Photography Competition

Entries close: NOVEMBER 9 AT 12 NOON

Topic for the month is: PET PORTräTS

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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.
Primary News

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Last Friday we were awarding our book awards for class Students of the Week when we were joined by our Education Director Mr Mark Young. He was very pleased to see how hard our students are working to achieve their best and proudly delivered the Year 5/6 book award. Congratulations to all our award recipients for last week:

kindergarten: Shania Patterson
Year 1/2: Makayla Mobberley
Year 2/3: Jyeson Pike
Year 4/5: Isabel Swan
Year 5/6: Zoe Zammit

P AND C DISCO

Last Thursday October 30 our P and C held a ‘Fancy Dress Disco’ for primary students. With over 70 students, five teachers and many parents in attendance it was a wonderful success. Due to the heat and the number of people who participated, we moved the dancing out under the COLA where we could spread out and have easy access to cold water and seating. Even with the heat we had many students dancing up a storm and proving what talented performers we have at Merriwa Central School. We had partner dances, dancing competitions and lots of free dancing for everyone to shake their tail feather to. Thank you very much to our committed P and C for organising the event, we all enjoyed the disco fundraiser!

Coming Events

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| Monday 10         | • Secondary formal assembly – Great Hall, 8.55am  
|                   | • ESSA testing – Periods 1 and 2            |
| Tuesday 11        | • Kindergarten Transition – 9.00am-1.30pm  
|                   | • Year 5/6 Mixed League Tag tournament – Civic Park Singleton, 8.00am-3.30pm |
| Thursday 13       | • Interschool challenge – Merriwa Showground|
| Monday 17         | Year 10 work experience – all week         |
| Tuesday 18        | Kindergarten Transition – 9.00am-2.00pm   |
FIFE ASSEMBLY

Tomorrow the Fife Band will be presenting an item at our formal assembly. All parents and community are welcome to join us in the Primary Library for a 9.15am start. We will be presenting Merits and Workers of the Week as well. If students have five blueys or merits they must be given to the class teachers by Thursday in order to be presented at the Friday assembly. Blueys and Merits handed in Friday morning will be awarded at the following formal assembly.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

YEAR 4/5 REPORT

In literacy, Year 4 and Year 5 have been studying the writing of Margret Wild in the book “Fox”. Students have been focusing on descriptive writing; using adjectives, verbs and prepositions, as well as using dialogue to portray character reactions and feelings.

“Through the thundery clouds, dodging thunder bolts flies Vencieron, with a dragon egg held in his sharp serrated claws. Vencieron flies the egg to his lava surrounded den and there he tries to hatch the egg; but the egg won’t seem to hatch.”

By Jye Kelly

“Through thunder, lightning and over trees jumps Makala, with a lizard trapped in her cage. She takes her to her lab, up high in a cloud and there she tries to steal her rock; but Jasmine won’t give it up.”

By Tamika Drury

Talia Laurie
4/5 Class Teacher

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

We have had a great start to our Kinder Transition sessions. The children have been familiarising themselves with the school grounds and staff have been getting to know all the children through developmental play activities. We are having a great time getting to know each other, reading stories, doing craft activities and learning what it is like to be part of a class. The children have impressed me with their name writing and cutting skills. This week the children got to experience what it was like to have recess at school. This was a very exciting event getting to play with the big buddies in the playground. I am looking forward to spending longer days with the children as the transition sessions progress. Parents, BEWARE! You may have very tired children as the days get longer.

Our next Kindergarten Transition session will continue on Tuesday November 11 from 9.00am – 1.30pm. Students will need to bring a bottle of water, fruit break, morning tea, lunch and a sun hat.

Michelle Willis
Kindergarten Teacher

PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN

Let’s recap some of the key ideas that we have covered over the last few weeks. These are only some suggestions and I am sure each of you could teach me a few things by sharing the way that you support your child’s learning at home!

1. Read to your child as often as possible. Bed time can be a good opportunity to do this. Get comfy and enjoy the experience with your child and watch as they connect with the story and expand their imagination.

Subject Area: English
What does ROAR mean to me: ROAR is an opportunity to improve yourself and be the best you can be
Favourite subject at school: Electronics
Favourite sport: Rugby Union
Favourite team: Queensland
Favourite player: James Horwill
Best personal sporting achievement: Co-coaching the inaugural Merriwa Women’s League Tag team
Who inspires you and why: My son because of his ability to smile through adversity
Advice to young players: Get involved and learn all you can

ROAR
Teacher Profile
Mr Adam Johnston

ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards

Merriwa Ringer
2. Talk with your child, ask them questions, challenge their views and build their vocabulary through play.

3. Start counting with your child. Count objects, peas on their plate, and fingers on their hands or just see how far they can count on their own. This doesn’t have to be formal, children prior to school will often learn best through play.

4. Encourage your child to draw pictures and start to learn to write their own name. Drawing pictures of their family, pets and their environment are valuable learning experiences.

5. Encourage your child to grow in independence. Allow them to carry out tasks with minimal assistance. You could ask them to help you with jobs around the house and start to develop their confidence to socialise with a range of new people.

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**Secondary News**

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Term 4 is always a hectic time of year for our secondary students with the HSC exams, assessment tasks due and students sitting tests. This is also the time when our transition programs for Year 7 and Kindergarten are in full swing.

I would like to thank all of our staff who have been involved in the creation and delivery of these programs as it is obvious that the students are having a ball. I would also like to thank our older students who have acted as mentors and guides throughout the process. It is wonderful to see our students once again rise to the occasion whether it be during group activities, class sessions or even cooking the BBQ. These students often volunteered their time and made our transition programs even more inclusive.

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**Favourite Subject:** Spanish, it is really challenging and interesting

**Extra-Curricular activities:** Little Athletics, martial arts and piano

**Favourite Activity:** Finish my HSC and go travelling

**Year Advisor’s Comment:** Elizabeth is a hard working student who is well respected by peers and her teachers. She is a deserved recipient of ‘Student of the Week’ and it is good for her to see that her hard work does not go unnoticed. Elizabeth is a leader within the school and was recently announced as SRC President for 2015. Elizabeth will be a wonderful representative for the school, she is a caring, organised, focused student and a great communicator. We are lucky to have such a wonderful young lady as a leader within the school.

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**Kara Allison**

Instructional Leader

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**Lana Grant**

Year Advisor

**Student of the Week**

Elizabeth Hagley

Year 12
This term in Visual Arts we have seen excellent artworks being created! Year 9 and 10 students have been focussing on Conflict in Art, studying artists such as Picasso and Fransisco Goya and creating their own artworks with this theme in mind. These photos show an amazing sculpture depicting tribal warriors by Jodie Mulholland, charcoal and pencil drawing by Alkira Tritton and some paintings by Breanna Goodear and Leah Wright-Riley.

In Year 8 Visual Arts we’ve been busy making Pop Art inspired Lino Prints. They have been drawing, carving and printing images of junk food after learning about Andy Warhol and his artworks.

Next week, we are lucky enough to be involved in the Interschool Art Workshops at the Merriwa Showground. We will be making Aboriginal art, watercolours, printmaking and learning about photography from experienced artists. Our students are very excited and would like to thank Maria Cameron for all her hardwork and organisation to bring this opportunity to Merriwa.
CAREER EVENTS

The University of Sydney Science Experience - January 14-16 - Students beginning Years 10 or 11. Forensic experiments such as blood typing, DNA analysis, identifying fibres from a crime scene, cleaning digital photography and fingerprint analysis to collect evidence. Contact Jessica Morris: 9114 0825 or science.alliance@sydney.edu.au http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/experience/index.shtml

HTN Now Recruiting Commercial Cookery and Meat Retailing Apprenticeships - Currently seeking 100 Commercial Cookery and Meat Retailing (Butchery) Apprenticeships across NSW and ACT. Contact 1300 139 108 or recruitment@htn.com.au http://www.htn.com.au/


REECE Plumbing School Based Traineeships - Year 10 and 11 students will work one day per week. Apply for positions in your area: http://asba.sherpanetwork.com.au/jobs/

Macquarie University Bachelor of Archaeology Online Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjQKYeDmuHY&feature=youtu.be

International College of Management Sydney Aspiring Education Foundation - Closes December 5. Three Equity scholarships up to a value of $49,000.00. Consideration of accommodation scholarships for eligible applicants to a value up to $15,000.00 each per annum. http://www.icms.edu.au/scholarship-type/new-domestic-students

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

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor

This week at Merriwa Activity Centre it was all about scary things with Halloween on everyone’s mind. The children made paper mache masks then decorated them. There were some frightening faces when they were all finished. Each afternoon we had Halloween cup cakes. Thanks to Kim Holland for supplying the cup cakes for Tuesday, the children loved them. We decorated the centre with cob webs, spiders and Halloween balloons. Fun was had by all that attended the last week.

Don’t forget holidays aren’t too far away and our program should be out by the end of next week. Start to think about what days you will need care for, for your children.

The centre will close at the end of business hours on December 17 and reopen January 5 or 6. Our usual trading days and hours for the holiday period are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00am til 5.00pm at this stage. We have had a few requests to open Monday and Fridays. This will happen if we can get numbers locked in soon so if you are after these days please contact us asap so we can organise staff for the centre.

Also don’t forget that if your child is enrolled in Kindergarten for 2015, they can attend the Activity Centre these holidays. So call in and pick up an enrolment package.

Merriwa Pre-School Kindergarten Assoc.

Natalie Hourn
she worked hard last week to understand and correctly use quotation marks in sentences, and also worked hard to write a plausible weekend story and had us guessing which parts were true and which were not in her writing.

Sarah is respectful to her peers, teachers and community members and on many occasions last week, found time after completing her own work to assist younger students with their learning. When we went to the library on Friday afternoon, she acted safely and was respectful to Virginia the librarian, acting as a positive role model to younger students in the school.

Congratulations on earning Student of the Week, Sarah and keep up the fantastic work!

FROM MRS. GRINHAM’S DESK

It has been another busy week at Cassilis Public School with Grandfriend’s Day on Monday and Responsible Pet Education on Tuesday.

It was lovely to see the excitement and happiness on the children’s faces as they welcomed grand parents and friends to the school.

It was wonderful to celebrate the success of so many of our students with certificates, banners and medals. Keep up the great work!

Activities outside the traditional reading, writing and mathematics are important to developing a balanced education and giving every child a chance to shine. We are all great at something!

We celebrated Grand friend’s Day on Monday and everyone enjoyed the performance “There was an Old Couple who Swallowed a Fly”.

Children also enjoyed reading with their grandparents.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – SARAH NAIRNE

Sarah has earned the title of Student of the Week this week for consistently following each of the Cassilis school rules. Sarah always tries her best in everything she does. For example,

COMPUTERS IN ACTION

This week we used the Studyladder program to learn about bullying, road and water safety.

The senior students were peer tutors and guided the juniors through reading and online activities.

This term the students are doing wood work – ask your child what they will be bringing home!
RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION

On Tuesday, Jackie brought her cardigan corgie “Elmo” to teach the children safety around dogs. They were shown how to approach a friendly dog, with its owner and what signs a dog gives when it is angry. Jacko enjoyed being the demonstration puppy and all children had an opportunity to pet Elmo.

Follow up activities included a sticker poster and online learning.

DIARY

November
10 - Kindergarten Orientation
13 - Miss H. at Scone
13 - ASS Frisbee
14 - Library visit
2-3
17 - Kindergarten Orientation
20 - ASS Frisbee
24 - ASSEMBLY
27 - ASS Frisbee
Year One/Two News

Year One/Two and Mrs Peebles have been very lucky to have Mrs Hagley working with us for the last few weeks while Mrs Ninness is at home recovering. During that time we have been learning many things. Our main focus during our English time has been to look at and write a variety of different persuasive texts. We have enjoyed writing letters to our parents persuading them to buy an exotic pet and also that chocolate is a good thing to have for breakfast. We have been editing our own work and working on our dictionary skills to help us with our spelling of unknown words. Reading groups have seen some great efforts and the students are enjoying reading and discussing their books. One group has been reading and learning about volcanoes which has led to lots of discussions and searching for books with more information.

On Mary the Mother of God. Last week we looked at how Jesus’ family is like our own. We could see similarities in the story of Jesus in the temple. Jesus’ parents thought they had lost Jesus and their reaction and feelings were very similar to our own parents. Mary and Joseph loved and cared for Jesus just as our own family does.

November is the month we remember all those who we have loved and have died. At school we have a special memory box. We are encouraging students to place special memories in this box of their loved ones who have died. This is part of our Monday liturgy for the next month.

In Science and Technology we are challenging students to think about what local materials we can use to make and invent useful things. We are hoping to visit “The Hut” this week to see some of the items made by locals. We are planning on using local produce and items to make and package Christmas presents for our families.

In HSIE, we have been looking at all the ways in which we celebrate. The children have made a great brochure with drawings showing whether a celebration is “Family”, “Community” or “Religious”. We have also made a beautiful collage with lots of happy people celebrating.

The children have worked collaboratively on some interesting modern sculptures. These sculptures are called “Tea for Two”. As the students have carefully wrapped the wool around their cups they have listened to some beautiful classic music, such as Vivaldi. It has been really exciting to see the children helping each other and sharing ideas. It has been great to witness their enthusiasm towards this project.

The last two weeks have seen a major focus on addition and subtraction. Students in Years One/Two have been trying to better their time and results in an addition frenzy activity. They have also been concentrating on always starting with the largest number when both adding and subtracting. We have used a variety of strategies to help solve problems such as the split and jump strategy, adding and subtracting off the decade, plus some students moved onto trading using base ten materials. Please come and speak to us if you need a refresher on any of the above mentioned strategies. To help your child, continue to challenge them by giving them everyday problems especially using money.

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We are looking forward to starting our swimming lessons soon and preparing for our upcoming carnival. We are asking for helpers to assist during this time. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

This week we had our last orientation day for our new Kinders - we like to call them our “Colourful Kinders.” These days have been a great opportunity for students to settle in to their new environment and allow for our current students to spend some time in their new classes for next year. During these transition visits, parents have attended meetings to learn more about what school is all about and ask questions.

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Ava Peel - working well in addition activities
Paddy Wong - trying hard with his new reader
Cody Bates - great skills in maths computation
3/4 - Damian Jamieson - For impressive results in our maths quizzes
Nicholas Morgan - for his impressive use of persuasive techniques in his advertisement
Chloe Towell - always listening to instructions and putting in a huge effort in all areas of school life
Thomas Hunt - for his great work in reading and creating graphs
5/6 - Jonathan Keegan - for good use of paragraphs and complex sentences in a well structured exposition
Ty Riley – for accurately drawing and labelling 2d shapes

Year 5/6 – for a fantastic excursion to Coonabarabran; demonstrating prior knowledge and asking fabulous follow up questions about Space, and representing St Joseph’s in an exemplary fashion

Playground Champion - Nicholas Morgan – for taking pride in the playground by taking responsibility for watering

Damian Jamieson – for taking pride in the playground by taking responsibility for watering

Mrs Peebles and Mrs Hagley
Year 1/2

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners of weeks 3 and 4.

Kindergarten - William Luke – for his detailed retell of the Prodigal Son
Ellie Holland – for her participation and listening skills in Gymnastics lessons
Levi Hourn – comparing the capacity of containers
Claudia Patterson – consistently working to the best of her ability
1/2 - Pia Henderson - Great effort in persuasive writing

Remember!

Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer
BEFORE 9.00am Monday!
No late articles will be accepted!
Last Thursday I attended a meeting at Scone to learn about the new model for school planning, monitoring and reporting.

We focussed on the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians published in 2008. This document overarches all the current reforms that have been introduced.

The meetings also briefly touched on engaging the school community so that there is a shared vision of what we would like to see happening in our schools in five years’ time.

We finished off with a quick activity that looked at possible strategic directions that our schools could focus on. Under the new planning model, we will focus firstly on “why we are doing it”, then “what we are going to do” and finally “how we are going to do it”. This is quite a change from the previous model.

Mrs Parker and I will be attending a meeting this Thursday about communicating and engaging with the community. When we return from this meeting, we will be forming a committee of both staff and parents to look at school data and decide on future directions of the school plan. All parents are most welcome to join us. I will send further details home shortly.

**SUN SAFE POLICY**

As the weather warms up and we move into an early summer, it is quite opportune to remind families about our sun safe policy. All students need to wear a broad brimmed navy hat while at school. As we have a “no hat, play in the shade” policy, any children not wearing a hat will be required to remain in the COLA area during recess and lunch.

We have made some changes to our school programs to reduce the amount of exposure to the sun during the peak times of the day. Fundamental movement skills activities will now be held in the morning at 9.15am when there are more shady areas available for the students to use.

Students will be encouraged to apply sunscreen when out in the playground during peak temperature times. If you wish to supply your child with sunscreen, please put it in their bags and we will remind them to apply it. Those who do not have their own will use the Cancer Council sunscreen from school.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours.

**DIRECTOR VISIT**

Mr Mark Young, Director of the Wollemi network, will visit the school on Tuesday to conduct my Principal Assessment and Review Schedule (PARS). We will be discussing how we are travelling on our current school plan and budget, as well as look at our Live Life Well plan, Visible Learning plan and school evaluation.

**TEACHER ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW SCHEDULE (TARS)**

All teachers participated in interviews last week as the final process in their annual assessment and review. They discussed how their programs are going, the progress students are making and raised any concerns they may have. All staff also set up their professional learning plan for 2015. This information will be taken into consideration when the school plan is being put together.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Next Tuesday we will hold our annual Remembrance Day ceremony. It will start at 10.30am and conclude at approximately 11am. The P and C will then serve tea and coffee at morning tea. We would like all families to bring in a plate of food to share.

Christina Darlington
Principal

**K/1 TERM 4 NEWS**

We’re not quite halfway through this term and already it’s been jam packed with great learning experiences for our Kinder/Year 1 students. Ms Bullock organised a terrific excursion to the Hunter School of Performing Arts to see the Wizard of Oz, an excellent day out at a high quality production, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. For sport we have been attending Milo Cricket workshops. We now have a collection of enthusiastic bowlers and fielders, itching to try out their recently acquired skills. Inside the classroom we’ve been experimenting with water for Science (perfect weather for it). Kinders have been investigating addition and subtraction in imaths and Year One have been practising their currency skills in our ‘class shop’. We eagerly await intensive swimming at the end of term. All of our students need to be commended on their hard work and wonderful manners.

Peta Higgins
K/1 Teacher
This is our fifth week of Kindergarten orientation and John, Jobee, Archie, Bede, Livianna, Austin and Tyson are settling into their new school very well. They have completed many activities under the guidance of Mrs Kelly Elliott.

The skill that all this week’s activities were based on was “ignoring”. The children are taught not to look at the person who is annoying them. They should look at a friend or pick up a toy instead. The children are also taught not to listen to what the annoying person is saying; to listen to something else. Finally do not say anything to the person.

**PEER SUPPORT**

This week our group leaders Jake, Angus, Amy, Hunter, Jacob, Abby, Bella and Kristy led their groups through four activities during the afternoon, encouraging them to use the social skills they have learned.

Pauline Bullock
Kindergarten Orientation Coordinator

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

Codi Marsh - fantastic complex sentences.
Olivia McLean - contributions to discussion in literacy.
Shanay Turner - trying to be more attentive in class.
Jacob Marsh - trying hard to construct complex sentences.
Reece McCandless - participation in English.
Mikayla Borradaile - great work with ordinal numbers.
Reagan Turner - working well on reading activities.

**WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

K/1/2 - Matthew Allen, Steven Allen, and Rowdy Walters

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Jackson Stair - demonstrating excellent conflict resolution skills.

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Look for Merriwa Central School’s official page!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 9: Rev’d Glen’s next Sunday service

December 14: Carols in the Park.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

O God, heavenly Father, Send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

I Do hope some of you were able to watch the anniversary celebration of WW1 in Albany WA on Saturday. It was said that we should give thanks for the Dedication, Devotion and Self Sacrifice of those 20,000 Australian and 8000, New Zealand young men who sailed from Albany on the first November 1914. It was wonderful to listen to Albany High school accompanied by the Royal Australian Navy Band sing Amazing Grace.

The Ode comes from For the Fallen, a poem by the English poet and writer Laurence Binyon and was published in London in the Winnowing Fan; Poems of the Great War in 1914. The verse, which became the League Ode, was already used in association with commemoration services in Australia in 1921.

“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.”

Rosalie Drew

Max Wurcker’s Last Story

Elizabeth, Rob and Jenny and John, Beth and Susan would like to thank Tina Taylor and the Ringer for their very kind tribute and wonderful cover photograph. We’re sure Max would have been extremely chuffed.

We discovered the following article by Max which, as far as we can ascertain, has never been published in The Ringer. We’ve called it ‘Pulp Fiction and Horse Race Fixing’ and think it a great way to finish off his many years of writing as it can be read as a stand alone article and touches on both his larrikin nature and intellect.

We hope everyone enjoys it.

Elizabeth Wurcker, Jenny, Bec and Rob Lee, John, Susan and Beth Wurcker and their families

PULP FICTION AND HORSE RACE FIXING

Another long ago schoolboy publication which I remember (and one or two of those reading this article might also remember) was an English weekly magazine, ‘The Champion’. The main character, and the only one I still recall, was ‘Rocktist Rogan’ who was flying with the British Royal Flying Corps (later the Royal Air Force) in France in 1914 or 1915. Every week, being a very
good pugilist and also an even better fighter pilot who flew Spads or Albatrosses or something like that, he would unfailingly achieve two victories, the first by shooting down a few German Fokkers or even the odd Jerry triplane, while flying his biplane. The second victory would be against some unfortunate less gifted boxer from another British squadron who he invariably defeated in the ring.

Then, suddenly, a miracle happened, I could not believe such a thing to be possible, because between two issues, a mere week apart, he was magically transported from France 1915 to France 1940, but in that short time he had also miraculously learnt to fly Spitfires; further, while he still dealt out harsh treatment to would be boxers from other squadrons, he also continued to shoot down numerous German aircraft, except now suddenly they were Messerschmitts. No wonder Germany lost both wars!

Other once popular publications, often frowned upon by mothers, were the ‘pulp magazines’, so called because of the poor quality paper on which they were printed. They were mostly American and were devoted to four subjects, the first being true crime and these concentrated on the doings of such notorieties as John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Pretty Boy Floyd and Al Capone.

The second type was devoted to the Wild West and was about gunslingers who were very pat on the draw, sheriffs, marshals, rustlers, outlaws on ‘the owl hoot trail’ and similar.

Then there was a third kind which was devoted to warfare, and I recall one which every month described the doings of ‘G8 and his Battle Aces’. Since these were all about the heroics of a group of American airmen as they set about winning the Great War, the time of these exploits could not have been before 1917 since it was not till then the USA eventually entered WW1.

The fourth, and most respectable type of pulp magazine was devoted to Science Fiction and these stood the test of time as they were often prophetic and contained stories by such authors as Isaac Asimov and Ray Bradbury which have become Science Fiction classics, eg ‘I, Robot’ which has been made into a film at least twice. You could validly argue these writers were following, albeit in a far more advanced technological world, in the footsteps of previous futurist authors like Edgar Allan Poe, Jules Verne and HG Wells.

I recall during the hottest part of the summer in far western NSW, my parents used to holiday in a diametrically opposite environment such as at the Robertson Hotel (Robertson) or the Carrington Hotel (Katoomba). These and similar [eg the Hydro Majestic (Mount Victoria) and Oaklands (Bowral)] were, at their zenith, rather like the Hill Stations in Colonial India where the British Army Officers and their families went to escape the almost unbearable Indian summers. In the same way, for many years, Sydney/coastal people went to such places to cool off in the Blue Mountains and Southern Highlands in the days before fast travel, though when modern cars and aircraft came they all eventually went out of favour.

About 1939 when we were staying at the still huge and grand, but by then unfashionable, Carrington, a cousin of mine who was with us and I carefully studied a pinball machine there. It enabled a player to back one horse in a race and if that horse won, disgorged tokens which could be swapped for goodies at the Carrington shop.

My cousin and I worked out that, by keeping the backing lever exactly half out, rather than fully out, when choosing a horse, it was possible to back more than one horse, even all of them, surely a punter’s dream come true!! Twice we cleaned the machine right out and gorged on sweets and ice creams for days before management realised there was something wrong and modified the machine to defeat racecourse shysters and touts like us.

Management also suggested to my parents that, in view of our fraudulently fixing horse races on the machine and, I must admit, certain other escapades, we should leave and go somewhere else, so we did, up the road to Gardner’s Inn at Blackheath. Actually, when we got there we all thought for various reasons that Gardner’s Inn was much preferable to the Carrington and the Blackheath newsagent must have also been pleased he had a windfall.

At his shop I bought my first ever copy of ‘Amazing Stories’, still considered to be the premier pulp Science Fiction magazine, devoured it almost in one sitting, and became instantly hooked on good Sci-Fi, though never Fantasy. So, having noticed the Newsagent still had many back issues of ‘Amazing Stories’, I returned immediately and cleaned him out. Today those classic Sci-Fi magazines are much sought after, they are very scarce, and would probably be valuable - unfortunately mine are long since gone.

The last submission from Max Wurcker submitted by the Wurcker family
Merriwa Healthy Environment Group

MHEG RAISES $1500.00 FOR MOTOR NEURONE RESEARCH

Last Thursday Merriwa Healthy Environment Group Inc (MHEG) members gathered to finalise ticket sales in their current competition and draw the winner.

The prize, an original painting by artist Colleen Parker FRAS, was donated by the artist’s family and all profits were earmarked for Motor Neurone Disease Research. Mrs Parker herself suffered from this disease.

Her granddaughter, Arlia Parker, drew the winning ticket. It belonged to Merriwa resident Robyn Jacobs.

“I’m very excited, I can’t remember winning anything like this before,” Ms Jacobs said when she heard the news. “It’s a beautiful painting, I love it.”

Following the draw, MHEG president Graham Brown presented a cheque for the proceeds, amounting to $1500.00, to Janet Medd representing the Motor Neurone Disease Association of New South Wales.

“We appreciate that the people of Merriwa district have shown true community spirit by putting their hands in their pockets and so generously supporting this worthy cause”, Mr Brown said. “It’s a pleasure to be able to contribute to MND research.”

Mrs Medd thanked him on behalf of the Association.

“Hopefully in the not too distant future an effective treatment and cure will be found.”

The artist’s son, Adrian Parker, said family members were very pleased with the result of the raffle.

“Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets”, he said.

“Thanks also to Dianne from Di’s Clothing Patch, where the painting was on display, and MHEG for all their good work.”

MHEG thanks everyone who supported the competition, they have all contributed to a very deserving cause.

Ted Finnie

Dr Noman Jawaad Medical Practice

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Dr Jawaad works Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm
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Dr Jawaad works Tuesday 8.30am to 6.00pm and Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm
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For all appointments for Merriwa and Denman please phone 6532 5013.

Dr Noman Jawaad

Merriwa RSL Sub Branch

When: Rememberance Day - Tuesday November 11

We will be having a short service at the Cenotaph approximately 11.45am with one minute silence at 11.00am.

This will be followed by a plaque dedication in the Rememberance Garden at 12 noon. Light refreshments will follow for members and guests.

Mary O’Neill

Merriwa Iceburgs

The Merriwa Pool water temperature has now reached 22 degrees. Time to get your season ticket and get in the water. You know you’ll feel better when you do.

Robert Smith
The Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a meeting on Friday November 21 at 2.00pm. The meeting will be held in the Nurses Home Conference Room (entrance off McRae Street). This will be our last meeting for the year and we invite all members and community to attend.

Our Hospital MPS continues to provide many services to our community and we are very fortunate to now have three doctors available for us. Our staff continue to provide a fantastic service and the equipment available is of the best quality and improving all the time. If you have any questions of the MPS staff or wish to find out any information about the services available come along to our meeting on Friday November 21. All welcome.

For more information please contact me on 6548 8560.

Elaine Sparrow

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

Closed for Refurbishment

Brodies’ Cutting Edge will be closed for refurbishing from Tuesday November 4 and re-opening Tuesday November 11. Thank you for your patience.

Brodie Jones

On Sunday November 24, James Estate Wines is hosting Short Circuit Cancer - a six-hour mountain bike relay to raise funds for local charity Canteen, who work to support young people whose lives have been turned upside down by cancer.

Short Circuit Cancer started four-years ago, and is an event to bring families, friends and colleagues together as teammates to relay ride for six-hours, whilst raising funds that will contribute in the fight to, well, short circuiting cancer.

The reason we’re in touch with you is, as a health-charity, we pride ourselves on making sure our events encourage being active and healthy, key components in the prevention of not just cancer, but many everyday illnesses, for everyone – including teens and kids.

We’re hoping you’ll share the event to your students and parent community in your school newsletter. We have attached a pdf of a poster for electronic distribution.

We would love to see some of your students form a team and ride on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there. To enter a team, or to find out more about the event, go to www.shortcircuitcancer.org.au.

If you would like additional information, please emailusonshtircircuitcancer@shortcircuitcancer.org.au or phone 0404 611 229.

Karen from Short Circuit Cancer Team

Mountain bikers interested in forming/joining a team for the Short Circuit Cancer Ride at James Estate Winery please contact Robert at Merriwa Pharmacy on 6548 2213.

Robert Smith

Don’t have Christmas alone.. come and have it with us!

Four meats and salad with all the trimmings at the Anglican Hall, December 25 from 12.30pm. All are welcome and all helpers get a free lunch.

Scott Beavan
The Melbourne Cup is always a great day, with big wins, small wins, frocks, hats and a great deal of socialising. We hope everyone enjoyed their day.

THE SHOP SMALL MOVEMENT

The Daily Telegraph is supporting this initiative, as are a lot of large companies. It is an important way of supporting your community.

“Throughout November, the Shop Small Movement is encouraging you to support your local shops, cafes and restaurants... It’s important we support these businesses now and into the future, which is what Shop Small is all about... At the heart of every community are the small businesses. They are the start-ups, the independents and the family-run businesses that give our [communities] their character, colour, and convenience.”

RACHEL STOCKS, DAILY TELEGRAPH, 3/11/14

This movement is about making people aware of the importance of small, local business. It may be a bit more expensive than going to Muswellbrook, Scone or Mudgee, but the local businesses are the ones who support our schools, our sports teams, our clubs, our fundraisers and our events. It is time to be more conscious about supporting them in return. Take the opportunity this month to show your support of local, small business by shopping in Merriwa.

MINI COOKBOOKS

Starting this weekend, the Sunday Telegraph and the Daily Telegraph will be releasing mini cookbooks by Taste Magazine. Collect the paper every day starting this Sunday, collect the tokens and get the cookbooks. The first book is free, and all that follow are $ Stock is limited so get in early to avoid missing out.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

It is time to start thinking about sending your Christmas cards. We have beautiful packs of cards available now. There are many different designs - religious, pretty, cute, funny and more. They are a great way to stay in contact with people you do not get to see very often. By buying a pack of these cards, you are helping to support Hallmark in raising money for the Breast Cancer Foundation. We also have single cards if you do not need a whole pack. It is definitely time to send them now if they have to go overseas, and it is better to send local ones sooner rather than later to avoid the backlog that occurs around Christmas.

SUPER FOOD IDEAS

Check out the amazing Ice-cream Christmas cake on the front cover - you don’t even need an ice-cream churn! There are so many ideas for an affordable Christmas feast you will be hard-pressed to choose. Decide which starters, salads, turkey, gingerbread, shortbread, puddings, trifles, sauces, and dressing you want for the most fabulous feast of the year.

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

The latest BH and G Christmas Special is filled with festive food and fabulous craft. There are bakes, cakes, slices, trifles, sweets, treats, gifts, decorations, stitchery, paper crafts, playful pals and more.

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

Neville and Leanne Hook

Australia Post Merriwa

Firstly I would like to thank the community for their patience and understanding during the last 6 weeks.

NEW STOCK

As we all know Christmas is only eight weeks away so come and check out the great gifts in stock now. We have a great selection of stocking fillers for the kids including Spot Pack of five books, Activity floor mats, softbooks for the littlies, Mister Maker and Thomas The Tank DVD and much more, all at affordable prices.

We also have packs of Christmas cards starting at 12 for $1.99 and diaries for 2015.

AVON IN STORE

Kellie is one of your local Avon representatives and we are now able to display and sell products in store. Come in and check out what’s in store now or order from the catalogue. Avon offers some great products at very affordable prices with loads of great specials also.

CHANGES TO BULK MAILING

Australia Post have increased the minimum number of letters for bulk postage from 10 to 50 letters. This means that unless you have a minimum of 50 local letters or 50 non local you will now
This week’s specials at MAX’S COUNTRY CUTS Friday November 7 and Saturday November 8 and early next week while stocks last.

- Premium Beef Mince $9.99kg or 2kg for $18.00
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Support the butcher that supports Merriwa

We are now taking orders for Christmas

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- Hams
- Smoked Legs of Lambs
- Smoked Chickens

They are all smoked and slow cooked right here at Max’s Country Cuts, our hams and smoked legs of lambs are smoked and cooked for up to 15 hours, for a delicious and tender Christmas treats at only $8.99kg you can’t go wrong.

Max’s Country Cuts
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Prep Time: 10min
Cooking Time: 1hr 5min
Serves: 4

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 brown onion, halved, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled, finely chopped
- 2 celery sticks, trimmed, finely chopped
- 500g Beef mince
- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- 500ml (2 cups) Campbell’s Real Stock Beef
- 1 dried bay leaf
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 (about 200g each) desiree potatoes, peeled, chopped
- 40g butter
- 125ml (1/2 cup) milk
- Melted butter, to brush

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion, carrot and celery and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until soft. Add beef mince and cook, stirring to break up any lumps, for 5 minutes or until beef changes colour

2. Add the flour and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes or until combined. Add stock, bay leaf, worcestershire sauce and tomato paste. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until sauce thickens. Taste and season with salt and pepper

3. Meanwhile: cook potato in a saucepan of salted boiling water for 15 minutes or until tender. Drain well. Return to the pan with the butter. Use a potato masher or fork to mash until smooth. Add milk and use a wooden spoon to stir until combined. Taste and season with salt and pepper

4. Preheat oven to 200°C. Spoon beef mixture into a 2L (8-cup) capacity ovenproof baking dish. Top with mashed potato and use a fork to spread over beef mixture. Brush with butter. Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes or until mashed potato is golden brown. Serve immediately

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

Kellie Walker and Kylie Austin
Photography Hints

PET PHOTOGRAPHY

Last week I spoke about Lighting in relation to taking pet portraits and to date some of the photos that have come in have been great, but we thought we would give you a few more suggestions to help look outside the box.

LENSES

If a formal situation indoors is required, I can’t go pass my Canon 50mm prime lens. However as most shots are outside in a less formal environment, I will use my telezoom 18-200mm lens.

MODE SETTING

Again depending on the situation, if I am doing a formal sitting inside, I use Aperture setting, using the widest aperture possible, which for the 50mm lens is an aperture of f/1.4. For most other shots I will use a combination of either Manual or Tv (Shutter) because I want to control the speed of the shot to freeze the action. In Tv mode, I only need to concentrate on the speed, which in all cases will be the fastest I can get, for instance 1/800’s or faster. I only use manual if the subject is still and I want to vary the aperture according to how much I want in focus.

Another shooting mode you can try and one that is not often used is macro. Using a long lens, fill the frame with close up shots.

FOCUS

I know you’ve heard the eyes are the windows to the soul. Well if the subject’s eyes are not in focus, the shot is wasted. The way to do this is to make sure you know which focus point is active. If you photograph in auto, the camera is in control and will focus on what’s closest to the camera. You can always change focus points to ‘single’ point, and have that focus point right on the animal’s eyes.

One option is to keep your subject in focus and blur out the background. You need to have the widest aperture possible for your lens and have a little distance between the subject and background. The closer the background to the subject, the more in focus it will be.

Another option, and my favourite is capturing pets in motion. Try a fast shutter speed (1/800’s or faster), and hold your focus. If you use continuous focus mode rather than a single shot, you can fire off repetitively and get a series of motion shots. To get a fast shutter speed you will need good light. Outside on a sunny day will be fine. If it’s late in the day, you may need to increase your ISO to compensate lack of light. If you are a little unsure, put your camera in Shutter Mode (Tv) Canon or (S) Nikon and set a fast shutter speed and the camera will select settings to make sure there’s enough light. Use a telezoom so that you can photograph from a distance and let the subjects go about their business without interruption from you.

Other points to keep in mind are composition and the Rule of Thirds. Try to get at or below eye level to give an intimate perspective to your shot. Let them play and once you’re set up, get someone to call out to them, capturing a surprised and alert look.

Look at their personality and think of ways to capture their character. Hold their favourite toy over your head, to get them to look longingly into your camera. Don’t forget to add context to the photo by including their owner interacting with them.

Suzie Kirk

HEADS UP!

Next months topic, which will be sponsored by Australia Post, Merriwa is a fun topic of “Old and Rusty”.

When taking photos for this topic of interest, think of these four basic steps to get you started:

• Use your photo to tell a story of the old machineries life
• Look at all angles, old machinery has more than one side and sometimes we get set at looking at front on angles
• Take in the environment, sometimes things in the background can add to the story you are telling but be sure not to make the background too busy that you loose the main focus of the shot
• Get close enough that when people are looking at the photo they are looking at the piece you intend to catch their interest with, this works with machine parts, a rusty headlamp that looks great but can get lost if you take the whole vehicle

Merriwa Ringer
With so many interesting old things about on farms, museums and in ‘dads’ shed’, this is bound to be a topic everyone can participate in.

December’s topic will be a Christmas Photo Challenge - six topics and two prizes (1. Excited, 2. Decorated, 3. Just what I wanted, 4. Our tradition, 5. Stuffed and 6. Bah, Humbug!). Sponsorship for this topic is still open. Interested in being a sponsor or for 2015, then contact me on 6548 2119.

**Merriwa Show**

**ANNUAL WRAP-UP BBQ / FARM SAFETY FIELD DAY / ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS**

Merriwa Show committee’s annual barbecue is on next Thursday November 13 from about 6.00pm at the showground. The dinner will cap off a day of activities at the showground with our Merriwa Show Interschool Challenge Art and Photography Workshops and Farm Safety Field Day running from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Come along and grab some free farm safety and livestock handling advice, a free lunch and even a $500.00 safety equipment rebate for all eligible small businesses.

Merriwa and Coolah Central Schools, Scone and Muswellbrook High Schools, St Joseph’s Aberdeen and Scone Grammar School will all be in attendance for a great line up of free activities. Thanks to the Upper Hunter Shire, 75 students will be enjoying Photography, Print-making, Water Colour and Aboriginal Art programmes. WorkCover, Tocal College, Hunter Local Land Services, Rabobank and many local supporters have ensured 60 students will be practising improved farm safety and livestock handling solutions.

To help with catering it would be great if many of you could RSVP your attendance - just contact Maria Cameron 6548 7272 (see advertisement); show president, Rob Tindall 0427 761159 or anyone on the show committee. We’d love for the many show helpers, committee members and volunteers that make the show so successful every year to come along!

**Maria Cameron**

**Expressions of Interest and Tenders invited**

Welderup Pty Ltd wishes to invite organisations to tender for the demolition of the Cassilis Show Ground ring fence including the disposal of all redundant materials and scrap. The job includes filling in of all holes from redundant posts and return the ground back to Welderup in a neat, tidy and safe condition.

Tenders must price whether positive or negative figure. Copies of certificate of currency for public liability and workers compensation must be supplied.

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All works must be completed by December 1, 2014.

Welderup, the principle Contractor working directly for The War Memorial Park Trust also has a deadline to work to for the renewal of the new ring fence and therefore has put this time limit in place.

Tenders to be emailed to: mark@welderup.com.au, or faxed to: 02 6548 3049 or posted to: 29 Blaxland St Merriwa NSW 2329

Enquiries by phone to Mark Sparrow 0407 488 560

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**Merriwa Ringer**
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at Merriwa Showground

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Waid Crockett
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CLUBS

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 NOVEMBER 30

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, reopens 5.00pm Tuesday.

For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle November 1**

Saturday Members Draw not won - Next week $140.00

Winners Jackpot won - Next week $120.00

**Free Tickets:** Trish Sandruly

**Dinner:** Ken Bevan

**Bowls Raffle:** Eva Towler

**Sunday Raffle November 2**

Sunday Members draw - No 39 not won. Next week $400.00

MENS BOWLS NEWS

To all bowlers, we will be having a meeting at 6.00pm on November 12 to discuss work that has to be completed on the green and also social activities that have to be organised prior to Christmas. Also don't forget next year's championships. You need your names up now. This is just a short report but to finish up on, if you require any handiwork done on machinery or around the yard, Ken, Des and Kevin are probably three blokes that you don’t need, they charge to much and basically won’t go home after the tasks are completed.

Phil Rush

LADIES BOWLS NEWS

Dunedoo held their Friendship Day with seven bowlers attending lovely lunch and a very welcoming day.

Joy and Loretta brought prizes home Resting on Jack, with 42 players on the green.

Our next Friendship Day is at Coolah on November 18, if you are interested, names can be left on the board or let Loretta know.

The Ladies Christmas luncheon will be held November 26, names can be left with Loretta if you are attending.

Muffy bowls is on Wednesday, all are welcome to attend.

Eva Towler

COMING EVENTS

**Trivia Night - Saturday 22 November**

**Time:** 6.30pm (two sets questions with break for Raffles at 7.45pm)

**Cost:** $10.00 per person, children under 14 free

Get together a table of 8 persons, bring along your basket supper and enjoy a night of fun and friendship. Great prizes as well.

Bookings available now or purchase on the night.

**Christmas Party - Saturday 6 December**

**Time:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

**Cost:** $25.00 per head

Bookings now open, names and money to be paid by Monday 1 December. Christmas raffle drawn on the night and entertainment provided.

We look forward to seeing you there to help us celebrate the festive season.

**Christmas Raffles**

Sunday December 7 (in lieu of Saturday 6 December), Saturday 13 and Saturday 20 December. Come along and enjoy our Christmas raffles with a variety of prizes, meat, vouchers, hams and Christmas goodies.

Julie Smith
Merriwa RSL Club
The Members Lucky Badge for $2050.00 was won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 33. This week it commences at $500.00. The 7.00pm draw for $180.00 was not won. The number was 158. This week it jackpots to $200.00. The 9.00pm draw for $320.00 was won and the number was 796. This week it commences at $100.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $1100.00 was won last week. The number was 531 and this week it commences at $500.00. 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

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Tickets are now on sale for the Clubs Christmas raffle $1.00 each.

First prize – Red Centra Metro 4 burner hooded BBQ
Second prize – Dutton mesh outdoor setting
Third prize – Lazercut lawnmower and catcher

Matt Morgan

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 31
Members Draw: $55.00 - Judy Piper – unclaimed - $60.00 next week.
Joker Draw: $522.00 - Lorraine Hourn’s was unsuccessful - $553.00 next week.
October end of month draw winner – Kelly Picton.

Hilary Parker

Sporting

Merriwa Little Athletics

The weather was hot, perhaps that’s why our athletes were ‘smoking’! The eight athletes that travelled to compete in the Aberdeen Gala Day were literally ‘on fire’ bringing home several age champions and feature event awards in every age group. There was some fabulous competition from Aberdeen, Muswellbrook, Singleton, Scone, Foster, Binnaway and Edgeworth even in 38 degree weather.

Ben Keane really took the competition to a new level breaking not one but TWO centre records in the 200m (28.6sec) and 100m (14.00 sec) and age champion. Dylan Keane showed great improvement, maturity and focus which really paid off taking out his age title and feature event while brother Jackson, showed grit and determination to finish off the 1500m, never giving up and taking home a bronze medal. Love your style Jackson.

The Moore boys were equally impressive, enjoying the competition and having a chance to really ‘fly’ in the 1500m, 800m, long jump and throws with both Clancy and Darcy taking home age champions in their respective divisions. Ben Patterson had a shaky start but came home firing on all cylinders coming third overall in his age group and winning his feature event the discus.

Jorji and Darcy Taaffe both placed second overall in their age categories with Darcy winning the 50m feature event like a rocket with Jorji surprising herself (and her coach!) with a stellar performance in the 800m and 100m.

From a coaches perspective, it was very satisfying to see the progression of athletes that competed in the same carnival last year. Those that were unsure about running distance events last year flew home ‘stitch’ free in the 800m and 1500m while those that were used to seeing do well in distance surprised us with some incredible sprints while all those ‘wobbles’ we saw last year when the gun went off miraculously disappeared! Your hard work is paying off kids.

Thanks to the marvellous mums and dads that helped with training last Monday while I was away, very much appreciated. See you at training Monday nights from 5.30 to No. 2 Oval. Newcomers welcome.
PLAYER PROFILE
Name: Jyeson Pike
Age: 8 years old
Team: Merriwa U/8’s
Favourite NRL Team: Rabbitohs
Favourite Player: Adam Reynolds
What do you love about footy: I love being with my friends
Favourite moment playing for the Magpies: Playing against Singleton. Why? Because they’re easy
Would you recommend football as a team sport? Why? Yes because then we will have more players, we will then get more try’s and because it’s fun.
Review: Jyeson is a great asset to the U/8’s. He is a great team leader as every player respects and listens to him. Jyeson is an all-rounder, a hard tackler and an explosive runner with the ball. He scored lots of try’s, sometimes 3 or 4 try’s in one game. Jyeson has great potential in the game of Rugby League and I think will lead many teams for Merriwa in the coming years.

PLAYER PROFILE
Name: Ruby Wong
Age: 12 years old
Team: Merriwa Magic
How long have you been playing Netball? Two year
Favourite position: Centre
What do you love about Netball? I love that we get to work as a team
Favourite moment playing netball: My first year of playing I got one goal.
Would you recommend netball as a team sport? Why? I would recommend netball because you get to meet new people and have lots of fun
Do you follow the NRL? No I don’t.

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

POSITIONS VACANT
Merriwa Rugby League Football Club has the following positions vacant for the 2015 football season. All applications to be posted to MRLFC – Secretary - PO Box 147 Merriwa NSW 2329 or email to mwarslclub@bigpond.com by Sunday November 30.

• Reserve Grade Coach
• Reserve Grade Manager
• League Tag Coach
• League Tag Manager
• First Aid Officers (more than one position)
• LeagueSafe (more than one position)

If you are interested in any of the positions you can be qualified or unqualified to apply, as long as you are willing to undertake a course to become qualified.

Until next time.

Gaynor Blackadder

Merriwa JRL and Netball Club

After more information, why not contact me on 0458 574 015 or email tashholden@bigpond.com

Tash Taaffe
Community Calendar

What’s happening?
Send your calendar information in before 12 noon
Mondays to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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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!