Merriwa Central School students enjoy construction and building activities in the Kinder classroom during lunch time play.
WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY 2014
MINIMBAH PROJECT BIRTH CERTIFICATE SIGN UP DAY

A free Birth Certificate ‘Sign Up’ Day will be held at: Merriwa Central School, Wednesday 28th May 2014 from 9.30am to 1.00 pm.

Open to all children, youth and families

☒ Born in NSW?
☒ Don’t have a birth certificate?
☒ We invite you to sign up for a ‘free’ NSW BIRTH CERTIFICATE!

Voluntary UNE Enactus students have raised funds from business, government and others to provide you, your family and friends with birth certificates. Normally $51 each, they can be supplied without charge after you apply, through this ‘once only’ opportunity!

Birth certificates are necessary for full participation in Australian society, such opening bank accounts, joining a sporting club, and even starting at school.

So, come along! Three forms of identity are required (details opposite).

UNE’s Enactus Minimbah Project:

“ADVANCING AUSTRALIA, FOR ALL”

For ID info go to: HTTP://WWW.BDM.NSW.GOV.AU/PDF%20FORMS/01-BIRTH-0713.PDF

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL
Primary Campus
From 9:30 - 1:00pm
Wednesday 28 May 2014
Primary Campus
6548 2119
The best part of a Friday afternoon on the Primary campus has to be handing out our Student of the Week book awards. Every child that comes to the front of our lunch assembly always has a big smile on their face and are beaming with pride and confidence. Last week we were proud to award the following students with their awards for their effort and achievement that week:

- **Year Kindergarten:** Zara Sampson
- **Year 1/2:** Brooke Sampson
- **Year 2/3:** Jayden Birtles
- **Year 4/5:** Joanne Hamson
- **Year 5/6:** Nikki Anshaw (absent)

### FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

Classes are getting excited for the upcoming Festival of the Fleeces! Every year classes put their best creative hats on and create some fantastic pieces to display in town. We keep our Merriwa sheep in mind and try and create something new each year. Keep your eye open in town for the Primary display in town over the next couple of weeks.

### STAR STRUCK REHEARSAL

The Star Struck performers from Primary and Secondary will be attending their combined rehearsal in Newcastle on Thursday May 29 with Miss Laurie and Miss Hopkins. Students need to remember to wear their uniform and bring recess, lunch and water. If you have any questions please contact Miss Laurie (Primary) or Miss Hopkins (Secondary) before Thursday.

### NEW MENU

Our wonderful P and C have put together a new menu for the winter season and there are some delicious new items available including soup, herb bread and hash browns! Lunch orders need to be placed at the canteen on Monday morning before class begins.

### Coming Events

#### MAY

- **Friday 23**
  - Primary assembly, 9.15am – performance by Kindergarten

- **Monday 26**
  - Year 11 exams – all week
  - Year 10 work experience – all week

- **Thursday 29**
  - Primary and Secondary Star Struck rehearsal – Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium, 5.30am to 7.00pm

- **Wednesday 21**
  - Secondary Zone Athletics Carnival

- **Friday 30**
  - Year 9 Try-a-Skill excursion – Muswellbrook Showground, 8.30am-3.30pm

#### JUNE

- **Sunday 1**
  - Year 12 Mathematics and Science Booster Day, UNE Armidale, leaving 1.00pm
Students have hit the ground running in mathematics this term and things are only going to get busier! Students in Years 7 and 9 on the Secondary Campus have just this last week finished sitting the NAPLAN assessments. NAPLAN serves to collect information on student’s basic numeracy and literacy skills and so the information gained from the NAPLAN exams is vitally important for the future decision making of schools. We look forward to seeing Merriwa Central School’s results this time around.

I would also like to make mention that students will be completing or have already completed their Half Yearly examinations this week and so good luck to those students. The sure way to be successful is to adequately prepare by practising questions and testing your understanding as well as getting a good night sleep and having a hearty breakfast.

So far this year students in Year 7 have been spending their time investigating ancient number systems, developing their skills in computing positive and negative integers as well as fractions and decimals while also beginning to work through the ever exciting world of geometry. Year 8 dived deep into the world of algebra and linear equations. We have been working hard on their ability to problem solve which in essence is what algebra is all about. The ability to logically and coherently deduce steps to solve problems is fundamental in modern society. We have also been investigating Pythagoras’ Theorem – who knew that Pythagoras was such a controversial figure in antiquity?!

Year 9 have been working on financial mathematics as well as trigonometry. Students have been working on problems where they have been asked to calculate distances, coordinates and angles of elevation or depression which is exactly what your GPS is programmed to do. Students this term have been discovering how Linear Models are used in modern economics, medicine and physical sciences.

Year 10 have started with more serious mathematics by developing more advanced skills in fields such as algebra and trigonometry. We have also been working hard with statistical problems by even investigating the properties of Smarties packets. I think it is safe to say that the quality control at Nestle leaves a lot to be desired!

The faculty has been trialling a new Maths Homework Help Session which has been scheduled...
in the school Library on Thursday afternoons from 3.45-4.45pm. If parents would like their children to attend they must collect a permission letter from me in the Maths and Science staff room.

In other news the school has established a Merriwa School Band. We have lots of enthusiastic students who have offered their talents but we are currently lacking in some necessary equipment and so if you have any second hand, good quality instruments that you would like to donate to the school, we would be very appreciative of your assistance.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who is at Merriwa Central School for making me feel very welcome. I look forward to a great year.

Patrick Lomax
Mathematics Teacher

NEW CAREER EVENTS

Macleay College Industry Days this July School Holidays Macleay College is hosting its popular Industry Days from Monday June 30 - Friday July 4. The free hands-on sessions hosted by industry professionals give students a taste of their future careers. Places are limited to 20 students per course. https://www.macleay.edu.au/news/2014-june-july-industry-days-macleay or call 1300 939 888.

This school holidays William Angliss Institute Sydney will be offering the flight attending preparation course at its Surry Hills campus. Run by ex-international flight attendants, this course provides insights from industry experts who will offer behind-the-scenes knowledge. It includes two weeks of training in July (with some added online work required) and students finish up with a Certificate II in Tourism. An ideal school holiday activity for high school students, it covers first aid, providing customer service on an aircraft, resume tips and grooming and much more. See here for more information: https://shortcourses.angliss.edu.au/courses/certificate-ii-tourism-flight-attending-preparation-course

Camp America – Live and Work on a US summer camp as part of your GAP year! An experience of a lifetime and making mates from all over the world! For more information come along to our Camp America Roadshow information sessions coming to a city near you. Held nationwide from August are coming to a city near you. Applications open in August. For more information head to www.campamerica.com.au or check us out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CampAmericaAU or Instagram www.instagram.com/campamerica69 #CAaussies

Live Q and A with carpenter - At 2.00pm on Tuesday May 20, myfuture will be hosting a live Q and A career conversation with Daniel Addison, carpenter, now registered builder. Daniel left school in Year 10 to pursue a career as a tradesperson. After training and studying to become a carpenter he went on to complete additional qualifications to enhance his personal development. No registration or password is required. Click on the link ‘Chat with real people about their career’ page on the myfuture website.


Telstra Traineeships - Go to: http://careers.telstra.com/Career-Paths/Traineeships

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Favourite Subject: TAFE - PASS
Extra-Curricular activities: Football, training and work
Best Personal Achievements: Running the 100m race in 11.32sec at this year’s Athletics Carnival
Career Aspirations: Physiotherapist
Year Advisor’s Comment: John is a well liked and respected member of Year 10 who is developing into a mature and reliable young man, with a definite sense of determination. It is good to see that he participates in a number of sports and out of school activities, to allow for balance with his school work.
Why I want to be in ROAR?

To get fit and to be part of the team

What is my favourite subject?

Maths

What is my favourite sport?

NRL

What is my favourite team?

Gold Coast Titans

Best personal sporting achievement:

11 years boys Swimming Champion

Advice to young players:

Shake hands and say “good game”.

P and C News

THANK YOU

The inaugural Merriwa Central School Mother’s Day Lunch was a great success due to the generosity of many businesses, school families and the wonderful Merriwa community who supported our event. Our committee received many compliments on the delicious meal and wonderful entertainment from the primary school students. Many families generously donated their expertise and time to help out and our delivery crew were run off their feet. The committee and high school hospitality students in particular were wonderful and worked extremely well together! The students are a credit to Mr Creamer and their families. It’s wonderful what we can achieve when we all work so well together. Thank you to everyone who attended, ordered meals and sponsored our event - all profits will support Merriwa Central School students throughout the year.

Special thanks to our major sponsors, Max’s Country Cuts, Alexander Downs, Upper Hunter Shire Council, Kylie Austin Catering, Gloria Duggan, Merriwa RSL, Stay’n’Play Produce and the Cameron family, plus our generous raffle prize sponsors, Di’s Clothing Patch, Happy Guru, Merriwa Pharmacy, The Purple Pumpkin Tree and all the Merriwa Markets’ stall holders.

The day would not have run without the coordination of Christine Riley, Yvonne McNaught, Krichelle Khan, Tory Simmons and Amanda Attenborough and help of Georgie Fairfull, Tara Telfer, Cassie Constable, Gaynor Blackadder, Jane Constable, Sally Hagley, Trish Medd, Jayne Cronin, Robyn Jacobs, Britnee Attenborough and Julie Wicks and the talented students, Matthew McConnell, Brad Ellis, Sean Edens Rosa, Alicia Medd and Sarah Haydon.

Gloria Duggan’s magnificent floral arrangements were won by Pam Amidy and Vicky Hanson. Raffle Winners were Jo Shepherd, Yvonne Vidler, Von Cox, Kasey Morgan, Harrison Constable, Bailey McNaught, Simmons family, Britnee Attenborough, Hannah Walmsley and Chris Williams. The 100-Club is at Max’s Country Cuts and will be drawn very soon.

Maria Cameron
I had the opportunity to visit Sister Mary and Sister Brigid in their respective abodes on Friday. They were both in good spirits and very happy to hear all the news of Merriwa. Both Sisters send you their love. We continue to pray for the Sisters and ask for God’s healing touch.

The Year 3 and Year 5 students completed their NAPLAN tests last week and all students entered the process with a positive spirit of giving the test their best effort. Thank you to the parents and students for ensuring the students were present and punctual at school each day. The teachers have been working conscientiously over the past two years to ensure the students are familiar with NAPLAN type questioning, in fact each day all Maths classes have a NAPLAN type question embedded within its lesson. We eagerly await the diagnostic information we will receive from the testing so that teachers have more information about each child’s learning in Literacy and Numeracy with which to design further teaching-learning experiences.

The teachers have completed an online professional development session on the new Maths syllabus this week and then they are going to Muswellbrook on Tuesday to do more intense face to face professional learning on the same topic. The teachers are continuing to work hard to ensure that they are ready to fully implement the new syllabus by the start of the 2015 school year.

Student leadership at school is a very important aspect of our education program at St Joseph’s. For the past 6 years we have moved to a model where all students in Stage 3 are school leaders and in particular the Year 6 students have special leadership responsibility. I would like to congratulate our current Year 6 leaders – Ty Riley, Clancy Moore, Eliza Peebles and Matthew Wilkins. These leaders without exception have embraced their role with great school spirit and a spirit of service and responsibility. The leaders meet each week in one lunch time with Mr Morris and me and they plan their week’s service and discuss the week that has gone before. They keenly observe the interactions of all children on the playground and assist the teachers and students where needed. The leaders have already organised their leadership shirt, which they wear every Wednesday, the Mother’s Day breakfast which was a great community event, the Pancake Tuesday event and the upcoming Pyjama Day for Asthma awareness. They are at present planning a fundraiser to help support the Life Education program which comes to our school each year. They also try to be present representing the school at all out of school events such as Anthem singing at Australia Day, ANZAC Day march, Stations of the Cross, Sunday Mass, Festival of the Fleeces Parade, School campdraft and fete etc. The four leaders are challenged each week to discuss at the leaders meeting their strengths and weaknesses. We call this session “The good, the bad and the ugly”! Each of the students has taken responsibility for their own shortcomings and is in a continual process of self improvement. We are so proud of our leaders and their parents deserve to be proud of them also. I implore all members of our school community to acknowledge our leaders and encourage them in their service role.

An Asthma Foundation Pyjama Day was held to raise awareness and funds for Asthma research at school on Wednesday May 21. One in ten adults and children has asthma. Sadly, asthma symptoms can often mean that people miss out on school or work and other activities they enjoy. Please help support this very worthwhile cause. We have more children affected by asthma at this school than any other ailment.

The St Joseph’s Spelling Bee has produced class winners and now Stage champions. Congratulations to Peter Hagley, Rhianna Smith, William Collins and Nate Brown from Early Stage 1; Kiesha Lee and...
Taylor, Darcy Taaffe, Helena Parker and Braeden Halse from Stage 1; Jorji Taaffe, Tia Magner, Nicholas Morgan and Korye Halse from Stage 2 and Eliza Peebles, Darcy Moore, John Magner and Jemma Grady from Stage 3 for being your class winners. After the very competitive Spelling Bee on Friday the Stage champions are Rhianna Smith, Kiesha Lee Taylor, Jorji Taaffe and Jemma Grady. These champions from Stages 1, 2 and 3 will now go forward to Muswellbrook to compete against the other schools’ Stage Champions. Thank you for supporting this competition as it is our Region of schools’ strategy to lift the spelling competence of our students.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS

Kindergarten - Bethany Wightman – for her effort in all key learning areas

Aidan Hunt – for being responsible and ready to learn

Alyra Bannerman – for working hard in Literacy groups

Year 1/2 - Darcy Taaffe - Great effort in our school spelling bee

Helena Parker - Great effort in our school spelling bee

Braeden Halse - Great effort in our school spelling bee

Kiesha-Lee Taylor - Great effort in our school spelling bee

Year 3/4 - Tia Magner - for great contributions to class discussions

Nicholas Morgan - for great work in PDHPE activities

Year 5/6 - Year 5/6 – for embracing a new teaching method in Mathematics wholeheartedly

Playground Champion - Alyra Bannerman – for fitting into the St Joseph’s playground extremely well

Principal’s Awards - John Magner - for being a helpful and responsible student in helping teachers to prepare the room for the Spelling Bee last week.

Helen Whale
Principal

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**PJ Day**

**Stay in your PJ’s to help people with asthma**

Events are being held all throughout May (and even June) so there’s still time to register your event.

Did you know that one in 10 adults and children has asthma? Sadly, asthma symptoms can often mean that people miss out on school or work and other activities they enjoy.

**YOU CAN HELP** reduce the impact of asthma by raising awareness and money for this chronic condition that affects over 2 million Australians.

Simply hold a PJ Day fundraiser at your school, workplace or community group **anytime during the month of May**. Although PJ Day is traditionally run to coincide with World Asthma Day (on Tuesday 6 May 2014), you can hold your fundraiser any time during May or June 2014.

Money you raise will go towards vital asthma research and asthma support programs.

**Register** to take part and we will provide you with further resources and information closer to the event. For more information email **Dawn Smith** or call 02 9906 3233.
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P and Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P and C Associations.

Each school’s P and C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

1967 REFERENDUM

May 27 marks the anniversary of a referendum that became a defining point in Australia’s history. Over 90% of Australian’s voted to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Indigenous people and recognise them in the National Census.

THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA MABO DECISION

June 3 marks the anniversary of the landmark Mabo decision which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship to the land; relationship that existed before the arrival of the British. The decision paved the way for land rights.

During this week students in Stage 2 and 3 will be participating in a mini unit of work based on a rediscovery of the songs, sounds and stories of the traditional owners of the land around Bennelong.
Point, Sydney Cove and Sydney Harbour. They will learn about totems, connection to land, water and air, how the area changed when the British arrived and some of the culture and customs of the traditional owners of the land from that area.

We will then do follow up lessons on reconciliation.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Next week Dimity Parker from Merriwa Central School will be doing work experience in our school. She will work with Years 4/5/6.

**FOOD REVOLUTION DAY**

Last Friday Michael O’Brien and his team from Muswellbrook Woolworths delivered the makings of a healthy lunch. They provided the students with wraps, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, shredded carrot, shredded cheese, BBQ chicken, ham, mayonnaise and sweet chilli sauce. Students were encouraged to make their own healthy lunch. They were also given a bottle of water and a choice of apples or mandarins. The students were very excited and enjoyed the freedom of making their own creations.

Michael spoke to the students about the importance of not only eating healthy foods but also about how children can become involved in food preparation. He challenged all students to prepare a meal for their family over the weekend.

Due to the success of the day, Woolworths are considering returning next term, and making the healthy lunch day a more regular activity.

We thank Michael and his team for not only preparing the food but helping with service.

We thank Woolworths Muswellbrook for their generosity in supplying the yummy fresh food for our lunch.

Christina Darlington
Principal

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

- Codi Marsh - excellent effort in writing
- Angus Higgins - improvement in handwriting
- Bella Wallace - fantastic effort in writing
- Josh Wilkins - working well in all areas
- Cambell Hinze - writing fantastic sentences
- Steven Allen - showing improvement in his reading
- Reagan Turner - working well to improve her sounds knowledge.

**WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

Year K/1/2 - Harry Thompson, Mikayla Borradaile and Rhyme Anderson

Year 3/4/5/6 - Tylana Cox, Josh Wilkins, Amy Thompson and Kristy Walker.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Andrew Harris - demonstrating school values.

**PLEASE NOTE LAST WEEK’S STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Marshall Hinze - a valued member of K/1/2.
SMALL SCHOOL...BIG DIFFERENCE

Cassilis Public School is a fantastic school. The students are happy, safe and great learners who will grow up to be important and respected members of their communities.

The staff are excellent and always take their responsibilities with education and student welfare very seriously.

Families are in partnership with the school in their child’s learning. This positive partnership is important and valuable and greatly assists in the social and educational learning of their child.

The wider community is very proud of us and I love that we hear such positive comments about how great our small school is and what a big difference we make in the lives of the students!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Our new Student of the Week this week goes to Sophie Anderson. Sophie has earned the title of Student of the Week for a number of reasons. She is a hard working student who can be relied upon to complete her homework each night and perform well in classroom activities each week as she works hard to improve her learning. Sophie understands that it’s okay to make mistakes and that this is how we learn. Because of this, she is happy to listen to and take on feedback from teachers. Also, when visitors come to the school she is respectful to them as demonstrated last week with her effort during scripture and Zumbatomic. Sophie knows it’s important to come to school unless she is unwell or has a really good reason to be away. She is always a pleasure to have in the classroom and has thoroughly earned the title of Student of the Week!

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

What is your favourite food? Sausages

What career would you like when you are older? A cowgirl

Apart from your family, who your role model? Brady and Sarah because they are good leaders of the school

If you were given $100, what would you buy? A chestnut mare and gelding horse

What is one thing that people may not know about you? I am good at making cards

What has been your greatest achievement? Reaching Reading Level 18.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The internet has become a powerful tool to connect and to share ideas and opinions. In recent years, social networking sites such as Facebook have grown in popularity and many people use them to communicate with family, friends and others.

As a school, we encourage parents to support us with the education and wellbeing of their children and if at any time, parents feel that they have any issues regarding their child’s education, they should make an appointment with me. As a community, we should all encourage the correct use of social networking sites by parents and family members. Thank you for your continued support.

GULGONG EISTEDDFOD

This week is the annual Gulgong Eisteddfod. Last year, Cassilis entered for the first time in years. It was a very positive experience with students and staff learning more about the performing arts. All experiences involve new learning, and we are excited about participating again. Students nominated themselves in different areas and have been dedicated to learning their different pieces. All support staff have been brilliant in assisting students individually to improve their performances.
With Budget 2014 has now been brought down. It appears to Community Child Care Cooperative (NSW) that the early education and care sector has not been impacted significantly by the budget.

The main changes on expenditure in the early education and care sector are:

- $12.6 million re-instated for national Occasional Child Care programme (this will not impact NSW significantly).

- Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) - 40 services to participate in a one year trial of online foreign language learning.

- Changes to Jobs Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance (JETCCFA) - maximum payment now $8.00 per hour and maximum of 36 hours per week.

- $250,000 cap on operational payments to each Family Day Care scheme.

- A commitment to the Inclusion and Professional Support Program (IPSP) from 2016. The budget announces a reduction of $12.0 million over two years from 2016-17 to be achieved by “streamlining programme delivery” in this programme. As no contracts for delivery of the IPSP programme exist beyond 2016 this is in fact an announcement of the continuation of the program (albeit in a more “streamlined” way).

- A number of small education and care programmes have been cut totalling $27.3 million.

- No announcement was made on the National Partnership on Universal Access to Early Education. This is consistent with the Assistant Minister, Susan Ley’s recent comments that she would wait on the outcomes of the review of the National Partnership before making a decision on its continuation. The Government has put funds aside that could be used to extend the program by 1 year subject to the review and negotiation with the States.

Access to early education and care may be hampered by those budget measures that impact on family’s disposable incomes such as the co-payment for doctor’s visits and cuts...
to family benefits. Access for sole parents may be hampered by the changes to the JETCCFA programme.

Leah Folpp and Merriwa Pre-School Educators

Photography Competition

Entries close: 2 JUNE
AT 12 NOON
Topic for the month is: AUSTRALIAN WOOL

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

MERRIWA FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

The Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces is fast approaching and as part of their coming event, they are hosting the May Photography competition.

Photos will be used in Festival media in relation to the Festival. With 23 years of this great event, there should be quite a few interesting photos that depict Australian Wool and all that surrounds the woolen industry.

Sort through your photos and email them to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages. The winning photo will be published in the Ringer on:

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Anglican News

Regular Church Services - page 27

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 June: Environment Sunday: Ted and Jenny Finnie will be taking us on an environmental journey, exploring different happenings to our planet, Plants, birds and all of God’s creatures

3 June: Anglican Women’s Conference at Christ Church Cathedral. Eucharist 10.30am. Guest speaker Kerry Thompson, wife of the new Bishop. Further details ph. Beatrice Voysey 6548 2065 or visit the website - www.anglicanwomennewcastle.org.au

7 June: Open Church - Festival of the Fleece – 10.30am -11.30am and 1.00pm-3.00pm

8 June: Blessing of the Fleece service - “Holy Trinity” 9.00am

We pray for the world, for the places scarred with conflict and war, for those who live in places ravaged by disease and famine. We give thanks for peace-keepers, conservationists and all who work for a just and sustainable world.

Contact: 0429 996 769

Rosalie Drew

Download the free Merriwa Central School App.
MCS in touch with our community!
The final day for this year’s Merriwa Rotary Bowelscan will be this Friday May 23. Rotarians will be outside the Merriwa Pharmacy with information on Bowelscan and with kits for sale. Do not miss this opportunity. Cost of kits is $10.00. The kits must be returned by June 12.

**FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES**
Rotary Merriwa will be operating the club’s barbeque for the Festival. As well as this, Rotary will be sponsoring MERV (Mens’ Educational Rural Van) which will provide free men’s health checks. This is a painless, hassle-free way for men to get a basic health check.

**ROAD WHYZ**
Rotary will be sponsoring this safe driving program at the Central School in mid-June.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE**
During July/August our club will be welcoming Clara Piefke from Lower Saxony, Germany who will be having a year here as a guest of our club.

**Merriwa VIEW Club**
Our next dinner meeting for Merriwa VIEW ladies will be held at the Merriwa Sports Club at 7.00pm for 7.30pm dinner on Thursday May 22. All membership fees should be paid. Check with Sue if you think you haven’t paid.

Our guest speaker will be Debbie Hunt who will tell us of her recent trip to the top of Queensland. Our ‘Learning Locally’ donation this month is a ruler/ sharpener. Lucky door and raffle donors are Louise Hunt and Debbie Hunt.

VIEW welcomes anyone who would like to attend our dinners to come along and enjoy a fun night of great food and wonderful companions.

For all enquiries ring Elaine Sparrow on 6548 8560.

**Merriwa CWA**
Serving devonshire teas, cappuccino, soup and freshly made sandwiches.

So do pop into the air condition rooms, catch up with friends and have a cuppa. CWA values your support.

The CWA is a not for profit organisation, which has supported many worthwhile charities including the Cancer Council, Chris O’Riley, Youth of the Streets and NETS. CWA also contributes to Medical research.

CWA Delegates will attend the State Conference at Griffith, May 19 to 22. Susie and Narelle will represent the Merriwa Branch.

This year’s conference will include the important debate on the future of the CWA property at Pott’s Point where the State Executive will place a motion to sell the site.

Jock Laurie the NSW Land and Water Commissioner will be the keynote speaker at the official opening.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**
June 18 - Aileen is organising a craft afternoon at the rooms from 1.00pm hope to see you there.

Lastly a thank you to all the ladies who sent along cooking for the races, your efforts did not go unnoticed.

**Merriwa District Progress Association**
The May meeting of the Progress Association will discuss Traffic Safety in Merriwa’s main street.

Everyone with concerns about the increasing risk of accidents in the main street is encouraged to attend. The meeting is at the RSL on Wednesday May 28, commencing at 6.00pm. Contact Beron on 6548 2245 for more information.
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

The Festival of the Fleeces Committee would like to thank the very generous sponsors of the 2014 ROSTO Olives Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces.

With over 100 Market Variety Stalls and new events such as the Sheep Yard Dog Trials, Team Penning Competition, Whip Cracking Competition, Sunday Bush Poet’s Breakfast plus all of the favorites like Sparkles the Clown, Shearing demonstrations, dog high jump, the famous Hanging of the Quilts, Croc Stars Reptile Show, My Pet Dinosaur, Circus West, and the delicious home cooking from the Merriwa CWA and Anglican Church ladies, there will be something for everyone.

Merriwa Volunteer Rescue Association, along with other local emergency services such as NSW Police, Ambulance, and Fire Service will all be in attendance to demonstrate their life saving skills in a simulated motor vehicle accident on Bow Street at 1.30pm.

Watch as these amazing men and women risk their own safety to save a life after a truck crashes into a motor vehicle. A scary situation which unfortunately happens more than anyone would like. But think how would our local way of life be effected without these community heroes? Any time, any hour, any day, they are always here for our community.

The Merriwa community through the Festival Committee donate much needed funds to the Merriwa VRA, Westpac Rescue Helicopter, and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia each year after the Festival.

In 2014 the committee hopes that the entire community enjoys the Festival and all that it has to offer. Thank you again to all of the amazing businesses, community groups, and individuals that have supported and sponsored the Festival. Here is to a wonderful weekend promoting Merriwa and all our region has to offer.

Thank you for your sponsorship to date,

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Want to manage your property in an environmentally sustainable way?

The Land for Wildlife Program might be just what you are looking for.

Land for Wildlife is a national program run by locals and provides a free environmental property assessment to landholders.

Land for Wildlife gives landholders the opportunity to participate in workshops, meet like-minded people and receive regular updates and newsletters.

This voluntary property registration scheme aims to assist landholders maintain wildlife habitats on their land, and best of all there is no cost to register. Joining Land for Wildlife does not change the status of your property.

Land for Wildlife is part of the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative, one of the largest conservation partnership projects in the world.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The Community Environment Network (CEN) the state coordinators for Land for Wildlife, will be holding a free seminar with a variety of local speakers for landholders in the Merriwa area. Please join us to find out more.

Where: Merriwa RSL - The Squatters Room

When: Saturday 14 June - 10.30am-midday

Light refreshments and an information pack are provided to all attendees.

To RSVP, phone Carolyn Smith at CEN on 4349 4752 or email: lfw@cen.org.au Or simply drop in on the day - See you there!

Land for Wildlife - Hawkesbury to Hunter


Carolyn Smith

Lost

A grey hoodie, a black long sleeved shirt and a water bottle were left outside the Anglican Church after Easter.

Who owns them? If they are yours or you know who they belong to please contact Reverend Pat Kirkby on 6548 2424.

Reverend Pat Kirkby

Merriwa St David’s Uniting Church

PIE/LAMINGTON DRIVE

Time to think about the next school holidays, and how to fill the freezer! Pie Drive Sheets will be out about town this week.

Delivery date: Wednesday June 25, 2014

Orders close: Friday June 13, 2014

If anyone is unable to locate an order sheet, please contact Barbara on 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131.

It seems no time since the last drive but the shorter school term brings it closer. We don’t plan on having another drive till Easter 2015.

Barbara Campbell

Messy Church

Some of our creations of natures creatures, sock puppets and sun catchers and perhaps you would allow your creations to appear in our messy church window display for the Festival of the Fleeces.

See you on Friday May 30 at the Anglican Hall at 3.30pm for some fun, food and fellowship.

Carol Bowman
Indian cuisine or Indian food encompasses a wide variety of regional cuisines native to India. Given the range of diversity in soil type, climate and occupations, these cuisines vary significantly from each other and use locally available spices, herbs, vegetables and fruits. Indian food is also heavily influenced by religious and cultural choices. The development of these cuisines have been shaped by Dharmic (Religious) beliefs, and in particular by vegetarianism, which is a growing dietary trend in Indian society. There has also been Central Asian influence on North Indian cuisine from the years of Royal Kingdoms and Delhi Sultanate rule. Indian cuisine has been and is still evolving, as a result of the nation’s cultural interactions with other societies.

Historical incidents such as foreign invasions, trade relations and colonialism have also played a role in introducing certain foods to the country. Indian cuisine has also shaped the history of international relations; the spice trade between India and Europe is often cited by historians as the primary catalyst for Europe’s Age of Discovery. Spices were bought from India and traded around Europe and Asia. It has also influenced other cuisines across the world, especially those from Southeast Asia, the British Isles and the Caribbean.

HISTORY

Indian cuisine reflects a 5000-year history of various groups and cultures interacting with the subcontinent, leading to diversity of flavors and regional cuisines found in modern-day India. Later, Royals, Mughals, British, and Portuguese influence added to the already diverse Indian Cuisine.

MIDDLE AGES

During the Middle Ages, several North Indian dynasties were predominant, including the Gupta dynasty. Travellers to India during this time introduced new cooking methods and products to the region, including tea and spices. Northern India was later invaded by Central Asian cultures, which led to the emergence of Royal cuisine, a mix of Indian and Central Asian cuisine. Hallmarks include seasonings such as saffron.

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Enquiries to Linda Gant on 6376 1220, Friday, Saturday, Sunday or 6376 1044 evenings.

La Scaletta
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The staff at La Scaletta would like to let the community know that the business will be closed on Saturday June 14. We hope that this doesn’t inconvenience anyone.

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We would like to congratulate the Red Cross on celebrating their 100 years (even though it is a bit belated!) So much is done by the Red Cross that most of us aren’t aware of, and the people who volunteer their time deserve our admiration.

HALLMARK MOMENT

This week we have some brand new wrap ideas in store, with cool new ways to wrap and decorate a present - some may call it cheating, but the rest of us call it awesome! Anyone can now achieve that professional look, with the right wrap and a few accessories.

TINY TRACKS

Those who have young children know how hard it can be to get them to sleep. A lot of studies say that listening to classical music is soothing for a baby - but who wants to listen to that all day. We have a great new range of modern music for you to lull your baby to sleep. This brilliant series includes all of your favourites - Beyonce, Lady Gaga, Pink, Bruno Mars, Michael Bublé and more - all set to lullaby. Sounds a bit weird, I know, but go to our Facebook page and follow the link to listen to some of the tracks - you will be amazed!

DISCOUNT DAY

We have a discount available for every customer! If you spend $30.00 or more on a Wednesday in one transaction, we will give you a discount voucher to spend next time you are in the newsagency. This includes stationery, magazines, newspapers, books, cards, wrap, toys and giftware. It does not include lottery products, phone credit or gift cards. This offer is only available on Wednesdays so make sure you come in and take advantage of it straight away! This offer is for cash and eftpos sales only. For more information, come and see any of our staff.

SPECIAL TITLE

Women’s Weekly Homes and Gardens is a new one-off edition that has some fantastic, inspiring and practical ideas for every reader. There are spreads on various homes across the country - eco homes, Queenslanders, modern revamps on old houses and a bit of quirkiness thrown in. There are splendid gardens that will inspire you to tackle the backyard. There are great DIY decor ideas to revamp old furniture. Quick simple make-over ideas, delicious food, and a state-by-state shopping guide for all of the great furnishings that are found inside. This is a great addition to any coffee table of inspiration folder. Grab it today.

GIFT IDEA

Have you been in to see our great range of wallets that is available now? They are affordable, come in several different designs, colours and textures. There are several different styles including - make up bag, wallet, coin purse and coin purse with a zip.

LIVING WITH DIABETES

This issue, put out by Wellbeing, is perfect for any household living with someone who is diabetic. It is full of easy, natural healthy ideas for meals and life in general. Tips on how to keep blood pressure low, delicious food options, protection for eyes and nerves, weight-loss options, supplements, exercises to lower blood-sugar, and so many more things are inside this issue. It is an invaluable addition to the shopping list and available right now.

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Neville and Leanne Hook

Australia Post Merriwa
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Applications for a concession card account are still available. The account entitles eligible people to 50 stamps a year at 60c each. It will take a few minutes for you to complete the application form (and we are happy to assist with this) and once completed you will receive a card plus five free concession stamps in the mail within about ten working days. Please show your concession card when handing in your application to staff.

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There has been a huge price reduction on the iPhone 4s through Australia Post. The 8GB White or Black iPhone 4s was $529.00 and is now only $399.00. Get in quick and order your new iPhone.

CHANGES TO PIN NUMBERS

From 30 June 2014 there will be a change to all card based DEPOSIT transactions through Australia Post. When depositing money you will be required to enter a PIN number in order for the transaction to succeed.

CHANGE TO SATURDAY TRADING

For a number of months now I have been tracking the trade on Saturdays. As this mostly consists of parcel pickups and the odd bill pay it is not viable for me to open every Saturday. As such I have decided to change to every alternate Saturday starting May 24. I appreciate everyone’s acceptance and understanding of the change in hours.

• Saturday May 10 – Open
• Saturday May 17 – Open
• Saturday May 24 – Open
• Saturday May 31 – Closed
• Saturday June 7 – Closed (June Long Weekend)
• Saturday June 14 – Closed
• Saturday June 21 – Open
• Saturday June 28 – Closed
• Saturday July 5 – Open

MAIL – RE ADDRESSING

If a redirection is not in place and you are changing the address please remember to cross out all the orange barcodes (front and back) or the mail will continue to return to you.

CARDED ARTICLES

Over a number of months I have been advising customers of the correct procedures in regard to collecting carded articles. I have received comments back such as “But you know us...” and “My dog ate it...”. Despite the fact that we know you, it is Australia Post policy that a card be presented when picking up a parcel that was unable to be delivered. Should that parcel be picked up by someone other than the addressee the authorisation section on the back of the card needs to completed by the addressee.

Merriwa Post Office Hours are Mon-Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm and every second Saturday 9.00am-11.00am (effective 24.5.14).

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Michael and Sally Hagley
PUT YOUR HOME EQUITY TO OTHER USE

Building a property portfolio remains a popular investment strategy for many Australians. This is particularly relevant at the moment as interest rates are at record lows, which means the cost of borrowing to buy property is the lowest it has been in a very long time.

However, there are many ‘mum and dad’ potential investors who question whether they can afford to purchase an additional property while continuing to repay their home loan. Using equity may provide a solution.

Often, people who have paid off all or part of their home borrow against the equity they have built up over time - the difference between a home’s market value and the unpaid balance of the home loan - to finance the deposit for an investment property purchase.

In my opinion, it tends to be an ‘old school’ notion that repaying a home loan in full is a must-do before purchasing more properties. Homeowners who want to build a property portfolio quickly may consider this strategy as it enables them to capitalise earlier on the inroads they’ve already made with repaying their home loan.

A family home is the biggest financial commitment, and asset, many Australians will ever have. So why not put it to work while you work on paying it off? Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Determine how much equity you have in your property: Depending on how long you have been making repayments and the capital growth accumulated since purchasing your property, you may be able to use your home equity, rather than cash, as a deposit for an investment property. A local real estate agent or mortgage broker could help to arrange an estimated market valuation report of your property as a guide.

Work out how much you can afford: How much you can borrow is subject to lenders’ serviceability criteria as well as the amount of available equity, which works as security for the investment loan. Keep in mind that if you intend to borrow more than 80% of the total property value, ie. that of your home plus the investment property, you will probably be required to pay lenders mortgage insurance, which can be quite costly.

It is important to note this strategy does require you to take on a certain amount of risk. Before accessing your equity it is necessary to establish whether you can comfortably afford higher loan repayments and which, if any, lender is willing to lend to you.

Get the right advice: In any case it’s a good idea to consult a financial and tax adviser then visit a professional mortgage broker, who can help you compare finance options and find a lender and loan product suited to your circumstances.

On the other hand, you may find that you don’t yet have enough equity in your home to use towards the purchase of an investment property. One way to help you build equity quickly is to consider making higher loan repayments. Many mortgage holders may be doing this already if they have ignored the recent rate cuts and kept their home loan repayments the same over the year.

The best way to go about repaying more is to regularly review the household budget, noting all aspects of the cashflow over a week, month, quarter and year. The next step is to calculate what you can truly afford and to stick to that limit.

For more information on entering the property market and finding the right home loan for your needs, contact Lauren (0408 480 562) or Jody Murphy (0432 653 575) and the team at Mortgage Choice Hunter Valley on 02 4987 1035. They will come out to see you.

If you are looking for car or equipment finance, contact us for competitive rates.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Lauren and Jody Murphy
Merriwa Ringer

Woolbrook Rural Industries

So the new United States of America, only about 20 years after gaining independence from Britain and having concluded the Louisiana purchase in 1803, now owned about half the entire North American continent in a broad east to west sweep from the Atlantic ocean to the Pacific ocean and from Canada in the north to Mexico in the south. Before long the Lewis and Clark expedition brought back the welcome news that the great purchase had been for land which appeared to be even better than hoped for. Therefore western USA and much of the Eastern section were now virtually unexplored, though the extreme east close to the Atlantic was already settled or soon would be. Before long there was movement into the unexplored country, mostly a trickle at first often led by trappers, hunters, and miners (particularly those looking for, and sometimes finding, gold). There were also some who were in trouble with the law and looking for somewhere to hide, and consequently US Marshals also went out there to look for and bring back the more serious in the wanted category. The Marshals’ activities are well catalogued, also the fact that it was, for various reasons, a dangerous job, including the possibility that outlaws might find the Marshal first and deal with him. Nor do the Marshals seem to have been particular as to whether they brought their quarry back dead or alive just as long as they did bring them.

The trickle west increased till eventually it became a torrent (the cry was “Go West Young Man”) increasing further as the Americans began a huge immigration policy which brought millions to their shore from every country in the world but particularly from Europe so that German, Polish, Russian, Irish, Greek and Italian names, amongst many others, soon became common as they also did in Australia and for the same reasons. After the end of the Civil War hundreds of thousands of soldiers were demobilized and, while obviously most of these had been inured to violence, some had committed atrocities and Quantrill’s Raiders and the burning of the city of Atlanta come immediately to mind. Therefore many violent men were on the loose and some went west. At some stage the term “The Wild West” became popular to denote the western and more violent parts of the USA, though I suppose the dates at which it began and ended (and its exact location) are subject to varying opinions. However, in my mind I suggest the period began (or became appropriate) fairly early in the 1800s and ended perhaps as late as about 1900, and later I will give some reasons for my choosing that approximate period. At any rate, Hollywood quickly exploited the Wild West, almost as soon as the first silent movies were made about 1920, legends and myths were soon forged, and it is easy to follow how these began and how they changed over the years. In the early days in Wild West movies those taking part were always very good goodies and very bad baddies (often defined by their hats which were respectively white and black) but gradually the concept of bad goodies and good baddies crept in till often it was difficult to distinguish one from the other.

There is abundant photographic and written evidence from about 1850 onwards which shows clearly what these people were like and what they did. For instance, where Hollywood liked its cowboys, good or bad, to wear big immaculate hats, what they did in fact wear was usually headgear of all kinds and mostly old, tattered and dirty. Bowler hats were very much in fashion, especially for formal occasions, and there is a delightful photo of Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid and their gang, all armed and dressed up to the nines with perfect bowler hats, suits and ties and posed with some sitting in chairs with another standing row behind them. A set of photos sent to me by somebody who knew my interest in such matters includes a group of Mexican lawmen about 1895 led by a couple of American Law Enforcement Officers and complete with their trophy, a pair of dead outlaws. The lawmen actually look the epitome of villains, dirty, disheveled, festooned with weapons, and wearing a variety of clothing with some of the Mexicans wearing thongs on bare feet rather than boots. However Hollywood’s version of the Wild West gradually changed over a period of nearly a hundred years, from an idealized concept to something close to the truth. Indeed Clint Eastwood’s version “The Unforgiven”, with the anti-hero finally standing over a villainous and prostrate sheriff and killing him in cold blood with a shotgun, is probably as close to the truth as we are ever likely to get. At one time Eastwood and the sheriff would have faced each other on a wide and lonely street from which everybody else had fled for fear of involvement, both would have drawn their guns and Eastwood would have killed the sheriff in a fair gunfight. In fact mostly shooting deaths were not the result of idealized fair fights, but of being shot in the back (e.g. Jessie James), the equivalent of our “King Hit” (except with a gun rather than the fist), a firefight in darkness (Billy the Kid), a difference at a card game, a bar room brawl, or a dispute over land (e.g. the Johnson County Range War).

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Max Wurcker

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Council has received the following development applications which may be inspected during office hours until 4.30pm Thursday 22 May 2014.

DA No: 39/2013-2
Applicant: MM Hyndes Bailey & Co
Location: Lots 3 & 4 Section 5 DP
Vennacher Street Merriwa
Proposal: Section 96(1A) Modification - modify proposed dwelling on Lot 101

Council has received the following development applications which may be inspected during office hours until 4.30pm Thursday 29 May 2014.

DA No: 84/2014
Applicant: MM Hyndes Bailey & Co
Location: Lot 3 Section 5 DP 758672
(Proposed Lot 102)
Vennacher Street, Merriwa
Proposal: Relocated Dwelling & Garage

Comments or objections are invited from any affected person in regard to the proposals. All submissions must be submitted to the General Manager in writing within the inspection period above. Reasons for objection must be specified.

Note: Certain complying developments & those complying with Council's Development Control Plan for Public Notification & Advertising are not advertised nor are adjoining/affected landowners notified.

The community can check the current status of a development application on Council’s website: www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

WHERE WILL THE CHILDREN PLAY?

Sport and recreation lovers, of all ages, are asked to share their views on what activities they enjoy, or would like to enjoy, in Upper Hunter Shire’s parks, sporting fields, bike and walking paths, and other open spaces.

Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Michael Johnsen said it was a chance for all residents to have a say on the future of the Shire.

“The Upper Hunter has some fantastic spots for sport and recreation including parks, playgrounds, sporting fields and walking trails,” Mayor Johnsen said.

“Your views will help Council plan how we protect and maintain them, and what facilities will be needed in the future.

“We have a lot of people who are passionate about their sport and the great outdoors and I hope they will take a few minutes to fill in this survey,” he said.

There are three $100 gift vouchers to be won.

A hard copy of the survey is available from Council offices in Scone, Murrurundi and Merriwa or it can be completed online at Council’s website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au on Council’s Facebook page or Upper Hunter YOUTH COUNCIL’S WEBSITE www.upperhunteryouthcouncil.com.au

In coming weeks there will also be a telephone survey of some Upper Hunter residents. The survey closes 14 June 2014.

GUMMUN PLACE HOSTEL

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE

Thank you to all those who supported the Mother’s Day Raffle. $381 was raised. The raffle was drawn on Friday 9 May 2014, and the winners were:

First Prize - Lunch for 4 people or afternoon tea for 6 people at the Plough Inn Cassilis to the value of $100 - Won by Elijah Kiely
Second Prize - Crochet Rug and Gift Basket - Won by Leonie Bourke
Third Prize - $25 Gift Voucher from Merriwa Pharmacy - Won by Maree Goodear.

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1273 Flags Road Merriwa 
$450,000
Situated on 104 acres is this very well established property ideal for someone wanting to be out of town but an easy drive to work. The home has been freshly renovated and comprises of four big bedrooms, the main with an ensuite and walk in robe. A large lounge featuring a combustion fire and an open plan family, dining, kitchen area. The kitchen is in excellent condition and has a dishwasher and walk-in pantry. At the rear of the home is a covered entertainment area overlooking the pool and taking in the fantastic views all around. Water is supplied via a bore, 66,000 litres of fresh water storage and two dams. The property is well fenced into two paddocks both with water. There is a triple garage and numerous smaller sheds.

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Sunday: 5:00pm to 7:00pm meat voucher raffle and members’ badge draw.

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

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Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Thursdays - 5.00pm Bingo and Super 39
Wednesdays - Social Darts - 7.00pm
Fridays - Happy Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm and free raffles - nine prizes
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.
Casual Bowls and Golf also available.

WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday 17 May 2014
Saturday Members Draw no 241 next week $100.00
Winners Jackpot next week $480.00.
Free Tickets: Jason Rosa
Dinner: Des Snelgrove
Bowls Raffle: Robert Whaley

Sunday 18 May 2014
Sunday Members draw no 452 next week $750.00.

TRANSPORT SERVICE IS AVAILABLE FRIDAY
Don’t take the risk and drive when for $3.00 per person you can be chauffeured home.
To access the transport service you must book through the Sports Club to check availability of the service.

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DON’T FORGET SOCIAL DARTS
Wednesdays 7.00pm draw for partners. All welcome.

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THE SPORTIES ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP

SMORGASBORD
Sunday 25 May
6.00pm

STATE OF ORIGIN NIGHT
Wednesday May 28
Join the fun and great deals at the Sporties! From 6.30pm

SATURDAY 7 JUNE
Pembroke Merriwa Jumbucks Wool Challenge 10.00am start
Electro Dance From 6.45pm.

John Rindfleish

LADIES BOWLS NEWS

Good nominations were received for our friendship day, results next week.
Next district Gala day is at Murrurundi on Wednesday May 28.

Beatrice Voysey

MEN’S BOWLS NEWS

UNCLASSIFIED

Just a friendly reminder to those involved which is to all bowlers representing our club, we are having a meeting at the club at 10.00am sharp Saturday morning, please be there. We are also hoping to play as many games of championships as possible. Get as much practise as you can in the next fortnight, I think we can win zone!

Thanks again to Ken and Des travelling to Scone for the District meeting. We will report on that on Saturday also.

On another note, the constitution we are working on with other members of the Merriwa Sports Club is going well and will hopefully we will have a current and legal document to present at the Annual General in November.

Phil Rush (Rabs)
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.

LAST WEEK’S RESULTS

Friday 16 May

Members Draw: $145.00 – Michelle Smith-Wildey - unclaimed - $150.00 next week.

Joker Draw: $1100.00 – Kevin O’Malley - flipped an Ace for $110.00 - $1030.00 next week.

MEMBERS SPECIAL FOR MAY/JUNE

$4 Schooners and $3 Middies

Hilary Parker

Merriwa RSL Club
The Members Lucky Badge for $900.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 752. This week it jackpots to $950.00. The 7.00pm draw for $620.00 was not won. The number was 12. This week it jackpots to $640.00. The 9.00pm draw for $160.00 was not won and the number was 123. This week it jackpots to $180.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $1000.00 was not won last week. The number was 881 and this week it jackpots to $1050.00. It will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. LTPS/13/04473

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

Coming Events

The Club now has a new juke box in the games room with over 15,000 selections and is up dated every two weeks with new songs.

Thursday nights from 7.00pm - Social Darts.

Saturday 19 July 2014, The Beach Boyz Tribute Show. Tickets on sale now, $15.00 each, under 12 years age $5.00.

Bistro - hours have now changed for the cooler months with 5.30pm open for the evenings.

Matt Morgan
Secretary/Manager

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football and Netball Club
HOME GAME 24 May, 2014

Our first of only two home games is happening Saturday 24 May, 2014. There will be in excess of 240 players plus parents and family converging on the Merriwa ovals with 26 games being played throughout the day. A lot of people to provide food for, over a six hour period.

We need your help to serve in the canteen throughout the day and we are asking that each team provide at least three/four volunteers to help serve in the canteen at their allotted time. Parents from the Under 6’s, 7’s and 8’s are rostered for one hour after their child’s game and the Under 11’s will do their hour stint for an hour before their child’s game. If anyone can do more than the allotted hour, that would be much appreciated. If you’ve ever been in canteen you would realise it is very busy serving some 500 plus people, so please support your club by volunteering your time, especially in your allotted space. All money raised in our canteen goes back to our club members with a large portion being spent on Presentation Day.

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 24 MAY

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Needed: Three, hopefully four volunteers each time slot but all volunteers are welcome anytime!

It would be great to see our Merriwa community coming to watch the youth of Merriwa playing Rugby League. It is great to watch the enthusiasm of our young players , five year olds up to eleven year olds. We thank all those who have volunteered their time to do specific jobs for us on the day. Your time is muchly appreciated.

RSL U/6’S

We travelled to Aberdeen on Saturday and played Scone Red. Jack Cooke scored his first try for the season and made some great tackes
as well. (I hope you got your chocolate sundae Jack!) Daniel and Toby Mead put in some great runs in attack while Nate Brown and Zac Walker were on fire with their tackling. Jayden McPhie also made great tackles and also had a few great runs. Great team effort. Well done to our six Under 6’s.

A special mention to Denman for lending us two great little players. It was appreciated. This week we have our first home game for the season so come on down and show your support for our young footballers. See you all there!

Olivia Gear

KINGSLYN U/8’S

Under 8’s played an exceptionally great game against Singleton white last Saturday. By far the best game they have played so far this season. The whole team played and worked together and it showed, with the team scoring nine tries in 30 minutes of football. As I have said in the past defence is everything in Rugby League and the U/8’s defence is just brilliant, making it very hard for the opposition to break through our line.

David’s defence was great, most of the time being the first up to meet and put pressure on the Singleton ball runners and often landing the tackle with ease. Elly was very keen to be the boss out on the field, being first receiver for the second third and did a great job leading the team, and Jack has been loving his football, showing a natural talent, being very strong and speedy with the ball and tackling really well too.

So many great try’s, well done to Dylan scoring three, Brooklyn scoring two, Clayton scoring two, one to Jyeson and one to Riley. Well done Under 8’s.

Belinda Keane

WELDERUP UNDER 15’S

An awesome home game this week against Dungog. We had our full complement of players for the first time this season. Our boys started very well and went into the halftime break with a 10 all scoreline. An early converted try in the second half put us in front 16–10. Unfortunately the boys then lost focus for a period against a very committed opposition who eventually came out the winners at 26 – 16.

Once again I must stress the positives with our boys very close to a good all-round game performance. Players Player was shared between Hamish Cameron and Luke Cronin with the Coaches Award going to Cody Towell. All in all a great performance for most of the game. Our try scorers were Luke Cronin, Matt Porter and John Whitby.

Many thanks to all the helpers in the canteen. Thanks to James Whitby and Paul Medd who did our table and to our helpers on the bench – John Cronin and Murray Wright. Thanks to Gavin Gleeson our Merriwa Junior Rugby League BBQ Chef specialist. Great volunteers who are always available to help out when asked.

Phil Neale

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

Round 6 saw the Merriwa Magpies take on Muswellbrook at Muswellbrook in both grades. After putting up a brave effort the girls went down 26 – 10. Late in the game the girls came within four points of Muswellbrook and were looking like levelling up the scores only to see Muswellbrook score two late tries.

In the Merriwa Reserves scored first to lead 6 – 0, Muswellbrook hit back to lead 12 – 6 at the break. The Magpies scored first in the second half the level up at 12 all, and this is how the game remained as Seth went down with a neck injury. This stopped the game for around 20 minutes.

This Saturday the Magpies take on Greta-Branxton with the ladies League Tag kicking off at 4.00pm.

After this weekend the Magpies next home game will be the June long weekend, this being the Old Boy’s weekend with Merriwa Old Boy’s and the Men of League Old Boy’s playing a round robin to kick off the day from 1.30pm, this followed by the League Tag at 3.00pm and Reserves at 4.00pm. This day will see the Reserves pay tribute to the victorious 1964 first grade team by wearing replica jerseys with the 1964 team names on them, these are to be actioned after the game at the after match function at the RSL Club.

OLD BOY’S NEWS

Training for the old boy’s kicks off this week and continues till the long weekend, training days are Tuesday and Thursday’s at 6.30pm.

Last week seen the old boy’s have their second meeting this seeing our committee increase in numbers, committee members at this early stage are Denny Gleeson, Mark Kirkland, Matt Morgan, Trent Cooper, Patrick Williams, Andrew Taylor, Bruce Blackadder and Bob Rolfe.

Matt Morgan
### 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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