WHAT’S NEWS?

Father’s Day Breakfast

Canberra War Memorial visit

Merriwa Pony Club update

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Springtime Show Updates

Photography Competition - Men and Women at work

A sad farewell to long time friend and supporter of the Merriwa Ringer, Max Wurcker

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MERRIWA'S GOT TALENT!
WIFE CARRYING COMP COMES TO MERRIWA

Where else can you grab a wife, anyone’s ‘wife,’ throw her over your shoulders and bolt?

Well at the Merriwa Springtime Show not only will you be able to do this legitimately, you’re going to have a heck of a good time doing it and provide some priceless entertainment for the rest of us.

Glen Austin, has many talents, not least of which is as a former competitor in the curious sport of ‘wife carrying’.

“I thought it would be a good event for the show because it is easy to do, and you don’t really have to do much preparation.”

“It’s a lot of fun for the competitors and the crowds love it,” he said.

As for the rules, they are pretty straightforward. You both need to be 18 years or over. You do not need to be married to your partner. There needs to be at least one female competitor in the team and the minimum weight of the person being carried must be 50 kilograms or over. There are no rules for how to hold or carry your wife, as long as she is off the ground. Competitors must complete an obstacle course, around 200 metres in length. If you drop your ‘wife’ then you will incur a five second penalty. The event is timed with the fastest couple taking out the race.

“It’s like a barrel race, but instead of using a horse, you use your husband,” Mr Austin said.

Wife Carrying is a sport that has gained prominence across the Upper Hunter in recent years with the highly acclaimed National Wife Carrying Championships taking place in Singleton annually. The winner of the Merriwa Springtime Show wife carrying title will qualify to compete in Singleton later this year with the winner of the national competition winning a spot at the world championships in Norway.

To register your interest call Glen on 0427 895 356, email gkaustin@westnet.com.au or grab a partner and meet Glen down at the main arena Saturday 20 September at the Merriwa Springtime Show after lunch.

And in case you were wondering, which ‘wife’ Glen was carrying in this photo, just ask the crew at Max’s Country Cuts.

Tash Taaffe

FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION

We are happy to announce there will be a “flower arranging” demonstration by a Professional Florist in the Fairfax Pavilion, at 10.00am Saturday 20 September.

Julia Hardy
Primary News

IPADS

An exciting new resource has started being used in the infants classes. iPads are currently being used in literacy groups and numeracy lessons. iPads enable endless opportunities to create hands-on, creative learning experiences and can be modified to suit any level of learning across all subjects.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

It was Boy Power last week as the boys were working hard and doing their best in many areas of learning. Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

Year Kindergarten: Isaac Constable
Year 1/2: Dylan Keane
Year 2/3: Hudson Attenborough
Year 4/5: William Whitby
Year 5/6: John Hamson

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

At our assembly last week our Deputy Principal Mr Johnston kindly joined us to see students participate in our formal assembly. He interviewed our Workers of the Week and was able to hear about some wonderful things happening in our classrooms including, writing, art and HSIE.

WELL DONE TO OUR WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten: Isaac Constable and Zara Sampson
Year 1/2: Alana King and Mia Jacobs
Year 2/3: Oceana Rawlings and Ellie-May Whitby
Year 4/5: William Whitby and Joanne Hamson
Year 5/6: Liana Byfield and Tamara Sormaz

Coming Events

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Many Merriwa Merits were handed out last week at assembly and we were proud to award a Bronze and Silver award. Congratulations to Makala Birtles on achieving a Bronze Award and to Alana King for achieving a Silver Award.

Peer Support continued last week with the lesson ‘Eat a Rainbow’. Our student leaders showed their group stencils of different fruits and vegetables and identified them and what colour they are. They then created a rainbow of healthy food. Our leaders continue to do a fantastic job of guiding their groups in lessons on healthy eating and every session I see lots of smiling faces.

Last Friday the Kindergarten class presented their Gruffalo item to the assembly. They have been studying the book ‘The Gruffalo’ this term and have incorporated it into many areas of learning. They sang the Gruffalo song which describes the attributes of the main character including his face, his back and his teeth. They all did a wonderful job singing and performing the actions. Well done, Kindy!

This Friday Primary will have a cupcake stall to raise money for Camp Quality. Cupcakes will range from 50 cents to $2.00.

Next week the Young Endeavour excursion is on Tuesday 16 September. Students need to bring their recess, lunch and water for the trip and be at school at 9.00am. The bus is due to return at 4.00pm.

Success in early number skills can be an indicator of future success in all areas of school. Children start school with a variety of skills in Maths from counting objects, to identifying shapes and beyond. Here are a few skills your child might be working on before they start their first year of school.

- recognises that numbers can be used to count
- counts groups of objects and is working towards counting to 10 and beyond
- uses words such as many, a lot, more, less, big, small
Favourite Subject: Hospitality and Visual Arts
Extra-Curricular activities: Nothing except hair
Favourite Activity: Enjoys going to TAFE
Career Aspirations: Hairdresser

Year Advisor’s Comment: Sarah is a mature, friendly young woman who relies on the solid friendships in her life. She values loyalty, cooperation and respect. She is focused upon becoming a hairdresser and I believe she is well suited to that industry. It has been a pleasure to observe her growth as a student and person.

Alison King
Year Advisor

Student of the Week
Sarah Haydon
Year 12

Secondary News
ENGLISH/HISTORY FACULTY NEWS

Year 12 students have arrived at the end of thirteen years of school education. Everyone in the English /History faculty would like to offer them our best wishes in their upcoming examinations and we all hope they receive just reward for their effort. I urge them to continue preparing themselves for their examinations. Teachers are ready, willing and able to offer advice and give feedback on any practice responses students hand in over the next weeks.

At the time of writing the Merriwa Show is ready to swing into action and students are well represented in a number of categories of competitions. Six of Miss Hopkins’ students have entered the Interschool Challenge and a number of her students are excited to exhibit their work in the Photography section.

We would also like to farewell our Year 9 New Zealand exchange student Emma Hunter, who is finishing up her time here at Merriwa Central. Emma is a bubbly, happy and well-liked young lady who settled in perfectly with the Year 9 group. She is sure to be missed when she heads home next week.

Results for a number of competitions have arrived in the last couple of weeks. Congratulations go to all students who took advantage of the opportunity to enter. In particular, congratulations go to Georgia Cameron (Credit in Writing), Breanna Goodear (Credit in the English Competition), Leah Wright-Riley (Merit in the English Competition) and Dylan Kiely (Credit in the English Competition and Writing).

Tony March
English Head Teacher

Playing number and counting games with your children makes a significant difference to their understanding of mathematics. These games can be as simple as counting the monkeys in the story you are reading, completing puzzles, making playdough dots to match numbers, drawing pictures, sorting farm animal toys into their groups e.g. cows, pigs etc. Learning should be fun, so have a great time playing with your children and they are bound to learn something in the process.

Kara Allison
Instructional Leader

Merriwa Ringer
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Why I want to be in ROAR? To become a better man
What is my favourite subject: Metal
What is my favourite sport? Football
What is my favourite team? Tigers
Favourite Player: Robbie Farrah
Best Sporting Achievement: Most Improved award
Who inspires you and Why: My dad because he teaches me everything
Advice to young players: Try your best.
WHAT A GREAT TIME WE ARE HAVING AT ST JOSEPH’S!

Each year St Joseph’s students participate in a school based Public Speaking Program. Teachers assist students to develop public speaking skills during class time. Teachers focus on stance, clarity, volume, content, entertainment, time and a logical sequence of events throughout the speech.

At the conclusion of the Public Speaking Program we invite parents to attend, to be the audience for the students to demonstrate the skills they have been learning and developing. On this day students are given a topic and a set time to prepare independently. Students are marked using the focus elements mentioned above.

Two students from each stage are then selected to represent St Joseph’s at the Upper Hunter Public Speaking Competition to be held early next term at St. James Primary School Muswellbrook.

All parents who attended were very impressed by the skills demonstrated and how well all students presented their speeches.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Last Friday morning we celebrated Father’s Day. What a special day it was! The smell of bacon and egg rolls greeted us as we entered the school and after breakfast we had a special liturgy concluding with a song about how special fathers are to us. Students then spent time with their fathers in the classrooms making special gifts. There were so many fathers and grandfathers with us. We are blessed to be loved by so many.

PLAY NIGHT

We held our annual Play night titled ‘A World of Stories’ on Wednesday September 10. Each child had a special role; the night included each class telling stories from around the world plus a variety of songs. The night concluded with a fantastic version of Waltzing Matilda. A special thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who assisted in the back drop, costumes and props - we cannot have such a successful night without you. There will be plenty of photos next week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK

Kindergarten - Nate Brown - for his fantastic vocabulary
Bethany Wightman - for staying on task and doing her best work
Grace Booth - for maintaining focus on her work
Year 1/2 - Clayton Porter - for fantastic effort with talking and listening
Roy Lawler - for fantastic effort and care when completing the Father’s Day Activity
Bobby Keegan - for fantastic effort and care when completing the Father’s Day Activity
Year 3/4 - Korey Halse - for displaying beautiful manners and working hard
Axul Hourn - for his excellent work ethic across all learning activities
Madeline Thrift - for her infectious enthusiasm during the school play rehearsals
Year 5/6 - Rhys Turner – for excellent use of similes and descriptive language in poetry
John Magner – for demonstrating a good understanding of adding fractions with different denominators
Playground Champion - Helena Parker – for showing a mature and caring attitude towards others
Chloe Towell – for modelling good behaviour to others especially walking to play practice
Principal’s Awards - Miss Garbellini – for putting her heart and soul into teaching the Kindergarten children on her University practicum and for becoming an integral part of our school community.

Mrs Anne-Maree Peebles
Year 5/6 Teacher
ST JOSEPH’S FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST PHOTOS

Enjoying a great brekkie with someone special!
Cassilis Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK – SUMMER TURNER

Summer has earned the title of student of the week for being respectful and demonstrating a mature approach to her learning. She is arriving to school on time more regularly and is more switched on and ready to learn. Summer has been demonstrating some wonderful sounding out skills when independently writing more complex sentences and reading more confidently and independently using a range of skills and strategies. Congratulations on your efforts, Summer. Keep up the fantastic work!

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

What is your favourite food? Curried sausages

What job/work would you like when you are older? Zoo keeper

Apart from your family, who is one of your role models and why? Jack Nairne because he plays Footy

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

What is one thing that people may not know about you? When we go to Coolah we always go the back way.

FROM MRS GRINHAM’S DESK

It has been another successful week at CPS with our relay team making the state finals as the regional representatives. We are very proud of their efforts.

We are organising Kindergarten Orientation for next term. If you have a child for Kindergarten next year and haven’t enrolled as yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have neighbours who are planning to enrol please ask them to do so now so that their children don’t miss the orientation visits.

Soon the planning process will begin for the next three year plan and we will be asking parents for their input as to directions and priorities they see for Cassilis Public School in the next three years.

We will be surveying parents to gather data for our school planning sessions. Please take time to provide us with your feedback so that we can work together to make a good school even better.

The community is an integral part of CPS and we urge you to be involved in this exciting process with us.

ENGLISH IN ACTION!

Students enjoyed writing a procedural recount this week. After making rainbow biscuits, students wrote the procedure they followed and enjoyed eating the biscuits!
RELAY TEAM SUCCESS!

Last Friday the Relay Team travelled to Newcastle to compete in the Regional relay event. They came first with a time of 101.76 and are representing our region in Sydney at the State Finals!

Well done to Sarah Nairne, Thomas Nash, Jack Nairne, Corey McLennan and Brady Nairne. They have already started training for the event and hope to knock two seconds off this time!

We wish you every success at Homebush on October 15 and 16 and know you will do our region and Cassilis PS proud!

SPONSORS WANTED!

Are you, your company or business able to sponsor our amazing team? The team need state shirts, entry fees, accommodation, transport and meals for the two days of the state carnival. It is an honour to represent not only Cassilis Public School but also our Region.

Any donations or sponsorship towards the trip will be greatly appreciated by the students and their families. Please drop into the school or contact us on 6376 1009 to help our amazing students.

HOLIDAY HELP AND FREE APS

If your child would like to work on a personal project these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), remember www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create.

Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G

Healthy Lunchbox Presentation, September 15 at Cassilis Public School.
School. Call 6376 1009 to reserve a place.

DIARY

September

2 - Notes and money due for Dubbo Zoo
9 - Busby excursion to Dubbo Zoo
11 - Orienteering
   Notes and money due for touch in Sydney
12 - Mrs G and Miss H – training Newcastle.
15 - Learning Support case conferences
   Healthy Lunchbox Presentation
16 - Rewards Day
   Mrs. G Meeting – Scone
17-18 State Touch Footy finals – Sydney - Mrs. G accompanying
19 - End Term 3
20-21 Merriwa Show

October

6 - Public Holiday
7 - Students Return for Term 4
10 - Sports Workshop
13 - School Photos
15-16 - State Athletics – Relay team - Homebush
   (NO teacher accompanying)
21-24 - Mrs. G. Primary Principal’s State Conference
   - Sydney
30 - Mrs. G. meeting – Scone

November

December

1-10 - Swimming Scheme – Merriwa
11 - Year 6 Farewell - venue TBA
15 - Performance and Presentation Night
16 - Rewards day and Santa visit
17 - Students last day
18-19 Staff Development Days

Remember every Wednesday is Library Day

SPORT AND REC CAMP

This is a great opportunity for your children to meet new friends, have a week away, enjoy new experiences and have fun.

Jeanette Grinham
Relieving Principal

Sandy Hollow
Public School

CANBERRA EXCURSION

Wow! What a fantastic week we had in Canberra. We visited a lot of places including the Old Parliament House, the new Parliament House, Art Gallery, National Museum, National Zoo, Dinosaur Museum, Cockington Green, GEO Science, Questacon and the War Memorial. We were lucky enough to squeeze in a few extra activities including a trip up Telstra Tower at night, a drive around Canberra’s Centenary Arboretum and a visit to the Australian Mint, where students not only saw how our coins are made, but had the opportunity to mint their own $1.00 coin.

The highlights of our trip included playing spotlight on the first night and a trivia night held on the second night, where students were put through their paces. They not only had to call on their general knowledge, but had to complete some interesting challenges including eating dry weetbix, fitting as many marshmallows in their mouths as possible and performing impromptu dance routines. Making our own earthquake at Geo Science was also cool.

The absolute pinnacle of highlights was the closing ceremony of the War Memorial. Jackson Stair, Olivia McLean and Tylana Cox participated in the ceremony by laying the first of four wreaths. It was a very proud moment for those students and our school. It was broadcast live on the War Memorial website.

An excursion such as this is not possible without support. A huge thank you to:

Staff – Mrs Parker and Mrs Smith: your assistance with supervision and organisation while away was greatly appreciated;

Parents – Mr Higgins, Mr Terrell and Ms Wallace: thank you for your assistance with supervision at some of the venues we visited.

I would also like to thank our bus driver, Neil Hicks. He was very accommodating in allowing us to visit extra venues not on our itinerary. He was great with the students, sharing his wealth of knowledge of all the places we visited while in Canberra.

Finally, I would like to thank the students. They all need to be congratulated as their behaviour was excellent. I would even go as far as saying that this is the best group of students I have ever taken away. We had no fussing at night, when it was lights out, regardless of the time, all students
complied. It made the job of supervision at night very pleasant for staff.

Next week, we will publish some of the recounts written by students who went on the excursion.

RELEIVING WOLLEMI DIRECTOR VISIT

Currently, Mark Young our Director, is overseas visiting schools in Finland. In his absence, David Crowe, from Singleton Public School, is filling his shoes. Mr. Crowe will be visiting our school on Thursday to say hello, meet staff and students, and have a look at what we are doing. We are looking forward to his visit.

SOLAR BOATS

Our solar boats should be finished this week. We hope to test them next week at the caravan park in their pool. This will give us a couple of weeks to iron out any problems. Students will then complete either a PowerPoint presentation or a poster, which will be handed in on race day. The solar boat race day will be held at Muswellbrook on Wednesday October 15.

YEAR 7 YEAR ADVISOR VISIT

Mr. Patrick Lomax the Year 7 Year Advisor from Merriwa Central School, will be visiting on Tuesday September 16. He will be meeting Year 6 students who are attending the Central School next year as a lead up to the orientation program that is run early in Term 4.

CASSILIS SPORTS WORKSHOP

Cassilis Sports Workshop will be held on the first Friday of Term 4 – October 10. Permission and driver’s notes will be sent home this week. Students will also receive lunch orders that will need to be back before the end of term. Students will participate in a wide range of sports including Judo, orienteering, Zumba, gymnastics, hockey, soccer, rugby and cricket, just to name a few. Students will be rotated around these activities and will spend approximately 20-25 minutes at each station. This is an approved school activity, so all students are expected to attend.

WEEKLY AWARDS - WEEK 6

Olivia McLean - Trying hard to add descriptive phrases in writing
Amy Thompson - consistent application
Kristy Walker - trying hard to contribute to literate discussions
Sam Thompson - application in mathematics
Natasha Marsh - displaying cooperation skills during science
Cambell Hinze - great work in guided reading
Lucas Stair - working well in maths
Reagan Turner - a wonderful effort in Zumba.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Years Kinder/1/2 - Andrew Harris, Riley Borradaile and Marshall Hinze
Years 3/4/5/6 - Tylana Cox, Katie Pike, Jacob Marsh, Hunter Marsh and Ayden Marsh.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Darcy Wallace - being a helpful member of the class

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

Angus Higgins - tolerance on the sporting field.

WEEKLY AWARDS - WEEK 7

Codi Marsh - consistent application in all areas
Jackson Stair - star problem solver
Shanay Turner - being a great help in class
Jake Pike - trying hard to improve handwriting
Dustynn Turner - fantastic sketch of science experiment
Darcy Wallace - being helpful in sport
Rowdy Walters - being enthusiastic in golf putting
Mikayla Borradaile - making a great zoo animal.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Years Kinder/1/2 - Matthew Allen, Steven Allen and Kayden Adams.
Years 3/4/5/6 - Olivia McLean, Jackson Stair, William Stair, Beau Buswell and Nicholas Terrell.

Christina Darlington
Principal

FROM THE P AND C

FATHER’S DAY STALL

We hope all dads had a great day last Sunday and enjoyed opening the gifts the students purchased for them from the P and C Father’s Day stall. We were able to raise $226.00 from the stall - all money will be reinvested back into the school. Thank you to all parents who supported the stall - especially Michelle Walker for her generous donations.

Nicola Field

In the afternoons at Merriwa Activity Centre the children have been very active using the Merriwa Activity Centre play area for a lot of ball games and also using their imaginations and being in the army. The nice weather has taken us to the park two afternoons where the children enjoyed the play equipment and playing with other children, we also were asked to join in with a birthday celebration.

Last week we worked on Father’s Day craft which were Hama bead magnets the children all designed and made them there selves which were all so creative and beautiful. Hope all the fathers had a great Father’s Day on Sunday.

This week at Merriwa Activity Centre the children will be getting our garden ready to plant some yummy herbs and vegetables. Leading up to the show we will be cooking so the children can enter, so if you are short on time, send your children along and we will enter the end product in the show for you.

School holidays are fast approaching don’t forget to finalise your accounts so that your children can attend during the holidays. Thank you!

We will have the program for the holidays out next week.

Again this year, Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre are manning the steak hut at the show - September 19, 20 and 21, if you would like to volunteer contact the Merriwa Pre-School. It will be appreciated.

Don’t forget about Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre Trivia Night at the RSL on October 18, starting at 6.30pm, tables of eight at $10.00 per person. Come dressed as your favourite TV or Hollywood star.

You can purchase your tickets at Pre-School or at the door on the night, looking forward to seeing you there!

Alarna Pittman
Coordinator of Merriwa Activity Centre

Olivia McLean, Tylana Cox and Jackson Stair laying a wreath at the end of the day at Australian War Memorial
Photography Competition

Entries close: OCTOBER 13 AT 12 NOON

Topic for the month is: MEN AND WOMEN AT WORK

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

MERRIWA TYRE AND SERVICE CENTRE

PUBLISHED IN THE RINGER ON: OCTOBER 16

This is a very broad topic but an easy topic to cover, it is open to interpretation and we hope to see many photos sent in to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages.
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Women’s Guild meeting - first Thursday monthly
October to November: 2.00pm

Messy Church - Parish Hall - Last Friday monthly
September to November: 3.30pm

Men’s breakfast - Parish Hall - Third Saturday
monthly September to November: 7.30am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 19 and 20: 175th Anniversary of the
Anglican Church Scone.

Rev’d Glen’s commissioning will be Sunday
October 12 - 1.00pm at St. Albans Muswellbrook.

Please bring a plate of cake or slice.

Do hope and pray that all Fathers, Grandfathers
and all those who love and care for us as a father
would, celebrated the wonderful gift of a Fathers
position in our lives, last Sunday. Those three little
letters that mean so much. D-A-D: Dependable:
Adorable: Devoted. Without those letters we
would be all the poorer.

I found this in my “God calling” booklet.. Arms,
sheltering Arms, express the loving, tenderness
of your Father in Heaven. Man, in his trouble and
difficulty, needs nothing so much as a refuge. A
place to hide in. A place where none and nothing
can touch him. Say to yourself “He is our Refuge”.
Say it until its truth sinks into your very soul. Say in
until you know it - are so sure of it, that nothing can
make you afraid. Feel this not only until fear goes,
but until Joy ripples through in its place, Refuge.
Everlasting Arms-so untiring - so safe - so sure.

Rosalie Drew

Legacy Week Street Stall

The Legacy ladies of Merriwa would like to
sincerely “Thank” the community of Merriwa for
supporting their recent Street Stall and Legacy
Week Badge sales.

Winners of the Raffle were:

First Prize - Meat voucher from Max’s Country
Cuts - Jenny Johnson

Second Prize - Gift voucher from Merriwa
Newsagency - Pauline Lawler

Draw No: 1

Winners of the 100 Club: $50.00 - Krishelle Khan
- No: 12

Sue Shearman and Maree Goodear

Merriwa Springtime Show Update

The Merriwa Springtime Show is just over a week
away (September 19,20,21) with competitors and
section captains putting the final touches on their
exhibits and entries. The showground is in top
condition after several busy bees held over the
last month to complete the installation of more
cattle yards and an upgrade of the wash bay
area. Thanks to everyone who has helped make
this possible. Extra special thanks to Michael Nutt
for his invaluable assistance preparing the site for
the yards and wash bay. The surface is looking in
good order after the top dressing and renovation
work carried out late last year.

We need lots of helpers to help set up all sections
for the show. If you can help out please come
to the showground working bee on Wednesday
September 17 from 9.00am. Rob Tindall – Merriwa
Springtime Show President.

FENCE POST SPLITTING

The show needs people to ‘donate a tree’ to
the post splitting competition. Green Ironbark
preferred. The wood splitters will be splitting this
wood during the competition with the split posts
auctioned on Saturday afternoon from 6.00pm.
All proceeds donated back to the show. If you have timber on your property that you’d be willing to donate please contact Rob Tindall on 0427 761 159.

WOOL

This year’s Merriwa Springtime Wool section needs more wool, and a few rousies wouldn’t go astray either! Whether it’s one fleece or ten, the wool team are desperate for fabulous fleeces and a couple more good hands to help get the show on the road. Whether you have a few hundred or a few thousand sheep, if you have a fine fleece, we want to see it on show.

Would you like to join the Wool Team? Helpers are NEEDED NOW in the wool section. Come along to the Wool judging day and help out in a friendly, inviting atmosphere. Prior knowledge of wool is not necessary – there is plenty to do and plenty to learn. You will be weighing wool, cataloguing and presenting the wool for the judge. We just require genuine helpers with a commitment to assisting in keeping the Wool Section going for this show and into the future.

Helpers/new team members are required on Thursday September 18 from 1.00pm as we need to set up the section area and collect wool. Judging is on Friday September 19. Helpers would need to be at the Wool Section from Friday morning from 7.30am until about 2.00pm. If you cannot be there for the whole time to help, why not come along for one of the days or a period of time when help is required? Remember many hands make light work and we currently do not have many hands.

Contact Peter Hogan on 0488 485 122 for more information.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Now is time Merriwa to get those cameras clicking thoughtfully and print your photos for entry. Please remember to check the rules for presentation and entering in the show schedule. It is vitally important that ALL entries have a name and contact phone number on the back of the entry and please make sure it can be clearly read. Using a white sticker or gluing a piece of white paper onto the back of the black cardboard makes the reading of the entrants details so much easier for the volunteers helping to stage the Photography section.

2014 PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

OPEN CLASSES -

1. STUDY OF PEOPLE, FACES
2. LANDSCAPES
3. ANIMALS THROUGH THE LENS
4. CHALLENGE CLASS: “SHADOWS”
5. THE SPIRIT OF RURAL LIFE – “FEEDING THE WORLD, CARING FOR THE EARTH”
6. DIGITALLY MANIPULATED, “PATTERNS”
7. Images in BLACK AND WHITE
8. 18 YEARS and UNDER
9. 15. STUDY OF PEOPLE, A FACE
10. LANDSCAPES
11. ANIMALS THROUGH THE LENS
12. CHALLENGE CLASS “SHADOWS”
14. DIGITALLY MANIPULATED, “PATTERNS”
15. Images in BLACK AND WHITE

CHILDREN 16 YEARS and UNDER

16. STUDY OF PEOPLE, A FACE
17. LANDSCAPES
18. ANIMALS THROUGH THE LENS
19. CHALLENGE CLASS: “SHADOWS”
20. THE SPIRIT OF RURAL LIFE – “FEEDING THE WORLD, CARING FOR THE EARTH”
21. DIGITALLY MANIPULATED, “PATTERNS”;

12 YEARS and UNDER

22. MY “OLD BUILDING” PHOTO
23. MY “FUN IN THE COUNTRY” PHOTO
24. “IN THE CAMERA I SAW …”
25. THE SPIRIT OF RURAL LIFE – “FEEDING THE WORLD, CARING FOR THE EARTH”

8 YEARS and UNDER

26. MY “TREE” PHOTO. Remember you have to take the photo!
27. MY FAVORITE “TOY” PHOTO
28. “IN THE CAMERA I SAW …”
29. THE SPIRIT OF RURAL LIFE – “FEEDING THE WORLD, CARING FOR THE EARTH”

5 YEARS and UNDER

30. ANY SUBJECT, COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE

The photography section is also on the hunt for a donation of a large TV to be used to run a slide show of photographs at the Pavilion throughout the show. If you can help, please contact Aileen Hogan on 0455 455 760.

Tash Taaffe

Merriwa Ringer
Horticultural Section

We could not have asked for a better start to the season or this year’s Merriwa Show!

It’s nearly time to start thinking about entries for the Horticultural section – anything from flowers to shrubs to a boot full of burrs!

Please find below the Open Classes:

1. BOWL OR VASE OF WISTERIA
16. BOWL OR VASE OF BLOSSOM
2. BOWL OR VASE OF LAVENDER
17. BOWL OR VASE OF PEACH BLOSSOM
3. BOWL OR VASE OF CAMELLIAS
18. BOWL OR VASE OF DAISIES
4. BOWL OR VASE OF PANSIES
19. POT PLANT, BEST FLOWERING
5. BOWL OR VASE OF SWEET PEAS
20. POT PLANT, BEST FOLIAGE
6. BOWL OR VASE OF ANEMONE
21. BONSAI, MOST ATTRACTIVE
7. BOWL OR VASE OF RANUNCULI
22. FLOWER ARRANGEMENT IN A VASE
8. BOWL OR VASE OF FREESIAS
23. MOST ATTRACTIVE BOWL/VASE OF LEAVES
9. BOWL OR VASE OF GERANIUMS
24. MOST ATTRACTIVE BASKET OF DRIED FLOWERS
10. BOWL OR VASE OF IRIS
25. MOST ATTRACTIVE BOWL/VASE OF FLOWERS
11. BEST DISPLAY OF ORCHIDS
26. MOST ATTRACTIVE BOWL/VASE OF NATIVES
12. BEST FLOWERS GROWN from Bulb
27. BEST ARRANGED FLOWERS, FRUIT OR GREENERY
13. BEST FLOWERS GROWN from Corm, Tuber
28. GIFT BASKET for a friend in Hospital (flowers)
14. BOWL OR VASE OF FLOWERS one type
29. BLOKES BOWL to be picked and arranged by a man
15. BOWL OR VASE OF FLOWERING SHRUB

There is also a Novice section for those entrants who have not previously won a prize in the above section.

30. MOST ATTRACTIVE BOWL OR VASE OF FLOWERS
31. BEST ARRANGED FLOWERS OR FRUIT suitable for the dinner table

Don’t forget the very popular Children’s Section:

16 YEARS and UNDER
32. CONTAINER OF FLOWERS for a bedroom table

12 YEARS and UNDER
33. CONTAINER OF FLOWERS for my room
34. MINIATURE GARDEN OR FARM approx. 30 x 36cm

8 YEARS and UNDER
35. CONTAINER OF FRESH FLOWERS for my room
36. MINIATURE GARDEN OR FARM approx. 30 x 36cm

5 YEARS and UNDER
37. CONTAINER OF FRESH FLOWERS for my room
38. MINIATURE GARDEN OR FARM approx. 30 x 36cm

The Horticultural Section invites all members of the community to deliver entries to the Fairfax Pavilion during the following times:

When: Thursday September 18
Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

When: Friday September 19
Time: 7.30am – 10.00am

Please encourage family, friends and children to enter.

Come along and support our wonderful springtime show.

Mary Frampton

Remember!

Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer BEFORE 9.00am Monday! No late articles will be accepted!

Last Ringer for Term 3 next week!
The Annual General Meeting of the Merriwa District Progress Association Inc. will be held on Wednesday September 24 at the Merriwa RSL commencing at 6.00pm.

All members are encouraged to attend.
Contact 6548 2245.

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**Merriwa Rotary Club**

Over the years, Merriwa Rotary Club has sent 36 of our young people to participate in the RYLA.

RYLA is a program for young people which aims to help them improve their leadership skills.

It encourages continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth in our communities.

During the program they are introduced to concepts of effective leadership including

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Effective communication and presentation skills
- Problem solving and conflict resolution
- Elements of community and global citizenship
- Building better communities.

This year’s RYLA program will be held at Tocal College Paterson for a week, starting late September.

Previous participants have invariably spoken well of their RYLA experience.

Merriwa Rotary is delighted to be sponsoring **TOM HAGLEY** as a participant at this year’s gathering.

**Merriwa Red Cross**

Merriwa Red Cross Club will be holding a Street Stall on Friday September 12. As this will be our final street stall for the year, a Christmas goodies table, raffle and 100 Club will operate on the day.

All contributions to the stall would be gratefully appreciated. We sincerely value your continued support for the ongoing work for the Red Cross and thank you for your generous support in helping us to achieve our 100th anniversary this year.

**Merriwa RSL Sub Branch**

Attention Sub Branch members of Merriwa RSL Club. There will be no meeting on September 14 but will be held on September 21 at 11.30am instead. Please join us for the Merriwa RSL Club AGM at 10.30am first with the meeting held directly afterwards.

Your attendance on September 21 would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you.

**Messy Church**

Messy Church that was to be held on Friday September 26 has been cancelled due to School holidays.

We look forward to seeing you all again refreshed from your holidays on October 31.

**Men’s Shed**

The Men’s Shed, in conjunction with TAFE Outreach, are holding a Small Engine course at the Shed.

- **When:** Wednesday from October 8 - November 26
- **Time:** 5.30 - 8.30pm
- **Cost:** $50.00

Those interested should contact Jim Alker on 6548 2868 or 0427482 868.

**Men’s Shed Committee**

**Messy Church**

Rosalie Drew

**Men’s Shed**

Jim Alker

**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.
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 “Bring and Share” lunch will be held at the Merriwa School of Arts directly after.

Jane Smith

Holy Trinity Blankets

In May I spoke to representatives of the Hamlin Fistula Hospital of Ethiopia. They asked us to withhold further shipments due to storage in Ethiopia and Sydney overflowing with a request to contact them again late 2015.

Rev Mandy has given me another organisation. I have of late, finally made arrangements for the 21 blankets I have to go to that group, “WRAP WITH LOVE”. They distribute to local and overseas needy. Their only request is to make the blankets larger in size.

Continue knitting/crocheting, there are lots of people in need.

Thanks to all!

Lorna Parnell
Mission Secretary
Holy Trinity Church

Merriwa CWA

The CWA kiosk will open early each day of the show, for your convenience.

The ladies will be serving a variety of freshly made sandwiches and home baked slices, sausage sandwiches, and hot dogs along with tea, coffee cappuccino and cold drinks.

We look forward to your support.

Craft afternoons are held on the second Monday of the month, if you would like to come along for a coffee and a chat or bring along a project that you have been working on we would love to see you.

Did you know you can rent the CWA rooms for a personal function?

For more information ring Jean 6548 2456.

Robyn McAlister

In Memory

ROBERT THOMAS ANDERSON

Today the angels called you home we know not why

Our tears flowed like oceans

Never no more to see your smiling face only in our dreams

Your treasured love and smiling face locked in our hearts till the end of days

Sleep peacefully our beautiful Robert in the angels loving embrace

Till we meet again you are always loved and never forgotten.

Rest in Peace.

Rose and Serran Neumann

Mainly Music

When: Every Monday starts 9.30am (note time change)

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 Cricket Club

On Thursday August 28, the Merriwa Cricket Club finished forming its new committee with Murray Wright as President, Craig Drury as Vice President, Max McNaught as Treasurer and Sonya Drury as Secretary.

We will be having a Registration Day on September 27 at 11.30am to 3.00pm at the Number 1 Sports Oval. All that are interested in playing are welcome. The new committee would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the former committee members for all of the hard work that has been done in the past seasons. We are looking forward to a great season.

Sonya Drury

Merriwa Cricket Club
This week’s specials at Max’s Country Cuts on September Friday 12 and Saturday 13 and early next week while stocks last include:

- Legs of Lamb - $8.99kg
- Yearling Rump Steak $18.99kg
- Pickled Pork - $6.99kg
- Steakette’s - $8.99kg or 2kg for $16.00
- Whole Eye Fillets - $24.99kg

**Max’s Country Cuts – Buying Local**
**Supporting Local**
**Employing Local**

**Support the butcher that supports Merriwa**

**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**
**BEEF WELLINGTON**

Preparation time: 25 minutes

Cooking: 50 minutes – 1 hr 35 min

Serves: 6-8

- 1kg Beef fillets in one piece
- Freshly grounded pepper
- 1 Table spoon oil.
- 2 Table spoon brandy
- 125g peppercorn pate
- 2 Sheets frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

1. Preheat oven to moderate hot 210°C. Sinew beef; fold tail end under. Tie meat with string at regular intervals to help hold its shape; rub with pepper.

2. Heat oil in large, heavy-based pan. Add meat and cook over high heat, browning well all over to seal in juices. Remove pan from heat. Add brandy and ignite carefully, using a long match or taper. Shake pan until flames subside. Remove meat from pan and leave to cool. Remove string. Spread pate over top and side of beef.

3. Place pastry sheet over lightly floured surface. Brush one edge with a lightly beaten egg and overlap the edge of the other sheet, pressing well to join. Place the beef on the pastry and fold the pastry over to enclose the meat completely; trim excess pastry and use to decorate top, if desired. Brush edges of pastry with egg and seal; cut a few slits in the top to allow steam to escape. Brush the top and sides with egg.

4. Transfer to a baking dish; cook for 45 minutes for a rare result, 1 hour for medium and 1 hour 30 minutes for well done. Remove from oven. Leave in a warm place for 10 minutes, lightly cover with foil. Cut into 2cm thick slices and serve with horseradish cream made by combining 1 table spoon bottled horseradish with 1 cup light sour cream.

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

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We all hope that all of the Dad’s in Merriwa had a wonderful Father’s Day. The weather wasn’t perfect, but at least it was dry.

**FOR THE KIDS**

We have a new range of products especially for primary school students. They should be here by the time you read this.

It is important that children learn the basics for maths and english. If they do not know the alphabet, then it is impossible for them to read. Similarly, if they have trouble with their times tables, then the rest of their maths becomes extremely difficult.

We now have some great products to help with those who struggle, or just need that extra little bit of help.

**POSTERS**

Posters are a great way to help your children learn the basic (but extremely important) early concepts. They are brightly coloured and will go perfectly on your children’s’ bedroom wall (or the toilet door!)

**PLACEMATS**

These are great for the desk and mean that they are at hand when they are needed most. They are called placemats due to being the same size as a placemat at the dinner table.

**MUSIC**

I can still remember listening to my times tables in the car (especially if I was being naughty!) and can still remember the tunes that went with each different times table. If your child is struggling a
little with learning the times tables, and you take regular car trips this is the perfect way to help them. A large number of people will remember the words of a song if it is playing, and learning this way can be very effective.

BOOKS

Books of exercises to help with the alphabet, grammar, money, addition, subtraction, division, multiplying, and other basic concepts are being re-stocked, and many parents have found them helpful so far.

OTHER GREAT CONCEPTS

These products are not restricted to the times tables. There are placemats and posters about the Solar System, Dinosaurs, the World Map, Australia and more.

MAGAZINES

In case you haven’t already noticed, the magazine shelves have been slightly re-arranged. This is not to make anyone’s life more difficult, but to make it easier. If you are having trouble finding the magazine you are looking for, do not hesitate to ask the staff for help.

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

Cash or Eftpos only

Neville and Leanne Hook

Australia Post Merriwa

SATURDAY TRADING

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

Saturday 13/9/14 – Open
Saturday 20/9/14 – Closed
Saturday 27/9/14 – Open

HOUSE FOR RENT

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PASSPORTS/WORKCOVER APPLICATIONS

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

BASIC POSTAGE STAMP

Please note that as of March 31, 2014 the basic postage stamp of 60c increased to 70c. I am still noticing 60c stamps being used and wanted to point out that should you not put the correct postage on your letters than the people receiving the letter may have to pay a fee to receive it.

Merriwa Post Office Hours are Mon-Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm and alternate Saturday’s 9.00am - 11.00am.

Until Next Time

Kellie Walker and Kylie Austin

Merriwa Pharmacy

HOW TO ASk R U OK?

Next week is “R U OK?” Day – a national day of action held on the second Thursday of every September – dedicated to reminding people to regularly check in with family and friends.

The R U OK? Foundation aims to build the ability of family members, friends, colleagues, teammates, students and community leaders to engage in regular, meaningful conversations with anyone who may be struggling with life. R U OK? Day inspires us to have conversations that count, by talking to our family, friends and community, especially if we sense they may be struggling.

The need for this national day of action is highlighted by the following facts and figures:

• On average, more than 2,300 Australians commit suicide each year
• An estimated 65,000 people attempt suicide each year
• Suicide is the biggest killer of Australians aged 15 to 44 years.

Depression is an underlying cause of suicide, and one which can usually be treated. We all sometimes feel sad, moody or low. However, some people experience these feelings intensely, for long periods of time (weeks, months or even years) and sometimes without any apparent reason. Experiencing some of these symptoms may not necessarily mean a person is experiencing depression. Equally, not every person who is experiencing depression will have all symptoms.

According to beyondblue, a person may be experiencing depression if, for more than two weeks, he or she has felt sad, down or miserable most of the time or has lost interest or pleasure in usual activities, and has also experienced several signs and symptoms across at least three categories.
Behavioural symptoms include not going out anymore, an inability to concentrate, not getting things done at work/school, withdrawing from close family and friends, and relying on alcohol and sedatives.

A person suffering depression may also notice a change in their feelings. They may feel overwhelmed, guilty, irritable, frustrated and lacking in confidence. Other signs and symptoms which may manifest in feelings include being unhappy, indecisive, disappointed, miserable and sad.

A person suffering from depression may also have negative thoughts about themselves. Commonly identified ones by beyondblue include:

- ‘I’m a failure.’
- ‘It’s my fault.’
- ‘Nothing good ever happens to me.’
- ‘I’m worthless.’
- ‘Life’s not worth living.’
- ‘People would be better off without me.’

Physically, some warning signs and symptoms are being tired all the time, being sick and run down, having headaches and muscle pains, and experiencing sleep problems. Sufferers may also notice a loss or change of appetite, and significant weight loss or weight gain.

If you suspect you, or someone you know, may have depression, there is a quick, easy and confidential checklist you can complete to give you more insight. You can find this checklist on the beyondblue website. The checklist will not provide a diagnosis, for which you need to see a health professional.

Successful treatment usually involves more than one form of therapy – general practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, psychiatrists and counsellors may all be involved in a patient-centred and collaborative mental health care team. Medicine can also be very helpful with treatment success.

Importantly, depression is more than just a low mood – it’s a serious illness that can have a significant impact on both physical and mental health.

It may come as a surprise that depression is quite common in the community. While statistics vary, there is general acceptance that approximately one in five people will experience depression at some time in their adult life.

There are different forms of depression with different signs and symptoms – and a number of different treatments. Many of these are explained on the Depression Self Care Fact Card, which is available from Merriwa Pharmacy. The Relaxation Techniques Fact Card is also useful.

Robert Smith

Welderup

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Merriwa Ringer
**Farewell Max Wurcker**

Over the many years of the Merriwa Ringer we have watched as it changed editors, coordinators and sponsors and in all that time one person continued to support the Ringer, through its ups and downs. This past week saw the passing of one of its most loyal supporters, Max Wurcker. Max has been writing his regular articles for this newsletter longer than anyone can remember and has continued to enlighten us on many subjects. With his entertaining insight to many topics using colourful descriptions to describe people and events such as “weasels” when referring to politicians in an article written in 2010. He has kept many of his dedicated readers enthralled with his knowledge on such topics. Max has had many topics in the years that I have been reading the Ringer which have included issues on:

2009 - Renewable Energies, WWI, WWII and his love of war machinery including the warships

2010 - Our industries including his beloved wool and grain industries, Electricity and it emmissions

2011 - Spanish War and war in general

A recent set of articles which I enjoyed mostly were ones he included about the West and Billy the Kid. As Max was an organised man, he has left us with a few articles which will appear in coming newsletters as we say goodbye to our great writer, Max Wurcker!

The staff at Merriwa Central School and the Merriwa Ringer wish to offer our condolences to Max’s family, our thoughts are with you.

Tina Taylor

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**Community Adverts**

**CHOOKS FOR SALE**

Laying hens - Papanui Open Range Eggs

Pre-loved Isa Brown chooks

18-30 month olds

$6.00 each

Collect this weekend only!

**Saturday or Sunday 6.00am-8.00am**

If you are late you miss out!

Phone 6548 2493 - leave your name, phone number, quantity required and preferred collection morning

Bring a cage or box and correct money

Yes, they are mostly laying now!

No, you can only collect Saturday or Sunday 6.00am-8.00am

Papanui is 8km from Merriwa on the Willow Tree Road
The National Broadband Network (NBN) has arrived in Merriwa!

This new technology offers a superior and reliable internet service, even during peak times.

Our friendly staff will organise everything for you - we will order your connection with NBN Co and organise for a technician to come out and install the NBN equipment.

The NBN Co technician will conduct a radio signal survey from your home to ensure you get a high quality connection.

An outdoor antenna is then mounted on your roof and an NBN Box installed inside your home.

We’ll give you with a free router to connect your wireless devices!

Sign up today on any one of our great value plans and receive a FREE Wifi Router plus 1 month Internet FREE!

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$50 setup fee on any 12 month plan, $0 setup fee on any 24 month plan. Please note there are a limited number of connections available to each tower - speak to one of our friendly, local staff and apply today!
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, 24 September 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

COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY

As per Section 253 of the Local Government Act, Upper Hunter Shire Council gives notice that it intends to adopt its policy for Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors for 2014/15, at the Council Meeting to be held on 27 October 2014.

The draft policy is on display for public comment at each of the Council offices and is also available on Council’s website at www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au (go to: Do it Online / Say it). Written submissions are invited and will be accepted until 4.00pm, Friday 26 September 2014.

P: Steve Pryor 6540 1123

HALF DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY, PART DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY OR LOCAL EVENT DAY FOR 2015 SCONE CUP AND MERRIWA SPRINGTIME SHOW

Upper Hunter Shire Council is consulting with the affected community, businesses and other relevant stakeholders as to the impact of a local half day public holiday for the Scone Cup on Friday, 15 May 2015.

In previous years it has been a half day public holiday (from noon) and has only applied to the eastern part of the Shire, excluding the former Merriwa Shire area. Council will consider whether it should be a part day public holiday (noon to 6pm) which would reduce the impact on the hospitality industry.

Council is also asking for views on whether the Merriwa region should be included on Scone Cup day. An alternate option is a half day public holiday or a local event day in the Merriwa area on the Friday afternoon of the Merriwa Springtime Show weekend in September 2015.

A ‘local event day’ is recognised as a day of special significance to the community but does not stop banks or shops from opening or trading. Staff employed within the affected region do not have the automatic right to be absent from work or receive penalty rates.

Council invites you to have your say in the following ways:

- Completing the survey on Council’s website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au; or
- Putting your views in writing by emailing council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au; post to General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council, PO Box 208, Scone NSW 2337; delivering them to a Council office; or fax 02 6545 2671.

Feedback must be received by Wednesday 1 October 2014.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING MAINTENANCE

Council, in conjunction with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), will be carrying out pedestrian crossing restoration in Merriwa at the intersections of Bettington and Vennacher Streets and Bettington and Bow Streets in the near future.

This work will involve grinding away the current deteriorated paint on the roadway and reinstatement within a few days with new thermoplastic paint.

Traffic control will be in place during active work periods for the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

Council apologises for any inconvenience that this may cause and will do its best to keep it to a minimum. Pedestrians and motorists are urged to take particular care during the works and during the time that the pedestrian crossing marks are absent from the road surface.

P: Md Hasan 6521 7045
236 Wollar Road Merriwa $285,000.00

Gorgeous one room timber cottage with enclosed front verandah with a combustion fire inside and another fire to keep the porch warm and also to cook on. Added bonus is NBN internet is connected to the property and also can be used as a phone. Directly out the front of the cabin is a fire. Massive 22m x 11m shed has been built to house the two buildings. One is a container with full bathroom and storage the other is an insulated work hut which is currently used as the main bedroom, it has running water, A/C and TV Reception. There are Two x 5000gal tanks for water storage and a household tank. Two dams, fencing in excellent condition and tracks in and around the property have been established for easy access. The land is mostly cleared with a small portion timber.

10 Vennacher Street Merriwa $240,000.00

Extensively renovated from top to toe this home is like new! It has three large bedrooms all with built in robes, ceiling fans and the main with an ensuite. The living area is open plan featuring RC Air and sliding doors leading to the rear deck. The kitchen is new, has plenty of cupboard space and electric appliances. The home has been completely repainted, rewired, replumbed and has new carpet throughout. The yard is flat and fully fenced. There is a three bay shed which can be erected or the vendor will discount the price if you do not want the shed. Note: this home will qualify for the new home owners grant.

105B Prices Lane Merriwa $137,500.00

Situated in a quiet rural/residential setting this five acre block is very well located. The block has a dwelling entitlement with gravel driveway, power, phone and water all ready to be connected. Boasting fabulous views this is a great spot to build your dream home.
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Visitors and new members are always welcome.
Enquiries to:
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Merriwa & Cassilis
WEEKEND MASSES
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Race Club President - David Alker
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Merriwa Sports Club
The Sports Club provides a wide range of benefits for members and guests.

Mondays - Happy Two Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Wednesdays - Social Darts - 7.00pm - Draw for partners
Thursdays - 5.00pm Bingo and Super 39
Fridays - Happy Two Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm and free raffles and Cricket Club “Chook Wheel”
Saturdays - Monster Raffle drawn from 7.45pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday badge draw. Schnooners $3.00 from 5.00pm-7.00pm.
Sundays - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of $25.00 meat or fuel vouchers.

Last Sunday each month - Smorgasbord all you can eat Chinese entree, mains and desserts

DON'T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28

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For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday Raffle September 6
Saturday Members Draw not won No. 157 - Next week $130.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $380.00

Free Tickets: John Denning
Dinner: Des Snelgrove
Bowls Raffle: Dahlia Denning

Cassilis Bowling Club
Phone: 6376 1002

Sunday Raffle September 7
Sunday Members draw - No 150 not won. Next week $500.00

WOMENS BOWLS NEWS

Our Association Day was held last Wednesday September 3, a great day was had by everyone. Phil Constable and Eva Towler won prizes on the day. Vivian Murray won the “Nearest the Ditch” prize. Congratulations to you all.

COMING UP EVENTS

Willow Tree Friendship Day - September 16
Denman Gala Day - September 17
Cassilis District Presidents Day - September 18
Aberdeen Gala Day - September 24
Please call Loretta (6548 2679) now if you are interested in attending any of these days.

Eva Towler

Remember!
Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer BEFORE 9.00am Monday!
No late articles will be accepted!
Last Ringer for Term 3 next week!

Merriwa Ringer
PREVIOUS WEEK’S RESULTS

Friday August 29
Members Draw: $85.00 - Eric Hermitage – claimed - $50.00 next week.
Joker Draw: $1614.00 – Jenny Riley – unsuccessful - $1670.00 next week.

End of the month draw – August – Jarrod Hunkin.
Congratulations to Eric and Jarrod.

Friday September 5
Members Draw: $50.00 - Cheryl Cunningham – unclaimed $55.00 next week.
Joker Draw: $1670.00 – Celia Ellingford – unsuccessful - $1707.00.

Hilary Parker

Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $1700.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 591. This week it jackpots to $1750.00. The 7.00pm draw for $940.00 was not won. The number was 847. This week it jackpots to $960.00. The 9.00pm draw for $180.00 was not won and the number was 114. This week it jackpots to $200.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $700.00 was not won last week. The number was 208 and this week it jackpots to $750.00. 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

The Club will close at 7.00pm on Sunday September 14 for a staff function.
This Thursday Seniors Movie Day from 1.00pm.

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

Social darts 7.00pm Thursday nights.
The Merriwa Pony Club ran a very successful Campdraft School and Ribbon Day over the weekend with 29 children entered in the campdraft school and 36 entries in the draft and ribbon day on the Sunday.

Very special thanks to our instructor and judge Mr Pat Gillis from Bunnan who did an outstanding job across the weekend inspiring children that had never drafted before through to experienced senior riders, and to Wal Martin who did a brilliant job instructing on Saturday.

Without cattle, there wouldn’t be a campdraft school and we would like to say a BIG THANKYOU our generous cattle donors Dr Stevens from ‘Weebimble’, the Edmonds family of ‘Coolie Angus,’ the Patterson family from ‘Flight Springs’ as well as cartage contractors Michael Nutt and Jamie Daniels.

The judge, Mr Gillis commented there ‘was marked improvement from every horse/rider combination as reflected in the Sundays campdraft results with numerous riders completing full courses with several riders attempting their first ride ‘out the gate’ or having a go in the ‘cut out.’ Great to have riders join us from Singleton, Mudgee, Murrurundi, Scone, Cassilis and Denman.

A very warm welcome to our latest Pony Club member, Jack Mobberly, who had a very successful first Pony Club event on the weekend astride his sisters horse. (You may need to share him now, Makayla!) Glad you parked your quad bike up for the weekend Jack to join us!

Behind the scenes, a special thanks to the parents who helped set up, pack up and run the sporting events and to canteen coordinator Kathy Ryan for cranking up the coffee machine and bbq to deliver lots of delicious lunches across the weekend.

Members we are holding the FINAL rally day for the year this Sunday from 8.30am. This is especially important to attend if you want to compete at the Jamboree in the teams of four. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. A canteen will be available for lunch orders on the day.
Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

On Saturday August 30, the Magpies closed out their season with the annual presentation held at the RSL Club, and with just over 90 in attendance a great night was had by all.

AWARDS FOR THE YEAR FOR LEAGUE TAG

Coaches’ Award - Kate Blackadder
Most Improved – Janaya Austin
Most Dedicated – Kym Daniel
Player’s Player – Jessyca Morgan
Most Consistent – Justine Witney
Best Junior Player – Billie-Jane Hoole
Best Senior Player – Jessyca Morgan

Player of the Year – Taylah Blackadder, Taylah was also runner up in the group 21 player of the year.

AWARDS FOR THE RESERVE GRADE

Coaches’ Award – Jeremy Nicholls
Most Improved – Darryl Mulholland
Most Dedicated – Nicholas McLoughlin
Player’s Player – Seth Morgan
Encouragement Award – Jey-Albert Rawlinson
Rookie of the Year – Bradley Ellis
Most Consistent – Seth Morgan

Best Back – William Taylor
Best Forward – Rory Harding
Player of the Year – Ben Morgan
Club Person of the Year – Mark Kirkland.

Just to finish off I would like to thank all those that volunteered their time throughout the season to help the Footy Club run smoothly for the 2014 season and hope to see you all and more next season.

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Matt Morgan

Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Tennis Club

The spring night competition kicked off on Monday night.

We have nine teams and a number of new players which is great.

The club has Social Tennis every Thursday evening from 6.30pm.

The large number of failed lights is of critical concern for the viability of the night competition.

The existing lighting hardware is now obsolete and spares are not available. The cost of a replacement system has been quoted around $28,000. The club has submitted several applications for funding in the past three years but has so far been unsuccessful. The club is also looking at a number of fundraising ideas.

Robert Smith

Merriwa Little A’s

Students from both Merriwa primary schools received a special visit from one of the state’s top athletics coaches last Tuesday.

Little Athletics NSW coaching and development officer Alvin Umahdah said he was very impressed with local talent of students from Merriwa Central School and St Josephs Primary School.

“It’s always great to be able to come to a regional area where students may not have been exposed to a sport such as athletics.

“You can see the children’s minds ticking over, they have a go and then smile when they realise they have a new skill which is very rewarding,” he said.

Mr Umahdah is one of several Little Athletics NSW coaches delivering introduction to athletics clinics across NSW designed to inspire children to ‘have a go’ at the sport.
## What’s happening?

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

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• Merriwa Markets - RSL Club footpath, Bow Street  
• Merriwa Springtime Show |
| Sunday 21 | Merriwa Springtime Show                                               |
| Friday 26 | Messy Church - Parish Hall - Cancelled School Holidays                |
| Sunday 28 | Sisters of St Joseph Farewell - St Anne’s Church - 11.00am           |

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| Saturday 18 | • Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am  
• Merriwa Markets - RSL Club footpath, Bow Street                   |
| Sunday 19 | JRLF and Netball Club Presentation - 10.30am                        |
| Friday 31 | Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm                                  |

### NOVEMBER

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• Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am |
| Friday 28 | Messy Church, last one for 2014 - Parish Hall - 3.30pm               |

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