Students win Science and Engineering Challenge

Merriwa Central School students take out Science and Engineering Challenge against Upper Hunter schools.

Last Thursday June 19, Year 5 and 6 students attended the Science and Engineering Challenge at Muswellbrook Sports Centre, put on for local schools and hosted by the University of Newcastle.

Our students were up against the odds, with groups of two students competing against groups from other schools that contained up to five students.

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Highlighting Your Event

Star Struck is a performance event for students in the Hunter and Central Coast area and we were fortunate enough to be a part of the action this year for Star Struck 2014: Magic Happens. There were two matinee performances and two evening performances; each went for approximately three hours and was made up of singers, dancers, choir, orchestra, rock band performers, Aboriginal dancers and a Sign Language group.

Our Merriwa Central students were a group of keen and talented dancers who all had to audition and send off a video to be selected by the Star Struck organisers. This year we had two groups - eight students from Primary and eight from Secondary. The girls worked very hard to practice and learn the dances. They also worked hard to raise funds, raising over $2000.00 through car washes, raffles and sausage sizzles and also through some very generous donations from the local community.

Secondary students were in ‘All About the Green’- a musical theatre item where they were accompanied by six male singers and dressed as sassy business people. Primary students were in the ‘Octopus’ Garden’ performance dressed in their octopus and seaweed onesies and were centre stage for their item!

We had some long days and nights during the technical and dress rehearsals on Wednesday and Thursday and performances on Friday and Saturday. The girls were all very well behaved and they also made lots of friends from other schools! It was a bit nerve-wracking performing for a packed-out Entertainment Centre, but by the last finale dance, they were seasoned performers!

Thank you to the girls for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm! You’ve almost convinced me to go again next year (almost).

An enormous and very grateful thank you to our parent helpers: Carlita McConnell, Lyn Blyton and Tina Taylor, who came along for the trip. Miss Laurie and I could not have done this without you all and we really appreciate everything you did for us and the girls during the Star Struck experience. Thank you!

Thank you to our other parents who helped with driving to rehearsals, fundraising, costumes and supporting our students!

Thank you to Mrs Grant and Mrs West for all their help with fundraising and dance rehearsals.

And a big thank you to the local community who got behind us and helped out in a number of ways - through buying raffle tickets, getting your car washed, for making costumes (especially Helen Twaddell) and very generous donations such as the Merriwa Football Club and Dianne Byfields’ beautiful quilt.

The girls will be performing their items at our school Variety Night in Week 3 next term, so come along and check it out.

Rececca Hopkins and Tahlia Laurie
Merriwa Central School
Students have enjoyed a range of activities over the past fortnight - from Star Struck, Science and Engineering Challenge, mid-year Disco, and our end of term rewards activities. Congratulations to our Primary students who took out the title of Champion School in the Science and Engineering Challenge. Students demonstrated creativity, critical thinking and great teamwork to take out the Challenge against schools across the Upper Hunter.

**PARENT TEACHER NIGHT**

Semester 1 reports will be issued to all students on the last day of Term. I hope parents take the opportunity to look through the reports and discuss their child’s progress at our parent teacher interviews next term. Interviews will be held Term 3 Week 2 Thursday July 24. Parents are asked to contact the office to arrange appointment times.

**STAFF CHANGES**

The vacant Assistant Principal position is due to be advertised early next term, with the successful candidate taking up the position at the start of 2015. As an interim measure Kate Jones Principal Belltrees Public School will relieve as Assistant Principal on Year 5/6 for the remainder of the school year. Thank you to Miss Crutch who has done a wonderful job this term with Year 5/6.

**VARIETY NIGHT CONCERT**

Students are busily rehearsing for our annual Variety Concert to be held on Wednesday July 30. The night is extremely popular with parents and grandparents alike. Be sure to mark the calendar for this very special event. Tickets are on sale at the door $5.00 single and $10.00 family, all community members are welcome.

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Day one next term is a pupil free day. Staff will undertake mandatory training in CPR and anaphylaxis procedures. Each year trainers from St John’s Ambulance take staff through important training that we hope we will never need. However living in a rural community it is important that we all know these life-saving procedures. Students will return to school on Tuesday July 15.

**Coming Events**

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Lastly I hope all students enjoy a restful school holidays and come back safe and sound to commence Term 3. A special best wishes to Clancy Martin who has left for Darwin to compete in the National Polocrosse Championships - a very big four week adventure!

Darren Noonan  
Principal
Last Friday the choir performed at the school assembly. They have been working on a few songs in preparation for Variety Night next term and chose to sing a shortened version of one of their items for the assembly audience. The choir sang a piano cover of the song ‘Hey Brother’ originally sung by Avicii. They have enjoyed learning about song covers and how music can feel different when it uses different instruments and timing. Well done to everyone in the choir on all your hard work learning lyrics and practising your timing. We will be singing the full version at Variety Night next term.

Tomorrow is the last day of term and students who are eligible will be participating in the rewards day activities. Year 5 and 6 students will attend laser tag and Kindergarten to Year 4 will attend the ‘Blue Disco’. All students are encouraged to wear blue for the day and bring a gold coin donation for the SRC fundraiser for the Asthma Foundation.

At assembly last week we were pleased to hand out more Bronze Awards to some students who have done some fantastic learning. Congratulations to Brooke Sampson, Tiara-Anne Edens-Rosa, Toby Fairhall, Alana King and Matthew Grady.

However despite these odds our teams won several challenges throughout the day, including Mini Catapult (James Bristow and Brad Cox), String Challenge (Tomeka Woodbine and Joanne Hamson) and the Build and Test a Glider Challenge (Jackson Keane and Logan Dewson). The points earned across all the challenges put Merriwa Central School in first place and were named Champions of the day! Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students for their fantastic behaviour and positive “can-do” attitude. We look forward to competing in the challenge again next year!

Last Friday our Students of the Week demonstrated some great effort in achieving personal bests in the classroom and on the playground. Well done to the following students:

**Year Kindergarten:** Amy Zhu
**Year 1/2:** Jackson Whitby
**Year 2/3:** Jack Mobberley
**Year 4/5:** Corey Parkinson
**Year 5/6:** Logan Dewson
Secondary News

ENGLISH AND HISTORY FACULTY NEWS

The last fortnight has been huge. Teachers have been burning the midnight oil completing marking and writing reports. The Newcastle Morning Herald team of students have put their finishing touches on their 2014 entry and it has been submitted. Congratulations have to go to these students: Janaya Austin, Georgia Cameron, Leah Wright-Riley, John Cronin, Bethany-Lee Edens-Rosa, Demmi Hilton, Samantha Owen, Manda Sormaz, Madison Swan and Lachlan Walmsley. Their previous experience came to the fore as they wrote, edited and submitted their entry which will be published on July 19. Last week a number of students also completed the ICAS Writing and Spelling Competitions. Good luck to Jack Goodear, Izabella Neale, Josie Porter, Tarah Cox, Georgia Cameron, Breanna Goodear and Dylan Kiely.

Have a well-deserved happy and safe holiday.

Tony March
English/History Head Teacher

NEW CAREER EVENTS

On line Careers Expo - Get instant access to top employers, universities and TAFES. Chat, watch videos, attend webinars and apply for jobs and courses – any time between June 23 – July 2 2014. Click onto www.careerone.com.au/vfair


Housing Industry Association Australian Apprenticeships Centre Over 500 different

Favourite Subject: Science, Photography and Food Technology
Extra-Curricular activities: Merriwa League Tag and work
Best Personal Achievement: Being named Players Player in League Tag
Career Aspirations: High school teacher
Year Advisor’s Comment: Janaya is an enthusiastic and dedicated student who balances the rigours of school with a range of extra-curricular activities. She is an excellent representative for her cohort on the School Representative Council and assisting with events such as the Half Year Disco. I look forward to watching her succeed in her future endeavours.

Lois Harrison
Year Advisor

Student of the Week
Janaya Austin
Year 10
apprenticeship and traineeship vocations on offer, placing people and providing support, benefits and incentives. Contact: 1300 656 726 or aac@hia.com.au http://hia.com.au/aac/

**Australian Defence Force Academy Open Day**
30 August, 9.00am – 4.00pm Northcott Drive in Campbell, ACT Range of displays and training from the Army, Navy and Airforce. http://www.openday.adfa.edu.au/

**Working at the ABC** Work experience in media broadcasting. Cadetships, scholarships and work experience opportunities apply online. http://www.abc.net.au/careers/cadetshipsandworkexperience/

**Paraway Pastoral Company** - With 17 pastoral businesses in Northern Australia and New South Wales consider applying as a jackaroo and jillaroo, station hand, bore runner, domestic assistant. Contact: (02) 8237 8234 or employment@parawaypastoral.com http://www.parawaypastoral.com/employment/

**Tocal College Open Days**
4 July, 11 July, 26 September, 3 October. Agricultural and conservation education. Contact: 1800 025 520, 02 4939 8888 or info@tocal.com or http://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/future-students/college-open-days

**OPEN DAYS:**

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

**Bathurst** - 1 July: Policing and Justice Studies

**Orange** - 30 June: Orange

**Wagga Wagga** - 26 and 27 August: Creative Industries (Y10) http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

**Australian Catholic University Canberra Campus,**
Saturday 30 August 2014, 9:00am – 4:00pm, 223 Antill Street, Watson

**University of New South Wales** - Saturday, 6 September, 9.00am – 4.00pm

**University of Technology Saturday** - 30 August (City campus), Saturday 6 September (Kuring-gai campus)

If you require any further information about careers please contact me at school.

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor

**Letter to Merriwa Central School**

Dear Sir/Madam

Please pass on congratulations from our committee to your students for the manner in which they conducted themselves at our event. They demonstrated skill and courage but above all displayed excellent sportsmanship and good manners. It is very rewarding for our committee to see these qualities displayed by all competitors.

Your team manager was outstanding in both managing the school team and coordinating parent and volunteer support during Expo. Without your volunteer support it would be impossible to run an event of this scale with the efficiency it currently achieves. Please convey our thanks to those parents and students who assisted in a voluntary capacity.

Finally I hope your students gained valuable learning experiences from the event and our committee looks forward to your continued support of North Equestrian Expo.

Thank you

Kelvin Sharp
President
North West Equestrian Expo Inc

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**ROAR Profile**

**Adam Constable**

**Year 8**

**Why I want to be in ROAR?** So I can score some tries

**What is my favourite subject?** Lote

**What is my favourite sport?** Football

**What is my favourite team?** Bulldogs

**Favourite Player:** Josh Morris

**Who inspires you and Why:** Myself
St Joseph’s Merriwa P and F are delighted to welcome the Merriwa community to attend our annual Junior Campdraft and fete this Saturday June 28. Not only will there be lots of action in the ring with children competing from across NSW in the exhilarating sport of campdrafting, there will also be lots of action outside the ring with our family fun day fete.

Our junior draft has fast become the ‘must attend’ draft on the circuit and has attracted over 350 entries with families travelling from Camden, Boggabri, Murrurundi and beyond. Junior riders will not only have the chance to compete against their peers but a chance to draft alongside their parents in the family draft and cut out followed by a host of sporting events throughout the day. Don’t forget to look out for our multi draw raffle tickets on sale around town and during the fete and draft for a chance to win a beautiful handmade quilt with a horse theme, horse feed, jewellery, resort accommodation and more. We will also be having a silent auction for the incredible campdrafting Australian Stock Horse stallion ‘El Condo’ donated by Mark and Debbie Palmer.

All proceeds from the fete and draft will go towards improving facilities and purchasing resources for St Joseph’s Merriwa Primary School.

Sincere thanks to all of our sponsors – without you this event would not be possible.

Major Sponsor – Merriwa Engineering
Gold Sponsor – Hunter Mutual Merriwa Branch
Silver Sponsors -
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• Merriwa Pharmacy
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• Jo and Louise Best
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• Meriden Limousines
• Tullymore Clydesdale and Shire Horse Stud

Prize and Product Sponsors -
• Mark and Debbie Palmer
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• AQHA

For the non-horseie children (and parents!) we have a family fun fete featuring all the fun of the fair including hobby horse races, prizes for the best dressed hobby horse, tug of war games, a treasure hunt, go fishing, craft table, face painting, ten pin bowling, trivia competition, egg and spoon races, cake stall, loom band stall, lots of cappuccino’s and hot chocolates as well as plants and nik naks. Fete games will start from 10.00am and continue throughout the day. Everyone is welcome to attend!
• ASHA - Hunter branch
• RM Property and Livestock
• Australian National Maritime Museum
• Australian Reptile Park
• Taronga Zoo Sydney
• Taronga Western Plains Zoo
• Coolmore Stud
• Upper Hunter Shire Council
• Tash Holden Communications
• Ashmore Palms Resort
• Merriwa Campdraft
• Makenn Rugs 2 You
• RM Williams
• Merriwa Pony Club
• Mitevite

Cody Bates - for great efforts in maths games
Mia Jacobs - for settling into our school
Years 3/4 - Axul Hourn - for his mature attitude at the Regional Athletics Carnival
Madelaine Thrift - for always taking pride in the presentation and quality of her work
Charles Brazier - for his great enthusiasm towards our science unit
Patrick Magner - for always being polite and courteous to others
Years 5/6 - Tamara Sormaz – for some fantastic work with fractions with different denominators
Darcy Moore - for being fabulous with fractions
Tanja Sormaz – for yet another fabulous Spelling test result
Playground Champion - Thomas Hunt – for always being willing to help pack up the Sport Shed
Principal’s Awards - Riley Melmeth – for putting a top effort into all subject areas this term.

Tanya Ninness

WEEKLY AWARDS
Kindergarten - Grace Booth – for representing God’s gifts through beautiful illustrations
Nate Brown – for being able to explain if one whole has been cut in half and why or why not
Levi Hourn – for a conscientious effort using Lexia
Aidan Hunt – for contributing to discussions about history
Years 1/2 - Mikayla Telfer - for giving tasks a go
Mia Morgan - for great participation in music

Remember!
Get your articles and advertisements into the *Merriwa Ringer*
BEFORE 9.00am Monday 14 July!
No late articles will be accepted!
This is the last Ringer for two weeks, next Ringer is out July 17.
Sarah Nairne has earned the Student of the Week award for her positive leadership style, impressive improvement in her learning and excellent social skills. She consistently leads by example and was noticed last week encouraging a quieter student in her work and play in the playground. The results were lovely to see and it made both the staff and the student smile. Sarah continues to challenge herself in her learning and completes all tasks to a high standard. Her results in recent assessments reflect her ability to be an active participant in the classroom who tries, seeks advice and listens to teachers. Sarah always follows school expectations and showed Mrs Grinham what a great school leader she is. Congratulations Sarah. You should feel very proud of everything you have accomplished.

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

What is your favourite food? Lasagne

What career/work would you like when you are older? A K/1/2 teacher

Apart from your family, who your role model? Everyone around me

If you were given $100, what would you buy? Something for my kitten

What is one thing that people may not know about you? I am looking forward to high school

What has been your greatest achievement? Doing well in Quicksmart.

A LOVELY AFTERNOON TEA

I would like to thank everyone who attended our afternoon tea last Monday to meet and welcome Mrs Grinham and to also say a lovely farewell to me. While I am really looking forward to spending some time with my little girl, I truly love my job and seeing the students, staff and parents each day. I can’t wait to pop into school and see the continuing learning improvements and attend some special Cassilis events. Cassilis is a small, great school that makes a big different. The most important part of our school are the students.

MRS GRINHAM’S GREAT VISIT

It was lovely meeting and sharing the successes and directions of Cassilis Public School with Mrs Grinham. She was very positive and is looking forward to beginning her year at Cassilis after the holidays.

FOR SALE

TOSHIBA E-STUDIO 350 PHOTOCOPIER

The copy count is 310709, $500.00. Please contact the school if you are interested in purchasing this photocopier after the school holidays on 6376 1009 or by emailing cassilis-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students in the pictures below for their great work in the past week.

Left to right
Jack Nairne,
Rachel Bibby,
Sarah Nairne
Left to right
Georgia Bowler,
Summer Turner, Angus Heycox

Back Row
left to right
Brady Nairne, Sarah Nairne, Cameron Bowler, Thomas Nash

Front row
left to right
Summer Turner, Jack Sumpter-Cornish, Maddison

Left to right
Thomas Nash, Brady Nairne, Sarah Nairne, Summer Singh, Corey McLennan

Katie Burgess
Principal

Merriwa Ringer
With school holidays kicking off just next Monday, it is time to remind everyone with children aged 5 -12, just what is happening at the Merriwa Activity Centre. It is planned to be a fun, action packed fortnight with just a few different activities mentioned in the school program below.

Whether it is a new enrolment or someone that has come before and wants to come along for an event, give us a call at the Merriwa Activity Centre, you are bound to have a lot of fun.

Reminder: Pre-School closes June 27 and opens July 14.

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<td>Kids Fit Club Join us down the sports oval and get involved in the MAC kids fit club. We will have the pleasure of using the little A’s equipment. Lunch: $2.00 Sausage Sandwiches and $2.00 Drinks</td>
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<td>Christmas in July Join us at MAC for Christmas in July. We will be having a Christmas feast and Christmassy fun and games. The elves may have left a present or two here also.</td>
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Clara Murphy
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Messy 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

6 July: Celebrating St. Thomas the Patron Saint of architects, carpenters and builders.

COLUMBA OF IONA, ABBOT AND MISSIONARY

Columba was born about 521 in Ireland and educated in a school attached to one of the monasteries founded by Patrick. He grew up in County Donegal, learning scriptures and the lessons of an ascetic life under the teaching of St Finian.

He toured the northern regions of Ireland for fifteen years, preaching the gospel and establishing Christian communities. By the time he was 25 he had founded 27 Irish monasteries. At the age of 42, with twelve companions he sailed for the island of Iona off the coast of Scotland. Their life was hard, simple and austere: tilling the difficult soil and fishing the cold seas, coupled with a rigorous round of prayers and copying Christian manuscripts, Iona became the base for evangelistic missions to the Picts in Caledonia, where Columba had to combat the power and influence of the Druids, Iona became the most important centre for evangelisation of the northern regions of Britian, establishing a number of monasteries in Scotland. He died in June 959 at the age of 76. A close friend wrote of him: “He was dear to all, always showing a cheerful, holy face, and was gladdened in his inmost heart by the joy of the Holy Spirit.”

Last Sunday a group of us from “Holy Trinity” accompanied Rev’d Pat to Cassilis for the feast day of St. Columba. After a service especially designed to celebrate St. Columba of Iona we enjoyed finger food in the sunshine on the Western side of the church. Then coffee was enjoyed at Linda Gant’s gallery.

May all the saints inspire and encourage us.

Contact: 0429 996 769

Rosalie Drew

Dr Jawaad’s Medical Practice

Merriwa: 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (five days per week)

Denman: 8.00am to 6.00pm Tuesday and Friday

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

As from Monday June 16, we will be open five days per week in Merriwa. Dr Jawaad will be available for appointments on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Dr Cho will be available for appointments on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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.

Meredith Llewelyn, our practice nurse is in our surgery every Thursday. Meredith is available for pathology, immunisations and Antenatal checks.

Kerry Collins, our practice nurse is in Merriwa on Wednesday and Denman on Tuesday. Kerry is a registered nurse, a Diabetic Educator and a Clinical Nurse Consultant in Diabetes. Kerry is available for appointments on both these days.

We also have a Psychologist, Sharon Wells, from Scone visiting our surgery every second week. To see Sharon you do need a referral from Dr Jawaad or Dr Cho.

Dr Jawaad

Merriwa Trinity Markets

Greetings from Trinity Markets where you can “Dress for Less”.

It is Sale time again, so come on in and take a look! You just might find yourself a bargain or two!

With the cooler weather here, we have plenty of warm clothing for your selection.

There are also many other treasures including crockery, glassware, toys and linen.

The Festival of the Fleeces is over again for another year and what a great day it was! Our volunteers were very busy and we would like to give them a big “Thank you!” to them all.

Did you see our window display? We were lucky enough to be placed third!

So again, come on in so not to miss our SALE!

Beatrice Voysey

Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Rotary

SURPLUS FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

At its final board meeting of the 2013/14 year the club board distributed surplus money from the year’s activities.

Donations made were as follows:

- Merriwa Central School (Primary) - $500.00
- Merriwa Central School (Secondary) - $500.00
- St. Joseph’s School - $500.00
- Cassilis Public School - $500.00
- Merriwa Pre-School - $500.00
- Merriwa Rescue Squad - $1000.00
- Rescue Helicopter - $1000.00
- Rotary Health Foundation - $500.00
- Rotary Roadwhyz - $500.00
- Shelter Box program - $1000.00
- Kaleidoscope for Kids - $1750.00
- MERV Van (at the Festival of the Fleeces) - $500.00
- Angus Peebles Bursary - $1500.00
- Mental Health Foundation - $3000.00
- Rotary Youth Exchange - $900.00

Among other projects supported by Merriwa Rotary during the past twelve months have included:

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- Kaleidoscope for Kids - $1750.00
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as well as other expenditure on youth and youth exchange related activities.

Mark Smith

MERIWA RINGERS

GRAINCORP CLOSURE OF MERRIWA SILO DELIVERY COMPLEX

Graincorp is closing Merriwa Silo under their Regeneration Project. Graincorp state “We are moving to a core of around 180 sites. The network has varied in size over the years, depending on the crop size. Last harvest we operated 252 sites. In other years it has been much or less depending on the circumstances in that year. Focusing on the core 180 sites that already receive 90% of all grain allows us to concentrate investment in those parts of the network that really need it.”

Details can be found at http://www.graincorp.com.au/regeneration-faq

Merriwa does not fit into any of Graincorp’s delivery ‘Clusters’ yet, in determining the sites for delivery, they state “In the final consolidated network, the average distance between our sites will be 30 kilometres.”

Starting with this year’s 2014 harvest, Merriwa Grain growers will have the option to deliver only to Willow Tree Receival Site or possibly Dubbo, which is currently listed on maps as a head office. Carrington is listed by Graincorp as a Port Elevator Site.

GRAINCORP ARE HOLDING A MEETING AT
MERRIWA RSL ON WEDNESDAY JULY 2
AT 1.00PM
TO SPEAK TO GROWERS AND DISCUSS THE ISSUES

All growers are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting to express their concerns and discuss options. It is the only meeting scheduled. Graincorp will be focused on costs and delivery statistics. They have stated that “GrainCorp is considering its options and may also engage with growers and other interested parties, subject to conditions, to lease or buy closed sites.”

CAN YOU REALLY AFFORD NOT TO BE A MEMBER OF NSW FARMERS?

Whether it’s the lobbying/representation we do on your behalf or the IR support, legal and tax advice, training and development or simply the great discounts and other member benefits, don’t go another year without the support of NSW Farmers.

Being a united voice for our industry is important, help us help you. Get on board!

IS YOUR RENEWAL DUE?

Renewing your membership is now even easier with the option of monthly payments. If you have any questions call our member service centre on 1300 794 000 or your local regional services manager, Stuart Murdoch on 0427 437 103.

The Merriwa Branch of NSW is your local Branch. For further information contact Pat Ryan President on 0428 485 090 or Aileen Hogan on 0455 455 760.

Aileen Hogan

NSW Farmers Association

GRAINCORP CLOSURE OF MERRIWA SILO DELIVERY COMPLEX
Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces
The 2014 ROSTO Olives
Merriwa
Festival of the Fleeces
6, 7 and 8 June
FESTIVAL TEAM PENNING SUCCESS

Upper Hunter Team Penning (UHTP) Monthly competition was held at Merriwa this month, and for the first time held the Festival of the Fleeces Penning Challenge.

The weekend was very well supported with over 130 riders participating in the events travelling from as far away as Quirindi, Raymond Terrace, the Central Coast and Dubbo.

UHTP has been a very proud supporter of the Festival, and was again honoured to participate in the Running of the Sheep parade, with around 40 members riding.

After the parade the first ever Festival of the Fleeces Team Penning Challenge began. This event was run in addition to UHTP normal monthly competition. The challenge differed from normal competition in that normally the winner is the team who pens the most cattle (maximum three) in the shortest amount of time (two minutes is the time allowed). In the Challenge 30 teams had two runs each, the winner was the team that penned the most cattle in the two runs with the shortest time for the two runs. It was a great event to watch and the riders thoroughly enjoyed it. The aim was to provide a competition that reward consistent effort.

Upper Hunter Team Penning prides itself on being a family friendly and affordable club. Their competitions cater for all level of riders aged 5 and above. They hold competitions throughout the year from March to November throughout the Upper Hunter. As well as their monthly competition points are tallied for an annual point score competition that rewards consistent teams and individuals.

As usual UHTP events could not run without the help of their members with this month competition the committee is very appreciative of the assistance they received not only to run the event but to run the canteen for the weekend as well. It is also important to note that our event is not possible without cattle and they are very thankful to their Merriwa donor for the use of his cattle.

The first ever Challenge Champions are Suellen Pye, Fred Munro and Nikki Smith in a time of 1:25.32 with six cattle.

The Festival Committee would like to give a HUGE thank you to Cassandra McLaren, Secretary UHTP, for organising this amazing event which provided the thousands of visitors to Merriwa a great example of the horse riding skills associated with life on the land.

Thank you to all the members of Upper Hunter Team Penning for your continued support of the Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces.

Contact: Liam Garment on 6521 7046.

Liam Garment

Messy Church

What a busy time we have had with the festival and I hope you recognised your creations in the Messy Church window. Congratulations to you all for helping Messy Church win first prize for best window display.

A big thank you to all who contributed to helping me create our beautiful display.

Our theme this month will be (Who is God?) which will follow on from (What a Wonderful World!) as we see what God is like through the beauty of the world He created.

We will have a special guest this Friday to present the trophy to Messy Church for our window display.

See you on Friday June 27 at the Anglican hall at 3.00pm for some fun, food and fellowship.

Carol Bowman
Community Notice Board

Merriwa Silos Meeting
IMPORTANT MEETING
MERRIWA SILOS FUTURE

A meeting will be held on Wednesday July 2 at the Merriwa RSL Club commencing at 1.00pm. This meeting has been arranged by Grain Corp staff to discuss the CLOSURE of the silos. All grain producers are most welcome.

Denis Nutt

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

St David’s Uniting Church
Pie Drive

“Thank you” to everyone who supported us with orders, which were delivered on Wednesday June 25. I am sure you have enjoyed the goodies.

Thank you too, to the Ringer for the regular advertising, and to all the business houses for their support in having the sheets displayed, and in some cases, holding payments for us. We do appreciate your co-operation, which is far above the call of duty.

Barbara Campbell

Merriwa RSL Sub Branch

A dinner will be held on Monday August 18 at the Merriwa RSL Club at 6.30pm for 7.00pm as part of the Commemoration of Vietnam Veterans (Long Tan) Day.

Anyone who would like to come, as well as our members, would be welcome.

Mary O’Neill

Thank You

Allen Reed wishes to thank everyone for their support as he has now completed the 50km ride for MS. It was a great ride and he finished without any hitches. So thank you one and all for your help with the fundraising in Merriwa.

Rosalie Drew

Thank You

The Merriwa VRA would like to thank everyone who was involved in the Emergency Services Demonstration at the Festival of the Fleeces. The successful running of this demonstration would not have been possible without long hours of organising and coordination between ourselves, the Rural Fire squad, the Ambulance Services, the NSW Police, the town Fire Brigade and the SES.

The months of decision making, organising and looking at all of the tiny details, ensured that there were no problems on the day. We would also like to thank everyone in the crowd, who made all of the hours that everyone put in well worth it.

If you would like to find out more about joining the VRA, do not hesitate to join us on the second and third Wednesday of the month, at 6.30pm, at the VRA shed.

Stephanie Hook

Thank You

Thank you for your support on Saturday.

Our next Market Day is on Saturday July 19 at Bow Street side of the Merriwa RSL Club.

Time: 9.00am till 12.00 noon

Hope to see you all there!

Julie Russell

GrainCorp Meeting

GrainCorp invites you to a local meeting to discuss Project Regeneration and it’s impact on local GrainCorp sites.

When: Wednesday July 3
Time: 1.00pm
Location: Merriwa RSL Club
RSVP: Kath Maynard 6792 8600 or kmaynard@graincorp.com.au

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Why not check out the Ringer online at:


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Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer

**BEFORE 9.00am Monday 14 July!**

No late articles will be accepted!

This is the last Ringer for two weeks, next Ringer is out July 17.

**WANT TO BE IN THIS?** Call Tina Taylor at the Merriwa Ringer on 6548 2119
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.

TAX DEDUCTION
Do not forget, if you are eligible for a tax deduction on your office goods, make sure you come in and buy it before the end of June. You need a receipt in order to claim your goods, and you don’t want to have to wait until this time next year to be able to claim it.

COPY PAPER
It is not often that you can get a ream of HIGH QUALITY paper for under $4.00. It is possible right now. Get a ream or a box (five reams!) while this price lasts.

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These cool desk sets mean that you will have a good supply of paper clips, push pins and fold back clips all kept neat and tidy in a specially designed container. They are available in blue, purple and pink.

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This great edition of BH&G is filled with all of the warm winter patterns that you need for the next few months. There are blankets, cushion covers, hats, scarves, jumpers, socks, kids’ clothes and more. The magazine includes patterns for all of the pieces, as well as FREE knitting needles, crochet hooks and wool needle.

EVERYDAY GOURMET - FAMILY FEAST
This is the first volume, based on the successful Masterchef contestant, Justine Schofield. It is filled with hearty, warm winter favourites, including slow roasts, curries, spicy soups, puddings and pies. Even if you are not a fan of Winter, you have to love the foods that Winter makes possible!

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

Cash or Eftpos only!

Neville and Leanne Hook

Spice Grill Merriwa

WHATS NEW ON THE MENU

Some New Offerings from Spice Grill Merriwa are:

- Lamb cutlets platter
- Vegetarian curry of your choice
- Green lamb curry; spinach as the basic formation of the curry
- Veg. burger
- Devonshire tea

On our ‘All Day Breakfast’ we offer:

- Bacon and egg roll
- Sausage and egg roll
- Indian omelet on toast
- Eggs bhurji on toast
- Big breaky
- Eggs benedict
- Bacon and eggs on toast
- Sausage and eggs on toast

Our ‘Aussie Meals’ are:

- Chicken schnitzel platter with gravy, green salad and hot chips
- Fish(battered/crumbed/grilled) green salad, chips, lemon and tartare sauce
- Prawn cutlets platter green salad, hot chips, lemon and tartare sauce
- Scotch fillet platter with green salad and hot chips
- Lamb cutlets platter with bacon, hot chips and gravy
Our ‘Wraps’ range offers:

- Salad wrap
- Ham and salad wrap
- Chicken schnitzel salad wrap
- Tandoori chicken wrap
- Satay chicken wrap
- Teryaki chicken wrap

Rohit Gaur

Australia Post Merriwa
MORE THAN JUST A POST OFFICE POSTAGE
SATURDAY TRADING

Opening hours are 9.00am - 11.00am, dates for July are:

- Saturday 5/7/14 – Open
- Saturday 12/7/14 – Closed
- Saturday 19/7/14 – Open
- Saturday 26/7/14 – Closed

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Grab a bargain out of our $3.00 bin. There are pens, textas, crayons, glue, notebooks, sudoku and find-a-word plus more.

NEW PRODUCT

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CHILDREN’S SLAP WATCHES

These are selling really well. A variety of character watches including Ben 10, Spiderman, Zebra print and Ladybird, for only $10.99. We also have affordable Sports watches for $14.95 including some with interchangeable faces.

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We can still take applications for MyPost Concession Accounts so if you hold a Pension Concession Card, Health Care Card or a Commonwealth Senior Health Care Card call in and pick up a form. You are entitled to 50 stamps a year at 60c each.

Merriwa Post Office Hours are Mon-Fri 8.00am – 5.00pm and alternate Saturday’s 9.00am-11.00am.

Kellie Walker and Kylie Austin

Photography Competition
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Closed Saturday 28 June

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Email: merrae@bigpond.com

Contact: 6548 2114 or fax 6548 2668

**Michael and Sally Hagley**

**Woolbrook Rural Industries**

In Tombstone, Arizona, on October 26 1881, the inevitable finally happened, and that town went down in history by staging the most notorious gunfight in all of the hundred odd years of the American Old West. It was preceded by Ike and Billy Clanton and Tom and Frank McLaury arriving in town on the 25 and 26 and indulging in gambling and drinking.

There was an immediate initial confrontation between them and the Earps and Doc Holliday, the latter challenging Ike to sort it out on the spot and, when Ike said he was not armed, offering to provide him with whatever weapons he wished to fulfill his deficiency. Ike declined the offer but later did acquire a rifle and revolver, however when he refused to hand them over to Virgil Earp Virgil hit him on his head with his revolver and arrested him for carrying weapons within city limits. There were a number of other incidents in those two days, including Wyatt hitting Tom McLaury over the head with the butt of his revolver and walking away leaving him lying unconscious on the ground. Sheriff Behan told the Earps that he intended to disarm all the McLaurys and Clantons, the Earps told him they would do it for him and, against Beahan’s orders, went to do so.

Unfortunately when the final confrontation took place at the back of the OK Corral, the McLaurys and the Clantons could not walk away because they were surrounded by buildings, walls and their opponents in such fashion that they only had two choices, either to meekly surrender their arms (which they refused to do) or fight. With only about four metres separating them, the opposing sides briefly stared at each other, then Billy Clanton drew his weapon and aimed at Wyatt Earp, who also drew but aimed at Frank McLaury and not Billy Clanton, apparently because Frank McLaury was considered the best marksman of all the Clantons and McLaurys. It is not known who fired first but both did so almost simultaneously. Billy Clanton missed but Wyatt did not, mortally wounding Frank McLaury in the stomach. Morgan Earp then shot and killed Billy Clanton and Doc Holliday killed Tom McLaury with a shotgun. The entire shootout was all over in about thirty seconds, with Virgil and Morgan Earp and Doc Holliday wounded, Ike Clanton and Wyatt Earp untouched, and three of their opponents dead (Tom and Frank McLaury, and Billy Clanton).

There was outrage about the affair all the way from Tombstone itself to the US East Coast, and it also attracted widespread international attention and disapproval, even though it was only one of many such events. However, not all such problems led to blood shed, and it is recorded that in Dodge City, Kansas, in 1883, a saloon keeper named Luke Short was driven out of town by his business rivals. After he left a bevy of notorious gunmen arrived in town, including Bat Masterton, Black Jack Bill, Cold Chuck Johnny, Dynamite Sam, Dark Alley Jim, Three Fingered Dave and Six Toed Pete, all of whom claimed Luke Short as their dear friend and saying they would look with disfavor on anyone who wronged him.

With the OK Corral probably still clearly in mind, everybody from the local Sheriff to the State Governor went to panic stations, and the State’s Adjutant General (Tom Moonlight) was sent to Dodge City, along with a company of soldiers, to keep the peace. However, Short’s opponents had got the message very clearly, Short came back to town, Tom Moonlight negotiated a bloodless peace between Short and his now cooperative business opponents, the gunmen left town without firing a shot, and Luke Short was back in business!

There is little doubt that the reputation of many of the West’s gunmen has been exaggerated and that they probably welcomed this. For instance, in spite of his reputation of having dispatched somewhere between ten and twenty opponents, there is no firm evidence that Bat Masterton ever killed anyone. Indeed one wonders why the most famous gunman of all, Billy the Kid, achieved the reputation he did. He was probably born in New York about 1860, though the family later moved to New Mexico, and he went under various names but mostly Billy Bonney.
In 1877 he is said to have killed his first man, an unarmed blacksmith (much bigger than Billy) who had thrown him to the ground, but he escaped from goal. He worked as a cowboy in various places near the Mexican border before being befriended by a man named Tunstall who gave him a job and shelter and who seems to have earned Billy’s total devotion, perhaps because it was the first time Billy had ever been treated kindly by anyone. Tunstall was originally English and had done well for himself, at least partly because he was allied to various wealthy interests in New Mexico. However, they were themselves opposed by an equally powerful group in Lincoln, New Mexico, and the result was the Lincoln County Range War, such Range Wars being not uncommon in the Old West. There was a dispute over who owned some of Dunston’s horses, a posse was sent to repossess them, Dunston refused to surrender them, and one of the lawmen shot Dunston dead without any apparent provocation or cause, and from then on Billy seems to have become a changed, vengeful and even more violent man.

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Located just 12kms from Merriwa these three blocks would make ideal small hobby farms. Two are 12 acres of good quality flat country, one with a set of cattle yards and a dam. The third is 75 acres with approximately 20 acres of cleared land with the remaining being timbered ridge lines. All blocks have a dwelling entitlement with power and phone available. The school bus stops just down the road.

**15 Vennacher Street Merriwa**  
$167,000  
Fully renovated home ideal for someone wishing to down size to an easy to care for, convenient home. The two bedrooms are big, both with built in's and the main with a new ensuite and r/c air. The lounge is a good size and also features r/c air. The kitchen has plenty of space and a huge walk in pantry. At the rear of the home is a beautiful covered court yard with a second bathroom. There is a double garage which also houses the laundry.
FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES NEWS

Thank you to all those who participated in the inaugural “Red Socks” Sheep Yard Dog Trials.

The winners were:

~ ‘Red Socks’ Open Champion ~

1st: Peter Pearce and Coote
2nd: Peter Pearce and Kane
3rd: Jim Marshall and Reg
R/U: Les Eveleigh and Slim

~ ‘Red Socks’ Maiden Champion ~

1st: Chris Edmund and Bear
2nd: Ben Johnson and Lucy
3rd: Wally Martin and Tan

~ ‘Red Socks’ Novice Champion ~

1st: Chris Edmund and Bear
2nd: Chris Edmund and Ding
3rd: Wally Martin and Tan

With 86 dogs competing the Festival committee would like to recognize the following people who made this event a great success.

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 who sat in the grandstands all day, it certainly made this event worthwhile. A HUGE thank you to Megan Richards, Merriwa Sheep Yard Dog Captain, for the amazing job on organizing a fantastic ‘Red Socks’ Sheep Yard Dog Trial at this years Festival.

Cr Deirdre Peebles
Chairperson
Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee

MEDIA RELEASE

KICK START THE HOLIDAYS

There are NRL, football, tennis, cycling and athletics clinics, craft and writing workshops at the libraries, and plenty more to keep the children entertained in the Upper Hunter these school holidays.

All the information is contained in Council’s regular “What’s On” community calendar distributed through public and independent schools. But if it has been lost at the bottom of the school bag, it is also available on Council’s website and Facebook page.

One highlight is a teen writing workshop with the author of “Dr Elbows and the Diamond of Yunxi” Angela Kirin to be held at the Scone Library on Thursday 3 July (and the following day at Muswellbrook Library).

Other holiday activities include:

- Tennis and barbecue with the Murrurundi Youth Centre noon to 3pm, Tuesday 1 July.
- Fizzy Bubbly Chemistry at Cassilis Library from 10.30am, Wednesday 2 July.
- Teen writing workshop at Scone Library on Thursday 3 July.
- The Aberdeen Highland Games with the Grand Parade from 9am, Saturday 5 July.
- NRL Clinic for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years at the McKinnon Oval, Aberdeen on Monday, 7 July.
- Musical Instrument Craft from 11am at Merriwa Library on Tuesday 8 July.
- Soccer clinic in Scone on Tuesday 8, July
- Athletics clinic in Scone for boys and girls aged from 8 years on Wednesday 9 July.
- Many events require bookings. Some have a cost.

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WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday June 21 2014

Saturday Members Draw no 161 next week $140.00. Winners Jackpot next week $140.00.
Free Tickets: Beatrice Voysey
Dinner: Trent Cooper
Bowls Raffle: Peter Lawler

Sunday June 22 2014

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LADIES BOWLS NEWS

Last week our team played at Scone RSL Gala Day. At present plans are underway for Merriwa Bowls Gala Day in July.
COMING UP

• Wednesday July 2 - Aberdeen Association Day
• Wednesday July 23 - Muswellbrook RSL Gala Day
• Wednesday July 30 - Merriwa Gala Day.

Beatrice Voysey

NOTE TO MEMBERS

President John Rindfleish retired on 23 June 2014. His contribution to the Club is most appreciated and he will be remembered as a valuable part of our Club. We wish he and his wife happy times and good health in their retirement. Resignations have also been received from Dahlia Denning and Rohan Constable as directors. We thank all for their contribution and wish Rohan a quick recovery from his upcoming operation.

Mrs Julie Smith has been appointed as Acting President until our AGM and election of directors is held later in the year. Our reduced group of directors will continue to offer their time and continued service to the Club.

Julie Smith

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LAST WEEK’S RESULTS

Friday 13 June

Members Draw: $165.00 – Marica Strobl - unclaimed - $170.00 next week.

Joker Draw: $1242.00 – Chris Pittman - unsuccessful - $1290.00 next week.

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Hilary Parker

Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $1150.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 591. This week it jackpots to $1200.00. The 7.00pm draw for $720.00 was not won. The number was 718. This week it jackpots to $740.00. The 9.00pm draw for $260.00 was not won and the number was 621. This week it jackpots to $280.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $1250.00 was not won last week. The number was 84 and this week it jackpots to $1300.00. 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, The Beach Boyz Tribute Show. Tickets on sale now, $15.00 each, under 12 years age $5.00.

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

Matt Morgan
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Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football and Netball Club

WELDERUP UNDER 15’S

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steering the boys around as the captain. John Whitby scored two tries and one goal in another whole-hearted performance. Matt Porter scored one try and one goal and is turning into an accomplished half back. Kyle McLennan scored his second try for the season. Special mention for Cody, Tom and Hunter who stepped up when needed.

Phil Neale

UNDER 8'S

We travelled to Scone to play Denman last Saturday and the kids were happy to be back out on the field after two weeks off. Our defence was back to its best with the whole team working together. Jyeson, Riley and Clayton were all outstanding with their defence. Elly was again very eager to be the boss of the team, as first receiver (they have to organise the team and be quick and accurate with their passes), and Elly did a great job in the first third of the game. Brooklyn, David and Jack were all busy making some great tackles and were very impressive with the ball in their hands. Jackson Whitby helped us out to make a full side, he was well involved in attack and defence and it’s great to see how much he loves his footy, thanks Jackson. Tries went to Jyeson x two, one to Jack and one to Brooklyn. Player of the week went to Clayton Porter. He made some great one-on-one tackles and was fantastic in attack but most of all he is always well behaved at training and is a great team player, well done Clayton. See you all at training.

Belinda Keane

JUNIOR LEAGUE AND NETBALL NEWS

Chocolate money must be returned at the end of the school holidays. If you have not sold all your chocolates please return the unsold with the sold money to Cassie or Elaine at training. We have more chocolates available and if anyone in netball or league would like a box again see Cassie or Elaine at training. Thank you to those who have already sold their chocolates and have returned their money. A special thank you to the netball girls who have been going around the grounds on game days doing a remarkable job.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

League mini/mod plays at Aberdeen next week June 28 and the Under 15’s at home then the middle Saturday in the school holidays we have off for both mini/mod and intermediate ages then we all play again on July 12. Mini/mods at Singleton and the Under 15’s at home. Under 7’s check with your coach for the bye round.

Everyone should have received a flyer concerning the NRL Aberdeen Holiday Clinic on Monday July 7 at 10.00am-1.00pm at McKinnon Oval in Aberdeen for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years old. Cost is $35.00.

You must register on line and pay the fee. The Newcastle Knights, in conjunction with Danny Buderus, will be running a clinic for TEENAGERS/INTERNATIONALS following the clinic for the mini/mod aged children. The Danny Buderus Internationals Clinic will run from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. The cost is $50.00 for that clinic and again you must register on-line and pay the fee. Be quick in registering as numbers are limited. Having the clinic for all our ages at Aberdeen is a great bonus for us being our neighbouring town. Take this opportunity for some league education for our kids from some of the great legends in football. If you have any problems with registering talk to Kellie Porter or Elaine Sparrow on 6548 8560.

FOOTY SHORTS AND SOCKS

A new supply of footy shorts and socks in all sizes has arrived. Shorts are $35.00 and socks $15.00. Elaine will have them at training for anyone who would like to buy some.

Elaine Sparrow

MINK PINK NETBALL

This weekend started a little on the rough side with most of the girls being a little shaken after passing an accident on the way to netbal (for which the whole team hopes all are now fully recovered) but after a slow start the six girls and two subs (thank you Caitlin Porter and Sophie Inder) got back into their groove.

These girls have made us all proud! Hopefully they know just how much..

In the first half of the game, the girls seemed a little lost. Forgetting to talk to each other, keeping bunched and feeling a little put off by some of the calls made but by the end of the first half they were coming back. Down at half time by a lot, the girls started to play their game again. There was heaps of talk, hardly a penalty and the girls caught back up in the goal department. Although they won the last quarter, the girls came away with a loss but should feel they won as the maturity they showed towards getting on with the game is something they should all take pride in. If they play every game as they did this last quarter, they will be team to watch!

No training tonight or next week but back Monday and Thursday (4.30pm) of the last week of the holidays.

Tina Taylor

Merriwa Ringer
LaDieS LeagUe Tag

Last Saturday had Merriwa League Tag girls take on Murrurundi at Murrurundi. The game was based on defence with each team only crossing the line once in the first half. For Merriwa, Sofya Hoole crossed the try line out wide for Sofya’s first try of the year. From then on Merriwa found it difficult to get out of their own half. The half time score was 4 all.

The second half saw Taylah cross under the post with Aunty Jess converting to give the girls a six point lead. From then on, the Merriwa girls produced some great defence. On a few occasions, Merriwa had to turn and chase to come up with some determined diving to grab tags, stopping the Mavetts from crossing the try line. The final score was 10 – 4. Well done girls! Your fifth win of the season, putting you in fourth place on ten points, one point in front of fifth place, Greta Branxton.


RESERVES

After only being able to scrape together 15 players the week before, things were looking even more grim as by Thursday there were only 11 players available to play. So with a couple of players back from injury and two late inclusions, Liam Harding and Layton Amidy, (getting the call up after showing some great form in the old boy’s game a couple of weeks ago), we managed to put together 17 players. There is not a great deal to tell about the first half other than the Magpies were down 30 – 4. This was due to continually turning the ball over to the opposition and when you are playing the team on top of the competition, they will use this to gain many points.

When you go into the half time break that far behind, there is really only two ways to look at it!

• Let’s get this over and done with hopefully we can keep them under 60, or
• Let’s forget about that performance and go out in the second half and salvage some Magpie pride.

To the credit of the team they took the second option and won the second half 12 – 10 leaving the final score 40 – 16. With only three games remaining boys you all need to stick together and finish the season strong and hopefully get another win or two.

Player’s Player – Liam Harding, Man of the Match – Rory Harding.

This Sunday the Magpies travel to Denman to take on the Devil’s, League Tag – 11.45am, Reserves – 12.50pm.

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**Community Calendar**

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**MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL VARIETY NIGHT CONCERT**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 30**

SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL 7.00PM

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