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The North West Equestrian Expo held in Coonabarabran is the largest school horse sports event held in Australia with 660 riders and 720 horses from over the 200 competing schools. Merriwa Central School was represented by three students April Lawler, Clancy Martin and Hannah Riley. They competed in eight different events over the five days of competition, there being; the one day event, working horse challenge, polocrosse, team barrel race, the Warrumbungles Way, sporting, show jumping and team penning.

For each of them it was their first one day event which comprises the three phases of dressage, show jumping and cross country jumping. The cross country jumping was held in the rain on Sunday providing even more challenges which each of them managed to complete with great skill.

The Warrumbungles Way challenge is an event that has been created to reflect the working day of a stockman. The competitors were required to put hobbles and a nose bag on their horse and then remove them; lead a pack horse through a set course; drag a simulated cow from a bog; cross a bridge; carry a billy can of water while jumping logs; demonstrate their skills cracking a stock whip; complete a bare back obstacle course and finally show off their skills during a freestyle bareback session. April, Hannah and Clancy all enjoyed this event and challenged themselves with their bareback routines including fast riding and turning and whip cracking. Clancy even removed his reins and used his whip to steer his horse through a pattern before standing on her back and cracking the whip while she stood unattended.

The Merriwa students also had their first go at team penning and wish to thank Kellie Porter for all her help and the knowledge she shared.

By the end of the five days of competition the children (and their parents) were tired but happy and are looking forward to representing their school at expo again next year. All of the children were successful in their events, which had up to 140 competitors, coming home with various ribbons and prizes.

Clancy - first Warrumbungles Way, receiving a swag as first prize; second working horse challenge; fourth D grade eventing; fourth flag race; fifth bending race and time trial. Champion pointscore 12 years boy, receiving an embroidered rug.

April - fifth barrel race, seventh bending race.

Hannah - fourth One Day Event, third Working Horse Challenge, fourth Warrumbungle’s Way, first Barrel Race, third Flag Race, fourth Time Trial, fourth Bending Race, and Champion Sporter.
The Festival of the Fleeces proved to be bigger and better this year with a huge number of visitors to our town enjoying the activities. Congratulations to the Festival Committee for bringing so many community groups together for the annual event.

It was great to see our students well represented in activities during the parade and throughout the weekend. Students were involved in organising the petting zoo and fundraising, in the parade representing our school, Junior Rugby League, Horse Sports and many other community organisations. Well done to all who contributed in some way to a very successful weekend.

**MOBILE PHONE POLICY**

A reminder to students and parents that Merriwa Central School is a mobile phone free zone.

If students must bring mobile phones to school they are to be handed in at the Office and collected at home time. The school will not accept any responsibility for loss or damage of phones when students do not follow this procedure. Students who fail to follow school rules will have their phones confiscated for five school days. Students who repeatedly ignore school rules may be suspended.

Our mobile phone policy has been in place for the past five years. It has led to a significant reduction in the number of disruptions to learning, and minimised the number of Facebook drama’s that occur during school hours.

**STUDENTS VISIT ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SITES**

Our visit to “Hands on the Rock” and “The Drip” as part of Reconciliation Week celebrations proved to be a hit with students. It was a great opportunity for students to explore and develop greater understanding of Aboriginal heritage at two significant sites very close to Merriwa.

Students discovered the importance of some of the local vegetation, and the type of implements that would have been used by Aboriginal people in the past to hunt and gather food.

Students enjoyed being out in the bush and set a cracking pace on the walking trails. Except for the occasional run in with the stinging nettles, all students enjoyed the opportunity to explore our local environment. Students also discovered that mining is having an impact on these significant cultural sites. In Term 3 the field work excursion will be offered again to Primary and Secondary students.

**Coming Events**

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Primary News
FIFE ASSEMBLY

Last week the Fife Band performed at the Primary Assembly and did a fantastic job. The first song they played was a French piece they have been working on called ‘Au Clair de la Lune’. They followed this with the traditional song ‘The Grand Old Duke of York’. Unfortunately that’s when we had some technical difficulties but when the Fife Band said “It’s okay we can do it without the backing music” we went ahead and watched just how much confidence this group of musicians have as they were led by Harrison Amidy in a fantastic performance all on their own!

Well done to our Fife Band, we can’t wait to see you perform at Variety Night this year. Thank you to Miss Kershaw, from the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music, for all the wonderful work you have been doing with our Fife Band.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Last week we were pleased to award three more students with their Bronze Award. Congratulations to Georgie Simmons, Elisha Drury and Tamika Drury on all your hard work!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Look how happy our Students of the Week are as they hold their book awards with pride. They have all been doing some wonderful work in class and it is such a pleasure to see these smiles as they know their hard work is being recognised. Congratulations to these students:

Year Kindergarten: Rhianna Shadlow
Year 1/2: Lily Swan
Year 2/3: Jesse Watson
Year 4/5: William Whitby
Year 5/6: Harrison Amidy

FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

What a beautiful day we had for the annual Festival of the Fleeces. Our display window at Max’s Country Cuts was popular with visitors to the town and many people complimented our students on their creativity and artistic skills. It was lovely to see so many of our students walking in the parade with community groups as well as marching behind the Merriwa Central School banner. Thank you to the students and parents who walked with us to represent the school with pride. The festival is a great opportunity to showcase the great efforts of our students.
NAIDOC WEEK

Last Tuesday 3 June Mr Noonan, Miss Willis and Mr Grant accompanied a group of our Primary and Secondary Aboriginal students on a wonderful excursion to visit the local heritage site “Hands on Rock”. This is an Aboriginal rock art site at Ulan and home of the Indigenous Aboriginal tribe, the Wiradjuri. Students had the amazing opportunity to walk the trail of this important ceremonial area and experience a smoke ceremony while hearing stories told by their guide for the day. Students also got to participate in a hand painting activity with some creative results.

SIGHT WORDS PROGRAM

This week students in years K-3 will be commencing a sight words program. Instant recognition of frequently used words will help to support your child’s reading development and increase fluency and accuracy. If you help your child master these words and know them ‘by sight’, then s/he will be able to focus on the more important content and understanding of the text. Practicing sight words can be a fun experience – use them as flash cards, look for words in books, on posters, signs or at the grocery store etc. Your child’s customised sight words will be coming home this week.

Kara Allison
Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

SECONDARY NEWS

MATHS, SCIENCE AGRICULTURE REPORT

This week I want to focus on the opportunities provided by our faculty outside the classroom, this term.

- In Agriculture, Mrs Harrison accompanied a group of students to Singleton to take part in a cattle judging workshop. Students were required to judge groups of different cattle and then justify their choices in front of the judges and their peers. It was a great learning experience and our students performed very well. At present we are waiting to hear if we have been allocated a steer from the Beef Bonanza Competition which means we will have a steer, a quantity of feed and be responsible for his preparation until he returns to Scone in November to be judged. In addition, we are preparing for the finishing of our Secure Fence and are working on completing the internal fencing and watering system in anticipation of the arrival of our alpacas and sheep.
ROAR Profile
Michael Smith-Wildey
Year 11

Why I want to be in ROAR? ROAR provides me with an opportunity to experience more than one sport at one time
What is my favourite subject: Science/Chemistry
What is my favourite sport? Free running and Martial Arts
What is my favourite team? St George Illawarra Dragons
Favourite Player: Brett Morris
Best personal sporting achievement: Getting the Most Improved trophy for Coolah Roos Under 12 footy side
Who inspires you and Why: My cousin Kyle because he has always pushed me to try harder and he is always teaching me something
Advice to young players: Don’t give up. No one becomes a master overnight.

Merriwa Central School, please encourage your students to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities. I would like to thank the members of my faculty for giving up so much of their time.
to organise and attend these activities, all for the benefit of their students.

Gwen Meyer  
Head Teacher Maths, Science and Ag

THANK YOU FROM ROAR

On behalf of Merriwa Central School ROAR program, I would like to thank the following people for their animals and equipment, which made for a very successful day at the Festival of the Fleeces. Community events like this allows us to get into the community and showcase our ROAR values: Respect, Ownership, Awareness, Rewards, and to see so many happy kids interacting with the animals was a great reward.

A huge ‘Thank You’ to the ROAR boys, Mr Grant, Mr Creamer and Festival Committee for their help. Also thank you to:

- Bernard Passlow
- Reece Hancock
- Courtney Murphy
- Kellie Walker
- Rob and Jenny Lee
- Elaine Russell
- Andre Kiely
- Barbara Campbell
- William Taylor
- Laurel Whittby
- Liam Harding
- Brindley Park
- Welderup
- Ausgrid

Isaac Austin  
ROAR Captain

Favourite Subject: English, PE and Art
Extra-Curricular activities: Enjoys horse riding and reading in her spare time
Best Personal Achievement: First in 800m race and first in high jump in Year 6 at Sandy Hollow Public School
Year Advisor’s Comment: Chelsea has settled into the daily grind of high school extremely well. She has generated an enormous respect from the teachers involved with her in class and has the made quite a lot of friends thus far.

She should be proud of her considerable efforts and the marks she is already receiving. She will no doubt be one of the highest scoring students for the year. I wish her all the best for the future.

Andrew Duncan  
Year Advisor

YEAR 12 FORMAL FUNDRAISING

Year 11 student of Merriwa Central School have recently begun fundraising for our 2014 Year 12 Formal Farewell. The formal event will be on the Thursday 18 September at the School of Arts Hall. Tickets will be on sale next Term.

Sausage Sizzle - Last Thursday 5 June, the secondary campus held a sausage sizzle in an effort to kick start their fundraising. We would like to thank Max’s Country Cuts for their delicious sausages.

100 Club - On Saturday we drew three 100 club raffles, first prize was $80.00 and second prize was a bottle of ROSTO olive oil. A big thank you has to go out to Liam Garment from the Merriwa Resource Centre for his wonderful efforts.

The winners of the 100 clubs are as follows:

First - $80  
- S. Screen
- J. McAlister
- J. Magner

Second - ROSTO Olive Oil  
- K. Blackadder
- T. Leslie
- L. Wearcket

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Efforts have been made to contact each of the winners, but if you have not yet received word, please contact the school.

If you missed out on winning, there is also currently a raffle being held at Max’s Country Cuts, to go into a draw to win some beautiful hampers donated from P.Riley. Drop on in and check them out! We appreciate your support.

Lana Grant
The 5/6 classroom has been an extremely busy place for the first six weeks of Term 2.

The Year 6 leaders have been busy once again this term fundraising for the Asthma Foundation and their Year 6 present. These leaders are taking pride in their school and continue to do themselves proud. There will be two more fundraisers in Term 3.

Year 5 and 6 leaders were at the forefront again in the Festival of the Fleeces parade leading the school parade with Josie the sheep. It is so lovely to see these Stage 3 leaders coming to these community events and supporting their school.

In Religion this term we have learnt about Sacraments of Service. These are the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Marriage. We will also be studying Beliefs where we will focus on the Creed.

In HSIE we are turning our attention to Indonesia. We have made information booklets about a region of Indonesia and have identified a lot of differences in the Asian culture and the Australian culture.

In Science and Technology this term we are designing and making a sustainable home. We have been busy researching and learning about renewable and non-renewable energy, and ways we can save energy in our homes. Students have been bringing in recyclable materials to start making their homes. We will be attending the Coal and Allied Science and Engineering Challenge on 18 June.

On Friday we all participated in the Athletics Carnival. We all competed to the best of our ability as we put into practice the skills we have been learning in PE. In PDH we have been learning how to keep ourselves safe around drugs. It has been very interesting to see how people’s attitudes have changed, and the changes in legislation that has occurred over the last thirty years.

Our main focus this term has been our entry for the Newcastle Herald School Newspaper Competition. We have been preparing by researching topics, preparing interview questions, conducting interviews and using the information gathered to write seven news articles that will appear in the Newcastle Herald on 27 June.

We are very proud of our news articles as they are all current news stories from Merriwa and surrounding areas. It is a lot of work, but it will all be worthwhile when we see it in print.

Most of our class participated in NAPLAN testing in Week 3. This was another learning experience and we all did our best.

In English, apart from the Newcastle Herald this term we are learning about characterisation. Throughout this unit we will identify traits and features of characters in novels and other media. We are also focusing of the comprehension strategies of predicting and visualizing.
Finally our Art lessons have been very diverse this term. We have made Balinese style shadow puppets to coincide with our HSIE topic, we have also created some large woolen colourful balls for our Festival window display. This was fun and very messy. We have also completed some religious art with the theme New Life, New Hope.

We are looking forward to Anna Kerrigan returning to St Joseph’s to work with us on the School performance.

This is just a quick summary of what we have been up to in Term 2, as you can see we have been extremely busy and have had lots of different learning opportunities.

We look forward to informing you of what we are doing in Term 3 next term.

All photos accompanying this article have been supplied by Mike Wong. We thank Mike for allowing us to use these
Allira has earned the Student of the Week award this week for her improved effort in class work. Her book work is becoming neater as Allira works on refining her letter formation. She is also writing an increased number of quality sentences independently using descriptive language and displaying the skills of a good reader while reading increasingly challenging books. Allira is a confident student who is becoming more respectful to her peers in the playground and developing new friendships as a result.

Congratulations and keep trying hard, Allira!

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

What is your favourite food? Chocolate

What career/work would you like when you are older? A hairdresser

Apart from your family, who your role model? Miss Reed, a teacher from my old school, because she played soccer, basketball and was nice

If you were given $100, what would you buy? Chocolate and popcorn because they are my favourite

What is one thing that people may not know about you? That I used to tap dance

PITTMAN CUP ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Tomorrow is Pittman Cup Day. Cassilis is very excited!

WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA FOR MRS GRINHAM

Everyone is invited to an afternoon tea next Monday at 2.30pm to welcome Mrs Jeanette Grinham to Cassilis. She will be the Relieving Principal for 12 months while Mrs Burgess is on maternity leave.

The school will supply the food and drinks. Hope to see you there.
What Is A Good Learner?

As part of the Visible Learning process, we asked students what they thought a good learner was.

• A good learner is someone who listens to teachers. A good learner is someone who plays nicely.

• A good learner is a person who listens to the teacher, does his work when he gets told too, does his chores when he gets home without getting told too and does the right thing all day. That’s what I think a good learner is.

• A good learner is a person who learns from their mistakes, never gives up, who doesn’t get distracted, learns from others and is kind to others. A good learner also gets stuck into their work and believes in themselves.

• A good learner is someone who does what they are told without any complaints. A good learner is somebody that does their work in the classroom and outside. A good learner is somebody that doesn’t act silly in the classroom and respects others people no matter how different they look or what colour they are.

• A good learner is someone who listens, who doesn’t get distracted, plays fairly in the playground and listens to what other people say.

• Being a good learner is when you are nice and caring to other people and do your work in and out of school.

• A good learner, to me, is someone that pays attention in class and outside of class as well. Someone that pushes on and helps other people is a good learner. Good learners don’t just read and write at school, they do their homework every night. They are also role models for younger people so they become good learners too.

• A good learner is someone that is respectful and who listens to other people. They know what is right and wrong.

• A good learner does writing, maths, spelling, art and reading.

• A good learner is someone who is always active and tries to do their best by other people around them.

• A good learner listens to the teacher, doesn’t stop until they get the answer correct, encourages themselves and other people to have a go and do the right thing.

• A good learner is someone who writes good sentences and they do good comprehension.

• Being a good learner means being respectful, concentrating, doing your best and being safe.

• A good learner is when you sit down and listen and you are nice to everybody.

• A good learner does good writing, their homework and listens to the teacher all the time.

• A good learner listens to the teachers and goes out to recess when the teacher tells you to and writes neatly.

• Being a good learner means listening to the teacher, writing sentences, reading and listening to other people.

• A good learner is calm, safe, good and respectful.
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**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Women's Guild meeting - first Thursday monthly

**June to November**: 2.00pm

Merry Church - Parish Hall - Last Friday monthly

**June to November**: 3.30pm

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

22 June: St Columba of Iona’s feast day - Cassilis - 11.00am - All welcome. Please bring some food to share after the service.

We give thanks to the Festival of the Fleece committee and all who contributed to the weekend, for all their tireless work and generosity of time.

Many Thanks to the Anglican Guild ladies for their wonderful morning tea and lunch after you had strolled through those amazing quilts.

I hope some of you were able to visit “Holy Trinity” for the Blessing of the Fleece service and have a look at the Poster showing the Merino ram on the “shilling”

The title of the book is “Once a Splendid Coin” by Stephen Burns.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll - Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul” – Spafford.

**Contact**: 0429 996 769

Rosalie Drew

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**NSW Farmers Association**

**WELCOME TO THIS WEEK’S UPDATE WITH AILEEN HOGAN**

**FARM CRIME SURVEY**

Have you remembered to fill in the Farm Crime Survey? The data will be 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](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WZJ9PJS)

**ANNUAL WAGE REVIEW DECISION 2014**

On 4 June 2014 the Fair Work Commission handed down its annual wage review decision. The decision applies to all employees covered by modern awards, enterprise awards, Notional Agreement Preserving a State Award (NAPSA’s) or transitional Australian Paying Condition Standards (APCS’s) as well as award free employees.

The Fair Work Commission has announced “a 3% increase to minimum wages. The increase will apply from the first full pay period starting on or after 1 July 2014. The increase only applies to employees that get their pay rates from the national minimum wage, a modern award or in some cases a registered agreement. The new national minimum wage will be $640.90 per week or $16.87 per hour. The national minimum wage applies to employees who aren’t covered by an award or agreement.”

Members who are subscribed to the NSW Farmers’ IR Service will receive updated pay and allowance guides (in electronic format) in the coming weeks with a published version to be available by July-August.

**FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON CROWN LANDS REVIEW**

The next stage in the Crown Lands Management Review has commenced and we would like to hear from you to inform our submission that is due in by 20 June.

- Leasehold or freehold - what are you views? What other activities would you like to be able to undertake on your property without needing to seek an exemption on your covenants?
- Travelling stock routes - do they work? Are you happy for them to be managed by Local Land Services as 60 per cent currently are?
- Crown reserves - what issues do you foresee in them being managed locally?
If there are other important issues you think should be addressed please flag them. Your responses can be emailed to our policy advisor Bart Rudolph on rudolphb@nswfarmers.org.au by Wednesday 11 June.

**NATIVE VEGETATION**

NSW Farmers today welcomed the introduction of one of the most sensible bills on native vegetation to be introduced into NSW Parliament. The Native Vegetation Amendment Bill, tabled by the NSW Shooters and Fishers Party, proposes a number of straightforward targeted amendments to the Act.

NSW Farmers president Fiona Simson said the Bill did not take away all farmers’ issues with native vegetation but could fix a number of issues with the Act.

“At the moment broadscale clearing under current legislation includes the removal of a single plant. This is wrong and it is my understanding the Bill will amend that,” she said. “It is unfortunate but the current Act is the product of an ideological debate about tree clearing and not about the active management of our natural resources.

“We as farmers take our role as custodians of the land very seriously and we take pride in producing our food and fibre. But unfortunately, the Act is one of the biggest impediments to sustainable food and fibre production in NSW.” Ms Simson said NSW Farmers had been seeking legislative changes to the native vegetation framework for many years and that the Coalition Government had committed to reviewing it.

“This is why we are supporting the amendments tabled on May 29 – because they are a step closer for farmers in rectifying the perverse outcomes that the current Act has on farming practices in this State and they recognise that environmental outcomes and food production outcomes can in fact go hand in hand.

**DISCOUNT OFFER FOR MEMBERS – SHELL FUEL CARD**

By signing up to a Shell Fuel card you receive 4 cents per litre off the pump price at Shell locations (includes Shell Unleaded, Shell Unleaded 95, Shell Premium Unleaded, Shell Unleaded E10, Shell V-Power and Shell Diesel) and up to 35 payment free days with no transaction fees.

NSW Farmers members also receive a discounted monthly fee of $2.50 (inc GST) per card per month. Any members who also have a Flybuys account can earn Flybuys points at Coles Express so you’ll get 1 point for every $2 spent on fuel or instore. To take advantage of this offer fill in the form available from http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/our-services/farm-card/automotive/shell-fuel-cardand return it directly to Shell via email customerservice@cardplus.com.au or fax 02 8282 4500.

Aileen Hogan

**Merriwa Healthy Environment Group**

**THE FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES COMMITTEE HAS EXCELLED ONCE AGAIN!**

Merriwa Healthy Environment Group would like to extend their thanks and appreciation for all the hard work carried out by the Festival Committee, especially Liam Garment, and all the volunteers on the day. Due to the tireless efforts of these dedicated folk this annual event continues to be a resounding success, of which we are all so proud.

Members of MHEG also extend thanks to Hunter Valley Gardens for their generous support of our stall by way of a Family Pass to their wonderful gardens, as well as a Voucher for a delicious meal at Harrigans Irish Pub, as a raffle prize. We have pleasure in announcing that Jenny Lee was the lucky winner.

At the MHEG information stall, we were delighted to meet new-comers to Merriwa who expressed their pleasure at now being part of our community.

People travelled far and wide to join in the Festival celebrations: Many travelled from Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, from all over NSW and especially from further down the Hunter Valley. Visitors told us of the environmental destruction in other parts of the country and how, in contrast, Merriwa is like a “breath of fresh air”.

Let’s make sure we keep our beautiful district a destination to be enjoyed by one and all.

Ted Finnie

**Merriwa Students Excel at Sydney Royal State Judging**

Merriwa Central School students excelled at this year’s Sydney Royal State judging competitions gaining both valuable hands-on experience and a swag of awards.

Merriwa Show hosted the group finals for many of the events with successful youth moving on to represent the Hunter at State level in Sydney.

Merriwa Show’s Champion and Reserve Meat Breeds Sheep judges were both just 15 years old and faced a big challenge at the Sydney Royal competing against a field of 14 finalists aged from 15 to 25 years from across NSW and New Zealand.
Former Merriwa student, Tom McAlister was sashed Reserve Champion in the State Meat Breeds Sheep Judging Final.

Tom was one of eight finalists chosen to make a speech to the crowd explaining his selections and obviously impressed the judges with his expert knowledge and confident public speaking display.

Proving his vast array of sheep industry knowledge for one so young, Tom also represented the region in the Sydney Royal Merino Sheep State Judging final.

Merriwa Central School student, Craig Walker was our second Meat Breeds Sheep state finalist and performed exceptionally well as one of the youngest competitors - even correctly placing all the Suffolk sheep.

While probably more at home in the cattle ring as the 2013 Merriwa Show cattle judging champion, Craig is a great all-rounder and gained valuable experience in sheep judging and state level competition and is sure to feature strongly in the local livestock industry in the future.

Merriwa Central School’s Kylie Fairfull is sure of a prominent future in livestock judging after winning last year’s Junior Dairy Cattle judging at Singleton Show then taking out her Heifer Fitting Challenge round at this year’s Sydney Royal.

Kylie appears sure to follow in the footsteps of her talented sister, Hayley who placed in the Sydney Royal Dairy Cattle judging state final and was Reserve Champion Heifer Fitter at this year’s Sydney Royal.

Merriwa Show Interschool Challenge coordinator, Maria Cameron said the committee were very proud of the achievements of all the local students competing at state level in Sydney.

“Our show aims to provide local youth with valuable industry experience, networking opportunities and practical know-how. These state judging competitions are the perfect arena for youth to display their skills, learn from industry experts and meet like-minded youth from all over NSW and abroad. We are looking forward to our 2014 Merriwa Show where we will send another group of regional finalists to next year’s Sydney Royal. We plan to hold a training day prior to the show for students from all Upper Hunter schools to learn just what’s involved in the events,” Mrs Cameron said.

Merriwa Rotary
THAT WAS THE WEEKEND THAT WAS!

Congratulations to the organising committee for their efforts in organising the Festival of the Fleeces and their promotion of it, which brought a very large crowd into Merriwa for the events.

Many people commented that the crowd was the biggest they had seen in Merriwa.

The Rotary Club ran a barbeque from sunrise on Saturday until late in the day and such were numbers patronising it, that most of our workers saw little else of the Festival other than that which could be seen from our stand at which all worked at a great pace all day. This is not a complaint, but a testament to the success of the Festival.

Our patrons included local residents, people from the surrounding districts and others from afar. Our biggest surprise was in taking an order from a Rotarian visiting from Vancouver, Canada.

Rotary also sponsored the MERV van at which advice was given to men on a range of health problems. It was well patronised. Our thanks to the health professionals who contributed their time and their expertise to make this possible.

Mark Smith
Merriwa Ringer
The 2014 ROSTO Olives Merriwa Festival Of The Fleeces ‘Red Socks’ Sheep Yard Dog Trials started out very foggy and cold on Saturday 7 June 2014 7.00am with the Maiden judges talk. A few minor adjustments to the yards and then it soon heated up as the pressure was on to run 86 nominated entries for the day.

Megan phoned Mark and Colleen Constable to confirm that he had the sheep numbers close and handy, and Mark thought Megan was joking when she told him there were over 80 entries. Mark found the sheep and M Nutt Contracting had the job of cartage.

Judge Nick Ray soon had the pressure on for the Maiden dogs with seven minute runs with only a few dogs retiring and a few finishing prior to time. With winner Chris Edmund and Bear on 90 points, second Ben Johnson and Lucy on 88 points and local Wally Martin and Tan on 85 points.

Nick Ray continued with the Novice judges talk and again straight back into it with eight minute runs. Again only a small number of handlers retired with nearly everyone making it under the time limit. Once again Chris Edmund and Bear were the winners with another 90 points, Chris also followed up with Ding coming in second on 88 points and again local Wally Martin and Tan on 84 points.

Open judge Mr Lee Patterson then took the open competitor’s into the yard to up the heat and make changes to the course. Having to get 23 open runs through before dark the open dogs soon showed all the spectators why they are open dogs.

Taking the top four dogs into the final consisted of Peter Pearce and Kane, Les Eveleigh and Slim, Jim Marshall and Reg and Peter Pearce and Coote. With Peter Pearce and Coote running their final under lights we had successfully made it through the day.

The ‘Red Socks’ Open winners trophy went to Peter Pearce and Coote with a combined score of 93 and 90 = 183, Peter Pearce also took out second with Kane on 86 and 87 = 173, third Jim Marshall and Reg 88 and 79 = 167 and R/U Les Eveleigh and Slim 87 and 63 = 150.

Merriwa Festival Of The Fleeces Open Yard Dog Trial winners and judge. (L-R) Judge Mr Lee Patterson, Jim Marshall and Peter Pearce.

To make an event of this size successful as it was on Saturday could not have been achieved without the behind the scenes efforts of some amazing community members.

A special thanks to Mary Ray and Sarah Stapleton for looking after the office, the guys for working in the back yards all day, Michael Nutt sheep cartage, Mark and Colleen Constable for the loan of sheep and yards, Peter and Zeb Pearce, Clint Parker, Chris Edmunds and Sarah Stapleton for setting up yards. Nick Ray and Lee Patterson for travelling so many hours to attend our day judging, also all the spectators that sat in the grandstands all day, it certainly makes it all worthwhile. Thank you to everyone involved.

Liam Garment
Community Notice Board

Merriwa Senior Citizens Association

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday June 24 commencing at 10.00am.

Subs ($3.00) will be due, lunch will be at 12.30pm costing $14.00.

Our next movie will be screened on Tuesday June 12, come and enjoy!

On Tuesday July 8, we will be having a Game’s Day at the Sports Club with visitors from Singleton. Usual format, lunch $6.00 (members to please bring a salad).

Please let me know if you would like to come as numbers are required for lunch on June 24 and July 8.

Mary O’Neill

In Memory
DAVID JOHN GILL
8.6.1944 to 30.6.2009

God saw you getting tired,
and a cure was not to be.
So He put his arms around you,
and whispered ‘come with me’
With tearful eyes I watched you,
and saw you pass away.
Although I loved you dearly
I could not make you stay,
A golden heart stopped beating,
hardworking hands at rest,
God broke my heart, to prove to me,
He only takes the best.

Louise Gill, Ken and family, Ian and family,
Tracey and partner

Thank You
THANK YOU FROM ALLEN REED
50km Ride for MS
Brisbane to the Bay 2014

Allen Reed is training for the above ride and will take part on Sunday 22 June 2014, in Brisbane with his Son-in-law and grandson.

Allen would like to thank the people of Merriwa for their generosity towards his fund raising campaign for MS.

Allen has now raised $430.00 and the monies have been deposited into the account THE RIDE TO FIGHT MS!

The Raffle was won by Max Jarrett. Special Thanks goes to Robert Smith at Merriwa Pharmacy for donating the prize.

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa CWA

Thank you to everyone who supported us over the Festival weekend. It’s a weekend where family and friends catch up and enjoy what Merriwa has to offer.

Our newly painted rooms received many complimentary comments from a vast array of people from all over the state.

To all our members who gave their time and worked to make our day a success, thank you.

Aileens’ Craft Afternoon

Date: 19 June
Time: 1.30 to 3.30pm
Place: CWA room

Maybe you have a project on the go or what to learn something new we would love to have you join us.

Robyn McAlister

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.
St David’s Uniting Church
Pie Drive

Pie drive sheets are out around town at the moment and we would like to let you know that there is a shorter time for this drive.

Orders close Friday 13 June and delivery on Wednesday 25 June.

With busyness of the Festival weekend, it would be easy to forget to order, when you really meant to. We do not run again until Easter 2015, so get your order in quick.

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

It seems no time since the last drive but the shorter school term makes the break between shorter.

Barbara Campbell

In Memory
Neville John Byrne
29.03.1949 - 15.06.2010

Dearly loved, sadly missed but forever in our hearts!

Julie Byrne, James, Lisa, Sophie, Maddison, Kristy and Pete

Street Stall

Merriwa Catholic Parishioners are holding a street stall for St Anne’s Parish on August 1, and that all items of a saleable nature will be appreciated.

Jane Smith

Thank You

Falcon Grove Oils would like to thank Liam, the Festival committee, all the volunteers, the shire workers and all the Festival Sponsors, for an extremely well organised Festival and wonderful festival, with a great parade and plenty of activities, the Fireworks display was great, again a big thank you Joe and Lesley Cassar from Falcon Grove Oils.

Lesley Cassar

Merriwa Tennis
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Merriwa Tennis Club wish to advise that the Tennis Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 July 2014 at Merriwa RSL Club at 6.00pm.

All positions are vacant. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Loretta Cooper

RAS Rural Scholarship Recipient

Merriwa Springtime Show congratulates Tyler Austin who completed his HSC at Merriwa Central School in 2013 and was a recipient of a RAS Rural Scholarship this year.

Tyler is studying for a Bachelor of Agriculture at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga this year and received the prestigious scholarship in recognition of his passion and commitment to pursue a career in a rural industry.

In 2013, Tyler was instrumental in returning the poultry section to the Merriwa Springtime Show after a long absence and has been a pivotal part of the show committee.

Lesley Cassar

Remember!
Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer
BEFORE 9.00am Mondays!
No late articles will be accepted!
Entries close: 7 JULY
AT 12 NOON
Topic for the month is: ALL THINGS FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

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

June 6, 7 and 8 was the weekend of Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces and Merriwa Festival have decided to sponsor a competition to gather as many photos of the Festival as possible.

The same rules apply, with the exception of - the limit of entries per person will be set at 20! So get your camera out this weekend, take photos of the people, the sheep, the fireworks and capture everything the festival has to offer the Merriwa community!

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.

PUBLISHED IN THE RINGER ON: JUNE 10
It is hardly news that men approach the issue of health and wellbeing differently to women.

This is not only seen anecdotally, but official data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) highlights that men are more likely than women to engage in risky behaviours, and they have a higher incidence than women of many health conditions. Men are also more likely to die from those conditions.

In recognition of this, in 2010 the Australian Government released the National Male Health Policy with a funding commitment of $16.7 million. The policy aims to improve male health through a number of initiatives including:

- $6 million over three years to promote the role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander fathers, grandfathers and uncles, and encourage them to participate in their children’s and families’ lives, especially in the antenatal period and early childhood years.
- $6.9 million over four years for Australia’s first national longitudinal study on male health.
- $3 million over four years to support Men’s Sheds in Australia.
- $400,000 over four years for regular statistical bulletins on male health.
- $350,000 over four years for the development of a range of health promotion materials for males.

The ABS data shows that lifestyle behaviour such as tobacco smoking, risky alcohol consumption, and obesity are three of the more prominent chronic health risks in modern Australia. The ABS found that men aged 15 years or over were more likely than women to have each of these risk factors. They were more likely to be current smokers (22% compared with 18%), more likely to drink to levels considered risky or high risk to health in the long-term (14% compared with 11%), and more likely to be overweight or obese (66% compared with 54%).

In the ABS survey, 13% of men aged 15 years or over drank alcohol to levels considered risky or high risk to health in the short-term at least once a week. This was much higher than the rate for women (5.9%) and was highest for young men aged 15–24 years (15%) and men aged 25–44 years (16%).

The good news is - men who had consumed alcohol in the past 12 months were just as likely as women to have reported that their usual consumption had decreased over that period (19% of those who had consumed alcohol in the past 12 months). Around one third of men who were current smokers reduced their smoking level compared with 12 months ago (30% compared with 34% of women).

In addition to having higher rates of long-term risks to health, men, especially younger men, are more likely than women to partake in certain risky activities dangerous to health in the short-term. These activities include drinking alcohol at dangerous levels, the use of illicit drugs and dangerous driving.

This week we are celebrating Men’s Health Week (www.menshealthweek.org.au) across Australia and this event differs from many campaigns that aim to shock, scare, compel or otherwise encourage people in the community to do ‘more of this and less of that’. Rather, Men’s Health Week aims to empower people on the frontline of health to work with and reach out to local men and boys.

Encouraging men to speak to health professionals and look after themselves is important. Your pharmacy is your health destination and your pharmacist is there to provide advice, counselling and professional services along with dispensing prescription medicines. Men are encouraged to speak to their pharmacist about health issues. Merriwa Pharmacy has a range of Self Care Fact Cards available. These include topics such as Men’s Health, Erectile Dysfunction and Prostate Problems.

Robert Smith
We hope that everyone had a wonderful Long Weekend. The weather was amazing (after the fog lifted). The Festival of the Fleeces was excellent this year, thanks to all of the people who put in long hours organising the event. There were plenty of stalls, the parade was great, there was plenty for the kids (laser tag looked especially fun!) and the crowd was large. The VRA demo was very interesting, the Quilt Show had some amazing quilts, and the football games were entertaining. All in all, it was a successful weekend and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

**FINANCIAL YEAR SALE**

It is that time of year again. It is always fun to get new stationery; it is crisp, clean and feels like starting fresh. There are some amazing specials in this year’s catalogue. Come in and get them before it is too late. Come in today and grab a catalogue.

**RAPID FUNKY TWO TONE HALF STRIP STAPLER**

Are you sick of the boring colours that all of the office necessities usually are - black, grey, a different shade of grey. These staplers are in funky bright colours - yellow, pink, blue and green. We also have the hole punches in the same colours. They can make your desk that little bit brighter and make boring jobs that little bit less painful.

**COLLINS FINANCIAL DIARY**

If you don’t already have one, get one NOW. Your accountant will love you for it, and it will make life a lot easier in the long run. There are a limited number of diaries, so don’t be that person who forgets about it and is scrambling to find one... in August!

**STABILO BOSS HIGHLIGHTER MINI THREE PACK**

Sometimes the best ideas are the small ones. Making mini highlighters makes your pencil case a little more manageable and life a little easier. They are a great addition to any office or school kit.

**CRYSTALFILE PORTA BOX CLEAR**

These are a great alternate filing idea. They are hard-wearing, portable, easy to stack and store. They are especially brilliant for a home office to store bills and other important paperwork.

**BIC CRISTAL BALL PENS**

It doesn’t matter how careful you are, pens always go missing. It is like the sock that disappears in the wash. You can never find one when you need it, so the best thing to do is buy them in bulk. These pens come in a box of 50. That’s a new pen for nearly every week of the year. They are available in black, blue and red.

**PEACH SHREDDER STRIP CUT 8 SHEET 15L BIN**

The shredder is an essential in every home and office. It is important that we do not allow any private information fall into the wrong hands, especially banking info and identity info. For this reason, shredding all personal and private documents when they are no longer needed is a great way to ensure that no-one steals it.

**PHONECARDS; all cards are now available including Telstra, Optus and Vodaphone.**

*Cash or Eftpos only!*

Neville and Leanne Hook

**Dr Jawaad’s Medical Practice**

Our hours currently are:

**Merriwa:** 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday  
**Denman:** 8.00am to 6.00pm Tuesday and Friday

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

We would like to introduce to the community Dr Cho Oo Maung who will be joining our practices in Merriwa and Denman from Monday 2 June 2014. He is a mature and experienced GP with good English and communications skills. With Dr Cho joining us we will soon be offering appointments five days per week.

We would also like to let all our patients know that the GP Co-Payment that was handed down in the recent budget does not start (if at all) until July 2015.

Dr Noman Jawaad
Woolbrook Rural Industries

Early in the 1800’s, and particularly after the Louisiana Purchase, a huge area of western USA became available for settlement, the cry was “Go West Young Man”, and increasing numbers of settlers of all ages and both sexes heeded the call. However, there were only three ways of doing so, particularly if the urge was to reach some of the furthest areas, including those which were destined to become the Pacific Ocean states (California, Washington and Oregon), and even slightly closer ones like Idaho, Montana and Nevada, and all three journeys were very dangerous, to put it mildly. The first took months and involved going south by ship round perilous Cape Horn, and then north. The second also required months and sea travel as far as Panama, then a crossing of the Isthmus of Panama, a perilous journey through dense yellow fever and malaria ridden jungle, then north again up the Pacific coast (the Panama Canal was not open till 1914, and even then only after the Americans, who built it, had finally managed to cope sufficiently well with the disease problems, among others). The third was by land west from Missouri where the existing railway ended, and also not for the faint hearted due to outlaws, hostile Indians, desert country, water shortages in places, and sickness, indeed the greatest loss of life on the journey was said to be caused by cholera, a ubiquitous disease which was also killing many in London England at about the same time. If the migrants survived all this they still had to cross the Sierra Nevada mountains which rose as high as 14,000 feet and were over 400 miles long and nearly 80 miles wide. In winter these were subject to fierce snow storms, high winds and temperatures far below freezing point, and thousands perished on the way though many survived. I remember reading a book, a story by a very old and tough woman who made the journey, a difficult one as was her luck, and who had told the story to her granddaughter. They went by land, living in one of a wagon train of Conestoga Wagons (the so called “Prairie Schooners”), and only about half of them arrived at their Californian destination. On the way this woman shot dead two men who were molesting (to use a euphuism) her sister, they endured a severe outbreak of cholera, lost some lives to Indian attacks, even though they had a US Army cavalry escort through the most dangerous parts, and others simply to the incredible hardships of the journey, particularly when crossing the Sierra Nevada.

About 1830 railways had been made possible when Stephenson invented his steam driven locomotive, “The Rocket”, yet by 1860 US railroads had reached Missouri which is about a third of the way across the entire American continent. A line from the Atlantic to Missouri, had often been suggested but was generally thought to be impossible, if only because of the need to cross the Sierra Nevada Mountains. However, in 1862, in the midst of the Civil War, President Lincoln signed a Charter to build it and in 1863 the enormous task began. Lincoln made this decision not only because of the obvious need for such a railway (if indeed it was even possible to build it) but also because of the political situation. He was already fighting that bitterly divisive civil war to keep the Union intact after the southern states formed the Confederate States of America. He was also aware that there was a move afoot in some of the new far western states and territories to do much the same thing, and they were receiving encouragement to do so from America’s old enemy Britain, whom the USA had fought twice. Lincoln hoped a Transcontinental Railway would have a significant unifying effect between the northern, southern and western sections of the USA, and it seems he was correct. It is difficult to describe the challenge involved in building this railway, particularly over the Sierra Nevada, where for some 80 miles the line must traverse the most extreme mountainous conditions while rising in places to over 7000 feet. It was built by two companies, one starting from Missouri and the other from California. Considering the circumstances it was one of the greatest engineering feats of all time, and the two lines finally met each other in Utah in 1869, a phenomenal mere six years to complete the project (1863-1869). Whether it is fighting a Pacific War or building an impossible railway, it must be conceded the Americans know how to get the job done. It is therefore a great pity that in 1941 the Japanese War Cabinet did not heed the urgent advice from Admiral Yamamoto, who had unique firsthand experience of America and Americans, not to attack America and, in particular, not launch their treacherous attack on Pearl Harbour, because Japan could not win the war against the Americans which must inevitably follow.

So the stage was set for what would become known as “The Wild West” of the USA. Countless volumes have been written about this quite short era of about a hundred years at most, and so I intend only to describe briefly a few typical and historically accurate characters and incidents from these days.


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POSITION VACANT
Casual Farm Assistant
Expressions of interest are called to fill casual vacancies as Farm Assistant at Merriwa Central School.
Duties include feeding animals, working with cattle, fencing and other general duties.
Suitable applicants must complete a working with children check.
For further information please contact Darren Noonan Principal ph 6548 2119.

Community Adverts

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FRIDAY 20 JUNE
Coming to Merriwa with clothing and accessories
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We will be at Cross Country Merriwa - Cnr Bettington and Bow Street from 10.00am - 4.00pm
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Merriwa Ringer
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 19 June 2014.

DA NO: 96/2014
APPLICANT: Royal Hotel Cassilis
LOCATION: LOT 2 DP998169, 19-23 Buccleugh Street, Cassilis
PROPOSAL: Commercial Shed 18M x 9M

DA NO: 99/2014
APPLICANT: SE & JD Olive
LOCATION: Lot 1 DP 1132979, Flags Road, Merriwa
PROPOSAL: Dwelling

DA NO: 101/2014
APPLICANT: Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre & Men’s Shed Inc
LOCATION: Lot 1 DP 1016929, 114-116 Bettington Street, Merriwa
PROPOSAL: Storage Shed

DA NO: 104/2014
APPLICANT: Ken Lees Building Consultants
LOCATION: Lots 1 & 2 DP 998169 & Lot 22 DP 1053973, Buccleugh Street, Cassilis
PROPOSAL: Alterations & additions to existing Hotel including 10 new accommodation units

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

Note: The site is updated on a fortnightly basis.

TECHNO CLUB COMING SOON

Merriwa CTC and Visitor Information Centre is pleased to announce that due to the success of the recent Upper Hunter Youth Council Technology Night, that the centre will now be holding a CTC Techno Club during the school holidays for any interested primary school students from year 3 to year 6.

The Techno Club will be run during normal business hours, where participants will have many challenges and tasks regarding technology, with prizes to be awarded for the participants who best utilize technology.

There will be a one off payment of $12.00 for a holiday Techno Pass, which will enable the participant to utilize the centre at any time during business hours throughout the school holidays.

For more information, and to register, parents are asked to contact the Merriwa CTC and Visitor Information Centre.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046

BASIC COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES

Names are now being taken for people wanting to learn Windows 8 and Microsoft applications. Bring along your own laptop, or use one of the new CTC computers in a small class of four participants.

Flexible days and class times during business hours Monday to Friday. $5.00 per two hour class or $30.00 for a six week course.

One on one senior classes are also available for one hour per week. These classes are FREE, and must to be booked one week in advance.

Participants must be aged 55 years or older to qualify for FREE training under the Broadband for Seniors Federal Government funding.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046
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The ‘Old Boys’ game at the Sports Oval was a great attraction and the crowd was amazing. All games that we watched were spectacular and our ‘old boys’ got through the games when some of them thought they might not! Many thanks to the many volunteers from the netballers and those from the league who came to our aid and helped at the canteen. We had a very busy day feeding the crowd and many thanks goes to Karen Brazier, our canteen coordinator, and her able helper Cassie Porter who between them got the supplies ordered and then Karen spent a very full day organising the canteen and selling the produce. Thanks also to the Senior League for giving us the opportunity to have the canteen with all proceeds going towards our presentation day.

Our thanks to all our sponsors for 2014. Our major sponsor is the Merriwa Sports Club and we thank them for their wonderful support of our junior club.
League Jersey sponsors for 2014 are Welderup Under 15’s; Kingslyn Under 11’s; Kingslyn Under 8’s; Rosto Under 7’s and RSL Under 6’s. Shorts sponsors are Merriwa Newsagency; Williams Concrete and Hunter Mutual.

We thank our netball sponsors - Merriwa Cakes and Café; Wayne Smith Automotive; Rockwell Livestock and Property; and Max’s Country Cuts. Without the support of our sponsors our club would not be able to buy the uniforms required for our players and the balls and equipment needed for training. We thank you for your support of our junior players and our local club.

This weekend our Welderup Under 15’s play at home. Come on down to the oval and support our boys. A canteen will operate and it is great to see the enthusiasm in our 15’s side. Come and see for yourself and boost this side along with your support. The game starts at 10.30am.

There is NO mini/mod games this weekend due to the Peel Valley Carnival. Training as normal on Tuesdays and Fridays for mini/mods and Tuesday and Thursday for Under 15’s. Netball as per your coach. See you all there.

Belinda Keane

MERRIWA MINK PINK

Mink Pink will not be training tonight as five of its players are at Star Struck and will be performing this weekend, good luck girls. This also means that Mink Pink are forfeiting this weekend.

With two weeks without a game, it is vital that ALL girls turn up to training. As the light is going down down by 5.20pm so arriving to training at 4.30pm on the dot is necessary so we can get straight into it. So see you all there Monday afternoon at 4.30pm.

Tina Taylor

Merriwa Polocrosse

POLOCROSSE CARNIVAL 2014

On May 17 and 18 Merriwa Polocrosse Club hosted 30 Teams from across the Hunter and Western District for their Annual Polocrosse Carnival.

As a new initiative this year the carnival was changed to a Multi horse format, allowing riders to compete on several different horses over the weekend rather than just one as is usually the case at Polocrosse. The new format seemed to be very popular with competitors, resulting in an increase in teams in 2014.

Due to the outstanding season being experienced throughout our district the fields at the racecourse were extremely overgrown and special thanks must go to Col Bates and his men from Kingslyn, who generously cut and baled the grass from the fields and left the grounds in absolutely immaculate condition. Many positive comments were received throughout the weekend about the fields being ‘the best they have EVER been!!’

Thanks Col!

Once again Kellie Porter and her band of helpers from the Merriwa Central School Horse Sports Committee ran the canteen all weekend and did an outstanding job of keeping everyone well nourished.

Players, family and interested onlookers were kept well informed and thoroughly entertained throughout the weekend due to the excellent commentary supplied by Bill Wild, Thank You Bill! See you again next year.

As everyone knows, no one can keep going without the help of our very generous community to sponsor our event. This year we were very fortunate to have received donations and support from: Osmonds Pump and Water, Frampton...
Freight, Merriwa RSL, Merriwa Traders IGA, Merriwa Petroleum and Ag, Hunter Mutual, Elders Pitt Son and Keene, Landmark Townsend, Marsh Carney Saddlery, Anthea Wright Vet Service, Bill Reynolds “Pembroke”, Jon Dadd and Dow Agro Services, Tooheys New, Equilibrium Australia and Papanui Open Range Eggs. Thank you one and all, without your assistance Merriwa would be without a Polocrosse Carnival and the 100s of people that come and support our town over that weekend.

A big thank you also to our Horse Judges that worked tirelessly over the weekend to seek out the best performers in each Grade, your help was much appreciated. Thank you, David Cameron, Mark Whale, David Whitby and Rob Andrews.

Champion Horse Awards went to Clancy Martin (Sub Junior), Leah Wilson (Junior) and Skye Anderson (Adult)

Results for the weekend were:

Sub Juniors: Winners were Bunnan with Quirindi Runners Up

Juniors: Winners were Bunnan with Runners Up Gulgong

D Women: Winners Wanderers and Muswellbrook 4 Runners Up

D Open: Winners Walcha, Runners Up Central Coast

C Women: Winners Quirindi, Runners Up Bunnan 2

C Open: Winners Maitland 1, Runners Up Quirindi

B Women: Winners Bunnan, Runners Up Merriwa

B Open: Winners Bunnan 2, Runners Up Bunnan 1

A Women: Winners Cassilis 1, Runners Up Maitland 1

A Open: Winners Cassilis 1, Runners Up Cassilis 2

Special mention must go to Anastasia Martin, a 15 year old junior who played in the Adult Women’s competition and was judged Best No. 3 in the B Grade Comp, and was no doubt the people’s choice for Best Horse of the Carnival.

Finally, a huge thank you to our tiny committee that worked hard in the weeks leading up to the event, congratulations on putting on what most players consider to be the friendliest and most fun carnival of the year.

Bryce Hockings

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

Last Saturday seen a huge day for the Merriwa Magpies with in excess of 500 spectators turning up to witness four hours of great entertainment. The day being old boy’s day we seen greats that donned the black and whites from the 60’s, 70’s, 80’s and 90’s.

This year the Men of League entered an invitational old boy’s side made up of ex players from most Group 21 clubs to take on the might of the Merriwa and Denman old boy’s, now I’m not sure about results but am sure that the winners where about 50 old boy’s enjoying running around the field again.

LADIES LEAGUE TAG

Now before I get started on the Ladies Tag, I would like to quote what was written in the Denman News sports column last week “we were unable to break the line but we can guarantee our next win will be Merriwa”, so this just added to the girls motivation to go out and give the she devil’s a towel up and that they did, winning 22 – 0, zero, zilch, blotch, a duck egg, nothing, again unable to break the line! The girls played some great footy and limited their mistakes and really relished in the great atmosphere to lead 16 to nil at the break. The teams second half defence was equal to their first and never gave Denman a sniff of the white line. With their running game in tact with many breaks made, the one fault the team could improve on would be to improve on their back up play as I believe they could have posted 40 points.

Player’s Player – Amanda Thompson

Women of the Match – Ainsley Maben.
The Reserves took the field high on adrenalin wearing the 1964 replica jerseys and they looked a treat, primed for a big match in front of massive home crowd. Now if you seen the Denman side run out you may have said “S—t look at the size of them, we don’t have a chance!” and I myself may be guilty of this. To Ben and the team’s credit they matched a much stronger and bigger team for 90% of the game, digging deep to bring out the true Magpie spirit, and were up 12 – 10 at the break and playing some great football. Denman crossed for an early try after the break to lead 16 – 12, Merriwa squandered a few opportunities to take the lead back and were right in the game up till the last 10 minutes where Denman crossed for two late tries to win 26 – 12. You should all be proud of your efforts boy’s I know that many of the old boy’s watching where and commented on the stellar effort you all put in.

Player’s Player – Jon Nutt

Man of the Match - Ben Morgan

Just a short note on the auction! The Football club managed to raise a much needed $4500.00 on the auction of the 1964 jerseys. A big thank you to Auctioneer Tony Inder and Jane Walmsley for the many hours put in searching archives of the team. Also to Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball for providing the canteen, the League Tag girls on the gate along with Phoebe, Zach and Joan Morgan and Roy and his team in the bar. One last thank you to Captain Coach of the 1964 team, Trevor Menzies, for the idea, and all those that participated in a very successful day for the Merriwa Football Club.
Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces

Wrap up photos from this weekend's Festival of the Fleeces, don't forget to get your entries in for this month's Photography Competition! “All things Festival of the Fleeces” is the topic, send them into merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Interested in placing an advert in the Ringer?
Contact Tina Taylor on 6548 2119.

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

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