Taylah Blackadder competes at State Cross Country

On Friday July 18, Taylah Blackadder travelled to Eastern Creek Raceway to participate in the Combined High Schools State Cross Country 16 Years Girls event. Taylah was one of 92 students in this age group to complete the 4km run.

Taylah said “It was an interesting experience, with all the pushing and shoving to gain a comfortable position. It was also a very cold and windy day.” Taylah was happy with her performance and for her second time at such an event, placing about 40th, she should be very proud.

Merriwa Central School commend her for her dedication, preparation and performance and we wish her all the luck as she prepares to achieve just as high in 2015.

Alison King
Sports Coordinator
St Heliers Horse Field Days

AUGUST 9 AND 10
EXHIBITION GROUNDS, SANDY CREEK ROAD, MUSWELLBROOK

St Heliers Heavy Horse Field Day Inc. will be running its annual Heavy Horse weekend. It is a rare opportunity to see a large number of Clydesdales, Shires and different breeds of Draught horses all in the one place.

Last year’s show proved that the heavy horse fraternity is alive and well with 70 horses competing over the weekend.

This field day is a chance for the public to interact with the horses that children love and the elderly remember fondly from their childhood. It’s a chance to talk to the owners, relive stories from the past and pat horses that are not as common as in days gone by. We as owners, really do enjoy talking to the public, listening to old stories and watching as the children enjoy these big horses.

On the program the Heavy Horse working classes including Led, slide pulling, ploughing, ridding and Horse drawn vehicles. Also available include market stalls with everything horse related and more.

It is a wonderful weekend and only possible with the dedicated committee, volunteers and terrific judges/stewards that all help to make the St Heliers Heavy Horse Field Day what it is today.

Entry fee is $2.00 per person – camping is available (free) but sites are not powered, with only basic amenities.

Come out and say hello! We hope to see you there in August.

www.stheliersheavyhorse.org.au or find us on Facebook.

John Sercombe
Hon. President
Merriwa Ringer
Principal Report

It has been a cold and busy start to the school term. Primary students have enjoyed the “Jollybops” science show this week at Muswellbrook Public School, and Secondary Agriculture and Business Studies students visited some local businesses to complete business case studies as part of their coursework.

Thank you to all parents who took the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher this week at the parent-teacher interviews. Education is a partnership between parents and teachers and these interviews provide a great opportunity to discuss and support your child’s progress.

VARIETY NIGHT CONCERT

Each year we celebrate Education Week with our Variety Night Concert. This year’s theme for our concert is “Around the World”. Students and teachers have spent many hours rehearsing for the concert and are looking forward to another packed house at the School of Arts. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start, tickets are on sale at the door $5.00 single, $10.00 family. All community members are most welcome to attend.

YEAR 10 2015

At this time of year we start planning for the 2015 school year. Year 10 students begin the process of subject selection for Year 11 2015. An information evening will be held on Tuesday August 5 for students and parents. To assist students and parents in this process interviews will be held with the careers adviser and year adviser in the week following the information evening. At Merriwa Central School we take great care in tailoring our curriculum offering to each individual student.

MATHEMATICS HOMEWORK CENTRE

Last week I visited with students taking advantage of our afternoon homework centre in Secondary. This is a fantastic initiative by Mr Lomax who is keen to help students improve their understanding in mathematics. I was encouraged to see students giving up their own time after school to improve their maths. If you would like more information about the homework centre, or the free online support provided by the school please contact Mr Lomax, or your child’s teacher.

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Merriwa Rotary Club has a long history of supporting the youth exchange program. As a beneficiary many years ago of the matched-twin New Zealand exchange program myself, I am fully aware of the benefits of the program and the commitment of Merriwa Rotarians. This week we welcome Emma Hunter to our school, and welcome home April Eipper who spent last term in New Zealand. Towards the end of the month we will be joined by another long-term exchange student from Europe.

Darren Noonan
Principal

HORSE SPORTS CANTEEN

Merriwa Central School P and C are again running the canteen at our 2014 Horse Sports day on Monday August 11.

We require helpers for the canteen from 6.30am Monday morning. Please call Maria Cameron on 6548 7272 to put your name on the roster if you can lend a hand.

This is a great fundraiser for our school and the more helpers the easier the job.

Maria Cameron

Coming Events

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Our first Students of the Week for Term 3 were awarded last Friday and it was wonderful to see students excited to receive their book awards. Our fantastic P and C proudly donate our book awards every week and we are very grateful for their ongoing support. Our Students of the Week were:

**Year Kindergarten:** Miriam Harrison  
**Year 1/2:** Cody Daniel  
**Year 2/3:** Chad Debono  
**Year 4/5:** Andrew Harrison  
**Year 5/6:** Chloe English  

Well done to all our book award recipients!

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**Kindergarten Enrolment**

Parents who would like to enrol their child for Kindergarten next year are welcome to visit the Primary Office and meet our office staff. They will take your details so you can be sent an information pack about enrolment for 2015. Merriwa Central School is proud to coordinate a parent information session along with a Kindergarten Transition Program, which runs in Term 4. We will send out information about both at a later date, so make sure we have your details so you don’t miss any important information.

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**Variety Night**

It’s almost the big day! Students have been working very hard on their class performances for this year’s Variety Night ‘Around the World’ to be held next Wednesday July 30, 7.00pm at the School of Arts. We also have students performing with the choir, Star Struck and the Fife band. It is a very big event for the students and a lot of preparation goes into organising costumes, props and choreography for the performance.

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**Secondary News**

Welcome back for a very busy Term 3 to all our students.

Year 12 prepare for their trials and Higher School Certificate. This means that many students will have to finalise their major works in the next few weeks. It is also a time to reflect on and make some decisions on students school to work pathway. UAC guides have arrived for those students considering university pathways and the TAFE website https://www.tafensw.edu.au is available for students interested in pursuing a TAFE course next year. It is important that students who wish to apply for work make sure their resumes are updated and supporting documentation is available such as current school reports.

Year 11 will be finishing their preliminary course work with final exams at the end of term. Year 11 also participated in their work placement for vocational subjects at the end of Term 2. We would like to thank the following employers for their support of our students.

- H O Haynes - Coolah
- MacCallum Inglis - Scone
- Macquarie Generation - Muswellbrook
- Complete Steel - Mudgee
- Mace Family Kustoms - Medowie

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**Zone Athletics Carnival**

Next week, on Friday August 1, students from Years 2 to 6 will represent our school in the Primary Zone Athletics Carnival at Singleton. Students who qualified have received notes that need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. Students will need to be at Singleton ready to start at 9.00am. They will need to bring hat, appropriate shoes, water, recess and lunch. Please contact Mrs Moore if you have any questions.

Rebecca West  
Assistant Principal

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**Vocational Education and Training**

Year 11 also participated in their work placement for vocational subjects at the end of Term 2. We would like to thank the following employers for their support of our students.
Year 10 have their information evening about Stage 6 subjects coming up on August 5 at 6.30pm. I would encourage all parents to come along with their sons and daughters as the Board of Studies and vocational education requirements are explained. It is an important time for students to reflect on their interests and the direction they would like their education pathway to take. Interviews to finalise their subject choices for 2015 will take place on August 11 and 12 and parents are asked to make appointments prior to these dates.

There are many other extra curricula activities on offer for students this term with The Lemoncar workshop demonstrating the important legal and illegal aspects of car modification. Our students who have qualified for the Regional Athletics will be participating in competitions on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 2. In Week 4 Year 11 and 12 will participate in the Roadwhyz program which is sponsored by Rotary and provides an insight into the responsibilities we all have to be safe drivers.

Parent teacher interviews will be held on of July 24 so please make an appointment to see any staff member on that evening. Our Variety Night concert will be on July 30 and we are all looking forward to seeing the creative performances of our students and hope you can all come along to watch.

**Favourite Subject:** Ancient History and Biology

**Extra-Curricular activities:** Reading crime fiction. Peter Dalgleish is my favourite author

**Best Personal Achievement:** Achieving great results in Ancient History in my assignments and examinations

**Year Advisor’s Comment:** Dylan is developing into a mature young man. He has achieved some solid results across his subjects in this HSC year. His class mates respect his sense of humour, out going personality and is his helpful nature. His organisational and study skills are well practised and reaping the benefits. We hope that his preparation for his final exams allows him to perform at the best. Well done Dylan.

**Alison King**
Year Advisor

**Jane Hegarty**
VET Head teacher

**NEW CAREER EVENTS**

**Online IT Diplomas from the Computer Power Institute** - Computer Power provide IT courses in Networking, Software Development and Website Development designed for individuals with little or no vocational experience. All Diplomas have International Vendor Certifications attached. Students learn online at their own pace, and can start immediately with no upfront costs. Computer Power also offer a free job placement program. www.computerpower.edu.au

**UNSW Prep** - An alternate pathway to UNSW is open to students who qualify for the UNSW ACCESS Scheme, with an ATAR of 50 or over, and Indigenous Students applying through Nura Gili. UNSW Prep is an opportunity for students to study core study skills in smaller classes, complete their
**ROAR Profile**
Clinton Rawlinson
Year 10

**Why I want to be in ROAR?** To become a better person

**What is my favourite subject?** Woodwork

**What is my favourite sport?** Rugby League

**What is my favourite team?** Tigers

**Favourite Player:** Robbie Farrah

**Best Sporting Achievement:** Going to State for Cross Country

**Who inspires you and Why:** Mum and dad because they tell me if I put my mind to it I can reach my goals

**Advice to young players:** Respect your elders.

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**BIG Day In Newcastle** - 12 August 2014
IT Careers Conference for students from Years 9-12 @ University of Newcastle. Tickets $10ph. Bring your students to hear CSIRO, HP, WiseTech Global, Greater Building Society, NIB, TCS and more talking about their careers and the future of technology. Exhibitors include WiseTech Global, LEGO Education, HP, Greater Building Society, NIB, F1 in Schools Racing Team and more for students to speak to. Enq: Kerrie, ACS Foundation 02 8296 4444/0417 409 069 kerrie.bisaro@acsfoundation.com.au www.thebigdayin.com.au

**Full Tuition Business Scholarships** - SP Jain School of Global Management is offering full tuition academic scholarships for those joining their tri-city Bachelor of Business Administration program commencing in 2015. The first year of the course is conducted in Singapore, followed by one year in Dubai and the last two years in Sydney, providing students with knowledge and expertise to functions in a variety of business settings. To request scholarship information email admissions.syd@spjain.org or call 02 8970 6800 http://www.spjain.org/bba

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**PREVIOUS WEEK ITEMS**

**Activities this term:**

1. Year 10 Subject Information evening will be held on Tuesday August 5 commencing at 6.30pm. 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 August 11 and 12

3. Year 11 catch up work placement for vocational students occurs during Week 4 (4 August – 8 August)

4. Year 12 University applications due by September 19

5. Year 11 continuing TAFE TVET students applications due by September 19

6. Year 10 students applying for TAFE in 2015 - applications due by September 19

7. Year 12 students considering commencing a TAFE course in 2015 are able to apply on line now.

**Bert Evans Scholarship** - This Scholarship is for first, second and third year apprentices and the nominations close July 25. Completed nominations can be returned to: State Training Services, Locked Bag 542, NEWCASTLE NSW 2300. Email ann.belcher4@det.nsw.edu.au for further information.

**Bricklaying as a career** - There is a skill shortage, meaning these Apprentices are quickly signed up and have the security of ongoing employment. Visit www.becomeabricklayer.com.au for a complete review of the career.

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

Jane Hegarty
Careers Advisor
Congratulations to the eight children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on Saturday evening. They are now the newest, fully initiated members of our parish community. Bishop William and Fr John celebrated this beautiful Mass and encouraged us all to continue our mission as baptised Christians to bring the Good News of Christ to all. The supper Afterwards was a very welcoming and happy occasion shared with the parishioners of St Anne’s as well as special family and friends of the candidates. Thank you to Mrs Peebles and Miss Farrow for helping to prepare the children for the Sacraments and to all the other staff who helped throughout the time.

Sr Brigid sends her regards to all and thanks you for your prayers and well wishes.

Sr. Mary continues to work hard on gaining the use of her right side.

The school open day was a great success last Monday. The school leaders did a wonderful job of conducting guided tours for our 2015 families. The open classrooms were abuzz with parents and friends.

**WORKING BEE SUCCESS.**

It was wonderful to have the assistance of parents and students at the working bees held on Friday and Saturday. A special thanks to De and Rob Patterson who were the sole workers on Friday afternoon in the cold! Please see the photos for evidence of the fun had by all and the wonderful work completed. Not only did we tidy the school grounds and do a few running repairs but we also tidied and cleaned up the church garden in
readiness for the Confirmation Mass. Thank you to Darcy and Jorji Taaffe, Ben Patterson, Patrick McLaren, Thomas and Aiden Hunt who brought their parents along to work as well as Kim Kennedy and Richard Magner who were brave enough to come alone. Thanks once again to the fantastic group of teachers – Samantha Kerr, Mark Morris and Paige Farrow, who have no children of their own at school but still came along anyway to help out. You are truly wonderful school community members.

We look forward to seeing parents and grandparents on Friday to celebrate Grandparent’s Day. This opportunity provides students with the chance to share their pride in their school and their learning with their families. As it is also National Tree week we will be planting trees in McCartney Street in conjunction with the Upper Hunter Shire.

Diocesan athletics will be held on Thursday July 31. We wish competitors Jorji Taaffe (9 years girls 100m) and Clancy Moore (senior long jump) all the very best wishes as they represent the Catholic Schools of the Upper Hunter Region at this event.

Students in the Primary classes (Years 3-6) will be walking to the School of Arts on Wednesday July 30 to watch the dress rehearsal of the Merriwa Central School’s performance. We would like to thank the staff of MCS for their kind invitation. It is an important educational opportunity for students to learn to be an active and discerning audience.

Fourteen students from the primary classes are travelling to Newcastle to attend the matinee performance of Aspire. This performance is a very
professional production involving 95 talented students from Years 5-12 in Catholic schools across our diocese. The performance — “A Night in the Forest” is the result of six months of hard work in five ensembles: drama, dance, stage band, strings and vocal. The play is a modern adaptation of Shakespeare’s “Midsummer Night’s Dream”. Thank you to Miss Farrow and the parents who are making this possible for our students.

Parent and teacher interviews, held late last term, were a great opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with the teachers. It is very pleasing to see the Semester One Parent Teacher opportunities so well supported by parents. We are very pleased with the increased level of parent involvement in their children’s education as evidenced by participation in these meetings as well as open days and requests for interviews with teachers. When we all work together we can provide the best opportunities for our students to learn.

Helen Whale
Principal

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

WEEK 1

Kindergarten - Bethany Wightman – great descriptions about the weather
Claudia Patterson – great participation in Literacy Groups
Rhianna Smith – representing numbers to 20 using numerals and words
1/2 - Pia Henderson - fantastic progress in written work
Riley Melmeth - great perseverance mastering rounding numbers to the nearest 100’s in Maths
Kiesha-Lee Taylor - great results in book work organisation
3/4 - Lincoln Bannerman - great effort in all subjects
Jock Grady - great writing work samples
5/6 - Rhys Turner – for fabulous knowledge of rounding whole numbers to different place values
Gaby Nicholls – for always being willing to contribute to class discussions
Principal’s Award - Will Henderson for great effort in writing skills.

Helen Whale
Principal

Angus has earned the award of Student of the Week this week for his fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm during the last week of Term 2. He is developing a more mature approach to his learning and on the last week of term demonstrated his ability to independently complete class tasks and assist others in their learning. For example, in maths he demonstrated his ability to use the jump strategy to complete addition and subtraction problems and assist his classmates when they were stuck. Angus also illustrated a creative and innovative approach to construction when using matchsticks and marshmallows to create a 3D tower and on Rewards Day he was a positive and encouraging participant during competitions and cheered everyone on. Congratulations and keep up the wonderful work, Angus!

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

What is your favourite food? Spaghetti Bolognaise
What job/work would you like when you are older? Miner
Apart from your family, who is one of your role models and why? Matthew Haydon because he is good at football
If you were given $100, what would you buy? Movies
What is one thing that people may not know about you? I wear glasses for reading.

Helen Whale
Principal

Welcome to Term 3. I am very excited to be at Cassilis Public School for the next 12 months. I look forward to working with and getting to know the students, staff, families and wider community.

If you would like to meet with me to discuss your child’s/children’s strengths, needs and goals please contact the office to make an appointment.

On Monday the staff worked very hard to plan a busy term that will provide wonderful opportunities for students to excel in a variety of areas. I look
forward to sharing many successes with you over the coming weeks.

Thank you to everyone in the community who have made me feel welcome as I moved in and explored the town and surrounding areas.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted.” Aesop

K-2 COMMUNITY DAY

On the last Wednesday of Term 2 (June 25), students from K-2 embarked on a mini excursion around the local community to see some of the services available in Cassilis and to tie in with their HSIE unit on ‘Our Community’.

The day started with seven excited students taking a stroll down to the local fire shed where local firefighters put on a fire display for the kids with the students observing them putting out a real fire! The students tried on firefighting outfits and were lucky enough to get an educational gift pack to take home.

From there we took a stroll to the library where Mrs Cornish let us scan our own books before reading us a story and telling us about the library.

Just before recess we stopped off at Mrs Gant’s café to look around and talk about owning a café and Mrs Gant was lovely enough to give us some yummy milkshakes.

Our last stop after recess was Dalkeith where Mr Martin showed us around the Sheds and introduced us to some resident animals such as cattle, horses and ‘Lexie’ the dog.

The kids had a great day out and should be proud of their behaviour on the day.

I would like to thank Mrs Nairne for coming with us and helping to transport students; and also each of the community members who helped out on the day. We really appreciate all you do for us and our community!

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From there we walked to the local post office/convenience store where Stella took some time out of her busy day to show us around the store and answered our questions.

Next we headed to the Police Station where Rocky, our local policeman, showed the students around the station and they experienced what it would be like to be handcuffed and locked up in a cell…not very pleasant!

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A VERY REWARDING McREWARDS DAY

The last day of Term 2 involved a Scottish theme and lots of fun. Students’ behaviour was celebrated with art, food, movies and some games. Drawing the famous Loch Ness Monster started off the day. There were lots of great looking ‘Nessies’. Students then decorated a person with either a traditional Scottish outfit or a more modern one.

After recess students watched Frozen, courtesy of the Singh family. Thank you for the loan of the movie.

The students split into two groups for the afternoon activities and competed in a powerful log throwing competition, almighty tug-of-war (thanks Coolah Central for your rope) and the battle of the arm wrestling where several students were very evenly matched and made for an entertaining contest.

Congratulations again to students who participated in the day’s activities.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL (AAS)

Orienteering will be the sport for this term with rugby chosen for Term 4. Active After School starts next Thursday and runs from 1.45-3.00pm.

Mr Paul Austin (AAS coordinator for the Hunter region) is coming out to Cassilis next Thursday at 1.00pm to set up the course. He will run the first orienteering session with Miss Hodgson and Mrs Grinham assisting.

Paul has asked if any community members are able to come in and help set up the course (run within the school grounds) this would be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Merriwa Rotary Club and William’s Concreting who generously donated money to our beautiful school. The Rotary Club’s donation of $500.00 and Williams Concrete donation of $100.00 will be a fantastic contribution towards improving reading skills for students at Cassilis by providing additional School Learning Support Staff time to enable extra reading programs to operate.

Thank you also to the hard-working Cassilis P and C Committee for their great contribution of $120.00 to pay for some more levelled readers for our school. These are vital in supporting students reading at individual levels.

TOUCH FOOTBALL KNOCKOUT

Cassilis has received a bye in the first round and our second round match is against Eumungerie P.S who we played last year.

Lue Public School is keen for a ‘friendly’ match before our knockout game.

Mr Wayne Burgess (Birdie) has kindly offered to coach our team again. The students have proven over the past two years that they are a champion team filled with skilled players.

The knockout finals will be held in Sydney on the last Thursday of this term.

SPORT STAR!

Thomas Nash broke both the senior high jump record and the senior 800m record at The Pittman Cup?

ARTIST WANTED!

Cassilis Public School has been allocated some funding from a program called Live Life Well at School and is looking for a creative person who might be interested in designing and painting some colourful line markings in the school play area to encourage active learning.

For further information please contact Cassilis Public School on 6376 1009.

Jeanette Grinham
Relieving Principal
Next week is Education Week, a chance for schools to showcase their programs and celebrate student success. We will be holding a special assembly on Friday August 1 starting at 9.15am. The finalists from our public speaking program will present their speeches. Staff will judge their speeches and choose a junior and senior champion. All parents are welcome to come along and join us.

We will celebrate our successes by recognising staff, students and community members who have made contributions to our school. This ceremony will be held in the Great Hall at Merriwa Central School on Thursday July 31, starting at 4.00pm. Once again, parents are most welcome to come along and join us.

During Education Week, I will be attending a Principal Network meeting in Quirindi, where some teachers and principals from Finland will be speaking about their experiences as educators.

**WALKATHON**

Despite the miserable weather, we had a successful walkathon held in the grounds of the caravan park. Students had a choice of walking a short or long track. On the whole, student behaviour was great and everyone had a fun time. Thank you to all families who sent in sponsor money last Friday. Students who have not brought their money in need to do so as soon as possible. Once everyone’s money is in, Mrs Parker will be able to order our prizes. Thank you to Mrs Harris for having a yummy sausage sizzle ready for us when we got back to school.

**DRUMMING**

Students participated in their first drumming workshop this week. Issabella Berrigan returned to our school to conduct the workshops. She will return for three further workshops later in the term.

**ZUMBA KIDS**

Students had their first Zumba Kids session on Friday with Christine Scott. It was great to see everyone joining in and having lots of fun.

**CANBERRA**

With our excursion to Canberra only seven weeks away, an information package was sent home this week. Consent forms, medical information, overnight stay and special dietary response forms need to be returned NO LATER THAN Monday July 28. If you have any questions regarding the excursion, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible, so I can address your concerns.

**ZONE ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to the following students who will be travelling to Singleton for the Zone athletics carnival. We wish Andrew Harris, Sam Thompson, Amy Thompson, Olivia McLean, Dustynn Turner, William Stair, Tylana Cox and Jackson Stair the very best of luck. I know they will do a fantastic job representing our school.

**EXTRA STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

We have been granted permission to run a staff development day on Saturday August 23 in lieu of the last day of term 4 (Friday December 19). Staff will be updating their CPR qualifications and working on following up the Visible Learning workshops attended earlier in the year. Students will finish school on Wednesday 17 and staff will finish on Thursday December 18. The school will be closed on Friday December 19.

**CPR UPDATE**

Surf Lifesaving will be conducting a CPR update course at school on Saturday August 23. Any parents or community members who would like to gain or update their own qualifications are most welcome to join us. We will start at 9.00am with the course running for approximately 2.5 hours. The cost of the course will be $30.00 per person. Please leave your name at the office if you are interested.

**4/5/6 CLASS NEWS**

Well, we are off and running for Term 3. It was fantastic to see students returning refreshed and ready to go. In Literacy, we are just finishing off a writing task before moving onto a new unit - “The Revenge of Doctor Burpinberger”. We will be focussing on building fear and suspense, using repetition to build tension, using action verbs to create mood, and complex sentences with a dependent clause.

In Mathematics, all students are about to start investigations. Year 4 will look at a movie marathon where they will apply their knowledge of reading timetables, am and pm times, timelines, organising data and column graphs. Year 5 will look at creating glitter star, where they will apply their knowledge of rounding off, place value beyond millions, extended multiplication and measuring angles 0° - 180°. Year 6 will look at a personal profile, where they will apply their knowledge of large numbers, extended
multiplication, angles $0^\circ - 360^\circ$ and addition and subtraction of large numbers. Jackson Stair is working on an independent mathematics enrichment challenge. He will develop different problem solving strategies and then apply them to a set of problems.

In HSIE, we are focussing on State and Federal Government. Students are currently learning about different forms of government. This unit will be a lead up to our excursion to Canberra in a few weeks’ time.

In PDHPE, students will focus on safe and unsafe behaviours and cyber bullying. They will also be looking at be the fundamental skills of static balance, side gallop and leap. They will also participate in the PSSA soccer competition and touch football gala day. We have been very fortunate to have Mr Higgins helping to train the teams.

All students are reminded that it is essential that they bring all their equipment to school EVERYDAY, so that they are ready to work. It is very disruptive when students need to borrow equipment from other students. All students need a red pen, blue or black pen, lead pencil, ruler, eraser, sharpening, scissors, glue stick, coloured pencils and textas. We will be having regular equipment checks to get everyone back to being organised.

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

Isabella Wallace - eager participation in science.

Shanay Turner - improved comprehension.

Drew McCandless - settled into routine and working well.

Jake Pike - improved application.

Matthew Allen - improvement in reading.

Lucas Stair - helping Kinder to pack away.

Regan Turner - being helpful and packing up.

Workers of the Week - K/1/2 - Andrew Harris, Riley Borradaile and Mikayla Borradaile.

3/4/5/6 - Amy Thompson, Jacob Marsh, Olivia McLean and Kristy Walker.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Kayden Adams - for being a very polite member of K/1.

**SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK**

Jackson Stair

Christina Darlington

Principal

**Remember!**

Get your articles and advertisements into the **Merriwa Ringer**

BEFORE 9.00am Monday!

No late articles will be accepted!
Holidays at Merriwa Activity Centre were a great success with higher than usual attendance which put a smile on our faces.

We kicked week one off with some great days including Science experiment day that had us elbow deep in slime and Pepsi shooting out some noses, well, mostly out of Nicks’ nose.

The children showed off some of their fabulous culinary skills in our Masterchef cooking challenge. We had three teams which each had to cook their own choice of a dish. For an entree Emily, Madison and Ellie cooked us a delicious chicken and rice dish. For our main meal Izzy, Madison and Mia prepared us a yummy pasta dish. To finish it all of Nick, Logan and Jyeson whipped up a to die for triple chocolate dessert.

We definitely had to end that day with a rest in front of a movie.

Week two saw us enjoying the sunshine in the park and some great craft fun at the library. We also took a small group to Muswellbrook Aquatic centre where we enjoyed a swim in the heated pool and had a blast on the inflatable “whales tail”. We all had such fun and afterwards enjoyed a treat lunch at McDonalds.

Term 3 has kicked off with smiles all around and our usual faces are happy to be back but as always we would love to see some new faces at Merriwa Activity Centre. So new families come have a look!

We would love for you to come along and have a look at our centre! Wednesday and Thursday afternoon we will be at Merriwa Activity Centre doing our regular learning based activities so come along and see if your child would enjoy joining us(no doubt they would LOVE it!).

Ciara Murphy
Director
And we think and pray for all those beautiful souls lost in the most unthinkable of happenings when MH17 was blown up mid air. We think of the hymn Channel of Peace ...

Make me a channel of your peace - where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury pardon, Lord and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Contact: 0429 996 769

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces

PAM POWER AWARD 2014

Pamela Power (1945-1994) was the first female Mayor of the Upper Hunter and instigated the Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces in 1989. Pam believed in getting things done and placing the interests of the community ahead of any personal gain or reward. Every year since Pam lost her battle with Motor Neurone disease, Pam’s community spirit is remembered and acknowledged through the Pam Power Award. An Award that recognises excellence in commitment to, and contribution towards, improving the quality of lives in the Merriwa and Upper Hunter Community.

This Award is open to any individual who has made a significant contribution to the Merriwa and Upper Hunter community and in 2014 has been awarded to Mr and Mrs Bob and Jan Bahn.

Bob and Jan moved to Gungal/Merriwa in 2000 and immediately became active members of their new community with St Trinity’s Anglican Church. Jan stated, “Bob and I have found that the Church has been a great way for us to meet and get to know the local Merriwa community, especially in participating and volunteering wherever community support is needed.”
In 2006, Bob and Jan commenced as coordinators of the St Trinity’s Driver Reviver which has established a following as one of the best in New South Wales. Bob said, “It’s great to see visitors stopping at Merriwa for a rest on the holiday journeys. Not only are we helping them get to their destination alive, but the visitors stop and support the local businesses.” “With over 50 volunteers to coordinate every holiday weekend and school holidays, Driver Reviver has become an important part of the Merriwa community where we offer a friendly smile, a chat on promoting Merriwa, and of course a hot cup of tea or coffee”.

Bob, an Australian War Veteran, has been an active member of the Merriwa R.S.L and has been Vice President, President and a Director over many years. Bob is also honoured to officiate Merriwa’s ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services, while Jan volunteers as a Welfare officer.

Christmas in Merriwa would not be the same without Santa and Mrs Clause visiting Merriwa Pre-School, St. Josephs Public School, the Merriwa Street Christmas Party, The Merriwa Sports Club, Christmas in the Park, and the Merriwa Volunteer Rescue Association celebrations. Jan stated, “Bob and I have lots of fun, and it’s great to see the children smiling and so happy.”

Bob and Jan joined the Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee in 2010. Bob said, “We have been involved for four years and absolutely love it. It’s a very hard and tiring day, but very rewarding, especially at the end of the day seeing the children having so much fun and watching the fireworks”. Jan added, “It just makes me happy to see the Merriwa community having so much fun, and to see all the visitors that come to town to enjoy what we have to offer.”

Bob and Jan Bain are very worthy recipients of the 2014 Pam Power Award. Bob stated, “We are both very proud and humble to receive the Pam Power Award and would like to thank everyone in Merriwa who also work extremely hard to make Merriwa a wonderful, caring and loving community”.

Liam Garment

Messy Church
THIS FRIDAY….JULY 25

See you at the Parish Hall 3.30pm for afternoon tea and then craft exploring the theme “Who is Jesus”. Get well cards, Collage, Board games..and lots more.

A Worship time follows and then our splendid meal, shared together.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Rosalie Drew and the Messy Church team

St Anne’s Parish STREET STALL

St Anne’s Parish will be holding a street stall on Friday August 1. Please come and support us.

Jane Smith

Around the World

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL VARIETY NIGHT CONCERT

WEDNESDAY JULY 30
SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM FOR 7.00PM PERFORMANCE
TICKETS ON SALE AT THE DOOR, SINGLES$5, FAMILY $10
Group Study Exchange is a flagship program of our District and of the Rotary Foundation. The GSE program of the Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women in the early years of their working lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries.

For approximately 4 weeks, team members experience their institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas. Teams are hosted by Rotary families in the receiving district. They have the opportunity to share a range of experiences with these families.

Merriwa Rotary has participated in this program in the past. Some Rotary districts with which we have exchanged participants are in Brazil and well as Louisiana/Mississipi.

Rotary District 9670 will be sending four people from our district to Germany (the Essen and Dortmund) area for a four week Group Study Exchange tour in 2015.

The exchange aims to take young (25 to 40 year old) professionals to another country and provide opportunities for them to observe their profession in action.

The invitation is out to any young business and professional people in the Merriwa district, who might be interested in participating, to contact a member of our club.

Mark Smith

Congratulations
Kerry and Robert Gill are proud to announce the engagement of their youngest son Greg to Elisha Maric, daughter of Elliot and Diana Maric of Sydney.

Kerry and Robert Gill

Gumnun Place Hostel is holding a street stall TOMORROW Friday 25 July. Come down and enjoy some scrumptious treats to chase away those winter blues!

All donations are gratefully received!

Phoebe Richards

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on August 8 at 1.00pm. The meeting will be held in the Nurses Home Conference Room, off McRae Street, and will be followed by afternoon tea.

The committee invite all current members to attend and anyone from the community who would be interested to come along. Annual fees will be due which is $5.00.

Come along and support your local Multi Purpose Service and the Hospital Auxiliary. Join us for our AGM, Friday August 8, 2014 at 1.00pm.

Elaine Sparrow

Beware
For all the gardeners of Merriwa “BEWARE” there is someone willing to pull your established plants (and choose the best ones) in the middle of the night.

When you go to stroll in your front garden the next morning you will have a "HOLE" where your metre high plant was., or now three metre high plants.

I hope that the person who thinks they have more right to these plants than I, will care for them and enjoy them. I certainly will miss their beauty. The police were very supportive and logged each incidence and advised that all incidents need to be reported so that they can evaluate Merriwa’s need for regular policing.

This is sad for Merriwa as a community as there is constantly reports of stolen property in the town.

Rosalie Drew
Commmunity Notice Board

Merriwa CWA

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INTERNATIONAL DAY LUNCHEON COUNTRY OF STUDY BOTSWANA

Date: Thursday 7 August
Luncheon Cost: $14.00
Time: 10.30 for 11.00am
RSVP: Thursday 31 July

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

The schools will be participating by having their posters on display.

Contact: Vicki Hanson on 0412 555 417 or Susie Fitzpatrick on 6548 2463.

CHANGE OF MEETING DAY

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 August at 10.00am. A craft afternoon will follow the meeting.

CLAIMING THE DATE

The CWA will be open during the long weekend in October.

The rooms will also open on Friday October 3, a trading table will be operating selling homemade cakes and preserves.

Robyn McAlister

Merriwa VIEW Club

Our next meeting will be this Thursday July 24, and will be held at Caroline’s, 7.00pm for 7.30pm meal. Please BYO drinks. Sue Cronin and Jenny Johnson are our raffle and lucky door donors. For our donation to the Learning Locally Bags bring a notebook or coloured pencils.

We invite anyone from our community to come along and enjoy a night of VIEW. Ring any member or Elaine Sparrow 6548 8560 for details.

Elaine Sparrow

Found

A bunch of keys on a lanyard were found last week on Cullingral Road. These keys are currently being kept at Merriwa Central School Secondary. If you are missing some keys, please contact me on 0447 219 193.

Tina Taylor

Congratulations

We would like to take a moment to congratulate former Merriwarions, Patricia Meissner (nee Tudor), Trent and Damien Rush on completing the Gold Coast Marathon on July 6. This was a 42km run through the Gold Coast area raising money for Cancer Council. Damien and Trent completed the run in 4 hours 13 minutes 44 seconds and Trish in 5 hours 6 minutes 8 seconds. Congratulations!

Les and Kathy Tudor

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 Cricket Club

AGM

When: Thursday August 14
Time: 6.30pm
Where: Merriwa RSL Club
All positions will be declared open.

Kate Blackadder
Merriwa Ringer
Opening hours are 9.00am - 11.00am, dates for July are:

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 9.00am – 5.00pm and alternate Saturday’s 9.00am-11.00am.

Kellie Walker and Kylie Austin

Remember!
Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer
BEFORE noon Mondays!
No late articles will be accepted
What happened in New York from the early 1800s till matters finally reached a crescendo and exploded in 1863 is almost beyond description. I will not go into minute details in this family paper, suffice to say that if one sought the most extreme, the most unimaginable, examples of depravity, crime, corruption, mob violence, murder, vice, theft, anything possible of unpleasant thought, the truth was twice, many times, worse. The situation was bad enough before the USA began its enormous immigration policy and became immeasurably worse as it expanded. Here is an 1846 quotation from a Mr Levin of the Native American Party as reported in the New York Herald: “The evil we speak of is increasing. Europe is flooding the country with emigrants. Great Britain has appropriated [i.e. Parliament has authorized] twenty five million pounds, [a huge sum of money at that time] to deport to this country one million Irish paupers, to compete with and destroy American labour”. The USA received millions of immigrants from the UK, Europe and elsewhere, including from Ireland during the Irish potato famine (1845-1852) which is estimated to have killed a million Irish people and caused another million to emigrate, including many to Australia. Millions were shoveled into and through an often bitterly cold and sometimes snowbound New York even before Ellis Island (1892-1954) opened and took a further twelve million alone. While some moved on, many stayed, and these were often ill educated, penniless, starving, with families, without jobs and with little prospect of getting one. It is perhaps politically incorrect to say, but it bears a disturbing similarity to what could happen to Australia and other countries, bearing mind that today there are thought to be upwards of 300 million refugees around the world. They see Australia as a Paradise (which it is), and there are Australians who advocate opening Australia to unlimited numbers of refugees in USA/New York/1800s style.

Through eastern USA ran the so-called “Underground Railroad” helping escaped southern slaves flee to northern USA, where they were theoretically free but could still suffer severe prejudice, including lynching, and even Canada, where they really were free. I say theoretically free since in New York and elsewhere, gangs of slave catchers were busy kidnapping escaped slaves and returning them south; nor were they too fussy about who they kidnapped, and since anyone with an eighth negro blood (“octoroons”) or even less were considered black, those kidnapped had perhaps never been slaves at all but were still illegally consigned to slavery in the south. In addition, the so-called “Gangs of New York” had many thousands of members, and hundreds of these incredibly violent organizations appeared and disappeared, depending on the quality of their leadership and other factors, including their extraordinary levels of violence. Even Charles Dickens, who had used his knowledge of the seamier side of London to become not only rich but also one of the world’s great novelists, was astounded by what he saw and heard when he visited New York. An edited quote from his “American Papers”: “Where dogs would howl to tie, men women and boys sink off to sleep, forcing the dislodged rats to move away in quest of better lodging. Here too are laneways paved with mud knee deep; ruined houses, open to the street, whence through wide gaps in the wall other ruinsloom upon the eye, as though the world of vice and misery had nothing else to show: hideous tenements which take their name from robbery and murder; all that is loathsome, drooping and decayed is here”.

There was little organized policing and early versions of police forces (including the so-called “Copper Stars”, their badges giving rise to the terms “Coppers” and “Cops”), were often as bad as the criminals they were supposed to control. There were frequent riots, some on a large scale, culminating in the “Draft Riots” of 1863. Lincoln had brought in draft (conscription) laws to forcibly recruit Civil War soldiers, and defiant mobs numbering tens of thousands took to the streets looting, burning, lynching and killing. They invaded armories obtaining weapons (muskets, pistols, even artillery, etc.) and in one hundreds occupied the top floor and fortified it so efficiently that when the building caught fire they were unable to get out and perished. Troops with Gatlings (the machine gun of the day) and artillery were brought in, the latter firing grape shot into the advancing street wide hordes which would then retreat into adjoining buildings with snipers engaging troops from windows and roof tops. The main riots lasted almost a week and at one stage it looked as though the mobs might take over New York completely and burn the city to the ground. However Lincoln brought thousands of Union veterans and artillery temporarily back from the Civil War front and with the help of other troops, police and the National Guard, they did not hesitate to do whatever was needed to eventually end the riots.

Into this hellish place (appropriately nicknamed “Hell’s Kitchen”) Billy the Kid was born, so he was probably about three years old at the time of the Draft Riots. I cannot say when or why his family left New York, but it seems possible that Billy lived his formative years in a world where violence, crime, inhumanity, and a complete lack of kindness,
Compassion and empathy were normal, and that he carried this attitude into an already violent Arizona/New Mexico.

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


Max Wurcker

Merriwa Pharmacy

Love Your Liver

Globally, the impact of hepatitis B and hepatitis C is staggering. The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that about 400 million people have chronic viral hepatitis worldwide.

In Australia, approximately 218,000 people are living with chronic hepatitis B and more than 226,000 Australians are living with chronic hepatitis C.

Hepatitis means inflammation of the liver – from any cause. Hepatitis C is transmitted via blood to blood contact and unlike other common hepatitis viruses A and B, there is no vaccine available to protect against hepatitis C. Prevention strategies, managing symptoms and reducing the risk of liver damage are critical.

The liver is our largest internal organ – and in some ways, the most complex.

There are many very good reasons why we should look after our liver but generally we do not treat it well. Instead, we constantly put it under stress, with alcohol being one of the worst offenders. Other medicines (including complementary and alternative medicines) and substances also have the potential to cause liver problems.

Viral hepatitis is recognised each year with World Hepatitis Day on 28 July. On this day individuals, community groups, clinicians and other supporters run events to raise awareness.

In 2008, the first World Hepatitis Day was launched by the World Hepatitis Alliance, in response to concerns that chronic viral hepatitis did not have the level of awareness, nor the political priority, seen with other communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

The aim of World Hepatitis Day is to improve levels of liver health literacy, viral hepatitis knowledge within the general community, to break down barriers such as stigma, and create more positive attitudes towards those living with viral hepatitis.

Every year World Hepatitis Day gets bigger and bigger, with more countries and organisations participating. Since its launch in 2008, thousands of events have taken place, from rock concerts and press briefings to ministerial meetings and fundraising events.

Through these coordinated events, the hepatitis sector and the community are able to highlight the significance of viral hepatitis to a large audience around Australia and also promote the Love Your Liver campaign.

Love your Liver was launched in 2011 by Hepatitis Australia. It is a 5 year campaign with the long term aim of normalising viral hepatitis and portraying it as a health condition without moralising.

The Love your Liver campaign provides a safe and non-threatening platform to start conversations with the general public about viral hepatitis. Everyone has a liver, and therefore potentially has some interest in liver health.

To look after the liver, a healthy diet is a high priority. You should build regular light to moderate exercise into your routine. Alcohol intake should be also limited and if you smoke, talk to your pharmacist for assistance to stop.

Special subsidised antiviral therapy is available under certain criteria for people with confirmed hepatitis C infection. However these medicines are potent, with possible interactions and side effects. Talk to your pharmacist about antiviral therapy.

Muscle and joint pain, and pain in the area of the liver, is frequently a symptom of hepatitis C, and the appropriate use of pain relievers needs to be considered. Paracetamol and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory pain relievers can be used (not exceeding the recommended doses, and not in advanced liver disease). Heat packs and massage are also effective non-pharmacological options. Skin moisturisers, lubricating eye drops and saliva substitutes are also helpful to relieve the dryness caused by hepatitis C, and you can find all of these products in pharmacies.

As we approach World Hepatitis Day on 28 July, consider what changes you can make to improve the health of your liver. Your local pharmacy is your health destination and you can get more advice about hepatitis B and C from Merriwa Pharmacy.
Your Self Care pharmacy provides Fact Cards for Alcohol, Staying a Non Smoker and Weight and Health.

Max’s Country Cuts
131 Bettington Street Merriwa
Ph/Fax: 6548 2375

This week’s specials at MAX’S COUNTRY CUTS Friday 25 and Saturday 26 July and early next week while stocks last.

• Corned Silverside - $8.99kg
• Lean Diced Beef - $10.99kg
• Steakettes - $8.99kg
• Tasty Beef Rissoles - $8.99kg
• Premium Beef Mince - $9.99kg
• Honey BBQ Beef Stir Fry - $10.99kg

Max’s Country Cuts – Buying Local
Supporting Local
Employing Local
Support the butcher that’s support Merriwa

“What’s the Beef”

When it comes to buying beef, it can become confusing to many customers about the quality and pricing of the different products available today.

A few years ago the NSW Government introduced “STANDARD RETAIL DESCRIPTION” for uncooked fresh beef sold in NSW, so customers can learn more about the product in which they are buying.

Below is a table setting out the description and age that retail stores must use when advertising beef products in NSW.

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N.B: “Beef” can be used in place of any retail description except “economy”.

At Max’s Country Cuts, we only sell “Yearling Beef”.

Although yearling beef is not as cheap as some of the other products on the market it is of a much higher quality, then, for example, the “ECONOMY BEEF”.

As the old saying goes you get what you pay for!

BEEF BOURGUIGNON

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking: 2 hours
Serves: 4-6

• 1kg Lean Diced Beef
• Plain flour seasoned with salt and pepper
• 2 Table spoons oil
• 3 Rashes of rind less bacon diced
• 12 Pickling onions or 2 Large onions diced
• 1 cup red wine
• 2 cups of beef stock
• 1 teaspoon of dried thyme
• 200g button mushrooms
• 2 Bay leaves

1. Toss the meat in seasoned flour to coat, shake off excess.

2. Heat oil in large pan, cook bacon over medium heat. Remove from pan than add meat and brown well. Remove and set aside. Add onions to pan and cook until golden.

3. Return bacon and meat to pan with remaining ingredients, bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer cover for 1.5 hours stir occasionally until meat is tender.
(Beef Bourguignon means “Beef in the style of Burgundy”: A region in France)

**Merriwa Auto Electrical**

Max, Yvonne and the crew at Max’s Country Cuts

**Di’s Clothing Patch**

**WINTER CLEARANCE SALE**

It is time to clean out the winter stock to make room for the Spring Summer Stock so we are having a Huge Winter Clearance Sale.

Sale will be on for the months of July and August with huge savings through the store. 40% off all Ladies Clothing’s and Handbags! 30% off all Menswear, Children’s wear, Ladies and Men’s Wallets and all Winter Shoes! 50% off Bio Magnetic Woolen Underlay! 20% RM Williams Stockyard Clothing!

Many more savings throughout the store. Cash or Card only - No Laybys!

**Contact:** 6548 2114

Michael and Sally Hagley

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MEDIA RELEASE
MERRIWA LAUNCHES INTO SPACE

www.merriwa.nsw.au braces for Alien Invasion

The new Merriwa community website is bracing for an alien invasion after its launch into cyberspace on Thursday 17 July. Merriwa IGA are offering a $200 bounty for the successful capture of the ten (10) aliens that have invaded the website and taken up residence in its pages. Kim Fenley, chair of the Merriwa Website Committee is calling for assistance to locate the aliens.

“Ten aliens have invaded the Merriwa Website and there’s a $200 reward to one lucky person who finds them all. If you find the aliens, you should simply fill out the form listing the ten (10) locations and present it to your local Upper Hunter Shire Council office. Do not approach the aliens yourself as they may be armed and dangerous,” Mr Fenley said.

The competition will be open until 4pm on Friday 1 August 2014. Entries must be submitted on the official entry form which is available to download from the Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC) website (www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au) or available at all UHSC Offices. All entries, with the ten locations complete and correct, which are submitted by the closing date will go into the draw to win $200 cash sponsored by Merriwa IGA. Entry is open to all ages. Only one entry per person is permitted.

The new Merriwa Website was launched on Thursday 17 July by the Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Michael Johnsen. “The website is a great asset to the community. It is a credit to Kim Fenley and his team that have put in a huge amount of volunteer hours to make this website success,” Mayor Johnsen said.

“Thanks also to Rodney Swansborough who initiated the Murrurundi community website and was a catalyst for it spreading to Merriwa.”

“The Merriwa Website will be a one-stop shop for local information. I commend those businesses that have already purchased advertisements on the site and encourage all other businesses to get on board. The more organisations and businesses involved, the better the website will be as a source of information,” he said.

The Upper Hunter Shire Council is a proud sponsor of the Merriwa Website.

Michael Johnsen
MAYOR

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979
NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Council has received the following development applications which may be inspected during office hours until 4.30pm Thursday 7 August 2014.

DA No: 133/2014
Applicant: Boardman Peasley Pty Ltd
Location: Lots 3 & 4 Section 5 DP 758672
Cnr Vennacher & McCartney Street Merriwa
Proposal: Subdivision of proposed lot 103 into 2 lots

Comments or objections are invited from any affected person in regard to the proposals. All submissions must be submitted to the General Manager in writing within the inspection period above. Reasons for objection must be specified.

Note: Certain complying developments & those complying with Council’s Development Control Plan for Public Notification & Advertising are not advertised nor are adjoining/affected landowners notified.

The community can check the current status of a development application on Council’s website: www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Note: The site is updated on a fortnightly basis.

JULY COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Scone on Monday, 28 July commencing at 5pm. Public participation is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting. Requests to address Council must:-

• be received in writing by noon on the day of the meeting
• address a current agenda item

All members of the community are welcome to attend.

P: Robyn Cox 6540 1126
**27 Mackenzie Street Merriwa**

$249,000

Situated on 2023 sqm it is a huge block which could be sub divided with council approval. There are 3 big bedrooms, two with built in robes. There are 2 living areas with a large lounge featuring a combustion fire and a family/dining room. The kitchen is in very good condition and has a new oven and a dishwasher. The main bathroom has a spa and there is a 2nd bathroom in the laundry. The shed is double length and will fit two cars. The yard is ideal for the kids to play and the front verandah has lovely views to the mountains.

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**72 Mackenzie Street Merriwa**

$210,000

Excellent family home with 3 good sized bedrooms all with built in robes plus a 4th bedroom or office at the rear of the house. The living area is open plan and features a combustion fire and reverse cycle air conditioning. The kitchen is original with an electric stove and is in good condition. The floorboards throughout have been freshly polished and the home has been painted in recent years. The yard is a large 929sqm and is flat and fully fenced with a carport and garden shed for storage.

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**27 Old Scone Road Merriwa**

Priced from $100,000

Situated above Merriwa with commanding views over town, these small acreage blocks are a perfect spot to build your new home. There are 3 blocks available, the 1st being 2.5 acres, 2nd 4 acres and the 3rd 3.5 acres. The blocks are fenced with the driveways and entrance ways constructed. Town water, phone and power are all at the boundary. Easy walking distance to the catholic school and only a short drive to the Main Street these blocks are very well positioned.

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**MERRIWA ACTIVITY CENTRE - POSITIONS VACANT**

The Merriwa Activity centre is seeking a motivated applicant to join our team to Coordinate the Activity Centre. Experience in this area would be highly regarded.

The successful applicant will hold or be actively working toward their Certificate III in Children’s services as a minimum requirement and hold a current First Aid certificate and be trained in child protection. The hours of work are a minimum of 15 hours per week. Applications in writing please; 2 referees and a recent resume will be required.

Closing Date will be the Thursday July 24.

Applications to: Kim Holland
Merriwa Pre-School.
P.O. Box 96
Merriwa NSW 2329

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**Merriwa Branch & District Council**

"...a strong and united voice for our members on issues that affect their business, farms and families."

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Patrick Ryan 0428 485 090

Secretary/Treasurer:
Aileen Hogan 0455 455 760

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Biosecurity Officers - Stefanie McCowen 6542 4429/0432 856 773
Craig Crooks 6545 1311/0429 342 995
District Vet - Ross Kemp 6572 2944/0428 688 693

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Secretary: Jane Hegarty 6376 1052
Treasurer: Lesley Nixon 6548 2225
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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2015
Over 100 Market Variety Stalls; Sheep Yard Dog Trials; Team Penning Championships; Gerris West Shearing Demonstrations; Wood Spinning; Vintage Cars & Farm Machinery; the Hanging of the Quilts; ROAR Petting Zoo; Creatures; Whip Cracking; the Running of the Sheep; Entertainers and so much more.
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Secretary: Gaynor Blackadder
Treasurer: Anna Whaley
Meets the first Wednesday of each Month at 7pm, Merriwa RSL Club

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Meets each Tuesday at the Merriwa Sports Club 7.00pm for 7.30pm
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Merriwa Ringer
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.
Clubs News

Merriwa Sports Club

The Sports Club provides a wide range of benefits for members and guests.

- Mondays - Happy Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm
- Wednesdays - Social Darts - 7.00pm - Draw for partners
- Thursdays - 5.00pm Bingo and Super 39
- Fridays - Happy Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm and free raffles and Squash Club "Chook Wheel"
- Saturdays - Monster Raffle drawn from 7.45pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday badge draw
- Sundays - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of $25.00 meat or fuel vouchers.

Last Sunday each month - Smorgasbord all you can eat Chinese entree, mains and desserts.
Casual Bowls and Golf also available.

Weekend Results

Saturday July 19 2014
Saturday Members Draw was not won, next week $110.00
Winners Jackpot next week $240.00.
Free Tickets: Ken Bevan
Dinner: Trish Sandruly
Bowls Raffle: Fiona Hedges

Sunday July 20 2014
Sunday Members draw no 12 not won, next week $1200.00.

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. Nominations close Friday 15 August 2014.

Christmas in July – Sponsored by Dahlia Denning - Sounds and Lights

When: Saturday July 26
Where: Merriwa Sports Club
Time: 5.30pm – break for raffles at 7.45pm

Please bring a plate of nibbles to share.

A great night for young and old. Dress in the Christmas spirit. Prizes to be won.

Bowls Results from June 25 2014

Winning team at Dunedoo Friendship day were:
First: Phil Constable, Keith Turner and Mick Blake
Second: Merle Coluccio, Nat Rookyard and Ron Cosgrove
Rester on Bowl: Max Barwick and Brian Cooper
Lucky Chair: Vivian Murray.
Winning team from Aberdeen from Aberdeen Association Day were Loretta Cooper, M Brambach, Bev Shoobert and Jessie Clark.
Winners of Merriwa Championship Pair played on July 17 was Beatrice Voysey and Joy Hancock.
Runners up: Philomena Constable and Merle Coluccio.

Eva Towler

Cassilis Bowling Club

Friday night Snack Bar
Affordable family meals.

Friday night raffles
Meat trays, Vegetable trays, Schooner Draw, Joker Draw, Members Draw and Vegetable trays.

Previous Week’s Results

Friday 11 July
Members Draw: $50 - unknown – unclaimed - $55 next week
Joker Draw: $1334 – Jodie Wilton – flipped an ace for $134 - $1300 next week

Friday 18 July
Members Draw: $55 - Darryl Riley – unclaimed - $60 next week
Joker Draw: $1300 – Tad Rawlinson– unsuccessful - $1373 next week

Saturday August 2 – Farewell to Rocky (our local bobby) and his family
Come along and join us for a night of fun and games and entertainment lots of other stuff and say farewell to Rocky, Michelle, Summer and Priya

Hilary Parker
Merriwa RSL Club
The Members Lucky Badge for $1350.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 464. This week it jackpots to $1400.00. The 7.00pm draw for $800.00 was not won. The number was 275. This week it jackpots to $820.00. The 9.00pm draw for $340.00 was not won and the number was 494. This week it jackpots to $360.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $500.00 was not won last week. The number was 429 and this week it jackpots to $550.00. 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.

This Saturday the Magpies take on the Singleton Greyhounds at Merriwa with League Tag kicking off at 2.00pm, followed by reserves at 3.00pm. This is the last round of the season win or lose the boy’s will finish seventh, and with a victory to the girl’s, a spot in the finals will be up for grabs.

Matt Morgan
Secretary/Manager

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football and Netball Club
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KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S

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Ellie made some great runs and almost scored a try. David demonstrated excellent tackling technique. Jack was able to find a few gaps and ran well.

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Kate Blackadder

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Merriwa Touch Football
Merriwa Touch Football will be holding a wrap up meeting on Wednesday July 30 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

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HOME GAME AUGUST 9 - HELP NEEDED!

On Saturday August 9 we will be hosting the mini/mod round on Ovals 1 and 2. It is a big day with 27 games which equals 54 teams from Merriwa, Scone, Denman, Muswellbrook, Aberdeen and Singleton. It is a huge day especially in the canteen. A roster will be made up so each team can participate and make it a bit easier for Canteen Coordinator Karren Brazier. Volunteers are essential to make the day run as smoothly as possible. If you have any spare time on the day please offer your services and help serve the many people who want to be fed. Grounds will have to be marked out as well. If you can help Andrew Jamieson with this task on the week leading up please give him a ring. The committee thank you all for your anticipated support of the junior league.

Belinda Keane

MERRIWA NETBALL NEWS

Netball Draw - Round 7 and 10 / 26 July

WET WEATHER RESCHEDULE / DOUBLE HEADER

Please read CAREFULLY as there have been a number of changes made to times. Starts an hour earlier at 9.00am.

MERRIWA MAGIC

Training this Friday 4.30pm till 5.30pm. Next game is this Saturday July 26 starts 9.00am sharp (then BYE second game).

MERRIWA MAGPIES

Training this Friday 4.30pm till 5.30pm. Next games are this Saturday July 26 starts 9.00am sharp and 11.30am.

MINK PINK NETBALL

This week the girls played against a very in form team. This team had Mink Pink on the back peddle from the start. Mink Pink seemed to loose momentum in their own game.

With two games next week, the girls will need to be feeling fighting fit, talk to each other and not bunch up. In other words play like they played just two weekends ago and prior to holidays.
Our girls are great netballers and have obvious strengths amongst them. They make a great team for the limited numbers they have. They just need to keep their heads up, gain more match fitness and have faith in their abilities.

See you all at the courts at 9.45am for 10.15am start, second game is at 12.45pm.

We also have canteen duty this week so help in the canteen would be greatly appreciated.

**Merriwa Reserve**

With the Reserves also taking on Aberdeen and both teams out of the finals race the only thing up for grabs was the wooden spoon, fortunately the boy’s got the victory 24 – 14 avoiding the spoon. Try scores; Jon Nutt, Jey-Albert Rawlinson one each, Ben Morgan two, with Jeremy kicking three goals and Mark Tudor kicked one also?

This Saturday the teams play at home against Singleton with the girl’s needing a victory to give themselves a chance at sneaking into the semi finals, kickoff 2.00pm.

**Merriwa Campdraft**

The results will be displayed over the next few issues, so keep an eye out it!

Ross Chandler Contracting $1000.00 Novice draft was run and with another Hawkesbury River Fender saddle up for grabs there was fierce competition with Round 1 placegetters

1. **First** - Allan Young - Liberty Silver Rain - 90
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5. **Equal third/fourth/fifth** - Allan Young - Liberty Lace - 88

Merriwa Engineering $500.00 Maiden B draft and another Steve Kemp whip up for grabs at the completion of the draft which was taken out by

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**Merriwa Ringer**

Last Sunday the League Tag girl’s took on Aberdeen at Aberdeen running out winners 26 – 8 this keeping their finals chances alive. Try scorers; Billie-Jane - two tries, Gaynor, Kate and Amanda - one try each, with two goals to Jess and one to Gaynor.

**LADIES LEAGUE TAG**

Try scores; Jon Nutt, Jey-Albert Rawlinson one each, Ben Morgan two, with Jeremy kicking three goals and Mark Tudor kicked one also?

**MERRIWA SENIORS**

Next game is Saturday July 26 starts 12.45pm sharp. Anyone out this week please let me know.

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**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**

To all who have or would like to sell chocolates, we are hoping to round things up now. If all money and unsold chocolates could please be returned to Heidi or Cassie at next training session that would be great. Please contact Cassie on 0428 485 177.

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**Merriwa Ringer**

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With everything running so smoothly we had time on our side and go the RM Property and Livestock $500.00 Ladies draft underway Saturday afternoon we ran 100 of the 130 ladies that were down to run. They were all riding hard for the lovely rug made by Kerrie Murray saddler and a portrait to be done by our treasurer Mrs Jodie Mobberley.

First - Alison Walker - Repeat - 89
Second - Sophie Hardie - Katnook - 88
Equal third/fourth - Heather Mitchell - Creeper - 87
Equal third/fourth - Sandy Rodd - Storm - 87
Fifth - Celie Nolan - Impluse - 86
Cut Out - Christine Jones - Clancy - 23

Stay tuned for more next week!

Megan Richards

Merriwa Pony Club

Congratulations to four Pony Club riders who travelled to Nabiac, Gloucester and Wingham for a week over the school holidays to compete at the Glowlaman Junior Rodeo and Campdraft circuit.

Ty Riley rode ‘Doc’ while sister Hannah rode ‘Tommy’ and ‘Zalibar’ who did extremely well considering the mare had only two weeks prep before the event after raising a foal for 18 months which was only weaned the week before the competition!

Ty had some fantastic runs in the campdraft, coming out with a big smile on his face after each run and made some great friends along the way. He also did an outstanding job keeping the fire going and cooking ‘doughboys’ over the hot coals, filling them with golden syrup and handing them around the campfire. Hannah was delighted with ‘Zalibar’s’ speedy return to top form picking up a ribbon in every event including a first in stock rider, third campdraft, second barrel, third in the bend and the bend bar aft receiving Reserve Champion in the 11 to 13 Years stock rider overall.

Emily and Cameron Ninness also ‘brought home the bacon’ on ‘Cameo’ and ‘Chrome’ as well as two young horses ‘Blackout’ and ‘Jazzy’. Highlights for the Ninness clan included reserve champion in sporting for Cameron in the 13-15 age group at Nabiac and placing in two out of three campdrafts. Emily was awarded champion in the 8-11 sporting at Gloucester and reserve champion in the barrel and stock rider across all three days. She also placed in all three drafts!

Both families came home with a huge bag of ribbons to add to the already impressive collection! Great effort guys.

Don’t forget riders it is the Merriwa Pony Club Campdraft School and Ribbon Day this weekend. We need lots of help to set up panels from 3.30pm this Friday. Bring a cake or slice for morning tea on Saturday and Sunday. Parent help throughout the weekend always greatly appreciated to set up, time keep, cattle yards or in the canteen.

MERRIWA PONY CLUB RAFFLE

Results from Merriwa Pony Club raffle drawn June 10:
First - Matthew Ireland
Second - Jodie Magner
Third - Ryan Martin
Fourth - Sue Whitby
Fifth - Sue Flanagan
Sixth - John Lannen
Seventh - Mark Mackaway
Eighth - Bryce Hockings
Nineth - Zeta Rowlands
Tenth - Lucy Horden
Eleventh - Doris McRae
Twelfth - Paige Baxter
Thirteenth - Larrissa Wall
Fourteenth - Anne Carrigan

We would once again like to thank those generous businesses that donated to our raffle:
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- Husbands Saddlery Mudgee

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**Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football and Netball Club**

**RSL UNDER 6’S**

We travelled to Denman last weekend and all the boys had a great game.

Daniel, Jack and Nate both scoring tries against Scone Blue.

Zac was great with his tackling skills this week with a lot of great tackles throughout the whole game.

Toby and Jayden showed us all their ball handling skills passing the ball with accuracy and obviously remembering the training drills and putting it all into practice on game day.

Zac received the player of the week - keep up the great work Zac, well done.

With only a few games left of the season these 6 boys have come so far already this year. Thanks to the 6’s and 7’s coaches Matthew Mead and Brady Hilton. You are doing a fantastic job coaching these young budding league players.

We thank you for your time and dedication.

**Olivia Gear**

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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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| Tuesday 12               | CWA meeting - change of date - 10.00am |
| Thursday 14              | Merriwa Cricket Club AGM - Merriwa RSL Club - 6.30pm |
| Friday 29                | Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm |

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