It's that time of year again! Little Sprouts Community Reading day will be held this Friday, August 22, from 9.30am. All children are invited to participate in the day’s events.

This literacy initiative from Merriwa Central School aims to encourage parents to introduce their children to the world of books from birth. You can make a big difference in the life of your child and their education by simply reading to them regularly.
Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces

Merriwa’s annual Festival of the Fleeces will commemorate a significant milestone next year, with a “25 Years Celebration” of the Festival. The festival commenced in 1990, and 25 years on is still as beneficial to our community as ever. In the past this event has generated much needed funds for Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Merriwa and District Volunteer Rescue Squads, and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. While doing this, the Festival of the Fleeces has created an event that the whole community can become involved in and enjoy. 2015’s event organising is well underway and it is that time again for the Committee to seek sponsorship to host the event. As well as our very supportive current Major Sponsor, ROSTO Olives, we are looking for new sponsors as well as additional new Minor Sponsors.

Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces is a major family event in the Upper Hunter Region and recognises the importance that sheep and the wool industry have played in our history. The Festival provides an invaluable representation of life on the land with sheep to the youth of today as well as a reminder to the older generation of our past.

The Festival of the Fleeces attracts a large number of tourists from all over the State. Visitors come to Merriwa to experience the country hospitality and to observe the skills demonstrated, including shearsers using past and present techniques, blacksmiths, horse riding skills, wool spinning, farriers, trained working dogs and their handlers. Of course the main event is the ‘Running of the Sheep’ leading the parade along Merriwa’s main street wearing red socks, a sight not seen outside of Merriwa!

In 2015, the Festival will include The Sheep Yard Dog Trials; Bush Poet’s Breakfast; Circus West; Team Penning and Whip Cracking competitions; Croc Stars Reptile Show; Laser Tag; ROAR Petting Zoo; and the children’s amusement rides. Sponsorship and donations large or small all benefit the community in holding this event and without such support these events may not go ahead. Each event adds to the atmosphere of the weekend and allows thousands of people the chance to experience country life and the hospitality Merriwa has to offer.

Merriwa is a small community that needs your support to host this event. All sponsors are promoted on the Festival Facebook Page; Council Website; the Merriwa Ringer; the Merriwa District Diary; with Major and Minor sponsors promoted on NBN Television, and various Hunter Valley newspapers and radio stations.

If you feel that you are able to contribute to the 2015 Festival of the Fleeces, then please feel free to contact Liam Garment at the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre, on 6521 7046, where he will endeavour to assist you further. We are hoping that you will see fit to support this important Merriwa and Upper Hunter Shire Council Community event.

Liam Garment

Merriwa Show Update

It’s only five weeks until the Merriwa Springtime Show with show programs now hot off the press.

With several new entertainment acts this year, there is plenty to look forward to.

We have multiple National Champion whip cracker extraordinaire, Fiona Wilks of ‘Whiwaroo’s’ fame as our feature act this year. Fiona is one of the leading whip acts not only in Australia, but in the world and we are very excited to welcome her to Merriwa.

Perhaps one of the most quirky events we have ever staged will be the wife carrying competition. Glen Austin is coordinating this event which involves ‘husbands’ carrying their ‘wives’ over a timed, and at times, tricky obstacle course. Winners will have the chance to represent the Upper Hunter at the National Wife Carrying Championships held in Singleton later this year, with winners of this competition receiving a trip to Norway to compete in the World Wife Carrying championships, so the stakes are high! More information to follow in coming weeks.

To get a copy of the show program, become a Show Member ($35.00 includes free parking and entry for you and a guest) or Junior Member ($10.00), go to secretary@merriwashow.com.au.

The Merriwa Springtime Show is on Friday 19, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September... so it’s time to start thinking about your show entries today!

Tash Taaffe
Merriwa Ringer
Principal Report’s

It has been a particularly bad cold and flu season this winter, with many students and staff absent due to the winter blues. We continue to have disruptions on all fronts due to illness. Many of our administration staff have been off sick, and staff are doing their best to cover absent colleagues. Please be patient with the staff who are filling in when you visit the Primary and Secondary office.

FARM ANIMALS

The Ag Plot has been a hive of activity in recent weeks with much happening. Our dog proof fencing has been finalised, with gates fabricated by Welderup. We will shortly welcome sheep to the Ag Plot, with the certainty that they will be secure from local dogs. The cattle yards have been upgraded with two steers arriving, one as part of the Beef Bonanza and the other donated by Col Bates. Thank you to Wayne Meyer for his assistance and advice with the cattle yards. By the end of the term we plan to add a pair of alpaca’s to the menagerie.

KINDERGARTEN 2015

Many parents have already put their child’s name on the list for Kindergarten 2015. If you missed the school readiness evening at Pre-School and would like to enrol your child, please phone the Primary office for enrolment details. A parent information session will be held on Monday September 8 between 9.00-10.00am. Michelle Willis our Kindergarten teacher for 2015 will be happy to assist parents with further information.

YEAR 8 ELECTIVES

Students in Year 8 will receive elective booklets this week to choose subjects for next year. Students can choose from a range of subjects which they have had a taste of in the junior years; eg agriculture, food technology, commerce, visual art etc. Places are allocated on a “first in best dressed” basis, so be sure to return subject selections to the office.

LITTLE SPROUTS COMMUNITY READING DAY

The Merriwa community will rejoice in the joy of reading and the importance of fostering this from toddlers to grown up’s. It is never too early to encourage children to listen to stories, or develop language skills. Little Sprouts Day is an initiative of

Merriwa Central School to promote reading to the whole community. Thank you to Kara Allison, our new “Instructional Leader” for her organisation of this year’s event. I am sure all students and parents will have a great day. Thank you to all community organisations that have supported the day.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Coming Events

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Primary News
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Our students continue to strive towards new goals every single week and it’s great to see their peers cheering them on when they receive a book award at the end of the week. Congratulations to our latest Students of the Week:

Year Kindergarten: Jack Cook
Year 1/2: Maddison Pike
Year 2/3: Kasey Jongerden
Year 4/5: Tamika Drury
Year 5/6: James Bristow

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten News

We have had a very busy start to Term 3. We have spent many hours preparing for Variety Night. We went on an excursion to Muswellbrook to see the JollyBops science show and had a visit from Jackie and her dog Max about Responsible Pet Ownership. There are more special events happening this term which we are looking forward to.

Our literacy theme this term is monsters. We have been studying the book ‘The Gruffalo’ by Julia Donaldson. We decided the Gruffalo is like a monster, a friendly monster. We have made monster artworks which have been great fun, the students have shown great imagination though our investigation of monsters; what they look like, where they live, what they eat and how they move. We have read many books about monsters and have discovered lots of monsters in stories are kind and friendly. We are looking forward to many more fun lessons about the Gruffalo and monsters.

LITTLE SPROUTS

This Friday is our annual ‘Little Sprouts Day’. Our day will begin shortly after 9.00am at the Merriwa School of Arts where we will join with other locals schools, the pre-school and local family groups. Students are welcome to dress up in an outfit that matches the theme book they have read in class and parents are more than welcome to attend, and wear a costume as well if you want! If you have any questions about the event please contact your child’s class teacher or Miss Allison on the Primary campus.

SPORT

This term our senior students have stepped up to the plate as leaders during our sport rotations and are running games based on the skills students were practising during sport last term. Teachers have been extremely impressed with the level of maturity and organisation our senior students have demonstrated during this time. Each station has been a place where everyone gets a turn, students are laughing and everyone enjoys the game. Well done to all our senior students – keep up the wonderful work!
Kindergarten is very excited about Little Sprouts Day. If you see us around town come and say hello. We will be dressed as monsters, but we are kind and friendly monsters.

Dressed for Variety Night to take you on a journey to Spain where we danced to the music the Pasodoble

Favourite Subject: Metalwork, Woodwork and Agriculture
Extra-Curricular activities: Farm work
Best Personal Achievements: Passing all of my subjects in the Half Yearly examinations
Career Aspirations: Probably heavy vehicle mechanics
Year Advisor’s Comment: Craig is the ultimate ‘quiet achiever’. He is a polite, hard working student who has a particularly dry sense of humour and usually has an insightfully witty comment to share. I am pleased that he has decided to pursue his HSC and I am sure he will find the journey both fulfilling and worthwhile. I look forward to watching him continue to achieve in all of his endeavours.

Lois Harrison
Year Advisor

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.

Student of the Week
Craig Walker
Year 10

Lois Harrison
Year Advisor
Why I want to be in ROAR? Because I enjoy being associated with it
What is my favourite subject: Maths
What is my favourite sport? Football
What is my favourite team? Manly
Best Sporting Achievement: Winning grand finals and making it to the grand final in Under 18’s
Who inspires you and Why: My family because they support me with everything
Advice to young players: Never give up.
Principal’s Report

This week we keep in our prayers all those communities around the world who are suffering from the impact of war. As we see the devastating outcomes of intolerance, greed and hatred on ordinary human beings, may we be motivated to increase our own tolerance, generosity of heart and love for one another in our own homes, within our school community and within the wider community. This is particularly important as we celebrate National Migrant and Refugee Day next Monday. Imagine life being so bad that you are forced to seek shelter in another country... “If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart” Hebrews 3-7. This will be the focus of Monday’s liturgy at 2.40pm. All are welcome.

We welcome three new people to the staff of St Joseph’s. Mrs Moore will be in the front office in Mrs Gilbey’s absence till the end of term. Megan will be working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Mrs Field will be working in the library on Wednesdays for the rest of term. We welcome back Miss Emma Garbellini as she completes the next four weeks of her teaching practicum with us. Emma is working in the Kindergarten room with Mrs Kerr. We wish all three ladies a wonderful time with us.

HORSE SPORTS

Last Monday a team of 17 students competed at Merriwa Central School Horse Sports. The team was ready and eager to enter the ring to be judged for the Best Presented School. Once this was finished students divided into their age groups for the day. The students of St Joseph’s were very successful in the hacking events, winning many ribbons across all age groups. Then it was time for the sporting events. Again our riders competed to a high level demonstrating their skills in each event. The success of our riders was evident during the presentation. Many of our riders won Reserve Champion including Roy Lawler, Patrick McLaren, Jorji Taaffe, Emily Ninness, Lauren Redgate and Clancy Moore and Champion Jock Grady with our school winning Highest Point Scoring Primary School. I would like to thank the many parents and friends of our school, who volunteered to assist in running the day on sporting events, age managers etc. and all of the riders for their cooperation and sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to all riders and congratulations to Merriwa Central School and their Horse Sports Committee for another great carnival last week.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week will be celebrated over the next two weeks. We have a number of exciting activities planned within the classrooms. Literacy and numeracy skills are crucial for our students’ success in life and this week encourages us to highlight this. At a whole school level, the annual Book Week Parade will be held this Wednesday and we welcome all our families and our new Kindergarten students for 2015 as well as the Wednesday Pre-School group to the school for this event. We will join children from all over the community for Little Sprouts Day on Friday. This day focuses on the importance of reading with our children from their very earliest days. On Wednesday a team of students from Stage 3 will travel to Muswellbrook to compete in the Regional Debating competition. Many students have been participating in lunchtime debating sessions to hone their skills in articulating convincing arguments – this ability is indeed a skill for life.

Teachers will continue to develop their literacy and numeracy teaching skills as they participate in three Professional Development programs over the fortnight. They will travel to Muswellbrook next Tuesday afternoon to further increase their readiness for implementing the new Mathematics syllabus in 2015.

ENVIROWEEK – AUGUST 25 - 29, 2014

Enviroweek challenges young Australians to take positive everyday action for a sustainable Australia.

St Joseph’s will be taking on the Waste Warrior Challenge for the week. Students will explore ways that they can reduce the waste in their lunchboxes by looking at what waste is produced (especially non-organic) and then proposing solutions to reduce the waste.

Year 2 will be coordinating the challenge. The aim by the end of the week will be to reduce the amount of rubbish from lunchboxes.

Transition to Kindergarten sessions have been going very well. The group of Kindergarten students for 2015 has been introduced to its buddies from Year 5 and are building a supportive and trusting relationship with them. The buddies will greet the new students before each session and will help them with practical skills such as finding their way around the site, hanging their bags on the correct hook, organising lunchboxes and so on. They will also help them find a friend to play with at lunch time. The buddy system at school has led to the development of a culture across the school where the students from every year look...
out for each other. Parent info sessions have been held simultaneously with the orientation program. So far we have looked at the school curriculum and emotional wellbeing and social skills for getting along with others. There has been some great discussion and the parents have found the sessions very helpful. There will be further sessions in Term 4 and all parents are welcome to attend. Topics will be found in a newsletter closer to the time.

Anyone wishing to send their child to St Joseph’s in 2015 who has not completed an enrolment application are urged to contact the school as soon as possible.

The Annual School Play will be held on Wednesday September 10 at 6.00pm in the School of Arts. All students will be performing and all parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. The teachers have been assisted by the Aspire director, Mrs Anna Kerrigan to prepare the students for this event. Mrs Kerrigan is herself an actor and has brought a wealth of experience and talent to share with our teachers and students. In response to last year’s parent evaluation survey we have provided a play for each class and some whole school items. The teachers have also responded to the request from last year’s survey for parents to be given greater opportunity to help with the set and costumes. A note went last week calling for helpers. If you did not receive this, please ask your student to bring another one home.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS

WEEKLY AWARDS

WEEK 5

Kindergarten - Peter Hagley – for his consistent effort in all areas of his learning

Alyra Bannerman – for her fantastic participation in Literacy Groups

1/2 - Seth Pepper - fantastic work in play practice

Emily Barwick - for great work in play practice

3/4 - Dylan Turner - for excellent work in multiplication

Piper Cropper - for her superb work in play practice

5/6 - Eliza Peebles – for an amazing performance at multiplication and division tasks

Clancy Moore - for producing and excellent speech and knowing his audience

Playground Champion - Madelaine Thrift – for always being willing to lend a hand

Principal’s Awards - Paddy Wong - for collecting the chickens’ eggs very carefully and delivering them safely to the staffroom in the mornings.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AROUND THE SCHOOL

Please remember that cars and children can be a very dangerous combination. Parking zones and speed restrictions must be observed at all times. Please ensure you observe and model safe pedestrian behaviour to the children and that your children are correctly secured into their car seat/seat belt before driving off.

Telephone: 6903 0900  Email:info@merriwarajps.com.au
During Book Week I thought it would be a great opportunity to share with you an interactive tool we use at Pre-School at times - Story Box Library! This week it features the CBCA shortlisted titles for Book Week including our focus book, “Banjo and Ruby Red”.

- Each title features professional audio/visual footage of a diverse range of everyday Australians reading quality picture books
- A regularly updated library of enchanting, entertaining storytelling segments
- An exploration of quality Australian children’s literature, showcasing the best of Australian writing and illustrating
- A range of mini-documentaries that enable children to discover the creative process behind the books, including interviews with authors, illustrators and publishers, as well as background information on the stories and themes.

Why not check it out, just type Story Box Library into your search bar.

A special thanks to Merriwa St Joseph’s School and Merriwa Central School for having us at their Book Week celebrations.

Christmas catalogues are in the Pre-School and MAC rooms. Help yourself to these two great catalogues - Parents Direct and Chalk. They are a fundraiser for our two services, please nominate the Pre-School if you are placing your order online, alternatively return your order to Pre-School by October 14.

We are holding a Steak Hut Fundraiser at the Merriwa Show on the last weekend of Term 3 on the weekend of September 20 and we need you! This is a mammoth event running over three days. It is a wonderful opportunity to engage with the community and is a major event for our school. Please place your name on the volunteer sheet at the Pre-School along with your phone number.

Steps vision screening Wednesday September 3. This is for children who are off to school next year only. Don’t worry, we will catch you next year if not! You will shortly receive a Consent and Result form. The front of this form needs to be completed whether or not you are participating. If your child does not attend school on a Wednesday and are part of our Monday and Friday school ready children please come along with your child at 10.00am on the day for this free state wide screening. We would appreciate it if you can return these forms for collation as soon as possible!

I hope everybody enjoyed our visit from the Music Bus on Thursday. It was a valuable learning experience and gave us the chance to be introduced to some new instruments like the trombone. Chris was doing one of his final shows and commented that he was so pleased to end his time on tour with such a positive group who interacted so well. We also received some positive comments from our photographer saying that the days flowed very well and was a stark improvement from last year. Thank you families for your patience on the day. I am sure you will all feel it was worth it when you see your little stars in glossy print.

Our committee meeting is tonight at 6.30pm at the Pre-School, you are all welcome to attend. On the agenda tonight is the Child Protection Policy and upcoming events.

Leah Folpp
Director
Sophie is a kind and respectful student who is always striving to do her best. Last week she demonstrated her enthusiasm for Mathematics while collecting data on what students preferred out of pizza and sushi. Sophie is also becoming more and more independent at completing school work including soundwaves book activities and comprehension sheets and is a wonderful role model to her peers both in the playground and in the classroom. Sophie has been awarded student of the week for all her efforts. Congratulations, Sophie and keep up the wonderful work.

Let's Get to Know the Student of the Week a little better...

*What is your favourite food? Pizza*

*What job/work would you like when you are older? Ride horses*

*Apart from your family, who is one of your role models and why? Sarah and Tom because they are good friends*

*If you were given $100, what would you buy? Horses*

*What is one thing that people may not know about you? I like to feed puppies.*

**FROM MRS GRINHAM’S DESK**

Week five has been a delightful week at Cassilis Public School with our CWA visit on Monday, touch footy at Dunedoo on Tuesday and students playing calmly in the playground.

Sadly, on Tuesday we said goodbye to the Singh Family. We wish Summer and Priya all the best at their new school. Rocky and Michelle are starting a new adventure in their lives and we wish them every success in the future. We sincerely hope the family leave Cassilis with fond memories and lifelong friendships. You will be missed by us all. Good luck!

**Students have been working on being kind and are doing a great job of speaking nicely. They are learning how to ask to join a game and how to take being out. Keep up the good work, Cassilis.**

**REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to Thomas Nash and Brady Nairne who are through to the Regional Athletics Carnival for high jump, along with our relay team. Thomas jumped 1.22metres and Brady 1.27metres. An outstanding effort! Well done!

We wish them and the relay team every success in Newcastle on Friday August 29.

**CWA DAY**

On Monday all the children were treated to a Botswana inspired morning tea at the Cassilis Community Hall. The Busby room had completed a colouring competition and the McMaster room presented projects about aspects of Botswana. Thank you to Hilary and the CWA ladies for a lovely morning.

**MATHS IN ACTION**

Last Friday students completed activities in the Chance and Data area of mathematics. They had to organise how to collect data and use it. Sophie did a survey about who likes sushi or pizza Year 2 threw dice to see if they had a fair chance of throwing a six to start a game, Year 3 made a spinner, and Year 6 worked on computer activities.
Also on Monday Sarah and Brady Nairne competed in the Merriwa Horse Sports Day making Cassilis proud by winning quite a few ribbons and a trophy. Well done!

TOUCH FOOTBALL SUCCESS!

On Tuesday students travelled to Dunedoo to play Eumungerie for a place in the State Finals. Cassilis won 15-4 in an exciting match. Both teams played really well and displayed good sportsmanship and fairness. On September 17-18 the team will go to Sydney to compete. Good Luck!

FAREWELL SUMMER AND PRIYA

Tuesday was Summer and Priya’s last day at Cassilis PS and we wish them all the best at Coonabarabran. We had a small farewell party where the girls were presented with booklets containing messages from their friends. Priya had prepared a speech and Summer showed a slide show. Both girls spoke fondly of their time at Cassilis. We will miss you!

MERRIWA HORSE SPORTS

Jeanette Grinham
Relieving Principal

DIARY

August
18 - Science Week
21 - Touch Footy Gala Day Mudgee (no orienteering)
22 - Little Sprouts – Busby- Merriwa
- Canteen
27 - Mrs. G Meeting – Scone
28 - Orienteering
29 - Regional athletics – Newcastle

September
1 - Assembly 2.15pm
- P and C 3.00pm
4 - Orienteering
5 - Canteen
9 - Proposed Busby excursion to Dubbo Zoo
11 - Orienteering
15 - LST case conferences
16 - Rewards Day
17 -18 Touch Footy finals – Sydney
19 - End Term 3
WEEKLY AWARDS

• Codi Marsh - consistent application in all areas
• Olivia McLean - positive attitude
• Angus Higgins - improvement in reading
• William Stair - trying hard in mathematics
• Nicholas Terrell - improvement in problem solving
• Riley Borrodaile - great contributions during story writing
• Reagan Turner - trying very hard when reading.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

K/1/2 - Bill Chambers and Noah Adams
3/4/5/6 - Shanay Turner, Abby Cooper, Angus Higgins, Josh Wilkins and Dustynn Turner.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Isabelle Pike - always staying focussed on her work.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK

Amy Thompson
Our soccer team travelled to Quirindi last week to play their second round game. Although unsuccessful the students had a great time and played very well. Thank you to Mrs Parker and all the parents who drove, and to Paul Higgins for training the team over a number of weeks.

Christina Darlington
Principal
Cherie Walmsley went on to tell us that today one million Red Cross members, volunteers, donors, staff, blood donors, recipients and supporters, make a positive difference to the lives of people in need every day.

Cherie also read the Red Cross Pledge…We pledge ourselves as members of the Red Cross to work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering, and to uphold the principles of the international Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

She went on to say the Friendship Statement…We are grateful for this opportunity to meet together sharing fellowship and friendship knowing that our support will help the vital work of the International Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement.

Cherie finished her presentation to us at “Holy Trinity” with the fundamental principles of Red Cross.


Last Sunday we celebrated 100 years of the Australian Red Cross. Cherie Walmsley read to us how the Red Cross is making a difference every day. In an extract from the Red Cross website they say. “In our Centenary year we are reaching out to a new generation to help shape our future, to bring new ideas and energy, to forge the next century of humanitarian service to the nation. ....”

Read and enjoy the feature article.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Serenity Prayer.

Contact: 0429 996 769

CELEBRATING WITH THE RED CROSS
AUGUST 13 1914 – AUG 2014

Last Sunday, we especially remembered all the amazing work that the Red Cross are involved with.

An extract from their official website states - part of the world’s humanitarian movement, red cross has been woven into the fabric of Australian life for 100 years - whether it’s our immediate response to natural disasters, our blood service, or our everyday work to help vulnerable people.........

We began as the Australian branch of the British Red Cross Society on August 13 1914 at Government House, Melbourne, nine days after the outbreak of World War 1......

Our Featured member of the Merriwa Red Cross,
Getting to know your Local Doctors!

The Merriwa community has had its ups and downs over the past few years in relation to doctors in Merriwa, with Dr Stokes moving her practice and the loss of our beloved Dr Salama, it seemed that having a local doctor was only something to dream about. Until now!

At Dr Noman Jawaad’s Medical Practice Merriwa; two local doctors work together to service both Merriwa and Denman. Dr Noman Jawaad has been in the Upper Hunter working as a country doctor for the past five years, servicing Muswellbrook, Scone and Denman in that time and made the move to Merriwa in May 2013. Since that time he has spread his time over both Merriwa and Denman.

Dr Jawaad joins the Merriwa community with over ten years of medical experience and currently is specialised as a General Practitioner. With extensive experience in Emergency, Dr Jawaad plans to extend the availability of emergency cover at the Merriwa Multipurpose Centre to a 24/7 emergency service, but all in good time. Merriwa, it seems, has a bright future where doctor availability is concerned. In the not too distant future, Dr Jawaad plans to bring in a third doctor to assist in servicing the local area. This doctor has a back ground in psychiatry, children and in the general practice. She will assist in emergency and will be living in Merriwa permanently.

Dr Jawaad reflected on his time already spent in Merriwa and commented on how the local community had accepted him. “Merriwa is beautiful, respectful and people are settled. I like how they are not judgemental and accepted my culture.” Although Dr Jawaad comes to us from Pakistan, it seems that Australia has become his home and he now has “country kids”.

Dr Jawaad comes from a family of doctors and said that the support from his parents to become a doctor is part of the reason he is where he is today but the main reason he is a doctor and a General Practitioner is because even today, he enjoys the personal reward he gains when he is able to diagnose or heal someone. “It’s a feeling of satisfaction that I get and I still get that feeling a lot and I like it, without that it would be a boring job! I like Merriwa, they are so friendly and accept me as their doctor.”

Dr Jawaad then stepped aside to introduce his more reserved counterpart, Dr Cho Oo Maung – or Dr Cho to his patients.

Dr Cho has been practicing medicine since 1985 working in his own practice in Burma for eleven years and came to Australia in 1999. Dr Cho continued his studies for nine years in Sydney, to ensure that his Medical degree was of Australian standards. He is currently working toward obtaining a fellowship in the General Practice.

Dr Cho has had extensive experience in many areas, including psychiatry, emergency and general medicine so with him comes a wealth of knowledge. Dr Cho is currently staying in Merriwa and commuting home to Gosford every 2 – 3 weeks but welcomes the move to Merriwa permanently with his wife in the future. Dr Cho’s wife will become the third doctor in Merriwa at some point in the near future where she will work from Dr Noman Jawaad’s Medical Practice Merriwa and will also become one of the doctors manning the Emergency services from the Merriwa Multi-Purpose Centre.

On close of the chat with Dr Jawaad and Dr Cho, they shared some of their most memorable moments since coming to Merriwa but one of which Dr Jawaad was happy to share with the community was his first experience with the unsealed roads within our Shire.
One morning when travelling to Merriwa, Dr Jawaad came across a road closure that sent him along Flags Road. This morning was quite a wet morning and with such a low car, Dr Jawaad claimed that “I looked very funny in my little car sliding over the road. I am sure that I was the only one with that type of the car on the muddy road!” “I have also had some very close meetings with some kangaroos and even a deer!”

Dr Jawaad and Dr Cho wish to thank everyone in the community for the warm welcome and support they have received.

Thank you to both Dr Jawaad and Dr Cho for taking the time to let the Merriwa community get to know you! We wish both Doctors great success in Merriwa and look forward to introducing you to the Doctor at Merriwa Surgery in the near future.

Tina Taylor

Dr Noman Jawaad Medical Practice

Our hours currently are:

**MERRIWA**

Dr Jawaad works Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Dr Cho works Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.00am to 6.00pm.

**DENMAN**

Dr Jawaad works Tuesday 8.30am 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 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 surgery every second week. To see Sharon you do need a referral from Dr Jawaad or Dr Cho.

Dr Noman Jawaad

Merriwa Rotary Club recently welcomed Clara Piefke a long term Exchange Student from Osnabruck in Germany.

Osnabruck is a city of over 150,000 people in northwest Germany. Clara was sponsored by one of the four Rotary clubs in that city.

Clara will be in Merriwa for the next twelve months and will be hosted by four Merriwa families during her stay with us.

She will be attending Merriwa Central School.

Our club is delighted to welcome Clara to our town.

Mark Smith

Merriwa Central School

KINDERGARTEN 2015

Please contact the Primary Office on 6548 2101 to express your interest in enrolling your child.

A parent information session will be held on Monday September 8 between 9.00am and 10.00am.

Dr Noman Jawaad
Merriwa Historical Society Inc

The Society and Museum is located in the Colonial Cottage next to the RSL Club. The Cottage was built in 1857 as a Bank. A number of commercial businesses used the building until the 1940/50s when it was a private residence for Mr. and Mrs. Henderson. When Mrs. Henderson, who was bedridden in later life, passed on it was acquired by the RSL Club. They still own the property and allow the Society to use it to exhibit items of historical importance.

In 1966 thirteen local ladies got together with the idea of establishing the Historical Society. Three of these are still in the district - Helen Bettington, Beryl Llewelyn and Lesley Killen. Lesley Killen is still a member after forty eight years. Until very recently she was “on duty” on the first Saturday of each month. Mrs. Killen received a Life Membership Award a few years ago for her continued support.

Mrs. Nancy Shannon was the first President. In the early days there were more than thirty members. Today we have eight with only three or four available to open the doors for visitors. We desperately need more volunteers. If you can spare a few hours we can fit you in to a day and time that suits your other commitments. Times are flexible and need not be a set schedule. Jobs are to show visitors through the collection and we want to start meeting and recording stories of the past from our older residents who remember the “good old days”. If you can help please contact me on 6548 5000.

A lot of hard work went into preparing the building to best show off the many items which were donated. Most from local families so what we have is truly local and reflects life in the past. A silk dress and jacket made in Paris one hundred and one years ago stands just inside the door. A significant item that is registered on the National Dress Register. We also have some records to assist in family research.

The down stairs Cellar area has its own interesting history. Some highlights are - it was used by the earlier Shire Councillors for meetings, dances and Balls were held there even though it has a dirt floor. The Chinese cook from the “Bottom Pub” lived there. Today it has many smaller agricultural and household items. One is a pot belly style heater with seven irons around the outside to ensure there was always one ready to be used. This came from Collaroy Station.

Our Merriwa and Cassilis News collection starts from the first issue in 1895 and goes through to the final one in 1967. However there are a number of missing years especially from early 1900’s to mid 1930’s. If you have copies and are willing to give them to us it will be greatly appreciated.

Finally we are losing our President. Libby Walker has held this position for many years and has given a lot of her time to ensure that the Museum has continued to be open to the public. Libby and Peter have sold their property on Idaville Rd. and are moving out of the District. Thanks Libby and all the best in your “retirement”.

Please contact me if you have time to help. A few hours is all we need. Currently we are open Monday and Tuesday 9.30am to 2.00pm, Friday mornings, and some Saturday mornings.

Merriwa Progress Association

The guest speaker at the August meeting of the Merriwa District Progress Association will be Alan Gordon the CEO of TransCare Hunter Ltd. Alan will explain the new and improved Community Bus service between Merriwa and Muswellbrook which commenced last month.

The meeting will be on Wednesday August 27 at Merriwa RSL, commencing at 6.00pm.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Contact 6548 2245.

Bryan Baker

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 its 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

Merriwa Ringer

Photo courtesy of www.merriwa.nsw.au.
Community Notice Board

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.

Phoebe Richards

Farewell Sisters of St Joseph’s
A “Farewell to the Sisters of St Joseph in Merriwa” will be held on September 28 at St Anne’s Church, Merriwa. Bishop William Wright will celebrate Mass at 11.00am.

All members of our community are welcome to attend a community bring and share lunch will follow.

Mark Smith

Merriwa Cricket
Meeting to be held August 28 at 6.30pm at the Merriwa RSL Club to fill Secretary and Treasurer positions that were not filled at the last meeting.

If you are interested in playing in the 2014/15 season please contact Murray Wright (0467 732 753) or Craig Drury (0428 557 765) to put your name down. Names need to be in by August 26 so we can determine how many teams we will have.

Kate Blackadder

Legacy
LEGACY BADGE DAY AND STREET STALL
Legacy’s annual Badge week will be September 1 to 5. We will be holding a Street Stall and selling Badges on Friday September 5. All donations of cakes, slices, biscuits, jams etc would be very much appreciated.

Maree Goodear

Messy Church
FRIDAY AUGUST 29
See you at the Parish hall 3.30pm for afternoon tea and then craft exploring the theme “Who is the Holy Spirit” and lots more.

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

We look forward to seeing you all!

Rosalie Drew and the Messy Church team

Little Sprouts
LITTLE SPROUTS COMMUNITY READING DAY – PLANTING THE SEED TO READ

Don’t forget Little Spouts Community Reading Day is on this Friday, August 22 starting at the School of Arts. We also would like to extend a warm invitation to children aged 0-4 to come along with their parents and join in on all the exciting activities by being a part our ‘Seeds’ group. The ‘Seeds’ are welcome to join us for recess (provided by CWA) at 10.30am, then take part in library activities and a session with Mainly Music, all for free! We want to encourage lifelong enjoyment of reading and books, so why not start young. Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time, businesses, advice and products to help support the children of Merriwa. Also, thank you to all the staff at Merriwa Central School who have worked hard to make sure Little Sprouts Day is a success. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Kara Allison
Instructional Leader

Merriwa VIEW Club
DINNER MEETING
Merriwa VIEW Club next Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday August 28 at the Merriwa CWA Rooms. Please remember to BYO drink.

Contact Elaine on 6548 8560 to confirm if you are going.

Elaine Sparrow

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

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Yes! We cut keys. If we don’t have the right blank, it won’t take us long to get it in for you. We can order padlocks keyed alike and secure door assemblies.

GLOBES
We sell a range of globes, including “100%+ more light” - everyone who has upgraded to these has been thrilled with the results.

CENTURY BATTERIES
Century batteries are still made in Australia and are superior quality. Big retailers out of town sell the same batteries for up to $30.00-$40.00 more.

CONTACT US
Please give us a call on 6548 2114 or drop in to 30 Bow Street so we can make a booking that is most convenient for you and it helps us to maintain our schedule too.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Michael and Sally Hagley

Brodie’s Cutting Edge
Brodie’s Cutting Edge wishes to advise clients that the business will be closed from Tuesday September 9 to Monday September 15, reopening 9.00am on September 16. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Brodie Jones

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

This week’s specials at Max’s Country Cuts on August Friday 22 and Saturday 23 and early next week while stocks last include:

- Yearly T-bone steak $16.99kg
- Lamb forequarter chops $8.99kg
- Variety of rissoles $8.99kg

Rissole variety includes:
- Tasty beef rissoles
- Crumbed rissoles
- Roast tomato and garlic
- Cheese and bacon.

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

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
T-BONE STEAK WITH GARLIC AND CHIVE BUTTER

Ingredients
- 175g butter, at room temperature
- 1 garlic clove crushed
- 2 table spoon drained capers
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- 6 (about 350g each) beef T-bone steaks
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

METHOD

Step 1 - combine the butter, garlic, capers and chives in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Shape into a log and wrap in plastic wrap. Place in the fridge to chill until firm. Cut the butter into slices and rewrap the log back in the plastic wrap.

Step 2 - preheat a barbecue flat plate on high. Season the steaks with salt and pepper. Rub with the oil. Cook on barbecue for 4-5 minutes each side for medium rare or until cooked to your liking. Transfer to a baking tray. Cover with foil. Set aside for 5 minutes to rest.

Step 3 - divide the steaks among servings plates. Top each with a slice of garlic and chive butter.

Max, Yvonne and the crew at Max’s Country Cuts
this alternate selling method to the traditional auction.

Local agent Tony Inder of Rockwell Livestock and Property, said “2014 presents a real challenge to bull breeders with ongoing poor seasonal and market conditions, combined with declining cow numbers resulting in lesser demand for bulls. In light of these conditions the result at TRIO Angus this year is outstanding. Breeding bulls that your client’s demand which combine growth, carcase quality and softness, along with presentation, has paid off in a tough year. “

Tony and Heidi Inder

McMullin Partnership from Scone purchased Trio Bojangles H41 the second top bull for $7,000.00 and Trio Bojangles H85 for $6,000.00.

The sale, run by Rockwell Livestock and Property, Merriwa, and Galton and Co, Gunnedah, used the well received Helmsman Selling System. Many bull buyers commented on the benefits of using this alternate selling method to the traditional auction.

Matt Cherry and Shelley Piper of Trio Angus Stud, Cassilis, are to be congratulated on their quality line-up of Angus bulls at their Annual On-Property Bull Sale last Thursday. Thirty five Angus bulls sold from thirty six to average $4,181.00.

Out of the total sale, twenty four were two year old bulls averaging $4,438.00 while the balance were yearling bulls averaging $4,000.00.

The sale topping bull Lot 1 Trio Evident H78 achieved $7,500.00 and went to local, repeat purchasers John and Ainsley Maben of “Bangalore” Merriwa. The 24 month old bull, by Dunoon Evident E164, weighed 934kg and scanned the equal highest eye muscle area. “This bull was a stand-out for us with length and depth and excellent carcase traits. We bought a Trio Angus bull last year and have been very happy with his performance and temperament.” said Mr Maben.

Find us on Facebook!

Look for Merriwa Central School’s official page!
We are looking forward to this year’s Little Sprouts Day and are always proud to support such a fun and fabulous day. Reading is such an important skill in life today, and if we can make it fun for all children, even those who find it difficult might begin to enjoy it. We have such a good, affordable range of picture books and also carry young teen novels. Keep the enthusiasm for reading going beyond the day and create an affordable library for you and your children to enjoy.

There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully as those we spent with a favourite book. – Marcel Proust

We look forward to seeing you on Friday for Little Sprouts Day, and we hope all of the children enjoy the day.

FATHER’S DAY

It is that time of year again! Time to remember all of the great things our dads’ have done for us over the years. It is a time to show your dad just how much you love and appreciate him. The best way to do this is with a card - we have cards for all kinds of dad’s - funny, heartfelt, cute, and cuddly.

If you are stuck for ideas for what to get dad for Father’s Day try getting him a magazine subscription through Merriwa NewsXpress. You are not locked into certain prices and you can pick any magazine that we supply. There are magazines for the rev-head, the footy-fanatic, the weekend handyman, the avid gardener, the rodeo-loving, the sports-mad, the fitness fanatic, the master chef, the techno-gizmo fan, and so many more. You can even put together a one-off pack of all of your dad’s favourites and give them as the present.

We also have some great gift cards in store. These are great gifts for the dad that doesn’t live in town. They are easy to post and allow dad to get something that he really wants or needs. They conveniently fit into the card that you have just purchased and require no wrapping (although we do have some great gift wrap that is perfect for wrapping a dad present!) so makes it a one-stop shop. Perfect!

CHOCOLATE HEAVEN

This is where I say… forget dad and Father’s Day - get this magazine for yourself! It has some amazing things to make and devour - all made with the most magical and delicious ingredient on the planet! Chocolate! The Irish Cream Cheesecake is rich, creamy, delicious and best not to be eaten before driving - also known as divine! The After-Dark Mousse is mouth-wateringly delicious and looks good when presented at the dinner table. The brownies are off the chart of delectable treats and there are so many more recipes that you might not even know which one to start with. Get it now before they all run out!

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

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Neville and Leanne Hook

Australia Post Merriwa

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

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Yes, it’s nearly here Dad’s day is on Sunday September 7 and we have your gift covered with a Darrell Lea Dad’s bag for $25.00. Be quick as they won’t last long.

MALTESERS ARE BACK!

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PASSPORTS/WORKCOVER APPLICATIONS

we will not be able to process these applications on a Thursday until the end of October. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Kellie Walker and Kylie Austin
Merriwa Ringer
Woolbrook Rural Industries

After their 1876 Northfield, Minnesota, disaster pursuing posses managed to catch several of the fleeing James Brothers gang. However, the brothers survived for another five years and carried out further comparatively half hearted raids, but their glory days, after ten years, were waning. Another well known gang led by the Dalton brothers came to grief in much the same way in 1890 when they attempted to rob a bank at Coffeyville, Kansas, but were also forced into a gunfight with the town residents who killed four of the gang and captured two, though themselves losing three citizens. Still, the police and other professional Law Enforcement forces were having little success in capturing any of the numerous outlaw bands still operating in the West, so in desperation private investigators were called in, including Pinkerton’s National Detective Agency. Pinkerton’s logo was an eye with the slogan “We Never Sleep” underneath, hence the terms still used today, “Private Eye” and “PI”, as colloquialisms for private detectives. Pinkerton’s agency is still in existence and one of America’s largest Private Investigation and Security organisation. Even so, his Agency did not have much success either till Pinkerton himself took over in the worst areas, though one major problem he had was that there weren’t any pictures or photos of either of the James brothers so he could not recognise them even if he came face to face with them. In fact one day, some time after he had had a casual conversation with a stranger he happened to meet in a street, Pinkerton must have felt foolish when he received a letter advising him that he must now know what Jesse James looked like since he had been the stranger with whom he had had that casual conversation. However, Pinkerton had the last laugh in 1882 after he succeeded in planting what would today be called an “undercover” man named Bob Ford in the James’ gang. After a while Ford suspected Jesse had “rumbled” him and was planning to kill him, so when Ford was sitting in a chair near Jesse, who was standing on another chair to straighten a picture, he took the opportunity to shoot Jesse in the back and kill him. Ford was tried for murder in St Joseph, Missouri, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to death but pardoned by the Governor before the execution. Ten years later, in Colorado, a Jesse James believer shot Ford dead with a shotgun.

Then, still in 1882 and perhaps because of Jesse’s death, Frank James surrendered to the authorities and was tried for murder, an open-and-shut case you might think, however the jury acquitted him. The authorities realised they had no chance of ever getting a conviction because of the reverence in which Frank was held, but also, I suspect, because any juror who brought in a guilty verdict might not live much longer, particularly in Missouri, so they took no more action. Frank was 40 at the time of his acquittal and 72 when he died in 1914. I have a photo of him taken when he was 70, and it shows a sprightly and pleasant looking white bearded old man in a tall hat, suit and tie. He stands in front of his farm gate which is adorned with a sign which says “Home of the James-Jesse and Frank James-Admission 50 cents each per person” and on another sign “James Farm-Kodaks Bared” (sic). He also sold pebbles from Jesse’s grave, and I suspect that his last acts were still perhaps slightly illegal being mildly fraudulent, as it is likely there was an inexhaustible supply of pebbles from his notorious brother’s grave.

To go to the other extreme, the so-called “Wild Bunch” was an example of a more civilised, though still lawless band. It is generally considered to be the last of the well known Wild West outlaw gangs, and was led by Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. However, the very fact that they were so much more civilised means there is less to write about them. After all, it seems more has been written about history’s more notorious and unlikable characters, such as the James Brothers, than has ever been written about the nicer ones. Robert LeRoy Parker was born in 1866 (incidentally the same year the James brothers committed their first robbery), but changed his name to Butch Cassidy in honour of a man named Mike Cassidy who, as his mentor, had taught him the finer points of stealing horses and cattle. Later, along with others, including his long term partner Harry “Sun Dance Kid” Longbaugh, originally from Sun Dance, California, Butch turned from stealing livestock to holdups. They specialised in the now ubiquitous trains and used whatever was needed, particularly dynamite, to halt them. At times they demolished whole carriages, though apparently never with people in them, to gain access to safes, gold which was being freighted, passengers so they could be robbed, and anything else worth stealing. Butch always claimed he had never killed, or even injured, anyone and that when pursued he had always aimed at the horses (pity the poor horses!), never the riders, and the Sundance Kid seems to have had the same philosophy. However, times were changing and eventually, with Pinkerton hard on their heels, the USA became too hot for them and they decided it was time to move on to somewhere far away, and they did.

Max Wurcker

Merriwa Ringer
The Merriwa Activity Centre is seeking a motivated applicant to join our team, Coordinating and implementing a program for the Merriwa Activity Centre for After School Hours Care of 5-12 year olds.

Experience in this area is essential. The successful applicant will be actively working towards or hold a Certificate III as a minimum requirement. A WWCC, current child protection training and comprehensive First Aid training in Anaphylaxis and Asthma management essential. Two current referees and a recent resume will be required.

The hours are a minimum of 15 hours per week during the school term and also work through the NSW school holidays is expected.

A reduced rate of care available for children of Staff who attend during School Holidays only.

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

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Scone on Monday, 25 August commencing at 5pm. Public participation is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting.

Requests to address Council must:-

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

All members of the community are welcome to attend.

P: Robyn Cox 6540 1126

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 28 August 2014.

DA No: 143/2014
Applicant: Boardman Peasley Pty Ltd
Location: Lots 1, 2, 3 DP 456729, Depot Road, Merriwa
Proposal: Subdivision of three lots into two lots

DA No: 144/2014
Applicant: Boardman Peasley Pty Ltd
Location: Lot 118 DP 1162913 Hall Road, Merriwa
Proposal: Subdivision of proposed Lot 121 Into two Lots.

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

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

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

Note: The site is updated on a fortnightly basis.

FESTIVAL NEWS

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
1710 Baerami Creek Road Baerami  $450,000.00

Situated in the tightly held Baerami Creek Valley this 40.07 hectares (100 acres) property backs onto the National Park and boasts outstanding views over the surrounding area. The homestead is solid brick and has three huge bedrooms, a rumpus room with a built in combustion stove and a big open plan lounge, dining and kitchen area. There is air conditioning and a combustion fire. The kitchen has plenty of cupboard space and is in good condition. Outside is an entertainment deck and pool. The house just needs some finishing touches to complete it off. The property fronts Baerami Creek with an electric pump in place which supplies stock and domestic water. There is approximately 50 acres of open cleared country around the creek which is ideal grazing land and is currently carrying about 25 head of cattle. There is also 250 mature pecan nut trees planted which can be harvested should you wish. Other infrastructure includes a machinery shed, stable, chook house and holding yards. Properties in this area rarely come on the market and this one won’t last.
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Denman Women Bowling Club was host for the District Presentation Day held on August 6 which was a most enjoyable day!

Beryl Advard, Merel Culuccio, Beatrice Voysey and Diane Mitchell received their eight pin badges for District Pennants. Congratulations!

Denman Association Day held on the August 13 - Joy Hancock, Vivian Murray, Merle Culuccio and Loretta Cooper played on the day - Merle Culuccio, Joy Hancock, Marion Bramback and Bev Shoobert. Joy Hancock won the 50 Club.

Cassilis Friendship Day is on Thursday August 28, names on the board or to Loretta by August 20.

Bowls for the other days at Aberdeen on August 27, please let Loretta know if you are available. Take your own lunch, something for the trading table.

Next meeting - September 8 at 3.00pm - Sports Club.

Eva Towler

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**PREVIOUS WEEK’S RESULTS**

**Friday August 15**

**Members Draw:** $75 - Darilin Nairne – unclaimed - $80 next week

**Joker Draw:** $1510 – Paul Anderson – unsuccessful - $1561 next week.

Hilary Parker
Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football and Netball Club

Our 2014 season is closing in fast with only two weeks to go for our 6’s; 7’s and 8’s. Next week they play at Muswellbrook and the week after at Denman. Unfortunately the Under 7’s had to forfeit last week. Please let your coach know if your child cannot play as we have to forfeit twenty four hours prior to the game. The kids really enjoy playing so try to play the last two games of the season.

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Belinda Keane

Merriwa Ringer

Sunday saw another great turn out of horse and riders at our August Rally Day. Thanks to all of our instructors who did a fine job taking riders through their paces in the jumping, flag, bend, clover leaf and barrels. Riders also practiced teams of four for Jamboree with final team selections to be announced in coming weeks. The rally day was also a great opportunity for members to ‘tune up’ their steeds ready for Merriwa Horse Sports which was held on Monday with many Pony Club members excelling in their respective age groups as they competed for their schools. Congratulations to Merriwa Central School for hosting another fantastic event!

A short meeting was held at the rally day to discuss this year’s Christmas party. A unanimous decision was carried to hold a two trail ride with a non-riding option of a swim and dinner on Saturday night. More details to follow but please keep December 13 and 14 free in your diaries!

The next event on the Pony Club calendar is the Merriwa Campdraft and Sporting weekend which has been moved to September 6 and 7 due to bad weather on the original date (July 26/27). Any queries please contact Pony Club secretary Chris Riley on cl.riley@bigpond.com.

Presentation Day will be on Sunday October 19, 2014 at the Merriwa Sports Club at 10.30am. The committee are preparing all the details for the day. Could all those who received perpetual trophies last season please return the trophies to either Elaine, Andrew Jamieson, Belinda Keane or Kellie Porter as soon as possible so we can get them engraved for the new recipients.

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Elaine Sparrow
Secretary

KINGSLYN U/8’S

We are getting close to the end of the season now and the U/8’s are making the most of these last games. We played against a well organised Singleton Black side but our boys and two girls sure did bring their best. They are sharing the ball around nicely giving everyone a run, offloading to keep the ball alive and most of the time running onto the ball to get a nice pace up by the time they hit that wall of defence. Lots of tries were scored - so many that I can’t remember them but that’s ok because scoring tries is important but not as important as good defence, and our defence was better than good. Dylan and David’s defence was outstanding, both of them making lots of hard tackles. Brooklyn and Ellie once again got in there and helped the team with some great tackles, Brooklyn was fast on her feet in attack and Ellie was so excited when she got the ball. Her little feet were going flat out but her body just didn’t know which way to go. Jackson Whitby played for us and he certainly has no problems playing above his weight as he made some impressive runs throughout the game. Jyeson, Riley and Clayton were all hard to stop in attack and supported the team with some great defence as well. Jack had a great game with some strong runs up the middle of the field, which is what earned him the trophy for being “Player of the Week” well done Jack. Well done U/8’s. It is always great to watch you all play. See you all at training to prepare for our final two games.

Belinda Keane
Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Touch Football

TOUCH FOOTBALL AGM

The Touch Football AGM will be held on August 28 at 6.00pm at the Merriwa Sports Club. All positions will be declared open in aim to start the 2014/15 season off in October.

See you all at the Sports Club on August 28, remember - no committee, no Touch!

Tina Taylor

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football and Netball Club

MERRIWA MINK PINK NETBALL

Well the season is over and we made it through (minus Peita who cheered from the sideline for the last game) without too many hickups.

For the last game we played against a more determined Scone side and at times the girls showed some of the best skills I have seen from them all year. But that is in the past!

I would like to say thank you to all the girls for allowing me the opportunity to coach them and although some of the training I have tried has seemed a little unorthodox, the girls have given it a go.

Each junior has their own strength on the court and by the end of the season they were having faith in themselves. They have all grown so much over the season and I hope they stick together for the 2015 season.

Team Mink Pink:

Paige Mcconnell - Great shooter but also great at getting the ball back in both ends of the court, easiest going player on the court

Jazzmine Orton - Strong goal defender and on her best days played as if she was going for gold each quarter, aggressive on the court

Alana Smith - Quick and agile and a strong centre on the court, great defender, continuous energy supply, makes me tired watching her

Tamasyn Mcnaught - Great defender, best suited to WD but could also be a demon in the GK position

Jasmine Hammond - Started slow but has gained confidence each week, quick on her feet and a great defender, will be a top C position next year

Teianna Taylor - Aggressive in defence, height advantage and a great shooter (doesn’t get that from mum), best position is GA as she works to position herself for the shot

Peita Cassar - Most determined player at both training and game days to do the best she can, she had developed into a WA position and is continuing to work towards other positions.

These girls could not have played some weeks if it had not been through the support of the junior girls - Lauren, Ruby, Sophie, Caitlyn and Olivia. Thank you for your support, you have played well in the grade above. We hope you enjoyed it.

Lastly, thank you to Kirsten Murray for all her support through the season! You have been an asset and I would not have lasted without you!

Tina Taylor
## Community Calendar

### What's happening?

**Send your calendar information in before 12 noon**

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