“All things Festival of the Fleeces”

This month’s competition “All things Festival of the Fleeces” was won by Lydia Graham with her shot of the sheep as they flock down the main street of Merriwa. Sponsored by Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces - Merriwa Visitor Information Centre, Lydia has won herself a gift card valued at $50.00 for this fast moving shot.

Members please note, our branch will be closed from 12.30pm this Friday, 18th July, re-opening 9am Monday, 21st July.

For any urgent enquiries during Friday afternoon, please contact our Service Support Team on 132 067.
You’re Invited to the

MERRIWA COMMUNITY WEBSITE LAUNCH

www.merriwa.nsw.au

When: Thursday 17 July 2014 at 6.00pm

Where: Upper Hunter Shire Council Chambers, Merriwa

Join the Upper Hunter Shire Council Mayor Michael Johnson and the Merriwa Community Portal Committee for a light snack and demonstration of the new website.
Primary News

Welcome back for Term 3! We have an exciting term ahead with many events including Merriwa Central School Horse Sports, Zone Athletics Carnival, Parent/Teacher Night, Responsible Pet Care visit, Camp Quality Fun Day, Little Sprouts Day, Benefactors Breakfast, Jollybops Science Show excursion, Young Endeavour excursion and of course Variety Night! So please keep an eye out for excursion notes and check with class teachers or the office if you need any information about these events.

SCIENCE VISIT

Last term we were visited by students from the University of Newcastle with some great science activities for students. They put on a bright laser show for students in Years 4 to 6 and discussed the science used in creating such a cool display. The Year 6 students then participated in a training session to be leaders for the next session.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 3 participated in a series of work stations run by our Year 6 students that included learning about the science used in a variety of occupations such as being a veterinarian, a doctor, an engineer, and an explorer. They also focussed on using science in everyday activities, like choosing healthy foods, and exploring outer space. All our Year 6 leaders did a wonderful job of running the work stations and the students in Kindergarten to Year 3 had a fantastic time!

Coming Events

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|            | excursion to Pukara Estate and Papanui Open Range Eggs – 9.15am-
|            | 2.30pm                                                          |
| Tuesday 22 | • K-4 Jollybops excursion – Muswellbrook South Public School,   |
|            | 10.30am-2.30pm                                                 |
| Wednesday 23| • Regional Athletics Carnival - Glendale Sports Carnival        |
| Thursday 24| • Regional Athletics Carnival - Glendale Sport Carnival         |
|            | • Primary Parent/Teacher interviews – 3.30-5.30pm               |
|            | • Secondary Parent/Teacher interviews – 5.00-7.30pm             |
A great science day for all our students!

REWARDS DAY AND BLUE DAY

The last day of term was an out of uniform day for Primary to raise funds for the Asthma Foundation and students came dressed in some creative blue items to show their support for this great organisation. There were blue wigs, blue glasses, blue hairspray and lots of blue scarves. Thank you to all those students for bringing in your gold coin donation!

Rewards day was very successful and there were students with smiles all around. The Year 5 and 6 students went to the Secondary campus to participate in laser tag and had fun chasing each other, and teachers, around the field. Thank you to Mr Creamer for all your organisation for such a fun event.
Secondary News

On behalf of the Maths/Science department, I would like to welcome everyone back to school for Term 3. Students will have a busy term and will need to be organised and on top of their work as the assignment due dates start rolling in.

On Friday June 20, Merriwa Central Students travelled to Muswellbrook for the annual Science and Engineering Challenge. Students participated in many activities including building a car powered by balloons, building an eco-house which had to stand up to fierce winds, building a bridge to hold up to 15kg and many other fun hands on activities. These activities are designed to stimulate students love for science and encourage them to follow engineering pathways at university. On the day our team won the Catapult activity led by Lachlan Walmsley, John Cronin and James Hagley. Overall Merriwa Central School came fifth with 770 points, a great effort for a small Central School. Thank you to Newcastle University for hosting the event and Muswellbrook Rotary for helping run the day.

Favourite Subject: Music, English, LOTE
Extra-curricular activities: Debating, SRC, 4C, touch football
Best Personal Achievement: Writer of the Week, Zone for Public Speaking, 100% in LOTE Assignment
Year Advisor’s Comment: Abby is a delightful young girl who is always bubbly and achieves high results. Abby is a proud member of the Student Representative Council which she contributes to enthusiastically by performing numerous leadership roles. Furthermore, Abby is a keen English student who has achieved Writer of the Week this year and joined the schools debating team. On top of these outstanding achievements she partook in the 4C Girls Workshop last term where she taught some of our female primary student’s valuable information about relationship building. Well done Abby, you have indeed had a busy semester!

NEW CAREER EVENTS

Welcome back to a very busy Term 3 where career activities are concerned. This term important dates to remember are:

1. Year 10 Subject Information evening will be held on Tuesday 5 August commencing at 6.30 pm. It is important that all students and parents attend so they are able to make informed decisions about Stage 6 subjects for 2015
2. Year 10 subject selection interviews will be held on 11 and 12 August
3. Year 11 Catch up work placement for vocational students occurs during week 4 (August 4 – August 8)

Ben Bartlett
Science Teacher
**Why I want to be in ROAR?**

It helps me learn how to focus in class and subjects I don’t really like

**What is my favourite subject?**

Food, Maths, Ag, PE, English

**What is my favourite sport?**

Bull riding, football

**What is my favourite team?**

Roosters, QLD

**Favourite Player:**

Cooper Cronk

**Best Sporting Achievement:**

Winning at Championships for Team Penning

**Who inspires you and Why:**

Mr Johnston because he helps me to stay on track with school work in the class and the field

**Advice to young players:**

Don’t give up and do your best.

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**ROAR Profile**

**Mathew Porter**

**Year 9**

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**Previous Week Items**

- **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. Click onto www.careerone.come.au/vfair

- **ACPE Academy Blog Exercise and Fitness career advice.**

  http://blog.acpe.edu.au/

- **Red Room Poetry Object**


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**Housing Industry Association Australian Apprenticeships Centre**

Over 500 different 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**

August 30, 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/

**OPEN DAYS**

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

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

- **Australian Catholic University Canberra Campus,**

  Saturday August 30, 9.00am – 4.00pm, 223 Antill Street, Watson

- **University of New South Wales,**

  Saturday, September 6, 9.00am – 4.00pm

- **University of Technology,**

  Saturday August 30 (City campus), Saturday September 6 (Kuring-gai campus)

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

Jane Hegarty

Careers Advisor
Kindergarten Report

Well what a way to finish off Term 2! We joined together as a school community to raise money for the St Vincent De Paul Society by dressing in pre-loved clothes. We were also blown away by the talent demonstrated in our Talent Quest!

The Spirit of St Joseph was awarded on the final day of Term 2. This award is sponsored by the Merriwa Newsagency and the Term Two winner was Dylan Turner. Dylan has shown a huge effort during this semester to display a positive work ethic and exemplary manners. He has represented our school with pride and distinction at both the diocesan cross country and regional athletics carnivals. Dylan takes responsibility for the cleaning up of our school environs and those of the community. Congratulations Dylan!

In Kindergarten we have completed our unit on our Personal and Family History. We have conducted interviews to find out what our relatives did when they were in Kindergarten. We noticed that the toys and transport has changed a lot!

In Science we have carried out many investigations about what things are made of. We
ventured into our school playground to discover what certain things are made of. We can identify what materials are used to make things and why. We also had a lot of fun designing items that were made of silly materials (like a slide made of bubbles that would pop when you sat down to slide on it!).

Our Religion units have increased our knowledge of the Bible and some of the stories that show us how special Jesus was. We have also been discussing the gifts which Jesus has given us which makes us very special too! The learning stories from the Bible have been linked to our learning about history. It has taken a lot of people talking to each other and reading stories which have been written down in the Bible, for us to learn about Jesus.

In Maths, we continue to dazzle Mrs Kerr with our knowledge of all things Mathematics. Here are some photos of us working with fractions.

Our English work samples have improved dramatically over the past semester. We have become more confident in writing sentences all on our own! We love seeing all the ticks we receive above all of the right letters in the words we have written.

We may have saved the best for last! Over the past semester we have been lucky enough to work with Anna Kerrigan from the Catholic Schools Office. Mrs Kerrigan is in charge of organising ASPIRE which is a performance put on by students in Catholic schools across the Diocese. Mrs Kerrigan has had a lot of experience singing and performing in many areas. We have done some workshops with her in preparation for our school play which will be held on September 10 at the School of Arts. Kindergarten is doing a play about the changing of seasons and we have a lot of performers among us, we are really impressing Mrs Kerrigan and Mrs Kerr!

Mrs Samantha Kerr
Kindergarten Teacher

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KINDER/YEAR 1 NEWS

K/1 have had another busy term of wonderful educational experiences. In Mathematics the Year 1 have completed an investigation involving rocket ships and outer space to consolidate their addition and subtraction number facts knowledge. They then went on to make a model of the solar system in Visual Arts. Kindergarten completed a mathematical investigation called ‘Bedtime’, demonstrating their understanding of time. For Science and Technology the children had a visit from Jacqui and her corgi Elmo to learn about ‘Responsible Pet Ownership’. Elmo played his part in the children role playing a safe way to approach a dog (thank you Jacqui and Elmo).

Our weekly P.E sessions have involved learning various athletics skills for the Pittman Cup; long jump, corner spry, tunnel ball, shot put, shuttle relay and sprinting. All the K/1 children attended the carnival last term. They participated with enthusiasm and showed off their newly acquired skills. Congratulations and well done to K/1.

Peta Higgins
K/1 Teacher

EISTEDDFOD

On Thursday June 19 we all travelled to St James Primary School in Muswellbrook to participate in the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod.

Sincere thanks to all the parents who were able to transport the children and also for becoming part of the audience. Your support was greatly appreciated.

The children performed two songs in the ‘Any Song’ section, and in the ‘Australian Song’ section they sang ‘When I Grow Up’. We were very proud of our student’s performances and all the effort that each child put into preparing for the event.

We all returned to school after being awarded second prize for each song that the children sang.

Pauline Bullock
ZUMBATOMIC®

We will be starting Zumbatomic® at the beginning of next term. Lessons will take place on Friday afternoon with Christine Scott. All children are expected to participate in these lessons as they are part of our PDHPE program and Live Life Well Plan.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

We will be holding our annual public speaking competition early this term. All students will present their speech to the class where finalists will be chosen from each year level. The finalists will present their speeches during our Education Week Assembly to be held on Friday August 8 at 9.15am The topic for this year “An older person I admire is ……… because …………” Parents are most welcome to come in and join us.

BEEF BONANZA

We were fortunate enough to be given a steer for this year’s Beef Bonanza. The Walker family have kindly offered once again to take on the initial care and training of the steer. Our school team will be limited to eight students. Students who have been on the team previously will be given first preference. Vacancies will then be filled on a first in basis. More details to come.

WALKATHON

All students have been given their sponsor forms for the walkathon. It will be held on Friday July 18 at the caravan park. Sponsor money is due back the following Monday July 21. All money raised will go towards our learn to swim program.

NEW SPORTS CAPTAIN

Congratulations to Katie Pike who has been elected as a sports captain for the remainder of 2014. Staff went back and looked at votes from the end of last year and on count back, Katie was chosen. I am sure she will do a great job.

LIVE LIFE WELL

As part of our Live Life Well plan, we will be offering students vegetables for crunch and sip. They will have the opportunity to try a variety of vegetables (with dips) as an alternative to fruit. Research shows that many children eat two serves of fruit every day, but do not eat the required five serves of vegetables every day. We hope that by offering the alternative of vegetables for Crunch and Sip, that more students will want them included in their lunchboxes.

WEEKLY AWARDS - WEEK 8

Darcy Wallace - enthusiastic participation in maths investigations
Riley Borradaile - always staying on task
Harry Thompson - working well in maths.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Years K/1/2 - Rowdy Walters, Reagan Turner
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Abby Cooper - consistent effort in all areas

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK
Cambell Hinze

WEEKLY AWARDS - WEEK 9
Olivia McLean - great results in maths investigation
Jacob Marsh - trying hard to improve writing
Jake Pike - improved application in maths
Kristy Walker - improvement in writing
Dustynn Turner - participation in art
Steven Allen - catching up on his maths
Kayden Adams - helping to pack up.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK
Years K/1/2 - Bill Chambers and Noah Adams
Years 3/4/5/6 - Tylana Cox, Codi Marsh, Olivia McLean, Shanay Turner, Nicholas Terrell.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Olivia McLean, Jake Pike, Amy Thompson, Steven Allen, Riley Borradaile, Rowdy Walters, Declan Adams, Kayden Adams, Noah Adams, Mikayla Borradaile, Marshall Hinze and Isabelle Pike.

HOMEWORK AWARDS
Tylana Cox, Katie Pike, Shanay Turner, Abby Cooper, Amy Thompson, Sam Thompson, Matthew Allen, Andrew Harris, Cambell Hinze, Steven Allen, Riley Borradaile, Mikayla Borradaile, Marshall Hinze, Isabelle Pike and Reagan Turner.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Isabella Wallace

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK
Lucas Stair

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Welcome back to Term 3 and to some great surprises for the children and staff. During the holidays families pitched in to create a wonderful dry creek bed for the children at Pre-School. These are a very popular addition to many Pre-Schools and Centre playgrounds as we continue to move toward natural play spaces. The result is one that I am sure the children will get a lot of joy from. Many thanks to the Williams family who supplied tonnes of material for this addition of the playground. For the educators, we finally have a staff room of our own with grown-up chairs where we can enjoy lunch and take a little break or have a staff meeting. Oh, this will be lovely!

Our special thanks go to Michelle Greacen as she completes her time with us in administration. Michelle was in the position for 12 months which really flew by. This term, we welcome back Megan Moore from her maternity leave and I will soon advise on the best time to contact Megan or Colleen with your enquiries.

Also thank you to Chantelle Collins who joined educators for work experience on the last week of term. Chantelle was very popular with the children and we all enjoyed having her at the service.

The Merriwa Activity Centre is advertising for the position of Coordinator, could this be you? If so feel free to give us a call for information regarding the role.

Our monthly committee meeting will be held next Thursday July 24 at 6.30pm, you are welcome to attend.

At our last meeting a sub-committee was formed to shade the new fenced area for the Activity Centre. We are all excited to see this project move forward with committee support. If you have any ideas or suggestions we invite your input.

Termly donations are now due and greatly appreciated, please check the noticeboard for our most needed items.

Leah Folpp
Director
Anglican News

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Men’s Breakfast - Saturday July 19 - 7.30am

National Tree Day - Sunday July 27.

So start doing your site preparation and think about the kind of tree you might buy. Prepare the hole a few days before planting, making sure it is a suitable site for the species you have in mind. When you have planted, water using some liquid seaweed and then lightly mulch around the plant and don’t forget to water regularly. If we all plant something big or small, it will help to green up our environment.

Now verse three of a favourite hymn....The coloured walls of gorges, the gum trees green and tall, the rocks and pools and palm trees, the sparkling waterfall...All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful - the Lord God made them all.

Happy Planting!

Bountiful God, We thank you for planting is us the seed of your word: by your holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love.

Contact: 0429 996 769

Rosalie Drew

Local Lands Services

FULL-TIME SCONE DISTRICT VETERINARIAN AT LAST

Hunter Local Land Services (LLS) welcomes Dr Lyndell Stone as the new District Veterinarian, based in the Scone Office. It has been over 3 years since there has been a full-time District Veterinarian in Scone therefore Lyndell will be a positive addition to the farmers’ toolkit.

“I am really pleased with the move to Scone and to join the Local Land Services, and also to have the opportunity to work in the field of disease prevention and livestock production in the Upper Hunter.”

Lyndell commenced in early July, having previously worked with farmers and agricultural industries on the NSW North Coast. She comes from a family of farmers and managed her own cattle property for a number of years.

“I am looking forward to the challenge of a new climate and agriculture in this region. I will bring a fresh perspective and have a keen interest and experience in helping producers to get the most out of their livestock and, in turn, farming businesses. I can do this as I have a mixture of veterinary, communications, business and agricultural skills and qualifications.”

Lyndell joins a team of four existing district veterinarians working for the Local Land Services in the Hunter Region, based in Wingham, Tocal, Maitland, Singleton and now Scone. District Veterinarians are employed to investigate district and herd level livestock problems, including sudden death, ill thrift, and unusual and emerging diseases.

“We are responsible for diagnosing significant herd level disease and problems” says Lyndell. “District vets don’t generally treat individual sick animals; that task falls onto the shoulders of private vets, with whom we work closely. We are more likely to collect samples to rule out particular diseases, for disease surveillance, and to contain and manage disease spread.”

District veterinarians are important custodians of local livestock knowledge in a region. The livestock health information collated by district veterinarians over time enables them to certify health status for stock movements and marketing purposes. The surveillance data collected by the District Veterinarians helps to maintain export markets by assuring other countries that imported stock meet their health requirements.

Lyndell adds, “District vets look at the big picture and consider whether a disease event has wider implications for the region, or NSW. We are on
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This year’s gathering will be held at Tocal College, Paterson between September 27 and October 3. Previous participants have invariably come back with glowing reports on these inspirational and very enjoyable gatherings.

Anyone interested in participating is invited to contact a member of our club for more information.

Messy Church Merriwa is held on the last Friday of the month at the Anglican Hall from 3.30pm.

Carol Bowman stated, “Messy Church Merriwa has long been a supporter of the Festival of the Fleeces, and the children and families were very excited and thrilled to win this years Best Window Display award”.

The Festival Committee would like to thank all businesses and organizations for their continued support and participation in this year’s competition. All windows looked fantastic and the committee appreciates all the hard work and effort that goes into each window.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046

Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces
MESSY CHURCH WINS BEST WINDOW DISPLAY

Congratulations to Messy Church Merriwa on winning the 2014 Best Window Display. With a theme of ‘It’s a Wonderful Woolly World’ the judges were very impressed, in a closely fought competition with Di’s Clothing Patch and Trinity’s Markets.

The perpetual trophy, donated by Max’s Country Cuts, is an important part to the lead up to the Festival. The competition creates interest and discussion amongst visitors to Merriwa whilst decorating the main street in preparation for the Festival.

Carol Bowman stated, “We must thank Vero’s for allowing Messy Church to decorate their shop window. Vero’s have supported Messy Church for many years and this award is for them as well.”

Messy Church began in May 2012 and has been a cooperative effort between the Merriwa Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Church. The aim of which is to connect with people who do not normally attend church. It’s a great place for the people of Merriwa, regardless of age, to come together and share stories, have some fun, meet new friends, and share a meal and fellowship with each other.

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Claire Hewitt

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Merriwa Rotary
RYLA

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WEDNESDAY JULY 30
SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL 7.00PM

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The July meeting of the Merriwa District Progress Association will be on Wednesday July 23 at the RSL commencing at 6.00pm.

This is the forum for anyone with concerns about activities in the Merriwa area and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Contact Beron Arden Wood on 6548 2245.

Beron Arden Wood

Merriwa Campdraft

Merriwa Campdraft are holding their wrap up meeting at the RSL Club on Wednesday July 23 at 6.30pm.

Megan Richards

Merriwa Cricket Club

AGM

When: Thursday August 14
Time: 6.30pm
Where: Merriwa RSL Club

All positions will be declared open.

Kate Blackadder

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

Izabella Neale would like to thank everyone for their kind donations towards her fund raising efforts for “Shave for a Cure”. She was able to raise $115.00 towards this great cause.

Izabella Neale and Cassie Campbell

Merriwa Touch Football Club

AGM

When: Wednesday August 6
Time: 6.00pm
Where: Merriwa Sports Club

All positions will be declared open.

Tina Taylor

Wheatley Visit

On July 27, Rev’ds Mandy and Mick Wheatley will be paying a visit to Merriwa. Rev’d Pat Kirkby would like to extend an invite to the community to come along and have lunch with them at the Merriwa RSL Club at 1.00pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Rev’d Pat Kirkby

Merriwa VIEW Club

Our next Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday July 24 at KT’s on Bettington, 7.00pm for 7.30pm dinner.

Please bring your own drinks.

Elaine Sparrow

Download the free Merriwa Central School App.
MCS in touch with our community!
Welcome back to Term 3. Winter has finally kicked in but the last weekend of the holidays was quite pleasant. We hope you enjoyed the holidays, even though there were many late night to be had with the World Cup Soccer, Wimbledon, the Tour de France and State of Origin.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Spirit of St Joseph winner for Term 2 was DYLAN TURNER. Dylan has shown a huge effort during the first 2 terms with a positive work ethic and exemplary manners. He represented the school with pride at the Dio Cross Country and the Regional Athletics carnival. Dylan takes responsibility for the cleaning up of the school environs and those of the community. For all of these reasons, he is the latest recipient of the Spirit of St Joseph. Congratulations Dylan.

FINANCIAL YEAR SALE

It is the final week of the Financial Year Sale. If you have any stationery needs for the office or school, this week is the time to do it. There is still time to stock up the office stationery with pens, paper, sticky tape, staples, a new stapler, high lighters, permanent markers, folders, plastic sleeves, and so much more.

SPENCIL

Spencil is a great quality brand of stationery geared towards (but not exclusively for) teens and tweens. We have some great stationery items from their range in store now, including the very cool sticky tape dispenser that looks like a Lego Block! There are a variety of colours and they look great at the homework station, and even in the office. They can be stuck to the desk to make them un-stealable (as any co-worker would love it!)

3D

The Tour de France has begun, so get inspired by all things French, and grab the 3D Eiffel Tower Ravensberger Puzzle. The pieces are made of durable plastic, saving them from being torn or bent. The pieces lock together seamlessly so there is no need for glue. The finished tower stands at 44cm and everyone will be amazed at the cleverness of the person who puts it together.

TAX TABLES

Tax time is here and the new Weekly and Fortnightly Tax Tables are available now.

WOODLAND FRIENDS

Woodland Friends is a gorgeous range of coin purses for all ages. They are made of felt and come with all kinds of animal motifs, including foxes, owls, butterflies, birds and more. There are a variety of colours and styles. They make a great little gift for five year olds and 50 year olds.

FINALLY

The latest issue of GOOD CHEF BAD CHEF is finally on the shelf. This issue has been asked about for weeks and it is now available. The lamb casserole with garlic and broad beans looks especially delicious. The good chef version of classic dark chocolate ice-cream looks mouth-watering and there is a whole section of soups to keep you warm all winter!

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

Cash or Eftpos only!

Neville and Leanne Hook

Australia Post Merriwa

MORE THAN JUST A POST OFFICE POSTAGE

SATURDAY TRADING

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

Saturday 19/7/14 – Open
Saturday 26/7/14 – Closed

STATIONERY

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

Pringo – the first portable WiFi printer. Connects to any Iphone or Android via WiFi and print out photos from your phone. Prints colour photos about wallet size and you can edit the photos on your phone before printing by add text, borders plus much more. Cost – only $169.00 for the printer and you can get 30 packs of paper for $29.95 and 100 packs for $79.95.

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.

**MYPOST CONCESSION ACCOUNTS**

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

**Woolbrook Rural Industries**

Last term, while writing about Billy the Kid, I said that he was thought to have been born in New York (once known as Gotham City) about 1860. A few days ago, by something of a coincidence, I finished a book (“Seven for a Secret” by Lyndsay Faye) which is set in New York, probably in the 1840s. I have always been an avid reader and recall that on one occasion I felt a kinship with two characters, “Bluey and Curly”, who were Australian soldiers in a cartoon series which ran during and after WW2. Someone once said that war is 99% boredom and 1% sheer terror, and on this occasion these two servicemen, obviously in a 99% boredom period, are bored stiff and desperate for something to read. One says to the other: “As soon as I have finished reading this piece of cardboard I’ll swap it to you for that piece of brown paper you are reading”. WW2 boredom was also the subject of a long poem, which appeared in the Bulletin during the war, titled “Ode to Bloody Darwin”, though I believe there were several variations in other publications under different titles such as “Ode to Bloody Port Moresby”. I can remember only one verse of many: “The bloody flicks are Bloody old/You can’t get in for Bloody gold/The Bloody beer is never cold/So Bloody, Bloody, Bloody”.

I also recall some comments by my brother-in-law who was in the AIF and spent a couple of years in Darwin with an anti-aircraft battery, including throughout the bombing of that city. He nominated boredom as the biggest enemy, and then varying degrees of fright depending on how close the bombs were falling. The biggest anti-boredom moment of all was when, after firing thousands of shells to no avail, they quite unexpectedly shot down one unlucky aircraft, after which the Japanese, who had been seeking more bombing accuracy by flying lower and lower as they became increasingly aware of the harmlessness of the Australian antiaircraft guns, began flying high again. The seriousness of the poem “Ode to Bloody Darwin” will be evident when I tell (or remind) you that in those days the use of the swear word “bloody” (said to be a corruption of “By Our Lady”) was quite enough to get a naughty boy’s mouth immediately washed out with soap (ah, the innocence of those days!), and to print it repeatedly in such a fashion was quite daring. I recall that, when I was at school we were entertained one Saturday night by the movie “Pimpernel Smith”, a take on “The Scarlet Pimpernel” by Baroness Orczy. Mr Smith was played by Leslie Howard and he invariably defeated Germans so easily that one wonders why it took an alliance of most of the world’s countries six years to overcome them. We knew that somewhere in that movie he would use the word “bloody”, we all awaited this with keen anticipation, and he did say it! Later Howard was on an aircraft between England and Spain, Portugal (both neutral countries) or perhaps Gibraltar and he suffered the same fate as Glen Miller did later over the English channel, that is their planes mysteriously disappeared and all those on board were never seen again. Some said Howard was simply out of luck, the plot fiends of those days claimed the Germans knew he was on the plane and shot it down because of his anti-German films. However it almost certainly was just bad luck, or perhaps a German fighter came across it and naturally, since it was British, shot it down, probably somewhere over the Bay of Biscay.

As I said, I have always been an avid reader and am particularly fond of books which are not only a good read but also have an interesting and, hopefully, an accurate background and/ or message. A series of detective books by Anne Perry is set in London about 1860 when the enormous task of building the London sewer system was in progress. This construction is included in one of my reference books (“Seven Wonders of the Industrial World”, by Deborah Cadbury) the others being “The Great Eastern”, “The Bell Rock Lighthouse”, “The Brooklyn Bridge”, “The American Transcontinental Railroad”, “The Panama Canal”, and “The Hoover Dam”. Even though Perry is writing about London and Faye about New York, both their periods are about the same and they have much in common, particularly the appalling conditions and outright inhumanity present in both cities, though no doubt little different in all big cities at the time. There were some dissimilarities, for instance in London the worst disease problem was cholera whereas in New York it was smallpox and others. One big difference was the scabrous and vile canker present in the USA and many other countries, this being slavery which so divided the USA. Eventually, many years of division between
the abolitionists (mainly north of the Mason-Dixon Line), and those favoring slavery, (mainly south of that line), caused the American Civil War. Since the matter of slavery is so closely and inextricably entangled in American history with its aftermath still clearly evident even today, I intend while on the subject to write more about it and New York next week before returning to Billy the Kid. I know I am often guilty of straying from my main subject, however I hope you will still find such offshoots just as interesting.

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Max Wurcker

Merriwa Pharmacy
DIABETES – THE NEW EPIDEMIC

A huge number of Australians suffer from diabetes, and our modern lifestyle is only increasing the alarming statistic. At present some 3.61 million Australians have diabetes or pre-diabetes while worldwide 366 million people are affected. National Diabetes Week runs from July 13 to 19 and we are all encouraged to have checks and learn more about this disease.

According to the Australian Diabetes Council (ADC) diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when there is too much glucose in the blood. This happens if the body is not producing insulin or not using insulin - a hormone needed for glucose to enter the cells and be converted to energy - properly.

Glucose is a particular type of sugar - it’s essential for normal healthy body function. Insulin is the hormone or chemical messenger that controls the uptake of glucose by muscles, liver and fat tissues.

There is some confusion about the various types of diabetes.

Type 1 diabetes is condition in which the pancreas does not produce insulin. This type represents 10-15 per cent of all cases of diabetes and is one of the most common chronic childhood diseases in developed nations. Type 1 diabetes is not caused by lifestyle factors, yet its incidence is increasing at a rate of about 3 per cent a year.

In type 2 diabetes, which accounts for about 85% of all people with diabetes, insulin is still produced but does not work effectively. While it most often affects mature adults, more young people, even children, are getting type 2 diabetes. It’s very much a lifestyle disease and linked to the overall increase in weight among the population.

Less well known is gestational diabetes - a form of diabetes that occurs in pregnancy and mostly disappears after the birth. This type may be caused by the woman’s body not being able to make enough insulin or not being able to use it correctly during pregnancy. It is usually found by having a blood test between 24 and 28 weeks of pregnancy.

We should also be aware of pre-diabetes which is a condition where blood glucose levels are higher than normal, but not yet high enough for a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes. Left untreated it may develop into type 2 diabetes within 5 to 10 years.

The food we eat and weight management are key elements of diabetes management. Being overweight is a huge risk. While the underlying causes of obesity are complex, the resulting problems are well known: type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular (heart and blood vessel) disease, social exclusion and low self-esteem.

The ADC says it is important to take a balanced view with regard to nutrition; drawing on a range of foods rather than focusing on single nutrients as “good” or “bad”. No single nutrient is responsible for weight gain or loss, but our total kilojoule (or calorie) intake from all food is what can cause problems.

During National Diabetes Week visit your local pharmacy to learn more about diabetes and how it can be managed. If you have any of the risk factors for diabetes such as excess weight or smoking, now is the perfect time to ask your pharmacist about lifestyle changes.

Pharmacies can offer a range of resources and support for diabetes including:

- Diabetes screening tests with referrals to your doctor.
- Advice on diabetes medicines.
- Review of diabetes medicines.
- Weight management services.
- Blood glucose monitoring devices.
- Supply of blood glucose test strips as part of the National Diabetes Services Scheme.
• Quit smoking products and services.

Health information including Self Care Fact Cards.

You can get more advice on diabetes from Merriwa Pharmacy. Self Care Fact Cards include Blood Glucose Monitoring, Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes plus Weight and Health.

Robert Smith

Max’s Country Cuts

Max’s Country Cuts has been established in Merriwa for almost 21 years.

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• a handful of fresh mint, chopped
• a few sprigs of fresh rosemary, chopped
• a few cloves of garlic, crushed
• a glug of olive oil
• salt

Pat the lamb dry with paper towels, then combine the mint, rosemary, garlic and enough oil to make a runny paste, and smear it all over the lamb. Sprinkle with salt. If you have time, cover and refrigerate it for a few hours, or overnight.

Heat a large, heavy skillet with a drizzle of oil over medium-high heat and brown the lamb on all sides. Transfer to a slow cooker and cook on low for eight hours. (If you like, add a glassful of red wine or chicken stock, but it’s not necessary – the slow cooker will contain all the juices from the meat and cook beautifully.) Serve hot, with mint sauce. Serves 6-8.

Alternatively bake in the oven for approximately four hours on 150 degrees in red wine or chicken stock in a covered dish.

Max, Yvonne and the crew
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MEDIA RELEASE

MERRIWA LAUNCHES INTO SPACE

Merriwa is set to launch into cyber-space with the unveiling of the new community portal website (www.merriwa.nsw.au) at 6:00pm on Thursday, 17 July 2014 at the Upper Hunter Shire Council Chambers in Merriwa.

“The launch of the Merriwa website will provide an online portal for locals and visitors alike to get up-to-date information on what’s happening and what’s available in the Merriwa area. It will allow us to share our community with the world,” said Kim Fenley, Chair of the Merriwa Website Committee.

Upper Hunter Shire Council Mayor Michael Johnsen will be counting down for lift-off at the launch event.

“Council is proud to be a part of the development of the new Merriwa website,” he said.

“The internet is the first point of call for information for many people these days so this is a great opportunity to showcase information about local businesses, community groups and events.

“After witnessing the success of a the website in Murrurundi (www.murrurundi.nsw.au), Council’s Economic Development & Tourism Committee recommended that similar sites be developed in our other three towns, with Merriwa identified as the first,” he said.

“Council has supported the development of this site with a small financial contribution, however it has been the hard work of a group of volunteers in Merriwa led by Kim Fenley, that has made this project a reality in such a short time.”

The event will kick off at 6:00pm with the launch of the Merriwa website followed by a demonstration of how to navigate around the site. Light refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome to come along. For catering purposes please RSVP to Megan Moore on 0400 653 446.

Michael Johnsen
MAYOR
www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au,
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JULY MEETING SCHEDULE

Development & Environmental Services Committee
Tuesday 8th July 2014, 10.00am

Works & Technical Services Committee
Tuesday 8th July 2014, 1.00pm

Community Services Committee
Tuesday 8th July 2014, 4.30pm

Finance Committee
Friday 25th July 2014, 1.00pm

Ordinary Council Meetings
Monday 28th July 2014, 5.00pm

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

TAX ASSISTANCE

Completing your tax returns online is made easier with the assistance of the Merriwa CTC and Visitor Information Centre. This year there are two options, but both require registering with myGov.

Those with, as the ATO puts it “straightforward tax affairs” can use MyTax, and after 1st August it will be pre-populated with the info the ATO already has about you. It’s browser-based and doesn’t require installing anything.

Those with more complicated tax will be better off using the e-tax, which has to be downloaded and installed from https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Lodging-your-tax-return/Lodge-online/e-tax/.

This service is FREE and funded by the ATO. If your tax return is complex it is recommended that you visit your local tax accounting professional.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046
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The Roles

Council is seeking a highly motivated individual to undertake the above position. The primary role of this position is to promote tourism in the Upper Hunter Shire by effective servicing of the Visitor Information Centre and provide ongoing promotion of the Shire’s attractions and interests.

What you will need

All applicants must have an interest in tourism and sound knowledge of attractions, events and accommodation within the Shire. Applicants should also have good interpersonal skills and ability to work as a team.

Successful applicants must be available for regular weekend work on a roster system.

Salary Range: $793.00 – $888.10 per 35 hour week, plus 25% casual loading, in accordance with Council’s salary system. Other conditions are in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award and Council’s policies and procedures.

Enquiries and Further Information:

P: Belinda McKenzie 6540 1301.

Closing Date for above position: 4pm on Friday 18 July 2014

PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT - CASUAL GUMMUN PLACE HOSTEL - MERRIWA

The Role

Council is seeking a highly motivated individual to undertake the above position. The primary role of this position is to provide quality personal care to residents of Gummun Place Hostel.

What you will need

Applicants should have the ability to interact with, and have a genuine understanding of the elderly and their special needs. Applicants should also have excellent communication and decision making skills, ability to work without supervision and as part of a team. Previous experience in working in Aged Care would be an advantage.

Salary Range: $795.08 per 38 hour week, in accordance with the Charitable, Aged and Disability Care Services (State) Award. Other conditions are in accordance with Council’s policies and procedures.

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P: Suzanne Duggan on 6521 7010.

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Catholic Parish
Merriwa & Cassilis

WEEKEND MASSES
St Anne’s Merriwa
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - Sat 6.00pm
2nd & 4th Sunday - Sun 8.30am
St Joseph’s Cassilis
2nd & 4th Sunday - 10.00am
Parish Priest - 6548 2086
Convent - 6548 2123
St Vincent de Paul - 6548 3092

Groups
Churches
St Davids Uniting
Church Vennacher Street
Merriwa
Service Times
1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at
11.00am
3rd Sunday at 6.00pm
Contact
Pastor Ross Neville - 6545 1396
Pastor Richard Moors - 6543 1168
Peter Campbell - 6548 5126

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Sponsorship and Advertisement Reminder
Sponsorship renewals have been sent for Term 3, if you wish to come on board as a Sponsor then please contact the Merriwa Central School on 6548 2119.

Advertisements reminder - all advertisements need to be paid for PRIOR to the deadline of the issuing week.
Merriwa Rugby League Football Club
President – Matt Morgan
Snr Vice President – Mark Kirkland
Jnr Vice President – Lee Cronin

2013/14 season training
from 5.30 to 7.00pm
Merriwa No. 2 Oval
(throughout Terms 4 & 1)
Enquiries to: Tash Taaffe
6548 5002 or email:
tashholden@bigpond.com

Merriwa RSL Club
Restaurant Snack Bar
Take Away
Lunch Specials Monday-Friday
Lunch & Dinner 7 days
Parties & Weddings a specialty
ATM, SKY CHANNEL
CLUB TAB, CLUB KENO
DARTS, SNOOKER, POOL
Friday - Raffles and 3
Members Badge Draws
Sunday - Raffle Members
Badge Draw between
11.30am & 1.30pm -
Jackpots $50 per week.
Club: 6548 2157
Restaurant: 6548 2295
For the information
of members and their guests

Merriwa Sports Club Ltd 6548 2028
Golf, Bowls, Squash, Putt Putt, Darts, Pool, ATM and Club Keno
Opening Times:
*Monday & Tuesday - 4pm *Wednesday - Sunday - 12pm
Thursday Night 7:00pm Bingo
Friday 5:00pm - 7:00pm Happy Two Hours and Free raffles
Saturday - 7.45pm Monster raffles and members' badge draw
Sunday - 5:00pm to 7:00pm meat voucher raffle and members' badge draw.
The Sporties Chinese/Australian Restaurant 6548 3228
Dine in or Take away, Banquets and Function catering available.
Lunch Specials
Lunch: Wednesday to Sunday.
Dinner: Tuesday to Sunday

Sunday July 13 2014
Sunday Members draw no 300 not won, next week $1150.00.

BINGO - NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
Every Thursday night commences 5.00pm. Tickets on sale at 4.30pm.
Win Sporties vouchers for meat and other business houses plus SUPER 39 $100 gift voucher.

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

THE SPORTIES
Chinese/Australian Restaurant open for lunch
Wednesday to Sunday, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Dinner
Tuesday to Sunday 5.30pm to 9.00pm. Closed
Mondays, reopen 5.00pm Tuesday. For bookings
and take away telephone 6548 3228.
Don’t forget Chinese Smorgasbord Sunday 27
July at 6.00pm.

THE SPORTIES ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP

SMORGASBORD
Sunday July 27
6.00pm

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 31 August 2014 at 11.00am. Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors. Information and nomination forms are available from the Club during normal opening hours.
Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $1300.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 61. This week it jackpots to $1350.00. The 7.00pm draw for $780.00 was not won. The number was 87. This week it jackpots to $800.00. The 9.00pm draw for $320.00 was not won and the number was 376. This week it jackpots to $340.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $1400.00 was won last week. The number was 178 and this week it jackpots to $500.00. 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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB

HAPPY HOUR IS BACK – Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Sunday 11.00am to 12 noon, $3.00 schooners and $2.00 middy’s.

Social darts 7.00pm Thursday nights.

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.

This Sunday the Magpies take on Aberdeen at Aberdeen with League Tag kicking off at 11.45 am.

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
Secretary/Manager

Merriwa Touch Football

Merriwa Touch Football will be holding a wrap up meeting on Wednesday July 20 at 6.00pm at the Merriwa Sports Club in the Sports Lounge. All are welcome to attend. This meeting will be held to discuss how the 2013-2014 competition went.

TOUCH FOOTBALL AGM

The Touch Football AGM will be held on August 6 at 6.00pm at the Merriwa Sports Club. All positions will be declared open in aim to start the 2014/15 season off in October.

Tina Taylor
Merriwa Ringer
He scored three outstanding tries, each one running at least three quarters of the field but more importantly he was brilliant in defence and he is a great team player. Well done Jyeson!

Last Saturday the Kingslyn Under 8’s played Muswellbrook Black. We were short of players with some being away on holidays so we borrowed Jackson and Maddison from the 7’s to help out and with one Muswellbrook player joining us made it a side of seven. There were lots of tries from both sides which made it very exciting to watch but our defence did let us down a bit. Jyeson once again was hard to stop when he had the ball in his hands, scoring a big four tries and a great game from Clayton who scored two tries. Player of the week went to Ellie who had a great game, trying her hardest to tackle anyone that came her way. She also made some good quick passes and ran well when she had the ball. Ellie really loves her footy and never ever misses a training session. Well done Ellie, keep on trying hard and you'll be scoring multiple tries before you know it.

See you all at training 4.00pm Tuesdays and Fridays.

Belinda Keane

MINK PINK NETBALL

With school holidays over and the girls were keen as to take the court on Saturday. It was going to be a hard game, with not much training to keep the girls at their best. I thought the game might have started off a little slow but again the girls surprised me and impressed me. They played strong and took a narrow lead in the first quarter. In the second quarter they moved ahead again only to fall asleep in the last five minutes letting the other team run around them on the court.

Missing what happened in the third quarter, I thought when I came back to the seat that the girls would be behind but to my surprise the girls had stepped up yet again to bring home the win 29-23. A high scoring game showing that both sides had to work hard all game on the court.

Moments to remember:

• Jasmine Hammond - shooting her first game goal for the season (won’t be her last!)
• Caitlyn Porter and Jazmine Orton - defending demons for the whole game
• Paige Mcconnell - great balance skills to keep the ball in play

Tina Taylor

MERRIWA RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

LADIES LEAGUE TAG

Sunday 29 June, the Merriwa League Tag girls made the return trip to a bitterly cold Denman to take on the She - Devil’s. After defeating the She - Devil’s 22 – 0 on the long weekend, the Magpies where hoping to make this a repeat. The girls started off well with a try and conversion to Jess Morgan to lead 6 – 0, only to see Denman hit back with a try to close the gap to 6 – 4 at the break. The second half saw both teams concentrating on defence not giving any chances in attack until 10 minutes remaining Merriwa broke away for Brooke Williams-Fawcett to score what looked to be a match sealing try, Merriwa 10 Denman 4. Unfortunately defending a small lead is difficult particularly when the opposition is throwing everything at you and Denman not only managed a try but also a penalty goal and a field goal to snatch victory 11 – 10.

MERRIWA RESERVES

After playing through the last couple of weeks low on players the Magpies where back close to full strength and six on the bench to take on a strong Denman team. The Magpies started strong and scored first with a try to Jon Nutt to lead 4 – 0 early. Denman hit back with couple of tries to be in front 10 – 4 at half time. The boy’s knew they were in with a shot at victory and were not leaving Denman without a big dig at it. Denman scored again to stretch their lead to 20 – 14. The Magpies threw everything into the last 10 minutes but unfortunately went down fighting 20 – 14. Both teams have now had a couple of week’s rest with their next game at Aberdeen on this Sunday the July 20 with ladies League Tag starting at 11.45am.

Congratulation to Darren McDermott on winning the NSW State of Origin pack.

Matt Morgan
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Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football and Netball Club

On Monday July 7, during the school holidays, some of our players attended the Aberdeen holidays Clinic, which attracted over 250 players from 5 to 12 years of age. Those who attended from Merriwa had a great time and were put through some different types of drills by the Newcastle Knights players and at the end of the day received a fantastic bag with heaps of goodies and ended their day with a sausage sizzle. Thanks to the parents who travelled over with their children. I am sure they all enjoyed the morning and learnt a lot. In the afternoon Danny Buderus held a clinic for the 13 to 17 year olds and once again some of our Under 15’s attended. This was also well done and enjoyed by those who attended. Thanks to coach Phil Neale for transporting his crew over to Aberdeen.

Belinda Keane

WELDERUP UNDER 15’S

We played Singleton at home last Saturday and came away with a very scrappy 34 – 26 victory. As usual the boys played with commitment but were let down with ball control and team work – something we need to work on this week at training as next week we play away with Dungog with what will be a step-up in class. If we play to our ability we will come home with another win giving our Under 15’s a chance at the finals.

Our scorers against Singleton were John Whitby x four tries and two goals; a goal to Matty Porter and a try to each to Callum Telfer, Dylan Cox and Cody Towell. Hamish Cameron took out the Players Player Award and the Coaches Award went to Kasey Cassar. A gutsy effort from both players.

Thanks goes to Webby for running the line, Carol McLoughlin our sports trainer, James Whitby for timekeeping and Karen Brazier and the girls in the canteen. Also to Kate Blackadder who gave our boys a talk prior to the game and to the senior boys, it was great to see some of our senior players there to encourage our boys.

Phil Neale

KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S

On the first Saturday of the holidays Kingslyn Under 8’s played Muswellbrook Gold. David turned up ready and raring to make an impact as we were playing his team mates from last year and he made some great tackles and impressive running. He was very unlucky not to score his first try for Merriwa when he crossed over the try line and put the ball down only to have the whistle blow for him to come back and take a penalty tap. Bad luck David but keep playing as you are and you’ll get that try soon. Ellie was unfortunate to have the same thing happen to her. She too should have scored her first try after she took a quick run from dummy half to be only centimeters from the try line. A push over from her team mates helped her cross the line but the ref called held and she had to hand it over for last tackle. Bad luck to you Ellie. The ref only had to wait a couple of seconds for both calls and both David and Ellie would have had their tries. You both certainly deserve the points.

Tries went to Jyeson x three and one try each from Clayton, Brooklyn, Riley and Dylan. Player of...
Community Calendar

What’s happening?

Send your calendar information in before 12 noon Mondays to 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 calendar or wish to claim a date, please call Tina at the Ringer so that your event is not missed!

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MCS in touch with our community

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL VARIETY NIGHT CONCERT

WEDNESDAY JULY 30
SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL 7.00PM