neighbours. Our Art lessons will also focus on the topic of Indonesia.

In PDHPE students will be looking at healthy lifestyles and fitness. Year 5 students will also act as buddies for our new Kinders and all students will be involved in the Peer Support program which will run every Wednesday afternoon until Week 8.

In fundamental movement skills students will focus on and learn about catching, two handed strike and overarm throw.

Homework will remain the same this term. However it will conclude in Week 8.

All students are reminded that they need to be ORGANISED and ready to start the school day.

**WEEKLY AWARDS - WEEK 10 TERM 3**

- Tylana Cox - attendance
- Codi Marsh - homework
- Olivia McLean - homework/ application in steer leading
- Katie Pike - attendance
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

NOAH ADAMS

Working very well in all areas and being a wonderful help in the classroom.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

CODI MARSH

Trying hard to include everyone.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2014

DAY ONE

Last Wednesday we commenced Kindergarten Orientation and both parents and children attended. While the parents were involved in an information session in the library the children were engaged in activities in the Kinder/1/2 classroom with Mrs Kelly Elliot.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Tyson Marsh, Austin Adams, John Ward, Bede Meuleman, Archie Johnson, Jobee McCandless and Livianna Craig, who will form our 2015 Kindergarten class. They will be attending school each Wednesday until 26th November.

The parent meeting commenced with Mrs Darlington and myself outlining procedures, policies and programs that our school follows.
After morning tea we welcomed the first of our guest speakers Annita Bomann-King; a speech pathologist from Upper Hunter and New England Health who provided information on the following areas:

- What does a speech pathologist do?
- Normal speech and language development and what to expect from a child at school entry
- Why is speech and language important for school and learning?
- Ways to help speech and language development prior to and following school entry.

The morning concluded with everyone having a BBQ lunch together.

Following lunch, Kathy from the Cancer Council in Maitland presented very practical information on the following topics:

- How many serves of fruit and vegies we should have in a lunch box
- How achievable can that be
- Simple tips for the whole family
- Healthy lunch box ideas
- Tasting some of the recipes they were supplied with.

I would like to sincerely thank Anita Hinze and Nicola Field who supplied and organised morning tea, served lunch and washed up. Also thank you to Christopher Field for cooking a delicious BBQ for us all.

**DAY TWO**

Today Livianna Craig, Jobee McCandless, Archie Johnson, Bede Meuleman, John Ward, Austin Adams and Tyson Marsh attended school for their first full day. The children’s activities commenced with a focus on listening.

What should we do to improve our listening skills?

They learnt firstly it is important to LOOK at the person who is speaking, Secondly to keep their bodies STILL and lastly to THINK about what is being said.

All their literacy, numeracy and craft activities involved the children practising these skills throughout the morning.

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**PEER SUPPORT**

This afternoon we commenced Peer Support for 2014. After lunch the entire school came together and the children were placed into eight groups. The leaders of each group are our Year 5 students who are also the new Kindergarten children’s buddies.

Before the children start the activities they revise the social skill of listening that the Kindergarten children learnt during the morning session. Through role play and discussions everyone familiarises themselves with the strategies.

These strategies are outline below for you to revise with your children at home.

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**Christina Darlington**

Sandy Hollow Public School
In 2011 the United Nations decided that October 11 would be International Day of the Girl Child, to recognise girls’ rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world.

Access to education, including early education is one of the major factors that determine whether girls thrive.

Every day 39,000 girls are married before they turn 18. This means they miss out on an education. By 2020 there will be 140 million child brides.

In NSW 83.1% of boys and just 77.4% of girls attend a preschool program.

On Saturday night the Pre-School and Activity Centre are holding a Trivia Night at the Merriwa RSL at 6.30 pm. The night will be hosted by Peter Holland. Tickets are $10.00 and the themes is movie and TV dress up, come along and have a fun evening with our major raffle being drawn on the night.

The monthly committee meeting will be held tonight and on the agenda will be the Transition to School Statement and the Emergency Evacuation Policy. You are all welcome to come along; we try to keep the meeting to a reasonable time frame for families of between 1-1.5hrs.

I am still waiting on a few families to indicate their preference for next year and I anticipate this will be completed by the end of the week. Please keep a look out for your enrolment information in the mail if you are a new enrolment for 2015.

If you would like to enrol or place your child on the waiting list for Pre-School next year please contact the school.

Newcastle Podiatry will pay us a visit tomorrow, please ring to book a place to see Adam if you have not yet done so.

For further information, please contact the school.

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Merriwa Springtime Show

The Merriwa Springtime Show lived up to its tag line ‘tradition with a twist’ this year not only attracting the largest crowd in recent years, but doing so on the back of all our entertainment and exhibits revolving around agriculture in it’s many forms. It just goes to show we don’t necessarily have to spend thousands of dollars on outside entertainment but can have an equally impressive results from our traditional attractions.

The Show committee, and I personally as President, would like to sincerely thank all of the section captains and committee for their outstanding efforts to make the 2014 show an outstanding success. I would also especially like to thank the individuals and businesses that have provided invaluable support through sponsorship large and small – you are the life blood of our show and we thank you.

With entries up across the board and excellent feedback received for our new events we are ‘on the right track’ and look forward to doing it all again with a few new attractions planned in 2015.

The Show committee are now seeking expressions of interest for major a sponsorship package for the 2015 Merriwa Springtime Show and beyond. Expressions of interest for Major Sponsor of the 2015 show close October 31. All queries and applications about the details and benefits of this opportunity should be directed to Rob Tindall on 0427 761 159.

Tash Taaffe

Festival of the Fleeces Presentation

The 2014 Rosto Olives Festival of the Fleeces presentation was held in the Merriwa Sports Club last Saturday, 11 October, 2014. Other major sponsors included Mr and Mrs Steve Higgs of Terragong and the Upper Hunter Shire Council.

There are other levels of sponsorship which make up the support level enabling the Festival to reach the success that it has. The Festival Committee is made up of local people who are very enthusiastic and supportive.

From left, Mr Richard Jones from Westpac being presented a cheque from Clr Ron Campbell.

Mr Andrew Luke VRA representative, receiving the cheque on behalf of the VRA from Cr Deidrie Peebles.

Both received cheques for $2500.00 from the festival committee.

Lenore Taylor sent 50 percent of the earnings of the quilting stall to Men’s Prostate Cancer Research and 50 percent to the Wespac rescue helicopters.

From Left to Right: Richard Jones, Westpac, Mrs R Higgs, Mr S Higgs, Rosto Olives and Clr Ron Campbell.

Mr and Mrs Steve Higgs were in attendance, Steve giving a brief outline and history of the olive grove. A pilot scheme planted in 1987, then planting of 10,000 olive trees each year to complete the projected scheme. Mrs Higgs gave
a short address on the process and difference between the various grades of Olive Oil. The key to the making of superior olive oil is Treating the olive fruit tenderly, without bruising and processing which requires pressing the fruit while they are fresh. Rosto Olive Oils have won many awards for excellence and are exporting directly to overseas markets, especially China.

Some facts on the Wespac Helicopters:

- Mr Richard Jones has been Westpac’s representative for the past 19 years
- Wespac helicopters services have been operating for over 40 years
- Free of charge service
- Average 1500 missions per year. 1200 out of Newcastle, 300 out of Tamworth
- Two helicopters based in Newcastle
- Two helicopters based in Tamworth
- Both centers are on 24 hours standby
- Each flight has one pilot, plus one crewman, one registered Doctor and one paramedic.

FINANCES

- Wespac Rescue has a contract with the NSW Health Department which funds 50 percent of operating cost
- Corporate sector funds 15 percent. With the remainder funded from community fund raising
- Total operational budget is $14 million
- Operational cost per hour is of rescue flights is $3200.00
- Our local VRA are strong supporters of our festival and are always ready to be of assistance
- The manning, barricading of roads, directing traffic are an essential part of a successful festival
- All of the equipment which is very modern and high tech that is used by the VRA in the attendance of an accident has been raised in the local Merriwa area
- The VRA membership is a very professional and highly trained team, constantly updating their skills to a highly professional level. All members are local residents of Merriwa

Remember!

Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer BEFORE 9.00am Monday!
No late articles will be accepted!
Last Ringer for Term 3 next week!

Cr Ron Campbell

Merriwa Rotary Club
MERRIWA ROTARY RAISES $1500 AT HAT DAY DINNER

Merriwa Rotarians madhatters Dinner was held last Friday night with around 80 people attending. The room was full of hats with many different shape styles and creations from the very young to the very young at heart participating. The final proceeds from our hat day fundraising campaign will be known when all donation boxes are collected from the business houses. We thank everyone for participating and donating to this very worthy cause. All funds raised will go to Australia Rotary Health for research into mental illness.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH (ARH)

- Since 1985, Australian Rotary Health has provided close to $35 million of funds into a broad range of health and medical research areas
- Since the year 2000, ARH has focused its funding on mental health research
- In 2012 ARH chose to focus on the Mental Health of Young Australians and set up National Hat Day
- Australian Rotary Health’s mission is to create better health for all Australians through improved education and knowledge.

Australian Rotary Health is generously supported by Rotary Clubs in Australia.

The Rotary Club of Merriwa Inc invites you to:

Melbourne Cup Calcutta Night
Monday November 3
7.00 for 7.30pm
At the Merriwa Sports Club

Funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new nurse call system for Gumnun Place Hostel.

Mark Inder
Hello from England! Over the past nine months, I have done and seen things I never would have believed I would do. Seeing castles in the Irish countryside, scuba diving in the Mediterranean, and to exploring Pompeii. These are just a few of the perks of taking a gap year.

About a quarter of my year is devoted to holiday, thanks to my work in an English prep school. Beachborough School is a private boarding school for children aged 3-13. Because of the high school fees, most of the children are either eager learners or come from a well-off background (usually both), but they all are friendly and kind children, which makes my job very easy.

Being an Aussie “Gappy” at Beachborough is hard work but rewarding. We work about 12 hour days, Monday to Friday, and our jobs throughout the day include break duties, classroom assistance, helping in PE and games lessons, administration work, after care and boarding duties.

Another perk is the chance to go on excursions with the children. It is a lot more work going on an excursion with the responsibility of a group of children, it really makes you realise how hard teachers work. Anyway, trips to the Museum of Natural History, the Royal Albert Hall and the Lake District have all been on my agenda this year, and they all have proved to be lots of fun (and tiring!).

If any Year 11’s/12’s are considering a gap year, my advise is this - yes it is expensive, but in my opinion, you cannot put a price on the experience you reap from it. I have enjoyed every second of the year so far, and even with over four months remaining, I am not looking forward to returning to Australia, as it would mean leaving this amazing job. I’ve made new friends, seen the world and gained a lot of independence.

My school - www.beachborough.com
Gap year agency - www.tutorsworldwide.com (or ask Mrs Hegarty).

Merriwa VIEW Club

Our next Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday October 23, 7.00pm for 7.30pm meal. Please bring your own drinks. Our hosts for the evening will be Debbie and Glen Hunt at 7 Cullingral Street, Merriwa.

Our guest speaker for the night will be Breanna Goodear who will be telling us of her preparations for her 2015 Gallipoli adventure.

Our raffle donor for October is Debra Hunt and the Lucky Door is Pam Amidy. Learning Locally Bags donation would be appreciated.

Anyone wishing to attend our dinner meeting can call Elaine Sparrow (6548 8560) by Monday evening October 20. We welcome new ladies any time. Just let us know and come along and enjoy. Don’t forget BYO and ring Elaine with acceptances and apologies.

Elaine Sparrow
Merriwa Ringer

Pat Gilbey
I have received a message from Jo Williams in relation to WRAP WITH LOVE saying “Thanks to the crafty ladies of Merriwa for the beautiful wraps”.

If anyone wishes information please google: Wrap With Love. Again thank You to all for your contributions, well done.

Lorna Parnell
Mission Secretary - Holy Trinity

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club AGM
Merriwa Rugby League Football Club AGM will be held on Sunday October 26 at the RSL Club starting at 2.00pm with all positions vacant.

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Progress Association
The October meeting of the Merriwa District Progress Association will be on Wednesday October 22 at the Merriwa RSL commencing at 6.00pm. Come along and support the organisation that supports YOUR community. For more information contact the secretary, Beron Arden-Wood on 6548 2245.

Beron Arden-Wood

Mainly Music
When: Every Monday starts 9.30am
Where: Parish Hall, Merriwa

Come and enjoy singing and dancing with your little ones. See them interact with other children. Also its a great chance to chat with other parents.

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

Philomena Constable
Liaison Officer Merriwa Red Cross

In Memory
DONALD JAMES “BOBBY” GALLIMORE
26.07.36 - 12.10.14

With much sadness, we advise that Bobby Gallimore, originally from Merriwa, passed away on Sunday October 12, 2014.

Church service will be held on Monday 20 October, 2014 at St Alban’s Anglican Church, Quirindi commencing at 11.00am.

Joan Morgan

Mainly Music
When: Wednesday October 15
Where: Ringwood Road, Merriwa

We have lost a black miniature horse, if you have seen it could you please contact us, asap on 0429 485 032.

Lynette McPhee
This week’s specials at MAX’S COUNTRY CUTS Friday October 17 and Saturday October 18 and early next week while stocks last.

- Plain Thin Sausages $6.99kg or 2kg for $12.00
- Yearling Rump Steak $18.99kg
- Yearling T-Bone Steak $16.99kg
- Whole Eye fillet $24.99kg

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COOKING THE PERFECT SAUSAGE
Sausages can be barbecued, char-grilled, grilled, pan-fried, or oven roasted.

Cook the sausages on the barbecue/char-grill, in the pan or under the grill.

For all of these hot and fast cooking methods, the steps are essentially the same:

- Cut the sausage links before cooking
- Don’t pierce them. If you prick good quality sausages you let all the moisture and flavour out
- Cook sausages over moderate heat, if you cook them at too high a temperature their skins will burst
- Turn the sausages regularly to ensure that they cook evenly and don’t burn
- Remember sausages must always be cooked right through to the centre.

COOKING SAUSAGES IN THE OVEN
One of the easiest ways to cook sausages is in the oven, it also makes less mess…how good is that?

- Preheat the oven to 180°C
- Place a sheet of baking paper on oven tray
- Cut the sausage links and place the sausages over the baking paper, use a large enough oven tray so that it allows some room around each of the sausages
- Place sausages in oven and roast for 15 minutes or until cooked
- Shake the oven tray from time to time to turn the sausages so they brown evenly

Remember sausages must always be cooked right through to the centre.

A glaze is a really nice way to add a bit of flavour to an oven-roasted sausage dinner. Have a look at our Sausages with Honey Mustard recipe for inspiration.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
SAUSAGES WITH HONEY MUSTARD GLAZE

Preparation time: 3 Minutes
Cooking: 15 Minutes
Serves: 4

- 750 g thin beef sausages
- ¼ cup honey
- ¼ cup mild seeded mustard

1. Preheat oven to moderate 180°C. Place the sausages in a large bowl. Combine the honey and mild seeded mustard, mix well to coat sausages with glaze.
2. Place sausages on a baking paper lined oven tray tip in any glaze, cook for 15 minutes until sausages are golden and cooked through

Try some of these tips:
Serve the sausages with one of these quick and easy ‘dunking sauces’

Simply whisk the ingredients together:

- ½ cup sour cream or mayonnaise, 1 tbsp of chopped herbs and a squeeze lemon juice
- ¼ cup honey, 2 tbsp soy sauce and 1 tbsp mild seedy mustard
- ¼ cup tomato sauce, ¼ cup mild sweet chilli sauce and 2 tbsp orange juice

Kids love little sausages. Make longer beef sausages more manageable by twisting and turning the sausage in the middle to make two smaller ones. Snip in the middle with scissors, then grill, barbecue or pan-fry.

Don’t pierce sausages before or during cooking. If you prick good quality sausages you let all the moisture and the flavour out.

Max, Yvonne and the crew
at Max’s Country Cuts

Merriwa Ringer
We would like to wish all of the students who are currently doing their HSC exams the very best of luck in their exams.

SPIRIT OF ST JOSEPH
The winner of the Spirit of St Joseph at the end of Term 3 was Ty Riley.

Ty won his award for showing great understanding and empathy for other students and helping them through difficult times. He has demonstrated great leadership skills by contributing to leadership meetings, assisting teachers whenever he can, and being a great role model to younger students. Congratulations Ty!

THE BLOCK GLASSHOUSE
The latest series of this very popular show is coming to a close, and has been full of great, inspiring home decorating ideas. It would be great to have a look at the best rooms, the different artworks, the suppliers and stores where all of their styling ideas, furniture and appliances have come from. Luckily, we now have the magazine. It has all of the contestants’ apartments as well as the judges’ thoughts and suggestions. There are suppliers of artwork, furniture, appliances, finishing touches and unique finds. There are ideas to help us achieve the same looks in our own homes and so much more. Come in and get it today.

DOWNUNDER SPRING ISSUE FEATURES THE MERRIWA FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES 2014

Great photo of Kristen and Angus leading the Parade, Merriwa Central Equestrian team and many more.

HAT DAY DINNER
The Hat Day Dinner was held last Friday night, raising money for Mental Health awareness and research. It was a great night, with many interesting hats. Thank you to all of those who helped organise the night. Many hours of work goes into the organising of the event and it was a great evening.

DID YOU KNOW?
It is only 10 weeks until Christmas! It is time to start organising so that you have a stress-free lead-up to the biggest event on most people’s calendar. It comes at the same time every year and shouldn’t surprise us that it is getting closer, but for some reason, every year we are surprised at how close it is! Get started on your Christmas Lay-By now—adding to it as you go. It is a great way to make sure you don’t bust your budget!

IT’S A WRAP
Make sure you check out our new range of wrap and bows. The new bows and ribbon even include clever ideas to decorate your present to give it that professional look. There are some great rolls and flats of wrap, as well as gift boxes, gift bags and gift card envelopes. Make it easy and attractive by choosing one of these many ideas for your next present.

PHONECARDS: all cards are now available including Telstra, Optus and Vodaphone
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Neville and Leanne Hook

Dr Noman Jawaad Medical Practice
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

Pink Ribbon for Breast Cancer MORNING TEA FUNDRAISER OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Please come along and make a donation on October 25, for a morning tea fundraiser at the Parish Hall in Mackenzie Street Merriwa from 10.00am.

There will be tea and coffee available and some yummy morning tea. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like more information, or you would like to help out, please give me a call on 0437 944 353.

Teresa Williams
People with a mental health disorder may also not be able to fully participate in the labour force. This has an individual impact in terms of the person’s income, social participation and self-esteem, but also a wider economic impact. The annual cost of mental illness in Australia has been estimated at $20 billion, which includes the cost of loss of productivity and labour force participation.

Mental Health Week, ran until 12 October. During this time, activities and events were held to: promote emotional wellbeing in the community; encourage people to maximise their health potential; enhance the coping capacity of communities, families, individuals, and; increase mental health recovery.

This year the focus was on living with schizophrenia, which is a common cause of hospital admissions involving specialised psychiatric care.

Mental Health Week also encourages people to seek help, or for family and friends to encourage people to seek help, when necessary. There are many highly trained professionals who specialise in mental health. General practitioners (GPs) are able to treat and refer patients as appropriate. Your local pharmacy can help too. One of the key aspects to managing mental illness is medicine management. Pharmacists are medicines experts and can assist you with understanding how your medicines work and any possible side effects. Pharmacies also offer services which can help people living with mental illness maintain their independence. For example, medication management services such as Dose Administration Aids.

Pharmacies can also provide advice on ways to stay healthy mentally, and cope with stress. There is a series of mental health information cards available from Merriwa Pharmacy. These cards cover a number of topics such as Anxiety, Depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

There are also useful Fact Cards covering a range of related topics such as Relaxation Techniques and Sleeping Problems, all with helpful tips.

Congratulations to the Merriwa Rotary Club on their hat day dinner to acknowledge and raise money for mental health research. What a great effort for the community! Well Done!

Robert Smith
Unscramble these pumpkins to figure out the hidden message:

Halloween Riddle: Use the numbers above to fill in the riddle.
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OUTDOOR CINEMA A SUCCESS

Mums, dads, grandparents, uncles, and aunts packed a picnic dinner with some blankets and chairs and headed to Merriwa No.2 oval on a Friday night where Merriwa Youth Centre hosted a successful outdoor cinema.

The first session featuring ‘The Croods’ started at 6:30pm with approximately 160 people enjoying the movie with lots of laughter, and not just from the kids!

The second session of ‘Parental Guidance’ started with a few less people as it got quite cold so a lot of little ones went home but the 100 or so people who stayed thoroughly enjoyed it peeking out from under their blankets!

Merriwa Youth Centre would like to thank Hunter Mutual which came on board as a sponsor to help make this event possible. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed a great community event, we were so glad to see so many people there.

P: Justine, Felicity and Phoebe 6521 7000

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
COUNCIL OFFICE IN MERRIWA CLOSED FOR PICNIC DAY

Notice is hereby given that the Merriwa office of Upper Hunter Shire Council will be closed on Friday, 24 October 2014 for Council’s Union Picnic Day. The office will reopen on Monday, 27 October 2014.

Scone and Murrurundi offices will remain open with limited staff.

For enquiries, contact Council on 6540 1100 or email council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au.

THE UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL IS MAPPING LOCAL CULTURAL FEATURES AND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Council is calling on residents to help compile a list of activities, organisations, places and events that contribute to the unique culture of the Upper Hunter Shire Council through the launch of the Cultural Survey.

The survey can be completed online via the Upper Hunter Shire Council website at www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au and will be open until 30 November 2014. Hard copies are available at your local Upper Hunter Shire Council Office.

Mayor Michael Johnsen is encouraging everyone in the Upper Hunter Shire to participate.

The Cultural Plan, which will be developed through extensive and inclusive public consultation, will provide a vision, values and strategic direction for cultural development in the community. The plan will include actions that will inform and guide local government and their community partners in collectively achieving that vision.

For more information about the Cultural Survey please contact Phoebe Richard at the Upper Hunter Shire Council Merriwa Office on 02 6521 7000 or Kerri Cone at the Scone Office on 02 6540 1100.

Michael Johnsen
MAYOR

NOMINATE AN ACHIEVER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Nominations are open for the Upper Hunter Shire Australia Day 2015 Awards.

Awards are made at Australia Day celebrations in Scone, Merriwa, Aberdeen and Murrurundi on 26 January, and all nominees are recognised during the ceremonies for their personal achievements and contributions to our communities.

A variety of awards are available in each district including:

- Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year which are awarded to people who are inspirational role models and have made significant contributions to the community
- Sportstar and Young Sportstar of the Year for inspirational people in sporting fields
- Community group of the Year for outstanding beneficial contributions over the past year

In addition, Merriwa District also has special awards for Achiever of the Year for general achievement, Environmental Achievement for inspirational work in protecting and enhancing the environment, and Sustainability in Business for an inspirational business demonstrating best practice.

Nomination forms are available at Council Administration Offices in Scone, Merriwa and Murrurundi and Shire Libraries, can be downloaded from the Upper Hunter Shire website or you can also submit your nomination online at Council’s website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au.

Nominations close 21 November 2014.

Further information can be obtained from Council’s Community Services departments in Scone 6540 1141, Merriwa 6521 7038 or Murrurundi 6540 1356.

Michael Johnsen
MAYOR
Lot 3, 400 Tunbridge Road Merriwa $465,000.00

Located just 15kms from Merriwa this 250 acres property is ready for someone to make it their own. The property is fully fenced into two paddocks both with troughs fed from the equipped bore and each has a stock dam. Capable of carrying up to 50 steers it is an excellent grazing block. The home has three good size bedrooms, a large lounge with RC Air and new carpet. The bathroom is in excellent condition and the kitchen is also in good condition with plenty of cupboard space. A new wrap around veranda is the ideal place to sit and take in the beautiful views over the property. Water to the home is supplied via a tank and the bore, there is also a creek running through the property. The home has been freshly painted inside and out and is ready to move into. There is loads of room for a shed and a site has been cleared and levelled for a set of cattle yards. This is a great grazing block with rolling paddocks, approx. 100ac arable with chocolate and red soils.

10 Vennacher Street Merriwa $240,000.00

This home has been extensively renovated from top to toe - it’s like new! It has three large bedrooms all with built ins, ceiling fans and the main with an ensuite. The living area is open plan featuring RC Air and sliding doors leading to the rear deck. The kitchen is new, has plenty of cupboard space and electric appliances. The home has been completely repainted, rewired, replumbed and has new carpet throughout. The yard is flat and fully fenced. There is a three bay shed which can be erected or the vendor will discount the price if you do not want the shed. Note: this home will qualify for the new home owners grant.

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**Merriwa Ringer**
Merriwa Central School
P & C Association

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

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6548 2213
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Peter Campbell - 6548 5126

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Merriwa Sports Club

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

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Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Wednesdays - Social Darts - 7.00pm - Draw for partners

Thursdays - 6.00pm Bingo commences

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

DON’T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY OCTOBER 26

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 11

Saturday Members Draw not won - Next week $110.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $480.00

Free Tickets: Clarrie Whitby
Dinner: Nerida Bailey
Bowls Raffle: Bruce Smith

WOMENS BOWLS NEWS

Our Association Day was held last Wednesday September 3, a great day was had by everyone. Phil Constable and Eva Towler won prizes on the day. Vivian Murray won the “Nearest the Ditch” prize. Congratulations to you all.

COMING UP EVENTS

Friday October 24 – 7.00pm Family Disco – Halloween Theme – Basket Supper – Lucky Door Prize and treats.


Saturday November 22 – Trivia Night – details to follow.

Saturday December 6 – Christmas Party – details to follow.

Julie Smith
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 October 10
Members Draw: $50.00 - Tony “Peg” Upton – claimed - $50.00 next week.
Joker Draw: $1,686.00 – Hilary Parker – unsuccessful - $1,735.00 next week.
Congratulations Peg.

Merriwa RSL Club
The Members Lucky Badge for $1,950.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 394. This week it jackpots to $2,000.00. The 7.00pm draw for $120.00 was not won. The number was 303. This week it jackpots to $140.00. The 9.00pm draw for $280.00 was not won and the number was 126. This week it jackpots to $300.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $950.00 was not won last week. The number was 345 and this week it jackpots to $1,000.00. 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

The Club will close at 6.00pm on Sunday September 14 for a staff function.

This Thursday Seniors Movie Day from 1.00pm.

HAPPY HOUR IS BACK - Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Sunday 11.00am to 12 noon, $3.00 schooners and $2.00 middy’s.

Social darts 7.00pm Thursday nights.

Matt Morgan

Sonya Drury

Robert Smith

Sporting News
Merriwa Cricket Club

The Merriwa Cricket Club would like to extend our gratitude to the businesses and the community members who have sponsored or donated items or services to the MCC this season. The club and committee would like to say a big “thank you” to the following:

- Merriwa Sports Club
- Merriwa RSL Club
- Merriwa IGA
- Frampton Farms
- Williams Concrete
- Merriwa Pharmacy
- Kingslyn
- Lisa’s Massage Therapy
- Ted Car
- JR

and to anyone I may have missed, my sincerest apologies.

Whether your sponsorship was big or small we are thankful all the same.

Merriwa Tennis Club

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....play together. There are few other sports or clubs that can compete with the opportunities offered by tennis.

Investing in tennis is investing in health. Money spent to get people moving, active and socializing in the same environment is money towards mental health, preventing diabetes and cardiovascular complications.

The club has embarked on a number of fund raising ventures and has received welcomed sponsorship from Hunter Mutual but we are still a long way short of the money required to install new lighting ($27,000) let alone repair the degraded court surfaces ($44,000 front courts and $35,000 back courts).

The upgrade plans for the tennis club are not intended to detract from or compete with the proposed upgrade to facilities at Apex Oval. Both projects are important and both need to be implemented.

Robert Smith
Merriwa Touch Football Club

As I type this, I cross my fingers and hope that we have had our first week of Touch Football. With seven mens teams and eight ladies, it means that the last game is a late one and to punish my committee I selected committee teams to take the first week of punishment. In making the draw, hopefully the late draw has been shuffled about a little. This may change if not enough junior teams are created.

Juniors names will be accepted for the next two weeks and then the teams will be created. Over these two weeks, games will be played and players will be placed into teams to ensure that there are equilling in strengths and abilities.

Depending on numbers 2, 3 or 4 teams will be created. Sponsors are currently being sort for these teams and if you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact me on 0447 219 193 after hours.

Names have been taken for refereeing, which is great and for the first time all season referees have been knocked back.

This season, referees will receive a match payment for their time. This will be paid after a number of weeks, aiming for 3 payment dates per term.

The nominated referee can ask for someone to assist but must share the match payment (and must organise this with the other referee).

Please remember that some of these referees are gaining experience and may not always see it how you do but as each player has signed a Code of Conduct and must abide by the Merriwa Touch Football Association and NSW Touch Associations guidelines. If a player does not abide by this they will be given a warning and then may be asked to leave the field for the remainder of the game.

Anyone interested in refereeing can contact Tina on 0447 219 193.

### Merriwa Touch Comp 2014-2015

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Juniors play at 6.00pm each week and must be at the field at 5.45pm.
Please remember.... If you haven’t paid your fees then you can not take the field.

**REFEREEING**

All players must sign the Code of Conduct prior to playing..

Round 1 - 7 Ladies Field 1 and Men Field 2
Round 8 - 14 Ladies Field 2 and Men Field 1

Tina Taylor
A reminder that the Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club is having our Presentation/AGM this Sunday October 19. Starting at 10.30am at the Merriwa Sports Club. A great day is planned. There will be lots of fun for everyone with a jumping castle, face painting and a sausage sizzle free for all children and $2.00 for adults and of coarse our annual mega cake. Everyone welcome, looking forward to seeing you all there.

During the off season, it has been decided to do Player Profiles for both netball and football player, we hope that everyone enjoys them and to start the off season rolling, this week we have Jackson Whitby and Josie Porter.

**PLAYER PROFILE**

Name: **Jackson Whitby**
Age: 7 years old
Team: Merriwa U/7’s
Favourite NRL Team: Rabbitohs
Favourite Player: Burgess Brother’s
What do you love about footy: I love tackling
Favourite moment playing for the Magpies: Scoring a try at my home game
Would you recommend football as a team sport? Why?
Is there anything you want to tell the Readers? Jackson was unsure how to answer this question but said “I love playing football”

Review: Jackson is an outstanding footballer, he quite often played up an age and was still very competitive, he scored lots of try’s throughout the season being very quick to get around the opposition and his defence was brilliant week after week. He absolutely loves playing Rugby League and is always one of the first to turn up to training.

**PLAYER PROFILE**

Name: **Josie Porter**
Age: 8 years old
Team: Merriwa Magpies
How long have you been playing Netball? One year Netball and one year football
Favourite position: Centre
What do you love about Netball? How I get to meet new friends
Favourite moment playing netball: When we got a four all draw in our second game of the season
Is there anything you want to tell the Readers? If you want to play netball, join up, it’s fun!
Would you recommend netball as a team sport? Why? Yes. It’s fun with friends.

Belinda Keane

**Merriwa Little Athletics**

Apologies to anyone who came down to the oval ready to start the new season of athletics last Monday to find it had been cancelled due to stormy weather!

The good news is it is back on THIS Monday 20 October from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Never tried Little A’s before? No problem, your first two training sessions are free! Come see if you like it. Children aged 3 to 16 all welcome. Registrations $55.00 per athlete.

More info call Tash Taaffe on 0458 574 015 or tashholden@bigpond.com.

Tash Taaffe

**Merriwa Ringer**
BABY BONUS

Tony Abbott hasn’t been able to make it happen .... but at Merriwa Tennis Club we have introduced our version of the baby bonus to encourage family participation in this great sport. If two parents and one child become members then any other children in the family can become members for free. It’s just another way we can make tennis more accessible to our community.

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS

The club is proud to support our local schools by providing free access to the tennis courts as part of the schools physical education program. It’s just another example of the way the club is helping to foster community spirit, personal development and healthy participation.

SPRING COMPETITION UPDATE

With four rounds already played we are almost half way through a very successful Spring Competition. The competition has been played with a wonderful spirit and it certainly looks like everyone is having fun. It is impressive to see the development in the skill level of the players new to the sport. They have even managed to claim a number of sets.

So far there have not been any forfeits – a great effort considering we have had two weeks of school holidays.

Despite eight teams playing on all four courts finishing times have been quite reasonable with most games finishing by 9.00pm and the latest in the weeks so far finishing at 9.15pm.

SOCIAL THURSDAYS

The courts are open from 6.30pm Thursdays for social tennis and training.

LADIES TUESDAYS

Ladies tennis is on every Tuesday morning during term time.
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             • Merriwa Markets - RSL Club footpath, Bow Street |
|           | **Sunday 19** • JRLF and Netball Club Presentation - 10.30am |
|           | **Friday 31** • Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm |
| NOVEMBER  | **Monday 3** • Rotary’s Melbourne Cup Calcuttal Night |
|           | **Tuesday 4** • Merriwa Markets - RSL Club footpath, Bow Street  
             • Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am |
|           | **Saturday 15** • Merriwa Markets - RSL Club footpath, Bow Street |
|           | **Friday 28** • Messy Church, last one for 2014 - Parish Hall - 3.30pm |
| DECEMBER  | **Sunday 14** • Carols in the Park |
|           | **Saturday 20** • Merriwa Markets - RSL Club footpath, Bow Street |