Variety Night a huge success!

Students from Merriwa Central School busted their moves on Wednesday July 31 in their annual performances. Students showcased their talents for the community extravaganza ‘Around the World’

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SECONDARY

Last Wednesday July 31, our very talented Merriwa Central School students were on stage for our annual Variety Night performance. This year’s theme was ‘Around the World’, and our Secondary students performed, assisted and volunteered their time to ensure the night was a success! Firstly I would like to thank our amazing vocalists and musicians Samantha Owen, Abby Dewson, Tarah Cox, Alkira Tritton, Brandon Forster, Tempany Boland and Tiger Rawlings. Thank you to our dedicated Star Struck dancers Alana Smith, Jasmine Hammond, Tamisyn McNaught, Teianna Taylor, Tamisha Windsor, Paige McConnell, Hanna Byfield, Courtney Gibbons and of course, Mr Eli Kiely.

Our excellent MC’s for the matinee and evening performances Elizabeth Hagley, Matthew Orton and Courtney Gibbons, with special guest comedian James Hagley, kept everyone informed and entertained. Our backstage helpers John Cronin and Hunter Hood worked tirelessly to make sure it all ran smoothly. We also had our Rock Band performers: Elaina and Manda Sormaz, Bailey McNaught, Kyle Mudge, Luke Cronin and Caleb Withers who performed for an audience for the first time and were incredible!

The band should be commended for their hard work these last two terms, giving up their lunch times and afternoons in order to devote themselves to learning and mastering the songs they performed. They produced a quality performance and should be proud of their individual efforts. We look forward to many more amazing performances to come.

A big thankyou also goes to our Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts Students for painting the ‘Around the World’ backdrop. Congratulations everyone for all your hardwork!

Thanks!

Rebecca Hopkins and Patrick Lomax
Principal Report

Last week was a fabulous opportunity to celebrate Education Week. Students, teachers and parents had a wonderful night at our annual Variety Night Concert at the School of Arts. Rehearsals occur for months in the lead up to our concert, and it definitely showed. Our students enjoyed the thrill of performing on stage, and were confident in their presentations. A big thank you to all the staff that made the night so successful, in particular to Mrs West who coordinated the performance. We have had lots of positive feedback on the schools Facebook page.

EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS

Each year during Education Week we recognise the achievements of students, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, community members and school programs. The Merriwa Learning Community of schools – Merriwa Central, Cassilis Public and Sandy Hollow Public held a special presentation on Thursday to recognise achievement across our schools.

Two students were recognised for their leadership and academic achievements, Jamie Constable and Liam Cronin. Mr Chad Grant received an award for quality teaching and his leadership of the ROAR program. Ms Kellie Porter was recognised from our non-teaching staff for her commitment to Horse Sports organisation across the school. Mrs Jane Constable has made a huge contribution to our primary canteen, which has been noticed by students and staff. It was a pleasure to recognise Janes many hours of volunteering during Education Week. The 4C Program was nominated for an Education Week award. The program is coordinated by Mrs Lana Grant and Miss Brianna Hall and promotes self esteem building and goal setting for our female students.

MERRIWA HORSE SPORTS

Merriwa Central School Horse Sports will be held next Monday August 11. The event is extremely popular, and each year places fill very quickly. The number of horses and riders is capped to ensure the safety of all participants. Thank you in advance to all community members who assist to make the day so successful, in particular members of Merriwa Pony Club.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Coming Events

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Primary News
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:** Shawn Smith

**Year 1/2:** Elisha Drury

**Year 2/3:** Alyssa Carroll

**Year 4/5:** Marc Forster (absent)

**Year 5/6:** Nicholas-James Whitby

RESPONSIBLE PET CARE VISIT

Last Friday the students from Kindergarten to Year 3 had a visit from Jackie and her black Labrador, Max. The students learnt about the different body language dogs display when they are scared, happy and angry. We learnt a four step process to keep us safe if an angry dog was to approach us.

1. Stand still
2. Hands down (by your sides)
3. Be quiet as a mouse
4. Look down at the ground. When it is safe walk back slowly.

We sang a song and practised the actions to help us remember the four steps. The students also learnt how to approach a happy dog that is on a lead with its owner.

1. Walk up slowly
2. Ask the owner – May I pat your dog please?
3. Let the dog smell your hand
4. Stroke gently on the back and say thank you.

We practised these steps on Max. He was very happy and friendly. Thank you Jackie and Max for teaching us how to be safe around dogs.

Michelle Willis
Kindergarten Teacher

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Friday 25 students from Years 2 to 6 travelled to Singleton Heights to compete in the Upper Hunter Zone Athletics Carnival. All students showed commitment and sportsmanship to their competitors and each other. They should all be very proud of their efforts. Thank you to all of the parents that assisted with travel and helping out on the day. Without you these opportunities would not be possible.

Alyssa Moore
Sport Coordinator

VARIETY NIGHT

WOW! What an extravaganza! This year’s Variety Night ‘Around the World’ was an amazing success and I am very proud of all the students and teachers involved. Variety Night is a very big school event that takes months and months of planning and preparation. I would like to thank the committee of teachers who worked hard this year to bring it all together as well as the teachers who coordinated performances. All those nights of choosing music, coordinating choreography, sewing costumes and many hours of rehearsals...
have definitely paid off.

A big thank you goes to all the parents who assisted with costume-making and finding props, as well as the families who all shared items of clothing to ensure students looked their best.

Our students have shown they possess amazing performing arts skills with this year’s show including a variety of singing, dancing, character play, comedy and instrumental skills. Not only did they perform their best but they did it with confidence and a big smile. One of my favourite parts of the night is seeing all the students come off stage after their performance with a huge smile on their face and they tell me how much fun they had.

This year we followed a new format and invited some audience members along to watch the formal dress rehearsal on the Wednesday. Students from our Secondary campus and St Joseph’s Primary School attended during the day to watch as we prepared for the night performance. We must have practised very well as the rehearsal went very smoothly and was almost a concert performance on its own! Thank you for coming along and helping us get used to having an audience. We hope you enjoyed the show!

Two other new highlights this year were our new school band and our sound and lighting technician, Brendon Vitiello. Brendon volunteered his time to help with the show this year and was amazing to work with. We are extremely grateful for the time and effort he put in to giving us a professional looking performance. Our band has been a huge winner with the crowd – especially the primary students. Led by Mr Lomax the secondary performers worked very hard to learn how to perform their songs as well as how to work as a group on the stage. We look forward to seeing the school band again next year!

Thank you to all the people in town who have spoken to me to let me know how much they loved the show. Everyone I have spoken to has told me it was the best show they have seen yet. I am so happy to hear how proud families are of the children and of the school.

Some comments from students:

“I just feel so alive!” – David McPhie, Year 2/3

“I’m so excited!” – Elisha Drury, Year 1/2

“The band was so cool, I loved the drums!” – Dylan Keane, Year 1/2
On July 23 and 24, several Secondary students represented the School and the Upper Hunter Zone team at the Hunter Region Athletics event. It was held at the Hunter Sports Centre, in Glendale.

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At Merriwa Central School there have also been some exciting happenings in the science classrooms.

In Year 7 and 7/8 classes, students have been learning a range of scientific skills and developing the foundations to continue their quest of understanding the universe around us and are currently learning about cells and microscopic organisms.

Year 10 are learning about chemical energy and how we use it to maintain our modern lifestyles.

In senior years, Year 11 Chemistry is learning about energy and combustion, Year 11 Senior Science is learning about plants, Year 12 Chemistry are becoming forensic chemists in their final topic for their HSC course and lastly Year 12 Senior Science have been delving into the depths of space and learning about how astronauts maintain their health whilst living in a weightless environment.

As Term 3 continues, Year 10 will soon be selecting the subjects that they will study for their final two years at school and hopefully there are a few budding scientists amongst them.

As you can see there is a lot on offer for students to achieve and expand their knowledge in science at Merriwa Central School.

Lana Grant

REGIONAL ATHLETICS SPORTS REPORT

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On Wednesday, Courtney Eveleigh participated in the Shot Put event against a large field of competitors. Her best throw was 9.00 metres exactly. On Thursday, she then competed in the
14 girls Discus event. She was quietly pleased with her throw, which was over 21 metres. This performance placed her in seventh position – which is a fine result. She reported “It was an excellent experience to be at the Regional carnival.”

Billie-Jane Hoole, in Year 11, injured her knee whilst competing in the 400m and is still disappointed by this. She is hoping to train more consistently next year in order to get back on the track and performing to her best ability.

Dimity Parker, in Year 10, competed on Thursday in the 16 years Shot Put. This is for the third year in a row. She finished in a credible fourth position (but unfortunately she can not remember her throw’s distance!) She reported that she was pleased with most of her throws.

Year 8 student, Elaina Sormaz competed in the Discus event for 14 year olds girls and throw a distance of just over 20 metres and placed in eighth. She also competed in Long Jump on Thursday, with her best jump was over four metres. And her last event was the 800 metres run and she place around about eighth out of 16 girls. She enthusiastically said “it was a pleasure and a great experience to compete against a talented group of girls.”

Year 7 student Ben Keane has a busy time at the athletics event as well. He finished in fourth position in his 1500m event (and he, too, is a reserve for NSW ChS). This is fantastic result for the youngest member of our team. He also competed in the High Jump. He cleared 1.50m and finished sixth place. He was a little disappointed with his High Jump result because he felt tired from his races. However, I think he should be very happy for representing the school and our zone so well. Who knows what Ben is capable of next year?

Once again, I think you would have to agree that our team of athletes are small in number however “punching above our weight” in competing against some big high schools. Our students should be very proud of their results – as the school is of them.

My hope is we can build on this team’s performances next year and my gratitude goes to their parents for enabling them to experience a great Athletic occasion.

Alison King
Sports Coordinator

NEW CAREER EVENTS

Bachelor of Business Scholarship 2015 - Macleay College is now accepting entries for its annual Bachelor of Business Scholarship valued at $25,800, which is one year of fees. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates outstanding skills in Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Public Relations or Event Management. For more information please visit: https://www.macleay.edu.au/future-students/scholarships-financial-assistance

Three x International Student Scholarships Worth 1-Year of Tuition Fees - for any bachelor degree offered by Billy Blue College of Design or William Blue College of Hospitality. These scholarships are offered exclusively by ACIC, which look after international students, to the three most suitable students. On how to apply, please contact ACIC on 92863799 or email info@acic.com.au

Nursing and Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship and Support Scheme Closes 15 September - Up to $5,000 per year (full time),

Favourite Subject: Ag and Ancient History
Extra-Curricular activities: Helping mum with many chickens
Future Goals: Going to university
Year Advisor’s Comment: Ayesha continues to work to the best of her ability and is always a polite and courteous young lady. She is obviously well liked by her teachers and deserves to be student of the week. Ayesha is planning on completing her HSC in 2015 and then go on to University. Well done Ayesha, keep up the good work.

Lana Grant
Year Advisor

Student of the Week
Ayesha Kiely
Year 11
Why I want to be in ROAR? To help me with my fitness
What is my favourite subject: Ag
What is my favourite sport? Rugby League
What is my favourite team? Manly Sea Eagles
Favourite Player: Matt Ballan
Best Sporting Achievement: Winning our first game of cricket
Who inspires you and Why: My family because they are always proud of me
Advice to young players: Try your hardest and never give up.
Literacy learning has been a major focus of St Joseph’s School this year. The teachers have implemented the new English syllabus very well. Funding provided through the State Action Plan and school funds have enabled us to work with all classes on a regular basis to support the teachers in raising the literacy skills of all students. The school has also used its own funds to increase the number of Learning Support Assistant hours, to enable a variety of special programs to be delivered to targeted students who have not reached their expected levels. We are seeing some very pleasing results.

We would love to expand this work further and are calling on volunteers to help in the classes with reading. All instructions will be very clearly given to anyone who is able to help us. Please contact the school if you think you are able to help or if you know a generous community member who would suit this task. Thank you to those who already volunteer at the school.

It’s not OK to be away: We remind parents that school should be a priority for your child. The gift of a good education can not be underestimated. The government requires every student to attend school every day unless they are sick or there is a very good reason not to attend on occasion. There was an interesting article in Sunday’s Sun Herald on this very topic. It was stated in the article that the attendance habits as early as Year 1 tend to determine the habits in later years. It also stated that even one day missed from school has a negative effect on learning.

Rise for Alex Day at St Joseph’s Merriwa saw the students wearing team colours to mark a special day of prayer celebrated throughout the Catholic schools in the diocese. This day coincided with the fundraiser held in honour of former St Mary’s Scone/St Joseph’s Aberdeen student and Knights football player Alex McKinnon who suffered spinal injuries playing football. We held a special prayer service in honour of Alex and all others who have suffered serious injury through accidents.

Looking for registered casual teachers, learning support assistants, office assistants and library assistants. On occasion we need to employ casual staff to fill the abovementioned positions. To ensure that anyone employed in the school has appropriate child protection screening, I must employ people who have registered with the Catholic Schools Office. If you would like to be considered for any of these casual positions as they become available, please seek registration information at http://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/employment/applications-registration or phone the Catholic Schools Office on 0249791200.

Anzac Centenary Commemorations and Ringing of the World Peace Bell:- On 4 August 2014 the world marked the centenary of the declaration of war on Germany by Britain, committing Australia to involvement in the First World War. To commemorate both the beginning of Australia’s involvement in the First World War and the Cowra Breakout, the World Peace Bell was rung at Cowra on Monday 4 August. Our school commemorated this significant event at 11.00am on 4 August as the bells were rung at this time and a small remembrance was held.

Thank you to the parents who were able to supply cooking for the parish street stall last Friday. The stall was a great success.

The school chooks are back and delighting the students with their playground antics. Thank you to the families who have taken on the weekend responsibility of looking after the chooks.

Is your child bored at lunch time? Does he/she have trouble making friends? Does he/she have difficulty working out conflicts in the playground?

These issues are a normal part of school life and we work hard at school to give the children the opportunities to learn the necessary social skills needed to solve these problems. The playground is a very fertile learning environment for the students. This is the place where social skills are learned, where turn taking and fairness is negotiated and imagination runs wild. This term we are offering an assortment of extra activities during the lunchtimes. The children are encouraged to sign up for at least one activity each week. The sessions provide fun and interest for the students and also allow the teachers to work on social skill development at the same time. The activities below are just some on offer at present.
Gardening is a regular lunchtime activity being offered this term. The vegie gardens were planted several times during the last few months by a keen gardening parent. The fruits of the hard labour were put to good use by Mrs Kerr and a team of keen student garden-cooks as they made mini quiches for all the school to enjoy.

Board games are also on the lunch time agenda with Mrs Ninness

Drawing classes with Mrs Collins

Mr Morris is challenging the students with debating classes

Mrs Whale is playing chess with the students

Miss Farrow is conducting science experiments

Mrs Peebles is playing card games

Talk to your child about what they have signed up for this term and if they haven’t signed up yet – encourage them to do so.

SPECIAL CONVENT WORKING BEE

P&F president Dermot Shannon is hosting a special working bee at the convent this Sunday August 10 after Mass at 9.30. We welcome any parents, parishioners and community members who can help in any way.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS FOR WEEK 3:

Kindergarten - Claudia Patterson for being an outstanding member of our class

Ellie Holland - for her keen interest in the weather

Years 1/2 - Phoenix Dening - extra effort to complete work at home

Riley Telfer - great thinking in visual literacy activity

Years 3/4 - Nicholas Morgan - for his excellent work in subtraction with borrowing

Will Henderson - great skills in addition with trading
STUDENT OF THE WEEK – ISABELLE

Isabelle has been awarded the title of student of the week for doing her best classroom work last week including some quality descriptive writing and working hard to complete hands on Maths activities on arrays. She was more respectful to herself and to others, coming to school looking neat and tidy and keeping tidy all day. Isabelle also worked well with others both in the classroom and in the playground, remembering to use her manners and cooperating well with all students, not only her closest friends.

Congratulations and keep up the wonderful work, Isabelle!

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

What is your favourite food? Pancakes

What job/work would you like when you are older? Hairdressing

Apart from your family, who is one of your role models and why? Sarah, because she helps me play basketball

If you were given $100, what would you buy? Anything I like … inkoos

What is one thing that people may not know about you? I like to sing and play with Kaelyn.

FROM MRS GRINHAM’S DESK

Our open day on Monday was a great success and it was fabulous to see so many parents and friends enjoying our school. The captains looked very smart in their school blazers, and really showed off the school motto – Strive with Pride.

I was very impressed with the way all children delivered their presentations and showed how students at Cassilis public School will light the way to a better world.

It is encouraging to see students thinking about their future and ways to improve the world.

This week we have been practising for the zone athletics carnival and I wish all the competitors the best of luck. Do your best and have fun!
EVERY DAY IS IMPORTANT
TIPS FOR PARENTS

• Sports days are an important part of a child’s education. Help your child/children develop a positive attitude to sport and encourage them to participate in the sporting activities. You could attend these activities to help encourage them.

• School excursions are organized to enhance learning activities in the classroom. Even if your child has been to the particular place the students are going, the focus of the school excursion will be on specific areas related to the curriculum.

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

EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS
Congratulations to the following people who were formally recognised at the Education Week awards ceremony held in Merriwa last week. We appreciate the contributions they make to our school.

Student – Jackson Stair – Excellence in mathematics and sporting achievement at region and state level

Non Teaching Staff – Adam Stair – Demonstrated initiative in his role as general assistant

Community – Glen and Michelle Walker – Ongoing commitment to the School’s steer program

Antony and Katie Thompson – Outstanding contributions towards fundraising for school programs

School Program award – Sandy Hollow Sports Program – Offering a wide variety of sporting opportunities K-6, leading to achievement at region and state level.

Don’t forget, we will be holding our own Education Week assembly this Friday, starting at 9.15am. Class awards, worker of the week awards, sportsperson of the week and student of the week awards will be given out, then we will listen to the finalist of our annual public speaking competition. All parents and community members are most welcome to come along and join us.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the public speaking finals:

Kindergarten – Harry Thompson and Isabelle Pike

Year 1 – Lucas Stair and Riley Borradaile

Year 2 – Cambell Hinze and Matthew Allen

Year 3 – Natasha Marsh and Nicholas Terrell

Year 4 – William Stair and Sam Thompson

Year 5 – Abby Cooper and Amy Thompson

Year 6 – Olivia McLean and Jackson Stair.

DRUMMING WORKSHOP
All students participated in their second drumming workshop with Isabella Berrigan this week. Everyone is having a great time revising skills learnt last year and learning new skills this year. The older students have been learning

ARTIST WANTED!
Sandy Hollow Public School

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new drumming patterns using Nigerian phonetic language. This has been quite a challenge, but quite fun.

**PRINCIPAL’S NETWORK MEETING**

Last Friday, I attended a Principal’s Network meeting at Quirindi High School. I had the pleasure of listening to a School Director, a primary principal and a secondary principal from Finland, speak about their schooling system. It was interesting to note that while a lot of things were done differently, there were some commonalities between our two systems of schooling. Their schools are all public (very few private schools) and are administered at a local level. They run a flexible timetable, where primary students attend school for 20 hours per week, with varied starting times according to the timetable. Students not being required to wear a uniform caused a bit of a stir amongst the audience. While all students learn the same subjects as students do in Australia, students in Finland learn to speak English from Year 1 and then from Year 4 onwards they also learn either German or French. The three speakers were quite passionate about their roles and very proud of their schools. It was a privilege to listen to their stories.

I also had the opportunity to listen to the principal from The Junction public school speak about her journey using the new planning tool that is about to come into effect. All schools will be required to use this tool when devising strategic management plans. The new tool allows for the strategic plan to be more closely aligned with the school’s budget and has an inbuilt, rigorous review system to ensure that the school is working towards the set goals. I will speak further about this at the next P and C meeting.

**L3 TRAINING**

This Thursday, Ms Bullock and Ms Higgins will have their reading and writing lesson observed by their L3 trainer. They will then travel to Scone for a training session. Ms Higgins will be replaced by Wendy Johnson.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Jackson Stair - outstanding effort in independent problem solving tasks.

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

Jackson Stair - contributions to class discussion in English

Abby Cooper - application in all areas

Hunter Marsh - being a good sport

William Stair - trying hard in mathematics

Steven Allen - demonstrating good measuring skills

Isabelle Pike - working well in all areas.

**WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

K/1/2 - Lucas Stair and Kayden Adams.

3/4/5/6 - Codi Marsh, Katie Pike, Isabella Wallace and Josh Wilkins.

**SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK**

Harry Thompson

**Principal**

Christina Darlington

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There’s a sure way to get a group of boys to do cognitive work and that is to add a vehicle into the mix.

We were lucky enough to recently receive a donation of a large floor puzzle which includes a long alphabet and number train. “How do you fix this up?” asked Zac as he joined Oliver and Thomas at the activity. I quickly provided our foundation writing list and related it to the puzzle. We also compared the order of the letters to the alphabet pictures provided, pointing out the differences between upper and lower case letters. Searching for the right piece among many, in itself was a lesson in resilience and team work. Soon the shape and pictures along the long puzzle began to provide clues to the group about what was next. They became much more confident as the activity progressed, needing less intervention to achieve success.

We discussed the care we needed to place the puzzle pieces and the special technique of lifting and placing the piece into the other piece. It was a little disappointing for the friends that blunt force would not suffice. During the exercise we continuously updated which letter we needed next by going through the alphabet. It was a great opportunity to expose and reinforce this learning. Once the train was deemed close enough to complete, it was soon pulling out of the station and going for a tour of the room. Zac followed Thomas and Oliver to farm play with a loud “Toot, Toot”.

This past week a note has gone out to some families on our older days regarding ways to support your child to build confidence in the Pre-School setting by performing a short and positive farewell in the morning. Speak confidently about the day ahead and routines before arrival, priming your child for what is expected. Adults in the room for a sustained period impacts on other families, children and staff. Now that we are in the second part of the year, it is part of our school readiness strategies that those especially in the year before school, adjust to a brief and effective farewell.

Please be advised that we have installed video cameras at both entry gates at the Pre-School and Activity Centre. This is to enable us to monitor and record people entering and exiting the service, 24 hrs a day. Please be advised that to collect children from the service you need to be an authorised person.

The Music Bus is visiting our Pre-School on Friday August 15 - If your child attends Friday, you just need to return the permission note and we will include this experience as part of our usual Pre-School day. If your child attends on any other day they will be provided with a ticket to visit the Music Bus and may attend with their parent or guardian at 3.00pm on Friday. The music bus only tours this area every three years so it is a great opportunity to enjoy. Don’t forget your tickets to board the bus.

School photos are on August 13 and 14, please find your envelope in your pigeon hole and return by Friday if possible.

Leah Folpp
Director
On May 11 1968 the club was presented with its charter at a dinner at the School of Arts, attended by 125 guests. Charter members were inducted.

The first president of our club was Gordon Humphries with Gordon Maurice and Ivor Peebles as the inaugural secretary and treasurer. The club had eleven members.

Mark Smith

Dr Noman Jawaad Medical Practice

Our hours currently are:

**MERRIWA**
Dr Jawaad works Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm
Dr Cho works Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm

**DENMAN**
Dr Jawaad works Tuesday 8.30 to 6.00pm and Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm
Dr Cho works Monday 8.00am to 5.00pm
For all appointments for Merriwa and Denman please phone 6532 5013.

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

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

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

**St Anne’s Parish**

Many thanks to all who supported St Anne’s Street Stall.

**Winners of the 100 club were:**
*First* - Edie Shipway,
*Second* - Loretta Cooper, *Third* - Barwick Boys

**Raffle winners were:**

St Anne’s Parish Pastoral Team

Jane Smith, Kay Burgess, Phil Constable

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa Rotary

By the time this edition of the Ringer goes to press, our club will have presented the Rotary Road Whyz program to senior students at the Central School as well as having an official welcoming night for our exchange student guest from New Zealand, Emma Hunter.

We look forward to giving reports on both events in the next edition of the Ringer.

On August 9, we are scheduled to welcome our 12 month exchange student from Germany, Clara Piefke.

FROM OUR HISTORY......

Rotary in Merriwa was launched in 1968 following meetings between the District Governor at the time, Harold Cornally and Peter Pietriche of Merriwa. The first meeting was held at the Royal Hotel in February 1968 with the Rotary Club of Scone as the sponsor club.
Community Notice Board

With Thanks

NOEL MEDD

The family of the late Noel Medd wish to extend our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses and for the condolences and support that we have received.

We also send our gratitude and appreciation to the Merriwa Hospital staff, Dr Jawaad and Rev. Pat Kirby.

The donations we received in lieu of flowers has been sent to the Cure for Brain Cancer Foundation.

The Medd family

With Thanks

BARRY DAVID SCOTT

MAY 7, 1939 TO MAY 22, 2014

Marie, Michelle, Katrina, Kylie and families sincerely thank the Merriwa Community and surrounding districts for the overwhelming love, support, cards, flowers, and nourishments given to them after the tragic loss of their husband, father and grandpa. The outpouring of tributes has been both comforting and humbling to us and we will always cherish your thoughts and prayers.

To Rev. Father John Tobin, Muswellbrook Funeral Services, Road and Air Ambulances, and Staff at The John Hunter Hospital, we say thank you for the respect and dignity that you all afforded to Barry on the day of his accident and the Funeral Service.

We have received hundreds of condolence messages for which we could not possibly personally respond to, could you please accept this as our grateful thanks and may God bless each and every one of you.

With love

Marie, Michelle, Katrina, Kylie (Scott) and families

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of a true friend

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St David’s Uniting Donations

Last week the treasurer of St David’s Uniting Church, Mel Googe presented Kara Allison, representing the Little Sprouts programme with a cheque for $545.00.

Each year St David’s conduct a sausage sizzle stall at the annual Christmas carols in the park event held in Merriwa. Each year the church donates the proceeds from the stall to a local community organisation. In 2013 the church decided to support the Little Sprouts. With the Little Sprouts Reading Programme scheduled to occur in the near future, we hope this donation will assist in this worthwhile reading programme for the children of the Merriwa district.

With kind regards,

Peter Campbell
Chairman

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The Merriwa Community News is available to charity groups or non-funded, not for profit organisations and anyone wishing to advise of a special event (birthday/anniversary/etc). If you would like to make use of this free service, please contact us prior to 12.00pm Mondays.
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.

Elaine Sparrow

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary AGM

Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes

“Christmas” sounds a time away but it’s really only five months!

These Christmas boxes are available now if anyone would like to get an early start and catch some of the “specials” available on items to fill them.

Closing date for the return of the boxes is the first week in October.

Boxes are available from Barbara Campbell phone 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131. Carol Bowman is away at present but on her return, will be the contact.

Samaritans Purse organises the distribution of the boxes to children in under developed countries, and maybe be the only gift these children have or will receive in their life time. To see the joy on the faces of the children - “something for me”- is a sight to melt any heart.

Barbara Campbell

Merriwa Campdraft AGM

When: Wednesday October 15
Time: 7.30pm
Where: Merriwa RSL Club

All positions will be declared open.

Megan Richards

Merriwa Cricket Club AGM

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

All positions will be declared open.

Kate Blackadder

Merriwa 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

Independent Living Units

The Upper Hunter Shire Council currently has one vacancy at the Independent Living Units in Vennacher Street and is taking the opportunity to update the waiting list.

The units comprise of one bedroom with combined ensuite and laundry, and an open plan kitchen and living area. The units are specifically aimed at providing safe, comfortable and affordable housing to people aged 55 years and over, or people with a disability.

Vacancies are filled based on a criteria of need. If you are interested in being added to the waiting list or would like further information about the units please contact Phoebe Richard at the Upper Hunter Shire Council Merriwa Office on 6521 7000.

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Edith Shipway
On Tuesday Night, Emma and April gave wonderful speeches at Rotary, about their Exchange experience. It was great to see that they have enjoyed their experiences and were able to share them so well.

NEW RANGE

I know I spoke about these last week, but they are really, really cool! This is a range of make it yourself beanies, cushions, aprons, handbags, coin purses and more. They are designed so that you do not have to buy anything else; EVERYTHING is included in the kits. They are especially great as a way to pass on a great skill to your kids and grandkids. There are great little animals to crochet; there are little teddies and angels to felt- teaching fun sewing skills. The pattern that each product comes with is great as it can be re-used over and over. Get one before it is too late!

LOCAL CELEBRITIES

The current Wool Issue of Country Living has a wonderful article about a local family. Tony and Anne Bishop are showcased in this issue as artists and writers who have shared their shared love of words, nature, the land and art with the world through a series of books. It is wonderful to see that local talents can shine and be showcased to a wider audience.

FATHER’S DAY

I know, I know, it is only the start of August! However, Father’s Day is coming and it will sneak up quickly. We have a great range of cards in and there is one for every kind of dad, husband and grandfather. To go in these great and appropriate cards we have a great range of gift cards for many of dad’s favourite places and things, including- BCF, The Good Guys, Cellarmasters, Rebel Sport, Sanity and Red Balloon Experiences to name a few. It is a one-stop shop for a father’s Day gift and card... PERFECT!

INK JETS

We have a wide range of ink jets available in-store. It is impossible to keep every different one in stock, but if we don’t have it on the shelf, we can get it. We have some great prices on our ink jets right now, so to find out more, come in and pick up our current OFFICEsmart Catalogue. The prices are valid until the end of September. Some of the ink jets on special are HP - 02, 21, 22, 564, 564XL, 60, 60XL, 61, 940XL, Brother LC- 37, 39, 47, 57, 67. Epson T0491-6, T0561-4, T1111-6, T1331-4, Canon BCI-3e, BCI-6, CL-41, PG-40, and so many more. Stock up now, while prices last.

BABIES

If you have a young baby who has trouble going to sleep (or you know someone who does), we have the perfect range of CDs to fix this. It is all of our favourite artists put to lullaby music, and before you scoff at it, it really does work and it is still recognisable as your favourite artist. There is Lady Gaga, Rhianna, Pink, Katy Perry, and more. Try it out today.

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

Cash or Eftpos only!

Neville and Leanne Hook

Merriwa Auto Electrical

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 8.30am-5.30pm
Saturday 9.00am - 12noon

AIR CONDITIONING

Did you know we are fully licenced and have the knowledge and expertise to service your automotive air conditioning?

Agricultural machinery can be driven to our workshop or we’ll come to you! Cars, Trucks, Tractors

LIGHT BARS

We sell Good quality Light Bars and LED Work Lights. Even if you buy elsewhere we can still wire it up professionally for you. If your headlights are dull there may be another option

CORDLESS PHONES

We have Uniden Cordless Phones, a selection of batteries and phone accessories.

Your welcome to drop in at 30 Bow St, Merriwa or phone us on 6548 2114.

Michael and Sally Hagley
Woolbrook Rural Industries

Other sources of both truth and legend in the American Old West were the numerous outlaw gangs which roamed the (mostly) western two thirds of the USA from about 1860 to about 1900, robbing banks, trains, stage coaches and ordinary citizens, stealing cattle and/or horses, indeed committing any profitable illegality. Eventually changing circumstances, including greatly increased communication thanks to the newly invented telegraph system, the extension of railroads giving the ability to move law enforcers around much quickly, and the appearance of the motor car, made life more and more difficult for these outlaws till they eventually disappeared in favour of more sophisticated robbers, but more of that later. The members of these gangs varied greatly from cold blooded thuggish killers to others who, at least by the standards of the day, were reasonably civilized. As an example of each of these I have chosen, for the former, the James brothers and their murderous henchmen, and for the latter the so-called “Wild Bunch” led by Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, since in spite of many unlawful but still successful activities the Wild Bunch appear to have actually injured very few, and never to have killed anyone. The US banking system at the time, at least in those western areas, was often different to that of Australia where we have always tended to favour comparatively big city banks with branches in towns. Thus, if an Australian bank got itself into serious trouble, which has happened occasionally, there was and still is a tendency for one of the larger banks to take it over without loss to the depositors or shareholders of the failed bank to avoid as far as possible any injury to the reputation of the banking industry as a whole. However, in the USA it was all rather less controlled and more haphazard, and the local bank was often founded and owned, or partly owned, by a local business man or men who accepted deposits and granted loans in the normal fashion. This meant such US banks could fail completely due to a variety of factors including bad management, dishonesty, seasonal conditions and cattle prices. It also meant that if the bank was robbed and the thieves got away with a large quantity of loot it could be a very serious matter for local depositors, and also for the town as a whole.

The US state of Missouri is situated, when traveling east to west, roughly one third of the distance from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, and when traveling north to south, slightly more than half way between the Canadian border and the Gulf of Mexico, and immediately north of the Mason-Dixon line. George Stephenson had invented the steam locomotive in 1830 and by 1860 the Americans were busy building railways in eastern USA including from the Atlantic to Missouri. When Lincoln signed the authority to build the American transcontinental railway in 1863, Missouri was the eastern starting point for that giant project which was completed in 1869. In February 1866 in the town of Liberty, Missouri, which is so close to the Kansas border that today it is little more than a suburb of Kansas City, the James Brothers gang perpetrated the first serious daylight bank hold up in US history and it was very successful. The two brothers and some ten henchmen left with about $60,000, a huge amount in those days, probably $6 million or more in today’s money. They managed the robbery itself without hurting anybody seriously, however as they galloped out of town afterwards they unnecessarily showed their true colours by shooting dead a passerby who was innocent to the extent that he did not even know a robbery had taken place.

I am reminded of the first time a modern day bank holdup took place in Australia, during the 1950s as I recall. The NSW police moved heaven and earth to catch the robbers for fear the idea would catch on, but to no avail; indeed such bank holdups became quite frequent (we even had a rather comical one at the National Bank in Merriwa). Eventually various safety measures taken by banks (such as instant popup safety screens) and the police forced would-be robbers to shift their attentions to easier targets including building societies, newsagents, petrol stations and similar. The outraged and perhaps desperate Liberty citizens organized a posse to pursue the gang through both Missouri and Kansas, but a blizzard soon forced its members to return home empty handed. The James brothers had recently served in the Confederate army with Quantrill’s Raiders and had received much experience in what we might today call guerrilla warfare. On one occasion the murderous Quantrill had, with 400 other killers, executed much of the male population of Lawrence, Kansas, and then burnt the town to the ground. Later they had served under another murderer, “Bloody Bill” Anderson, also notorious for his merciless and bloodthirsty Confederate Civil War raids. The brothers, who were now living on a rather derelict farm owned by their widowed mother not far from Liberty, carried out a total of at least 25 robberies of banks, trains and stage coaches over about 15 years. They soon had many imitators, though none so successful, and incredibly it was about four years, and not till after their sixth bank robbery, that a bookish Frank and a wild Jesse were finally revealed for the criminals they were.

Max Wurcker
Merriwa Ringer
To encourage the uptake of breastfeeding, World Breastfeeding Week is held every August. This year it is from August 1–7 and the theme is ‘Breastfeeding: A Winning Goal - for Life!’ The theme asserts the importance of increasing and sustaining the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding.

The rate of breastfeeding is a worldwide issue. On May 1, 2012, UNICEF issued a statement of concern about the major declines in breastfeeding rates across East Asia in relation to deteriorating infant and child health. One of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) project goals is to reduce child mortality. It has been reported in 65% of the world’s infant population aged one year or less, only 35% are exclusively breastfed between birth and four months of age.

The objectives of World Breastfeeding Week 2014 are:

• To inform people about the MDGs and how they relate to breastfeeding and infant and young child feeding.
• To showcase the progress made so far and the key gaps in breastfeeding and infant and young child feeding.
• To call attention to the importance of stepping up actions to protect, promote and support breastfeeding as a key intervention in the MDGs.

To stimulate interest among young people of both genders to see the relevance of breastfeeding in today’s changing world.

The benefits of breastfeeding are well known. The Australian Breastfeeding Association (https://www.breastfeeding.asn.au/) outlines why breastfeeding is important. Breast milk:

• Is designed by nature for human infants
• Is a complete food containing all your baby’s nutritional needs for the first 6 months of life
• Satisfies both hunger and thirst; extra water is not needed

Increases a baby’s resistance to infection and disease

For mothers, breast milk:

• Is convenient, cheap and always available
• Is always fresh, clean and safe
• Quickly soothes a fussy, unhappy baby
• Helps the uterus return to its normal size after childbirth
• Reduces the risk of cancer of the breast and ovaries
• Helps create a close and loving bond between mother and baby

Breastfeeding, however, is not always easy. Some women have concerns and issues with breastfeeding, and most women need support to establish and continue breastfeeding.

Your local pharmacy is your health destination and can help by providing advice and counselling on breastfeeding and associated issues.

It is important to tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are breastfeeding when talking with them about any health concerns or medicines. You should also ask a doctor or pharmacist or phone a medicines helpline for advice before using any medicines while breastfeeding.

Medicines and other substances used by a breastfeeding mother may pass through breast milk to the baby. This includes prescription and non-prescription medicines, herbal medicines, alcohol, nicotine, caffeine and illicit drugs. Health authorities advise breastfeeding mothers to avoid social and recreational drugs, limit their use of non-prescription medicines, alcohol and caffeine and stop smoking. Both nicotine and cigarette smoke have serious effects on babies.

Your local pharmacy is the source for all your breastfeeding products including nipple creams, nipple shields, nursing pads and feeding equipment for expressed breast milk.

In addition, your local Self Care pharmacy has the Self Care Fact Card – Medicines and Breastfeeding – to help.

Robert Smith
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Max’s Country Cuts – Buying Local
Supporting Local
Employing Local

Support the butcher that’s support Merriwa

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
LANCASHIRE HOT POT

Preparation time: 20 Minutes
Cooking: 2 hours
Serves: 8

- 8 Lamb forequarter chops
- ¼ cup plain flour
- 45grams of dripping or butter
- 2 large brown onion sliced
- 2 sticks of celery chopped
- 1 large parsnip peeled & sliced
- 1½ cups chicken or beef stock
- 200grams mushrooms sliced
- ½ teasp white pepper
- Salt to taste
- 2 teasp dried mixed herbs
- 1tablesp of Worcestershire sauce
- 4 medium old potatoes peeled and thinly sliced

1. Preheat oven to moderately slow 160c. Brush a large 6-cup capacity heatproof casserole dish with melted butter or oil. Trim excess fat and sinew. Place flour in a plastic bag and toss chops in flour to coat thoroughly. Shake off excess and reserve for later use. Heat dripping or butter in frying pan. Add chops, cook until both sides are brown. Remove chops, place in casserole dish

2. Add onion, celery and parsnip to pan, cook until slightly softened. Place mixture on top of chops in dish

3. Sprinkle reserved flour over base of pan and cook, stirring until dark brown. Gradually pour in stock and stir until mixture comes to a boil. Add mushrooms, pepper, salt, herbs and worcestershire sauce, simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and pour over chops

4. Place over lapping slices of potatoes on top to completely cover the meat and vegetables. Cover casserole dish and place in preheated oven. Cook for another 30 minutes or until potatoes are brown and crisp.

Lancashire Hot Pot: A warming stew of lamb, onions and potatoes, topped with a crust of over lapping potato slices. It originally also contained mushrooms and oysters and was cooked in a special earthenware pot.

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

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Opening hours are 9.00am - 11.00am, dates for August are:
Saturday 9/8/14 – Closed
Saturday 16/8/14 – Open
Saturday 23/8/14 – Closed
Saturday 30/8/14 – Open

MALTESERS ARE BACK!
Grab a quick chocolate fix for $2.50 when you at the Post Office to pay your bills, deposit or withdraw money, send your parcels/letters plus many more services that your local Post Office provides.

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

CATALOGUE SPECIAL
The current Australia Post catalogue offers a great discount on a 9” portable DVD player with swivel screen and built in USB and SD card slot. Comes with car charger and remote control for only $59.99, RRP $99.99. Two in store now. Sale ends on 10/8/14.

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.

Kellie Walker and Kylie Austin

Yoga is the only fitness regime that can tone and balance the whole of you.

Whatever you do, that thing that you do, unbalances you!

• Riders’ hands can get tight and stiff, shoulders up and stressed
• A violinist, one shoulder up, neck and chin pulled down to hold the violin
• Golfers tense up before a swing, hips and butt tight and skew
• A ballerina with toes turned out, twists the top of her femur in its cradling hip socket
• A mum, with babe on hip, one hip always higher than the other. Her back aches
• The driver, looking forward, slightly craning, feels his head heavy as it is way forward of his shoulders
• The office worker, concerned about a deadline, sitting badly, shoulders tense, chin forward. And later, tired after a busy day thinking in his head, slumps in front of his tv.

Even the athlete: he aims to get a goal, to score, to hit the ball just right, to swim further, run farther, jump higher. And in a mindless moment of imbalance and vulnerability trips, falls or hurts himself some other way.

Everything we do, whether physically or mentally unbalances us.

YOGA IS A BALANCER.

Working through the poses, you can stretch, strengthen, tone and regenerate every part of your body.

In life you may lead with your right hand. In yoga you do a pose to the right and then mirror it to the left. A good teacher (or a big mirror) will tell you when you are working more on one side or another.

Men tend to have good upper body strength, but be tight, women have more lower body strength and be more flexible. Working through the poses the tightnesses become evident and over time can gently loosen up. The weaker arms and shoulders are strengthened with weight-bearing poses and movements. This builds bone mass to protect against osteoporosis. A mixture of forward bends lengthen hamstrings evenly and individually. The feet become mobile and strong to support both stability and movement, the hands open out.
And crucially the mind is focusing only on the movement of the moment. Not on an outcome, or hope of glory or achievement. You learn and practice what it is to be present in your own body at each present moment. To feel the gentle but determined changes as your limbs and body move from attitude to attitude, without self consciousness but full consciousness of self.

Whatever imbalances your life induces, in mind, heart and body, yoga will balance it out, leaving you calmer, poised, centred and grounded; ready to perform well in your next challenge.

Stretch, relax and de-stress at Merriwa School of Arts Lyengar Yoga suitable for all ages and all levels of experience and expertise.

When: Saturdays August 9 - September 20
Time: 3.00-4.30pm
Cost: $15.00 per class for the course or $18.00 for a single class.

Private bespoke classes also available!
For more details call or text Dinah at 0498 751 460.

Dinah Facius
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 14 August 2014.

DA No: 135/2014
Applicant: I & L Gant
Location: Lot 4 DP 65482
16 Buccleugh Street Cassilis
Proposal: Demolition and replacement of existing building

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

MERRIWA RINGER

AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE

Development & Environmental Services Committee
Tuesday 12th August 2014, 10.00am
Works & Technical Services Committee
Tuesday 12th August 2014, 1.00pm
Community and Youth Services Committee
Tuesday 12th August 2014, 4.00pm
Finance Committee
Friday 22nd August 2014, 1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meetings
Monday 25th August 2014, 5.00pm

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

I NEED A NEW HOME.

My name is Charlie, and I am a 12 month old small terrier cross. I do not eat a lot of food and I am very friendly and like to run and play. One minute I had a family but now I am at the Merriwa Pound. I just want to make my new owners happy and go on walks, play games and if you want I would be honoured to sit on your lap to keep your legs warm.

I am not micro chipped or registered, but the nice man at the Pound can help you with this.

Please, will you be my new parents? I look forward to meeting you soon.

P: James Binks 6521 7000

Merriwa Ringer
THE HUNT HAS BEEN EXTENDED

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 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.

GUMMUN PLACE HOSTEL STREET STALL

Thank you to all those who supported the recent Gummun Place Hostel Street Stall.
The winners of the raffle were:
1st Prize - $50 Voucher donated by the Royal Hotel - Joe Shepard
2nd Prize - Crochet Rug - Max Jarratt
3rd Prize - Placemat Set donated by McConnell's This 'n' That - Anna Gill

The winners of the 100 club were:
1st Prize - Jan Shean
2nd Prize - Karen Walmsley
3rd Prize - Joan Wilson

NEED A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE?

A Justice of the Peace is available at Council’s Merriwa office to witness the signing of documents such as affidavits and statutory declarations, and to certify copies of documents.

Please be aware:-

- you are required to produce your original documents when requesting certification of copies; and
- you MUST NOT sign any document prior to being in the presence of the Justice of the Peace

It is advisable to check availability of any JP beforehand.

P:  Liam Garment 6521 7046

Volunteers Wanted

Have you ever wanted to participate in promoting your community and the wonderful attractions of the Upper Hunter Shire, then we would like to hear from you. No commitment necessary. You volunteer when you are able. Full training will be provided at the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre.

P:  Liam Garment 6521 7046
1060 Cullingral Road $130,000
12 acre block only 12 minutes from town. Dwelling entitlement with power and phone available. Mostly flat country with some shade trees.

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

CWA
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President: Robert Smith
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Secretary: Emily Hall
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Vice President: Hannah Walmsley
Day - Night Competitions
Junior Competitions
Court Hire

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club
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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 Two 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 Two 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.

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For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

DON'T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY 31 AUGUST AT 6.00PM

WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday Raffle August 2
Saturday Members Draw No 170 was not won, next week $130.00
Winners Jackpot not won - next week $280.00.
Free Tickets: Barbara Cronin
Dinner: Jason Rosa
Bowls Raffle: Max Barwick

Sunday August 3
Sunday Members draw No 240 was won, next week $250.00.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – SPONSORED BY DAHLIA DENNING - SOUNDS AND LIGHTS

A great night was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who attended and Dahlia Denning for her great music.

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 August 1
Members Draw: $65 - Susan McClure – unclaimed
- $70 next week
Joker Draw: $1426 – Denise Cornish – unsuccessful
- $1467 next week

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

MERRIWA GALA DAY 30.7.14

First - Merriwa 2
Second - Merriwa 1
Third - Murrurundi
Spider – Joan Harrison
Coin – Janine Caton
Nearest Ditch – Jeanette Milton
50 Club Winners – First - Trish Hampson
Second - Merle Coluccio
Third - Pam Ward

Cassilis Friendship day - Thursday August 28.

Eva Towler

Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $1450.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 550. This week it jackpots to $1500.00. The 7.00pm draw for $840.00 was not won. The number was 133. This week it jackpots to $860.00. The 9.00pm draw for $380.00 was won and the number was 712. This week it jackpots to $100.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $600.00 was won last week. The number was 184 and this week it jackpots to $500.00. It will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. LTPS/13/04473

The Friday 8.30pm badge draw and the Sunday badge draw both now commence at $500.00.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB

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

Social darts 7.00pm Thursday nights.

Thursday August 14 - Senior’s Movie Day in the squatter’s corner from 1.00pm.

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club Presentation August 30, tickets $25.00 each, on sale from the RSL now.

Matt Morgan
Secretary/Manager

Our Presentation Day is being organised for October. We will get the message out via the Ringer when all is finalized. We thank all our sponsors for 2014. Without your continued support our youth of Merriwa would be all the poorer. It is a pleasure to be able to give our kids the quality sport that is available through your generosity. Our major sponsor is the Merriwa Sports Club. Jersey sponsors are Welderup, Kingslyn and Rosto Oils. Other sponsors are Merriwa IGA, Morgans Maintenance, Merriwa Newsagency, Merriwa Auto Electrical, Bitz and Pizzas, Roger Greentree and Merriwa Hardware. Our netball sponsors are Wayne Smith Automotive, Merriwa Bakery and Café, Rockwell Livestock and Property and Maxs Country Cuts. THANK YOU to ALL our wonderful sponsors.

Elaine Sparrow

TEAM GAME SUMMARY

KINGSLYN U/8’s

We travelled to Scone to play Denman White last Saturday. Our 8’s played a great game moving the ball around nicely with some great offloads, keeping the ball alive and gaining metres towards the try line. Our defence was good in patches. Brooklyn tried her little heart out, being the first one to come up to tackle for most of the game. She might not have made every tackle but she did not give up. Her determination is what got her the trophy for the player of the week. Well done Brooklyn. Clayton had a busy game with 3 tries and Jack scored a great try as well. David, Ellie, Riley, Dylan and Jyeson all demonstrated great team work. We only have four more games left for the season. Four more games to see those smiles on the faces as they go out on the field.

Looking forward to our home game this weekend. Could our parents please help out in the canteen if possible. Our time slot is 10.30am to 11.30am. If you can’t make this time ANY TIME at all will be welcomed by the canteen organisers.

Belinda Keene
Coach

WELDERUP UNDER 15’S.

For our last game we took a team bus to Belmont North. The boys put in a very poor display in defence in the first half. This was addressed at half time and to their credit they responded to play well in the second half but the damage was already done going down at the final bell by 54 to 12.

Our tries were scored by James Hagley, Cody Towell and Luke Cronin. James took out the
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The girls will have to be super fit and hopefully we will have all seven on deck.

I will have to enlist in the help of Kirsten Wright to run the games and if by chance she is unavailable then either Heidi Inder will assist or Andrew Taylor, as I am unavailable. Thank you in advance!

With only a couple more weeks left of the season, I would like to thank all the girls, Teianna Taylor, Paige McConnell, Peita Cassar, Tamasyn McNaught, Jazzmine Orton, Jasmine Hammond and Alana Smith, for attending training each week, for giving their all and for trying their best at the games. I would also like to thank these girls and Kirsten Wright for allowing me to learn just as much as they have at netball. This was my first season and I hope that you have gotten just as much out of it as I have. Good luck for the remainder of the year and I hope you all stick together to play in 2015.

One last thank you to the netball committee (Heidi Inder) and juniors (Caitlyn Porter, Ruby Wong, Sophie Inder and Olivia McLean) for all the support given to both myself and the team each week.

Phil Neale
coach

See you all at the home game on Saturday and don’t forget to help in the canteen on your allotted time slot or whenever you see that they need help.

Belinda Keane
Publicity Officer

MERRIWA NETBALL NEWS

MINK PINK

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Tina Taylor
Saturday July 26, the Magpie teams took the field for the final time this year with ladies League Tag needing to defeat ‘Top of the table’ Singleton to sneak into the finals. The girls started great with Amanda scoring the first try early in the match to lead 4 – 0.

The game was in the balance for the first half with the girls defending like their season depended on it, only to see Singleton score just before half time to lead at the break 6 – 4.

The team came out for the second half and gave it everything they had only to have Singleton score two more converted tries to win the match 18 – 4.

Congratulations to Adam, Chad and all the girls on a great first season. The team only missed out on the finals by one point and with victories over Denman, Greta-Branxton, Aberdeen, and Murrurundi, this has been a very successful first year, and am sure with the experience gained this year next year can top it.

With the men’s, knowing this was their final game of the year, it started well with Seth getting the first try and Jeremy converting to lead Singleton 6 – 0. Singleton than hit back with a few tries to lead 22 – 6 at the break. Singleton came out from halftime running scoring another three tries to lead 38 – 6.

On the positive side, Merriwa managed to score the last try with Nicholas getting a great runaway try to bring the final score to 38 – 10.

This year the boy’s finished in seventh spot out of eight with two victories over Aberdeen and a draw with Muswellbrook but with many new faces in the team, valuable experience was gained. Congratulations to Ben on keeping the team together for the season which sometimes isn’t easy when victories aren’t regular.

We now look forward to the presentation which is to be held at the RSL Club on August 30 at 6.00pm, tickets are now on sale from the RSL Club and must be purchased by Wednesday August 27, don’t wait too long to get them as seating will be limited.
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