October Photo Competition - with so many entries it was a hard topic to judge with four photos being in the top running. So congratulations must go to Georgia Cameron for her lovely shot of her dog in its kennel. Also thank you to our sponsor this month, Merriwa Painting and Decorating for your continued support of the monthly Photography competition.

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The November topic is “Old and Rusty”, sponsored by Australia Post Merriwa. With such an interesting topic, there is bound to be many photos again, we look forward to seeing them.

Below are the Runner-up photos taken by Clara Piefke, Corinne Parker and Annie Rodgers. These had great composition and showcased their pet well.

Decembers’ topic will be a Christmas Photo Challenge - six topics and two prizes (Topics are: 1. Excited, 2. Decorated, 3. Just what I wanted, 4. Our tradition, 5. Stuffed and 6. Bah, Humbug!). Best photo will receive a $50.00 voucher and an extra prize of $25.00 goes to a winning entry that sends in individual photos to cover all six topics.

Sponsorship for this topic is still open. Interested in being a sponsor or for 2015, then contact me on 6548 2119.

Tina Taylor
Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Central School

Principal Report’s

What a fantastic range of opportunities our students have enjoyed over the past few weeks. Last week primary and secondary students had a fantastic time at Aussie Bush Camp. Thank you to Mr Duncan and Miss Laurie for organising and supervising students on the excursion. Secondary students participated in the Central schools Super 8’s cricket competition under the guidance of Mr Grant and Mr Creamer. By all accounts they had a very successful day, and are through to the regional finals. Secondary Visual Art students headed to the big smoke to view the “Sculptures by the Sea” exhibition at Coogee. Thank you to Miss Hopkins for organising this wonderful opportunity.

This week students are participating in the Interschool Challenge at the Merriwa Showground. A range of events have been organised to inspire and challenge students on the day, organised by Maria Cameron.

WELCOME TO MR WRIGHT

Parents may have noticed a new teacher on the Primary Campus. Mr Ben Wright joins us for the next four weeks from the University of Newcastle. Ben will be completing his teaching practicum with us, and working with Miss Laurie in Year 4/5. We are very keen to support teacher training, particularly for young teachers keen to work in rural schools.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL APPOINTED

Earlier in the year merit selection interviews took place to fill our vacant Assistant Principal position, created following Mr Kite’s appointment to Scone Public School. Miss Megan Sinderberry was the successful applicant and has been appointed to our school, commencing Term 1, 2015. Miss Sinderberry joins us from Nyngan Public School. She is looking forward to returning to the Upper Hunter and was very impressed with our students on a recent visit to the school.

Megan Sinderberry
Assistant Principal

SUMMER WEATHER

Parents are reminded we are a Sun Safe school and encourage students to always wear a hat when in the playground. Those students without hats are restricted to our shaded areas during playtime, such as under the Primary COLA. Students are able to take water bottles (with water, not cordials) into the classrooms to drink during the warmer weather.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Coming Events

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ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards

Subject Area: Hospitality
What does ROAR mean to me: A chance to interact with young men outside of a classroom and provide them with positive support wherever their choices take them
Favourite subject at school: PE/Human Movement
Favourite sport: Martial Arts and Cricket
Favourite team: I am a big Newcastle Knights fan
Favourite player: Adam Gilchrist
Best personal sporting achievement: Setting up Merriwa Martial Arts Club, obtaining black belts and I really enjoy playing cricket for Merriwa
Who inspires you and why: Many inspiring characters - Kostya Tszyu, Georges St Pierre, Steve Waugh. Also people I know personally that are inspiring and more so my martial art instructors
Advice to young players: Training will surpass skill.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all of our students who have shown great dedication to their learning. We were very proud to award the following students with book awards last week:

Year Kindergarten: Jack Cook (absent)
Year 1/2: Riley Telfer
Year 2/3: Ildiko Tashman
Year 4/5: Kyarne Sampson
Year 5/6: Jackson Keane

Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition. Congratulations to Mekayla Towell and Marc Forster on receiving your Participation Certificates.

SPECIAL AWARDS

At last week’s assembly we were thrilled to award Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards to primary students. Thank you to Mr Noonan for awarding students who have worked hard to achieve these high levels of merit. Mr Noonan also handed out awards for students who participated in the

Primary News

Teacher Profile
Mr Aaron Creamer

SPECIAL AWARDS

Mr Noonan presenting Emma with her Bronze Award

Congratulations to our special award recipients Koda Cashen, Tamika Drury, Kaitlyn Smith, Brooke Sampson, Emma Khan, Skye Watson, Matilda Whitby and Jasmine Smith, (not pictured) pictured below.
Favourite Subject: Ag, Cooking and English
Extra-Curricular activities: Team Penning
Best Personal Achievements: RANZSE - Rotary Australia New Zealand Student Exchange

Year Advisor’s Comment: April is a friendly and outgoing young lady who has proven to be responsible, mature and dedicated throughout many endeavours representing the school and community this year. April travelled to New Zealand as a part of the Rotary Exchange Program and returned the favour for our New Zealand exchange student Emma. She participates in horse sports and community sporting competitions such as touch football and her reliable nature is appreciated by her teachers. Well done April!

Rebecca Hopkins
Year Advisor

THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP
From Monday November 3 to Wednesday November 5, Years four, five, six and seven went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Students had a fantastic time away; enjoying the variety of activities that required bravery and determination.

The activities included: archery, high ropes, canoeing, rock climbing, lost island and the giant swing. Students also spent most of Wednesday rolling down sand dunes and enjoying a swim at Jimmy’s Beach.

Some of the highlights from the trip were students having to wear moustaches, the teachers winning the Commando Challenge, the muddy course from Lost Island and children squealing on the Giant Swing, including Mr Duncan and Miss Laurie.

Rebecca Hopkins
Year Advisor
Student of the Week
April Eipper
Year 9

FIFE ASSEMBLY
The Merriwa Central School Fife Band performed at last week’s primary assembly, and provided the audience with excellent renditions of “Jingle Bells” and “Kookaburra”. The band members meet every Monday during school terms to develop their skills, and to learn new tunes. The Fife Band also has the honour of performing at this week’s Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music’s Merriwa concert. All band members would like to send a big thank you to their dedicated instructor and band conductor, Mrs Jennifer Kershaw, who gives many hours of her time and patience to ensure the band’s success.

Kate Jones
Assistant Principal
READING BOOK COVERING SESSION

A big thank you to Jane Constable and Yvonne Vidler for their wonderful assistance covering books last Wednesday. We managed to get through a big pile of books and the conversation was very entertaining. We are planning another round of covering next Wednesday November 19 between 11.30am-1.00pm to get through the last of the books. We would love to invite anyone who is willing to help out, even if it is for a short time.

We will show you how to cover the books and will have a bunch of toys on offer for any little ones that will be coming with you. Mums, dads, grandparents, aunties, uncles, community members or parents of Kindergarten transition students are welcome to join us.

Looking forward to seeing you all next Wednesday.

Kara Allison

Secondary News

Year 7 and Year 7/8 have finished a jammed-packed year learning about many interesting topics, including; Being a Scientist; Separating Mixtures; Solids, Liquids and Gases; Classification; Forces; The Planet Earth; Seeing and Hearing; Cells; The Solar System, as well as, a Guided Research Project that looked at the corrosion of iron nails under differing conditions.

Year 10 have been developing their understanding of the brain in their most recent ‘Following Orders’ topic, where they have been looking into the physiology and effects of chemicals on brain function. As well as this, they have completed their own Student Research Project and learnt about Diseases, Reproduction and Chemical Energy.

Chemistry has finished their Preliminary course for the year and have now began their HSC course, starting with ‘The Production of Materials’. In this topic they have been learning about the production processes in the manufacturing of polymers, the extraction of biomass in the production of bio-polymers, ethanol as a renewable plant resource used in many different products, oxidation-reduction reactions as a means of generating an electrical charge, as well as, nuclear chemistry and its products. As they head into 2015, they will continue to enhance their knowledge of chemistry concepts with topics such as; ‘The Acidic Environment’; ‘Chemical Monitoring and Management’; and lastly ‘Forensic Chemistry’.

Senior Science have also begun their HSC course, starting with ‘Lifestyle Chemistry’. In this topic they have been learning about solutions, suspensions, colloids, emulsions and how these mixtures are turned into the many cosmetic and therapeutic products that we use every day. The remainder of their course will look at ‘Medical Technology and Bionics’, ‘Information Systems and Space Science’.

Along with the excitement in the classroom, there have been many opportunities throughout the year for students to build on their scientific skills and give them insight into scientific careers. We have travelled from Muswellbrook, to Newcastle, Sydney and Armidale in a variety of different excursions.

Years 8 to 10 had the opportunity earlier this year to take part in the Science and Engineering Challenge in Muswellbrook. Our previous Year 12s’ went to Armidale with Mr Bartlett to visit the University of New England, as well as, visiting the University of Newcastle with myself. Both excursions were geared toward developing experimental skills with specialised equipment. Lastly, five Year 10 students travelled to Sydney...
as part of the University tour through the Country Education Foundation of Australia.

Overall, it has been another busy and opportunity filled year. If these same opportunities arise next year, make sure you make the most of it and put your name in to have a go.

Lana Grant

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL SUPER 8’S CRICKET TEAMS

Last Tuesday Merriwa Central School was proudly represented by a group of students from Years 7-12. Cricket N.S.W. in conjunction with the Sydney Thunder held a round robin Super 8’s Cricket Tournament where eight players from each side face off in an eight over slug fest.

With great news, Merriwa’s female side has made the regional finals which will be held in Dubbo on Tuesday December 2. On the day the girls went to an impressive record of three wins and one loss, showing great skill, determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

The boys team, also displaying impressive qualities, held a record of two wins and three losses, coming up against some tough competition from Dunedoo and Peak Hill in particular. To their credit the team held strong and recorded two impressive victories against Coolah and Walgett.

It is always a pleasure to take students from Merriwa Central School to any event as their attitude and behaviour is always exemplary. I would also like to take this time to say a massive thank you to parents who helped out on the day, driving students to the event. A big thank you to Murray Wright, Max McNaught and Melissa Swan for their assistance with the day.

Lana Grant

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL P AND C

TRIVIA NIGHT – DATE CHANGE

Due to Merriwa Sports Club hosting a Trivia Night on November 22, P and C have postponed theirs:

When: Saturday February 21, 2015 – 6.00pm for 6.30pm start at Merriwa RSL Club

Cost: $5.00 per person

Tables of 8.

Bookings can be made at Max’s Country Cuts.

Everyone is welcome to attend, even children.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there for a fun night.

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Merriwa Ringer
OUR EXCURSION TO LUE POTTERY

On Friday October 31, a collection of 32 excited children, ten parents and five educators began our journey by bus to Lue Pottery near Mudgee. Reading books and colouring-in kept us amused on the journey over and with an endless stream of lollies as a special excursion treat. On our arrival at ‘Lue’ we all enjoyed a bite to eat under the shade of the trees at the workshop. Soon Trevor escorted us into the pottery house, where we were instructed on the ‘process’ of making a decorative bowl. There were many steps to follow and the group of children did a fantastic job creating their bowls and listening to Trevor and Des. As the experience went on the children became more involved with the activity and the parents did a great job supporting the children, helping to create a bowl to cherish.

As they were completed, Des carefully lifted shelves filled with the work of the children into the kiln to dry. In two weeks I look forward to collecting the works and delivering them to the young artists.

After a couple of hours of pottery we made our way back to the bus to head to Mudgee for lunch at the Park. Under the trees we gathered to eat MacDonald’s and the children chatted happily as they ate. Following lunch we had a wonderful time exploring the equipment at the park and having a great time on the swings.

We are still working with clay at Pre-School and I have observed that the children are now more knowledgeable and have a deepened understanding of the medium. Today they requested more tools and water to soften the clay; Tilly made a playground and slide from the clay. Eggs, nests and bowls are also a popular sculpture. It is an added element to the children’s work as they work through the process of creating a sculpture, waiting for it to dry and then painting and decorating.

We had a wonderful day and I was so proud to escort these fabulous children through our excursion to the marvellous Lue Pottery.

For our new families, you are welcome to join us for an orientation session on Monday afternoon November 17. This will be a highly informative and will assist in the smooth transition of your family to Pre-School. Please feel free to bring your child along, so they too can begin to engage with their new environment.
Principal’s Report

Unprecedented sudden illness of all but one of our teachers last Friday saw the school closed for the day. Despite more than 25 calls to casual teachers on Thursday night I was not able to secure a single casual teacher to help us out. On Friday morning, sick staff members fronted at the school office and made the call to all families to advise that school would be cancelled for the day. It was then we realised that many of our children were sick as well. We then made contact with the Catholic Schools Office and the Department of Health to report the occurrence to ensure we responded to this appropriately. The Department of Health did some of their own investigation and decided that it was a virulent virus going around. We have since had the rooms and furniture disinfected and fumigated. Thank you so much for the offers of help from parents and the best wishes and understanding.

Thank you to the St Joseph’s P and F for the recent purchase of new outside seating for our students. The students are loving it and I am told the design is better that the older style as the crumbs can fall through the gaps. Thank you to “Welderup” for designing and making a great seating system.

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An art workshop will be conducted for our Stage 2 and 3 students this Thursday with Aboriginal Artist, Les Elvin. The workshop is free and is funded by the Upper Hunter Shire’s Cultural Grants programme and the Merriwa Show committee as part of the Merriwa Show Interschool Challenge. A special thanks to our former parent Maria Cameron for all her effort to secure funding and organising the artists for the day. This workshop supports the curriculum focus on Aboriginal cultural perspectives as well as creative arts.

Congratulations to the following award winners for last week. The remaining classes will be covered next week.

**Years 1/2 - Braeden Halse** - Always trying his best and showing increased confidence

**Mia Morgan** – A fantastic improvement in writing

**Years 3/4 - Jock Grady** - For a fantastic use of vocabulary when creating his persuasion leaflet

**Tia Magner** - for always taking pride in the presentation and quality of her bookwork

**Years 5/6 - Jemma Grady** – for being super-fast with fraction and decimal equations

**Emily Ninness** – writing a terrific, well thought out piece on the impact colonisation had on Aboriginal people

**Principal’s Award: - Fiona Tomy** - For being a confident and proud speaker sharing her experiences of India and having a new baby sister, with an adult audience.

Mrs Helen Whale
Principal
SANDY HOLLOW EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Amy and Sam attended the Interschool Horse Extravaganza in Tamworth at AELEC for four days. There were over 30 schools represented and 335 riders over the four days of competition. Sam was on a new pony and did extremely well to win his 10 year old boy rider class, fifth in the Time Trail, third in one of his Show Jumping rounds, fifth in one of his Dressage classes, sixth in the ODE and Reserve Champion in the 10 year old games.

Amy was awarded Reserve Champion in the Junior Dressage and Champion Junior Show Jumper winning a rug. She came fifth in the One Day Event, tenth in the Working Patterns and collected some places in the Games along the way.

They both represented the school extremely well and as the commentator mentioned at presentation for a small school with only two riders they put Sandy Hollow Public School on the map.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Reagan Turner - for being a polite member of K/1

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

Jake Pike - fair play.

SANDY HOLLOW EQUESTRIAN TEAM

KINDGARTEN ORIENTATION - WEEK 6

As the weeks pass by the children continue to grow in confidence, both in the classroom and in the playground.

By working through literacy, numeracy and creative arts within the classroom settling they are interacting with their peers and classmates, therefore developing social skills.

The children listen carefully while Mrs Elliott explains the “Focus of the Week” each week. Today they participated in role plays based on what we should do if we need to interrupt someone.

Please practise this skill at home.

Pauline Bullock
Kindergarten Orientation Coordinator

PEER SUPPORT

At 2.00pm the whole school gathered under the COLA for an outline of the focus of the week, Interrupting.

Our new Kinders were very knowledgeable and confidently supplied many of the answers. Following a discussion and role plays the children formed their groups then participated in four activities. All the children were keen to become involved and support one another.

WEEKLY AWARDS

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Jackson Stair - demonstrating excellent conflict resolution skills.

CORRECTIONS TO LAST WEEKS SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

Marshall Hinze - excellent participation during Yoga.

Find us on Facebook!
Look for Merriwa Central School’s official page!
Already the flies are driving us crazy, and as a city girl I dread how many there will be when summer really hits!

**BEEP BEEP! IT’S THE BEEP TEST!**

Students have been testing their fitness and again completed the beep test. All students have improved over the last 5 weeks. Thomas Nash is the fittest student at CPS!

**YEAR 6 MINI FAIR**

This year to raise money for the Year 6 gift to the school there will be a mini fair, which is always heaps of fun. Keep Tuesday November 25 at 11.30-1.00pm free to join us for activities, stalls and food.

More information next Ringer.

**WELCOME SPECIAL VISITOR**

Next week CPS is lucky enough to have a visiting teacher from Darcy Road Public School, in Sydney, coming to work with children and have a “Taste of the Bush”. Darcy Road has 538 students, so it will be a big change.

Sean McLoughlan will be working with the

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK – COREY MCLENNAN**

Corey has earned the award of Student of the Week for his improved maturity and willingness to assist his peers. In class he works well independently and assists the teacher and class mates with computers.

He is able to use effective strategies to avoid conflict more often and is beginning to articulate his concerns in an appropriate way.

Congratulations on your efforts Corey. Keep up the wonderful work!

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

*What is your favourite sport or hobby?* Football

*Do you have a favourite song or singer?* Alan Jackson

*If you could have a superpower, what would it be and why?* X-ray vision so I could see through walls

*If you were stuck on a deserted island and could only take three things what would you take?* A ship, food and probably water.

**FROM MRS GRINHAM’S DESK**

We are half way through the term and it’s getting busier and busier! There are lots of activities on over the next six weeks so be sure to check the diary regularly to ensure you and your family are prepared. As you can see in the diary, events for next year are already being booked so there is time to plan ahead.

Planning is underway for next year and resources are being ordered, so if you know of any families thinking of joining our lovely school please ask them to enrol early. Conversely, if your child is not in Year 6 and won’t be returning, please let us know also.

As the weather hots up please ensure students have plenty of water, sunscreen, deodorant and wear layers of clothing that can be removed during the day when they get hot.
children to enhance their opportunities in the areas of music, drama, art, performance skills and mathematics problem solving.

The staff are excited to be working collaboratively with him and are sure the children will have an educational and fun filled week.

CASSILIS RODEO

The Cassilis Public School P and C is once again doing the Rodeo Gate Roster in 2015. On Saturday January 31 we will man the gates and as this is our major fundraiser for the year we need everyone to help out for a couple of hours. All money earned goes directly to the students and next year it will go towards upgrading the play equipment.

As many helpers as possible on the day would be great. All parent names will go directly onto the roster and other willing volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Please call Kathy on 6376 1013 to put your name down.

DIARY

November
14 - Library visit Year 2-3
17 - Kindergarten Orientation
20 - ASS Frisbee
24 - Assembly
27 - ASS Frisbee

December
1- 4 - Swimming Scheme - Merriwa
4 - Christmas play Catholic church 9.30am
5 - Library visit 2.00-3.00pm
8-11 - Swimming Scheme – Merriwa
11 - Year 6 Farewell - venue Royal Hotel Cassilis
15 - Performance and Presentation Night
16 - Rewards day and Santa visit
17 - Students last day
18 -19 - Staff Development Days

January 2015
27 – Staff return to school SDD
28 – Students return to school.
31 – Cassilis Rodeo – parents manning gates!

PRAYER FOR RAIN

God of all time and this time, when I’m tired of waiting for your realm to be here, kindle the flame of faith into action. Reminder of the life-giving choice that justice, mercy, and hope bring into life.

Amen

O God,

We pray for our hurting world with its pollution, hunger, war, and homelessness.

We know that these and many other things need our attention now!

We thank you for people who help and care, spreading the light of your love everywhere.

Amen

Rosalie Drew
A Day of Remembrance

REMEMBRANCE DAY
NOVEMBER 11 2014

I ask you to stand with me
For both the injured and the lost
I ask you to keep count with me
Of all the wars and what they cost
I ask you to be silent with me
Quietly grateful for our lot
As I expect you’re as thankful as me
For the health and life we’ve got
I ask that you wish them well with me
All those still risking their all
And I ask that you remember with me
The names of those that fall
I expect that you are proud like me
Of this great nation of ours too
So enjoying all its freedoms like me
Support those upholding them for you
I hope that you are hopeful like me
That we’ll soon bring an end to wars
So you’ll have to stand no more with me
And mourning families no different from yours
‘Til then be thankful you can stand with me
Thinking of those who now cannot
For standing here today with me
At least we show they’re not forgot.

Written by John Bailey
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.

The Merriwa Community News

In Memory
CARLA RAE GOLDING (TOWLER)
NOVEMBER 11 2009

Five years have come and gone,
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts,
Sadly missed.
God bless.

Mum, Dad, David, Jayne, Darren and their families

CHERYL ANN BYFIELD
OCTOBER 30 1997

Years may come and go,
But memories live on forever.
Always remembered.

Sister Eva, Brother-in-law Mick and families

Merriwa CWA

A Fashion Parade “Dress for Less at Trinity Markets” was held on Thursday October 30.

The CWA ladies and visitors had a very enjoyable day at our rooms with a parade of beautiful spring garments and accessories.

The models did a fantastic job and a cheque for $200.00 was presented to the Kaleidoscope Charity at John Hunter Hospital.

Thank you to Trinity Markets for their contribution and assistance which helped make the event a success.

The next monthly meeting of CWA will be held on Monday December 8 at 10.00am at CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Enquiries to Barbara Campbell on 6548 5135 or Mobile 0428 485 131 or Robyn McAlister on 6548 3274.

Penelope Fenley

Merriwa Senior Citizens Assoc.

We will be having our Christmas luncheon on Sunday November 30 in the Merriwa RSL Club’s Auditorium from 12 noon with lunch set down for 12.30pm and costing $15.00 for members ($20.00 for non members).

Raffle will be a hamper (tickets $1.00 each) and lots of Lucky Door prizes.

Please bring a small gift for exchange.

Come and enjoy our festive luncheon and let me have numbers please.

We have also been invited to Muswellbrook Senior’s Christmas luncheon to be held on Thursday November 27 at Muswellbrook Worker’s Club, commencing at 10.30am and costing $20.00.

If you would like to go, please contact me for the RSVP.

Mary O’Neill

Merriwa Fitness Centre

PLEASE KEEP GYM TIDY

Just a friendly reminder to all members of the gym, that this is a COMMUNITY gym, run by volunteers. Lately I have found the gym to be in a very untidy and dirty manner.

Please return all weights to their correct place, mats should be cleaned and put away, and the steps should be tidily stacked. Please wipe down equipment after use.

NO FOOD should be taken into the gym, hence bins are unavailable.

Air conditioners, (which have been recently serviced) and lights must be turned off before leaving.

If everyone adheres to these basic rules, then the gym will remain a pleasant place to work out.

Happy Exercising!

Annie Rodgers
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

**Sue’s Christmas Lunch**

**FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

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

**Merriwa Pony Club**

**AGM NOTICE**

**When:** Thursday November 13

**Where:** Merriwa RSL Club

**Time:** Commencing at 6.30pm

Any inquiries please contact Christine Riley on 0427 412 128.

Christine Riley

**St Josephs Merriwa**

St Josephs P and F will be holding a street stall on Friday November 21 for St Anne’s Parrish. All cooking or donation of other salable goods will be appreciated.

Pauline Lawler

**Dr Noman Jawaad Medical Practice**

**MERRIWA**

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

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

**DENMAN**

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

Dr Cho works Monday 8.00am to 5.00pm

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

Dr Noman Jawaad

**Merriwa Rotary Club**

**MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA**

On Monday November 3, the annual Merriwa Rotary Melbourne Cup Calcutta and Sweep night was held at the Sports Club.

The gathering was the biggest for many years with the Calcutta auction run with great expertise and spontaneous wit by Gavin Beard.

The results for the SWEEP were:

1. Ray McConnell - $404.00
2. Christie Burgess - $169.00
3. L. Macdonald $67.00

and the CALCUTTA .....  

1. “Lucky 7” - $2234.00  
2. Terry Burgess - $745.00  
3. “Ghersi Gallopers” - $372.00.

All proceeds for the evening will go towards necessary upgrades at Gummun Place.

Mark Smith

**Remember!**

Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer BEFORE 9.00am Monday. No late articles will be accepted.
Di’s Clothing Patch

With Christmas just seven weeks away now, it is the time to start getting ready for all the visitors. We have in stock now cotton sheets in many different colours, summer quilts and covers, pillows, mattress and pillow protectors and bath towels.

A great gift idea with a personal touch is a bath towel or bath sheet embroidered with a name. We have an array of towels in many colours in store.

The Christmas stock has started to arrive so come in and take advantage of our layby till Christmas Eve as some of these items cannot be repeated, so get in quick. Something for the little girls that has just arrived in store is range of Frozen items - we have backpacks, wallets, umbrellas, nighties and beach towels; and the boys have not been forgotten - we have Cars, Spiderman and Minecraft.

We have a love range of summer clothing and footwear; thongs, hats, wallets, handbags, toiletry bags for all the family from RM Williams, Bullzye, Ritemate, Louen Hide, Bare Trap, Akubra Jillian and Sportwave just to name a few. There is something for just about everyone.

Don’t forget we do free gift wrapping.

Di Inder

Australia Post Merriwa

NEW STOCK

We have a new selection of giftware just arrived. Signs/plaques starting from $9.00, Block Calendars (Family, Friend, Live, Laugh, Love) $15.00 and vintage items. For the food lovers we have a selection of cookbooks from Masterchef’s POH, Donna Hay and Fast Ed Halmagyi for $19.99 each.

We also have packs of Christmas cards starting at 12 for $1.99, wrapping paper $3.99 and diaries for 2015.

AUSTRALIA POST CATALOGUES

I have had many enquiries regarding items within the catalogues. Although I try my best to get the product customers are enquiring about I can’t always guarantee getting the item. I still like to send out the catalogues locally so that customers are aware what is available at some Australia Post Outlets and I appreciate it when people enquire with me first. Most LPO’s have to order their stock ahead of the catalogue release so we have to order what we think will sell. There are also minimum quantities on selected stock so it becomes hard to order in one item as we will receive and have to pay for the minimum (which could be 6, 8, 10 or 12).

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 have to apply stamps to your letters. This is a rule imposed by Australia Post not the local licensee.

November’s Saturday Trading Dates:

Saturday 8/11/14 – Open 9.00am -11.00am
Saturday 15/11/14 – Closed
Saturday 22/11/14– Open 9.00am-11.00am
Saturday 29/11/14 – Closed

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Sally and Michael Hagley

Merriwa Ringer
Hay fever is a term used to refer to allergic rhinitis. It is commonly caused by seasonal exposure to pollen. Allergic rhinitis can cause significant irritation and interference in a person’s daily activities, and considerably reduce quality of life.

Allergic rhinitis is one of the most common chronic respiratory conditions in Australia. It affects around 15% of Australians, or 3.1 million people. Clearly then, hay fever is not a condition to be sneezed at.

Research has shown that most people inherit the tendency to suffer from hay fever. If one parent has allergic rhinitis, their child has about a 30% chance of experiencing hay fever. If both parents are sufferers, then the risk shoots up to about 70%.

The signs and symptoms of hay fever develop as the result of the body’s immune response. Substances, which would ordinarily cause no reaction in most people, may cause a severe allergic reaction in those who are hypersensitive to them.

At this time of year the most likely trigger factors (or allergens) include pollen and other windblown substances. But people can experience hay fever at any time. Another common trigger factor is exposure to dust mites. These microscopic animals live in their millions in pillows, sheets, blankets, doonas, curtains and carpets. With the huge range of places where dust might be found, it should be no surprise that many people sneeze and wheeze from breathing in dust mites. Similar year-round (or perennial) signs and symptoms can be caused by animal dander – the dead skin cells from our pets, especially that of cats. In addition, mould spores which are often found around the house, can cause allergic rhinitis.

Another problem is exposure to cigarette smoke, which may increase sensitivity to allergies and consequently lead to a greater likelihood of developing hay fever.

Finally, occupational hazards such as working with wood dust, seed dust, textile dust, rubber latex, some chemicals and certain foods and spices, may also increase the likelihood of becoming a hay fever sufferer.

But it’s not all doom and gloom. Avoiding known trigger factors is the best way to avoid hay fever, but that is not always possible. Hay fever can be very well managed with medicines, many of which are now available without a prescription.

When medicine is required, the product choice will depend largely on the severity and frequency of signs and symptoms. For example, mild symptoms which occur for less than four days a week, or less than four weeks at a time, often respond well to oral antihistamines available over-the-counter from your pharmacy.

If signs and symptoms persist or adversely affect sleep/work, school or leisure activities, then sometimes a stronger product is needed and intranasal corticosteroid sprays (Beconase, Rhinocort or Telnase) may be helpful. If very itchy eyes are a concern, anti-allergy eye drops (Eyezep, Livostin or Zaditen) should be considered. An antihistamine spray (Azep or Atrovent) may be used when the nose is ‘constantly dripping like a tap’.

Staff in your local pharmacy can assist with the selection of the most appropriate product(s). You can get even more detailed information on how best to manage allergic rhinitis from the Self Care Fact Card titled Hay Fever available from Merriwa Pharmacy.

Robert Smith

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LAY-BY
Do not forget that we can do a lay-by for you. This makes a lot of sense, especially as we are leading up to Christmas. There is a $5.00 minimum deposit for a lay-by and for adding to a lay-by. Regular payments are necessary (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) and you can start one at any time during the year.

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

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FOR SALE

A beautifully fully renovated home in Merriwa!

An inspection is necessary, this home will amaze you, sit back, and enjoy! The home has 3 Spacious bedrooms 2 with built ins, the main bedroom features an ensuite and walk-in wardrobe. A brand new galley style kitchen opens onto the dining/living area. Verandas front and back offer lovely views to the mountains. A great opportunity to purchase a home that has all of the hard work done. Phone Megan on 0400 653446 to arrange an inspection.

FOR SALE

10 Vennacher Street, Merriwa $240,000.00

Great Family Home with an ideal Home Office!

In the centre of town, close to all services, you will find this very tidy home. Featuring 3 bedroom all with built in robes. The open plan living areas are kept comfortable with reverse cycle air conditioning and a freestanding combustion fire, the kitchen is light and airy. Polished floorboards feature throughout the home. The property has town and fresh water, a large fenced yard, carport and garden shed. Just off the rear veranda, you will find an ideal home office or teenage retreat, offering plenty of options and representing excellent value with nothing to do but move in or put straight onto the rental market.

FOR SALE

72 Mackenzie Street, Merriwa $210,000.00

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Roger & Megan
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All existing permitted grazing arrangements in the Merriwa/Cassilis areas on Travelling Stock Reserves will cease on 31 December 2014. New grazing permits may be granted on these reserves following an expression of interest (EOI) process. Please contact any Hunter Local Land Services (LLS) office for a full list of reserves. Persons interested in applying for grazing permits on any of the nominated reserves for a four year period – being 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2018 – must lodge an online EOI via the eTender website: https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/ using reference number DITRIS EOI 14/284. All relevant information is available from all Hunter LLS offices and online at www.lls.nsw.gov.au/hunter. Completed forms must be lodged online by 2pm on Thursday, 4 December 2014. The highest or any EOI may not necessarily be accepted. For further information, contact Jamie Maddocks on 0429 924 365.

Nominations close Friday, 21 November 2014
Nominate online at: www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au
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UPPER HUNTER SHIRE
AUSTRALIA DAY 2015 AWARDS

NOMINATIONS CLOSING SOON

The nomination period for Upper Hunter Shire Australia Day 2015 Awards is closing soon. Nominations will be received up until Friday, 21 November 2014.

There are many very worthy citizens who do not receive recognition for their contributions to our communities. Please nominate them now.

The following Awards will be presented on Australia Day, Monday, 26 January 2015 in Aberdeen Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone:

All Districts
- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Group of the Year

Aberdeen, Murrurundi, Scone Districts
- Sportstar of the Year
- Young Sportstar of the Year

Merriwa District only
- Achiever of the Year
- Sustainability in Business
- Environmental Achievement Award

An Upper Hunter Shire Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year will be selected from the winners from all four districts.

Nomination forms are available on Council’s website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au, from Council’s offices in Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone and local libraries.

Enquiries are welcome and further information may be obtained by contacting Robyn Cox on 6540 1126 during office hours.

MERRIWA LIBRARY HAS NEW X-BOX 360

Merriwa Library is excited to announce that the new X-Box 360 has arrived with four brand new games for all to enjoy, including: Rayman Legends; SSX; FIFA 14; and DIRT3.

For those who like the multiplayer PSS, games include: Enchanted Arms; Oblivion; Simpsons; Mortal Kombat; Lego Rockband; Skate 3; GTA4 and Blazing Angels

P: Mark Shields 6521 7006
659 Peberdy’s Road, Sandy Hollow  $850,000.00

Situated on the Goulburn River with 1400 metres of river frontage and only five minutes to Sandy Hollow this is an ideally located property. There is 373 Acres with approximately 320 acres of arable country with the remaining being timbered with ironbark and gum. The arable land ranges from rich black river flats perfect for Lucerne, oats, wheat etc through to slightly undulating basalt soils ideal for cattle production. The vendors have until recently carried up to 90 cows plus calves. There are two machinery shed, a good set of steel cattle yards, two x 5000 gal storage tanks which feed the water troughs, three dams and a huge bonus is power is already connected to the block. There are several nice building sites for a home that boast magnificent views over Byerley Stud to the mountains beyond. This is a quality property in a tightly held area and well worth a look.

327 Tunbridge Road, Merriwa  $380,000.00

Located 15 kms from Merriwa this 119 acre property is a great spot to raise the kids out of town. There is a large three bedroom home with the main featuring an ensuite, walk in robe and RC Air. The lounge is big also with RC Air and has beautiful views over the yard and pool to the property beyond. The kitchen is in good condition with plenty of cupboard space. There are verandahs at the front and rear of the home. Situated in the house yard is a granny flat with a kitchenette but no bathroom however it has easy access to the third bathroom in the laundry. There is a fully enclosed BBQ area next to the pool. For storage there is a double and single carport, lock up container and a workshop. Water is supplied via a fully equipped bore and several fresh water tanks. The land is mostly timbered with some open sections suitable for horses or some cattle.

TIME TO UPDATE?

Just a gentle reminder that the Merriwa Ringer is still waiting for a small number of sponsors to update their 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 our regular sponsors for next year.
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Meets the first Wednesday of each Month at 7pm, Merriwa RSL Club

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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 - Social Darts 7.00pm - Draw for partners

**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, reopen 5.00pm Tuesday.

For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle November 8**

Saturday Members Draw no 47 was not won - Next week $150.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $140.00

**Free Tickets:** Julie Smith

**Dinner:** Eileen Barwick

**Bowls Raffle:** Brian Cooper

**Sunday Raffle November 3**

Sunday Members draw - No 130 was won. Next week $250.00

**LADIES BOWLS NEWS**

Veterans Day was held at Denman last Wednesday with Beatrice, Joy and Loretta attending the day. There were nine Veterans who received their badges. A great day was had by all.

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 by phoning 6548 2679.

The Ladies Christmas Luncheon will be held on November 26, names to be left with Loretta if you are attending. Phone 6548 2679.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Trivia Night - Saturday November 22**

**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 December 6**

**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.

**CASSELLIS 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 November 7**

**Members Draw:** $60.00 - Rocky Singh – unclaimed - $65.00 next week.

**Joker Draw:** $553.00 – Anne-Marie Nairne flipped an ace for $55 – $533 next week.

Congratulations to Anne-Marie.

**Merriwa Ringer**
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Sporting News

Merriwa Little Athletics

Perfect weather for training (for a change!) with another great turn out of Little Athletes on Monday night. A big welcome back to Charles Brazier and his mum Karen – fantastic to see you Charles back on the track and Karen we will be sure to put some of your coaching skills to good work!

Speaking of coaches, Sally and Lizzie Hagley and Ainsley Maben were brilliant once again managing our growing team of tiny tots. Stand out sprinter on the night was Georgia Maben, a little flash of mauve and blonde curls who rocketed down the straight leaving her competition behind her while Zack Gear showed amazing natural aptitude for the javelin throwing the turbo jav’s ‘a country mile’. Well done Zack.

Walks coach Jodie Wilton will be on hand most training nights this season for walks coaching. It sounds so easy, but its oh so tricky to walk the walk without getting caught by walks officials for not having a foot on the ground at all times. We look forward to watching the walks kids progress this season.

It was a delight to pull out the new hurdles for their first ‘outing’ on the oval thanks to a NSW Little Athletics grant last season. Remember kids, only jump the hurdles from the ‘black spot’ side as they are designed to fall flat, never jump them in the opposite direction. William Luke and Peter Hagley were stand out performers in the juniors showing a terrific lead leg and perfectly positioned trail leg over the hurdles, good work boys.

Exciting news for the club, we have nine athletes nominated this year for the Zone Championships in Cessnock November 22 and 23. Extra training sessions will be available (all club members are welcome to attend) focusing on events chosen by Zone athletes. The extra training nights will take place on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 20 November from 4.30 to 5.30 at the oval.

More team shirts have been ordered in size 6 and 8 and will be available in coming weeks. Shirts $20.00, Caps $10.00 payable to De Patterson on training nights.

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

Tash Taaffe

Merriwa Touch Football

MIXED COMPETITION DECEMBER 17

Names of interested players will be placed in buckets and will drawn at random – five boys/five girls (depending on the number of interested players). It will be open to only registered senior players for insurance reasons.

The draw will be open to the public to witness, on completion of the last game on December 10 (approx 9.30pm). These teams will be final and will be the teams for both rounds. Divided into - Over 30 years of age - male and female players, Under 18 years - male and female players, remaining players - male and female.

Games will be scored as such - two points for female player scoring (three female players must be on the field at all times) and one point for male scoring players.

Tina Taylor

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

Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $500.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 306. This week it jackpots to $550.00. The 7.00pm draw for $200.00 was not won. The number was 620. This week it jackpots to $220.00. The 9.00pm draw for $320.00 was won and the number was 725. This week it jackpots to $120.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $500.00 was not won last week. The number was 728 and this week it jackpots to $550.00. 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.

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Merriwa Tennis Club
THANKS AGAIN HUNTER MUTUAL

Merriwa Tennis Club was presented with a cheque for $500 by Community Mutual Branch manager Trudie Byfied on Monday night. The contribution is greatly appreciated and will be used to improve signage on the clubhouse and around the courts.

It is great to have a financial institution that is in touch with the grass roots of our community - something that is only possible by having an active branch in the town. The support that Community Mutual offers not only to the Tennis Club but to other small organisations makes the task of running a club just that little bit easier.

VOTE FOR UPGRADED MERRIWA TENNIS CLUB LIGHTS

Support our efforts to upgrade our lighting system by voting for our project at www.heartofourcommunity.com.au. You can like the project on Facebook and Google Plus and share it on Linked In and Twitter. You can also log into the heartofourcommunity website to vote. Every vote we get will be rewarded by Community Mutual.

Thanks to the Giugni Family for the donation of their hooded 4 burner gas BBQ to the Tennis Club. It will be put to good use.

HOTSHOTS JUNIOR TENNIS

The club is working with Tennis NSW to implement the Hotshots junior tennis program. We are looking for people to assist in running this program. Free training is available for those wanting to become coaches. A working with children certificate is required. These are easily available from the RTA office at Merriwa Shire Office.

HOTSHOTS FOR SCHOOLS

Tennis Australia will provide schools with over $1000.00 in free equipment if they sign up to the Tennis Australia Hotshots program. The Merriwa Tennis Club offers free court usage to our local schools so why not ask your teachers to sign up to the program.

Robert Smith, aka Boris Becker

Community Mutual
Merriwa JRL and Netball Club

PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Logan Brazier
Age: 7 years old
Team: Merriwa U/7’s
Favourite NRL Team: Rabbitohs
Favourite Player: Billy Slater

What do you love about footy: It is great to play football because you get to be with friends

Favourite moment playing for the Magpies: When I make lots of tackles

Would you recommend football as a team sport?
Why? Yes because its fun and you get to play with your friends

Review: Logan is an eager young league player. He is a hard runner right up the middle of the field. He may be little but his strong legs makes it hard for the opposition to tackle him to the ground. Can’t wait to watch Logan in many years to come with the number 8 on the back of his senior Merriwa Magpies jumper.

PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Izzy Neale
Age: 10 years old
Team: Merriwa Magic

How long have you been playing Netball? Two years
Favourite position: Centre

What do you love about Netball? It’s lots of fun

Favourite moment playing netball: When we got into the grand final

Would you recommend netball as a team sport?
Why? Yes. Cause it’s a lot of fun and it keeps you fit

Do you follow the NRL? Yes. I go for the Dragons.

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

NOVEMBER
Saturday 15 • Merriwa Markets - RSL Club footpath, Bow Street
• Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am
Saturday 22 • Merriwa Sports Club Trivia Night - 6.30pm
Friday 28 • Messy Church, last one for 2014 - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

DECEMBER
Saturday 6 • Merriwa Sports Club Christmas Party - 6.30pm
Sunday 14 • Carols in the Park
Saturday 20 • Merriwa Markets - RSL Club footpath, Bow Street

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

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