WHAT’S NEWS?

Cassilis Zone carnival

Player of the Series Award

Cooking up a storm at MCS

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Merriwa Central School Horse Sports a great success

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Friday August 22
Primary News

4/5 ASSEMBLY

Students in Year 4/5 have been using their Creative Arts class time to create animal masks to match the captivating children’s song ‘Down by the Bay’. ‘Down by the Bay’ is a classic children’s sing-a-long with surprises and a cast of unique characters, including a “pig wearing a wig” and a “goat in a coat”. Students had a lot of fun creating their mask and acting out their animal characters.

Kindergarten: Zara Sampson
Year 1/2: Annabelle Orton
Year 2/3: Jye Byfield
Year 4/5: Koda Cashen
Year 5/6: Logan Dewson

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL
HORSE SPORTS

Merriwa Central School wish to thank everyone involved in this year’s Horse Sports.

Results will be announced in next week’s Ringer.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Last week our Students of the Week showed some wonderful improvements in literacy and numeracy and were very proud to receive book awards donated by our P and C. Well done to the following students:

Kindergarten: Zara Sampson
Year 1/2: Annabelle Orton
Year 2/3: Jye Byfield
Year 4/5: Koda Cashen
Year 5/6: Logan Dewson

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WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Our Workers of the Week showed some interesting pieces of work at assembly last week. We saw monster artwork, art designs, HSIE work and written descriptions. Thank you to all our wonderful workers:

**Year Kindergarten:** Archie Pyne and Shawn Smith

**Year 1/2:** Mitchel Cox, Tahlia Dewson and Andy Olive

**Year 2/3:** Jack Fairhall, Mekala Birtles and Duncan Harrison

**Year 4/5:** Isabelle Swan and Izabella Neale

**Year 5/6:** Liana Byfield and Libbie Towell

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SPECIAL AWARDS

Last week we were proud to hand out more Bronze Awards to Annabelle Orton, Tamara Bailey, Zane Smith, Shawn Smith and John Hamson. Congratulations to Andy Olive for receiving his first Silver Award for the year.

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LITTLE SPROUTS COMMUNITY READING DAY – PLANTING THE SEED TO READ

It’s that time of year again when all of Merriwa comes alive with the sound of hundreds of children reading with community members from all around. Little Spouts will be held during Book Week (Week 6) on Friday August 22. Everyone is busily planning their costumes, and the excitement is building. The theme for Book Week this year is Connect to Reading - Reading to Connect. Each class has chosen a book or an author that fits with the theme and are choosing outfits to reflect the characters and ideas in the story. This means that students are connecting with each other, the books, their imagination and the world, all by reading and enjoying books with each other. The class themes/books are as follows:

**Kindergarten** – Monsters

**Year 1/2** – A character from the book ‘The Angel and the Wild Animal’

**Year 2/3** – A character from any Roald Dahl book

**Year 4/5** – Super Heroes

**Year 5/6** – Freaky Paul Jennings characters.
I am certainly looking forward to the class of little monsters that will be wandering around in Kindergarten and the mighty super heroes that we will see in 4/5. There will be tonnes of exciting activities on the day including a performance of Aboriginal culture from Fred Reid, fun games with ROAR and a book fair which will be held at the School of Arts. The highlight of the day is always the chance to read at local businesses with members of our incredibly supportive Merriwa community. Thank you to all of the businesses and community members who have offered their time and venues. We look forward to seeing you on the day to enjoy all the fun and excitement of Little Sprouts.

Little Sprouts 2014
Community reading day
Friday August 22
9.30am—2.00pm
At the School of Arts

Plant the Seed to Read

Come dressed as your favourite book character and join us for a day of reading, singing, dancing and lots of FUN!

Little Sprouts is a community literacy initiative of Merriwa Central School.

Kara Allison
Instructional Leader

Secondary News

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Vocational Education and Training (VET) faculty has been a hive of busy activity the last couple of weeks as senior students get their major works finished, portfolios completed. Junior years are working on their project based designs in food technology and Year 10 students are busy contemplating their Stage 6 subject choices as they research possible school to work career pathways.

Four students have been working away every spare moment in the Wood Technology area, completing their Higher School Certificate timber projects which were due August 7. It is always interesting to see what students decide to build and then to watch the projects develop as they put them together. Mr Duncan is to be congratulated on his patience as students change their minds and seek his advice on how to incorporate different aspects into their major works. Some photographs of these projects are included.

I am always amazed at the imagination of students and the unusual ideas they come up with when working with their design briefs in the Food Technology area with Mr Creamer. This was evident this last week as students were putting together their ideas where they had to come up with a food product development idea. Products ranged from sweet to savoury. Students have been asked to develop a new product they can design a marketing campaign. This week after students had finalised their product ideas, they were asked to cook and/or make the product. There was a lot of anticipation as students were preparing their food products and then tasting them to see if they would be suitable to market. Their evident enjoyment of this course was highlighted by comments made:

• “I like food technology because it’s a great way to learn new ways of cooking things. It is fun making up our own ideas and then creating them and getting to try them – most of the time they work out.” Manda

• “We like food technology because it is fun and we get to experiment with all types of food in our practical classes. The theory is also very interesting and educational.” Leah and Janaya

• “Food technology is a great class to take as you learn new cooking skills whilst looking at the nutrition side of food. It is hands on and the assignments are fun.” Georgia
• “Food technology is a fantastic class, you learn a variety of different things that you can apply in everyday life.” Brooke

• “I love being creative and trying to make new things. Even when it goes horribly wrong I learn from my mistakes.” Jodie.

The weather during the day has been wonderful this last week as students have been participating in their weekly sporting choices on Wednesday afternoons and trying out a range of practical skills during their personal development health and physical education classes. This term we have students participating in squash, indoor hockey, touch and the boys ROAR and the girls FAST programs. Each term Miss King asks students to select a new sport for the next term so they can try out a range of sports during their high school education. Sometimes students are surprised at the skill level required to be able to play some sports effectively when they have not been exposed to them before.

Thank you to the VET/TAS staff for their continued commitment to the education of Merriwa students as they progress through their secondary years.

Why I want to be in ROAR? It helps me to focus more in class
What is my favourite subject: Woodwork
What is my favourite sport? Football
What is my favourite team? Eels
Favourite Player: Don’t have one
Best Sporting Achievement: Making it to Zone for swimming
Who inspires you and Why: My family inspires me because they are hard working and helpful to others
Advice to young players: Be determined to be your best.
9/10 FOOD TECHNOLOGIES

Years 9 and 10 Food Technology have been working hard on their food based projects. Students have been given the difficult task of creating, packaging, advertising and selling their very own food product, a unit of work called ‘Food Product Development’.

Students have had many creative ideas including:

- Pre-made cheesecakes
- Spreads – Marshmellow, Almond, Chocolate
- Chocolate Dukkah w/ Vanilla Short Bread
- Duck and Potato Soup
- Lolly Bags (all home made and hand packaged)
- Fudge (variety of flavours)
- Pesto, Tapanade and Specialty

Following are several pictures of Merriwa Central School students engaged in their area of study which includes a written portfolio to document their work.

Favourite Subject: Tech (Ag, Food and Timber) and Sport/PE
Extra-Curricular activities: Dean enjoys doing farm work in his spare time including fencing. He also really enjoys playing football, football and ... football!

Best Personal Achievements: Going to representative football and touch football

Year Advisor’s Comment: Dean would be considered by his peers and the staff alike as one of the more vocal members of his group. He can also be relied upon to put a smile on your face. One of his personal achievements would be remaining quiet for nearly 13 minutes as a challenge, to win a packet of smarties.

He is a pleasure to have in the year group and has managed to settle into Merriwa Central School very well. Keep up the cheerful attitude Dean!

Andrew Duncan
Year Advisor

Student of the Week
Dean Swan
Year 7
Year 11 students of Merriwa Central School have been fundraising for our 2014 Year 12 Formal Farewell. The formal event will be on the Thursday September 18 at the School of Arts Hall.

100 Club - On Monday we drew a 100 club raffle, first prize was $50.00, second prize was $30.00 and third prize was $20.00.

The winners of the 100 club is as follows:

First - P. Murray
Second - B. McLoughlin
Third - E. Kiely

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Also, I have not yet received word from two of our previous winners J. Magner and L. Wearcket. I would greatly appreciate if they could contact the school as they did not have contact numbers on their winning entries.

If you missed out on winning, there is also currently a raffle being held at Max’s Country Cuts, to go into a draw to win some beautiful hampers donated from P. Riley. Drop on in and check them out!

We appreciate your support.
Year 3/4 Report

Sock it to Homelessness was the theme of the Mission Day presentation given to the students last week by Mr Richard Cootes. Did you know that in winter in Mongolia temperatures often drop to below 40°C? We learnt that homeless children are forced to live underground to stay alive, seeking warmth from the harsh winters next to the scorching hot water pipes that run beneath the country’s capital, Ulaanbaatar. Using a variety of media, Richard taught us about the need to be aware of the plight of people around the world who are less fortunate than ourselves. This gives us the incentive to raise money on Mission day at the end of the term.

In English this term we are focusing on Visual Literacy and how pictures and videos can expand our understanding of reading texts. We have loved learning about salience and how colours, lines and shapes can influence our understanding of the meaning behind images. We will soon be preparing for our School Public Speaking competition.

Mathematics continues to be one of our favourite subjects. During Maths we are enjoying many different Maths activities, especially the games we play. We use many different materials to help us complete Maths problems and we like working out the problems and doing group work. We have seen an increase in the confidence of students as a result. We love learning about how many mathematical concepts we have in everyday life.

Religion this term is focusing on the Sacraments of Initiation. We have learnt about the significance of the Sacrament of Confirmation in becoming a full member of the Church. We will continue to learn about the Sacraments focusing on the Eucharist and recognising that initiation into God’s family/Church happens through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

We are all excited about Science this term. Our topic is Information and Communication and we are focusing on how recycled products are designed and produced and the ways people use them. We are working towards designing and creating a new product that incorporates environmental considerations and uses and recycles existing products.

In HSIE this term our topic is Living in Communities. This unit provides opportunities for students to explore the diversity of different communities within Australia. We have looked at defining what a community is and what community groups we belong to and we will examine the characteristics of a community that contribute to its identity as well as the diversity of communities that contribute to an Australian identity.

In PDHPE this term we are completing the Protective Behaviours Program. This program gives us opportunities to learn about positive relationships, safe and unsafe situations and learn strategies on what to do to protect ourselves and others.

Over the last semester we have been fortunate to work with Anna Kerrigan from the Catholic Schools Office. Anna is in charge of organising ASPIRE which is a performance put on by students from Catholic Schools across the Diocese. Earlier this term a number of students from Year 3-6 travelled to Newcastle to watch the performance. It was a fantastic day and students got to see how smoothly the performance went as well as how the actors used their voices and body movements to enhance their performance. Last term we did some workshops with Anna in preparation for our school play on September 10 at the School of Arts. This term in Creative Arts we continue to focus on our part of the school play, practicing and enhancing our skills to create an amazing performance. We look forward to Anna’s visits this term.
The weather is starting to warm up and the children are taking full advantage of it, of an afternoon they are straight outside. Ball games are high on the agenda at the moment. The children have been shooting hoops, playing football but we have had lots of handball and competition is fierce. The younger boys have been playing Army’s using the tyres in the front yard to hide in, separating into two teams and sneaking up on each other.

This week we welcome Marissa Watson to our team. We are looking forward to working with Marissa as she shares her artist and musical talents with the children. WELCOME MARISSA!

Don’t forget we have a fundraiser coming up on October 18. We are having a Trivia Night at the RSL, the theme being “Hollywood/TV”. Tables are made of eight costing $10.00p/person. Tickets are available at the Pre-School and will also be sold at the door on the night.

For parents wanting to use Merriwa Activity Centre, call in and grab an enrolment package the kids will love you for it.

Merriwa Activity Staff

Congratulations to the following award winners:

**WEEK 4**

**Kindergarten - Matilda Cronin** – for her effort and enthusiasm during play practice

**Year 1/2 - Mikayla Telfer** - For making good decisions in the playground

**Paddy Wong** - For great work remembering his lines for our play

**Year 3/4 - Patrick Magner** - for an excellent knowledge of Mongolia

**Amy Redgate** - for always working hard to complete all activities to the best of her ability.

**Year 5/6 - Emily Ninness** – for demonstrating excellent proofreading and editing skills

**Jemma Grady** – for always working well to complete Spelling Activities

**Playground Champion - Peter Hagley** – for returning equipment to the sports shed in the correct manner

**Principal’s Awards - Nate Brown** - for being very focussed in class and for providing great chess competition for Mrs Whale.
Cassilis Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – THOMAS NASH

Thomas has earned Student of the Week for his mature approach to classroom learning. He has been successfully mentoring younger students in shared learning activities, both in the classroom and playground, especially during touch football sessions. Thomas is always respectful to teachers and peers and continually Strives With Pride to do his best. You are to be congratulated on your results at Zone Athletics, achieving second in high jump and being an important member of our school relay team. Congratulations Thomas, you should be very proud of yourself on being awarded this week’s Student of the Week.

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

What is your favourite food? Potato Bake

What job/work would you like when you are older? Be a pro bull rider

Apart from your family, who is one of your role models and why? Lachie Richardson, because he is a great bull rider

If you were given $100, what would you buy? A pig dog

What is one thing that people may not know about you? That I like to go pig chasing.

FROM MRS GRINHAM’S DESK

This has been another busy week at Cassilis P.S., with students competing in the Zone Athletics Carnival at Singleton. I am very proud of how they conducted themselves and am pleased to report that our relay team made it through to the Regional Carnival to be held in Newcastle on Friday 29 August.

The students have written recounts of their day to share.

At school we have been working on being nice and following our PBL. Be respectful. Do your best. Be safe. It is lovely to see children playing calmly in the playground and discussing issues in a mature way. Well done Cassilis.

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who were involved in the Zone Athletics Carnival last Friday, August 1. Jack, James, Maddison, Tobias, Cameron, Corey, Brady, Sarah and Thomas, your behaviour and efforts on the day were astounding and you should all be very proud of yourselves!

The relay team once again made it through to Regionals with a nerve wracking win on the day and we are yet to discover if Thomas and Brady will be competing in high jump at Regionals after both coming second place in their events.

A big THANK YOU also to the parents and helpers who transported students and cheered on our school. We couldn’t do it without your support!
Zone Athletics

On Friday morning at about 6.30 we left to go, we stopped at Merriwa to get some fuel then we went on. I played games on the way down to keep myself occupied, the trip seemed to pass quickly to Singleton for Zone. When we got there it was windy but the sun was out.

I went in the 100m, 200m, high jump, long jump and relay, I thought I went well and the others went good too. Tom came second in his high jump and I also came second and I jumped higher than I did at Pittman Cup, but the most important thing is that we made it to Region for the relay. I am so proud of the team.

By Brady Nairne
We have received the results from the Zone Athletics Carnival. Well done to all students who competed on the day. Congratulations to Olivia McLean who placed first in Senior Girls Shot Put with a throw of 7.74m (her personal best) and to the P5 relay team, made up of Dustynn Turner, Hunter Marsh, William Stair and Sam Thompson who finished first with a time of 1.02. These students will now go on to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival on Friday August 29.

Permission notes and parent information will be sent home with students this week.

**SOCCER KNOCKOUT**

Our soccer team will travel to Quirindi on Wednesday to compete in the second round of the PSSA soccer knockout. They will play Mount Pleasant. If they win their game, they will stay on to play round three on the same day.

We wish them all the best.

Thank you to Mrs Parker and Mr Higgins for your time organising and training the team.

**DAFFODIL DAY**

This fundraising day will be held on Friday August 22. Students can make a gold coin donation if they wish to come out of uniform and wear something yellow and a second gold coin donation if they wish to purchase a key ring, pen or badge.

SRC will be selling these items before school and at recess.

Community members are most welcome to make a donation if they wish.

**BEEF BONANZA**

The Beef Bonanza team will travel out to the Walker’s on Tuesday for their first session with the steer. They will be involved in the first weigh in as well as handling skills.

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

- Tylana Cox - achievement in maths mentals
- Drew McCandless - outstanding effort in drumming
- Beau Buswell - outstanding effort in drumming
- Dustynn Turner - fantastic effort in drumming
- Riley Borradaile - fantastic drumming skills

**WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

K/1/2 - Andrew Harris, Rowdy Walters and Kayden Adams
3/4/5/6 - Abby Cooper, Jake Pike, Josh Wilkins and Sam Thompson.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Katie Pike - consistent effort in all areas/ trying hard in mathematics.

**SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK**

Nicholas Terrell

Christina Darlington
Principal
Our hours currently are:
Dr Jawaad works Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm.
Dr Cho works Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm.

In last week’s Ringer it was stated Dr Jawaad was in Merriwa on Fridays, this is incorrect, he is in Denman on Fridays. We apologise for this error.

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.

A SOLDIER’S PRAYER

This poem was found on the body of a young soldier after he was killed in action during World War 1.

Look, God – I’ve never spoken to you before, But now I want to say – How do you do? You see, God, they told me you didn’t exist And like a fool – I believed all this.
Community Notice Board

Funeral Notice
CLARE ENA DEAL (WHITBY)
The funeral service of Clare Ena Deal will be held at St Anne’s Catholic Church, Merriwa at 10.30am on Tuesday August 19.

Wayne McLean

Merriwa CWA
BRANCH INTERNATIONAL DAY-COUNTRY OF STUDY BOTSWANA

Around 45 people attended the branch International Day held last Thursday.

Thank you to the children who submitted posters. They were all wonderful and the judges had a difficult task selecting the overall winners.

CWA would like to thank the teachers from who made time in their busy schedule to allow the children to participate.

Our guest speaker was Susie Fitzpatrick who did a great day outlining the culture of Botswana.

Lastly to Vicki Hanson our International Officer for organising the day, the rooms looked amazing you did a great job. Vicki will publish the winners names in next week’s Ringer.

Robyn McAlister

Merriwa Campdraft
AGM

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

All positions will be declared open.

Megan Richards

Mainly Music

When: Every Monday starts 9.00am
Where: Parish Hall, Merriwa

Come and enjoy singing and dancing with your little ones. See them interact with other children. Also it’s a great chance to chat with other parents.

It is a $2.00 gold coin donation. Also bring some morning tea for your children.

For more info phone Amanda 0429 485 032.

Amanda Tudor

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for their sponsorship towards Cancer Council NSW over the past few months. A total of $607.25 was raised which was a great effort.

Tina Taylor

Merriwa Progress Association
TELEVISION RECEPTION IN MERRIWA

Recent interruptions to television in Merriwa have been due to preliminary work in retuning of the digital TV signals.

On Tuesday August 19, the Merriwa television transmitters will be switched to the retuned frequencies. This work is scheduled between 9.00am and 3.30pm. After 3.30pm it will be necessary to retune your Digital Television, Set Top Box or PVR to continue to view all television channels.

For full details of the digital television retuning schedules and for instruction on how to retune your digital equipment go to http://retune.digitalready.gov.au.

Brought to you by Merriwa District Progress Association.

Beron Arden-Wood

St David’s Uniting Service Changes

There will be no service on Sunday August 17. Services will resume the following week at 11.00am.

Karen Campbell

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.
Merriwa Auto Electrical

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

AIR CONDITIONING
As the warm weather approaches, it’s time to make sure your vehicle’s air conditioning is operating. It is imperative to run your A/C at least once a week so the system can remain lubricated.

We are fully licenced to work on your A/C and can do so here in our workshop or out on site. There are some cheap refrigerant gas alternatives out there, but we advise not to use these as they pose a real safety risk. The Australian Refrigeration Council has a strict set of guidelines and as professionals, we must adhere to these. If you have any questions you are most welcome to call in or ring us on 6548 2114.

UHF’S
We have a range of GME and Uniden units and accessories. GME have some great items including:

- Sound Safe: a tough, waterproof floating case with built in amplified speaker - designed to protect your iphone/ipod, when you are outside working, camping or boating;

- The new TX3120S 5 watt UHF radio, it has ScanSuite - enabling uninterrupted conversations even on congested channels

If you are looking for a reasonably priced UHF, we have a great deal: Oricom 5W 80 channel UHF unit with aerial for just $280.00.

Thanks for reading!

Michael and Sally Hagley

Remember!
Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer
BEFORE 9.00am Monday!
No late articles will be accepted!
This week’s specials at MAX’S COUNTRY CUTS on August Friday 16 and Saturday 17 and early next week while stocks last include:

- Roasting Legs of Lambs - $8.99kg
- Corned Legs of Lambs - $7.99kg
- Lamb Loin Chops - $16.99kg
- Yearling Rump Steak - $18.99kg

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

HOW TO COOK THE PERFECT STEAK

Cooking the perfect steak takes a little practice, follow these tips and you’ll have mastered it in no time.

Take the steaks from the fridge ten minutes before cooking. Steaks should be near room temperature, otherwise the rate of cooking will be slowed down.

Keep the seasoning simple. Use freshly ground sea salt and black pepper. Season the meat just before you cook. Oil the meat and not the barbecue plate. Rather than drizzle oil onto the barbecue plate, brush or rub the meat with oil before cooking. The meat stick to the grill, allowing it to sear, giving good colour and juiciness.

Ensure the barbecue is hot enough to sizzle the meat as it makes contact. If you can only hold your hand above heat for about four seconds its perfect for barbecuing. Don’t crowd the grill plate this reduces the heat, the meat will then release juices and begin to stew.

Turn the steaks once only. Let the meat cook on one side until moisture appears. Always use tongs never a barbecue fork to turn the meat. A fork will drain the juices from the meat, making the meat dry and less tasty.

With practice you can judge the meats readiness by touch. Use blunt end of the tongs to prod the meat in the thickest part. Rare is very soft, medium is springy, well done is very firm.

Always rest steaks after they come off the heat, this allows the juices to return to the surface. The steaks will be juicer and tastier. Steaks should stand for about five minutes in a warm place, loosely covered with foil – too tightly will cause to sweat.

RARE – cook for a few minutes per side, depending on thickness. Turn only once. Cook until steak feels very soft with back of tongs. A meat thermometer will show the internal temperature of a rare steaks as 55-60C

MEDIUM RARE – cook on one side until moisture is just visible on top surface. Turn once only. Cook on the other side until surface moisture is visible. Steak will be cooked to medium rare when it feels soft with back of tongs. A meat thermometer will show the internal temperature of medium rare steak as 60-65C

MEDIUM - cook on one side until moisture is pooling on top surface. Turn once only. Cook on second side until moisture is visible. Steak will be cooked to medium when it feels springy with back of tongs. A meat thermometer will show the internal temperature of medium steak as 65-70C.

MEDIUM WELD - cook on one side until moisture is pooling on top surface. Turn and cook on second side until moisture is pooling on top. Reduce heat slightly and continue to cook until steak feels firm. A meat thermometer will show the internal temperature of medium well steak as 65-70C.

WELL DONE - cook on one side until moisture is pooling on top surface. Turn and cook on second side until moisture is pooling on top. Reduce heat slightly and continue to cook until steak feels very firm with back of tongs. The meat thermometer will show internal temperature of a well done steak as 75C.

NOTE: Gentlemen, cooking a bbq in the middle of a Merriwa summer can be very thirsty work. It is advisable to keep a small fridge or large esky present at all times to enable you easy access to your favourite beverage.

Max, Yvonne and the crew at Max’s Country Cuts
Twenty landholders found out how to control pest animals such as wild dogs and foxes at a recent three day workshop held by Hunter Local Land Services (LLS) in the Upper Hunter near Moonan Flat.

LLS regularly hold vertebrate pest trapping workshops and 1080/Pindone certification courses to help landholders learn control techniques to protect their properties from stock losses and threats to biodiversity.

Craig Crooks, Senior Biosecurity Officer for LLS said, ‘this workshop was aimed at people with limited or no knowledge of trapping who wanted to develop their skills and understanding and add another property management tool to their toolbox.’

‘The course covered both practical and theoretical aspects of trapping, such as the type of trap to use, how to set traps, identifying signs of dog and fox presence, applicable legislation, countering stress and anxiety, and 1080 certification,’ said Mr Crooks.

Workshop participant and local farmer Drew Shearman said the three day course was great as the content was relevant and informative to people with some experience and to those with none.

‘Wild dogs have become an increasing issue for livestock farmers in the Hunter Valley causing loss of, and damage to stock, animal stress, negative economic impacts and high levels of anxiety in land managers’, said Mr Shearman.

Ross Garland, Biosecurity Officer for LLS said, ‘large properties can make it difficult for farmers to keep an eye on all areas of an enterprise all the time, and dogs and foxes can be cunning. Learning about control techniques can help landowners to counteract these difficulties.’

‘Foxes are a significant threat to small native mammals and play a large part in the decline of biodiversity across Australia. They can also kill lambs, goat kids, and poultry’, said Mr Garland.

Both fox and wild dog numbers can be managed with coordination and partnerships between landholders, groups such as wild dog associations and LLS. A combination of control techniques using monitoring equipment, mesh cage traps, soft/rubber jawed leg hold traps and 1080 poison can also help to control foxes and wild dogs.

Contact your local LLS Biosecurity officer for advice on control techniques and creating wild dog and fox management plans.

Visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au/hunter for contact details of your local Biosecurity Officer and updates on upcoming trapping and 1080 certification workshops being held in October.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO HELP MAKE LOCAL LAND SERVICES A SUCCESS

Do you have an interest in building the agriculture and fisheries industries in our community while protecting our natural resources?

Hunter Local Land Services Board (LLS) is calling on the local community to help steer their organisation into the future.

LLS is looking for representatives from its community including individuals, industry groups, government and other interest groups who are keen to help build the agriculture and fisheries industries in our community while protecting our natural resources.

The Chair of LLS, Susan Hooke said, ‘we are determined to provide high quality services to meet the needs of our community, and the only way to make sure we understand these needs is to ask for input from our community across our region which stretches from the Upper Hunter and Taree in the north down to the Lake Macquarie local government area in the south.’

‘We are convening Community Advisory Groups in each of the three districts of the Lower Hunter, Upper Hunter and Manning Great Lakes to ensure we get local input that reflects the unique issues and characteristics of each of these communities.’

‘We know there are a lot of highly skilled people in the Hunter with experience in developing partnerships, representing the views of their community and collaboration who would be instrumental in helping make LLS a success.’

‘Community Advisory groups will meet twice a year and have the opportunity to work with members of the LLS board on a number of key issues related to agriculture, plant and animal biosecurity, emergency management and natural resource management,’ said Susan Hooke.

A map illustrating the areas covered in each of the 3 districts, terms of reference and Expression of Interest forms can be obtained by visiting http://hunter.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-region/local-advisory-groups or emailing admin.hunter@lls.nsw.gov.au.

Applications close 22 August 2014.

Maree Whelan
Merriwa Ringer
How did the James brothers manage to commit six robberies over a period of four years before their true colours were finally revealed, and many more afterwards, over a total of fifteen years, before their end finally came? As with most successful business enterprises luck was perhaps kind to them, also they happened to conform to the old business truism that timing is everything, and they had several other advantages. First, they were very experienced in a rather similar activity, that is their guerrilla training with Quantrill’s and Anderson’s Raiders. If you think about it, robbing banks, killing people and escaping afterwards was not much different to what they had been doing for years in the Confederate Cause. Also, as already noted, the two brothers had many acquaintances as violent and experienced as they themselves were to recruit for help in their crimes. Further, doubtless they had also received a good grounding in the value of being well organized, so soon after each robbery they would meet at a predetermined spot to share the loot, then split up and depart quickly in different directions. Perhaps the brothers never saw some of their helpers again and this would not concern them, there were plenty to take their place, particularly after their reputation for success spread. Consider that in the case of their first robbery the average split would have been about $6000.00 each, or say $600,000.00 in today’s money, enough to buy a small ranch and from then on live a respectable life, much the same as some big end drug criminals still do today once they have made sufficient to “retire”.

The James brothers had at least one further big advantage, and the reasons are particularly interesting because they were the result of about a hundred years of American history. In 1763 an eventually very critical line had been surveyed east to west about half way across the American continent starting at the Atlantic. It went no further because from the stopping point to the Pacific was still owned by France and Spain and would be till the Louisiana Purchase (1803). Therefore it was surveyed about 12 years before the American War of Independence (1775-1783), about a hundred years before the American Civil War (1860-1865), about the same before the first James brothers’ bank robbery (1866), and at a time when Britain still owned the American colonies. It was done to settle a land claim and was named the Mason-Dixon Line in honour of the two surveyors who did the job. Later, gradually, and for no particular reason that I can find, it became a de facto and probably necessary dividing line between the northern (Abolitionist) states, where slavery had gradually been made illegal by one state after another till all had finally passed this legislation; and the southern states, where slavery was still legal everywhere till the South surrendered and it then became instantly illegal there too. However, as you might expect, there were a number of states, particularly those just north and south of the Mason-Dixon line, which were greatly divided in their sympathies and loyalties compared to those further north and south, and this often tore whole families apart, festered for generations (and sometimes still does) both on a micro scale within those families, and on a macro scale between bigger organizations, States, and including between the North and South as a whole long after the Civil War finished. Amongst these divided states were: Tennessee (immediately to the South of the Mason-Dixon Line, “Where some went one way and some went the other”), Missouri (the James brothers’ home state) and Kansas, adjoining Missouri on the west, with both immediately to the north of the Line.

Therefore, after the South was defeated, the returning James Brothers were considered by many in such states as unjustly defeated war heroes and not as the perpetrators of what today would certainly be considered serious war crimes. So as already noted they not only had a great many violent men to call upon as needed, but also a reliable and widespread ready made intelligence network keeping them informed of happenings over several states, including the activities of the numerous law enforcement officers who were attempting to catch them. However, over the years, the brothers did have more than one disaster, the first when they attempted to rob a bank in Northfield, Minnesota in 1876 and a teller, suspecting what was about to happen, slipped out a back door and raised the alarm. Immediately many enraged Northfield citizens armed themselves and descended on the bank and a furious twenty minute gun battle took place in the streets of the town. The robbers soon realised they were bound to lose with heavy casualties if they stayed and fought as their numbers were limited while more and more armed citizens were arriving and engaging them with fire from all directions, doorways, windows, upper floors, from any kind of shelter. Also, the robbers were exposed on horses (some of which had been shot from under them) and in the open with little protection. Therefore they fled, leaving two dead robbers (they were lucky not to lose more) and three dead citizens behind, and with Jesse James later badly wounded in a thigh by a pursuing posse. Even though he recovered the brothers did not take the hint and stop their activities, though no doubt their aura of invincibility must have been damaged.
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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.

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Closing Date: Friday, August 22, 5.00pm.

Applications to: Merriwa Activity Centre, Attention to – The President, P.O Box 96 Merriwa 2329

For further information on job description please email merriwapreschool@tpg.com.au
MEET WITH MAYOR
MICHAEL JOHNSEN

Mayor Michael Johnsen will attend the Merriwa office of Upper Hunter Shire Council on the fourth Wednesday of each month. His next visit is scheduled for Wednesday, 27 August 2014. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with Mayor Johnsen on any issue please contact Robyn Cox at the Scone office on 6540 1126 or email rcox@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

MERRIWA NO.1 OVAL CLOSED ALL OF SEPTEMBER

Number 1 will be closed to the public and sports ground users for September to allow Council to carry out annual maintenance which will include herbicide spraying and aeration of the grounds.

P: James Constable 0429 167 425

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

PROMOTING UPPER HUNTER
ON THE UP AND UP

Initiatives to attract more visitors and permanent residents to the Upper Hunter are on the rise. On the weekend Upper Hunter Shire Council staff were at the CountryNSW Expo at Sydney Olympic Park answering questions and providing information about the benefits of living in this region. Council’s Tourism and Economic Development Manager Sean Constable who has attended the annual Expo many times said there were a wide variety of questions asked by those considering a tree change.

“Council is at the CountryNSW Expo to assure Sydneysiders that a move to the Upper Hunter is a great option,” Mr Constable said. “We answered a lot of questions about schools, jobs, real estate and access to services.”

Yesterday was the launch of the new “Come On UP!” branding, a combined effort of Upper Hunter Country Tourism, Muswellbrook Shire Council and Upper Hunter Shire Council to support tourism and economic development. Council has used the brand on extra-large stickers for horse trailers and trucks, and two new billboards are coming, featuring our equine industries (Saddle UP!) and fishing at Lake Glenbawn (Catch UP!) Mayor Michael Johnsen said tourism is a natural area of growth for the Upper Hunter economy.

“The beauty of the region, our exciting festivals and horse-related sports and industries are a great attraction for tourists and tree-changers,” he said.

“We want to encourage more visitors to stay longer and Council will continue to invest in tourist attractions, infrastructure and promotion.”

Visitor Information Centres in Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone provide help to about 18,000 visitors a year and about half of the visitors to the region are day trippers with another third staying one night. Council estimates about 42,400 visitors will come to the Upper Hunter in 2014 to attend festivals, spending almost $6 million. This is an estimated 13% increase on 2013 expenditure.

Michael Johnsen
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2 Brisbane Street Merriwa  $245,000.00
Situated on a huge 1948sqm block with a solid weatherboard home currently let at $270.00 per week this property can be sub-divided. The vendor has had the surveying and plans drawn and they will be passed onto the purchaser ready to lodge with council. The home has three large bedrooms the main with an ensuite and walk in robe. A large lounge featuring a combustion fire and an open plan family, dining, kitchen area. The kitchen is in excellent condition and has a dishwasher and walk-in pantry. At the rear of the home is a covered entertainment area overlooking the pool. Water is supplied via a bore, 66,000 litres of fresh water storage and two dams. The property is well fenced into two paddocks both with water. There is a triple garage and numerous smaller sheds.

1273 Flags Road Gungal  $450,000.00
Situated on 104 acres is this very well established property. The home has been freshly renovated and comprises of four big bedrooms, the main with an ensuite and walk in robe. A large lounge featuring a combustion fire and an open plan family, dining, kitchen area. The kitchen is in excellent condition and has a dishwasher and walk-in pantry. At the rear of the home is a covered entertainment area overlooking the pool. Water is supplied via a bore, 66,000 litres of fresh water storage and two dams. The property is well fenced into two paddocks both with water. There is a triple garage and numerous smaller sheds.

1060 Cullingral Road Merriwa  $130,000.00
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Merrawa Ringer
Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $1500.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 696. This week it jackpots to $1550.00. The 7.00pm draw for $860.00 was not won. The number was 385. This week it jackpots to $880.00. The 9.00pm draw for $380.00 was won and the number was 106. This week it jackpots to $120.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $500.00 was not won last week. The number was 611 and this week it jackpots to $550.00. It will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. LTPS/13/04473

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

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB

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

Social darts 7.00pm Thursday nights.

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

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PREVIOUS WEEK’S RESULTS

Friday August 8
Members Draw: $70 - Chris Martin – unclaimed - $75 next week
Joker Draw: $1467 – Chris Pittman – unsuccessful - $1510 next week.

Hilary Parker
Merriwa Ringer
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MERRIWA ROSTO UNDER 6’S

We had a home game this weekend. Our four little players had a fantastic game. We saw Daniel and Jack scoring some fantastic tries. Toby put in a great effort this week bringing some great tackling and ball skills to the game. Well done Toby - keep up the great work. Zac also had a great game with his tackling which he enjoys the most.

A special thanks to Scone Red for lending us two great little players.

Jack received Player of the Week. Well done Jack!

With the season coming quickly to the end these boys have put 100% into each game and it’s great to watch there confidence grow each game. We play the next three weeks of finals games – Singleton, Muswellbrook then Denman. See you all at Singleton next week.

Belinda Keane

KINGSLYN U/8’S

Clayton, Brooklyn, Ellie, Dylan, Jyeson, Riley and David thoroughly enjoyed playing in front of their home crowd. Their defence was outstanding and their team work impressive. Brooklyn and Ellie both a big improvement in their tackling. Well done girls. Clayton, Jyeson and Riley were all awesome in defence and outstanding with the ball. Dylan was a bit sick on the day, but did manage to make a few good tackles and tried hard to get past Aberdeens defence and well done David for being this weeks “Player of the Week”. David defended exceptionally well making lots of one on one tackles and he scored his first try for Merriwa Magpies. Good on you David! Three more games to go guys, lets make the most of it, see you all at training.

Belinda Keane

KINGSLYN 11’S

Well I have only watched four or five games of the 11’s this season, but they sure did save the best till last. I was so impressed with the huge effort that these boys and one girl showed in front of the home crowd. Each one of you should be proud of yourselves. An amazing improvement in defence was great to watch from the sideline. Nick, Damian, Lachian, and Dustynn all outstanding in Merriwa’s defence. Jock, Christian, Mark, James, Jack, Tiara, Kyle, Logan and Will all showed great skills as they showed off the skills that they have been learning at training and Logan Dewson played his last game for Merriwa, ending the season by scoring the 11’s second try for the season and showed his natural talent and great leadership. Logan and his family will be missed by all at the Merriwa Rugby League and Netball Club and especially by his friends in the 11’s football side.

Be proud of yourselves U/11’s for a fantastic last game. Looking forward to watching you all again next year.

Olivia Gear

ROSTO U/7’S

U/7’s had a great game with lots of natural talent on show for the home crowd, yet another Merriwa team full of kids that absolutely love their footy and just can’t wait to get out there on the field. Brady has been doing a great job with these kids with each one of them showing all the great skills that they have been learning at training. Maddison made some great runs doing her best to get around the Singleton defence and she was very busy in defence, not at all afraid to get in and tackle. Jackson was very impressive as always, with some very strong runs and a huge support in defence for his team. Harry also defended well and had so many impressive runs, very quick on his feet and making lots of metres every time he ran the ball. Logan was a tad quiet but still managed to make a difference with some big runs up the middle of the Singleton defence, those little legs just don’t give up. Good on you Logan!

Belinda Keane
Annual memberships for the 2014/2015 year are now due. To kick the season off the Merriwa Tennis Club are hosting a free BBQ for registration and meet and greet for the upcoming season. Courts will be open for those wanting a pre-season warm up hit! All welcome!

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- **Adults** - $50.00
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**SPRING NIGHT COMPETITION**

The Spring Night Comp commences on Monday September 8 with games starting at 6.30pm. Nominations are now open for mixed teams of four and any individuals looking to join a team.

The comp will run over ten weeks (weather depending) costing $5.00 per person per week to cover ball and lighting fees. The reigning champions to beat this season are Hannah Walmsley, Kerry Murray, Daniel Walmsley and Chris Saunders – congratulations once again, great effort! The Tennis Club welcomes all skill levels!

*Contact anyone from the committee to register:*

- Robert Smith - 0401 926 836
- Hannah Walmsley - 0447 482 946
- Emily Hall - 0408 099 893
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**WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS**

The Merriwa Tennis Club has a number of upcoming initiatives and is looking for secondary students eager to gain a variety of work experience. Contact Robert Smith for further details.

**KEY DATES**

- **Registration Meet and Greet BBQ** - 18 August 2014 - 6.00pm at Club House
- **Spring Night Comp Kick Start** - 8 September - 6.30pm.

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

Our second and last home game was a huge success thanks to the great organisers of the whole day. A big thanks to Elaine Sparrow for her endless organisating and preparation; Karin Brazier and Cassie Porter for their hard work in the canteen, so their season has sadly come to an end. BUT our mini teams, 6’s, 7’s and 8’s, on the BBQ, Andrew Jaminson for his preparation of the fields, Paul, Andrew, Bob, Phil, Carol on the tables, FAO and ground manager, Matt Morgan from Senior League for marking and painting the lines of each field and everyone who helped in the canteen and throughout the day.

The day ran smoothly thanks to the many hands. As you all know our 11’s and 15’s unfortunately did not make the finals so their season has sadly come to an end. BUT our mini teams, 6’s, 7’s and 8’s, being non competitive, do play through the finals, with the last three games (in order) being at Singleton, Muswellbrook and the grandfinal at Denman. Times to be advised.

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Belinda Keane
# 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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**AUGUST**

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<td>Merriwa Tennis Club - Registration Meet and Greet BBQ - Club House - 6.00pm</td>
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<td>Merriwa Rugby League Football Club Presentation Night - Merriwa RSL Club - 6.00pm</td>
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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!