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Celebrating Grandparents Day
Tabloid sports, parachute play, soccer and volleyball were some of the activities participated in and enjoyed by grandparents, parents and children.
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Memories of the 1950's

I recently received a letter from Sue Falkenmire whose father Geoff was principal at Merriwa Central School between 1956-58. Sadly Geoff passed away in early 2012.

Sue reflected on how fond her father was of his time spent at Merriwa, and forwarded some photographs and memorabilia from his time at the school. Sue was not so keen on her time spent in the Principal's residence and recalled an old chip heater for the bath, and the sandstone out-house in the backyard.

During his time at the school Mr Falkenmire led students on an excursion to Sydney. As you can see by the photographs air travel today is not what it used to be. The smartly dressed students at Mascot airport travelling East West Airlines. Students also visited the Coca Cola factory and the promotional photographs look like they have been taken from an advertising campaign at the time. I hope you recognise some of the smiling faces in the photographs.

Darren Noonan
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Last week demonstrated some ‘girl power’ on the primary campus as all our students of the week demonstrated some fantastic efforts in class. Well done to our book award recipients:

Year Kindergarten: Skye Watson
Year 1/2: Tahlia Dewson
Year 2/3: Josie Porter
Year 4/5: Izabella Neale
Year 5/6: Mekayla Towell

1/2 ASSEMBLY

Last week it was time for the Year 1/2 class to present an item. As Variety Night was the following week the class chose to share a video they created during their HSIE study ‘Identifying Us’ which looks at how we belong to various groups, cultures and beliefs. During our studies we discovered that there are many groups to belong to in Merriwa such as the Football Club, Pony Club, Horse Sports, Netball Club, Hunting, RSL, CWA, church and of course Merriwa Central School. In the 1/2 class we all belong to different things, and some of us belong to similar groups.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Lily belongs to her family

Year 1/2 belong together!

Logan belongs to Merriwa Magpies Junior Rugby League Football Club

Merriwa Ringer

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At last week’s assembly students from each class shared some great work. Students shared handwriting, maths work, word moods, monster artwork and some very creative dioramas. Thank you for sharing your wonderful work!

**Year Kindergarten:** Miriam Harrison, Jack Cook and Amy Zhu  
**Year 1/2:** Annabelle Orton and Toby Fairhall  
**Year 2/3:** David McPhie and Jyeson Pike  
**Year 4/5:** Paige Dewson and Makayla Birtles  
**Year 5/6:** James Bristow and Elly Blackadder.

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

At last week’s assembly we presented more Bronze Awards to some hard working students. Congratulations to Mitchel Cox, Thomas Bates and Isaac Constable!

Well done Elly!

**VARIETY NIGHT**

This week was our annual Variety Night and it was a fantastic show! All students had a wonderful time and teachers are very proud of everyone who performed. I look forward to sharing a full report with photos in next week’s Ringer.

**JOLLYBOPS**

Last week students in Kindergarten to Year 4 visited Muswellbrook South Public School to see the ‘Jollybops Science Show’. Our scientist, Trevor, presented an amazing show with the help of his robot assistant, Rusty. Students learned about the scientific principles behind some of the great inventions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Peoples. We learned about the complex science behind the Boomerang as well as the science of sound and the Didgeridoo. Students also heard about the inventions of the great Aboriginal Scientist David Unaipon (the man on the $50 note). The show was filled with music, jokes and lots of experiments with student helpers. We would like to thank Muswellbrook South Public School for including us in this wonderful presentation.

**Rebecca West**  
Assistant Principal
A very busy week with the Parent/Teacher interviews last Thursday and the highly successful Variety Night this week. I hope parents found these two community events as enjoyable and worthwhile as we did as staff. Special thanks to Miss Hopkins for organising the Secondary acts and Mr Lomax for organising the school band.

We have been very lucky over the last couple of weeks having Rebecca Lee as our practicum teacher. Rebecca worked under the supervision of Jane Hegarty and Tessa Roe who were impressed with her skills and willingness to learn. She fitted in perfectly within the dynamics of our faculty and we all look forward to her next prac with us.

On July 17 the Newcastle Morning Herald published ‘The Merriwa Mouthpiece’, our entry for this year’s Schools’ Newspaper Competition. I hope you took the time to read it because the standard of articles, editorials, photographs and artwork was of the same high standard as previous years. The coordinator of the competition took the time to email her congratulations to the students this week and made particular mention of Georgia Cameron’s editorial and Manda Sormaz’s artwork. We still have spare copies of the paper at school for anyone who missed out. Students also completed the last of their competitions this week when they sat for the ICAS English Competition.

Year 12 are at the “pointy end” of their year now and are preparing for their Trial exams which are in Week 6. Good luck to you all and do your best.

Miss Roe and Miss Harrison recently took the Agriculture, Business Studies and Hospitality students on a fantastic excursion to Papanui and Pukara Estate. Please take the time to read Miss Roe’s report which follows.

Tony March
English/ History Head Teacher

NAIDOC WEEK AWARDS

Two of our students were honoured during NAIDOC Week this year receiving rewards in recognition of their outstanding sporting achievements. Congratulations to Taylah Blackadder for being honoured as the Senior Female Sportsperson of the Year and Elly Blackadder who was the Junior Female Sportsperson of the Year. This is a wonderful achievement and both girls are to be congratulated.

STUDENT CAR AWARENESS PROGRAM

Last week our school was visited by the Lemon Car. Mark Poulton travels to schools all over NSW and the ACT to provide a fun and interactive education program that teaches students how to look for defects and illegal modifications on vehicles. Mark was able to involve our students from Year 9 right through to Year 12 across two sessions of highly informative and valuable content. Our students were actively engaged in identifying defects on the car and discovering the range of penalties and fines that they could be exposed to once they purchase their own vehicle. Congratulations to Brooke Williams-Fawcett who received a set of B Seen Learner plates due to the respect she showed towards our guest presenter.

YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS VISIT PUKARA ESTATE AND PAPANUI

On Friday July 18, Year 11 Business Studies and Year 11/12 Agriculture and Hospitality Students, accompanied by Miss Roe and Mrs Harrison, visited Pukara Estate and Papanui. The visit was an opportunity for students to gain real-life insight to the operations and management of these two successful businesses. Both owners shared a wealth of knowledge and information about their businesses and the industries in which they operate as well as advice about establishing your own business. Students and staff were also treated to a delicious tasting at Pukara and an up close and personal experience with the award winning chooks of Papanui. We would like to thank Racquel Goochchild of Pukara Estate and Mark Killen of Papanui for their hospitality and knowledge shared on the day.

Adam Johnston
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Many of the primary students went all out on station three and loved playing dress ups to choose suitable outfits, hair styles and make up for a variety of different occasions. Luckily, the secondary leaders Alana Smith, Stephane McLennan, Hanna Byfield and Emma-Lee Cooper joined in on the fun which made for a lot of laughs.

Stations four and five were centred on positive and negative friendships where Tylor Keogh, Tarnisha Winsor, Emily Towell, Abby Dewson, Courtney Everleigh and Celeste Proctor went through a number of valuable activities dealing with the effects of praise and bullying.

Mrs Grant and Miss Hall would like to congratulate all of the secondary 4C Leaders for their outstanding effort organising and running this event. They would also like to thank all of the primary girls for attending the workshop in the company of Miss Crutch.

Brianna Hall

YEAR 12 FORMAL FUNDRAISING

The Year 12 Formal is approaching, the date is set for September 18 and the Year 12 students are fast approaching their Trial HSC examinations.

A reminder to all that at Max’s Country Cuts there is currently a raffle to raise money for the formal event. There are two hampers up for first and second prizes. At just $2.00 a ticket, make sure to drop into Max’s Country Cuts to check out the hampers and purchase a ticket. The raffle will be drawn when all tickets have been sold.

Lana Grant
Formal Coordinator

Tessa Roe
Business Studies

THE 4C PAMPER SESSION

On the last Wednesday of Term 2 the secondary 4C leaders were kind enough to host a self-care workshop for primary students from Years 4-6.

All of the primary girls enjoyed all of the stations immensely and behaved brilliantly for the secondary leaders. With assistance from Mrs Grant, Miss Hall and Mrs West the secondary leaders enjoyed preparing and running 5 workshop stations.

The first station was called ‘Healthy Eating’ run by Jasmine Hammond, Peita Cassar and Alkira Tritton who enthusiastically taught primary students how to design fruit kebabs which all of the girls enjoyed eating. The second station was run by Tempany Boland, Chloe Ponsford and Tarah Cox and involved a pamper session where the young girls enjoyed a relaxing facial treatment.

Favourite Subject: PE, Ag, Photography
Extra-Curricular activities: Football, Team Penning
Best Personal Achievement: Rep Group 21
Year Advisor’s Comment: John is a friendly and enthusiastic young man who shows great leadership skills and is respectful of others. He is a keen sportsman, especially on the footy field and has represented his school through ROAR and in the community. John handles any challenge with his good sense of humour and has been applying himself in assessment tasks. Well done John on your fantastic achievement!

Rebecca Hopkins
Year Advisor

Student of the Week
John Whitby
Year 9
Why I want to be in ROAR? Because it helps me in all aspects of life
What is my favourite subject: Hospitality
What is my favourite sport? Soccer
What is my favourite team? Arsenal
Favourite Player: All of them
Best Sporting Achievement: Winning soccer grand final
Who inspires you and Why: Mr Johnston, Mr Grant and Mr Creamer because they inspire me to try my best
Advice to young players: Try your best and never give up.

Merriwa Ringer
Year 5/6 Report

It has been yet another amazing start to the term for St Joseph’s Stage 3 leaders.

After organising some fantastic activities throughout the first two terms, last week we organised the activities for Grandparent’s Day. There were tabloid sports, parachute play, soccer and volleyball that were participated in and enjoyed by grandparents, parents and children. It was wonderful to see the interaction between the generations, as well as the excellent organisation and running of the games by the 5/6 students.

Year 5/6 have a great term of learning lined up in Term 3. We have been loving the collaborative learning opportunities provided at St Joseph’s. It creates a healthy classroom environment and allows us to learn from each other.

St Joseph’s really appreciates the help of the parents and friends in the classroom. In 5/6 we have welcomed Reverend Pat Kirkby into our classroom two mornings a week. Reverend Pat is a terrific asset and provides assistance in Reading Groups and other areas of Literacy.

In English this term we are focusing on Visual Literacy and how pictures and video can enhance our experience with reading texts. We are also busy preparing for our School and Upper Hunter Public Speaking and Debating competitions.

Religion this term is focusing on Liturgy. We have learnt that a Liturgy can be any form of public worship, and are busy learning about the different liturgies associated with the Mass. During the later stages of the term we will once again use our organisation skills in preparation for Mission Day.
Mathematics certainly become much more collaborative in Term Two as we moved to working with each other more and assisting each other. We have seen a huge increase in the confidence of students as a result. Mr Morris is using more open ended problem solving questions allowing us to challenge ourselves at our own level.

Science will once again be a highlight this term. Our topic is Information and Communication, we have looked at a range of packaging and what companies do to get their brand recognised. We been set the task to design and make a product or an extension of an existing product, then using to create a webpage advertising that product.

HSIE this term sees us learning about the system of government in Australia and how it works. We will be focusing on the three levels of government: Local, State and Federal, how they are set up and the roles and responsibilities of each level.

In PDH we will be learning about travel safety as well as completing the Protective Behaviours Program. This will be an opportunity to learn more about strategies for keeping ourselves safe and learning strategies on what to do in certain situations if they arise.

Our Creative Arts lessons so far this term have been focusing on Aboriginal culture and art. We celebrated NAIDOC Week in Week 1 and have decorated boomerangs. Our art was influenced by traditional Aboriginal legends in written and multimedia format. We will be focusing on our part of the whole school performance for the rest of the term, practicing and enhancing our drama skills to put on an amazing performance at the end of the term.

As you have read we have another jam packed term of learning and fun activities. We are enjoying a sensational year in 5/6. We look forward to telling the community more in Term 4.

Mark Morris
5/6 Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS

Year 1/2 - Darcy Taafe - Great effort in estimating length

Helena Parker - For great group work during science activity

Christian Cropper - For great work in ordinal numbers

Year 3/4 - Camdyn Constable - for a great explanation on how bike wheels work.

Tia Magner - for her consistent effort in class

Year 5/6 - Lauren Redgate – for always being an excellent assistant in classroom clean up

John Magner – for always leading the way in classroom clean ups

Playground Champion - Bethany Wightman – for allowing others to play with her toys

Principal's Awards - Amy Redgate - for taking on the responsibility of “buddy” with great enthusiasm.

Helen Whale
Principal
FROM MRS GRINHAM’S DESK

My first week at Cassilis Public School has been very enjoyable. It has been wonderful chatting with students, families and staff; and getting to know them.

Our teachers are dedicated, innovative and professional, going above and beyond to help me settle in and to ensure quality learning for all students, in a kind and caring environment.

Students have been working on presentations for Education Week and are very proud of their efforts. It is heart-warming to see students helping each other and working cooperatively. Our senior students are fantastic role models! I am excited about seeing them present their work that has followed the theme “Lighting the way to a better world”. Their thinking and discussions have been very creative and thoughtful.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday for our Education Week assembly, science activities and lunch.

WONDERFUL NEW BOOKS!

Thanks to a donation from our school’s wonderful P&C, the Busby room has a new set of readers to use during reading group activities so that students are reading a variety of text types and are not re-reading the same books over and over again.

Thank you to the members of the P and C for your support and for understanding the importance of reading in a child’s education.

IN THE PLAYGROUND

Some children have been playing tennis and enjoying the sandpit and quiet activities as an alternative to footy or chasing games.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – JACK S.C

Jack has earned the award of student of the week for his improved behaviour and cooperation during the last week. He has listened to teachers and is using strategies to improve his social interactions. He is attempting to concentrate on his learning and is independently completing computer tasks on Studyladder, Mathletics and Rainforest Maths. Jack worked well during developmental groups, sharing equipment and discussing work amicably.

Congratulations and keep up the wonderful work, Jack!

Let’s get to know the Student of the Week a little better....

What is your favourite food? T-bone steak

What job would you like when you are older? Army

Apart from your family, who is one of your role models and why? Sis, because she always helps me

If you were given $100 what would you buy? Computer games

What is one thing that people may not know about you? At nan’s I mainly play the Play Station.
CONGRATULATIONS MR AND MRS BURGESS!

Mrs Burgess was delighted to announce the safe arrival of Margaret (Maggie) Juel Burgess on Friday July 16 just after 4.00pm. She is 7lbs 8oz and 50cm. We can’t wait for a visit!

May you touch dragonflies and stars, dance with fairies and talk to the moon.

May you grow up with love and gracious hearts and people who care.

Welcome to the world little one, it’s been waiting for you!
Last week we neglected to include Hunter Marsh in the Zone Athletics team. Please accept our apology and we wish you the best of luck on Friday, along with Andrew Harris, Sam Thompson, Amy Thompson, Olivia McLean, Dustynn Turner, William Stair, Tylana Cox and Jackson Stair.

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

- **Drew McCandless** - enthusiastic participation in Zumba
- **Isabella Wallace** - positive attitude towards all school work
- **Josh Wilkins** - trying hard in maths
- **Beau Buswell** - working hard to complete tasks
- **Natasha Marsh** - great participation in English activities
- **Bill Chambers** - wonderful drumming skills
- **Mikayla Borradaile** - excellent participation in drumming

**WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

- **K/1/2** - Darcy Wallace, Declan Adams and Noah Adams

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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

**SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK**

- **Reece McCandless** - improvement in all aspects of school.
This morning I joined Emma, Kirra, Bonnie and Artie at our maths table, we sat with a collection of coloured teddy bears, and corresponding coloured fluffy mats, the number chart was positioned nearby should the opportunity arise to begin to associate the amount of bears to the actual number.

Thursday is a day which sees a mixed aged group at Pre-school with children who are preparing to enter the year before school group next year, we have reflected on the benefits of this combination of developmental ages and the impact of learning outcomes as the children increase their knowledge and experience through collaborative and social opportunities.

Working alongside Emma I encourage her to begin with some simple colour matching, asking her to put all the green teddies on the green mat, I turned to Kirra and asked her to do the red ones and so on. This supported verbal interactions, involvement and cooperation as the players needed to share and sort their bears providing them to each other as they completed their tasks.

Bonnie collected all the bears nearby and delicately positioned the bears to face each other. Bonnie said the bears were kissing, she then created a circle of the larger yellow bears and placed all the smaller bears in the circle. I was interested that Bonnie had used the bears as an expressive tool and we had a discussion about the little bears in the circle. Artie found a couple of matching yellow bears and became quite attached to them carrying them to the play dough and other activities for investigation.

Emma experimented with some great sequencing, supporting Emma I touched each bear in the line up saying big, small, big, small; we identified if one was out of place and Emma carefully added or took away a bear to make it right, once it was complete Emma counted fourteen bears as Kirra watched on. Kirra then made a pattern of bears using only red and blue. As we continued there were many different categories being formed based on size and colour. How children categorise is individual and it becomes more complex as the child develops, exploring the options available.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

I just wanted to inform families that our school photos will be on August 13 and 14 and photo envelopes will need to be back to Pre-School by Friday the 8th if possible. I have just received the envelopes from the photographer and there is a fairly small window of opportunity to have them back pre-paid. If your child does not attend on a Wednesday (Monday or Friday instead) then your child will need to be brought along on Wednesday August 13. Likewise, Tuesday children will need to attend Pre-School with their parent on Thursday August 14. These families and children will have a provision of activities in the Merriwa Activity Centre room and children will be called from there to have their individual shots taken first so we can get you home and warm again, please note these are school photos only and no an opportunity for family photos, they were held earlier this year and the families need to remain in the Merriwa Activity Centre area rather than in the Pre-School playground as it distracts the children having their photos taken. I’m sure you realise what a huge day this is for all and your cooperation is appreciated.

Leah Folpp
Director
Welcome to this week’s update.

Farmers push for legislated right to farm

A right to farm needs to be enshrined in planning legislation to promote the sustainable development of our food and fibre producing regions, NSW Farmers’ Association members agreed at the Annual Conference 2014 on 15 July.

The motion, which originated from the Orange District Council, will inform the NSW Farmers’ planning policy to specifically push for a right to farm. Chair of the association’s Conservation and Resource Management Committee Mitchell Clapham said he was pleased to see the motion passed on the floor of the association’s annual conference.

“A right to farm would make farming operations immune from specific nuisance complaints arising from those who move to an area close to a farming operation. The reality of farming is that sometimes it’s smelly, sometimes it’s noisy, but farmers’ hard work to produce food and fibre should be supported and not restricted by our planning laws.” Mr Clapham concluded.

NSW FARMERS WELCOME NATIONAL WILD DOG PLAN

On 8 July NSW Farmers welcomed the first national effort to coordinate wild dog management with the launch of the National Wild Dog Action Plan. Wild dogs are estimated to cost producers $48.5 million a year and it is these industries that bear the brunt of that impact.

The design and implementation of the plan, initially driven by WoolProducers Australia, was undertaken through a collaboration of representatives from the wool, sheep-meat, cattle and goat industries.

Importantly, all state agriculture or environment ministers as well as the Federal Government, which has contributed $280,000 to help the initial implementation, have endorsed the plan.

NSW Farmers’ President Fiona Simson praised the efforts of all involved in bringing this plan together. NSW Farmers looks forward to seeing the plan rolled out and having a positive impact on management of wild dogs across the nation.
Merriwa Ringer has held its 46th Changeover Dinner at the Sports Club. Over sixty people attended and enjoyed good company, good food and a night of reporting on the club’s activities during the past twelve months, as well as hearing some ideas for the coming year.

During the year just past, Merriwa Rotary has further developed the Skate Park complex at a total cost of $117,500.00. $5,120.00 has been contributed to the club’s Youth Programs. $17,356.00 has been donated to a variety of community programs.

Robert Gill has been succeeded as club president by Mark Inder. It was our pleasure to host four generations of Mark’s family on the evening.

Helen Whale and John Sparrow will continue to serve our club as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Merriwa Rotary is looking forward to another active year. Anyone who would like a closer look at Rotary, with a thought to possibly joining our group should contact a member of our club.

Mark Smith

CAN YOU REALLY AFFORD NOT TO BE A MEMBER?

Whether it’s the lobbying/representation we do on your behalf or the IR support, legal and tax advice, training and development or simply the great discounts and other member benefits, don’t go another year without the support of NSW Farmers. Being a united voice for our industry is important, help us help you. Get on board! Join for A NEW FLAT FEE of $399.00 PLUS GST.

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

Aileen Hogan

Merriwa Rotary

Merriwa Branch of NSW Farmers support Rural Crime Prevention. With a spate of garden robberies in town it is a timely reminder to report all thefts, both town and on farm. The police assign Incident Report Numbers to each occurrence and from these numbers a true indication of the level of criminal activity in our Merriwa District is available. Increased policing at Merriwa will result if enough reports are passing to police to indicate the need.

Merriwa Ringer
The Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary wish to invite our community to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday August 8, 2014 at 1.00pm. The meeting will be held in the Nurses Home Conference Room (entrance off McRae Street) and will be followed by afternoon tea.

Guest speaker will be Merri Llewelyn who will talk to us on the available services through the MPS Doctor’s rooms. There are many community health services that can be accessed through our local people and Merri will answer any questions asked on the day.

The committee extend an invitation to all members and remind them that membership fees of $5.00 are now due. We also invite any community members to attend our meeting and learn a little more about the Hospital Auxiliary work and our very own Multi Purpose Service, our Merriwa Hospital.

AGM, Friday August 8, 1.00pm, Nurses Home Conference Room. See you there. Please support your local Hospital Auxiliary.

I am looking for a photo of my great great grandfather George Sydney Wicks 1881-1948. He and his wife Florence nee Scott ran the Bow Post Office (Bow Hotel Building) in Merriwa for quite some time from 1915 onwards.

If you have any photos of him or indeed any of his family, or any photos of the Amidy family, please contact me on the number below. Also, does anyone know the location of the property known as “Rock Hall” which once belonged to the Wicks family for three generations approx. 1850-1975.

I am also looking for the burial place of my grandfather Charles Blakefield Wicks who died in 1983. We are of the understanding that he may have been buried in Denman or Merriwa.

Will be in Merriwa at the end of July early August if anyone is able to assist with information or please contact me on 0423 234 081.

Merriwa Cricket Club

AGM

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

All positions will be declared open.

Kate Blackadder

Merriwa Men’s Shed

You are invited to join us at the Merriwa Men’s Shed. We meet every Thursday from 10.00am until early afternoon. Join us for a cuppa and take the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones!

For more information please call Jum alker on 6548 2868 or Barry Ghersi on 6547 6061.

Edith Shipway

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

Merriwa Ringer
Rotary Changeover was held last week and we would like to congratulate Robert Gill on his successful year as President, and to wish Mark Inder a lot of luck and support as he starts his year as the new President of Merriwa Rotary Club.

NEW RANGE

It is the perfect time to learn how to sew, knit or crochet. It is also great when you don’t have to figure out the pattern and buy all of the wool. Our new range of products takes all of the stress and gives you something to enjoy. They are a great range of Creative Knits, providing everything you need from start to finish. There are beanies, aprons, zippy purses, tea pot covers, cushion covers, owls, handbags and more. The colours are bright and they all come with a technique booklet to show you exactly how to do it. They are perfect for someone wanting to learn, a gift for a friend, or as a way to share your love with a child or grandchild.

BATH TIME

We all loved bath time as a child, with different floating toys and bubble bath. Now your children can enjoy it even more with our range of bath time products. There are several different ones to choose from. They are all made of foam and are designed to stick and be pulled off the wall of the bath. These toys are educational and creative, allowing your child to develop vital communication and cognitive skills in a super fun environment. They there are people to put together, silly faces, fire engines and so many more. Come in and look at them today.

STATIONERY ITEM OF THE WEEK

The top-load attache case is a great addition to your stationery must-have list. They are great for keeping A4 documents that you don’t want to get crushed. They expand so that you can fit thick files or multiple files. They come in a range of bright colours including purple, green, pink, blue, black and white. They are made out of a durable plastic with fabric webbing and gussets, a button and elastic closure. They are ideal for school or the office.

DISNEY

We all want to make our kids’ birthdays a special occasion, and fancy cakes are all the rage. Make life easier for yourself (and save a couple hundred dollars while you’re at it) by making one of these awesome Disney Cakes. All of the favourites are included- Cinderella, Toy Story, Frozen, Lion King, Winnie the Pooh, Disney Fairies, Cars, Bambi, Alice in Wonderland, Finding Nemo and so many more. There are great cookie, cupcake and cake pop ideas to make the party magical.

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

The September Issue is now available (I know, it isn’t even August yet, and you have not missed an issue!!!!) it is time to start gearing up and looking forward to Spring. There are the most delicious Swiss Rolls- berries and cream, lamington, choc caramel and several more. There are 23 pages of kitchens and bathrooms- these are the rooms that make you feel like you are living in a new home if you renovate a few key elements. There are new designs, great layouts, mixing different materials, fabulous storage ideas and the best value for money buys for both rooms. The gardener is also catered for in this issue with great nut trees to grow at home, and the lazy gardener’s dream-plants and flowers that are perfect for a low maintenance garden.

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

Cash or Eftpos only!

Neville and Leanne Hook
Merriwa Ringer

So, as described last term, Billy the Kid, with at least one killing to his name so far, was working in Arizona (bordered by California, Mexico and New Mexico) about 1880 as a cowhand for a wealthy Englishman (Dunstan) who treated him with such kindness (this probably unexpected and perhaps the first time Billy had ever experienced it) that Billy was devoted to him. Dunstan was part of a powerful group involved in what became known as the Lincoln County Range War, with their also powerful opponents apparently having some lawmen on their side. There was rivalry, armed conflict and killing involved between the two opponents over grazing rights, contracts (particularly for the supply of beef to the Army), and the operation of stores in Lincoln.

One day a posse came seeking Dunstan to possess horses which Dunstan was alleged to have stolen, or, according to another account, to pay off a disputed debt awarded against him in a court judgment. (Who knows where truth rests even in our modern world, let alone the Wild West?). When Dunstan refused to surrender them, and when it became obvious trouble was brewing, most (some said all) of Dunstan’s hands who were with him, including Billy, fled, and soon after one of the lawmen, for no apparent reason and without provocation, shot Dunstan dead.

It seems that from then on Billy, who was perhaps also plagued by guilt for deserting Dunstan in his hour of need, became obsessed with seeking revenge on those who were responsible for his death. Later Billy and others pursued some of those they considered guilty of Dunstan’s murder and, after two had surrendered on promise of safe passage to Lincoln for trial, Billy and another Dunstan ex-cowhand killed both of them in cold blood. When as a result he was himself sought by the law for murder Billy and others holed up in a besieged store in Lincoln and they killed two lawmen before Billy escaped. Later another siege and pitched battle, also in Lincoln, lasted five days and he escaped again. With several warrants for murder hanging over him, and with a gang of like minded desperados, he took to horse and cattle stealing, both serious offences for which those thought guilty were often lynched on the spot.

In 1878 a retired Union General named Lew Wallace was appointed Governor of Texas; (yes, the same Lew Wallace who wrote “Ben Hur”, long afterwards filmed with Charlton Heston starring in the famous Chariot Race). Wallace offered Billy a pardon for his crimes if he gave evidence which resulted in the conviction of at least some of those involved in the Lincoln County War killings, Billy accepted and honoured his undertaking. However, the District Attorney overrode Wallace’s agreement and Billy was arrested again, escaped yet again, and went back to stealing cattle and horses, mostly in the Pecos River Valley. It seems extraordinary that he did not take the opportunity to flee far away forever, however he chose to remain in places familiar to him, including the Valley, and continued as a thorn in the side of law enforcement there.

Eventually a onetime barman named Pat Garrett, who had been elected Sheriff of Lincoln County, proclaimed himself the one to end Billy’s escapades. He pursued him for more than a year, once almost catching him in an ambush, but, you guessed it, Billy escaped!! Later Garrett tracked him down once more to a hideout, surrounded it with a posse and at last managed to arrest him. (Incidentally, the word “posse” is Latin for “I can” and of very old origin in its modern usage as it was used long ago in England apparently for much the same purpose as in the USA, and perhaps even before European settlement in north America).

Billy was convicted of murder then, would you believe it, escaped again, killing two more lawmen in the process! Garrett, who was away at the time, had to start once more from scratch, searching for a fugitive who even then still declined the chance of leaving Arizona/New Mexico/Texas forever.

However, Billy was now on his own, and one night Garrett tracked him to a building on a ranch, and in total darkness entered a room where he believed Billy to be. Alerted by a slight movement and the sound of a voice which he recognized as Billy’s, Garrett fired twice, killing Billy instantly with his first shot, without Billy firing even once. Billy was thought to have been 21 years old when he died but nobody really knows how many he killed, though whatever the correct number it was said to include some not mentioned here so far, including a bartender who was sufficiently unwise as to wave a pistol in Billy’s face. Few if any of his killings were in a fair fight, and he could perhaps best be described by Garrett who said: “He always smiled and laughed, even when he was killing”.

All sorts of legends and stories, some no doubt exaggerated or untrue, have grown up, including, it appears, some fanciful window dressing by Sheriff Garrett himself in collaboration with a creative and imaginative journalist of the day. However, few could deny that Billy was a great escapologist, the Houdini of his day, though he did have one big advantage, that is he had large wrists and small hands, which made slipping a pair of handcuffs easier for him than for most.
Merriwa Pharmacy

CONSTIPATION

One of the busiest sections of any pharmacy is where medicines for upset stomachs and bowel problems are kept – the so-called ‘tums and bums’ area.

One of the most common bowel problems is constipation. This condition can be distressing and debilitating.

Constipation is the term used to describe bowel motions which are less frequent and hard to pass. Sufferers may only be able to pass small amounts at a time, or have difficulty passing stools. Other signs and symptoms of constipation are pain, cramps or swelling in the abdominal area, or leaving the toilet feeling your bowel is not completely empty.

Constipation usually occurs because the colon (part of the digestive system) absorbs too much water from food. This can happen if food moves through the digestive system too slowly. The bowel motions then become too dry and hard.

According to the Continence Foundation of Australia (www.continence.org.au) there are many factors that can cause or worsen constipation, including:

- Not enough fibre in the diet. Fibre is found in fruit and vegetables, wholemeal bread, seeds, nuts and grains, and high-fibre cereals.
- Not drinking enough water – always drink more water when you increase fibre in your diet
- Lack of physical exercise
- Stress, anxiety, depression and grief
- Delaying the urge to go to the toilet
- Using laxatives for a long time
- Side effects of some medicines (even common ones like pain killers or iron tablets)
- Pregnancy
- Being overweight
- Not being able to go to the toilet because of poor mobility
- Some nerve diseases
- Some bowel problems like haemorrhoids, irritable bowel syndrome, or diverticulitis
- Anorectal pain caused by haemorrhoids, fissures (tear in the skin of the anus) or birth trauma

A slow transit bowel, this means it takes longer for the faeces to move through the digestive system to the rectum, so more water is removed over time and constipation is much more likely. This occurs where there is nerve damage such as with stroke, Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis or trauma.

Severe constipation is the most common cause of faecal incontinence (or bowel leakage), especially in older people. This is because hard bowel motions are difficult to pass and may cause a partial blockage higher up in the bowel, resulting in watery bowel motions flowing around the constipated stool without warning. This is sometimes mistaken for diarrhoea.

Constipation can affect bladder control and urinary continence. If you sometimes leak urine or feel that you need to frequently visit the toilet to pass urine, it could be that constipation is involved. An over-full bowel (due to constipation) can press on the bladder, reducing the amount of urine it can hold or making you feel the need to pass urine urgently.

Constipation can also affect pelvic floor muscles. Pelvic floor muscle strength is important for both bladder and bowel control. These muscles stretch like a trampoline from the pubic bone at the front to the coccyx (tail-bone) at the back. They can be weakened by straining due to constipation, pregnancy and childbirth, or perhaps heavy lifting. Strong pelvic floor muscles are necessary for bladder and bowel control – to be able to ‘hold on’.

If you think you have constipation, talk to your pharmacist or doctor who can recommend some ways to manage this minor ailment. One way to treat constipation is by taking a laxative. There are various types of laxatives, which work in different ways, so it’s important to talk to a health professional before taking laxatives. Types of laxatives include bulking agents, lubricants, and stimulating/irritant laxatives.

Your pharmacist can also advise on how to
improve your diet, strengthen your pelvic floor muscles, and also address any other factors that can cause or worsen constipation.

Your local community pharmacy is your health destination and your pharmacist can give you more information about issues affecting your bowel. Merriwa Pharmacy has a range of Fact Cards including Fibre and Bowel Health, Constipation and Haemorrhoids, and Pelvic Floor Exercises.

Robert Smith
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This week’s specials at MAX’S COUNTRY CUTS Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd and early next week while stocks last.

- Crumbed Steak (Plain or Herb & Garlic) - $10.99kg or 2kg $20.00
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- Lamb Loin Chops - $16.99kg

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Recipe of the week

INDIAN GREEN LAMB CURRY

Preparation time: 25 Minutes

Cooking: 1 hours 15 Minutes

Serves: 4

- 1kg lamb chump chops
- ½ lemon - juiced
- ½ cup water
- 1 bunch coriander, roots, stem and leaves washed and chopped
- 5cm ginger, peeled and chopped
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 long green chilli, deseeded
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 1 Tsp fennel seeds
- 1 medium brown onion sliced

Preheat oven to 150 degree fan-forced

1. Place lemon juice, water, coriander, ginger, garlic, chilli and turmeric into blender. Cover and blend for 1 min or until smooth

2. Pour half the oil into flameproof casserole dish and place over medium heat. When hot, add lamb and cook for 6-8 minutes until browned. Set aside. Pour off rendered lamb fat from pan. Add remaining oil and fennel seeds and then immediately add the onions and stir until golden. Return lamb to pan

3. Pour contents of blender over lamb and bring to a simmer. Cover with lid and place in oven for 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes or until lamb is tender


SERVE WITH ROAST CAULIFLOWERS, PUMPKIN AND GREEN BEANS

- 1 Tsp sunflower oil
- 1 Tbsp Cumin seeds
- ½ head cauliflower broken into florets
- 600g Kent pumpkin, cut into 2cm wedges
- 2 cups green beans, halved, blanched

Toss cauliflower and pumpkin in oil and roast in a pre-heated oven on 150 degree fan-forced.

Serve as side dish to the Indian Green Lamb Curry.

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

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SATURDAY TRADING

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

Saturday 2/8/14 – Closed
Saturday 9/8/14 – Closed
Saturday 16/8/14 – Open
Saturday 23/8/14 – Closed
Merriwa Ringer

Community Adverts

BYE BYE ROCKY

You may have heard that Manbir Singh (better known to us as ROCKY) and family are on the move.

After a great time in Cassilis, Rocky is now going to be a Highway Policeman in Coona

So let’s hope we don’t see too much of him in the future!

To wish Rocky, Michelle, Summer and Priya all the best in their endeavours and thank them for their contribution to the community, a farewell function will be held on Saturday August 2 at the Cassilis Bowling Club, 7.00pm

Music by “THE REASON BEING”

Finger food will be served

Merriwa Ringer

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Michael and Sally Hagley
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.

FESTIVAL NEWS
Claiming the Date

Fri 29 August

The Festival of the Fleeces Committee will be holding a father’s day street stall and 100 club on Friday 29 August outside Merriwa IGA. Donations from community members would be greatly appreciated.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046

BASIC COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES

Merriwa CTC and Visitor Information Centre will be commencing computer classes from Monday 4 August at the following times.

Class 1: Mondays 11am to 1.00pm
Class is full

Class 2: Mondays 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Class is Full

Class 3: Thursdays 11.00am to 1.00pm
2 Positions remaining

There are still some positions available for people wanting to learn Windows 8 and Microsoft applications. Bring along your own laptop, or use one of the new CTC computers in a small class of four participants.

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

One on one senior classes are also available for one hour per week. These classes are FREE, and must to be booked one week in advance. Merriwa CTC has recently upgraded with a touch screen and talking Windows Eight Computer to assist seniors who may have difficulty with their sight, or using a mouse to navigate.

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

For more information on any of the above, please contact.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046
Congratulations to St Josephs Primary School Merriwa on winning the 2014 Best Parade Float at this years Festival. The Festival Committee and judges would like to thank all those involved for the amazing effort and talent which went into creating the float. The committee has decided that in all future festivals that the winning float will have the honour of leading the parade the following year.

St Josephs Primary will have this honour in the Festival’s 25th Year celebration.

The Festival Committee would like to thank everyone that participated in this years parade.

Due to insurance compliance regulations, in 2015 all float participants will have to be registered with Upper Hunter Shire Council 7 days prior to the Festival. More information will follow.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046

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**The hunt has been EXTENDED...**

[www.merriwa.nsw.au](http://www.merriwa.nsw.au) is still being invaded by aliens and we need your help to find them!

There is a **$200 Cash Prize**, sponsored by Merriwa IGA, being offered to one lucky person who finds all 10 aliens hidden on the Merriwa website.

Entry Forms are available to download from the [www.merriwa.nsw.au](http://www.merriwa.nsw.au) website, the Upper Hunter Shire Council (UHSC) website or collect from the UHSC Merriwa Office.

The competition closing date has been extended until **Friday 22 August 2014**.
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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.

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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Meets the first Wednesday of each Month at 7pm, Merriwa RSL Club

CWA
Meets the second Monday of the month at 10.00am in the CWA rooms, Bettington Street. Visitors and new members are always welcome.
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2nd & 4th Sunday - Sun 8.30am
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Opening Times:
*Monday & Tuesday - 4pm *Wednesday - Sunday - 12pm
Thursday Night: 7:00pm Bingo
Friday: 5.00pm - 7:00pm Happy 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 Sports Chinese/Australian Restaurant 6548 3228
Dine In or Take Away. Banquets and Function catering available.
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Lunch: Wednesday to Sunday.
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Jackpots $50 per week.
Club: 6548 2157
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For the information of members and their guests
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 entre, mains and desserts.
Casual bowls and golf also available. Donations in honesty box.
Chinese/Australian restaurant open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday, 12 noon to 2pm. Dinner Tuesday to Sunday 5.30pm to 9.00pm. Closed Mondays, reopen 5pm Tuesday.
For bookings and take away - telephone 65483228.

DON'T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY 31 AUGUST AT 6PM

WEEKEND RESULTS
Saturday Raffle 26 July
Saturday Members Draw No 211 was not won, next week $120.00
Winners Jackpot not won - next week $260.00.
Free Tickets: John-Henry Orton
Dinner: Peter Lawler
Bowls Raffle: John Richards

Sunday July 27 2014
Sunday Members draw No 252 not won, next week $1250.00.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – SPONSORED BY DAHLIA DENNING - SOUNDS & LIGHTS
A great night was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who attended and Dahlia Denning for her great music.

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.

BOWLS NEWS
Tuesday 22 July - Coolah Friendship Day - a great day attended by 40 players. Raffle was won by Joy Hancock.

Wednesday 23 July - Muswellbrook Gala Day. P Constable, J Hancock, M Coluccio and L Cooper. No trophies, but a great day.

Coming up:
Wednesday 6 August - District Presentation Day - Denman.
Thursday 21 August - Cassilis Friendship day. Names on board.

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 25 July
Members Draw: $60 - Kristy Pearce – unclaimed - $65 next week
Joker Draw: $1373 – Shane Pittman – flipped an ace for $1426 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 Ringer

Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $1400.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 176. This week it jackpot to $1450.00. The 7.00pm draw for $820.00 was not won. The number was 97. This week it jackpot to $840.00. The 9.00pm draw for $360.00 was not won and the number was 307. This week it jackpot to $380.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $550.00 was not won last week. The number was 694 and this week it jackpot to $600.00. 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.

Matt Morgan
Secretary/Manager

Sporting News

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football and Netball Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $1400.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 176. This week it jackpot to $1450.00. The 7.00pm draw for $820.00 was not won. The number was 97. This week it jackpot to $840.00. The 9.00pm draw for $360.00 was not won and the number was 307. This week it jackpot to $380.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $550.00 was not won last week. The number was 694 and this week it jackpot to $600.00. 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.

Matt Morgan
Secretary/Manager

The rain came down and how good was that! Muswellbrook cancelled all mini/mod games that were to be played last Saturday so all our young football kids had a day off.

However the Under 15’s had a home game and we did not cancel. Raymond Terrace travelled to play against our boys and are running equal fourth so they needed to play this round to hopefully get into outright fourth to make it through to the semis.

If we had cancelled the game we would have had to catch it up within the next two weeks so our decision to play was based on this. The boys (and boys will be boys) had a great time.

The opposition were warming up in the goal area and many of their players were seen diving into the wet areas and aqua-planing for many meters on their bellies. As I said, boys will be boys. They had a great time in the wet. Phil’s report will follow.

8th August is our home game. It is the last round of the season before the semis begin. We will need all hands on deck for this day, especially in the canteen. It is a very busy day with twenty seven games, fifty four teams, twenty seven games to umpire and over five hundred people converging on Merriwa Ovals who will want to be fed. Both ovals will have to be marked out during the week before. If you can help with this talk to Andrew Jamieson.

Elaine will do up a roster for the canteen. Under 6’s, 7’s and 8’s parents will be asked to assist for one hour after their children have finished playing and the Under 11’s parents are asked to assist one hour before their children play their game. This worked very well last home game and we had some great support from the parents.

If you can assist please do so as all the money raised goes to your child’s club and spent on their presentation at the end of the year. Don’t leave it all to the committee. We need your help so call into the canteen when you can and be greeted with appreciation and I’m sure a big smile and thank you from those in charge.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Monday 4th August at 6pm at the Merriwa Sports Club. All are welcome to attend.

Elaine Sparrow

WELDERUP UNDER 15’s

Merriwa Welderup Under 15’s were soundly beaten by a strong Raymond Terrace side, 48 points to nil on Saturday last. To the boys credit they tried hard and never gave up, but were outclassed on the day.

John Whitby was unavailable on the day due to a shoulder injury and the club wishes him a speedy recovery and hope all goes well in his upcoming trials.

Players Player against Raymond Terrace was Hamish Cameron and the Coaches Award was shared between Kasey Cassar and James Hagley who both tried very hard all game.

The boys have one game to go next week against Belmont North at Belmont and the end of season 2014 for them.

Phil Neale
Spring Competition starts August 19, 2014

Registrations close on August 12, 2014
So get your name in NOW

You can register at the following:

- Max's Country Cuts - Merriwa Sports Club
- Merriwa Pharmacy - Merriwa Home Hardware

Or by phone with
- Bruce Smith: 0447 091 365 - Wayne Upward: 0418 857 557
- Rob Whaley: 0428 482 482 - Mark Pryor: 0429 588 582

- Competition Nights - Tuesday and Wednesday (Other nights are optional)
- All grades, all levels, all ages and beginners welcome

- Training and coaching is NOW FREE. Friday's from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. Ring any of the above A grade players.

Come Along & Join In....

and have fun whilst keeping fit with SQUASH....

Registration: $35.00 per player
Family Rates: $35.00 for the first two players and $10.00 for all other family members.

SPRING SPECIAL: New junior players (10 to 15 years) NOW FREE
Thank you so much to all the parents & players who travelled to Scone last Saturday. The Scone Netball Committee apologise for cancelling the morning games at the last minute due to the unrelenting wet weather. It was frustrating for everyone but we can’t complain about the beautiful rain. Look forward to seeing everyone in action at the next round.

2015 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Attached is the Nomination form for anyone interested in trying out for next years 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s, 17s or Opens Rep teams fill it out and return it by Wednesday 10th September. Please note - these forms must be returned by email - purcell8@bigpond.com or by post - Scone Netball PO Box 417 Scone 2337.

Netball Draw - Round 11 / 2 August

Merriwa Magpies & Merriwa Magic

Training this Friday 4.30pm till 5.30pm.

Next game is Saturday 2 August starts 10am sharp.

Mink Pink

Training for Mink Pink Mondays & Thursdays 4.30pm till 5.30pm. All players expected to participate.

Next game is Saturday 2 August starts 11.15am; please arrive 30 minutes prior.

Parents any queries or concerns please talk to Tina after training or contact Tina M 0447 219 193.

Anyone welcome to join Tina & Mink Pink players for fitness training sessions on Mondays.

Merriwa Seniors

Next game is Saturday 2 August starts 12.30pm sharp. Anyone out this week please let me know.

Chocolate Drive

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

Sponsors

Thank you to our 2014 Merriwa Netball Sponsors including:

Merriwa Cakes & Café
Royal Hotel Merriwa
Max’s Country Cuts
Wayne Smith Automotive
Rockwell Livestock & Property

Ladies Bowls News

Tuesday 22 July
Coolah Friendship Day, 40 players attended and was a great day. The raffle was won by Joy Hancock.

Wednesday 23 July
Muswellbrook Gala Day, P Constable, J Hancock, M Colucio and L Cooper attended. No trophies were brought home but a great day was had by all.

Wednesday 6 August
District Presentation Day, Denman.

Thursday 21 August
Cassilis Friendship Day, names to be placed on the board.

Eva Towler
Entries close:  
18 AUGUST  
AT 12 NOON  

Topic for the month is:  
WORKING DOGS IN ACTION

The winning photo will receive a prize to the value of $50.00 from the monthly sponsor and this month it is sponsored by:

MELALEUKA RURAL SERVICES

What an exciting topic for this month. Working dogs are an important part of farming life. Now it is time to show off man’s best friend as he completes his daily duties.

The same rules apply, with the exception of - the limit of entries per person will be set at 10!

So get your camera out this weekend, take photos of your mate at work and send it in.

Sort through your photos and email them to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages.
Merriwa Tennis Club

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next Tennis Club Meeting will be held at 6.00pm on Tuesday August 5 at the Tennis Club. All members of the community are welcome to attend. Key points for discussion will include the format of the upcoming night competition, strategies to increase player and community participation and an assessment of the condition of the existing lighting hardware and what solutions are available.

OUR 100 CLUB RESULTS

First place: $50.00 - Liam Garment
Second place: $30.00 - Kate Blackadder
Third place: $20.00 - Josh Amidy

Money raised is for purchasing new lights.

PLAY TENNIS!

Nominations for Spring Night Competition (starting early September) will soon be open – register your interest by e-mailing merriwatennis@gmail.com

FACEBOOK

Merriwa Tennis Club is looking for friends. Check us out on Facebook.

Robert Smith

Merriwa Touch Football

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.

The 2013/2014 season turned out to be a great season after is break of a couple of years. Numbers were outstanding and although the team ruling was met with a little confusion, teams embraced the rules creating a great season of family orientated sports.

We thank the outgoing committee in the below positions that will become available:

- President - Tina Taylor
- Vice President - Trent Cooper
- Junior Vice President - Adam Johnston
- Secretary - Barbara Eipper
- Treasurer - Brad Hunt
- Registrar - Tina Taylor and Barbara Eipper
- Grounds man - Andrew Taylor and Chris Murphy
- Junior Teams Coordinator - Amanda Attenborough
- Referee Coordinator - Max McNaught
- Publicity Officer - Tina Taylor

I apologise if there is anyone that I have missed. See you all at the Sports Club on August 6.

Tina Taylor
Community Calendar

What’s happening?

Send your calendar information in before 12 noon
Mondays to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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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!