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Photography Competition

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.
Principal Report’s

TRANSITION

It is a wonderful time of the year when we have the honour of meeting our incoming 2015 Kindergarten and Year 7 students. Miss Willis and Mr Lomax have coordinated a comprehensive range of educational experiences for the students and the coming weeks will be highly engaging and entertaining as well as educational. I was lucky enough to be present to see the incoming Kindergarten students at their first assembly this week and they were all very keen.

CYBER SAFETY

Given the scope and range of technology that faces our students many parents can become concerned about how to keep their children protected and informed. The Cyber Smart website is an excellent resource and can be accessed at www.cybersmart.gov.au. The website is separated into a variety of sections that cater for different age groups: Young Kids (ages 0-7), Kids (ages 8-12), Teens (ages 13-18) and Parents. It is important to remember that what we do online and the way that we interact with others is recorded and can be seen by others.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Book Award recipients for last week. It is always lovely to see how proud our students are when they are recognised for their effort and achievement at school. Our supportive P and C continue to provide the books for our ‘Student of the Week’ awards for which we are very grateful. Well done to the following award winners:

Kindergarten: Mia Harrison (absent)
Year 1/2: Tamara Bailey
Year 2/3: Kaitlyn Smith
Year 4/5: Jye Kelly
Year 5/6: Liana Byfield

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Tomorrow we will be hosting Grandparents Day beginning at 10.00am at the Primary Campus. We will be holding an assembly where all grandparents and parents are invited to attend. Following the assembly teachers will run open classrooms for

Coming Events

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grandparents and parents to visit lessons and join students for some activities. A morning tea will be provided following the classroom activities. We look forward to seeing many family faces tomorrow.

**SCHOOL SPORT**

Our plans for new sport rotations this term were delayed due to the poor weather we experienced recently. However students on the Primary Campus won’t let a bit of rain from stopping them enjoy sport time. Students partnered up with another class to enjoy some activities under the COLA.

Skipping and handball activities were quickly set up and older students were great leaders as they taught younger students how to play. The best part was watching handball games that had two people in each square – an older student to teach while a younger student learned how to play. It didn’t matter if someone missed the ball or got out of the game, as everyone was smiling and having fun. Well done to all our senior students on being great role models to our younger students.

**AUSSIE BUSH CAMP**

Payments for Aussie Bush Camp are to be finalised tomorrow, Friday October 24. Please contact Miss Laurie or the Primary Office on 6548 2101 if you have any questions about the camp or payments.

**Samaritans Christmas Donations**

We now have some boxes ready to collect donations for the Samaritans Christmas Gifts Appeal. Please send any small donations you have to the Primary Office for collection. Remember we cannot send anything that contains liquid such as clag glue, glue glitter or liquid soap. Donations that would be very beneficial include brushes, stickers, hairclips/elastics, pencils etc. Things that will fit inside a shoebox. If you have any queries about the boxes you can see Mrs West on the Primary Campus or Barbara Campbell.

**P and C Disco**

The Merriwa Central School P and C will be hosting a Primary Fancy Dress Disco next Thursday 30 October. It will be held in the Primary Library from 4.00-6.00pm. Students are to remain in the library area until they are picked up by parents or given permission to walk home. Entry to the disco will be a gold coin donation and there will also be water and snacks available for purchase.
Secondary News

SCIENCE/MATHS/AG DEPARTMENT NEWS

As we start Term 4 I would like to extend a big welcome back to our school community and our students who have hit the ground running.

Term 4 is traditionally a very busy time for both students and staff alike, and 2014 is living up to this expectation. Yearly examinations are upon us; whilst students are finishing assignments and being busy social butterflies. Students should try to be organised during this period. They should implement a revision/study program leading up to exams in order to help them consolidate the concepts they have learnt in class and achieve to the best of their abilities.

In Week 6 of this term all Year 8 students will undertake the Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA). The ESSA is a mandatory Science assessment program that provides information about knowledge, skills, values and attitudes of our secondary students. The test also assesses students’ understanding of the process of scientific investigation and their ability to evaluate evidence, to distinguish theories from observations and to assess the level of certainty ascribed to claims. It assesses students’ ability to communicate scientific ideas using a variety of strategies and their skills in accessing information. Parents of Year 8 students will receive a letter outlining the ESSA test in more detail shortly. A detailed written report for each student is distributed in Term 1 of the year following the ESSA test.

As we finish the working week, here are some fun science facts to ponder over the weekend:

• The speed of light is so fast it could travel around the Earth 7.5 times every second.
• Halley’s Comet was last seen in the inner Solar System in 1986. It will be visible again from Earth sometime in 2061 (get your camera ready).
• The Solar System formed around 4.6 billion years ago.
• The first man-made object sent into space was in 1957 when the Russian satellite Sputnik was launched.
• And lastly for budding astronauts; the cost of a space suit is $11 million and it takes seven months to get to Mars.

Ben Bartlett
Science Teacher

UPPER HUNTER SHOW INC. YOUTH CATTLE CAMP

The School Steer Team including our steers Beau and Arrow, participated in the Upper Hunter Show Inc. Youth Cattle Camp on October 9 and 10 at Muswellbrook Showground.

The two day camp was attended by just under 100 students from around the region and included a number of workshops on cattle preparation, showing, and junior judging. There were also presentations on weeds, pasture improvement, nutrition and breeding methods.

The students and steers gained practical experience as well and this has been a wonderful opportunity for all involved.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank those parents who assisted with transport of students including Ms Barbra Eipper, Mrs Michelle Walker and Mrs Georgie Fairfull and especially Mr David Cameron for transporting our steers over and back. Also a big thank you to Mr Andrew Duncan for spending his evening with us on the camp to provide teacher supervision. The
excursion would not have been possible without this assistance.

We now look forward to this week’s Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza at White Park, Scone and the culmination of our steer work.

COOLAH CENTRAL HORSE SPORTS DAY

On Friday November 17 four of our Equestrian team members competed at the 2014 Coolah Central School Horse Sports Day. Hannah Riley, April Lawler, Jack Mobberley and Makayla Mobberley all had an outstanding day and did an amazing job representing Merriwa Central School.

Makayla and her horse Bluey performed great all day. Makayla won 11 out of the 15 events she competed in and came away with Champion 7 Year Girls Point Score.

Jack and his trusty horse Waylon added to the Merriwa Central Schools points tally picking up ribbons in all his events which gained him Champion 8 Year Boys Point Score. Jack was also awarded the 8 Year Boys Sportsmanship Award and to continue his successful day won Highest Scoring Primary School Boys Point Score. Not only was this a tremendously huge effort for an 8 year old.

Why I want to be in ROAR?

ROAR will provide me with an opportunity to experience more than one sport at a time.

What is my favourite subject: Science (Chemistry)

What is my favourite sport? Free-running and Martial Arts

What is my favourite team? St George Illawarra Dragons

Favourite Player: Brett Morris

Best Sporting Achievement: Don’t really have one

Who inspires you and Why: My older cousin Kyle, because he has always pushed me to try harder and he is always teaching me about something

Advice to young players: Don’t ever give up, keep practicing, no one becomes a master over night.

ROAR Profile

Michael Smith-Wildey
Year 11

ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards

Lois Harrison
Steers Program Coordinator
old riding against all the other Primary school boys but Jack also accomplished this with a broken wrist.

April who competing on her Uncle Bryce’s horse Pearl, had well a pearler of a day (sorry for my bad joke). April and Pearl place second in the hack and the pairs with Hannah. First in bend bar aft, third in bonfield bounce, diamond flag and barrel, they finished off their day with a fourth in the scudahoe and sword race.

Hannah rode her horse Zarli-Bar and by the look of all her ribbons I think Zarli-Bar needs a bigger neck. Hannah and her fabulous horse placed first in the rider, flag, diamond flag, keyhole, handy pony and scudahoe. Second in the hack, pairs with April, figure of 8, bend bar aft, bonfield bounce and barrel. Third in the sword race. With all her places Hannah was awarded 12 Year Girls Champion and also received Reserve Champion Secondary Girl point score.

I would like to congratulate April, Hannah, Makayla and Jack on a very successful day and also thank them for doing such a great job representing Merriwa Central School. A big thank you to Christine, Pauline, Jodie and Kane for taking their children and also for giving their children an opportunity to represent our wonderful school.

I look forward to giving you all a report on how Clancy Martin went at Calrossy Horse Sports and the Inter Schools Horse Extravaganza next week.
WHAT A GREAT TIME WE ARE HAVING AT ST JOSEPH’S MAGIC SHOW

Last Tuesday we were very fortunate to receive a special visit from Joel from JD’s World of Magic. In the morning our new Kinders joined the infants classes to experience a fantastic show “I Like Me” which incorporated lessons on self esteem and uniqueness among juggling, audience participation and even a live dove and rabbit. Our primary classes also got to experience a show entitled “The Magic of Books”. The children and staff clearly enjoyed their time with Joel and it has been fantastic to see children borrowing magic books from our library since.

3/4 EXCURSION

On Friday our 3/4 class travelled to Glenrock State Conservation Area as part of our HSIE unit this term ‘State and National Parks’. Glenrock State Conservation Area, located in Newcastle, protects numerous historic and indigenous sites. Glenrock protects a high diversity of flora, including the last pocket of coastal rainforest in the region, and animal species such as the Powerful Owl.

After an early start our class was very excited to meet Ranger Kim. Under the guidance of Kim we walked the Yeulerbah track (place of many footsteps), an ancient Aboriginal pathway, to Burwood Beach and explored the changing ecosystems from the forest to the sea. We learnt so much from the trip such as:

- the difference between National Parks, State Parks and Conservation Areas
- the difference in fauna and flora in open forests and rainforests
- the aboriginal heritage of the area - belongs to the Awabakal People
- the evidence of animals that live there
- the different roles of workers in managing a park.

We were even lucky enough to dip our feet in the lagoon and build sandcastles at the beach.

A big thank you to the parents who volunteered on the day. It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback on the day regarding student behavior from the parents. Ranger Kim also mentioned how much she enjoyed our group and in particular how attentive the class was.
WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

WEEK 2

Kindergarten - Matilda Cronin - for great mathematical language!

Ben Patterson – for taking turns collecting data!

Year 1/2 - Jack Shannon - for fantastic effort in the Upper Hunter Public Speaking Competition

Helena Parker - For fantastic effort in the Upper Hunter Public Speaking Competition

Year 3/4 - Korey Halse - for fantastic effort in the Upper Hunter Public Speaking Competition

Jorji Taaffe - for fantastic effort in the Upper Hunter Public Speaking Competition

Patrick Magner - for an impressive range of knowledge shown at our excursion on Friday

Dylan Turner - for being a fantastic focused worker when in the 5/6 classroom

Year 5/6 - Eliza Peebles - for an ultra-impressive result in Mathematics assessment

John Magner - for demonstrating enthusiasm and wanting to extend his learning

Playground Champion - Grace Booth - for always being willing to lend a hand

Principal's Awards - Damian Jamieson - For being a caring and supportive friend.

Paige Farrow
Year 3/4 Teacher

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES BY THE COMMUNITY

There are many opportunities for school to make their facilities available to the community including meetings, sporting activities or sharing resources. However permission must be granted by the Principal prior to the proposed event.

A risk assessment must be conducted to ensure any risks are minimised. If children are going to be present then all staff and volunteers of the group seeking permission to use the school grounds must have a current working with children check. Once all of this has been completed a community use agreement between the school and the community group is drawn up and signed.

Although this sounds like quite a rigorous process, it none the less protects the property and rights of the school and the community group.

The school grounds are covered under the Enclosed Lands Protection Act 1901. People entering and using the grounds without authority to do so, risk being charged with trespass and a fine of $1100.00. If they choose not to leave after being asked to, they risk a further fine of $1100.00.

If you notice any unusual activity in the school grounds on weekends or school holidays please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff or simply report it to the School Security Hotline on 1300 880 021.

BEEF BONANZA

Kristy Walker, Olivia McLean, William Stair, Angus Higgins and Jake Pike will spend three days in Scone this week, participating in the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. On Friday they will compete against other schools only in parading and judging. On Saturday and Sunday they will compete against the general public as the open days are held. We wish them all, and Willow, the very best of luck. Mrs Darlington will provide supervision for the full three days of the program.

A huge thank you to the Walker family, who have given up their time to train the steer. Without them, our steer program would not be feasible.

MILO CRICKET

The students have now had two sessions of MILO cricket, which has proved to be very popular. The activities are highly engaging with students honing their skills. Thank you to the P and C for providing funds to pay for half of the costs for the...
program. Thank you to Mrs Parker for organising this great activity for us.

**FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS**

This term the three skills we are focussing on are catching, overarm throw and two handed strike. Each group will spend approximately three weeks working on each skill.

**PRINCIPAL’S MEETING**

Next Thursday I will be attending a planning meeting at Scone as we learn more about the new planning tool that will be used for the next three year planning phase.

I will also be taking LSL next Friday. I will be replaced by Miss Eipper.

**BURSARY TEST**

Jackson Stair sat the RSL Bursary test at Denman on Monday. We wish him the best of luck.

Mathematics Competition Results

- **Credit** - Jackson Stair and Abby Cooper
- **Proficient** - Kristy Walker
- **Participation** - Olivia McLean.

**YOGA**

On Monday we had our first Yoga lesson via video conference. All students enjoyed partaking in a new activity.

**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2014 - WEEK 3**

Today our Kindergarten Orientation children concentrated on learning the skill associated with “Using nice talk, saying please and thank you”.

This was taught through the use of the story book “John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat”. To ensure the children grasp the concepts they were also involved in role plays and craft activities.

Following recess, the days of the week were revised as these were introduced last week. Through reading the book “One Hungry Spider” the children looked at numbers 1-10. To conclude this session a variety of number games were played and rhymes were shared.

**PEER SUPPORT**

Following lunch the entire school were involved in a variety of outdoor activities. We formed our groups after a discussion on our focus of the week - “Using Nice Talk and Saying Please and Thank You”.

All the children were encouraged by their Year 6 group leaders to use these skills during the afternoon activities.

The staff will be reminding the children at school of how to effectively use these skills. However could we please ask you as parents to encourage your children to use them in their home environment. Then it will become a more automatic response when they are mixing with other people.

Many thanks

Pauline Bullock  
Kinder Orientation Coordinator

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

- **Tiffany Constable** - settling in well and trying her best.
- **Abby Cooper** - consistent application.
- **Jake Pike** - trying hard to complete tasks.
- **Ayden Marsh** - fantastic effort in English.
- **Riley Borradaile** - working exceptionally well on his maths investigation.
- **Bill Chambers** - fantastic reading.

**WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

**Kinder/Years 1 and 2**  -  Matthew Allen, Mikayla Borradaile and Harry Thompson.

**Years 3,4,5 and 6**  -  Tylana Cox, Isabella Wallace, William Stair and Sam Thompson.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Cambell Hinze - displaying school values at all times.

**SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK**

Amy Thompson - great sportsmanship at MILO cricket.

Christina Darlington  
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
JACK NAIRNE

Jack has earned the title of student of the week for being a consistently hard worker and upholding each of the Cassilis school rules of ‘Do your Best’, ‘Be Respectful’ and ‘Be Safe’, at all times.

Jack works well in team situations both in formal situations such as during the touch football competition as well as in informal games at recess and lunch. He has trained hard as a reserve relay team runner to make sure he is ready, despite not being sure if he will run on the day.

Jack had a go at each activity at Sports Workshop on Friday and brought out the best in his group members encouraging them to keep going.

In class, Jack puts effort into displaying neat and comprehensive bookwork and independently completes classroom tasks without a fuss. He particularly demonstrated a good understanding of Two-Dimensional Shapes during Mathematics activities last Thursday.

Congratulations, Jack and keep up the wonderful work!

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

What is your favourite food? Curried sausages
What job/work would you like when you are older? A miner
Apart from your family, who is one of your role models and why? Matt Whitby because he’s really nice to me
If you were given $100, what would you buy? Some cheap cattle
What is one thing that people may not know about you? I have a cousin named Toby
What is something you are really good at? Tackle football.

FROM MRS GRINHAM’S DESK

LAST WEEK WAS AN ENJOYABLE TIME AT CPS

During the week there was an incident involving two of our students and the way the community rallied around to make sure everyone was ok was admirable. It is comforting to know that I am living in a community that looks out for each other, especially the children.

If you see something that doesn’t look right or feel right then do something or let someone know. That’s what the Cassilis community does!

The community member who came to the school to inform us, absolutely did the right thing, as we are responsible for our students not only at school but to and from as well, as far as is possible.

It takes a village to raise a child (and to nurture one) and this little village of Cassilis is an amazing village to be a part of.

Thank you everyone.

STATE RELAY TEAM - THIRD PLACE!
CASSILIS PUBLIC SCHOOL
STRIVE WITH PRIDE!

Our amazing relay team competed in Sydney on Thursday and did very well coming third!

We are the third fastest Small School Relay Team in NSW! Yay to Us!

Congratulations to everyone for their hard work
and training. Thank you Mrs Nairne for coaching and managing the team, and to parents for transporting students and giving up work for the two days.

We would like to thank the CWA and an anonymous donor for their kind donations. They were greatly appreciated and assisted the team getting to Sydney.

**LOCAL LIBRARY VISITS**

After our visit to the local library for book week our lovely librarian has invited us to the library for three afternoon visits.

On Friday October 24, 14 November and 5 December from 2.00-3.00pm Virginia will read stories and the students will do activities. We ask parents to collect their children from the library on these days.

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Week 2: Anderson - Sophie
Week 3: Bowler – Georgia, Tobias, Cameron
Week 4: NO AAS – STAFF AT MEETING
Week 5: Nash - Thomas
Week 6: Blyth - Katie
Week 7: Rondel - Kaelyn
Week 8: McLennan - Corey
Week 9: Nairne – Jack

The school is subsidised $25.00 a week for morning tea. You can keep your receipts (this must only have morning tea items on it) and hand to Mrs. Hunt. She will reimburse you with a cheque for the amount spent.

Healthy snacks could include:
- fruit salad cup
- dip and rice crackers
- fruit and veg sticks or kebabs
- banana bread
- zucchini slice
- yoghurt tubs etc.

Remember every Wednesday is Library Day.

DIARY

October
20 - Kindergarten Orientation
21-24 - Mrs. G. Primary Principal’s State Conference - Sydney
23 - Year 6-7 orientation – Merriwa Central School (Students only)
23 - AAS – Frisbee
24 – Library visit 2-3
27 - Kindergarten Orientation
27 – ASSEMBLY
28 – Responsible Pet Education presentation
30 - Year 6-7 orientation – Merriwa Central School (Students only)
30 - Mrs G. meeting – Scone

November
3 - Kindergarten Orientation
6 – ASS Frisbee

Remember!
Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer
BEFORE 9.00am Monday!
No late articles will be accepted!

Jeanette Grinham
Relieving Principal
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

December 14: Carols in the Park.

This weekend members of “Holy Trinity” Parish will
be attending Synod. What is Synod you may ask?
It has been suggested that Synod can be viewed
as a Diocesan AGM. Synod addresses the breadth
of diocesan life as well as the wider world in which
we live. The word “Synod” comes from the Greek
“synodus” - meeting or assembly. Christian people
gather together in order to try to identify god’s
will for them as individuals and as a community of
people.

We pray that you will give wisdom and
understanding to the members of Synod of this
Diocese. Teach them in all things to seek first
your honour and glory. May they perceive what
is right have courage to pursue it and grace to
accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WINNERS OF THE ANGLICAN LADIES GUILD

100 Club are:
First: Sheila Cottle
Second: Norma Redman
Third: J Monsoon.

And the Raffle winners are:
First: Loretta Cooper
Second: Jan Baihn
Third: Bridgette Palmer.

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa Rotary Club
HELP MERRIWA ROTARY HELP MERRIWA’S GUMMUM
PLACE

Rotary Melbourne Cup Calcutta night is a long
and cherished event on our club’s calendar.

Every year it attracts a big crowd to the Sports
Club for a barbecue. Great meat accompanied
by side dishes extraordinaire starts off the night.
Then the Rotary Cup Sweep is drawn.

The climax of the evening is the Calcutta Draw.
There follows a period of negotiation during which
those who wish to form syndicates for the Auction,
which will follow, can do so.

Those who have been lucky enough to draw a
horse can either sell... and get half the selling
price to keep, or buy for half the bid price.

Syndicates allow those who want to buy in to do
so without necessarily spending a lot of money.

Those who wish to go solo (ie not a part of a
syndicate) can do so.

It may sound complicated... but there will be
many in attendance who will be able to make it
easy for all.

This is an opportunity for the community of our
town and district to help Gummun Place obtain
important Nurse Call equipment.

All proceeds of the night will go towards funding
this purchase.

Please come along, enjoy a fun night and help a
great cause.

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.

Mark Smith

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
Merriwa Ringer
The Merriwa Show Committee is holding its first Community Field Day combined with our annual BBQ next month on Thursday November 13. We have a great programme lined up with Stock Handling and Quad Bike safety programmes; Photography, Print-making; Water Colour and Aboriginal Art workshops, followed by an early evening barbeque for all our wonderful volunteers. Details will be in next week’s Merriwa Ringer. The event is being sponsored and supported by Merriwa Show, the Upper Hunter Shire Council, Rabobank, NSW Dept of Primary Industries and Workcover. Students from Merriwa and Coolah Central Schools, Scone High School, Scone Grammar School and St Joseph’s Aberdeen have been invited to attend. Please put some time aside to come along and support our programme and enjoy the barbeque get-together. Small business farm safety rebates of $500.00 will be available to registered participants through Workcover.

For more information check next week’s Merriwa Ringer or phone Interschool Challenge Coordinator Maria Cameron 6548 7272 or Merriwa Show president, Rob Tindall.

Maria Cameron

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary
MELBOURNE CUP GARDEN LUNCHEON

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary invite the Merriwa community to attend our Melbourne Cup Garden Luncheon on Tuesday November 4, 2014.

This year our garden luncheon will be held at Kingslyn, Col and Gaye Bates being our hosts for the day.

Get your friends together and enjoy a great lunch sitting among the beautiful trees at Kingslyn.

Costs and times will be in next weeks Ringer. See you at Kingslyn on Melbourne Cup Day.

Tickets are available from Di’s Clothing Patch at $20.00 per person.

For more information please contact me on 6548 8560.

Elaine Sparrow

Merriwa Multi Purpose Service
INTERESTED IN HEALTH?

Do you have an interest in the health of your local community? Would you like to play a role in ensuring the effective delivery of health services in your town?

Merriwa Multi Purpose Service Local Health Committee is looking for motivated volunteers to join them in working towards better health in our community.

Local Health Committees work with the Local Health Service Manager and community partners to represent the community on matters relating to health and health service delivery.

Margaret Smith, Health Service Manager says “one of the main jobs for Merriwa Multi Purpose Service Local Health Committee is to ensure community health needs are identified. The committee works with us to ensure we understand the needs of our local community and provide a community perspective to ensure effective delivery of health services,” she said.

Merriwa Multi Purpose Service Health Committee Chair Pat Kirkby says “increasing community awareness of local health issues and services is also important. Sometimes awareness of where the services are and how to access them is the greatest challenge and we are there to make sure the health service can bridge that gap. We are looking for people who have strong connection in the community who can help us do that,” she said.

Applications are welcome from people with a range of skills and experience and strong connections in the community.

People of all ages and backgrounds who can help us foster two-way communication between the Merriwa Multi Purpose Health Service and the community are invited to apply for membership.

The contact person is Margaret Smith, Health Service Manager on 6532 5000.

Pat Kirkby
Chair Merriwa MPS Local Health Committee

Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa CWA

FASHION PARADE
“DRESS FOR LESS AT TRINITY MARKETS”

Light lunch will be provided for $6.00 per person. Proceeds to go to Kaleidoscope at John Hunter Hospital.

When: Thursday October 30 at 10.30am for 11.00am
Where: CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street

All are welcome to attend.

Enquiries to: Barbara Campbell on 6548 5135 or 0428 485 131.

Robyn McAlister

Operation Christmas Child

It is collection time for Samaritan’s Purse shoe boxes for this year. A big thank you to all who have contributed to this worthy cause.

A special thank you to the Men’s Shed in particular, Pat Quigley for making the wooden cars for the boys boxes and to Lenore for all the bags and pencil cases as well as shirts and caps that you have provided towards this project.

Thank you to all the people who have donated money towards postage and those who have contributed in any way to this cause. A special thank you to Rosie and Ava for giving up time in the school holidays to help pack shoe boxes.

You can contact me on 6548 2142.

Carol Bowman

With Thanks
STAN WATSON
SEPTEMBER 10 2014

I would like to thank the people of Merriwa and district so much for their sympathy cards and support after the death of my brother Stan. Thank you.

Greg Watson and family

Messy Church

When: October 31

We look forward to seeing you all again refreshed from your holidays at 3.30pm in the Parish Hall, with the theme “Things that go Bump in the night”. Should be lots of fun and learning!

Rosalie Drew and Messy Church team

With Thanks
TOM EDWARD WITNEY

The family of the late Tom Edward Witney wish to thank the Merriwa Community and districts for the overwhelming love, support, cards, flowers and nourishments given to them after the tragic loss of their husband, father and pop.

Rose Witney and family

Merriwa Community Portal

IGA ALIEN PRIZE GIVING

On Wednesday October 15, Amber Austin was presented with her prize of $200.00 by Andrew and Wendy Richards from IGA and Kim Fenley from the Merriwa Community Portal Committee for finding the ten Aliens ET’s on your new Merriwa Community website merriwa.nsw.au. IGA is one of our major supporters of the website and the Merriwa Community Portal Committee would like to thank IGA for their commitment to this community activity.

Please visit your community website which supports Merriwa businesses and community groups and its surrounds. The site is continually updated with new items and features which are added to all the time. So please support your

Amber Austin (centre) being presented her prize by Andrew and Wendy Richards with Kim Fenley

Kim Fenley

The Merriwa Community News is available to charity groups or non-funded, not for profit organisations and anyone wishing to advise of a special event (birthday/anniversary/etc). If you would like to make use of this free service, please contact us prior to 12.00pm Mondays.
CALCUTTA

The Melbourne Cup is coming up very soon (a great excuse to frock up and enjoy an afternoon of frivolity). Calcutta night is being hosted by the Rotary Club the night before the race and tickets for the sweep and Calcutta are available here. If you are interested in attending the night or putting a table together, contact a Rotarian (such as Neville). It is always a great night - good food, a few drinks, fun company and a little bit of serious bidding!

STATIONERY OF THE WEEK

Document trays are an essential part of any tidy office, whether it is at home or at work. They take up minimal space and can be stacked as high as you need. They are great for keeping track of mail, bills, invoices and more. They are available in many different colours and are in stock right now.

OFFICESMART CATALOGUE

Have you received the latest OfficeSmart catalogue yet? It has all of the great stationery specials that are available over the next three months. Of you have not got a copy (or you need another) come in and ask our staff for one. They are a fantastic way to save money - just because we don't live in the city, doesn't mean we should have to leave town for the best prices. The quality is high and prices are competitive.

TOYS, TOYS AND MORE TOYS

We have some great new toys in store right now, great for Christmas presents, as well as for the multitude of birthdays that occur between now and then. Come in and check out what we have and stay tuned for more detailed descriptions in the weeks to come.

NOTE CARDS

We have some lovely packs of note cards just arrive, and they are great for sending little notes of thanks. It is always nice to acknowledge an act of kindness, and allows you to stay in touch with people at the same time. We live in a time where the written word seems to be going out of fashion, but that just means that we have to do what we can to bring it back.

CHRISTMAS IDEAS

Australian Women’s Weekly and Better Homes and Gardens have released their Christmas Ideas volumes. They may seem to be out rather early, but we are only nine weeks from Christmas and it takes that long to get ready, especially if you want to make your own Christmas crafts. There are so many craft, sewing, child-friendly, decorating and cooking ideas that you will be inspired to start today!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would all like to wish Clara a very happy 16th birthday. Clara is a Rotary Exchange student who is currently living in Merriwa. We wish her a fun-filled day with too much cake!

PHONECARDS: all cards are now available including Telstra, Optus and Vodaphone
Cash or Eftpos only

Neville and Leanne Hook

NSW Government

SHARE THE STAGE WITH THREE PROFESSIONAL STORYTELLERS

Arts Upper Hunter wants you to muster your courage and join three professional storytellers on stage telling tall tales and true on the theme of “I’ve never been so scared in my life!” Whether you’re young old or in between, your story is welcome. Your story has to be less than ten minutes long and you can’t read it or use notes. If that sounds a bit scary in itself, don’t worry. You can go to a workshop in the afternoon, polish your story and be on stage that night. If you’re more confident, go straight to the stage.

Going under the name The Caravan of Stories, storytellers Julie Mundy-Taylor, Lindy Mitchell and Megan Pascoe will be at St Paul’s Church Hall in Murrurundi on Friday October 24, the School of Arts in Merriwa on Saturday October 25 and St. Mark’s Church Hall in Aberdeen on October 26. There’s an afternoon workshop from 1.00pm to 3.00pm in each town and an evening storytelling event in each town from 7.00 to 9.30pm.

Attendance at the workshops is free. Entry to the storytelling events is $8.00 and $5.00 concession for audience and free for storytellers. So whether you want to tell a story or simply sit back and listen, come along and discover one of the fastest growing trends on the Australian cultural scene.

To book into a workshop, register as a storyteller or for more information call Arts Upper Hunter on 6541 4776 or email rado@artsupperhunter.com.au.

Mark Reedman
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Sometimes we all need a break from our daily chores. But none are more deserving of a break than carers – dedicated, tireless, and often unpaid. During national Carers Week, from October 12–18, we were urged to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contribution of carers and help them take a break. This year’s theme is ‘Take a break, raise your voice and support our carers’.

According to the latest 2012 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, there are 2.7 million family and friend carers over the age of 15 in Australia – 12% of the population.

Carers are a vital part of Australia’s health system, as the foundation of our aged, disability, and community care systems. In 2010 Access Economics estimated that carers provide 1.32 billion hours of unpaid care each year, and that it would cost the Australian economy $40.9 billion to replace their work with formal care services. On average, 40% of primary carers provide 40 or more hours per week of unpaid care.

Some 770,000 of Australia’s carers are primary carers. Primary carers provide the majority of informal assistance with the activities of daily living to a person with disability, plus one or more of the core support activities of mobility, self-care and communication. Of these primary carers, 51% provide care to a person over the age of 65.

But carers are unsung heroes and often face serious challenges:

- In the Australian Unity Wellbeing Index Survey carers were shown to have the lowest collective wellbeing of any population group investigated
- Carers have an average stress rating that is classified as moderate depression
- Carers are more likely to experience chronic pain
- According to 2012 ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers data, primary carers were significantly more likely to have a disability themselves – 37% of primary carers have a disability, compared with 16% of people not in a carer’s role
- Carers are more socially isolated. In 2012 only 47% of carers who provided care for 40 hours per week or more reported participation in at least one cultural or physical activity, away from home

- Almost two-thirds (65%) of primary carers reside in a household with gross household income in the lowest two quintiles, compared with 36% of non-carers
- The median gross personal income per week for a primary carer is $400.00, and for a non-carer is $600.00
- Some 55% of primary carers are on a Government pension or allowance and 54% of primary carers have difficulty meeting everyday costs as a result of a caring role.

Many carers are young men and women. There are more than 150,000 of Australia’s carers who are under the age of 18. These young people may be providing care for a parent, partner, sibling, their own child, relative or friend. Many of these young carers indicate that caring is a positive experience for them. However, research clearly indicates that when inadequately supported, their own health, mental health and wellbeing can be seriously affected by their roles.

For more information about how we can take care of carers, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA), with assistance from Centrelink and the Carers Association, has developed a Self Care Fact Card titled Carer Support. The Wise use of Medicines Fact Card is another useful resource for carers. Both of these Fact Cards are available from Merriwa Pharmacy.

Robert Smith

Max’s Country Cuts
131 Bettington Street Merriwa
Ph/Fax: 6548 2375

This week’s specials at MAX’S COUNTRY CUTS Friday October 24 and Saturday October 25 and early next week while stocks last.

- Corned Legs of Hogget $7.99kg
- Honey B.B.Q Beef Stir Fry $12.99kg
- Pork 4 ¼ chops in Honey Black Pepper $8.99kg
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Support the butcher that supports Merriwa
Max, Yvonne and the crew at Max’s Country Cuts
Photography Hints
SHOW YOUR PET’S CHARACTER

It is a good idea to photograph pets where they like to lay or play. You should know what your pet loves to do and what make them happy. Try to capture some of this in your photo.

FREEZING THE MOTION

Pets at play can be so much fun! Try catching their body parts in slow motion or the exaggerated motion of their ears and lips flapping, a finished roll in the dirt, or a pounce of mischief. Why not try using continuous shooting, your Shutter Priority or TV on your camera dial.

EYES ARE THE KEY TO THE SOUL

Keeping the eyes sharp make for a great photo, it attracts the viewers eyes and when possible, should be kept sharp and clear. Using natural light can also help with this.

PEOPLE AND PETS GO TOGETHER

A good simple portrait of a pet by itself or with the owner is a classic shot. Use outdoor lighting to avoid flash, which can distract animals. A standard lens of 50mm is ideal for this kind of image. A shallow DOF (depth of field) keeps things in the center of the frame sharp so make sure you have focus on the eyes. Remember to be quick when taking this type of image because animals are easily distracted when outdoors.

GET DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL

Getting on the floor and at the same level as your pet is a great way to capture some dramatic, yet natural shots. To help reduce camera shake, take a deep breath before you take the shot. For the blurred background effect, choose a shallow DOF (f/2.8-f/8) and a fast shutter speed since pets can move fast!

USE MOST OF THE PHOTO SPACE

The last tip is to ensure that you use as much of the space as you can, they are the focus of the shot.

If all else fails and you don’t get the shot you have tried to achieve, try again and remember it is not a waste of time, you have just spent time with a cherished member of the family.

Tina Taylor

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MERRIWA TOURISM & PROMOTION MEETING

The next meeting for the Merriwa Tourism and Promotion Committee will be held on Wednesday 12 November from 6.00pm at the Council Chambers, Merriwa.

MERRIWA FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES MEETING

The next meeting of the Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee will be held on Thursday 6 November from 6.00pm at the Council Chambers., Merriwa

Please note that this meeting has changed from Monday to Thursday evenings

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046

Merriwa Library is conducting a story reading for youngsters on Tuesday mornings (during school term), with a craft activity to follow.

Please note the 10am start has been shifted to the normal opening time of 10.30am.

P: Mark Shields 6521 7007

The 2015 Rosto Olives Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces is excited to announce that Shelley Minson will be performing live on the opening night of the Festival’s 25th anniversary celebrations. To be held at the Merriwa Sports Club auditorium on Friday 5 June 2015 the event will be open to persons over the age of 18 years. $15 per person entry, and bring a basket supper to share with your table.

Performing with husband Lawrie, a 4 time Golden Guitar winner, Shelley’s rockabilly style has brought her success internationally with performances in Las Vegas, and festivals all over Australia.

For more information or to book and secure a table for the night contact:

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Interested in Sponsoring?

Please contact the Merriwa Central School on 6548 2119 for more information!

Thank you!

REMINDER

Just a small reminder that the Merriwa Ringer is still waiting for a small number of sponsor boxes to be sent in. This might also be the opportunity that you need to make updates to your sponsor box before next year.

In the coming weeks, renewals will be sent out to the regular sponsor, interested in coming on board next year, then please contact us on 6548 2119.
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Sponsor Renewal for Term 4 are now due!
Please contact the Merriwa Central School on 6548 2119 for more information!

Thank you!
Merriwa Ringer

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Merriwa District Progress Association Inc
SUPPORT THE ORGANISATION WHICH SUPPORTS YOUR COMMUNITY
Meets every 4th Wednesday at Merriwa RSL at 6:00 pm
Phone Kim on 6548 3060
Or Beren on 6548 2245

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*Wednesday Nights*

Junior and Senior Comp

President: Tina Taylor
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Cathedral Parish

Merriwa & Cassilis

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**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
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Contact

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Merriwa - Cassilis

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11.00am every 10.00am Fridays

2nd and 4th Sundays
2nd and 4th Sundays

Short Bible Study Contact: 0429 996 769

Wed, Fri

Morning Prayer

**New Members Welcome!**

ph: Tash Taaffe 6548 5002
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**St Davids Uniting Church**

Vennacher Street

Merriwa

Service Times

1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at 11.00am

3rd Sunday at 6.00pm

Contact

Pastor Ross Neville - 6545 1396
Pastor Richard Moors - 6543 1168
Peter Campbell - 6548 5126

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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** - 6.00pm Bingo

**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

**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 18**

Saturday Members Draw not won - Next week $120.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $500.00

**Free Tickets:** Beverley (Merriwa Hosp)

**Dinner:** Nancy Coulton

**Bowls Raffle:** Noel Barwick

**Sunday Raffle October 19**

Sunday Members draw - No 295 not won. Next week $300.00

**MENS BOWLS NEWS**

Club membership nominations are on the board at the club so please get your names down, it will close and be drawn November 1.

Twilight bowls have commenced on Friday afternoons at 5.00pm for a 5.30pm start but if you are a bit late, we will try to get you a game.

**COMING EVENTS**

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

Monday November 3 – Rotary Club Calcutta Night

Saturday November 22 – Trivia Night – details to follow

Saturday December 6 – Christmas Party – details to follow.

**Julie Smith**

**Merriwa RSL Club**

The Members Lucky Badge for $2000.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 353. This week it jackpots to $2050.00. The 7.00pm draw for $140.00 was not won. The number was 431. This week it jackpots to $160.00. The 9.00pm draw for $300.00 was not won and the number was 276. This week it jackpots to $320.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $1000.00 was not won last week. The number was 455 and this week it jackpots to $1050.00. 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.

**COMING EVENTS**

The Bistro hours for the evening are now back to 6.00pm - 8.30pm.

**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 02 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.

**Matt Morgan**

**merriwa ringer**
SPORTING NEWS
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 17
Members Draw: $50.00 - Ben Blyton – unclaimed - $55.00 next week.
Joker Draw: $1735.00 – Paula Palmer was successful in flipping the joker - $500.00 next week.

Congratulations Paula.

More Coolah Horse Sports Photos

Merriwa Touch Football Club
JUNIOR GAMES

Last week I touched briefly on the juniors program so I thought I would give a little more information about them this week.

By now we would have had two muck around games to help work out where we will be putting children as we would like to make the teams fair and fun.

Junior games are non-competitive and points are not taken. The aim of having juniors is to help the juniors develop their skills, have fun and to learn how to play as part of a team (with varying strengths in each team).

At the moment there will only be three teams but this will change if more juniors have signed up by next Wednesday. This then means each week the juniors will turn up and play at 6.00pm and play a round robbin. They will play two ten minute games (three ten minute games will be played in total). After a few weeks the time may be re-evaluated to allow a longer game had by all (5.45pm start).

Sponsors are currently being sort for these teams (one sponsor - Merriwa Tyre and Service Centre has come forth) and if you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact me on 0447 219 193 after hours.

REFEREEING

Last week our refereeing went well, the quality of refereeing was very good with quite a few younsters stepping up to take up the challenge. It was also great to see some of the seasoned refs stepping up to assist the new ones.

Each week the referees are selected and notified well in advance before the next game. With so many now interested, you may not be asked to referee each week but should receive a game every two to three weeks.

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

MIXED COMP NIGHTS

In the coming weeks, there will be a sign up sheet at the table for the two mixed competition night. The committee have decided that only names will be taken and that the committee will be creating the teams. Names will be taken until December 3 and teams will be set and left at the table by December 10.
There was great sportsmanship on display from age champion Jack Mobberly and fellow riders on the weekend.

11 riders travelled to Denman on the weekend of October 11 and 12 to compete in the grand finale Jamboree marking the end of another fantastic pony club season. With over 130 riders in attendance from seven of the eight clubs in the zone, competition was fierce but the small but passionate Merriwa crew brought home the bacon in fine style.

The boys blitzed the competition with Clancy Martin and Jack Mobberly taking out aged champion awards with Ben Patterson achieving his very first reserve champion award on Ruby Red Socks. The girls were equally impressive throughout the day with Anastasia Martin taking out age champion with reserve placing going to sister Nicole. Emily Wright and sister Madeline had some thrills and one spill, but did their very best, encouraging kids from the Merriwa team looked especially marvellous thanks to the precision plaiting of De Patterson, brow band making prowess of Chris Riley, all the mums (and dads - maybe?) and kids that washed their horses till they were gleaming and last but not least, a very big thanks to president Clare Martin and club instructor Pauline Lawler who both went above and beyond to ensure every member of the team not only looked wonderful, but did their very best, encouraging kids from the Merriwa Ringer
sidelines, fixing lopsided brow bands, tightening loose girths... whatever was needed they were always there and we THANK YOU!

Next on the Pony Club agenda is our end of year trail ride which has been moved to December 6 and 7 at Bunnan. Please forward numbers attending ASAP to Chris Riley cl.riley@bigpond.com to help with planning.

April Lawler rode like lightning in the sporting events at Jamboree

Senior team of four riders Anastasia, Clancy and Nicole Martin and April Lawler

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Matt Morgan
PRESENTATION DAY

On Sunday October 19, the Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball had their Annual General Meeting and their Presentation Day. It was a great day with the Sports Club Auditorium full to capacity. At our Annual General Meeting it was great to see all positions filled and a few new young faces taking positions. These positions are:

**President** - Andrew Jamieson
**Vice President** - Murray Wright
**Junior Vice President** - Andrew Webster
**Secretary** - Elaine Sparrow
**Treasurer** - John Sparrow
**Canteen Coordinator** - Laurel Whitby
**Publicity Officer** - Belinda Keane
**Junior League Coordinator** - Phil Neale
**Netball Coordinator** - Heidi Inder
**Registrar** - Kellie Porter

Our Patrons are once again:
- Paul Medd
- Bob and Bev Telfer
- James and Donna Binks
- Max McNaught.

Thank you to everyone who agreed to take on these positions. Our League and Netball Club is very strong and we are looking towards a great 2015 season.

This week I will announce our Netball trophy winners at the 2014 Presentation. We had thirty eight members playing Netball at Scone in the 2014 season. The Under 9’s Merriwa Magpies was coached by Kellie Porter.

**Awards were for:**
- **Most Consistent** - Amy Redgate
- **Most Improved** - Josie Porter
- **Coaches Award** - Grace Inder.

The Under 12’s Merriwa Magic was coached by Kylie Hudson.

**Awards were for:**
- **Most Consistent** - Sophie Inder
- **Most Improved** - Izabella Neale
- **Coaches Award** - Olivia McLean

The Intermediate Merriwa Mink Pink was coached by Tina Taylor.

**Awards were for:**
- **Most Consistent** - Teianna Taylor
- **Most Improved** - Peita Cassar
Our perpetual trophy winners were:

Peter Hirst ‘Young Netballer of the Year’ - Ruby Wong - sponsored by Julie Wilton

The ‘Gianna’ Netballer of the Year - Peita Cassar - sponsored by Anna Whaley.

The netballers had a great year and Heidi Inder, the Netball Coordinator, praised the effort put in by all members, coaches and team managers. See you all next year.

Our League trophy winners are:
Kingslyn Under 11’s Most Improved - Lachlan Harrison

Coaches Award - James Bristow
Best Forward - Nicholas Whitby
Best Back - Logan Pike
Best and Fairest - Jack Clarke and Logan Dewson
The Welderup Under 15’s Most Improved - Kyle McLennan and Mathew Haydon

Coaches Award - Cody Towell
Best Forward - Callum Telfer
Best Back - Hamish Cameron
Best and Fairest - John Whitby

Our Perpetual Trophy Winner:
Hunter Mutual Best Club Forward - Logan Dewson
Steve Tudor Memorial ‘Best Club Back’ - Mathew Porter

Best Team Footballer - James Hagley - sponsored by Paul Medd
'I Love My Footy’ Award - Damien Jamieson - sponsored by Julie and Andrew Russell
Mini Magpie ‘Up and Rising Star’ - Maddison Pike - sponsored by John and Elaine Sparrow.

The BIG Club award, Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club ‘Club Person of the Year’ was jointly won by Karin Brazier and Andrew Jamieson. Well done to all trophy winners.

A great day had by all.
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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!