Leaders of the Future

Cassilis Students attend GRIP Leadership Program

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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.
Principal’s Report

To celebrate National Reconciliation Week we have invited all Aboriginal students and their parents on a very special picnic. In order to build understanding of local Aboriginal heritage and culture we will visit the “Hands on the Rock” and “The Drip” west of Merriwa. Field officers from Red Hill Field Study Centre will explain to students and parents the significance of both sites. Next term the experience will be extended to all students and parents to ensure we all share a greater understanding of Aboriginal heritage and culture. I encourage all parents to come along and enjoy the day out.

ATTENDANCE

Every day a child misses school is a day they fall behind their classmates. It is essential that students attend school every day, the exception being when they are sick.

Going shopping, a hair appointment, or having a birthday are not genuine reasons to be absent from school. Students in Years 11 and 12 are required to be at school all day every day - even when they have study periods.

Unfortunately on the last day of Term 1, 99 students were absent from school, the majority without a proper reason. Parents are responsible for ensuring their child is at school every day, our school target is 94% attendance. The Department can take legal action against parents who fail to ensure their children attend school on a regular basis.

TRAINING FOR PARENTS

Parents are represented on merit selection panels when teaching positions are advertised. The current assistant principal vacancy will be advertised shortly and for the first time we will have both a parent representative and a representative from the Upper Hunter Aboriginal Education Consultative Committee (AECG). Katie Burgess from Cassilis Public School ran training this week for parents who are interested in participating on the panels. Additional merit selection training will be conducted next term to ensure we have a pool of parents to call upon.

P AND C MEETING

Our next P and C meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 June at 7-8.30pm at the RSL Club. We have a great new committee who are keen to invite new parents along. Come along have a drink and a chat in a relaxing atmosphere. You never know, you just might enjoy it!

Darren Noonan
Principal

FESTIVAL PARADE
Saturday June 7
Students are to meet dressed in their bush gear at 11.45am in front of Cross Country Ford.

Coming Events

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Primary News

KINDERGARTEN ASSEMBLY

Kindergarten performed a wonderful item at last week’s assembly. They read the book called ‘To Town’ then rewrote it and called it ‘To School’. The students had to choose a type of transport to come to school, two words to describe it and the sound it made. Next they had to draw and paint an illustration. They looked at the one in the book, it was big and had lots of colours. The students drew a large illustration and created a coloured background for it.

SPRING AWARDS

Last week we were proud to present our first Bronze Award recipients for this term. Congratulations to Jasmine Smith, Thomas Amidy and Callum King. Students are eligible to receive a Bronze Award if they have earned five Merriwa Merits and hand them into their class teacher.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Last week these wonderful workers shared the great learning they have been doing in class recently. Students shared samples of journal writing and illustrations, fast maths, measurement and story questions. Well done to the following workers:

Year 1/2: Zane Smith and Dylan Keane
Year 2/3: Ellie-May Whitby and Duncan Harrison
Year 4/5: William Whitby and Logan Pike
Year 5/6: Libbie Towell and Jackson Keane

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Students of the Week from last week. Students are making a fantastic effort in class each week and it’s great to hear about these accomplishments every Friday.

Year Kindergarten: Matilda-Rose Whitby
Year 1/2: Amelia Sellers
Year 2/3: Samantha Bristow
Year 4/5: Logan Pike
Year 5/6: John Hamson (absent)

SCRIPTURE SHOW

Last Wednesday May 21, the Primary Campus was visited by Wild Bible for a fun presentation and scripture show. It was a fantastic show with some interesting Bible stories and even some pop quizzes! Each student received a complimentary magazine with even more interesting articles. Thank you to Aunty Barbara for organising the show to visit Merriwa Central School.
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) FACULTY NEWS

It is definitely busy times in the VET-TAS faculty. Mrs Hegarty, Mr Creamer, Mr Duncan and Miss King have been working hard to present information to classes that will help them in their upcoming examinations and assessment tasks. Our students have already or are about to complete Half Yearly Examinations and a variety of assessment tasks. We are looking forward to marking top quality work from our students.

WORK EXPERIENCE

This week Merriwa Central School Year 10 students have been participating in their first block of Work Experience. Students have selected a range of different industry areas to work in. We would like to thank the following employers for supporting our students so they can gain some experience of the world of work:

- St Joseph’s Primary
- Neil Hunt
- Ces Motor Trimming and Industrial Sewing
- Scone Advocate
- Hunter/New England Health
- Sharp-n-Stylish Hair
- Denman Vet Clinic
- Coolah Vet Clinic
- Manning River Times
- Tamarra Private Hospital
- Sandy Hollow Public School
- Welderup
- Curls and Swirls
- Bit’s and Pizza
- Dept Primary Industries
- CJ Vero and Sons

Second year student and ROAR member Liam Cronin read the story to the participants and did a fantastic job! All the students loved hearing the story and answering Liam’s questions throughout the book. Thank you Liam for your great reading and thank you to our local library for inviting us along for the event. We look forward to National Simultaneous Storytime next year!

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

In Personal Development Health and Physical Education (P.D.H.P.E.), Year 7-10 classes had Athletics lessons prior to the holidays and in the beginning of Term 2 in preparation for the Athletics Carnival. Students participated well in a range of throwing disciplines and sprinting lessons – practising their skills and for the most part improving their technique and performances. All junior classes have transitioned to more theory-based units of work.

In Year 7, we are learning about the “Rollercoaster of Relationships”. We are investigating what makes positive quality relationships, the roles they play in their various connections in life and how to resolve arguments or conflicts.

Year 8 have been working on a Nutrition unit. So far we have figured out the difference between the five food groups and the now more commonly used information about nutrients. We have been exploring models of healthy eating and analysing our diets in relation to those models.

Year 9 has spent their time preparing for an Athletic assignment task as well as starting an investigation into Diversity in the community. This will further unpack relationship issues regarding culture, age and harassment and Anti-Discrimination (which has been the media recently with proposed changes to government law and societies perception of discrimination).

TIMBER WORKSHOP

The workshop areas are strangely quite this week, with Year 10 on Work Experience and Year 11 on Half Yearly examinations. Hopefully it should give the remaining students in those combined classes a chance to use equipment and machines that they would otherwise be lined up waiting for.

With Year 11 Timber sitting their exams this week, I thought I would provide a little feedback on their recently completed group project.

The coffee table that they worked on together was eventually finished and now takes pride of place in the common area of the library. The piece of laminated glass on top whilst delicate looks fantastic. The pane of glass was easier and cheaper than the liquid glass that they initially decided on. It took some convincing and a little experimentation with other products but the laminated glass won out. This was just one of the many design decisions that will help them over the their remaining two terms of the year and next year with their major design projects.

On a safety note, I’m endeavouring to bring in a Whole School Safety Program for the teachers to disseminate to our students. It is taking some
Why I want to be in ROAR? To improve on my learning
What is my favourite subject: PE/PASS
What is my favourite sport? Football and Cricket
What is my favourite team? West Tigers/Australia
Best personal sporting achievement: Age Champion for running in 2013 and small schools relay
Favourite Player: Tim Simona, David Warner, Mitchell Johnson
Who inspires you and Why: Mitchell Johnson because he bowls fast and I want to improve. Tim Simona because he can step and make breaks in tackles
Advice to young players: Do your best always!

Andrew Duncan

ZONE ATHLETICS
Muswellbrook High School hosted the Upper Hunter Zone High Schools Athletics carnival on May 21 (last Wednesday). We sent a large contingent of secondary students to compete against the host school, Singleton and Scone High Schools.

The team consisted of:

• 12 Boys – Clancy Martin
• 13 Boys – Lachlan Walker, Zach Adams, Dean Swan and Oliver Towell
• 14 Girls – Courtney Eveleigh, Elaina Sormaz, Shai Blackadder and Maddilyn Blackadder
• 15 Boys – Luke Cronin
• 15 Girls – Kylie Fairfull and Cara Hunt
• 16 Boys – John Cronin and Lachlan Walmsley
• 16 Girls – Dimity Parker, Taylah Blackadder, Bethany-Lee Edens Rosa and Madison Swan
• 17+ Boys – Matthew Orton.
• 17+ Girls – Billie-Jane Hoole

The weather conditions were magnificent and suitable for some amazing performances throughout the day. The really pleasing news is that there were numerous great performances by our students. As outlined below:

• Elaina finished first in her 400m event, second in 200m and in 800m, second in long jump, third in her 100m, shotput and high jump
• John scorched down the track and placed first in his 100m and first in long jump
• Matthew threw the javelin and finished in second place
• Taylah won her 400, 800 and 1500m event, second in discus and fourth in the 200m
• Madison placed first in 100, 200m and high jump and second in the 400m
• Dimity won her Shot Put
• Courtney placed first in shot put
• Ben placed first in 800, 1500m and high jump and second in long jump
• Austin placed first in his 100 and 200m event
• The newest event for Merriwa was the Relay teams, 13 years boys – Oliver, Clancy, Dean and Lachlan placed second and the 16 girls – Taylah, Madison, Maddilyn (not 16) and Elaina (also not 16) set a new record with their first place win.

Unfortunately the discus event did not run due to a lack of appropriate safety equipment and as a result the pre-entry distances submitted to the Muswellbrook High School convenor will be used to determine the qualifiers for the next level.

I am sure you will agree – our students have
We have had a great start to term in Year 3/4. We welcomed Lincoln Bannerman into our class this term and the children love having him in our class. We look forward to learning a lot of interesting things with you.

At the beginning of the term we explored the poem “Mulga Bill’s Bicycle” by Banjo Patterson. The class really enjoyed the character traits of Mulga Bill and the unfortunate events that happened to him. We were extremely fortunate when Adrian made a special visit to our school and after a brief history of the bicycle, Adrian showed us his Penny Farthing bike and demonstrated to the school how to ride the bike.

In HSIE this term, we are learning about goods and services in our community, how technology has changed the way we shop and the flow of goods and services.

In Science we are learning about how we interact with built environments and will use a range of processes to design a new built environment.

Horse Sports Committee

THANK YOU

A big thank you to my helpers that lent me a hand in the canteen and on the bbq at the Merriwa Polo Cross Carnival two weekends ago, without your help I could not have done it.

Yvonne McNaught, Amanda Attenborgh, Laurel Whitby, Jodie Mobberly, Rebecca West, Maria Irland and Andrew Webster helped out.

Thank you also to Suzie Kirk and Rebecca West who baked lots of yummy treats. Also Max McNaught who came to the rescue with extra meat when we ran out.

Your time and goodies were very much appreciated and with your help we raised some money to go towards this year’s horse sports day.

Thank you again!

Kellie Porter
Horse Sports Committee
Year 1/2 - Sienna Baber - Great work in maths
Roy Lawler - using great listening skills
Riley Telfer - Terrific work visualising maths problems
3/4 - Jorji Taffe - a terrific effort at the Regional Spelling Bee
Dylan Turner - great predicting skills in literacy.
5/6 - Jemma Grady – a fine performance at the Regional Spelling Bee
Rhys Turner - for being an excellent collaborator in English lessons
Playground Champion - Riley Melmeth – for always being involved in playground activities
Principal’s Awards - These girls have actively demonstrated how to be a good friend, treat others with respect and dignity, Chloe Towel, Rebecca Keegan, Jorji Taaffe and Tia Magner.

Our class has really enjoyed Creative Arts this term. On Friday afternoons the students have been engaged in a progressive art project based in our HSIE topic “Who Will Buy?” The students have had fun using different techniques to create an artwork based upon their favourite ice creams.

Last week Kiesha-Lee Taylor, Jorji Taffe and Jemma Grady represented our school in the Regional Spelling Bee. They travelled to Muswellbrook and competed against four other schools from the Upper Hunter. I would like to congratulate the girls on their fantastic effort.

Paige Farrow
Stage Two Teacher

WEEKLY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following award winners.

WEEK 4
Kindergarten - Peter Hagley – for setting a good example to his class mates and always being ready to learn!
Sam Grady – for being very reverent in Mass on Friday.

Remember!
Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer
BEFORE 12 noon MONDAYS.

Paige Farrow
Stage Two Teacher

Samantha Kerr
Early Stage One Teacher
GUWANYI WALAMA – TO TELL AND RETURN

On Friday all students in years 3-4-5-6 participated in a digital tour of the Sydney Opera House and Bennelong Point. This, however, was not a typical tour, but rather the arrival of the First Fleet as told from an Aboriginal perspective. Guy, from the Birapi clan led the students on a tour of Sydney Cove and shared experiences of the Gadigal clan from the Eora nation who were living in Sydney Cove at that time. He shared information about what the land looked like before settlement and how the Gadigal people were treated by the new arrivals. He also shared some insights into the importance of the relationship forged between Bennelong and Governor Arthur Phillip as Bennelong attempted to share his culture. Guy also shared an insight into what is meant by ‘country’ and why it is so important to Aboriginal culture. The session finished with the students learning some words from the Gadigal language. Overall, the students enjoyed the experience which has helped them to gain some understanding of what it was like for the Eora nation. This will lead into the next topic for our unit of work on British Colonisation – the early settlement.

WENDY JOHNSON

This week we welcome Wendy Johnson who is joining our staff as the learning and support teacher. She will be supporting students from all classes every Tuesday for the rest of this term. She will also be doing some casual days for staff as they attend in-service training later in the term.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy. Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

On Friday, all students representing each year at school received a badge to signify their membership of the SRC. Congratulations to all those students who were voted in by their peers. Our first SRC meeting will be held on Monday at lunch time, where an agenda for fundraising and projects will be set.

Sandy Hollow Public School and Progress Association

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 28 June at the Hall
6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
Cost - $10.00 per head
Bookings for tables of eight are being taken
Please contact the school 6547 4521
Come along for a fun night!
SRC representatives for this year are:
Year 1 - Lucas Stair, Riley Borradaile
Year 2 – Cambell Hinze, Andrew Harris
Year 3 – Dustynn Turner, Natasha Marsh
Year 4 – Sam Thompson, William Stair
Year 5 – Bella Wallace, Hunter Marsh
Year 6 – Tylana Cox, Codi Marsh, Drew McCandless, Olivia McLean, Katie Pike, Nickolas Roberts, Jackson Stair and Shanay Turner.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
We are now taking names for any child wishing to enrol for Kindergarten starting in 2015. If you have a child who will be starting in Kindergarten or know of a child that is intending to enrol at Sandy Hollow, please contact the school as soon as possible and leave your details. Towards the end of this term, we will start making plans for 2015 around staffing and allocation of resources and it would be helpful to know how many new students we will have.

WEEKLY AWARDS
Codi Marsh - fantastic descriptive sentences
Drew McCandless - excellent descriptive sentences
Jackson Stair - application of knowledge of fractions
Jake Pike - trying hard to improve his bookwork
Matthew Allen - improvement in Literacy
Steven Allen - making good progress when working on computers
Lucas Stair - fantastic reading skills.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK
K/1/2 - Bill Chambers and Reagan Turner
3/4/5/6 - Abby Cooper, Angus Higgins, Jacob Marsh, Beau Buswell and Ayden Marsh.

Sports Person of the Week - Harry Thompson.

Cassilis Public School

SMALL SCHOOL...BIG DIFFERENCE

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Cameron has been awarded the Student of the Week for his dedication to learning and improving last week and also for his efforts during play time. At the Gulgong Eisteddfod, he showed commitment to the events that he entered himself into and had great courage to get up onto stage and try his best. After he had finished each section, he carefully listened to and read the adjudicators comments so he knew where he went well and also the areas he could improve upon. Cameron was seen by staff and other students playing sport in a fair and encouraging manner. He understood it was a school game and the main aim was for participation and to involve other students. Cameron’s behaviour was respectful and safe all week. Congratulations on your award. You should feel very proud of your achievements.

Let’s Get to Know the Student of the Week a little better...

What is your favourite food? Potato bake
What career would you like when you are older? Be a truck driver in the army
Apart from your family, who your role model? Slim Dusty because he was a nice bloke
If you were given $100, what would you buy? I would save it and hopefully put it towards university
What is one thing that people may not know about you? I like to collect Transformers
What has been your greatest achievement? Being able to walk around Centre Point Tower.

SUCCESS AT GULGONG EISTEDDFOD
Great work Cassilis! You should feel proud of what you did last week. Both the K-2 and 3-6 groups went well in their class sections and were awarded third and fourth. Allira was awarded an encouragement certificate for her efforts in verse speaking. Georgia came highly commended in her verse speaking and Cameron came third in

Jeannie Harris
public speaking and highly commended in radio announcement.

Thank you and well done to the committee who hosted the event. I thought that the adjudicator, Ms Judith Burgess, was fantastic. She spoke really well to the children; her comments were positive and constructive and gave us a lot of pointers for next year. She said at one point that if you have a positive attitude, you will always learn from experiences. I think all the children who competed, not just from Cassilis, came away with a feeling of achievement and an understanding of what they could do to improve their future performances.

It was also excellent and very beneficial for our students to be part of the audience and to see and hear the other performances.

Thank you to Ms Murdoch, Mrs Nash, Mrs A Nairne, Mrs D Cornish, Miss Hodgson and Mrs Singh for assisting with transporting the students to Gulgong. Without your help, students’ mays have missed out and not had the opportunity.

They said it was because Simon is a leader in a way because we do what Simon says, but when he doesn’t tell us to do something we don’t do it.

Then we had morning tea break, after a chat with Coolah Central we came back inside to start the new segment which was lead like a strawberry and not a watermelon. Leading like a strawberry means you’re bad on the outside but good on the inside and leading like a strawberry means you’re the same on the outside and the inside.

The next activity was Leadership Everest which is about going against the crowd, recovering from all setbacks, involving others and overcoming conflict. Going against the crowd is if one person goes one way, most of the time a few other people go in the same direction but there’s mainly someone that goes the other way or the shortest route. Recovering from setbacks is for e.g. you’re in a competition and you get knocked over you get back up and keep trying until you pass. Involving others is getting help from someone like having to lift up something heavy and you can’t lift it yourself you would get someone to help you and last but not least overcoming conflict which is negotiating with your partner and figuring out a way to finish the challenge. 

By Cameron Bowler

Grip Leadership Day

Grip leadership day was very exciting and fun. It was really interesting as we had to do some activities in a small book that they gave us. It was a great day and I hope to go back next year when I’m in high school.

By Summer Singh

The Grip Leadership Day

We left school at about 7.15 and we were on our way to Dubbo to the GRIP leadership day. We got to Dubbo at about 9.15. We got inside and got settled in and they were under way. The first session was the school yard superhero and they taught us that our actions can always speak louder than your words. We broke up for recess for about 20 minutes then we were back inside for the second session and it was about how to lead like a strawberry and not a watermelon. Watermelon leaders are soft on the inside but hard on the outside. They say they are good but they are really not good. But a strawberry leader is both soft on the inside and on the outside and they are good. After that we broke for lunch which was about 30 minutes and then we were back into it. The final session was about bringing your ideas alive. That is like telling everybody about it so they can help as well. Over all it was a great day and I thought it was really helpful and would like to go there again next year. By Thomas Nash
Grip Leadership day was great and I enjoyed it a lot. The thing I enjoyed learning about the most was lead like a strawberry not like a watermelon. It was about that watermelons aren’t the same on the inside but strawberries are so you have to be like a strawberry. Like I said it was a great day.

By Sarah Nairne

**Leadership Day**

On Monday last week we went to the grip leadership day. We went in and sat in front of the stage but Andy and Mason were nowhere to be seen then they came on from each side of the stage. The session I liked the most was loud noises because they had them throughout the whole day. The lady showed us a video that was funny. The funny part was when a girl pushed over Mason in the video clip. The day was all about being a good leader and how to be more caring than you are already. The most interesting part of the day was when the clown came in acting crazy. It was also funny when he said even if I give you some imaginary popcorn.

At lunch we went outside on the deck and when I looked over to the road you were able to see some cars that were driving past and they looked like they were going slow when they actually weren’t. When I saw a car that was parked I could only see the front half and not the back half of it. Andy put his signature on my backpack. It was a great day of learning and I felt like I was able to participate in the activities and am a proud of that.

Written by Corey McLennan

**NATIONAL SORRY DAY AND RECONCILIATION WEEK**

Today is National Sorry Day which acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Indigenous Australians. This week is also National Reconciliation Week focuses on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Katie Burgess
Principal

Fleeces parade on Saturday 7 June 2014 which is also a long weekend. We are meeting on the corner of Bettington and Bow Street just down at MacDonalds’ Accountant’s Office. Both Merriwa Activity Centre and Pre-School will walk together flying the flags high for these great services. Please find the participation list at the Pre-School and add your name and your child’s name.

Meet us at 11.45am or even a little earlier to be part of the fun. The walk will end on the corner of Bettington and Vennacher Street near the Council Chambers, and will disperse from there with a lollypop.

This year’s theme is ‘Australian Wool’ and we have some great ideas. We are making great wooly headbands and encouraging you to wear red socks/stockings (linking in with the sheep that run up the street). Boots or covered shoes are recommended for the walk.

We highly encourage the families with younger children to accompany their children on the walk, strollers and other siblings are welcome.

The Committee are holding the Poet’s Breakfast at the Merriwa RSL on Sunday morning, June 8. Please be sure to drop in and support this great little fundraiser.

On June 16 we are holding our annual School Readiness Evening, all families with children who may be attending school next year are welcome to attend. Please give us a call so we have an indication of numbers for catering purposes.

Leah Folpp and
Merriwa Pre-School Educators
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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 June 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. This year ted is explaining to us the reasons for sea levels rising. God of love, your creation, our world, with its rich variety of species, is crying out for healing. Help us to be instruments of that healing, O Lord, and to redeem the harm we have done to the planet.

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 give thanks to Rev’d Noel Boyce, for his wonderful sermons and leading us in the past five weeks.

Many thanks to all who made biscuits for the Kairos ministry. Rev’d Noel went home with a large box of biscuits for him to share at St. Helliers this week.

Contact: 0429 996 769

Rosalie Drew

NSW Farmers Association

WELCOME TO THIS WEEK’S UPDATE WITH AILEEN HOGAN

Have you explored the variety of mobile applications (apps) that are useful on the farm? There are quite a few that you may find very handy in decision making and identification.

Australian CliMate is a free app that can be used on iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch devices. It assists farmers in decision-making based on the analysis of 60 years of daily rainfall figures with temperature and rainfall data specific to your location. Seasonal forecast are available based on ENSO (El Niño-Southern Oscillation) conditions. The app also calculates heat sums and estimates soil water and soil nitrate accumulation. Explore it today! http://www.australianclimate.net.au/

How many Australian invasive pest animals can you name? Field Guide to Pest Animals of Australia is a free app that contains pest information, distribution maps, photos, animal calls, control information and resource links for 53 pest species. It is suitable for iPhone and iPad. https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/field-guide-to-pest-animals/id634197149?mt=8

The Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) has a range of interesting and useful applications.

For weed identification there is Weed ID: The Ute Guide application. A photo guide showing stages of the weeds lifecycle assists the farmer to search, identify and compare photos to the weed in the paddock.

Another valuable GRDC resource is Winter Cereal Nutrition: The Ute Guide. The aim of this application is to assist growers so they can easily identify cereal nutritional disorders. It covers both nutrient deficiencies and toxicities and environmental, chemical and physiological disorders that can mimic nutrient deficiencies. Photos help in identification and comparison. The app has an option for updates.

Both are free and available as an Android™ app on Google play and for the iPhone and iPad on the App Store. https://www.grdc.com.au/Resources/Apps

FARM CRIME SURVEY

Please help researchers at the University of New England with their study of crime on farms. It’s been more than 10 years since the last study where the data was used to support an appeal
to the NSW State Government for more resources for policing farm crime. Even if you haven’t been a victim of crime, the survey is still interested to hear from you to get an accurate measure of farm crime. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WZJ9PJS.

**FARMERS CALL FOR END TO WORK ON MANDATORY SHEEP AND GOAT EIS**

NSW Farmers has called on the federal government to take whatever action is necessary to conclude the work of ABARES on the electronic identification system (EIS) and whatever action is necessary to end consideration of a mandatory system for sheep and goats. NSW Farmers Cattle Committee Chair Derek Schoen said that an EIS would present a huge financial impost on producers and would require significant resources to implement nationally.

NSW Farmers believes that given the staunch opposition from producers in NSW and the effectiveness of the current mob based system, the resources of ABARES and multiple stakeholders involved with sheep and goats could be much better spent.

**DISCOUNT OFFER FOR MEMBERS – THE FARM STORE**

Discount of 10% for members The Farm Store is an online retailer of farming supplies. It has thousands of products online and strives to get farming supplies to farmers in rural Australia with no fuss. http://www.thefarmstore.com.au/ to see their website.

Is your NSW Farmers renewal due? The Merriwa Branch of NSW FARMERS is your local Branch. Renewing your membership is now even easier with the option of renewing online at http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/join-us/how-to-join. A NEW FLAT FEE. $399.00 PLUS GST. If you have any questions call our member service centre on 1300 794 000 or, for further information locally, contact Pat Ryan President on 0428 485 090 and Aileen Hogan Secretary on 0455 455 760.

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**Merriwa Rotary**

Sydney is about to host the 2014 Convention of Rotary International.

More than 20,000 delegates from clubs throughout the world will gather in Sydney from Sunday, June 1 until Wednesday June 4. Focus for the convention will be Sydney Olympic Park where the business sessions will be held.

The primary purpose of the annual convention is to inspire and inform all Rotarians, particularly incoming club presidents, governors-elect and other incoming club and RI officers so that they will be motivated to further develop Rotary at club and district levels.

Hundred of volunteers will help coordinate a multitude of events from the arrivals at Sydney Airport, to a gala concert at the Opera House and a dining/fireworks evening on Darling Harbour.

Many of our visitors will take the opportunity to visit the Blue Mountains and the Hunter wineries.

One of the highlights of the gathering will be a mass Harbour Bridge climb, under the title of Climb for a Cause - End Polio Now. For this cause, Rotarians plan to break the record set during Oprah Winfrey’s climb. BridgeClimb will donate half the proceeds of the day to the End Polio program.

Another sidelight of the convention will be the attempt to break the Guiness World Record for “most flags flown on a bridge”! The flags of 208 countries and territories will fly in a grand display across the arch of the Sydney icon, a display which will undoubtedly make news throughout the world.

We welcome all these special visitors to Australia!

*Mark Smith*

Rotary Club of Merriwa
FESTIVAL WEEKEND THE ROOMS WILL OPEN EARLY

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.

Robyn McAlister
Publicity/Secretary

HMRI Open Day
WHEN: JULY 4

Looking for some school holiday fun? Discover the world of medical research!

Take part in some kids sciences experiments, make edible ‘DNA’ models, touch’n’feel the live expo displays and enjoy a healthy kids training session.

For mums and dads there’s also research information sessions about kids health, nutrition, asthma, diabetes and much more.

Open Day begins: 1.00pm
Kids Corner, Clinical Trials and Research Sessions: 1.00pm-4.30pm
Q & A: 5.30pm-6.30pm
Cocktail Party: 6.30pm-8.00pm
Register online at hmri.com.au. For more information please contact Ellie McNamara ph: 4042 0588 or e:ellie.mcnamara@hmri.com.au.

Julia Berry

National Reconciliation Week
ABORIGINAL CULTURE AND MERRIWA

The name Merriwa derives from an Aboriginal term thought to mean ‘grass seeds’. The area was initially known as the Gummum Plains district, after the river, which was then known as Gummum Creek.

During Reconciliation Week we pay particular respect to the traditional custodians of the land.

Aboriginal tribal groups in the Merriwa area include the Wonnarua and Geawegal people, bordering with the Wiradjuri and Gamileroi nations to the west near Cassilis. (Source www.wonnarua.org.au)

The Goulburn River corridor provides a wealth of Aboriginal artefacts and evidence of significant populations and meeting places for trade and celebrations of the Wiradjuri, Gamileroi and Wonnarua people.

Many visitors today can see evidence of this at the local National Park sites between Cassilis and Ulan eg “The Drip” and “Hands on the Rock” sites.

The Goulburn River may have been a major corridor across the Great Dividing Range linking Aboriginal groups on the western slopes and the Hunter Valley. (Source: National Parks and Wildlife Service 2003).

Next week to mark National Reconciliation Week celebrations Aboriginal students and parents from Merriwa Central School will visit local sites to develop greater understanding of Aboriginal culture. Unfortunately too much of our Aboriginal oral history has been lost, and we can only attempt to piece together that which remains.

We invite local Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community members to assist us on this journey of discovery to enhance our understanding of Aboriginal culture and heritage.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Julia Berry
ROSTO is a family owned and run company bringing you fresh first cold pressed Australian extra virgin olive oil at a ‘splosh it around’ price. Being a family business they have a passion that only personal involvement can bring...they’re crazy about their oil!

The Upper Hunter Valley (Merriwa) property is home to a 60,000 tree grove where ROSTO have carefully selected the best olive tree varieties from Italy, Spain and Greece and blend to produce a balanced oil (fruitiness, bitterness, pepperiness). Straight after the olives are harvested they press their olives at their grove to minimise handling and most importantly ensuring optimum freshness. Like a freshly squeezed fruit.

Along with Extra Oomph and Mellow, they have a new baby to announce ‘Top Notch’. This is the best of the best of their harvest, making it an extra special bottle to take to dinner parties, splash on those fabulous salads or dip into those crusty sourdough.

Using ROSTO Australian Extra Virgin Olive Oil is a great way to enhance the flavour of what ever you are whipping up in the kitchen. Premium quality for a tasty and affordable gift to take to dinner parties, give to work colleagues, your kids teacher or your relies.

ROSTO Olive oil is sold in Merriwa at IGA plus Liquor and the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre.

Thank you for your sponsorship to date.

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CJO Photography
Cassilis Public School

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La Scaletta Pizzeria
Merriwa Newsagency
Merriwa Campdraft
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Merriwa Men’s Bowls
St David’s Uniting Church Merriwa
St Trinity’s Anglican Church Merriwa
St Ann’s Catholic Church Merriwa
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Merriwa Ringer
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ROAR - Merriwa Central School
Cr. Deirdre Peebles
Megan Richards
Sue Collings
James Bettington
James Constable

If you are interested in sponsoring a Festival event please contact Liam Garment 6521 7046.

Liam Garment
Community Notice Board

Funeral Notice

BARRY SCOTT

Marie, Michelle, Katrina, Kylie and families wish to invite the community to attend the funeral service of Barry, lost husband, father and grandfather.

Where: St Anne’s Catholic Church
When: Friday May 30
Time: 11.00am

The Scott Family

Messy Church

Looking forward to catching up and sharing with you as we create some of the wonderful creatures in God’s World.

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 Fleece.

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

Carol Bowman

Wanted

We are seeking, for loan, for the Festival of the Fleece week, three ram halters, one calf halter and a pair of blade shears to tidy a few woolen dags prior to the festival.

These will be used for animals used in the Petting Zoo.

If these could be dropped to Tina Taylor the week prior to the festival that would be greatly appreciated. They will be looked after. Thank you.

Tina Taylor

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

Pittman Reunion

The Pittman, Gallimore and White families are having a get together on Saturday night, June 7. We propose to meet at the Merriwa RSL Club about 6.00pm for a yarn with old cousins and friends and take in a meal at the Bistro.

Any friends or relatives of the families mentioned are invited to attend, we picked that week-end because there are lots of people come home for that week-ends festivities, and we want to catch up at a happier time that the usual get together at funerals.

Contact Les Pittman on 6547 6034.

Les Pittman

Thank You

Merriwa Volunteer Rescue Squad has received a generous donation of $1300.00. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in raising this money. Thank you Mark Kirkland and Zoe Jamison for organising the event. Thank you Andy and Tania Carrigan for hosting the event. Thank you everyone who attended and donated money at the event. It is a much needed donation and is greatly appreciated by everyone in the squad.

Merriwa VRA

Condolences

On behalf of the Merriwa Cricket Club, I would like to offer our condolences to the Scott family for the passing of Barry. Barry was a wonderful supporter (and in the past a player) of Merriwa Cricket and would often enquire as to how the Club and team/s were going. They say that cricket is a gentlemen’s sport and Barry definitely fit that description.

You will be truly missed.

Kate Blackadder

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.
Business
Spice Grill
INDIAN CUISINE

After a year of research for presenting the best of India, Spice Grill - Merriwa proudly introduces the best and the ultra delicious Kathi Roll from the Royal Cuisine of India.

HISTORY OF KATHI ROLL

Kati roll is a Royal food originating from Kolkatta, former capital of India. Its original form was a Kati Kabab enclosed in a paratha. The Kati Roll is said to have started its life from a Mughal’s Era Restaurant in Kolkata, a very popular eatery founded in 1832 that sold kebabs and parathas and other Mughlai food in the heart of Kolkata. There are many stories about how exactly the roll got started. Some centre around harried office commuters who wanted something quick and portable, some mention British Babus (English Officers) who were too fastidious to touch the kabab. The most likely origin is probably more mundane, but in any case someone decided to roll things up at some point.

WHAT IS A KATHI ROLL?

Traditionally, a Kati Roll is a Kati Kabab wrapped in a layered paratha. The paratha is typically dough that is kneaded into a rope, then coiled into a round patty. This is then flattened with a rolling pin and partly fried in oil on a tawa. These semi-cooked parathas are then kept aside till needed, at which time they’re put back on the tawa and cooked through. If an egg is to be added, it is usually cracked into the tawa and the paratha put on top of the egg; they both cook together and the paratha gets coated on one side with the egg.

Kati Kababs are chicken or mutton chunks marinated in Aromatic Spices and cooked either on skewers (the “kati”) over coals in a sigri or on a Tawa/Grill. When the roll is being prepared, these are taken off the skewers and tossed with onions, Garlic, sauces and Herbs in the tawa (Grill).

In today’s busy scheduled life, this is the most desirable food with outstanding flavor.

The Rolls we are Introducing are:

1. Chicken Kathi Roll
2. Lamb Kathi Roll

Some of the Feedbacks and Comments from the Customers who have tried Spice Grill’s The Royal Kathi Roll for the first time:

Excellent, really liked the Roll…… Will surely come for the Kathi Roll. Mr. Jim Casey from Lithgow, a traveler.

The food was divine……..Indeed loved The Kathi Roll. Mr. Allen Birch from Brisbane, a traveler.

Marvelous Taste……..Ample Sized Food……..Enough for a good meal. Mr. Nayan Patel from Tamworth, a traveler.

Rohit Gaur

Plough Inn to Cassilis

A ‘Shearing Shed’ Crawl Photographic Exhibition presented by the Merriwa Photography Group is currently being held at the Plough Inn to Cassilis Cafe/Gallery on Friday, Saturday and Sundays 10.00am - 4.00pm.

On Friday, May 30, we will hold a special celebration at Plough Inn to Cassilis, at 6.00 – 7.30 pm where the photographers, Shirley Bevan, Vicki Cutting, John and Suzie Kirk, Candice O’Neill, Teianna Taylor and Tina Taylor, will be present. Please come and join us for a free evening of viewing of the works, a fireside chat with the photographers and friends, finger food and a drink. We hope you are able to join us to celebrate our local history reflected so beautifully through the camera lens.

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

Linda Gant

La Scaletta

CLOSED

The staff at La Scaletta would like to let the community know that the business will be closed on Saturday May 31 and June 14. We hope that this doesn’t inconvenience anyone.

Robert Marchese
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.

RED NOSE DAY

We support Red Nose Day, which raises money to research causes of SIDS during pregnancy, in infants and children, as well as supporting those who have suffered the loss of a baby to SIDS. Show your support by buying a Red Nose Day product in store. All of the money goes back to Sids and Kids.

IMAGINE INK

We have a brand new range in especially for kids. This range of activity books is full of magical and creative ways to stay occupied at home, in the car, at the office or anywhere else you can think of. They come with their own activity pads and magic pens, crayons or pencils. They are compact and are all about your child’s favourite cartoon characters. Come in and get one today!

ITY BITTYS

We all have a present for a child that just needs that little bit extra something added to it. Itty Bittys are a very cute range of favourite characters, including Winnie the Pooh, Superman, Mike, Batman, Ariel, Cinderella, Tinkerbelle, Mickey and Minny (there are more so come in and check them out!) they are affordable and perfect for a little present. My favourite is Batman, what is yours?

HITCHED

If you want your wedding to be a little different, to stand out from the crowd- be inspired by this great Wedding Magazine. Hitched is a little bit off-beat, slightly quirky edgy and modern, and all kinds of fun. The current issue looks at the language of flowers, tropical inspired style (think piña coladas and Richie Valens) advice for the perfect photos by a renound photographer, tips and suppliers that you might not find in a traditional bridal magazine. It is a little bit different but definitely worth it.

DELICIOUS DAILY SPECIALS

This special edition from Delicious Magazine has 138 everyday recipes including one-pot wonders, classic roasts, mid-week Mexican, healthy burgers, Middle-Eastern, Italian, Asian, and so much more... It has everything you will need to impress your friends, your family and yourself.

MOVED... NOT MISSING

We have moved all of the crossword and other puzzle books. They are now easier to sea and reach. If you are unsure where they are, do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

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

Australia Post Merriwa

MORE THAN JUST A POST OFFICE POSTAGE

NEW STOCK

Powerbank – Charge as you GO! The powerbank is a multiple charging connector which can connect to most mobile phones and digital device on the market today. For only $24.95 this is a handy product to have for those situations where your phone is flat and you have no charger. Small and compact, fits in your handbag or leave in your car.

Jackhead Portable Bluetooth Speaker/Media Player – Works with any bluetooth device within a range of 10 metres. A two inch ultra-loud speaker, powered by a rechargeable battery with up to 25 hours of non-stop usage. Has a micro usb slot as well auxiliary input to synchronize mp3 players. For only $49.95 come in and check out the sound quality.

CONCESSION CARD ACCOUNTS

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.

**IPHONE 4S**

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 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).

Kellie Walker and Kylie Austin

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Experience, knowledge and expertise are essential when you need assistance with your vehicle’s charging system.

The electrical systems in your car are our speciality. A detailed knowledge of these components is vital to getting your vehicle back on the road.

We are proud to sell Australian made Century batteries, we can test and replace your battery if needed.

Alternators and starter motors - we have some in stock and carry many of the parts for these. We can recondition alternators and starters too.

We look forward to assisting you!

Contact:
30 Bow St, Merriwa
T 02 6548 2114  F 02 6548 2668
merrae@bigpond.com

Michael and Sally Hagley

**“WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THE RINGER”**

WHAT THE COMMUNITY THINK ABOUT THE RINGER!

“I like the way it is made available and also the way it is delivered to me!”

Inga Keegan
TOP 5 THINGS TO ASK YOUR MORTGAGE BROKER

You have found the property of your dreams, and it is now time to find the finance to fund your new purchase. When looking for a property loan to meet your financial needs, it’s important to consider a range of aspects.

While it is important to take the interest rate into account, borrowers are also encouraged to think about the other aspects of acquiring a home loan that can impact the overall cost and length of time it takes to repay the debt, such as approval times, flexibility, features and extra costs.

Here are five key questions that borrowers should ask their mortgage broker when applying for a home loan.

1. How long will it take for my loan to be approved? Applying for pre-approval of the loan amount is a good way to speed matters up when a property purchase comes to fruition.

2. Can I choose when I want to make my repayments? Opting to half your monthly repayment and pay it fortnightly can make a big difference. This is because there are 26 fortnights in the year, meaning you can make the equivalent of making 13 monthly repayments.

3. Am I able to make additional repayments at no extra costs? It is often a good idea to ask if your lender and loan type allow you to make extra repayments. If so, ask if there is a limit to the amount of extra repayments you can make without charge, and how such repayments can be made – via a branch, internet banking, over the phone, etc.

4. Does my loan have an offset account and how can I use it to the best of my ability? Loans with 100% off-set accounts enable borrowers to link a savings account with their home loan account and ‘off-set’ that amount to reduce the interest accumulated on their loan. This is a great way for borrowers to stay in the green with their home loan repayments.

5. Can I switch from a variable to a fixed interest rate and vice versa? While borrowers have the option of switching loan types, it is important to know the costs involved and the pros versus cons of switching. Take your time when deciding on an interest rate type in the beginning, to avoid the extra costs that can arise when switching further down the track.

These are just a few of the questions to keep in mind when speaking with your local Mortgage Choice mortgage broker.

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 49871035. 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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Lauren and Jody Murphy

Woolbrook Rural Industries

From about 1920 onwards Hollywood was probably the greatest exploiter of the Wild West and the creator of many of its myths. However, believe it or not, it was the English press which, prior to about 1920, was perhaps the most enthusiastic weaver of fantastic stories about it. England had for many years what used to be called (and perhaps still is) “The Yellow Press” and it is still there today. Its papers are often owned by Rupert Murdoch, but these days they are much toned down compared to what they once were. Australia also had its imitators, the most extreme being the newspaper “Truth” which gloried in lurid stories about almost anything salacious or criminal, or preferably both. A weekly page was titled “Real Life Dramas of the Courts” and while it specialized in divorce proceedings, the more prurient the better, almost anything sensational was good for a story. Truth’s kind of journalism is no longer permitted in Australia, Truth itself ceased publication many years ago, and in England I believe the stories are also tame compared to what they used to be. However, in my youth I often came across magazines and papers which still were what used to be called “Deadwood Dicks”, i.e. fantastic stories about the Wild West and its inhabitants, but also many stories about other unlikely matters.

One local character sometimes portrayed in the English publications was “Spring Heel Jack”. The first reference I have ever seen regarding this character was when, about 1770 as I recall, England, or at least part of it, was gripped by a fear, of this reputed monster. He was seen by many people, often knocking on their door during the night and showing himself, dressed in
black, huge and monstrous, to whoever opened the door and frightening the living daylights out of them, or grabbing and making off with them, particularly if they were young beautiful maidens. When chased, and even when burdened with a captive, he was capable of jumping twenty or thirty feet high, and thus easily able to evade his pursuers by leaping over high walls or bounding up onto the roof of two story buildings and escaping by springing with ease from one house to the next. He was even accused of murdering one young girl and dumping her in a cess pit, but excavation of the pit revealed nothing sinister. No doubt these supposed sightings and activities were the result of mass hysteria in much the same vein as, for instance, the belief in UFOs and witch craft which have from time to time swept whole populations, the latter often resulting in the execution of witches, many of whom sincerely believed they really were witches. I doubt if England had a Yellow Press as early as 1770, however I can recall stories about Spring Heel Jack in at least one of the comics I used to read in the 1930s. Even though he still retained his superior jumping talents, he must have undergone a moral epiphany because he had now become something of a law enforcer with his athletic abilities giving him a superior advantage when, as Super Man or Bat Man do now, he was out doing good deeds on the side of law and order. I can recall that in one comic a picture depicted him apparently a hundred feet or more in the air, silhouetted against the moon, while escaping from some baddies. I showed the picture to my father and asked him if he thought Spring Heel Jack could really exist and he said he thought not except perhaps in somebody’s vivid imagination.

There was also a more respectable kind of writer beginning to write horror stories including Mary Shelley (“Frankenstein”) and Bram Stoker (“Dracula”), the latter perhaps having some factual basis in the notorious Transylvanian ruler known, for good reason, as Vlad the Impaler. Other stories about vampires, werewolves and even weretigers, often written by respected Victorian and Edwardian writers, followed and soon the Yellow Press picked up on these too and in my youthful experience introduced us to other creepies, including zombies, the undead. Having bought a few of these magazines in the 1930s I became aware that Uncle Alf and Aunt Jemima might not be quite the nice people they were thought to be. However, I have noted that in recent years in books, movies and TV there are now quite a few good zombies and vampires, in fact sometimes they are even heroes and heroines, which would have astounded and possibly even saddened Bram Stoker and his ilk.

The Yellow Press also picked up on the Wild West and soon likely lads from the British Isles were not only looking after England’s interests overseas, but also others, these sometimes including those of France and Spain in the French and Spanish Foreign Legions (e.g. the more respectable C.P. Wren, “Beau Geste”), and of course the Wild West. I will not go into the lurid details of their Western exploits as it is probably only necessary to describe one group, anything else would be an anticlimax. These young fellows had by some unexplained means acquired a very large steel mechanical steam driven horse which carried any number of them, and galloped at such speeds that dastardly outlaws had little chance of outrunning or evading them. I suppose the horse was wood fired, though I cannot recall it ever being stoked.

Conventional and electrical fencing, pumps, spraying equipment, poly and PVC pipes, generators, tanks, silos etc.


Max Wurcker

Mother’s Day Recipe

MAX’S COUNTRY CUTS BEEF STROGANOFF

750g beef strips
olive oil or butter
1 medium onion
2 cups of sliced mushrooms (or more to your taste)
1 cup water
2 teaspoons beef stock powder
2 tablespoons tomato paste
300ml sour cream
2 teaspoons cornflour or gravy mix

METHOD

• Heat oil or butter in pan and brown beef in batches over medium heat – put aside.
• Heat extra oil or butter and cook onion and mushrooms till soft
• Return meat to pan with onions and mushrooms
• Add water, stock and tomato paste
• Stir till combined
• Simmer covered for approx. 15 minutes
• Before serving add sour cream and then cornflour (or gravy mix) mixed with a little water to warm meat mixture stirring gradually
• Heat till thickens – simmer gently for five minutes

NOTES

Yummy served with rice or pasta!
Can add extra vegies like cauliflower, broccoli, beans, carrots etc with meat.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979
NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Council has received the following development applications which may be inspected during office hours until 4.30pm Thursday 5 June 2014.

DA No: 82/2014
Applicant: L Miller
Location: Lot 11 Section 5 DP 758672
Macartney Street
Merriwa
Proposal: Relocated Dwelling with verandahs & water tank

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.

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

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JUNE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Development & Environmental Services Committee
Tuesday 10th June 2014, 10.00am
Works & Technical Services Committee
Tuesday 10th June 2014, 1.00pm
Community Services Committee
Tuesday 10th June 2014, 4.30pm
Finance Committee
Friday 20th June 2014, 1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meetings
Monday 23rd June 2014, 5.00pm
All meetings are held at Council’s Administration Centre, Scone, unless otherwise stated.

COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURE

Council’s operations and offices will be closed on Monday 10 June 2013 for the Queen’s birthday Public Holiday. For emergencies contact the on-call coordinator on 0427 608 301

FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES NOTICES

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Animal owners are reminded that on Saturday 7 June at the ROSTO Olives Festival of the Fleeces a Fire Works display will be held at the Showground at 6.30pm. Please ensure that your animals are safely locked away to prevent them from escaping and becoming lost.

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Merriwa Rugby League Football Club
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Sunday - Raffle Members Badge Draw between 11.30am & 1.30pm - Jackpots $50 per week.

Merriwa RSL Club
The Members Lucky Badge for $950.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 162. This week it jackpots to $1000.00. The 7.00pm draw for $640.00 was not won. The number was 331. This week it jackpots to $660.00. The 9.00pm draw for $180.00 was not won and the number was 813. This week it jackpots to $200.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $1050.00 was not won last week. The number was 85 and this week it jackpots to $1110.00. 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 Ringer

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Merriwa Sports Club
The Sports Club provides a wide range of benefits for members and guests.
Mondays - Happy Hour - 4.00pm to 5.00pm
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.
Casual Bowls and Golf also available.

WEEKEND RESULTS
Saturday 24 May 2014
Saturday Members Draw no 143 next week $100.00
Winners Jackpot next week $500.00.
Free Tickets: Bev Telfer
Dinner: Loretta Cooper
Bowls Raffle: Dahlia Denning
Sunday 25 May 2014
Sunday Members draw no 122 next week $800.00.
BINGO - NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
Every Thursday night commences 5.00pm. Tickets on sale at 4.30pm.
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DON'T FORGET SOCIAL DARTS
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THE SPORTIES ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP
SATURDAY 7 JUNE
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Electro Dance From 6.45pm.
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Sunday June 29
6.00pm

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LADIES BOWLS NEWS
Good weather and good fun, what a great bowls friendship day we had on June 21! The green was full with seven rinks of triples with players coming from Murrurundi, Cassilis, Coolah and Dunedoo.
A most enjoyable morning tea and lunch was provided by the ladies.
Thank you everyone for cooking and helping on the day.

WINNERS WERE
First place - D. Wesley, S. Nicholls and S. Edmed
Second Place - D. Mcloughlan, A. Goninan and S. Wickens.
Spider - V. Roberts
Coin - G. Atkinson
Nearest The Ditch – T. McMaster
Rester On the Jack – S. Wickens
Dunedoo Friendship Day - June 25

Beatrice Voysey

MEN’S BOWLS NEWS
UNCLASSIFIED
No News this week from the Men’s Bowls.

Phil Rush (Rabs)
HOME GAME LAST WEEKEND

What a busy but fantastic day we had last Saturday with twenty six teams of five to eleven year old girls and boys playing junior rugby league at Merriwa number one and two ovals. The weather was great and so was the sportsmanship of all players and parents. The day ran like clockwork with all games beginning on time and being played in the spirit of junior sport for fun.

There are many people to thank for the smooth running of the day; Paul Medd - Oval 1 timekeeper; Bob Telfer and Andrew Jamieson - Oval two timekeeper; First Aid officers - Carol McLoughlin, Roy Morgan and Duncan Morgan; all referees and linesmen; BBQ - John Sparrow, Derm Shannon and Mark Kirkland; Canteen - led by Karen Brazier with the help from Cassie Porter, Elaine Sparrow, Laurel Whitby, Belinda Keane, Amanda Attenborough, and the parents from under 6’s, 7’s, 8’s and 11’s who attended during the course of the day. The roster system worked well and we appreciate the help that we received. It was a big day with the canteen starting at 7.00am and not finishing till 7.00pm. Thank you to the netball volunteers who manned the canteen for the Women’s League Tag team and our Senior League team who played late Saturday afternoon.

Of course we have to thank our committee who organised the day, mowed out fields and got them ready for the play. Thanks to Matt Morgan who painted out our lines on Oval 2. We appreciate your time, Matt. It took many willing volunteers who remarkably gave their time and energy for the enjoyment of our youth and we thank each and everyone of you for your generosity.

There will be a General Meeting for our junior league and netball club on Monday June 2 at the Sports Club at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. If, as a parent, you have any questions or problems please attend the meeting and let us know.

Olivia Gear

KINGSLYN 8’S

It was a very hot home game last weekend. We played a very good Singleton Black side, and struggled a little in the heat. Clayton showed his strength once again with a very strong run with three or four defenders hanging off him for maybe 20 metres or so, scoring an impressive try, and Jack scored his first ever try with a great run up the middle of the Singleton defence. Well done U/8’s and a big thank you and congratulations to our committee and helpers on our first home game of the season, it was a very busy day which ran very smoothly.

Belinda Keane

WELDERUP UNDER 15’S

The boys took on Raymond Terrace on Saturday at Raymond Terrace. Luke Cronin scored an early try to put us on the front foot but unfortunately a mistake riddled last twenty minutes of the first half made it difficult to stay with the opposition. After half time we coughed up a lot of ball and the right of possession against our boys and it was beginning to tell.

Once again the boys played with commitment and tenacity but it’s too hard to win with only a third of possession. As long as the boys keep playing with the gutsy style that they have displayed so far this season, work on ball control will hopefully get better results for our home game this Saturday. The final score was 46-16 with Luke Cronin, John Whitby and Cody Towell scoring tries. Cody took an intercept and ran 90 metres to score his try. John Whitby kicked two goals.

We invite the community to come on down to the number one oval on Saturday and cheer our boys on as they play Belmont North at 11.00am. Canteen will be available.

Phil Neale

MERRIWA MAGPIES

These girls are playing brilliantly and developing into a formidable team with lots of team spirit. A big thank you to both coach Kellie and assistant Kirsten who have been coaching the team. They had a very narrow loss 1 to 2 last Saturday.

Elaine Sparrow

ROSTO UNDER 6’S

We played Singleton Red at our first home game. Our little Magpies played 6 against 8. We had three try scorers this week - well done to Zac, Nate and Daniel.

Toby, Jack and Jayden had a great game doing some fantastic tackling and having a few big runs. Zac and Nate were on fire again with their tackling skills and Daniel has got his stepping and weaving down pat. I would like to thank everyone that came out to support our team and to cheer them on.
Training every Friday at 4.30pm till 5.30pm.

Next game is this Saturday May 31 starts 10.00am sharp. Parents/supporters please note CANTEEN DUTY this week. If four Magpie supporters could work in the canteen over the duration of this game then only one helper required per quarter.

**MERRIWA MAGIC**

These girls are working very well together as a team, enjoying the game and training hard. All their enthusiasm and practice is paying off with a great win last Saturday 22 to 13. A big thank you to coach Kylie and assistant Mary.

Training every Friday at 4.30pm till 5.30pm.

Next game is this Saturday May 31 starts 10.00am sharp.

Heidi Inder

**MERRIWA MINK PINK**

On Saturday, I among many parents, had a pride bursting moment as the Mink Pink girls came together to win their first game 25-15. Saturday they showed their strength, determination and teamwork. They didn't once bag the other out, only commended each other for good shots, and encouraged when something didn't go quite to plan.

At the start of the season, these girls were determined to play even with the small numbers and to do this, it meant being able to take the court for the whole four quarters so two training sessions were set. One for fitness (Monday’s at 4.30pm) and one for skills and game time (Thursday at 4.30pm) and most girls have turned up each session and given 100% and this weekend’s game showed that. Although the girls were tired, they could have easily taken the court for another quarter.

Someone once told me, defence wins games, as showed below!

**Weekend’s strengths:** Peita - defended strongly, worked hard on her travelling, in the last game she had so many travels but this week only travelled three times due to her hard work and determination(and personally I think they got it wrong on one occasion), keep it up!

Jasmine H - this girl was all over the court, defending, blocking and getting free was what seemed to be on her mind for this game. She also had speed and skill in the centre, attack was a strong position for Jasmine and boy was she pumped when she came off, and how many times she used her practised balancing skill!

Paige and Teianna worked the goal shooting and goal attacking positions with their height and shooting ability, they hit the ring on many occasions. Intercepts and the pressure applied to the other team was great also!

Jazzmine O was in the goal defensive positions for this game, and defend she did. When she was outside her court circle she was all over the other team. JazzyO is a great defender and works well with all her team mates, it also helps that she has height on her side!

Alana started a little quiet but her intensity grew with the game. Her ability to fly through the air gave her great lift to intercept the ball; she was constantly in the face of others, her defences was strong and passes clean.

Tamasyne went well in centre for the start, being matched with a zippy little player. Tamasyne was able to intercept and steel the ball back. With a small injury still hindering her, we thought she would have to come off but her determination kept her going, defending well.

On another note, the girls are expected to turn up to the game 35 minutes before hand. Why? The reason for this is not to train, but to get prepared for the game. These girls still need to warm up and be stretched especially playing on ash felt. Anyone who needs a lift for their child, let me know, I am only too happy to take them across. We will have the music pumping! Call 0447 219193.

Heidi Inder

**Merriwa Pony Club**

A reminder to all our riders that this Sunday 1 June is our next Rally Day. Please bring a plate of something to share for morning tea. Gear check is at 8.30am.

Congratulations to the eight Merriwa riders that ventured over to Wingen on the weekend for the Presidents Cup. Cameron and Emily Ninness both had an exceptional day taking out Hi Point Rider for their respective age groups. Ben Patterson took home an encouragement award. Tia Magner was rewarded for her first day out on gentle giant ‘Ted’ also taking home an encouragement award while brother John had a cracking run in the keyhole placing first as well as receiving several thirds and a fourth. Emily Wright did a wonderful job in a competitive U/7 age group bringing home a second and third in the sporting events. Jorji and Darcy Taaffe were all smiles to come third in a huge pairs class with Jorji going onto win the Bushmans Barrels as well as a few other third and fourth places.

Tina Taylor

**Merriwa Pony Club**

Tash Taaffe
Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

Last Saturday saw the girls get their second win for the season beating Greta-Branxton 14 – 12, although the score line indicates a close game Merriwa actually dominated play with 75% of the game being played in the Greta half. Merriwa started strong and pressured the Greta line for most of the first half only to see Greta score a length of the field try to lead 6 – 0. Merriwa hit back before half time to go into the break down 6 – 4. The second half started much the same as the first with the Magpies pressuring the Greta line only to see Greta once again score a length of the field try to lead 12 – 4. After dominating the majority of the game the girls knew they had to get back into the game and after a great run from Taylah and a couple of penalties managed to cross the try line for the second time to make the score 12 – 8. The girls worked the ball up to the right end of the field and scored their third try. With the conversion took the lead for the first time in the game, 14 – 12, and with eight mins left defended grimly to win the game. Tries – Gaynor Blackadder, Amanda Thompson, Taylah Blackadder, with Jess Morgan converting the pressure goal.

Merriwa Reserve Grade took the field for the first night game at Merriwa for many years and crossed the try line early to take a 6 – 0 lead and held this lead right up to the 32nd minute of the first half, but unfortunately lapsed for the final three minutes and let Greta-Branxton in for two late tries to go to the break 12 - 6 down. The second half started much the same way the first ended, with Greta scoring three tries in the first ten minutes to blow out to a 28 – 6 lead. The Magpies then started to dominate play again as they did in the first half and crossed again after some great dummy half running from youngster, Bradley Ellis to bring the score back to 28 – 12. Greta crossed again to go to a 34 – 12 lead but the Magpies didn’t throw in the towel and crossed again for two late tries to narrow the score to 34 – 24. Unfortunately time ran out with the team gaining a lot of momentum and I am sure that if they hadn’t had that 15 minute where they went to sleep the result would have been different. Tries – Ben Morgan and Seth Morgan - two, Bradley Ellis - one, with Jeremy Nichols kicking four from four.

This Sunday the Magpies travel to Greta to take on the Colts again and with a victory from the girl will see them take outright fourth position. For the boy’s, a victory which is not out of the question, will take them a step closer to fourth spot. Kickoff for League Tag 11.45am, Reserves 12.50pm. Hope to see many of the Magpie supporter at the game!

OLD BOY’S NEWS

Training is now well under way on a Tuesday and Thursday, 6.30pm start and membership is flooding in. Great to see! With our next meeting Wednesday June 4 at 7.00pm.

The long weekend games are as follows:

Merriwa v Men of League at 1.30pm, Men of League v Denman 1.55pm, Merriwa v Denman 2.20pm, League Tag Merriwa v Denman 3.00pm, Reserves Grade Merriwa v Denman 4.00pm.

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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