The Merriwa Springtime Show starts TOMORROW and we are all keeping our hoofs and horns crossed for great weather and huge crowds!

Friday the Australian Stock Horse Challenge kicks off the show at 9am followed by the Junior Judging Competition at 9.30am and campdraft at 10.00am with the quad draft to follow from around 3.00pm. Don’t forget to get your entries in tomorrow to the pavilion with judging in most sections commencing at 10.00am Friday. Kick back and relax Friday night with a drink or two at the bar which opens from 5.00pm with DJ Marty spinning some tracks for us from 5.30pm till late...

Saturday it’s all systems go with the first log split competition firing up at 10.00am followed by some heart stopping woodchopping at 11.30am. Big dogs and little dogs (with springs!) need to marshal for the dog high jump hoe down showdown at 1.00pm. Our feature act, world champion whip cracker Fiona Wilks cracks on at 2.00pm with a follow up performance at 5.45pm and free whip cracking workshop for the kids (bring your own whips and sunnies/safety glasses). Fiona told us last week she “can not WAIT” to teach the Merriwa kids some fancy new whip tricks... and if you have two whips bring them!

The show wouldn’t be the show without the grand parade, official opening ceremony and ute muster at 2.30pm Saturday. Songbirds and museos will entertain us on stage for the Merriwas Got Talent competition at 3.30pm. It is “horses for courses” and with $1000.00 at stake, some top notch showjumpers will be in town on Saturday afternoon for the nail biting ‘six bar’ comp from 5.00pm. Grab your ‘wife or hubby’ – or really just any guy and girl over 18 – for the FIRST wife carrying competition to be held at the Merriwa Show from 6.00pm. All the produce from the pavilion and posts from the split post comp will be auctioned from 6.30pm followed by the steer ride at 7.00pm and country music from 7.30pm till late with ‘Country Duo Heartbeat’ band.

Last but not least, there will be EFTPOS facilities available at the showground secretary’s office throughout the show courtesy of Hunter Mutual.

See you there!

Rob Tindall
Merriwa Show President

The Merriwa Springtime Show Update

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Megan Richards

STEER RIDE LINEUP

Come on down to the main arena from 6.00pm on Saturday for the hugely entertaining ‘sheep undecorating’ competition and poddy ride. The line up is:

- Sheep undecorating 8 years and Under
- 8 years - Under 11 Poddy Ride
- 11 years - Under 14 Steer Ride
- 14 years - Under 18 Steer Ride
- Open Steer Ride (17 years and over)
- 18 years and over Tail Tagging

During the steer riding program on Saturday evening an 18 years and over Tail Tagging event will be held. Teams of three – $30.00 per team - Prize money up for grabs to third place. Limited entries available so get in quick. Entries and further information - Kellie on 0432 109 760.

Kellie Porter

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Megan Richards

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Principal’s Report

Term 3 has certainly ended with a bang! Students have been busy with a range of fantastic opportunities this week – two Hands on Rock excursions, a trip to Newcastle to board the Young Endeavour, steer judging at the Showground, rewards activities, Merriwa Show Interschool Challenge and of course the Year 12 assembly and farewell.

FAREWELL YEAR 12

Our Year 12 cohort for 2014 have completed their last day of Secondary School this week. Seventeen students completed the Higher School Certificate this year. The Year 12 Farewell is a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to come together to celebrate the achievement. All staff wish Year 12 the very best for their new adventure.

CYBERSAFETY

The safe use of the internet and social media is an ongoing concern for students and parents. Secondary PDHPE classes cover these topics on a regular basis, and in third term each year we invite external presenters to discuss cybersafety with students. Last week our Police liaison officers attended to discuss these issues with primary and secondary students. One of the issues discussed last week was “sexting”.

“Sexting” is a term created a few years ago and describes the use of technology to share personal sexual content. It’s a word-mix of “sex” and “texting”. Other nicknames you may hear might be “cybersexing” or “selfie”. The naked photo is often sent to a potential boyfriend or girlfriend, however is often distributed beyond them to a wider group of friends, or shared on social network sites such as Instagram. For further information parents can check out the Cybersafety website.

UNIFORM

Students look fantastic when they are all in uniform. As the weather gets warmer students move into the summer uniform. We expect all students to be in correct uniform each day, with a particular focus on safe footwear.

Just a reminder to parents that uniform is checked in secondary each morning. Students are responsible for bringing in a note from home to explain why they are out of uniform. If students do not have a note, they are placed on community service at lunchtime.

If you need assistance with uniform please don’t hesitate to contact me to discuss.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Staff and students return on Tuesday October 7.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Staff v’s Year 12 students in Touch Football

Coming Events

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Primary News
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our awesome Students of the Week who worked hard to achieve their best in class last week:

Kindergarten: Fatima Taleb
Year 1/2: Kody Debono (absent)
Year 2/3: Aaron Hamson
Year 4/5: Christian Beveridge
Year 5/6: Tiara Edens-Rosa (absent)

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PARENT SESSION

Last week we met some lovely parents of students who are going to participate in the Merriwa Central Kindergarten Transition Program. Parents were able to hear from the Principal, executive and the teacher for Kindergarten next year. We visited the Kindergarten room to see the great learning that happens at Merriwa Central. The Interactive Whiteboard and iPads were very popular and many children joined the Kindergarten class for some activities. Thank you to all the parents who came to the presentation. We are happy to answer any questions you may have and look forward to seeing the children at transition next term!

CAMP QUALITY BIKE RIDE

Last Friday September 12 we celebrated our Camp Quality Fun Day! We began the day with a cake stall at recess which raised a massive $260.00! Thank you so much to all the teachers, parents and community members who donated cakes, cookies, slices, tarts and cupcakes to the stall. That money is going to Camp Quality, a children’s family cancer charity.

Following our cake stall we then began our ‘Fun Activities’ including creating funny face balloons, pin the rider on the bike, hide the hanky, tag bulrush, skipping relays, a colouring-in competition
and a joke writing competition.

After our activities the riders competing in “Glencore 1000k’s for Kids” arrived in force for their meal break for the afternoon. We were treated to a puppet show with some very funny characters that showed us important information about children with Cancer and how they are the same as everyone else even if they look different to us, except they have an illness that makes them very sick – and we can’t catch it! The riders answered lots of interesting questions from our students and we all got to laugh hearing about the fun they are having on their fundraising ride. We then awarded the prizes for the competitions. Congratulations to Nikita Constable on winning the colouring-in competition, Marc Forster for winning the joke writing competition, and to Amy Zhu for receiving the Encouragement Award for all her effort during the Fun Day activities. We would like to wish all the riders a safe journey as they travel to Newcastle and best of luck with their fundraising.

PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN

Reading to Your Children

Reading to children and exposing them to exciting and interesting books is the best way to prepare your child for the learning they will engage in during school. Rereading old favourites is also important as children begin to learn the stories off by heart and often begin to match the spoken words with the written words. This matching is a very important skill in early reading. They also get to hear what a good reader sounds like. Here are a few things to remember when you read with your children.

- Get comfy. Reading lots of books to your children is also a great bonding activity. Bedtime is often perfect for this
- Describe the picture and ask questions about what you can see
- Make it exciting, use funny voices for characters and pause for dramatic effect
- Bring mathematics into reading by counting how many words are on a page or how many apples are in the tree
- Ask your child to tell you what happened in the story after you have read together
- Let your child hold the book and turn the pages occasionally
- Get your child to point to the first word on the page, or the first word in the sentence

We are lucky enough to have a great library in Merriwa that has a wide variety of books. By using our library there is no need to spend a bundle of money to read books that both you and your children will love. Merriwa Library opening hours are as follows:

Monday closed
Tuesday 10.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 1.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday 1.00pm - 5.00pm

REWARDS DAY

Tomorrow eligible students Kinder-Year 6 will be participating in Rewards activities. Notes have gone home with details about the infants and primary activities. It is also an out of uniform day. Students will be ineligible for rewards day if they have received the following:

- Red card/incident report
- Two orange cards in one week
- Two timeouts in one week

If you have any questions about rewards day please see your child’s teacher before the day.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN

Reading to Your Children

- Suspension or suspension warning
Newly hatched chicks

Spring is upon us and there is a buzz of activity in the Ag plot.

The 7/8 Technology Mandatory have completed portfolios and models of egg incubators. Students have planted native trees along the back of the Ag plot and down the neighbouring boundary fence to create a new wind break that will provide valuable shade for the animals.

The 9/10 Agriculture class have studied the wheat and wool industries and are completing their presentations. The steer team have been busy working with our two steers, Arrow (the Angus from the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza School Steer Program) and Beau (the Hereford, kindly donated by Mr Cal Bates). Both steers are coming along nicely and providing an excellent learning opportunity for this class. The steer team has a very busy few weeks ahead, with an Education Day held last Monday, a Youth Cattle Camp in Week 1 next term and culminating with the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza at the end of October.

Spring is in the air - vegetable seedlings being planted

Why I want to be in ROAR? To teach me respect
What is my favourite subject: Wood work
What is my favourite sport? NRL
What is my favourite team? Tigers
Favourite Player: I don’t really have one
Best Sporting Achievement: Making it to the semi finals
Who inspires you and Why: My brother because he is a hard worker
Advice to young players: Never give in and never give up!

ROAR Profile
Jake Barry-Diehm
Year 10

ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards
Year 9 Science have studied Electricity earlier this term and are currently studying Ecology and ecosystems. As a part of this we have built some terrariums that are starting to show signs of growth and success. The class have also conducted their own research project with some interesting results including one comparing how different flours affect cake density and rise.

Beau - a new addition to the Ag plot

The senior classes have been consolidating their learning in preparation for their examinations and preparing for the next stage of their learning. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Year 12 students the best of luck in the future as they leave school and enter the big wide world.

Now that our predator proof fence has finally been completed we have welcomed two young dorper ewes and will be adding two alpacas early next term thanks to the fund raising efforts of our wonderful SRC who are supporting this new endeavour.

VACCINATIONS

Just a reminder for all Year 7 students and Year 9 boys that the final dose of vaccinations for HPV and Hepatitis B will be given on the first Friday back for Term 4. This is the final lot of vaccinations for 2014. A new schedule will be available early next year for the 2015 vaccinations.

Lana Grant
Vaccinations Coordinator
St Joseph’s Primary School

Principal’s Report

When Mary MacKillop first founded the Sisters of St Joseph she had a clear and unflinching dream to educate the poor and disadvantaged in Australia. She set up many schools in the remote, outback areas where education was difficult under normal circumstances. On January 5, 1885, three Sisters of St. Joseph took up residence in Merriwa. They were the first Foundation formed from Lochinvar, which had come into existence only two years earlier in 1883.

School records go back to 1886 (unfortunately the first records of 1885 have been lost.) The total enrolment was 77, 39 girls and 38 boys. On November 25, 1928, Bishop Dwyer blessed the new school in Marquet Street. On January 31, 1954, Bishop Toohey blessed the new infants classroom and on January 19, 1961, blessed the new school building of three classrooms. Secondary classes operated at St. Joseph’s Merriwa from the early 1950’s to 1968 AND THE Sisters continued to have a teaching presence until Sr Jenny Riley left us in 1993. For 129 years St Joseph’s Catholic School has offered quality Catholic Education to the children of the Merriwa district.

A farewell to the Sisters of St Joseph has been planned for Sunday September 28. Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Bill at 11.00am followed by a “bring and share lunch” at the School of Arts afterwards. Many of the sisters who have previously taught at the school and/or been resident at the convent will be in attendance on the day. Make sure you spread the word so that we have a wonderful gathering to farewell and thank them all.

The annual school play –“A World of Stories” – what a great success! This year’s performance was a truly entertaining experience and a fantastic learning experience for all the students. The combination of Public Speaking and Drama in Term 3 has seen the students’ confidence and ability to perform for an audience improve drastically. Thank you to the teachers for their organisation and dedication and thank you to Mrs Anna Kerrigan from the Catholic Schools Office for your direction and expertise. A huge thankyou to the parents for help with staging, costumes hall set up and supper organisation. Finally, thank you to the students for your tremendous effort.

NAPLAN results were sent home last week to students in Year 3 and Year 5. The results have given us a good snapshot of progress of students at the school and areas where we can concentrate our efforts in Literacy and Numeracy. The Year 3 results provide us with a starting point. I am very pleased to see great growth in students’ progress from when they were in Year 3 to now that they are in Year 5. Most students exceeded the expected levels of growth in all areas. We can be confident that the enormous effort we are making and have made through the National Partnership program and our own program of continuous learning is paying great dividends. As part of our ongoing commitment to improved learning outcomes, Miss Farrow, Mr Morris, Mrs
Peebles and I will be analysing our school results on Wednesday and planning the “where to from here” strategy. If you wish to discuss your NAPLAN results with your child’s teacher please contact them after this day!

Our Infants classes travelled to the Wetlands last Friday and had a brilliant day looking at Wet and Dry environments. Thanks to teachers Anne Marie Peebles and Samantha Kerr for organising the day and to all the parents who helped make the day a safe and educational one for all.

The Students of St Joseph’s created this display to highlight the importance of Child Protection in our society. It is the responsibility of all of us to protect our children from all forms of abuse. Who are you protecting? This banner has been displayed with white balloons on the front gate of the school during Child Protection Week and Father John displayed it at the Church on Sunday for Child Protection Sunday.

Congratulations to the following Award winners for last week:

**Kindergarten** - Aidan Hunt – for great questioning about microorganisms at our excursion!

**Grace Booth** – for great use of a microscope to identify parts of insects

**Years 1/2** - Cody Bates - for great participation in class group work

**Ella Beaven** - for great participation in the wetlands excursion

**Years 3/4** - Charles Brazier - for his great skills in measuring volume using cubic centimetres

**Rebecca Keegan** - for great contributions to class discussions

**Chloe Towell** - for her consistent effort towards Writing activities

**Thomas Hunt** - for always being an excellent assistant in classroom clean up

**Years 5/6** - Matthew Wilkins – Best Actor Award for his role as the Emperor in “The Emperor’s New Clothes”

**Clancy Moore** – Best Supporting Actor Award for his role as the Emperor’s Advisor in “The Emperor’s New Clothes”

**Eliza Peebles** – Best Actress Award for her role as the conniving Thief in “The Emperor’s New Clothes”

**Year 5/6** – for putting on a spectacular, entertaining performance of “The Emperor’s New Clothes”

**Principal’s Awards** - Emily Barwick - for being a caring, sensible friend to all and role modelling resilience.

**Helen Whale**
**Principal**
STUDENT OF THE WEEK – ANGUS HEYCOX

Angus has earned the award of Student of the Week for his improved concentration and enthusiasm for learning. Last week, Angus came to school each day ready to learn and demonstrated his acting talent on Monday, when performing wombat stew, playing the role of the Dingo. He enjoyed working on procedural texts in English last week, particularly making rainbow biscuits. During Buddy reading, he worked well with his partner and took on constructive feedback to improve his reading. When visitors come to our school, Angus is respectful and polite, demonstrating each of our school rules. Congratulations on your efforts Angus, keep up the wonderful work!

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

What is your favourite food? Spaghetti Bolognaise

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

Apart from your family, who is one of your role models and why? Harry because he is my best friend

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

What is one thing that people may not know about you? That I have ten sisters.

FROM MRS GRINHAM’S DESK

Cassilis PS is a very busy little school where there is always something exciting happening. This week Mr. Gant made a variety of pancakes with the children to determine which ingredients made the tastiest pancakes.

Miss. H. took Busby room to Dubbo Zoo and the touch footy and relay teams have been training hard for their trips to Sydney.

We are also putting more movement into our day to encourage healthy lifestyle.

It is great to see children engaged in, and enjoying their learning journey. They are certainly doing many fabulous activities and as the Chinese Proverb says:

Mrs. Burgess dropped in for the children to meet baby Maggie and was very pleased to see everyone.

I too, am enjoying CPS. The students are working so well and trying to improve the quality of their work. Well done, Cassilis!

With only this week of term left, remember to enjoy every second of the holiday time you spend with your children – in the blink of an eye they will be all grown up.

NOW ENROLLING KINDER-YEAR 6

Cassilis PS is now enrolling students Kinder-Year 6.

We offer a variety of innovative and engaging programs to all students. Drop in to collect your enrolment form. Kindergarten orientation starts Term 4. School tours available to new families.

MATHS IN ACTION!

Busby room have been learning about tesselling patterns.

Also McMaster room have been measuring and learning about capacity.

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. Call 6376 1009 to reserve a place.

**DIARY**

**September**
- 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

**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.
Starting next term, Sandy Hollow will become nut free every Wednesday. Peanut allergy is the second most common food allergy in children.

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction. The symptoms of anaphylactic shock may include hives, swelling, watery eyes, runny nose, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach cramps, coughing, wheezing, throat tightness/closing, difficulty swallowing, difficulty breathing, dizziness, fainting, loss of consciousness or a change in skin colour. The most dangerous symptoms are breathing difficulties or a drop in blood pressure, which can be potentially fatal.

These allergic reactions are normally very quick, symptoms usually becoming apparent immediately as the person comes in contact with the allergen and can threaten the allergic person’s life within minutes.

We are aware that some of our new Kindergarten children have a nut allergy. These students, if they come into contact with a nut product, can suffer life threatening consequences. It can be easily contracted from a simple handshake or touching of a students’ table who may have had some nuts in their food.

We ask that you DO NOT provide the following foods in your child’s lunch box:

- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Muesli bars
- Egg sandwiches or egg rolls or eggs
- Any nuts
- Nougat
- Biscuits
- Turkish Delight
- Cakes
- No products that have written on them “may contain traces of nuts”.

What can you put into your child’s lunchbox that is nut free?

- Chopped or tinned fruit
- Fruit strips
- Any bread based foods
- Check all biscuit labels and if you are not sure please leave them out.

Staff will be checking lunchboxes on Wednesday mornings. Our school canteen will also be adapting this policy.

Please help us in providing a nut free school on Wednesday’s and assisting those parents who have children who may have a life threatening reaction.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**SOLAR BOAT UPDATE**

Our boats are now complete and ready to test. We hope to do this later in the week. All teams need to complete their presentations, ready for the first week back.

The Solar Boat Challenge will take place at Muswellbrook pool. We will need parent drivers to help with transport on that day. Parents will not need to stay with the students at the pool as I will be with them for the day.

Christina Darlington
Principal

**ASSIGNMENT**

All students in Years 3/4/5/6 were given an assignment last week. They have been asked to design a set of stamps featuring Prime Ministers of Australia. All of the internet activities were completed at school as some students do not have internet access at home.

The assignment is due back Thursday October 9. If you have any questions regarding the assignment, please contact me well before the assignment is due.

Christina Darlington
Class Teacher

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

Drew McCandless - application in drumming.
Olivia McLean - sporting award
Abby Cooper - sporting challenge encouragement award
Jacob Marsh - application in drumming
Hunter Marsh - descriptive writing and sporting award
Amy Thompson - great organisational skills
Kristy Walker - trying her best in writing
William Stair - sporting award
Sam Thompson - sporting award
Ayden Marsh - improvement in reading
Dustynn Turner - sporting award
Bill Chambers - a great effort in golf
Declan Adams - trying hard in maths.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kinder/1/2 - Lucas Stair and Harry Thompson
3/4/5/6 - Codi Marsh, Olivia Mclean, Jackson Stair, Jake Pike, Isabella Wallace and Nicholas Terrell.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Hunter Marsh - excellent behaviour on Canberra Excursion.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

Reece McCandless

Christina Darlington
Principal
To the families of bus children, if possible, please bring your child and collect them that day as we often have slight issues with bus pick up times etc.

We are very excited to have a new children’s bathroom for next term. I will speak more after its completion. We owe a huge debt of thanks to the Upper Hunter Shire Council for agreeing to the addition to their budget this year.

Yes, Pre-School will be on Spring Break but the adjoining Activity Service is operating on:

**Tuesday September 23:** Come along to make Chinese lanterns and then lunch in the park

**Wednesday September 24:** Join us for a Scavenger Hunt and a sausage sandwich down by the river

**Thursday September 25:** A Day at the Skate Park

**Tuesday September 30:** Art and crafts and cooking - “make your own pizza”

**Wednesday October 1:** Ball games at the oval, soccer, football and tabloid sports - Bring your lunch

**Thursday October 2:** Children’s choice egg movies/popcorn/arts and crafts/cooking/ outdoor play. Bring lunch on this day. Why not break up the boredom and make some great new friends.

Leah Folpp
Director

Every now and then we need to make a complaint. This is difficult for both parties and our Grievance Policy is there to support families and staff when dealing with some issues.

We believe that parents play a very important role in our centre and we value your comments. Our priority is to do everything possible to improve the quality of this service. We support the parents rights to be heard. We will work with you to make clarify and resolve the issue. Obviously at times the resolution may not be satisfactory to the expectation of the parents and if so we will refer you to our complaints form. This is given to the nominated member of the committee who will assist the Director in navigating a way forward.

At this point a small meeting will occur with the parents, Director and committee delegate. This is to ensure we have explained the position of the Pre-School and the strategies that can be implemented to resolve the issue. It is not helpful to use facebook messenger to compile and solicit letters from families to address issues with the committee or staff.

The feeling is that it is not a very thoughtful or productive way to resolve an issue. I remind you that the use of the centres name, the name of the committee or staff on a public forum is not acceptable. It is a breach of confidentiality and is in fact a legal matter and will be thoroughly investigated. We would all like to return to the appropriate use of Grievance Policy so we may follow the procedures detailed above.

Issues such as coughs and colds and centre practices are best discussed with the Service Director and who will do their best to investigate. Families of the Merriwa Pre-School are in no way accountable to any third parties through social media. We are exploring a sanctioned Pre-School website, where we will ensure the tone and content is of a manner to uplift, inform and benefit the Pre-School, its users and reflects the educational and caring environment provided for the children.

It is Child Protection Week and to celebrate we have invited all children in the year before school to come along to a talk by Sheeree Gray, the Community Liaison Officer for the Muswellbrook Police. It will be held on the last day of term, Friday September 19 at 11.15am. We will then return to school on Tuesday October 7.
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 26: No Messy Church (School Hols)

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.

Well spring has really sprung, have you taken time
out to look at the amazing canola and oat crops
and then I wander in my garden and see sweet
peas, hyacinth ...the blossom trees and so it goes
on to the Merriwa Springtime Show. A dear friend
sent through a quote that she had come across
in a gardening book that she was about to throw
out...The quote is from Hildegard of Bingen (1098-
1179)....There is the music of heaven in all things,
but we’ve forgotten how to hear it........

So I went looking for this lady and this is what I
found..Do hope you find it fascinating...

HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Hildegard of Bingen (hĬl’degărth’, bĬng’en), 1098–
1179, German nun, mystic, composer, writer, and
cultural figure, known as the Sibyl of the Rhine. An
aristocrat educated in a Benedictine convent,
she began experiencing mystical visions as a
child. Entering religious life c.1116, she became
an abbess in 1136 and founded her own convent
at Rupertsberg near Bingen c.1147. Mystical and
worldly, she was deeply immersed in religious
life yet also involved in political and cultural
affairs, maintaining a lively and wide-ranging
correspondence. Her theological magnum opus,
Scivias (c.1151), contains 26 visions. Today she is
best known for her richly lyrical liturgical poetry
set to her own innovative monophonic chants,
composed mainly in the 1140s and collected in
the 1150s. She also wrote a medical encyclopedia,
scientific treatises, works of natural history, lives
of saints, and other works. Widely proclaimed a
saint, she has not been canonized; nonetheless,
her feast day is celebrated on September 17.

Enjoy your School Holidays – Go safely if travelling.

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa Healthy Environment Group

WIN A $600.00 PAINTING AT THE SHOW

On Saturday at Merriwa Show, Merriwa Healthy Environment Group Inc (MHEG) will launch its Win-
a-Painting competition, with proceeds going to
Motor Neurone Disease research.

Merriwa family members of distinguished Australian
artist Colleen M Parker FRAS, who also suffered
from motor neurone disease, have donated one
of her paintings, “Central Desert Landscape”, as
a prize for the MHEG fundraiser.

A tastefully framed oil on board, the painting glows
with the unique colours of the central Australian
desert. It is valued conservatively at over $600.00.

“I know my mother would be happy to support
this competition, she was a very positive person,”
Colleen Parker’s son Adrian said yesterday.

The Win-a-Painting competition will run for several
weeks to maximise the amount it raises for MND.

Tickets will be available at Merriwa Show on
Saturday, and then from Di’s Clothing Patch in Merriwa, or by phoning MHEG secretary Ted
Finnie on 6548 5171 or emailing tjfinnie@skymesh.com.au.

“One of our members has developed this disease
and we can see the effects first-hand – so, as
we’re running a stall at the Show, we decided
to use the opportunity to do some MND fund-
raising,” Ted said.

“At the moment they don’t know what causes
MND and there is virtually no treatment. I know it
sounds appalling, but all you can do is just make
people comfortable and watch them die.”

Another
Merriwa
Healthy
Environment
Group
member, Enid
Holt, is planning
an MND
fundraiser for
later this year
by publishing
a series of
children’s books written and illustrated by her
daughter Susan Willis, about the adventures of a
poney named Sunny.

The books are still in the production phase but so far they have had an excellent response.

“Once they take off, MND research will benefit on an ongoing basis,” Enid said.

Merriwa Healthy Environment Group was formed in 2011 to publicise the environmental, social and economic advantages of the Merriwa district.

Members fight to protect Merriwa Plateau, which is the best overall food-producing country in Australia and well worth preserving for future generations as a clean, reliable food source.

“As a community action group, we consider the Motor Neurone Disease cause to be part of our charter. We are looking forward to making our contribution,” Ted said.

Graham Brown

Merriwa Springtime Show Update
30 STALLS AND LOADS OF BARGAINS!

There has been an overwhelming response to the Merriwa Springtime Show’s request for stall holders this year with more than 30 booked in over the weekend so a great time to do some early Christmas shopping or just have a browse for yourself.

For the kids there’s ‘My Little Princess’ cute kids clothing and accessories, Show Bags and an Air Brush Tattooist. For mum there’s Mums Soap Box for beautiful handmade luxury soaps and gift packs, Western Glitz and Glam, saddlery and clothing, Stone Hill Vineyard Wines for a sip of some of the Upper Hunters finest home grown wines, Lady Franklin Hats and Pats Plants will have a stack of quality ‘frost free’ plants for you to get into the garden before summer comes along.

For the dad’s; don’t forget to call in and see Col at ‘Cols Creations’ and be inspired by his handmade timber and iron furniture, WJ Morris Handcrafted Leather Goods for your next belt or knife pouch, Clark Equipment for quality tractors, mowers and tools and the Wideland Motor Group to check out what could be your next car!

Getting the munchies from all that shopping, get on down to Surfside Pizzas, the Lolly Lady, Namoi Nuts and Nibbles and the Coffee Cart as well of course as our AMAZING catering queens at the delightful CWA rooms for some hot scones and cream, coffee and delicious sandwiches.

Toni Jones
Show Secretary

PRESERVES SECTION
A NEW LOOK AT PRESERVES

Most of the classes in Preserves at Merriwa Show will be the same as last year, as many of you will have already prepared entries from the last harvest.

However, for 2013 we introduced “Raw Active Living Food” – dehydrated or dried fruit and vegetables, dried herbs, activated nuts/nut products. I am looking forward to a large increase in entries for this section (no sugar)

“Health bites” could be banana chips or kiwi fruit chips. (can be dried in the oven on lowest setting – don’t forget the skewer in the door, so steam can escape).

They can also be dried in the sun if sufficiently hot.

Those who have juicers and make juice can reuse the fibre by mixing with a little of the juice, placing it onto a bake sheet, flattening to a quarter inch and popping it into the oven or dehydrator, so not to waste all that delicious pulp.

All entries must be in by 10.00am Friday or see details online at www.merriwashow.com.au or phone Judith Bettington on 6548 8563.

Check the Internet for Ideas

Hop online and look up “Nouveau Raw” or the “Nourishing Traditions” book by Sally Fallon, free delivery world-wide.

• The Healthy Chef – Teresa Cutter is another great website. Have fun!
• Preserves at the 2014 Merriwa Show may include fermenting and cultures as well.

These are all exciting:
• Home-made yoghurt and fruit leathers cut into bites, yum!
• Fermented sauerkrauts using whey, salt and vegetables
• Pickled whey – beetroot, orange and caraway seed, dehydrated
• Whey for pickling onions, cucumbers, garlic, carrots
• Fermented drinks such as Apple cider using whey raspberry, grape cooler, kombucha.

So many old traditions, but new to us!

THE WAY TO GOOD HEALTH

Do you really want to be healthy?

There is an urgent need to change what we do and what we eat.
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“When conditions are particularly bad, such as on days of Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Danger, the NSW RFS may declare a Total Fire Ban, prohibiting the lighting of any fire in the open, even if you have a fire permit.”

On a day of Total Fire Ban the lighting of fires is prohibited. This includes cooking fires using incinerators and barbecues which burn solid fuel, such as wood or charcoal.

Gas or electric barbecues are permitted under the following conditions:

- They are on residential property within 20 metres of the house or dwelling
- They are in a picnic area and the appliance is approved by Council, National Parks and Wildlife Services or State Forest
- They are under the direct control of a responsible adult
- The ground around a barbecue is cleared for 2 metres of all material which could burn
- You have an immediate and continuous supply of water available.

“We urge all residents in the Liverpool Range Zone area to be vigilant and extremely careful with fire during the Bush Fire Danger Period,” District Officer Brown said.

Information about Total Fire Ban declarations is published at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au. Locals can also call the Liverpool Range Zone Fire Control Centre on 1800 081 166 or the Bushfire Information Line on 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737).

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It is time for eating natural food, largely in its raw state and wherever possible – organic, or even better – home grown.

At this year’s Show, my “Special” book prize will be awarded to the exhibitor showcasing the “Healthiest Alternatives” on display in the Preserves section.

Start your planning now!

**Merriwa Ringer**

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Before this edition of the Ringer goes to press, our club will have had a visit from our Rotary District Governor Gerard McMillan who, in his term in office will visit every Rotary club in our district which extends from Newcastle to beyond Dubbo.

The next dinner meeting for the VIEW ladies is on Thursday September 25 at the Royal Hotel at 7.00pm for 7.30pm dinner. Our guest speaker for the night will be Leslie Nixon. Come and enjoy a great evening of friendship with the VIEW ladies. Anyone who would like to join us can phone Elaine Sparrow 6548 8560 and book in by Tuesday night September 23. Cost of the meal is $25.00. All welcome. We are always looking for new members so come along and see what we are all about.

Our ‘Learning Locally’ bags donation is a note pad which is always popular with our young recipients. Lucky door this month is Gaye Bates and our raffle donor is Jan Cronin.

See you at the Royal Hotel on Thursday September 25. All welcome.

Please contact the secretary, Elaine on 6548 8560.

Elaine Sparrow

Local Students compete at Dubbo

On September 4-7, Alister and Kylie Fairfull attended the National All Breeds Heifer Show at Dubbo. On Friday they completed workshops on showing cattle, the cattle industry, judging skills and public speaking skills. For Alister, it was his first time showing and judging cattle. In his Paraders Competition, he was awarded “Highly Commended” for his ability to parade his heifer and stand her up for the judge to judge.

In the judging he was one of the five selected to stand out (chosen from 20 children his age) to stand up and participate in the Junior Judges Oral Presentation after judging a group of Murray Grey Heifers. He had placed the heifers in the correct order with his judging and was then asked to present an oral presentation on his decision as to why he placed them in that order. He did this with confidence in front of a large crowd.

Kylie paraded cattle in the Stud Heifer Classes where her Murray Grey heifer from Boondoola Stud was awarded third place. She also entered into the paraders competition with an angus steers and was awarded fourth place.

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ROTARY HAT DAY is scheduled for Friday October 10. This is a fund raising day when everyone is invited to wear a hat, make a donation and help shine a light on mental illness in Australia.

Mark Smith
Rotary Club of Merriwa

Golf for Charity

The Merriwa Golf Club will be hosting its 2014 Golf for Charity on Monday September 29. The entry fee is $150.00 per team of 4. Dinner will be served after the golf. All welcome.

Mark Smith
Merriwa Golf Club
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.
Merriwa District Progress Association Inc. will be held on Wednesday September 24 at the Merriwa RSL commencing at 6.00pm.

This will be followed by the monthly meeting.

If you care about your community please attend.

Contact 6548 2245.

Beron Arden-Wood

Merriwa Red Cross

THANK YOU

The members of Merriwa Red Cross would like to sincerely thank the Merriwa community for your generous response to our recent street stall.

An amount of $932.25 was forwarded to Red Cross. This is, indeed, an indication of Merriwa’s continuing caring community spirit.

The winner of the raffle was ticket number 51 – Joan Wilson.

100 Club results:
First: No 43 Barwick Bros
Second: No 48 Joan Wilson
Third: No 51 Mark Inder

Philomena Constable

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

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.

Rosalie Drew and the Messy Church Committee

Men’s Shed

SMALL ENGINE COURSE

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.

Jim Alker

Thank You

Horner’s Honey wishes to thank the wonderful, talented person who created our beautiful signs.

We love them, thank you!

Muriel Horner, Pam and Les Curtis

McCully’s Gap Markets

MARKETS IN THE COUNTRY

When: October 12 ~ 9am to 3pm

Many stall holders are welcome!

With a BBQ Lunch available.

Scarecrow Competition happening!

For more information please contact Kristie 0418 436 830 or mccullysgaphall@gmail.com.

Kristie Corbett
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 bacon and egg sandwich, along with tea, coffee, cappuccino and cold drinks.
We look forward to your support.
CWA is a not for profit organisation that supports many charities.

JUNIOR COOKING AND CRAFT DAY
This day will be held on September 26, last Friday of the school holidays.
Everyone is welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.
Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm
Further information phone Jean 6548 2456.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS
The CWA has two Educational Grants Available:
Jean Latham Educational Grant valued at $300.00
Tenable by a student entering Year 12 and residing in the bounds of the Hunter River Group.
Hunter River Educational Grant valued at $500.00
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It is not a complicated process and we encourage you to apply.

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Attention Sub Branch members of Merriwa RSL Club. There will be no meeting on September 14, however will be held on September 21 at 10.30am instead. Please join us for the Merriwa RSL Club AGM at 11.30am first with the meeting held directly afterwards.
Your attendance on September 21 would be greatly appreciated.
Thanking you.

Bob Baihn

Merriwa Markets
When: Saturday September 20
Where: RSL Club - Bow Street side and in the Auditorium if wet.
All welcome!

Julie Russell and the Market Committee

Local History
Thomas Phillips
Information is being sought about Thomas Phillips who until his demise in 1896 resided in Bellaleppa district of Cassilis. His date and place of birth, names of parents, name of spouse, date and place of marriage, names of children, brothers and sisters, occupation and community activities are some of the information that we are interested in. Please contact me via email on roycoolah@gmail.com.

Roy Cameron

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This week’s specials at Max’s Country Cuts on September Friday 19 and Saturday 20 and early next week while stocks last include:

- Crumbed Steak $10.99kg or 2kg $20.00 (Plain or Herb and Garlic)
- Whole Scotch Fillet $24.99kg
- Lamb Loin Chops $16.99kg
- Lamb Chump Chops $14.99kg
- Variety of Rissoles $8.99kg

**Rissole Variety Includes:**

- Tasty Beef
- Cheese and Bacon
- Roast Tomato and Garlic
- Country Style BBQ
- Crumbed

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**Max’s Country Cuts – Buying Local**

**Supporting Local**

**Employing Local**

Support the butcher that supports Merriwa

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**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

**ROAST BEEF WITH YORKSHIRE PUDDING**

**Preparation time:** 15 minutes  
**Cooking:** 1.5 - 2 hours  
**Serves:** 6

1. Preheat oven to moderate 180. Rub surface with a mixture of mustard, pepper and salt. Heat dripping in frying pan until hot; place meat in pan, fat side down, seal quickly. Brown all sides  
2. Place meat on a roasting rack in a baking dish, fat side up. Roast meat for 20-25 minutes per 500g for rare roast beef, or 25-30min for medium, 30-35min for well done. Allow the meat to stand for 15 minutes before carving  
3. To make Yorkshire Pudding: Shift flour and salt in a bowl. Add combined egg and water, and mix to a paste. Heat milk and pour into mixture; beat until smooth. Set aside. Pour dripping into 12 cup deep patty trays; heat in 210° oven for 5 minutes. Remove from oven. Spoon pudding batter into patty cups in tin; bake for 10-15 minutes or until puddings are puffed.

Max, Yvonne and the crew  
Max’s Country Cuts

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**Merriwa Newsagency**  
YOUR LOCAL OFFICE SMART AGENT  
WWW.MERRIWANEWSAGENCY.COM.AU  
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Leanne and Neville have been away for a week, at a NewsXpress Conference (in a much warmer climate that Merriwa!) and have ordered some amazing products. We aren’t entirely sure when all of the products are arriving, but hopefully they start during the school holidays.

**MAGAZINE CLUB**

Due to the school holidays starting, and this being our last article for a couple of weeks, I would just like to mention a PROMOTION that we are starting on October 1. We have a Magazine Club, and if you buy 11 magazines in the month of October, you will get the 12th magazine free. For more information, come and chat to the staff.

**MAGNIFICENT GIFTWARE**

The Russell Collection of Glassware is amazing. NewsXpress stores have great prices on this stylish, funky, gorgeous and unique glassware collection. There are amazingly creative and colourful bowls, vases and abstract ornaments. There are several different sizes, colours and styles - to suit any taste. There are also blown glass animals and perfume bottles. They will make the most delightfully perfect Christmas presents for someone close to you.

**MELISSA AND DOUG**

This is a great company who, in conjunction with NewsXpress, is putting out a great Christmas Catalogue (I hate to mention Christmas already, but it is closer than any of us would like to admit!)
full of great, affordable toys for the kids. The catalogue will be out soon, and the Christmas Lay-by can begin. The items in the catalogue will give your children all kinds of creative outlets and entertain them for hours, days and even weeks - great school holiday ideas are what every parent needs for the kids!

LAY-BY

People are constantly surprised that we are a store that does lay-by. It is a great way to keep track of your Christmas budget and allows you to be organised in plenty of time. We can start a lay-by at any time of year. You can take things out as you pay as well as adding to it as more ideas and products catch your eye. It allows you to pay off your presents and we are not as strict as the big chain stores - as long as you are paying a little bit regularly, there is no fear of it being cancelled. It is also a great way to get organised for such things as Back to School and the Financial Year.

THE MERRIWA SHOW

We all look forward to seeing you all at the Show this weekend - it is always a fun weekend for everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12

We hope that the Year 12 Graduation night is fabulous and that lots of studying will be done in the next few weeks.

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

Cash or Eftpos only

Neville and Leanne Hook

Merriwa Pharmacy
HEADACHE AND MIGRAINE

Nearly everybody will experience a headache at some stage in their lives. Headache is one of the most common minor ailments. Although it is quite unusual not to have at least one headache, a lucky few will go through life without ever experiencing one.

The reason some people never experience a headache is unknown. It may be linked to chemical transmitters in the brain that pass messages from one nerve cell to another. The brain uses these chemicals as a control mechanism for pain impulses, and these neurotransmitters also play a part in emotions. As a general rule, happier people have fewer headaches, but that is not the complete picture and we need to know more about this common health issue.

Headache and Migraine Awareness Week (September 15-21) aims to create a wider understanding of headache and migraine as major public health issues. Headache and Migraine Awareness Week is an initiative of Headache Australia – the only organisation in Australia supporting the more than 5 million Australians affected by headache and migraine.

So what is the difference between a headache and a migraine?

Headaches are usually harmless but can create concern about their origin. Occasionally headaches may indicate a more serious underlying disease state, such as brain tumour or stroke. This is why many people seek advice from their doctors and, in some cases, are referred to neurologists. However, according to Headache Australia, the severity of the headache generally has no relation to the seriousness of the diagnosis.

The types of headache can be categorised in various ways:

• ‘Normal’ headaches including those caused by time spent in front of a screen (excessive nerve stimulation), ‘ice-cream’ headache from cold, ‘hot-dog’ headache (food reaction), excessive consumption of alcohol, drugs and other substances, fasting headache, rebound headache, exercise headache, coital headache, and headache from excessive coughing

• Recurring headaches including tension-type and cluster headache

• ‘Nerve’ headaches, produced by direct irritation or compression of the nerves supplying the head, face, or neck. These include trigeminal neuralgia, glossopharyngeal neuralgia, neuralgia after shingles, atypical face pain, pain from the eye, sinusitis, head pain caused by teeth, temporo-mandibular joint dysfunction, and neck headache

• Muscle-contraction headaches

• Medicine-misuse headaches

• Head injury headache

• Headache caused by serious health issues. These include hydrocephalus, sub-arachnoid haemorrhage, meningitis, encephalitis, brain tumour, cerebral oedema, high blood pressure, stroke, temporal arteritis and benign intracranial hypertension

Migraines are usually much more serious. These are headaches that typically last from 4–72 hours, during which time the sufferer may experience nausea and vomiting as well as sensitivity to light.

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or sound. Migraine sufferers frequently report throbbing pain that worsens with normal activity.

In some people, migraines are associated with auras, which may occur before a person experiences a migraine. Auras are warning signs which usually consist of visual disturbances such as flashing lights, or changes in smell or perception. Migraine is a very common condition, yet many people remain undiagnosed or untreated. There are almost two million migraine sufferers in Australia, meaning that more people suffer from migraine in Australia than diabetes, asthma, or coronary heart disease.

Migraine is also a very debilitating condition, affecting a person’s ability to function in everyday life. Nearly all people who suffer from migraines report a reduction in social activities and work capacity.

Your local pharmacy is your health destination and your pharmacist can provide advice on headache and migraine, including causes of headache and migraine such as medicine use, alcohol consumption, and treatment options such as medicines and relaxation techniques. Your local pharmacy also supplies products used to treat headache and migraine including over-the-counter and prescription medicines. Many pharmacies also offer services to assist you with managing chronic pain.

Merriwa Pharmacy has a range of helpful Fact Cards including Headache, Migraine, Relaxation Techniques and Smoking.

Find us on Facebook!
Look for Merriwa Central School’s official page!
Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre are currently seeking “Expressions of Interest” for the Clerical Position at the Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre

Please contact Samantha Thompson on 0412 559 351 for further information.

Tina Taylor

TIP 1. CHANGE THE WAY YOU HOLD THE CAMERA

Cameras are designed to be naturally held one way - landscape format, where the picture is wider than it is tall, but there is also an option called portrait.

Turning the camera on its side will produce this image in portrait format (taller than it is wide). People are taller than they are wide so keep this in mind when taking peoples photos.

TIP 2. GET CLOSER TO THE SUBJECT

A good photograph is one that the subject takes up the whole picture and, once you have turned your camera on its side, this becomes much easier to do. It’s almost essential if you want to include their whole body but you would only need to do that if what they are doing is important.

TIP 3. TRY TO MINIMIZE THE NOISE

Noise is the “business” of the photo, so before taking the shot have a look for the best angle that captures the shot but keeps out all the unwanted information in the shot.

TIP 4. WATCH THE SUN

It’s great when the sun comes out but bright sunlight produces hard dark shadows which can have a very unflattering especially on someone’s face.

TIP 5. GET EYE LEVEL WITH THE SUBJECT

The best situation, where possible, is to have your camera at the same eye level as your subject. Often easier said than done especially when the topic is “Men and Women at work”, because you want the subject to be working you may not be able to catch their eye without detracting from the overall picture.

Above all, remember to have fun and to think outside the square. This subject is open to interpretation. We hope to see some great entries taken over the school holidays.

Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre

43 Bow Street, PO Box 96, Merriwa NSW 2329
Phone 6548 2083, Fax 6548 2925

Change of Deadline

Get your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer

Due to the October long weekend, please submit your article by 9.00am Tuesday October 7.
Next issue is October 10.

TINA TAYLOR

Photography Hints

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Contact MCS on 6548 2119

Community Adverts
Maximising Reproductive Efficiency in Beef Cattle Field Day

Hunter Local Land Services (LLS) and NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) invite beef producers to a free field day on maximising herd fertility. There will be presentations from DPI, Hunter LLS and veterinary specialists on the seasonal outlook, heifer and cow selection and management, supplements (‘spike feeding’), causes of low fertility, cross-breeding strategies and available selection tools.

Thursday, 25 September 2014
9 am – 3:30 pm
Moonan Flat Hall (Cnr. of High St. & Moonan St)
Lunch and refreshments will be provided
This is a free event.

The presentations will be followed by a visit to Greg & Sue Scott’s property, “Norwood”, to undertake live animal assessment.

Please book your place by Monday, 22 September 2014, indicating whether you have any specific dietary requirements.

To book contact the Hunter LLS Muswellbrook Office on (02) 6542 4444 or register online at:
hunterlls.wufoo.eu/forms/maximising-reproductive-efficiency-in-beef-cattle/

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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 send an email to rcox@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

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

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

- Completing the survey on Council’s website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au;
- 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.
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 25 September 2014.

| DA NO.   | 201/2013 |
| APPLICANT| O D Taylor |
| LOCATION| Lots 1 & 2 DP 228741 76 & 78 Vennacher Street, Merriwa |
| PROPOSAL| Section 82a Review – Subdivision of two lots into four lots |

| DA NO.   | 167/2014 |
| APPLICANT| D J Kerr |
| LOCATION| Lot 2 DP 1177923, 124 Susan Street, Scone |
| PROPOSAL| Change of use from dwelling to Beauty Salon & alterations & additions |

| DA NO.   | 130/2013-2 |
| APPLICANT| M M Hyndes Bailey & Co |
| LOCATION| Lot 8 DP 653658 & Lot 157 DP 750964, Kars Springs Road, Scone |
| PROPOSAL| Section 96(1a) Modification – Variation to proposed lot boundaries & staging |

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.

MERRIWA NO. 1 OVAL CLOSED FOR SEPTEMBER

Residents are reminded that Number 1 Oval will be closed to the public and sports ground users during September to allow Council to carry out annual maintenance which will include herbicide spraying and aeration of the grounds.

P: James Constable 0429 167425

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Scone on Monday, 22 September 2014 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

DON’T FORGET TO RID YOURSELF OF RUBBISH

Council’s kerbside bulk waste collection will take place during the week commencing 29 September next. Put your eligible waste out on the kerb over the weekend of 27 and 28 September.

Stack items neatly next to the kerb but DO NOT BLOCK the footpath or roadway. Ensure items are secure and bag or bundle loose items to avoid windblown littering.

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**President:** Jayne Cronin

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**Secretary:** Gaynor Blackadder

**Treasurer:** Anna Whale

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

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

St Anne’s Merriwa

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**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.

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**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle September 12**

Saturday Members Draw not won No. 378 - Next week $140.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $400.00

**Free Tickets:** Michael Cunningham

**Dinner:** Nancy Coulton

**Bowls Raffle:** Nancy Coulton

**Cassilis Bowling Club**

Phone: 6376 1002

Sunday Raffle September 7

Sunday Members draw - No 39 not won. Next week $550.00

**WOMENS BOWLS NEWS**

**COMING UP EVENTS**

**Aberdeen Gala Day** - September 24

Please call Loretta (6548 2679) now if you are interested in attending any of these days.

Eva Towler

**Change of Deadline**

Get your articles and advertisements into the **Merriwa Ringer**

Due to the October long weekend, please submit your article by 9.00am Tuesday October 7.

Next issue is October 10.
Friday night Snack Bar
Affordable family meals.

Friday night raffles
Meat trays, Vegetable trays, Schooner Draw, Joker Draw, Members Draw and Vegetable trays.

PREVIOUS WEEK’S RESULTS

Friday September 12
Members Draw: $55.00 - Chris Pittman – claimed - $50.00 next week.
Joker Draw: $1707.00 – Jenny Riley – unsuccessful - $1758.00 next week.
Congratulations Chris.

Hilary Parker

Merriwa RSL Club
The Members Lucky Badge for $1750.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 31. This week it jackpots to $1800.00. The 7.00pm draw for $960.00 was not won. The number was 174. This week it jackpots to $980.00. The 9.00pm draw for $200.00 was not won and the number was 470. This week it jackpots to $220.00. LTPS/13/04473
The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $750.00 was not won last week. The number was 778 and this week it jackpots to $800.00. It will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. LTPS/13/04473
The Friday 8.30pm badge draw and the Sunday badge draw both now commence at $500.00.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB

HAPPY HOUR IS BACK - Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Sunday 11.00am to 12 noon, $5.00 Coronas, $3.00 schooners and $2.00 midy’s.
Social darts 7.00pm Thursday nights.

Matt Morgan

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SPORTING
Merriwa Touch Football
Reminder that the Registration Day is on Wednesday October 8 at the Sports Oval from 5.00pm to 6.00pm - canteen area. All captains MUST contact either Barbara Eipper or Tina Taylor to confirm teams. These need to be in by September 22 so the draw can be completed. A reminder that all players MUST be registered before taking the field of their first game.

Reggo packs have been made up and can be picked up from Max’s Country Cut’s, Barbra Eipper or Tina Taylor. It is the responsibility of the Team captain to get all paperwork filled in, collect the money and return it to the committee on the Registration days.

Registration fees will be $65.00 per senior player, $35.00 per junior player (School age children Under 12 years of age by January 1, 2015).

RULES FOR TEAMS

Teams will consist of no more than 11 players.

There has been one amendment to the rules!

Mens and womens teams must have;

• Three players under 18 years of age as of January 1, 2015. One of these players must be under 15 years of age as of the January 1 2015 - turns 13 or 14 before January 1 2015, (Junior player – is a player under 12 years of age by January 1, 2015)

• Must have a player over the age of 30 years, as of January 1, 2015

• Players must have played three games prior to the semi-finals

• No more than three registered Rugby League (mens - Under 16 players that have stepped up for Under 18’s are exempt), Soccer, Rugby Union or four League Tag players

• Team captains are to receive a registration pack and it is their responsibility to collect money and have players sign all paperwork

Someone asked me “Why have you made the teams find a player under 14?”, in short the answer is that the committee felt that it was a way of getting the juniors introduced to the game. Sometimes we get set in our ways and forget that there are youngsters that may be interested in playing. This reason also applies to the rest of the “age brackets”, hopefully having these rules gets people to invite new players to their teams and for new teams to be formed.
REFEREES

Interested in earning a few extra dollars, why not put your name down for the touch comp and ref a game or two! You can earn $10.00 - non qualified or $15.00 if you are qualified. Don’t forget to contact Justine on 0419 151 586 by September 22.

Tina Taylor

Merriwa Pony Club

Sunday was the last rally day of the year with twenty riders rocking up for some pre-Jamboree training. Sincere thanks to Marcia Williams who came over from Scone to instruct the riders in the team of fours, show riding and showjumping in a mammoth 9.00am to 5.00pm effort with all riders getting some one-on-one time with Marcia.

Perseverance and patience ‘awards’ of the day went to Apryl Lawler and Jorji Taaffe who both put in a mighty effort to get their horses over the ‘horse monster’ tarp jump, to Cody Bates who put in a top effort coaxing ‘Murphy’ away from the grass and around all the sporting events and to Rebecca Keegan for showing fabulous jumping style. ‘Great Sports’ awards went to Roy Lawler and Emily Wright for sharing their horses ‘Sabby’ and ‘Remembrance’ with Darcy Taaffe who’s pony ‘Pepper’ was out lame.

Don’t forget to get your entries in for the Zone 7 Jamboree to our pony club secretary Christine Riley by this Friday September 19 as the club needs to pay ONE cheque for all the Merriwa riders competing at the Jamboree. EFT is preferred or cheque. Please email Christine directly on cl.riley@bigpond.com or call 0427 412 128 to reserve your places.

Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club

Another successful year has been completed. All our members from five years old through to our senior netball players all enjoyed their sport and from what I hear every game played has shown through the Merriwa sportsmanship and spirit that is common amongst our wonderful community. Thank you to all members and I am pleased that everyone enjoyed their sport through our club.

Of course none of this sport would be possible without a hard working committee and our wonderful sponsors for the 2013/2014 seasons. Our major sponsor is the Merriwa Sports Club. Thank you for your support over the past two years. Our League jersey sponsors are Kingslyn (two sets); Rockwell Livestock and Property; Merriwa RSL; Welderup; and Rosto Olives. Sleeve and short sponsors are Boardman Peasley, Merriwa Newsagents and Williams Concrete. Our Netball sponsors are Merriwa Cakes and Café; Rockwell Livestock and Property; Max’s Country Cuts and Wayne Smith Automotive. We really appreciate the support of every one of our sponsors and thank you for making sport available in our community for the youth of our town to enjoy.

PRESENTATION DAY

Sunday October 19 at the Merriwa Sports Club will see the wind-up of our year with the Presentation and Annual General Meeting being held starting from 10.30am and will be followed by a free sausage sizzle lunch and the cutting of our annual cake for all to enjoy. A jumping castle and free face painting will be available for the enjoyment of our children. We invite the community to attend our Presentation and AGM and enjoy the awards as the kids receive their reward for such a great year.

See you on Sunday October 19 at the Sports Club starting at 10.30am.

Any questions contact Elaine on 6548 8560.

Elaine Sparrow
The Springtime Night competition is in full swing with nine teams competing in the Monday night competition. The competition runs through to the end of November.

A reminder that Annual registration is now due. $50 for adults (19 years and over) and $25.00 for juniors (18 years and under). Membership fees are used to pay insurance, electricity, council fees and general maintenance. Members can use the courts free of charge during the daytime and $5.00 per court/hr for night use.

TUESDAY MORNING TENNIS

Social tennis happens every Tuesday morning. New players are welcome. Please contact Rose Medway 6548 3207 or Bev Telfer 6548 7226 for more details.

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

Contact Loretta Cooper for details on 6548 2679.

THURSDAY NIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS

The lights are on from 6.30pm every Thursday night. Free for members. $5.00 for non-members.

This is an excellent opportunity for people to come along for a social hit. Specially designed to cater for people unable to commit to regular competition. For more information contact Robert at Merriwa Pharmacy

COURT HIRE AND ACCESS

The club is currently working on improving access to the tennis courts after hours and on weekends. Keys are currently available at Merriwa Pharmacy during business hours.

LIGHTING AND COURT INFRASTRUCTURE

The existing lighting system is failing and due to its age cannot be repaired. The club has submitted a number of applications for funding for this project but has so far been unsuccessful. The cost of replacement has been quoted at close to $28 000.00. Any further deterioration of the existing lighting will put the night competition (our major source of revenue) and by default the club, in jeopardy.

The club has submitted an application for major funding in the latest round of club grants offered by the NSW Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing. Our application includes upgrading of the courts and lights, installation of a hitting wall, modifying one of the courts so that it may be used for additional sports such as volleyball, netball and futsal (similar to indoor soccer). Such diversification will increase opportunities for community participation and improve the longterm viability of the club. Jerrys Plains tennis courts have recently been upgraded in a similar manner and look terrific.

Robert Smith

Merriwa Cricket Club

Registration day is on Saturday September 27 at 11.30am to 3.00pm at Number 1 oval, all that are interested please come along there will be a sausage sandwiches and drinks available to purchase on the day.

If you are interested in playing and can not make the registration day please contact Sonya Drury on 0459 541 450 to organise a personal information form to be filled out, thank you

Sonya Drury
We are having another Outdoor Cinema on Friday October 3 for the community to enjoy

Hunter Mutual major sponsors and UHSC – Youth Services

**Date:** Friday October 3

**Time:** 6.15pm

**Place:** No 2 oval

Gold coin donation

Hunter Mutual will be selling popcorn and smarties. Feel free to bring your own picnic dinner.

**Two movies – The CROODS (G) rated and Parental Guidance rated (PG) obviously**

Monies raised from Hunter Mutual will go to “Youth off the Streets” (locally)
## Community Calendar

### What's happening?

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

Mondays to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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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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| Saturday 15| Merriwa Markets - RSL Club footpath, Bow Street  
Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am |
| Friday 28  | Messy Church, last one for 2014 - Parish Hall - 3.30pm                      |

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If you would like your event included in the community calendar or wish to claim a date, please call Tina at the Ringer so that your event is not missed!