Students strive for personal best at Athletics Carnival

Merriwa Central School students Athletic’s Carnival photos located on page 3 and 5.

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‘Mum’s the Word’

Mother’s Day Lunch – Next Friday May 9

Please join us at the Merriwa School of Arts Supper Room from 12.00pm – 3.00pm

Bring friends, children and that special Mum for a delicious meal for just $25.00

~ OUR MENU ~

ENTRÉE - Pumpkin Soup or Chicken and Corn Soup

MAIN - Beef Stroganoff, Lamb Curry or Sweet and Sour Pork

DESSERT - Cheesecake, Sticky Date or Chocolate Pudding

Tea and Coffee

Can’t make Lunch - please consider a home or business delivery or a Takeaway Pack to spoil someone special for dinner and LOOK OUT for our RAFFLE tickets!

TAKEAWAY ORDER AND LUNCH HOME DELIVERY FORM

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Delivery Address:........................................................................................Best time.........pm

Drop ORDER Forms at Merriwa Central School Primary/Secondary Office or Max’s Country Cuts

Please deliver ___ Hot Luncheon Packs at $25.00 each

ENTREE – Your choice ☐ Pumpkin Soup OR ☐ Chicken and Corn Soup

MAIN - Your choice, served with rice, of:

☐ Beef Stroganoff OR ☐ Lamb Curry OR ☐ Sweet and Sour Pork

DESSERT - Your choice:

☐ Cheesecake OR ☐ Sticky Date OR ☐ Chocolate Pudding

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Please deliver ___ SINGLE Packs: One Main + Rice at $15.00 each

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Primary News

PLAYGROUND FUN

Our playground continues to be a fun place to be. Our top play equipment has been re-opened and there were many infants students keen to get back to climbing and sliding at lunch time. On the high rise our senior students continue to enjoy running games for our younger students. Last week there was skipping, football and dodge ball. The best part about these games is that all our senior students have been volunteering to run these activities! We have some very keen and dedicated student leaders at our school. Well done!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Friday May 2 our whole school Athletics Carnival was held at the local sports grounds. It was a lovely sunny day and we had many students attending ready to break some school records and personal bests. Students participated in age races, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus while our infants students had lots of fun participating in some novelty events like sack racing and egg’n’spoon racing and received many ribbons on the day. The highlights of the day were watching students cheer their housemates on and seeing all the big smiles on students’ faces when they achieved their best during an event. Thank you to Miss King and the sport committee on their work organising the carnival and to all the parents who volunteered their time to assist with lots of jobs on the day.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Primary students will be able to purchase a special gift for Mum on Friday at our Mother’s Day stall.
Gifts range in price $2.00-$6.00
Friday May 9

Coming Events

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TERM 2 SPORT

In Terms 2 and 3 both the Primary and the Secondary campuses participate in sport lessons in the afternoon session of the day. After lunch primary students will move to their allocated sport group to participate in a variety of fundamental movement skills activities. The girls participating in Star Struck will be rehearsing during sport sessions for this term. The primary students who participate in the ROAR program will walk to secondary during second half of lunch and their sport session will finish at 3.30pm. Students can catch the bus from Secondary, or can walk home or be collected from the Secondary campus.

MERIT AWARDS

Last term we announced the change to the Merriwa Merit System. Students still need to obtain five blueys in order to receive a white Merriwa Merit Award. If a student then has five Merriwa Merit Awards these can be handed in to the class teacher to be awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. These awards need to be given to the class teacher by the Thursday before a school assembly. If they are handed in on the Friday morning then the award will not be handed out till the assembly a fortnight later.

ASSEMBLY

This week will be our first formal assembly for the term and Year 1/2 will present an item. We will also share work from workers of the week. The assembly will be held at 9.10am on Friday May 9. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

SIMPSON SHIELD RUGBY LEAGUE COMPETITION

Last Thursday 11 students from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Singleton to compete in the Steve Simpson Shield Rugby League competition. All team members were respectful and demonstrated positive sportsmanship throughout all four games. Thank you to Mr Dewson for coordinating the team and ensuring all students had equal playing time. Thank you also to the parents that assisted with travel and cheered the team on each game. Well done to all our players, you should be very proud of your efforts.

Alyssa Moore
2/3 Teacher

Tiara-Anne jumping her best to earn house points
Highlights of the Athletics Carnival
Secondary News

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) FACULTY NEWS

Term 2 has started off with a busy first week with the next few weeks appearing to be just as busy. A successful combined Athletics carnival was held on Friday May 2 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved who helped make the day so successful. Miss King will provide a more extensive report of the day.

During Week 2 there are a number of Head Teacher Network days being held at Kurri Kurri TAFE so that head teachers across our region can get together and discuss the key learning areas they are responsible for and look at opportunities to improve our practice at Merriwa Central School. We also have the Love Bites team visiting again to complete some workshops with Years 9 and 10. A very successful Love Bites workshop was held with Years 11 and 12 in week 1.

On May 14, Merriwa Central School has been asked to host the Business Services Skill-Off to determine which Year 12 Business Services student will represent our region at the World Skills National competition being held in Perth at the end of September this year. Merriwa Central School will have Brianna McLoughlin participating in this competition so we wish her all the best on the day. During this week Naplan Testing will also occur for students in Years 7 and 9.

Year 11 are beginning to prepare for their half yearly exams which are in Week 5 and will provide an indication of how students are progressing with their Stage 5 studies. During this week Year 10 will also be participating in their first work experience week. All students have had confirmed placements with employers and we are just waiting for the paper work to be returned so that we can finalise these placements. During this week Year 9 students will be travelling over to Muswellbrook on May 30 with their Year Advisor to participate in the Try-a-Skill Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain some hands on exposure to the range of skills that are available for students as they begin to make decisions about possible career pathways.

In week 9 Year 11 VET students will also be completing their first work placement for their courses. This is a mandatory component of the student’s course work and the student’s placement must be at a workplace that provides opportunities to learn about the industry that their course work relates to. A number of students have already discussed their placements with teachers and filled in their initial request forms so staff can begin to assist them in organising a placement for that week.

All staff have been busy preparing for Term 2 and have begun to complete the first of their half yearly reports. With only a nine week term, all the extra activities this term, as well as the normal teaching load it looks like Term 2 is going to be very hectic. Consequently please encourage all students to commence assessment tasks when they receive them rather than waiting till the due date to prevent that last minute rush.

NEW CAREER EVENTS

Applications Open for Indigenous Program Galuwa at UTS: 30 June to 4 July 2014 or 22 to 26 September 2014. It will feature interactive hands-on workshops, site visits with industry partners, cultural activities, information about career paths in Engineering and IT and a graduation at iconic Sydney venue. To apply go to uts.ac/UTSGaluwa or email FEITOutreach@uts.edu.au

Why I want to be in ROAR? To learn more skills and become better at them
What is my favourite subject: Maths and sport
What is my favourite sport: Motorbike riding
What is my favourite team: Storm
Favourite Player: Billy Slater
Best personal sporting achievement: Making it to Zone Cross Country
Who inspires you and why: My dad because he is a good role model
Advice to young players: Keep trying and never give up. ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards

ROAR Profile
James Bristow
Year 6

Merriwa Ringer
**Student of the Week**

Tarnisha Winsor

Year 8

**Merriwa Central School SRC**

Are back and ready for business. This term will surely be action-packed. To launch our term’s events will be our Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser. We will be selling our array of SRC-made sweets and warm beverages, perfect for the cold winter weather.

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**GapForce Overseas Work Experience, courses and Volunteering** - Open evening Monday 2 June, Sydney Central YHA, 11 Rawson Place, Corner of Pitt St and Rawson Place 2000 6.00pm - 9.00pm (presentation on programmes at 6.30pm, otherwise drop in anytime). This event will give senior school and University students and their parents the chance to meet with staff to discuss programmes and how they develop personal growth. Programmes are available to anyone, lasting from two weeks to three months+. GapForce will also be exhibiting at the Northern Beaches (15 and 16 May) and HSC and Careers (29 May - 1 June) Expos. For more information see www.gapforce.org. To organise a senior school talk about the programmes or to set up a meeting, contact Matt Dickens on mattdickens@gapforce.org.

**WEP Student Exchange** – Attention Year 10 and 11 Students - Make the most of your summer break and spend it overseas! Live with a welcoming host family, attend school overseas and make friends from around the world. Applications for short-term WEP student exchange programs are closing in August ’14. To request an information pack, please visit www.wep.org.au, call 1300 884 733, 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au.

**OPEN DAYS:**

**Charles Sturt University**: MyDay Program for 2014

**Bathurst**

13 May: Information Technology and Computing

29 May: Arts and Psychology

5 June: Teaching and Education

**Dubbo**

17 June: MyDay

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**Jane Hegarty**

Careers Advisor

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

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**Breanna Goodear**

SRC Publicity Officer
Principal’s News

We remember in our prayers this week Sr Mary Jackson who suffered a stroke on Easter Sunday; Sr Brigid who awaits further medical treatment. May God hold them both gently in his palm. We will wait for further opportunity to farewell the sisters.

Welcome to Miss Paige Farrow who began teaching Stage 2 (Year 3/4) last week. The students are enjoying their new teacher as much as she is enjoying them. We wish Paige a very happy association with our school. Paige will be formally introduced to the parent community at this week’s Parents and Friends Meeting.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped at our working bee on Sunday. It was cold enough but the atmosphere was warm and busy. We managed to get a good number of jobs completed. The old wooden seating has been removed, a pin board erected outside Year 5/6 classroom, all gardens weeded and mulched, photos taken and morning tea served. Thanks to the families who couldn’t help on the day but dropped off some mulch for the gardens. We have included some great photos of the morning to share with you.
The Diocesan Cross Country Carnival will be held this Thursday at Tarro. Thank you to all the parents who are accompanying students to the carnival. Mr Morris will be the team teacher. We have 18 children who have will be representing our school as they compete in this event. Best wishes to all those students.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the mums and grandmothers in our school community. You have a very special role in continuing to build God’s kingdom and we appreciate all that you do. We look forward to sharing breakfast with you on Friday and hope to see many mums and grandmothers at our special Liturgy and activity session at 9.00am.

Mrs Whale’s Master Writing Class has been going very well. We have entered our first writing competition with Chloe Towell winning first prize and Darcy Moore gaining a highly commended. This term we are having fun with poetry and dabbling in some newspaper journalism as well.

NAPLAN testing will be conducted with all students in Years 3 and 5 next week. Please ensure your child is at school every day as this testing provides us with great diagnostic information with which to plan future learning experiences.

Recently we had a quick visit to our school by the Director of the Catholic Schools office. He was delighted to be given a Guard of Honour by the kinder students.

Several students are taking part in the lunch time “Cool and Friendly” program. This program supports primary aged students to deal with their emotions, especially anger, in an acceptable manner. There are six volunteers participating in this program at present and they are enjoying learning about things that make them happy and sad and different degrees of happiness and unhappiness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 1

Kindergarten - Levi Hourn – for being settled and ready to learn.
Claudia Patterson – for representing numbers through pictures, words and numbers
Nate Brown – for great effort in his writing.
1/2 - Seth Pepper - for being a fantastic and caring friend
Ella Beaven - for fantastic writing and maths work
3/4 - Patrick McLaren - for a fantastic retell of Mulga Bill’s Bicycle
Rebecca Keegan - for her sensible and mature approach to class work
5/6 - Gaby Nicholls – for being a fantastic collaborator well in group and paired work
John Magner – for being an excellent contributor in any class discussion or debate
Playground Champion - Matilda Cronin – for always taking responsibility for giving her Asthma bag to the teacher on duty
Principal’s Awards - Eliza Peebles - for being a responsible school leader who sees a need and actions a plan to fix it.

Helen Whale
Principal

Merriwa Ringer
Bush Poet

Last Friday we were fortunate enough to be entertained by bush poet Carol Heuchan. She performed a number of poems, including one about a naughty girl who rode a naughty pony, a frog who went to the bank for a loan and awful things you find in stew. She also involved the students in a dramatisation of Waltzing Matilda. Her performance was enjoyable and very entertaining. We thank the Lions Club of Denman for organising this for the students.

NAPLAN

Next week all students in Years 3 and 5 will sit NAPLAN examinations over three days – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will be assessed for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. It is most important that students maximise their opportunities by ensuring they eat a good healthy breakfast and have plenty of sleep the night before each exam.

Regional Cross Country

Angus Higgins will be representing the school at the regional cross country at Broadmeadow on Friday. We wish him good luck.

Adobe Creative Suite (CS6)

Adobe Creative Suite 6 (CS6) is a set of software applications that allow students to work with digital media such as photos, movies and websites. These are professional tools used widely in industry. Students can download and use the Adobe Creative Suite 6 (CS6) for free on their personally owned device.

Winter Uniforms

With the weather turning quite cool over the weekend it is a good time to remind students what our uniform requirements are for winter. During the colder months, students can wear navy blue jumpers, navy blue jackets, navy blue track pants as well as their school polo shirt. Varied coloured hoodies, jackets and jumpers and track pants with stripes up the side are not part of our school uniform. We understand that sometimes uniforms get dirty and are hard to dry during winter, and ask that parents provide their child with a note when that happens. School uniform is readily available and can be purchased through the school uniform shop or at major retailers such as Big W or Best and Less. I ask that all parents ensure that their child is dressed correctly for school every day.

Student of the Week

Tylyna Cox - displaying school values through her role as Vice Captain.

What’s Happening in 2/3

This term in English 2-3 will study the text “The Bugalugs Bum Thief” by Tim Winton. In this text we will be focusing on sentence structure. We will look at writing in past tense, complex sentences, word choice, using adjectives, time connectives, compound sentences, commas and exclamation marks. This will also be reinforced during writing tasks.

In mathematics Year 2 will be studying the Investigation titled “Show Time”. During this investigation the class will learn content as addition facts, mental strategies for addition, subtraction facts, mental strategies for subtraction, money and time. In the investigation the class will be given a show guide where they are required to make choices; food they wish to purchase, rides

Weekly Awards

• Katie Pike - application in Maths - equivalent fraction
• Shanay Turner - working hard to improve her handwriting in all KLA’s
• Josh Wilkins - working well in all areas
• William Stair - consistent effort - working hard to complete all tasks
• Rowdy Walters - growing in confidence when writing sentences
• Isabelle Pike - always using lovely manners.

Workers of the Week

Years K/1/2 - Kayden Adams and Noah Adams.
Years 3/4/5/6 - Jacob Marsh, Hunter Marsh, Sam Thompson and Beau Buswell.
they want to go on and buying show bags, all with a budget of $60.00.

In mathematics Year 3 will be studying the Investigation titled “Kilogram Quest”. During this investigation the class will learn mental strategies for addition, written strategies for addition with regrouping, multiplication problem solving, division facts 2, 3, 5 and 10, division problem solving, the turn around and grouping rules, grams and kilograms. In the investigation the class will be on a quest to locate 12 items in the classroom that have a combined weight of 1 kilogram.

This term in sport we will be continuing the development of athletic skills in preparation for Pittman Cup. The soccer team, along with Mr Higgins (thank you) will also continue training in preparation for the first game late in the term.

Tammy Parker
Class Teacher

FROM THE P AND C

Last Saturday some members of the P and C, their husbands and children worked very hard from 11.00am to 4.00pm picking up wood at the woodchoppers competition that was held at the Upper Hunter Food and Wine Affair in Denman. It was one of the many fundraisers organised for our school. For their amazing efforts the P and C will receive a donation of $500.00. Thank you to Nicola Field, Michael Terrell.

Nicola’s son Christopher, Nicholas Terrell, Anita Hinze, Brad Hinze, Jeannie Harris, Mike Harris, Amelia Harris, Andrew Harris plus staff from Widden Stud, Laura and Caylum. Anita and Brad were able to sell their load of wood for $100.00 and are donating that to the day as well, so thank you for that. Also thank you to Widden Stud for the use of one of their vehicles to load the wood on plus providing us with rakes, wheelbarrows, brooms etc. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

This weekend at Scone we will be requiring more volunteers to help in yet another fundraiser to be held at White Park on Saturday May 10 and Sunday May 11. We have been asked to cater for a Farrier’s competition that will take place at the grounds over these two days. This should attract many spectators plus at the same time a tent pegging competition will be contested followed by the Scone rodeo so by running a canteen over the two days we will be kept very busy! A note went home on Monday asking for expressions of interest. Even if you can’t be there in person we would appreciate if parents could provide some slices/cakes/biscuits to be sold with tea and coffee. We would like to see some new faces coming forward to help if possible rather than see the same parents giving up their time over and over again. You may be planning on going to Scone anyway that weekend to see the Horse Festival parade or attending one of the many events that are planned so please keep us in mind and maybe you could lend a hand on the BBQ etc. This event could see the P and C raising substantial funds for our children to enjoy activities at our school that would otherwise see parents forking out lots of $$$$ for them to enjoy.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE - Don’t forget to have your raffle tickets in by this Friday. Every family were sent tickets home with their children last week.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL – this Thursday and Friday before school in the Music Room. Children can purchase a gift for mum for her special day! Gifts from $5.00.

Jeannie Harris
I hope that everyone had a safe and happy Easter break. It was great to see students returning to school this morning ready for another great and hard-working term.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

James Bibby has been awarded the Student of the Week award from the last week of Term 1 because of his increasing desire to challenge himself to attempt and complete tasks to an acceptable standard. He showed a pleasing work ethic all week and completed tasks such as his Easter Hat description, Easter writing for the Merriwa competition, reading comprehension activities and graphing in maths. He was a respectful member of the school during the Easter church service, hat parade and egg hunt. James played happily in the playground and followed the school expectations. He was very excited to receive his ‘What to bring’ note for the excursion and spoke about ways that he could get himself organised to go. Congratulations James on your achievements. You should feel very proud of yourself.

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

**What is your favourite food?** Sausage rolls

**What career would you like when you are older?** A firefighter

**A part from your family, who is one of your role models?** Kelly (Angus’s mum) because she speaks nicely to me

**If you were given $100, what would you buy?** Some fruit, a waterbottle and a bag to use at school

**What is one thing that people may not know about you?** I really like jumping on the trampaline

**What has been your greatest achievement?** The way I behaved and tried everything at Aussie Bush Camp last year.

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**ANZAC DAY TOWN SERVICE**

Mrs A Nairne commented that the 13 students who were able to attend the town service last Friday did themselves and their school proud. Thank you to the students and well done to Brady and Sarah for leading the school. Thanks also to Zoe Nairne for delivering the school’s wreath to the ceremony.

**ANZAC CEREMONY AT SCHOOL YESTERDAY**

Sarah and Brady did a great job leading the school during the school service this morning. All students acted very respectfully.

**EASTER CHURCH SERVICE**

Thank you to Mrs Parker for organising this year’s service. It was a lovely way to show the religious meaning of Easter.

**EASTER HAT PARADE AND EXCELLENT EGG HUNT**

Such a brilliant display and such fantastic descriptions! Congratulations to all students (and parents) who made fantastic hats. The staff were really impressed by how the students drafted and wrote their descriptions. These had a lot of thought put into them and students were very proud of their results.

Thank you to Mrs Parker who had the difficult job of judging the hats. Congratulations to Gordie, Harry, Maddie and Brady who won their section of the parade.

Thanks also to Mrs A Nairne who organised a fantastic and slightly tricky Easter egg hunt. It is important that our students continued to be challenged, encouraged to have a go and also get to know the layout of the library a bit better. To all the families and friends of the school who came, thank you very much. It was lovely to share the day with you and I know that the students love you being there and supporting them.

The Easter raffle raised a profit of $128.00 and was excitingly won by Harry. Thank you to all who supported the raffle.
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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Women’s Guild meeting - first Thursday monthly
May 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: 8.00am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mothers Day Cake Raffle: Tickets are available from Merriwa Pharmacy, Di’s Clothing Patch and Guild members.

Cake Raffle Drawn: 10 May

Anglican Womens Gathering: 15 May - 10.00am at Muswellbrook, contact Joan Morgan on 02 6548 2036

Men’s Breakfast: 17 May - 8.00am at the Parish Hall.

We are in the parish, at this time, enjoying the Ministry of Rev’d Noel Boyce retired Army padre and priest from Singleton. I had the pleasure of knowing Rev’d Noel in my days at All Saints Singleton and it is wonderful to share again in his ministry.

I want to share my thoughts on Psalm 40 which was written about in a Singleton Argus publication 1989, when Noel was Army Chaplain. Please take time to meditate on this Psalm... Rev’d Noel wrote at the end of his article that Christian family support can mean so much...”.I waited patiently for the Lord’s help. Then he listened to me and heard my cry”... and so Rev’d Noel writes...God does not abandon His children. He surrounds them with his protection and love....

And Rev’d Pat suggests in reflections.. Our lord is a living God. He is alive and active in our lives. In moments of discouragement, he walks by our side, works in our hearts, and brings back our joy.

So read Psalm 40 and sing a song of Praise.

Contact: 0429 996 769

Rosalie Drew

YEARS 3-6 EXCURSION- 7 SLEEPS AWAY!

The excursion will be fantastic and students and staff are very excited. Mr Ivan Gant will need to leave Sydney early Thursday morning to fly to Coffs Harbour to present at a conference. Thank you to Mr Warrick Nairne who will be joining us for the entire week.

News Flash: Miss Hop Rosie Sunshine was discovered to be a Mr Hop Rosie Sunshine during the holidays.

Thanks to Mrs Nairne for babysitting Mr Hop.

Katie Burgess
Principal

Merriwa Ringer
At a recent meeting of our club, we had as our guests Paul Garland, Brian Sanotti and Bob Millard, all three of whom are active in the Kaleidoscope for Kids fundraising project which is associated with John Hunter Childrens’ Hospital.

Kaleidoscope for Kids reaches out into all areas, including Merriwa, for which John Hunter is the Base Hospital. It provides a wide range of follow-up and associated services for child patients throughout this area.

Rotary Merriwa assisted in their recent visit to Merriwa by providing evening and morning meals as well as general support for the band of enthusiastic supporters who came to visit us on a weekend last month.

They organised a program of various activities, including bush poetry, music and other entertainment. Their (mostly Newcastle based) supporters enjoyed soaking up the rural atmosphere during their few days in the community and plan to return next year.

The $1,750.00 raised by our club in providing meals for the visitors was donated back to their cause. Funds raised over the few days were in the vicinity of $9,000.00.
Award and Trophy presentation
Food Stalls and Market Variety Stalls
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St David’s Uniting Church Merriwa
St Trinity Anglican Church Merriwa
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Max’s Country Cuts
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If you are interested in sponsoring a Festival event please contact Liam Garment 6521 7046.

Liam Garment

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

Download the free Merriwa Central School App.
MCS in touch with our community!
Merriwa Community News

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

The next meeting for our Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Friday May 16, 2014 at 2.00pm. The meeting will be held in the Nurses Home Conference Room, entrance off McRae Street.

We welcome all community members to attend our meeting and perhaps join our auxiliary (only $5.00 per year). Our main aim is to raise money to buy equipment for our Multi Purposed Service (MPS) and the more members we have the easier the job will be. Our MPS is vital to our community. We never know when we might be in need of the health care that they provide so come join us on Friday May 16, 2014 at 2.00pm.

Elaine Sparrow

In Memory
CARL TRAIN

In loving memory of a dear father, father-in-law and pop.

46 years have passed
We still speak your name
The only thing we have
Is a picture in a frame.

Sadly missed daughter Eva, Son-in-law Mick and grandchildren.

Eva Towler

Merriwa Campdraft

WORKING BEE

We are holding another working bee this Saturday at the showground starting at 8.30am to finish a few jobs that were not completed last Saturday.

Anyone available are more than welcome to attend as we all know many hands make light work.

Morning tea will be available.

If you could please advise Megan Richards 0427 437 743 or merriwacampdraft@gmail.com or Roger Moore 0427 153 446 if you are able to attend so we ensure that we have the numbers to do the jobs required.

Megan Richards

Rotary Exchange

ROTORUΛ AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND STUDENT EXCHANGE

2015 PROGRAM EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN

This program is designed for 14-16 year old students (in Year 8, 9 or 10 in 2015) to experience a true ‘exchange’ with a family in New Zealand. Local students are matched with a New Zealand student and the New Zealand student will attend school in Australia during Term 2, 2015. Both students then return to New Zealand and attend school there for Term 3, 2015.

The students’ family hosts the NZ student and includes them in their normal family life.

This is an exciting way to experience another culture with the support of Rotary.

More information and expression of interest forms can be found at www.ranzse.org.

Expressions of interest close 30 June 2014.

Alison Tiananga
District 9670 – Australia and New Zealand Exchange

Merriwa Bushman’s Campdraft and Springtime Show

RSA COURSE

Merriwa Bushman’s Campdraft and Merriwa Springtime Show are holding a fully Accredited RSA Course at the Merriwa RSL Club.

Date: 27 May 2014
Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm,
Price: $135.00

Names must be in by May 16.

For bookings and enquires please phone Megan Richards on 0427 437 743 or Toni Jones on 0498 378 500.

Anyone is welcome!

Megan Richards and Toni Jones

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.

Merriwa Ringer
Darilyn and Clive celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 2. Their family would like to congratulate them on their 50 years together.

Love from all of your family.

Anne-Maree Nairne

Merriwa CWA
DATES FOR THE DIARY

CRAFT DAYS

Date: Wednesday 21 May
Date: Wednesday 18 June
Time: 1.00pm to 3.30pm

If you are working on a special project bring it along or just come along and enjoy the afternoon.

Thank you to all the ladies who worked at the races and made the day a success.

FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECEs

As usual the rooms will be opened early for that early morning coffee and light refreshments, lunch will also be available. Come along and support your CWA.

NEXT MEETING

Date: 12 May
Time: 10.00am

New members are always welcome!

Robyn McAlister

Anglican Women’s Guild

Please note that the Mother’s Day Morning Tea advertised for Saturday May 10 has been cancelled.

Anglican Women’s Guild will be having a Mother’s Day Cake Raffle, made and iced by Merriwa’s very own Fiona Wightman! Tickets are available at Di’s Clothing Patch, Merriwa Pharmacy and any members of the Anglican Guild.

Drawn Saturday May 10. View this beautiful cake in the window of the Merriwa Pharmacy. Good luck to everyone!

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa Tennis
SOCIAL TENNIS

Ladies Tennis is on Tuesdays, starting time will be at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome.

Merriwa Tennis Club is a child friendly club.

For more information contact Bev Telfer on 6548 7226 or Rose Medway on 6548 3207.

Loretta Cooper

Merriwa RSL Sub Branch

ANZAC DAY

To the people who attend the ANZAC Day service at the Cenotaph, I would like to extend to you all, my deepest apologies for the lack of music and the speeches that people could not hear. It was one of those ‘Murphy’s Law’ principles that the amplifier worked one moment and not at the crucial moment towards the end.

We are working on another way around it so we hope it will not happen in the future.

I offer my sincerest apologies.

Bob Baihn
Sub Branch President

Merriwa Senior Citizens

We will be having a Game’s Day at the Sports Club on Tuesday May 13 from 10.00am with Muswellbrook visitors.

Usual format - $6.00 lunch raffles and lucky door prizes, members please bring a salad.

This is always a lovely day so please come along and enjoy, non-members are also welcome to come.

Movie day on May 8 in the Squatters room at 1.00pm.

Mary O’Neill

Find us on Facebook!
Look for Merriwa Central School’s official page!
SIX INDIAN SPICEs THAT HELP PREvent CANCER

According to a new study published in The Times of India – Health and Fitness, six Indian Spices help to prevent cancer and they also form the base of Spice Grill’s Curries and Wraps too. They are:

Turmeric/Curcumin: This is the king of spices when it comes to dealing with cancer diseases, besides it adding a zesty color to our food on the platter. Turmeric contains the powerful polyphenol Curcumin that has been clinically proven to retard the growth of cancer cells causing prostate cancer, melanoma, breast cancer, brain tumor, pancreatic cancer and leukemia amongst a host of others. Curcumin promotes ‘Apoptosis’-(programmed cell death/cell suicide) that safely eliminates cancer breeding cells without posing a threat to the development of other healthy cells.

Fennel: Yes, it aids digestion and probably that is why we like chewing a handful of Fennel seeds at the end of every meal. Armed with phyto-nutrients and antioxidants, cancer cells have nothing but to accept defeat when the spice is fennel. ‘Anethole’, a major constituent of fennel resists and restricts the adhesive and invasive activities of cancer cells. It suppresses the enzymatic regulated activities behind cancer cell multiplication. A tomato-fennel combination with garlic or fresh salads with fennel bulbs make for an ideal entree prior to an elaborate course meal. Roasted fennel with parmesan can be another star pick.

Saffron: A natural carotenoid dicarboxylic acid called ‘Crocetin’ is the primary cancer-fighting element that saffron contains. It not only inhibits the progression of the disease but also decreases the size of the tumour by half, guaranteeing a complete goodbye to cancer. Though it is the most expensive spice in the world for it is derived from around 250,000 flower stigmas (saffron crocus) that make just about half a kilo, a few saffron threads come loaded with benefits you won’t regret paying for. Saffron threads can be used in various ways.

Cumin: It aids digestion. However, its health benefits go beyond. A portent herb with antioxidant characteristics, cumin seeds contains a compound called ‘Thymoquinone’ that checks proliferation of cells responsible for prostate cancer. So, instead of loading your usual snack options with calories and oil, add this seasoning to your bread, fried beans or sauce and make the dish rich in flavour and high on health. You can rediscover the magic of cumin in your regular bowl of tadka dal and rice too!

Cinnamon: It takes not more than a half teaspoon of cinnamon powder every day to keep cancer risk away. A natural food preservative, cinnamon is a source of iron and calcium. Useful in reducing tumour growth, it blocks the formation of new vessels in the human body.

Oregano: More than a pizza or pasta topping, oregano confirms its worth as a potential agent against prostate cancer. Consisting of antimicrobial compounds, just one teaspoon of oregano has the power of two cups of red grapes! Phyto-chemical ‘Quercetin’ present in oregano restricts growth of malignant cells in the body and acts like a drug against cancer-centric diseases.

Cook Required Urgently - Experience necessary - should have knowledge of Indian Curry cooking. Contact Spice Grill - 02 6548 2255.

Rohit Gaur

Dis Clothing Patch
MOTHER’S DAY

We have lots of new arrivals over the last week just in time for Mothers Day. Some idea’s for keeping the winter chills out: wool jumpers, capes and ponchos. We have a wonderful range of scarves, beanies and wool hat, leather and wool gloves. Auzzie made woolen ugg boot and slippers, ladies dressing gowns, flannelette pj’s and nighties.

We have a large range handbags and wallets in different shapes, sizes and colour.

RM Williams Stockyard now in stock with ladies cream and dark denim slim fit jeans, long sleeve shirts in many colours, rugby tops and reversible vests and jackets. The men have not been forgotten with great colours in shirts for work and play and rugby’s and fleece jumpers and jeans.

Keep a look out for the latest Manchester Catalogue with some great buy to keep you warm this winter, there are lovely Actil quilt cover, sheets and towel. Sonar electric blankets. Throws and plush blankets with lots more.

Winter school uniforms are starting to come in and we are now taking orders on pants, jumpers, trackpants and polo’s. Navy and green school sock and stockings are also in.

Di Inder
Congratulations to the Race Committee, the Merriwa Cup Day was a great day, with perfect weather.

MOTHER’S DAY
This weekend is Mother’s Day. If you haven’t got a card or a gift for mum - NOW is the time!

CARDS
We have a great range of beautiful, heartfelt, funny, cheeky and cute cards. There is one for every mum. When you buy one of our Mother’s Day cards, Hallmark donates some of the proceeds to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. So far they have (and you) have raised $1.3 million to fund research into the prevention and cure of breast cancer.

WRAP AND BOXES
We have some beautiful and modern wrap in store right now. There is flat wrap and rolls of wrap. However, if you hate wrapping presents we also have a range of beautiful boxes. There are several sizes - wallet size, book size, cake size and more.

WALLETS
We have a beautiful range of wallets that are perfect for mum. They are bright and colourful (won’t go missing in the bottom of mum’s handbag) as well as classic and timeless. Come in and have a look at them today.

SUBSCRIBE
The latest issues of Australian Women’s Weekly, Better Homes and Gardens, Outback, Hunter Lifestyle, Homespun, House and Garden, Home Beautiful, Marie Claire, Peppermint, Gourmet Traveller, Taste, and so many more magazines are available that would be the perfect gift for mum. You can subscribe in-store to as few or as many as you would like and there are no hidden costs.

GIFT CARDS
There is a great range of gift cards available now, including - Jeans West, Jacqui E, Portmans, Myer, ABC Shop, Sanity, Cellar Masters, Red Balloon and so many more. They are the perfect gift - easy to post in a card and something that allows you to give the perfect gift as well as mum receiving exactly what she wants.

FACEBOOK
For updates on new stock, gift ideas and great discounts, visit our facebook page - Merriwa NewsXpress. We will keep you updated with what is on sale, what is new in store and more.

KINETIC SAND CASTLES
Now that you have your kinetic sand (if you don’t - it is a must) we now have the accessories to go with it. They include everything you need to build a castle (but don’t let that limit your imagination - there are so many other things that the accessories can build!) if you don’t know what I am talking about then you need to come in and play with it. It is the most amazing product - soothing for some and interesting for others.

MERRIWA PORTAL
The Merriwa Community Portal is going ahead. Murrurrundi has already got theirs up and running, and if you are interested to see what it is all about, Google it and have a look. Merriwa’s will be similar to this.

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MORE THAN JUST A POST OFFICE POSTAGE INCREASE
I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter/Anzac period and is refreshed and relaxed. I know I am!

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.

TAX TIME SAVINGS
Australia Post is running a promotion on Reflex Copy Paper. Great time to stock up when purchasing 1-99 reams you will pay $4.99 per ream, 100-399 reams $4.79 per ream and 400+ reams $4.50 per ream. Please see staff if you would like to place a bulk order.
crumbling Russia which would eventually collapse completely after the 1917 Revolution and ensuing Civil War.

It does not require a master tactician to understand the strategic thinking behind the Gallipoli landings, since if successful they would have achieved at least three immensely important results. (1) They would have split Turkey and her Empire from her two northern allies. (2) They would have enabled the Allies to get both troops and weapons through the Dardanelles to the Black Sea to bolster the Russians and open up a third front. Here there is a resemblance to the situation in WW2 where the Allies again had to get help to Russia. However, in WW2, even though Turkey was on our side, they could not do so because the Black Sea area had been quickly over run by Germany as soon as she invaded Russia. Instead, the Allies had to use the merciless Arctic convoys. (3) Russia would have been able to move her imprisoned Black Sea Fleet out into the Mediterranean. Admittedly that fleet was old, poorly maintained and the morale of the crews was low, however unlike WW2 there was little naval action in the Mediterranean in WW1 and the Russian navy could have coped adequately. This would have allowed Britain to divert capital ships from there to Scapa Flow to reinforce the fleet waiting for the German High Seas Fleet to come out, which it eventually did and the Battle of Jutland ensued. It would also have enabled Britain to send lighter warships, particularly destroyers and their like, to the Atlantic to combat the steadily increasing German U Boat menace which eventually threatened to starve Britain into submission.

As with all big events, and for many reasons, historical facts become distorted, forgotten, and myths arise, and the landings in April 1915 are no exception. We hear much about the heavy loss of Australian lives at the actual landings, but the truth appears to be different. The British, who landed in daylight, did have very heavy casualties at that stage, but not the Anzacs as, acting independently, they had landed before dawn, and their severe losses took place later. Indeed, the Turkish General in charge of that sector (Kemel Ataturk, later to be known as the “Father of Modern Turkey”) was woken by an aide to be told that the Anzacs had landed, were advancing on three vital high ridges and had already captured the second, though not from the first. It seems possible this was the critical turning point of the entire campaign, which then lingered on for eight long months.
It was certainly a defeat, yet all wars have defeats as well as victories, and Gallipoli was small compared to others such as the surrender of France, the retreat from Dunkirk and the fall of Singapore in WW2. Yet we do not hear the same lamentations over those three major defeats as we do over Gallipoli, though had it been successful it would have very likely have shortened the Great War by at least a year or more and dramatically changed the course of history. As an example, had the Allies been able to get sufficient help to Russia through the Dardanelles into the Black Sea Russia might not have collapsed, and the Russian Revolution, the rise of Communism and the Cold War might never have happened.

This is not the end, because no sooner had we defeated one monster (Hitler) than we were confronted with another (Stalin) with a succession of smaller wars involving Australians. The Malayan emergency, a win; the Indonesian Confrontation, a win; Korea, a draw; Vietnam, a loss; Iraq and Afghanistan, still indeterminate. There will inevitably be more wins and losses like these, all of them in my view necessary against those who, like Hitler, Stalin, and doubtless others like them in the future, will defeat us if they can and have often tried to do so but have so far not succeeded. Like it or not, we have no choice but to confront them, as we always have and always must.


Max Wurcker

Mortgage Matters
LAUREN AND JODY MURPHY (MORTGAGE CHOICE HUNTER VALLEY)

TOP TIPS FOR BORROWERS LOOKING TO ENTER THE PROPERTY MARKET

Shop around before putting all of your eggs in one lenders basket!

Are you considering buying property in the near future? If so, while it may seem easy and advantageous to apply for a home loan through the lending institution you currently deal with, this isn’t necessarily the best route to take.

With interest rates hovering around record lows, and Australia’s lenders offering innovative and sharply priced home loans, there are many good reasons to shop around and consider a range of loan and lender options.

Here are five top tips to assist borrowers when comparing lenders and the loan options available:

1. **Compare lender interest rates:** understand what interest rates are being offered by Australia’s lenders at the moment and then compare and contrast them against what else is on the market. While interest rates aren’t everything, your perfect lender should be very competitive on rates.

2. **Investigate the associated fees:** many lenders will charge various fees, so make sure the lender you are contemplating partnering with offers competitive fees and charges. Get your mortgage broker to compare how the lender stacks-up in terms of the fees and charges on the loan (e.g. for loan features, transactions, late penalties, early repayments, top ups etc.).

3. **Consider your features:** before you can find the perfect home loan, you need to understand what loan features you want to have both today and into the future (e.g. offset account, redraw facility, etc.). Once you have established what loan feature/s you require, you can see which lenders offer mortgage products with reasonably priced features.

4. **Consider lender support capabilities:** if weekend branch access and phone support are high on your priority list, it is important to partner with a lender that offers such facilities.

5. **Contemplate future commitments:** before you decide to partner with one lender, investigate whether or not they offer a wide range of loan options to suit you, should your personal or financial situation change (e.g. if you need a loan top up, access to funds for renovations or you wish to refinance an existing loan).

As your mortgage brokers, we can do the above for you. We are here to do the running around for you. Just tell your mortgage broker what you are looking for and they will do the rest.

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.

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MEET WITH MAYOR MICHAEL JOHNSEN

Mayor Michael Johnsen will attend the Merriwa office of Upper Hunter Shire Council on the fourth Wednesday of each month. His next visit is scheduled for Wednesday, 28 May 2014. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with Mayor Johnsen on any issue please contact Robyn Cox at the Scone office on 6540 1126 or email rcox@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM & OPERATIONAL PLAN 2014/15 - 2017/18

Upper Hunter Shire Council’s draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan is on exhibition until close of business on Friday, 30 May 2014 on Council’s website, www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au, at the Council offices in Scone, Merriwa and Murrurundi, at the Aberdeen, Cassilis, Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone libraries and at the Visitor Information Centres in Scone, Merriwa and Murrurundi.

The draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan (DPOP) contains Council’s:

- Vision, mission, charter and objectives
- Functions, activities, services and performance indicators
- Asset replacement program and capital projects
- Environmental activities
- Proposed rates, fees and charges
- Budget for 2014/15 – 2017/18

Exhibition of the draft DPOP will provide an opportunity for members of the community to make a written submission to Council in regard to the content and priorities identified in the draft document.

Community engagement will be undertaken during the exhibition period through Local Area Consultative Workshops, targeted consultation through existing organisations such as Progress Associations or Chambers of Commerce and “To the Householder” communications.

Separate advertisements will be placed for the above workshops.

Submissions are invited and should be directed to the General Manager:

Written  PO Box 208, Scone 2337
Facsimile (02) 6545 2671
Email  council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

The closing date for submissions is 2 June 2014. Council will consider the submissions at its meeting to be held on 23 June 2014.

If you would like additional details or clarification with regard to the draft document, please contact Council’s Director Corporate Services, Steve Pryor on (02) 6540 1124, or the General Manager, Waid Crockett, on 6540 1126.

MAY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Development & Environmental Services Committee
Tuesday 13th May 2014, 10.00am

Works & Technical Services Committee
Tuesday 13th May 2014, 1.00pm

Community Services Committee
Tuesday 13th May 2014, 4.30pm

Finance Committee
Friday 23rd May 2014, 1.00pm

Ordinary Council Meetings
Monday 26th May 2014, 5.00pm

All meetings are held at Council’s Administration Centre, Scone, unless otherwise stated

SCONE CUP HALF DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Council’s operations and offices will close at 12 noon on Friday, 16 May 2014 for the running of the Scone Cup, a gazetted half day local public holiday.

P: 6521 7000

Merriwa Ringer
MEDIA RELEASES
28 April 2014
BETTER DENTAL HEALTH
CAN MAKE YOU SMILE

An initiative to improve the dental health of Upper Hunter residents will be in view in coming months.

Tonight the councillors voted to publicise NSW Health information about fluoridation and give residents the opportunity to comment.

Council will consider those comments and vote at a future meeting on whether to fluoridate the town water supplies in Aberdeen, Merriwa, Scone, Murrurundi and possibly Cassilis.

Currently, residents of the Upper Hunter Shire are not part of the estimated 96% of the NSW population that has fluoridated water.

Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Michael Johnsen said the fluoridation initiative should bring a smile to the faces of Upper Hunter parents.

A survey of 149 residents of the Upper Hunter Shire in 2010 by NSW Health found about six out of seven respondents agreed with fluoridation among people on public water supply.

“Fluoridation has very little financial cost and enormous health benefits,” Mayor Johnsen said.

“This is a proven health measure to reduce tooth decay not just in children but for all members of the community.

“Natural fluoride exists in the Hunter River at low levels but not enough to protect teeth. Currently none of Council’s water supply systems add fluoride. We could join the majority of local government areas that add small amounts of fluoride to the public water supply,” he said.

“Prior to the decision on fluoridation Council will distribute information from NSW Health to every home and business that would be affected. If the decision is made to fluoridate we will also let residents know when it will start, as some people are already using fluoride tablets.”

“The minority who disagree with fluoridation still have the options of drinking tank water, filtered water or bottled water,” Mayor Johnsen said.

It is possible and practical to fluoride dose the town water supplies in Scone, Aberdeen, Merriwa and Murrurundi.

Each water supply system would require separate treatment by installing a package plant.

To also fluoridate Cassilis’ small water supply scheme would require a new system of daily monitoring. Field staff are already monitoring 365 days a year at Aberdeen, Scone, Murrurundi and Merriwa.

The NSW government would cover all capital costs through grants and Upper Hunter Shire Council would be responsible for the ongoing management and operational costs.

NSW Office of Water estimates that the operating costs to Council would be between $2 and $3 per person a year.

1 May 2014
UPGRADE FOR MERRIWA SHOWGROUND
WELCOME NEWS

Merriwa Showground Reserve Trust has received a grant of $25,000 to upgrade the electricity supply and install a watering system for the main arena.

The announcement was made by the NSW Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Andrew Stoner.

Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Michael Johnsen welcomed the news and said work would begin as soon as possible.

“We are hopeful these improvements can be made before the Merriwa Springtime Show on 21 and 22 September 2014,” Mayor Johnsen said.

“This is a great result for a small and committed group of volunteers.”

Council assisted the Trust in preparing the grant application.

To find out about future grant opportunities for your community group or organisation contact Upper Hunter Shire Council Grants Officer Tess Hynes on 6540 1172 or email thynes@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au.

Michael Johnsen
MAYOR
Located just 23kms from Merriwa and only two hours by the new Freeway from Newcastle this 265 acre property is superbly set up and maintained. Fronting the Merriwa River and with a pump set up to pump water to a header tank and over 100,000 litres of fresh water storage, plus five dams water is a feature of this property. Approximately 150 acres is cleared and fenced into six paddocks. The property has consistently carried up to 50 head of cattle plus horses. There is a good set of cattle yards with a stable attached. Other farm infrastructure includes, three bay stable complex with a tack room and round yard, Wash Bay, two bay open garage, six bay open machinery shed with attached three bay carport and on site diesel storage tank. The yard and accommodation are simply a picture perfect delight. There is a two bedroom cottage which is only 12 months old with it’s own kitchen and verandah overlooking the yard. The main house is iron clad for a rustic country feel and is very comfortable with a large open plan living area featuring a lounge with combustion fire, dining room and a second bedroom plus a huge timber kitchen. There is the main bedroom and a loft area for the kids. At the rear is a covered entertainment area looking out to the paddocks. The yard is fully fenced with a big lawn, kid’s cubby, covered BBQ area and beautiful shade tree’s with all the tree’s having drippers on them for watering. Backing onto the National Park and boasting outstanding facilities this would make a perfect weekender or a permanent home.
Merriwa Phone Numbers

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Police Mobile               0408 293 423
Police Assistance Line      131 444

* When reporting an incident to the Police, always request and record your Incident Reference Number

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Rural Fire Service              (Administration & Duty Officer)  1800 081 166
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Jackpots $50 per week.
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The Sports Club provides a wide range of benefits for members and guests.

**MONDAYS** - Happy Hour - 4.00pm to 5.00pm

- Social Darts - 7.00pm

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**THURSDAYS** - 5.00pm Bingo and Super 39

**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 3 May 2014**

Saturday Members Draw no 301 next week $160.00

Winners Jackpot next week $420.00.

**Free Tickets:** Eva Towler

**Dinner:** Rohan Constable

**Bowls Raffle:** John Rindfleish

**Sunday 27 April 2014**

Sunday Members draw no 100 next week $650.00.

**TRANSPORT SERVICE IS AVAILABLE FRIDAY**

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To access the transport service you must book through the Sports Club to check availability of the service.

**BINGO - NOTE CHANGE OF TIME**

Every Thursday night commences 5.00pm. Tickets on sale at 4.30pm.

Win Sporties vouchers for meat and other business houses plus SUPER 39 $100 gift voucher.

**DON’T FORGET SOCIAL DARTS**

Mondays 7.00pm draw for partners. All welcome.

**THE SPORTIES**

Chinese/Australian Restaurant - Smorgasbord last Sunday in the month.

Shan and Jinna also have lunch time specials for $8.00.

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**THE SPORTIES ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP**

Smorgasbord

Sunday 25 May

6.00pm

John Rindfleish

**LADIES BOWLS NEWS**

Some players braved the cold weather to support the Festival of Fleeces fund raising day on the green on Sunday May 4.

Some results from our visit to Cassilis last month.

Sheree won the raffle and the also rester bowl and Pat was in the runner up team.

Remember Friendship Day on our green on Wednesday May 21.

Wednesday Mufti each week 10.00am.

Beatrice Voysey

**MEN’S BOWLS NEWS**

We played Denman on Saturday and came away with a 6 to 0 win, another great effort, we now travel to the Maitland area at the end of the month for zone playoffs, not bad for a club of 16 playing bowlers, congratulations to you all.

Once again, thank you for all of your support through this season in regards to the green, surrounds, cooking and just being there when assistance was required.

We have decided this weekend that we will be sending delegates to Bulahdelah on a fact finding mission. I expect both Ken and Des to shine as this is the area they both specialise in, hoping that Des remembers to pack his port properly, I will have an updated report next week. The weekend of May 17 and 18, we will try to get as many games of championships out of the way and we will also be organising a game against Aberdeen RSL sooner then later.

Phil Rush (Rabs)
Merriwa Ringer

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 2 May
Members Draw: $135 – Zoe Nairne - unclaimed - $140 next week.

MEMBERS SPECIAL FOR MAY/JUNE
$4 Schooners and $3 Middies

Hilary Parker

Merriwa RSL Club
The Members Lucky Badge for $800.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 833. This week it jackpots to $850.00. The 7.00pm draw for $580.00 was not won. The number was 589. This week it jackpots to $600.00. The 9.00pm draw for $120.00 was not won and the number was 18. This week it jackpots to $140.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $900.00 was not won last week. The number was 709 and this week it jackpots to $950.00. 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.

Merriwa RSL Club’s Mother’s Day Lunch Special Menu

Grilled Chicken Breast with Honey Mustard Sauce
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Scotch Fillet with Mushroom Sauce
Served with roast vegetables and seasonal greens

Passionfruit Cheesecake
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With cream or ice cream

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Matt Morgan
Secretary/Manager

Merriwa Ringer
Our Under 7’s team played Denman on Saturday at Scone. Only four turned up but were assisted by Denman playing some of their players with us. All four Merriwa players had a great game especially in defence with some great tackles and chasing by all four. Toby Jamieson had a great game in attack speeding up the field with the ball under his wing and passing some great passes to Harry Cook, Jackson Whitby and Maddison Pike. Harry had a great overall game and Maddison is a little speedster around the field flying past a lot of the opposition. Some great work was done by Jackson in defence.

Well done to you all. You played a fantastic game in the freezing weather conditions.

Brady Hilton

UNDER 6

Our 6’s came back from the holiday break excited to be back on the field. Daniel put in some great moves and scored some good tries. Zac, Nate, Jack and Toby all showed of their great tackling and ball handling skills.

It was great to see that they have been taking in what they have been learning at training.

Keep up the great work boys.

WELDERUP UNDER 15’S

Our Under 15’s travelled to Newcastle on Saturday to play Central Charlestown. Charlestown scored an early try. Our boys responded with an early try from Cody Towell. After a see-sawing battle Charlestown once again broke our defence line to score before half time – the score was 10 to 4. After half time the game got fairly physical with the Charlestown big guys wearing wearing our side down to go onto a 28 to 4 score line at full time.

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There was a lot of positives to come out of the game for our Welderup 15’s as Matt Haydon was voted Players Player. Matt is new to the side this year and showed great determination as did the other new players to our side. Put in the usual strong performance with Hamish Cameron taking the Coaches Award.

Our guys didn’t come home with heads down and with more time together will come home winners very soon. Well done. A great team effort.

Phil Neale

Kingslyn Under 8’s

The Under 8’s had a fantastic game against Aberdeen last Saturday. Great defevce by the whole team made it hard for Aberdeen to break the defence line. Well done Ellie, Brooklyn, Jyeson, Riley, Hudson, Clayton, Dylan and Jack on a great defensive game. It was great to have Jack Shannon join us for the last third. He joined in and helped out the team as soon as he stepped out on the field and showed us all he will be a great asset to our Under 8’s side. Tries went to Riley x 2, Dylan x 3, and one to Clayton. Well done Elly for getting more involved and running the ball forward with better confidence. Brooklyn showed great speed everytime she touched the ball weaving through the opposition with ease. Jyeson, along with his great defence looks dangerous every time he runs the ball and Hudson showed his experience making lots of meters for his team.

Well done Under 8’s see you at training.

Belinda Keane

Kingslyn Under 11’s

Our Under 11’s lost on Saturday in what was a cold and shivery day at Scone. The team is starting to gel as a unit and getting to know each other’s game. They are pulling together well and learning their positions each week. Logan Pike played well in attack and Logan Dewson had an excellent game in defence and scored their only try. Reece Turner and Damien Jamieson had a great game as did Nick Whitby. New to the game is Tiara Edens-Rosa who showed great running in attack and some good defence play. It was a solid performance by all players. Well done team

Each week the whole team will improve in all areas. Training has to be taken seriously as this will improve all areas of play.

Belinda Sparrow
Publicity Officer

Merriwa Netball

MERRIWA MINK PINK

Merriwa Mink Pink are a small team in numbers, but a team with a huge fighting spirit. With six available players, Paige McConnell, Jasmine Orton, Jasmine-Rose Hammond, Alana Smith, Peita Cassar and Teianna Taylor, three junior players stepped up to assist, Olivia McLean, Caitlyn Porter and Sophie Inder. These nine girls worked hard and played a very competitive game against the 13’s Rep side from Scone.

Shooters for the day were Teianna, Paige and Jasmine Orton. Their shooting was pretty well on the mark, not missing many attempts as the ball made its way to their end. They also showed great balancing skills to regather balls that seem to be heading ‘out’.

Centre players, Alana and Jasmine had a tough job, running ragged over the court. With a bit more fitness and confidence in what they are doing, these two girls are going to scare a few players on the court. Their determination to get the ball back made me tired from watching them.

Jasmine Orton was a demon in defence in the goal keeping position and was assisted well by our young players. Olivia, Sophie and Caitlyn. With Jazmines’ height and aggression, the younger players gained confidence and worked well to keep the ball from making the ring.

Peita played in WA and WD for this game. She has come a long way since last year and defended well, her persistence paying off on many occasions.

Olivia, Sophie and Caitlyn worked hard and gave the older girls all the support that they needed. They played that well that you wouldn’t have even known they were junior players. They adapted to their positions quickly, a credit to their coaches and parents. Again thank you.

All in all, for my first week as a coach, I was so proud of how well these girls played. They worked well together, complemented each other not only with the way they played together but verbally at the end of each quarter and played with great sportsmanship. Keeping the score to a small loss of 19 to 13.

We missed Hannah, Tamasyn and Britney and hope to see everyone at training, Mondays and Thursdays from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. No games for two weeks girls, but training is still on.

Tina Taylor
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Community

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

Round 5 saw the Merriwa Magpies take on Aberdeen at Merriwa and if you haven’t heard already both teams got their first win for the season.

The League Tag girls started the day off in style downing the Tigers 26 – 10. Unfortunately I missed the first half but by watching the second half I could see that the victory was based on strong defence and communicating well with each other to keep Aberdeen camped in their own half for the majority of the game. Well done ladies! I knew a victory was close and am sure the next won’t be that far away.

Try scorers – Widda – 2, Taylah, Janaya, and Gaynor.

Goal scores – Jessyca – 2, and Gaynor with her unique style 1.

With the girls posting a victory, the boys had plenty of pressure placed on them to match the ladies win. They took the challenge, beating Aberdeen 22 – 16. The Tigers scored early going to 6 – 0 lead, but was soon matched by the Magpies with a great try by Blake set up by younger brother Bradley. The Magpies soon followed up with another try to Ben and converted by Jeremy. This placed Merriwa in the lead 10 – 6. The tigers than hit back to level the scores 10 all at the break.

Merriwa started the second half well with a try to Rory set up by himself, and an intercept try to Seth to go to a 22 – 10 lead. As most of us know Aberdeen are never beaten until the final whistle and soon hit back with a try to close the gap 22 – 16, and would have scored again on fulltime only for a desperation tackle by young Darryl who not only took the Aberdeen winger out but also his team mate Blake and touch judge Glen Austin, leaving the final score 22 – 16.

Well done to both teams on getting that first victory of the year and I am sure that with growing confidence both teams can rattle the Rams this weekend at Muswellbrook starting with the league tag at 11.45am Sunday.

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Matt Morgan
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