Merriwa Central School students join thousands across the State who will commence HSC exams next Monday. The staff and students wish Year 12 all the very best in their exams.
Cassilis Public School celebrates 140 years of education on 24th October, 10am to 3pm. Come join us with music, food, dancing, displays, shared stories, games, and feel free to come dressed in period style costume from the era’s past. RSVP by 16th October 2015. Call 63761009 or visit our Cassilis Public School Facebook page for further info.
I trust everyone had a relaxing holiday and are ready to start the new school term. Now that we have said farewell to Year 12, we look towards 2016 and prepare our next cohort for the HSC and orientate our new Kindergarten and Year 7 students.

We finished Term 3 on a high as we farewelled Year 12 2015.

**HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS**

The HSC exams commence this week under the supervision of Elaine Sparrow and her trusty band of supervisors. As usual formal examinations are conducted in the Great Hall by external supervisors.

All staff and students would like to wish Year 12 the very best in their exams, and life beyond school. Several have already secured full time employment, even before the exams begin.

**NEW SUN SHADE**

Over the holiday break contractors have been busy installing a new sun shade for primary students. The new construction will provide shade for students using the primary playground equipment. The project has been funded using additional Federal Government Gonski funding.

All students are reminded to wear a hat when outside, as the temperatures have risen to the mid 30’s over the past week. Our primary policy of “No hat, no play”, is in place to avoid students getting sunburnt. Students without hats are limited to play in the shaded area of the COLA during recess and lunch.

**YEAR 7 2016**

A reminder for students and parents that an information evening for Year 7 2016 will be held in the Great Hall tonight at 6.30pm. Information was sent out at the end of last term to all parents who had expressed an interest in enrolling their child in 2016. Please contact Mr Grant for further information.

**CLASS OF 1975 REUNITE**

The Class of 1975 held a reunion over their school holidays. It was great to see so many ex-students with fond memories of their time at Merriwa Central School.

**Coming Events**

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Darren Noonan
Principal
Welcome back for Term 4. Coming up this term we have many exciting events including Presentation Day, Year 6 Dinner and Disco, Swim Scheme, Scripture Christmas Show, Grandparents Day and of course another day of Rewards activities. Sport activities will now be held in the morning to keep students out of the intense afternoon heat. We look forward to seeing many parents and community at our events.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Students of the Week for the end of Term 3.

Kindergarten: Shayla Cronin
Year K/1: Kallum Heang
Year 2: Beau Skeffington
Year 3/4: Oceana Rawlings
Year 4/5: Thomas Amidy
Year 5/6: Joanne Hamson

REWARDS ACTIVITIES

Last term the Primary campus celebrated a great term with footy-themed rewards activities. We had a fantastic day and everyone had the chance to try every activity in the rotation. The teachers v’s students game was a highlight of the day. Thank you to Mrs Moore for organising the event.
FOOTY COLOURS DAY
The last day of term was ‘Footy Colours Day’ to raise funds and awareness for the Fight Cancer Foundation. It was great to see so many students in footy colours supporting their team and bringing in a gold coin donation. Every little donation counts. It was interesting to see how many Tigers and Rabbitohs fans we have on the Primary campus!

MERRIWA SPRINGTIME SHOW
If you were in town the first weekend of the school holidays you may have visited the showground for the Merriwa Springtime Show. It was a great weekend and many of our students achieved places and awards in many different events. Well done to all our students for their contributions. We hope everyone had a chance to visit our display.

Secondary News
ROAR FOOTY COLOURS RAFFLE WINNERS
Firstly we would like to thank Mrs Meyer for organising our fantastic swag of prizes. Thanks also to Mr Grant and the ROAR boys for their efforts in selling tickets. Final thanks go to Shai Blackadder and Teianna Taylor for drawing the lucky tickets. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The winners were as follows:
• First prize (signed Cronulla jersey) - Chad Grant
• Second prize (signed Cronulla training shirt) - Adam Constable
• Third prize (Cronulla training shirt) - Mike Gilbey
• Fourth prize (Sharks t-shirt) - Thomas Amidy
• Fifth prize (backpack) - Lois Harrison
• Sixth prize (members cap) – G Harris
• Seventh prize (beanie) – D Hourn
• Eighth prize (training bib) – John Cronin
• Nineth prize (Blades t-shirt) – Pat Gilbey
• Tenth prize (training bib) – Pat Gilbey
• Eleventh prize (Shark attack t-shirt) – Yvonne Vidler
• Twelfth prize (training bib) – Jessyca Morgan
• Thirteenth prize (drink bottle) – Phil Martyn
• Fourteenth prize (cap) – Lois Harrison
• Fifteenth prize (sticker) – G Harris
• Sixteenth prize (t-shirt) – Harrison Amidy
• Seventeenth prize (drink bottle) – Thomas Amidy

Adam Johnston
Deputy Principal

GRANDPARENTS DAY
TO celebrate NSW Grandparents Day on Sunday October 25, we will hold a special assembly on the Primary campus.

When: Friday October 23
Time: 10.00am
All welcome
SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Merriwa Central has had a long tradition of providing students with the opportunity to undertake a school based traineeship in a vocational subject area that interests them. Many students have gone on to make careers in the industry areas they selected. In today's Vocational News we would like to celebrate the achievements of our current School Based Trainees.

In the Year 12 of 2015 there were three students who completed their school based traineeships. These students were:

Travis Sutton completing a traineeship at Meriden Limousins where he has spent two years working on Wednesdays with Mr Pat Ryan. Travis has thoroughly enjoyed his time there and has been appreciative of the range of skills he has learnt. He has had the opportunity to travel to the Royal Sydney Show to assist in Stud Stock presentation and during the two years he has undertaken a range of farming duties depending on seasonal requirements.

Lachlan Healey has completed his traineeship in Automotive at Muswellbrook Holden. Lachlan has enjoyed his work on Wednesdays so much that during Year 12 he also went to work for a few hours before his TAFE course commenced in Muswellbrook. Lachlan has been offered a full time apprenticeship at Muswellbrook Holden and will commence this upon completion of Year 12.

Billie-Jane Hoole has completed her traineeship in Business Services commonly referred to as Office Administration. Billie-Jane began her traineeship at HO Haynes (IGA store) in Coolah where she worked in the office assisting staff with a range of duties. Upon her move to Mudgee we were able to transfer her traineeship to the Office of Mudgee Dolomite and Lime while Billie-Jane continued to study the Business Services course from Merriwa Central by distance. In this industry Billie-Jane has learnt a lot about the gravel/quarry industry and improved her skills in MYOB. Billie-Jane is currently hoping to continue her education in this area by completing her Certificate III in Business while working during her Gap year.

As the School Based Traineeship Coordinator at Merriwa I would like to congratulate these three students who have completed their Higher School Certificate but at the same time gained a range of industry skills that will be invaluable in today’s economy.

In Year 11 we have four school based trainees who have completed their first year of work successfully.

We have Lachlan Walmsley who is currently working with C M and D K Vero in the electrotechnology area. Lachlan is enjoying his work place and is studying electrotechnology at Muswellbrook TAFE on Thursdays.

Craig Walker is studying Automotive Mechanics while working at Moorefield Plant Repairs in Singleton where Craig travels to each Wednesday for work. Craig is enjoying the range of work that is required in this industry and travels to Muswellbrook on Wednesday to study his Certificate II in Automotive Repairs.

Demmion Hilton is studying her Certificate II in Hospitality while working at the Merriwa RSL Bistro on Wednesdays. Demmion is also enjoying her work and has increased her skills in this industry.

Favourite Subject: Ag and Photo
Extracurricular Activities: Steer Team, 4C, SRC and Interschool Challenge
Best Personal Achievements: Gaining confidence to do things I wouldn’t normally do
SRC Coordinator’s Comment: Tarah is a hard working and dedicated member of the SRC. She has represented Year 9 throughout 2015 and has been re-elected for 2016 to be the Year 10 representative. Tarah isn’t afraid to express her opinion or support the ideas of others.

Rebecca Hopkins - SRC Coordinator

Student of the Week
Tarah Cox
Year 9
Georgia Cameron is studying her Financial Services Certificate III while working in the office at Alexander Downs. Georgia has enjoyed the challenge of learning about the range of industries run from that office when she works each Wednesday.

Merriwa Central School has one Stage 5 Trainee this year with Bailey McNaught completing his Meat Services Certificate II with Max’s Country Cuts. Bailey is completing his training from Hamilton TAFE and does his competency work by distance and completes his assessments while at work with his supervisor visiting him on site.

We also have a number of other students who are in the process of organising traineeships to commence in 2016.

The Merriwa community has always been very supportive of School Based Traineeships and we would like to thank all our employers who are currently participating or have participated in this program in the past. Merriwa Central School is happy to provide information to employers who may be keen to look at this program as a way of employing a student part time while they undertake training as part of their Higher School Certificate. Please contact us if you are interested.

Why I want to be in ROAR: To help with leadership

Favourite Subject: Wood work and Sport

Favourite sport: Rugby League

Favourite Sports Person: JT (Johnathan Thurston)

Best personal sporting achievement: NSW Country Under 18’s 2015 and Newcastle Knights SG Ball train on squad (2015-2016)

Who inspires you: Either JT or motivational people

Advice to young players: Leave it on the field, you can be mates off the field and after the game.
What a successful term it was in Term 3 for St Joseph’s. Year 5/6 students were responsible for a very entertaining and successful Mission Day on the last day of term. Our aim for the day was to raise enough money to fund two water pumps for the schools in Madagascar so they can have access to clean water. Through the fantastic activities and generosity of our students we were able to fund four pumps!

Term 4 will be extremely busy for everyone and we look forward to another successful term.

Our English unit this term will allow students to explore a variety of roles when interacting in pairs and groups, attending to different views and responding appropriately. They will explore the way ideas are portrayed and represented in texts, using language devices, forms, features and structures of texts to create specific views about characters, events and ideas. This term we are also focusing on Public Speaking in preparation for the Regional Public Speaking Day on October 20.

In Mathematics this term we will continue our Balanced Numeracy sessions each day. These involve a daily workout question, a NAPLAN question and modelled, guided and independent activities using concrete materials and digital technology. This is followed by a reflection where we can write or say what we have learnt or found challenging in the session.

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In PDHPE this term we will be focusing on Road Safety. Children and young people may sometimes be confronted by road hazards that threaten the safety of themselves and those around them. It is vital that students develop the ability to identify these potentially dangerous situations and to take positive action to avoid or minimise possible risks.

It is also important that students learn to accept some responsibility for the protection of themselves and other people.

This strand focuses on developing in students a commitment and an ability to act in ways that will keep themselves and others safe from harm. Students will be given opportunities to analyse various road safety situations and investigate ways of behaving safely in these situations. They will learn how to deal with emergencies and how to minimise risks to themselves and others.

In Sport this term we will be attending a variety of events such as Cassilis Sports Day, an in-school netball competition, league tag and our much loved swimming lessons and swimming carnival.

In Creative Arts this term we will be focusing on the sub strands music and visual arts. In music we will be listening to, performing and creating pieces of music that develop our understanding of tone colour and structure. In visual arts we will be focusing on artwork from a variety of cultures. They discuss reasons why artists make particular artworks and why different interpretations are possible, recognising similarities and differences in how subject matter is represented. Students will then make artworks that represent a variety of subject matter and make choices about the forms and techniques used to best represent the qualities of the subject matter.
James also showed that he wanted to move outside his comfort area and challenge himself. He displayed wonderful sportsmanship including shaking the opposition’s hands and encouraging other players. During the breaks in between the games, James met children from other schools and participated in their games. This is a fantastic social skill for all students to learn and practice. It’s not always an easy thing to do to meet new people and successfully participate in their activity.

At the Reptile Park, he was enthusiastic and listened to the information provided.

Well done, James, on your achievements, efforts and willingness to have a go. Keep it up!

TOUCH FOOTBALL SUCCESS FOR THE FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW

Congratulations to Cassilis Public School Touch Football Team for coming fourth in the State Knockout Finals!

All of the students should feel very proud of their efforts, especially from such a young side that haven’t played a lot of touch football in the past.
Thank you to all the wonderful parents, as well as Mrs Grinham, who came and supported the team! It really meant a lot to the children and made for a very positive experience for them.

If there was an award for the best cheer squad, we would have had it in the bag.

Thank you to Mrs Nairne and Miss Hodgson for all the work they put into helping organise the event. Having a team participate and travel to any destination (including a lovely stop over at the Australian Reptile Park) takes many hours of work behind the scene and I know that the children and their families really appreciate all your efforts.

The final thank you note needs to be made to Tim Stanley, who volunteered his time to coach the team and teach them the rules of touch football and how to play better as a team. He did an amazing job.

A GREAT SPORTS WORKSHOP IS HEADING YOUR WAY

Preparations are finalised and the weather is looking sunny (not as hot as it’s predicted to be today and tomorrow) for our annual Sports Workshop. This is a very special event which focuses on providing valuable opportunities to students by offering different activities to what they might have tried before. Socially, it is an amazing chance for students from seven different schools to interact, play some games and have a friendly chat. We have 223 students attending this Friday and 10 coaches for different sports.

A full report, including some great photos, will feature in next week’s newsletter.

COME AND HELP CELEBRATE 140 YEARS OF EDUCATION AT CASSILIS

Having a school, within a beautiful village, which has provided an important education to a large number of students over a 140 year period, is an event which needs to be celebrated!

Please read the details on our flyer on the inside of the Ringer front cover. We really hope to see you there.

It was lovely to meet with Mrs Margaret Cornish, who now resides in Coonabarabran, during the school holidays. Mrs Cornish worked at Cassilis Public School for fifteen years during the 70’s and 80’s. She spoke enthusiastically about her time spent at work and I am looking forward to sharing some of her stories at the 140 Year Celebration.

If you have any photos or other items of memorabilia of our wonderful school that we can borrow, please contact the school.

Have a great week and stay as cool as possible.

Katie Burgess
Principal

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.

Merriwa Ringer
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Women’s Guild Meeting - First Thursday Monthly: September-November: 2.00pm

Messy Church - Parish Hall - Last Friday Monthly: August-November: 3.30pm

Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - Third Saturday September-November: 7.30am

WHAT’S ON

October 18: Parish Picnic and Eucharist at the Finnies “Eagle Drift”. 11.00am Eucharist will be followed by a bring and share picnic. Please encourage each other to come - there will be plenty of cars going out and everyone can be sure of a lift and a truly lovely experience.

November 14: Debutante ball

Come Join the Circle: Life Together/ Mark 10: 2–16

...It is much “easier” to be fair than to be “just,” because being just takes more thought and widens our perceptions of a situation. There are no easy answers. When we understand our lives to be full and meaningful, we experience God’s generosity not as something that steals scarce resources, but as something that allows everyone to share in earth’s rich abundance. Such an expansive shift in perspective may be exactly what this world needs at this critical time.

In the second part of the reading, Jesus is angered when his disciples try to prevent a group of children from coming to him. Instead, Jesus blesses the children. As we celebrate World(wide) Communion Sunday we remember the “least of these” around the world – refugees, the poor and hungry, the weak and powerless, are all part of God’s “communion” and as a church we are called to respond to their needs. God blesses us, loves us, and calls us to be disciples.

Rosalie Drew

Cookery Capers with CWA

Budding and experienced cooks are all invited bring your cakes to the third Merriwa Branch Land Cookery judging day on Monday October 12.

Open to anyone wishing to display their cake making skills, the cakes to be judged are:

- Pear and Ginger Cake
- Macaroons

PEAR AND GINGER CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 125gm butter
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1 cup plain flour
- ½ cup golden syrup
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 4 juicy pears, peeled cored and chopped.
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger.
- A little milk if mix is too dry

METHOD

- Grease and flour or grease and paper line a 20cm round tin. Pre-heat oven 200C
- Sift together self-raising flour, plain flour and ginger
- Melt butter, sugar and syrup in a small saucepan over low heat until combined
- In a large bowl, combine butter/syrup mix with all other ingredients, mixing until all combined, adding pears last of all
- Spoon mixture into prepared tin, smoothing the top evenly. Bake at 200C for 45 minutes or until cake feels firm
- Test with a skewer to make sure the cake is cooked before removing from the oven.
- Stand on a cake cooler for at least 5 minutes before removing carefully from the tin.
CHOCOLATE MACAROONS

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 cup/160gm pure icing sugar
- ½ cup/60gm almond meal
- 2 tablespoons dark cocoa powder
- 2 egg whites, room temperature
- 2 tablespoons caster sugar

**METHOD**
- Pre-heat oven to 150C. Line large baking tray with baking paper and draw 3cm circles approximately 3cm apart
- Turn the paper over so that the pencil marks will not blemish the bottoms of the macaroons
- Process the icing sugar, almond meal and cocoa powder in a food processor until fine
- Beat egg whites with electric mixer until soft peaks form. Beat in the caster sugar until thick and glossy
- Fold egg whites into the almond/icing sugar and mix until thoroughly combined. Spoon the mixture into a piping bag fitted with a 1cm plain nozzle
- Pipe approximately 30 discs onto the marked circles and then drop the tray a couple of times on to the kitchen bench. This will shape the macaroons and permit them to rise uniformly on to a little foot. Set aside for 30 minutes or until a skin forms on top
- Bake for 20 minutes until just crisp set aside and cool. Fill with chocolate ganache.

STRAWBERRY MACAROONS

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 cup/160 gm pure icing sugar
- ½ cup ground almond meal
- These two ingredients are processed together
- 2 egg whites, room temperature
- ¼ cup/30 gm caster sugar
- Few drops of strawberry essence for pale pink colour

**METHOD**
- Then use the same method as for chocolate macaroons minus the cocoa powder
- Fill with white chocolate ganache

PISTACHIO MACAROONS

**INGREDIENTS**
- 125 gm pistachios
- 1 ¼ cup/190 gm pure icing sugar

These two ingredients are processed together.
- 2 egg whites, room temperature
- ¼ cup/30gm caster sugar
- Few drops green colouring

**METHOD**
- Then use the same method as for chocolate macaroons minus the almond meal and cocoa powder
- Fill with white chocolate ganache

Any queries about the recipes contact Kay on 6548 3222.

Please have entries in to the CWA Rooms by 12 noon, with the 80 cents entry fee per item.

Cakes will be judged by CWA Cookery Judge Margaret Whitney.

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be the Annual General Meeting on

Monday October 12 starting at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street, Merriwa.

The usual monthly meeting will be held following the AGM. New members are always welcome. Enquiries to: Barbara Campbell on 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131 or Robyn McAlister on 6548 3274.

The CWA Merriwa rooms are available for bookings at very reasonable rates – contact Jean Price on 6548 2456.

More information at Merriwa Branch CWA .

Penelope Fenley

Merriwa Markets

**When:** October 17

**Where:** RSL Club footpath and building

**Time:** 9.00am till 12.00 noon

We have a variety of stalls and new stall holders are always welcome.

**Contact:** 0428 496 630

We operate the third Saturday of every month except January.

Julie Russell
Community Notice Board

Merriwa CWA

CWA would like to thank everyone who supported the CWA over the long weekend.

Our plant, cake and Devonshire Teas were a great success, and we look forward to holding another in the New Year. We catered for many travellers who enjoyed a cuppa and a chat.

Many thanks to all those who helped out over the weekend.

Robyn McAlister and Vicki Hanson

Congratulations Waters - MacPherson

Congratulations to Scott and Amanda Waters on their wedding day which was held on Saturday September 26 at St Nicholas Catholic Church followed by the reception at Tamworth Jockey Club. Wishing them a long and happy life together.

Megan Constable

Merriwa Relay for Life

Carers and Survivors

We would love to extend the invitation to carers, survivors and anyone who has lost a loved one from cancer in the Merriwa community to come along to our Relay for Life on Saturday, November 7 from 10.00am. We invite all carers and survivors to take part in the Carers and Survivors walk that will kick off the relay, as well as to join us for a special morning tea. We are also asking for any images of loved ones you would like to include in our remembrance ceremony slideshow. For any rsvp's or image submissions, please contact Mark Sparrow on 0407 488 560 or 6548 8584, or send images to mark@welderup.com.au. Thank you.

Pausha Prigent

65 Years of Marriage

On October 7, my wife and I have recently celebrated our 65th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to my wife Pat.

We retired here after visiting our son who was posted here when the Police Station proudly boasted three permanent police in the area, in addition to one in Cassilis and another in Denman. Those were the days!

We were so impressed with the friendliness of the people of Merriwa that we purchased a block in William Street and built. We had sold our house in Fairfield NSW and retired here in the community. We have now relocated and are a part of the very small community of Gungal.

John Alderson

Merriwa Swimming Club Inc

Sign on Day

When: Friday October 9
Time: 4.30pm
Where: Merriwa Swimming Pool

Swimming Club will commence on Monday October 12. All welcome, great summer sport.

Contact Jodie 0429375280 for more information.

Jodie Magner

Merriwa CWA would like to thank everyone who supported the CWA over the long weekend.
Community Notice Board

Messy Church

Messy Church will be held:

When: Friday October 30
Where: Parish Hall

MESSY CHURCH

Rosalie Drew and Messy Church team

VESAA Volunteering

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday October 31
Where: Merriwa Sports Club
Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
Cost: $10.00 per person

Tables of 8
Family night with a special kids round!

Come dressed in theme. Various prizes to be won.
BYO basket supper or purchase a plate from Merriwa Chinese Restaurant.

Funds raised will support Jade McConnell’s VESA Volunteering in South Africa. To make a donation, please visit www.gofundme.com/jadesvolunteering.

Jade McConnell

Merrīwa Soccer Skills

To be able to participate in Soccer Skills this Saturday, you need to to be registered by 4.00pm today. To register go to myfootballclub.com.au for registration instructions contact Sharli Mulligan on sharlimulligan@gmail.com or go to Merriwa Soccer Skills Facebook page. The program runs for ten weeks for a small cost of $25.00 per child over the age of five years.

Sharli Mulligan

Save the Date

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

This year the Christmas in the Park will be held on December 13 at 7 o’clock at Apex Park.

Ron Campbell

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Let’s get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in January 2016 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429 406 126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Dianne Axam

Congratulations

Congratulations to Cassilis on the opening of the Cassilis Guild Hall and Museum.

On October 3 and 4, Cassilis had the opening of the Cassilis Guild Hall and Museum allowing visitors and local identities to reminisce and share stories of the history and events of yesteryear.

Visitors came from various areas with some locals remembering when the hall was used.

In its original state the building (built in 1919) was first occupied by Jas Piper who conducted a stock and station business from the dwelling.

A welcome ‘tea and scones’ was enjoyed by all that attended.

Ron Campbell

Merriwa Ringer
**Local Lands Services**

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT FOR GRAZING PERMITS ON HUNTER TSRS**

Landholders are invited to apply for Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) Long Term Grazing Permits through Hunter Local Land Services (LLS).

Expressions of Interest (EOI) opened October 1, 2015, with grazing permits to be offered to successful applicants for a three-year period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018.

‘Hunter landholders now have the opportunity to apply for grazing permits on nominated reserves throughout the region for a three-year period,’ said TSR coordinator Jamie Maddocks.

Formerly called Annual Grazing Permits, the Long Term Grazing Permits now allow landholders to run stock on designated TSRs for a three-year term to benefit both permit holders and achieve sustainable land management on reserves.

‘The longer term of permits provides greater certainty for livestock owners, allowing for longer term investment in these reserves and the opportunity for permit holders to make more strategic land management decisions,’ Mr Maddocks said.

All existing permitted long term grazing arrangements on TSRs in the Hunter region (excluding the Merriwa area) will cease on December 31.

Existing permit holders interested in applying for a long term grazing permit must lodge an EOI.

The EOI submission process requires applicants to tender a price they are willing to pay annually for the use of the land over the three-year period. Additional information is also requested regarding land management experience, skills and resources.

‘A buoyant cattle market is expected to produce high demand and competition for grazing on TSRs. A similar EOI process in Merriwa in 2014 saw significant competition for the opportunity to lease reserves. We expect that offering three-year leases will increase competition and the price landholders are prepared to offer,’ Mr Maddocks said.

TSRs are parcels of Crown land reserved under legislation for use by travelling and grazing stock, which can be beneficial for farmers in times of drought, bushfire or flood. They are also used for public recreation, apiary sites and for conservation.

Expressions of Interest will close at 4.00pm on Thursday, October 29.

The EOI pack is available on the Hunter LLS website at: www.hunter.lls.nsw.gov.au

For further information contact your local Hunter LLS office or call 1300 795 299.

Jillian Ayre

**Merriwa Rotary**

**ROTARY HAT DAY**

All are welcome to attend this year’s Rotary Hat Day this Friday October 9.

Rotary Merriwa has been running a fundraising day, once a year to assist mental health research into problems that young people, in particular, may encounter.

This year our club will hold a barbecue evening at the Sports Club which will kick off at 7.00pm for 7.30pm, to help this worthy cause. We can assist the Rotary Health Foundation of Australia continue its valuable research efforts in this area.

Cost is $20.00 for an adult or $50.00 for a family. The venue is the Sports Club. If you wish to come, please contact one of our members......and, oh yes, WEAR A HAT!

**ROTARY MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP/CALCUTTA**

This will be on at the Sports Club on cup eve. This is always a good, entertaining night, compered with wit and polish by Gavin Beard.

Please come along, enjoy a meal and the fun that follows.

Our members will be out in Bettington Street selling tickets soon.

Mark Smith

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**Ringer Deadline!**

Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.
WE ARE OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK

Our hours currently are: 8.00am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday.
For all appointments please phone 6532 5013.

Q FEVER CLINIC

Our next clinic will be held on Wednesday October 28.

Hunter Medical Practice is organising a clinic to vaccinate against Q Fever. In Australia, cattle, sheep and goats are the main source of the fever, although bandicoots, kangaroos and dogs can be infected. The fever can also be passed through the air. Anyone who works in the agricultural industry, around animals or any animal products, should consider getting vaccinated.

There are several steps in the vaccination process:

1. A skin test
2. A blood test
3. An injection

There is a solution for the skin and an injection that must be purchased by each patient. To simplify the process we are going to order them in. For this reason, we need to know if you would like to be vaccinated so that we order the correct quantity.

If you are interested in being vaccinated, or would like more information about the process of vaccination, or information about Q Fever, please call us on 6532 5013 or call in and see us.

The Bone Density Screening Bus, Measure Up, will be attending our surgery in Merriwa on Monday October 12 and Tuesday October 13. You can make an appointment for this by phoning 1800 101 163. You will need a referral from your GP. Measure Up will also be at our Denman surgery on Monday November 23 and Tuesday November 24.

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

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

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

Spice Grill Merriwa

SOME OF OUR BASE SPICES
CARDAMOM

Cardamom is a spice made from the seeds of several plants they are recognised by their small seed pods, triangular in cross-section and spindle-shaped, with a thin, papery outer shell and small black seeds. Cardamom is the world’s third-most expensive spice, surpassed in price per weight only by saffron and vanilla.

There are two main types of cardamom, green cardamom and black cardamom

USES AND BENEFITS

Both forms of cardamom are used as flavorings and cooking spices in both food and drink, and as a medicine.

Besides use as flavoring and spice in foods, cardamom-flavored tea, also flavored with cinnamon, is consumed as a hot beverage in many parts of the world.

Cardamom has a strong, unique taste, with an intensely aromatic, resinous fragrance. Black cardamom has a distinctly more smokey, though not bitter, aroma, with a coolness some consider similar to mint.

Green cardamom is one of the most expensive spices by weight but little is needed to impart flavor. It is best stored in pod form because once the seeds are exposed or ground, they quickly lose their flavor.

It is a common ingredient in Indian cooking and is often used in baking in the Nordic countries, particularly in Sweden and Finland. In Asia both types of cardamom are widely used in both sweet and savory dishes, particularly in the south. Both are frequent components in spice mixes.

This exotic spice contains many plant derived chemicals compounds that are known to have been anti oxidants, disease preventing and Merriwa Ringer
health promoting properties. The cardamom pods contain many essential volatile oils and the therapeutic properties of Cardamom oil have found application in many traditional medicine as antiseptic, digestive, expectorant, stimulant and tonic. It is also a good source of minerals like Potassium, Calcium and Magnesium. The pods are good source of Iron, Manganese and many vital vitamins too.

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A COUNTRY PALETTE ART EXHIBITION

A date to keep in your diary is for Saturday October 10 where ‘A Country Palette’, an exhibition of artists (and sisters) Michelle Power, Maureen Ward and myself will be held at Plough Inn to Cassilis. Due to the popularity of first the ‘Power Connection’ exhibition in 1996, then the ‘Home Town’ exhibition in Merriwa in 2008, we’ve decided to run another exhibition together, this time at Cassilis. This exhibition combines all things country in a collection of oils, acrylics, glasswork and mosaic.

The official opening will be at 7.30pm with free entry and everyone is welcome. If you have further queries, please contact us at zanneartphotography@gmail.com or by phoning on 0427 482 317.

Suzie Kirk
(Australian Institute of Professional Photography)
ZanneArt Photography
We hope that everyone enjoyed the school holidays, the Long Weekend, the Merriwa Show, the footy Grand Finals and Rugby World Cup.

**BEST OF LUCK**

We wish everyone who is starting the HSC the very best of luck in their exams. All of your hard work and effort will now come to fruition.

(By the way, we have a range of Good Luck cards available for those who would like to personally wish a Year 12 student luck in their exams.)

**2016**

It is the perfect time to get ready for 2016. Diaries and calendars play an essential role in the organisation of our work, social, school and sporting lives. Phones may also do the job but they have batteries that go flat, screens that crack and are highly allergic to getting wet. A diary does the job just as capably without any of the problems that a screen, battery and computer chip may cause. Calendars are also a great way to keep an eye on all engagements, meetings, events, festivals, weekends away, school plays, and so much more. They also allow you to see the whole month, making it difficult for any kind of event to sneak up on you!

**R M WILLIAMS OUTBACK DIARY**

This is a great hard-covered diary that will fit in a handbag. It is filled with the wonderful photographs of our beautiful, harsh, colourful country that the magazine is famous for. It is the perfect gift.

**VANESSA**

This popular business diary is spiral-bound with a soft cover. It comes in A4 and A5, week or day to a page and now in lovely colours such as red, purple and pink as well as the traditional black.

**AUSTRALIAN WOMEN’S HEALTH DIARY**

This hugely popular diary is a great buy for many reasons. It is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and all the proceeds from the sale of this diary are donated to breast cancer research. It is full of great tips and ideas for getting and staying healthy. It is a great size and will fit in a handbag and it has a hard protective cover to prevent it from getting damaged.

**HORSES AT HOME**

This is a great gift idea for any lover of horses. It is informative and full of beautiful horses.

**AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY**

This hard covered diary is overflowing with gorgeous homesteads, properties, sheds, farmscapes, gardens and more. It is beautiful and the perfect Christmas present idea.

**CUMBERLAND’S VOGUE**

This ladies spiral bound business diary comes in teal and fuchsia. It is available in A5 and pocket size, fitting any size hand bag. It has a durable hard cover but keeps its feminine vibe with its print etched into the cover.

**COLLINS JAZZ**

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Come in and get your diaries today, as it will be 2016 before you have time to think about diaries again!

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Merriwa Relay for Life

Merriwa Relay for Life is waiting for YOU to join a team or start a team NOW. It is easy to do. Just get online at Relay for Life – click on Merriwa – fill in a form and pay $20.00 or you can go to Welderup in Blaxland Street, see Christine Riley – give her your details and $20.00 and you are all done.

Team VIEW has already entered their team of nineteen members – can any other organisation beat this? Team WELDERUP is adding to their members and team JUNIOR LEAGUE is waiting for more members to come and join their team. Let’s hear from the Campdraft Committee; the Pony Club; a Merriwa Business Team; Senior League; Touch Football; Little Athletics; the Swimming Club; Show Committee and all our schools. Which organisation will have the most members? It will be announced on the day? There could even be a prize. Go and get your team organised! At the moment team nineteen members is the target to beat.

The Relay for Life need members to sign up NOW – only $20.00 required – but for Merriwa to keep running this event we need you to be one of our members. The day is scheduled to happen on Saturday November 7, at the Merriwa School of Arts. You don’t have to do laps, just sign up and be a member and join in the festivities on the day – kids games, the petting zoo, face painting, stalls, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. Don’t forget the all important ‘Auction’ with some great donated items. If you have anything you would like to donate please see Mark or Christine.

This charity fundraiser is encouraging friends, family and work colleagues to get together and enter Relay For Life. A unique celebration of life and hope which unites communities to help make a difference to over 200 types of cancer. As dusk falls, the atmosphere quietens as the Candle of Hope ceremony begins. The event is the most poignant part of Relay For Life when specially made Candle of Hope bags - decorated with touching messages in memory or in celebration of loved ones - are filled with sand and lit up with candles around the grassed area of the School of Arts. At Relay For Life we celebrate survivors; remember those lost; and fightback against a disease that takes too much. Please support our Merriwa campaign. All money raised through the Merriwa Relay for Life stays in Merriwa and will be used by those in our community who need care, transport, medical or other needs.

Merriwa’s event features Relay For Life traditions like the survivors and carers lap and the candlelit and video ceremony of remembrance. Relay For Life is a fun and moving experience that raises vital funds for the Cancer Council’s research, prevention, information and support services. Relay is a chance for the Merriwa community to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors, patients and their carers, to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer and to raise money to help save more lives.

Join the thousands of Australians who take part in Cancer Council’s Relay For Life each year in the fight against cancer. Start or join a team in the Merriwa 2015 Relay today! Christine at Welderup can assist you.

For more information ring Mark Sparrow (Event Coordinator) 0407 488 560; Welderup – Christine Riley (6548 2500) Bryan Baker (6548 5000); Neil Hunt (6548 2025); Elaine Sparrow (6548 8560).

Elaine Sparrow

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**Merriwa Anglcan Parish Services**

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Merriwa Cassilis

- 9:00am Sundays
- 11:00am every 10:00am Fridays
- 2nd and 4th Short Bible Study Contact: 0429 996 769
- 7:30am Mon, Wed, Fri
- Morning Prayer

Rev’d Glen Hughes – Supervising Priest & Rev’d Pat Kirkby – Local Priest

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Peter Campbell - 6548 5126

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**Dates for your Diary**

**Sunday October 25** - 11.00am – Annual General Meeting

**Saturday November 28** – Club Christmas Party with music by the Reason Being. More details later

**Sunday December 6** – Children’s Christmas Party.

Julie Smith

**Merrriwa Women’s Bowls**

Social bowls is held on Wednesdays at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. Everyone is welcome to come along (you don’t have to be a bowler) and learn all about the game of bowls.

**Coming Events for Members**

**Scone Gala Day** - October 14

**Murrurundi Charity Day** - October 28

**Veterans Day** - November 11

If you are available to play on any of these days please contact Loretta on 6548 2679.

Loretta Cooper

**Clubs News**

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

**Thursdays** - 6.00pm Bingo - prizes of club and meat vouchers. Raffle and Super 39 special prize

**Fridays** - Happy Two Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm, free raffles and Chook Wheel.

**Saturdays** - Monster Raffle. Tickets on sale at 6.00pm drawn 6.45pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday Badge Draw.

**Sundays** - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of $25.00 meat or fuel vouchers

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The restaurant hours in the evening are now 5.00pm until 8.30pm.

**Don’t Forget Chinese Smorgasbord Sunday October 25**

**Weekend Results**

**Saturday Raffle October 3**

Saturday members draw no 471, was not won – next week $120.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $280.00

Dinner: Eileen Barwick

Bowls Raffle: Nerida Bailey

Free Tickets: Beatrice Voysey

**PLEASE NOTE:** Saturday raffle tickets on sale from 7.00pm and drawn at 7.45pm during winter months.

**Sunday Raffle October 4**

Sunday members draw - No 11, was not won. Next week $1250.00.

**Sunday Afternoon Euchre**

Join us for a friendly game of euchre each Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm.

Merriwa Ringer
PRESENTATION DAY AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Sunday October 11
Time: 11.00am start

The Merriwa Junior League and Netball Club will be holding their Presentation and Annual General Meeting this Sunday at the Merriwa Sports Club. We welcome and invite our community and club members and parents to attend. A free sausage sizzle will follow the presentation and a jumping castle will be available for the Under 12’s to enjoy.

This presentation is the culmination of a very successful year of netball and league by our members. We had three netball representatives and two league representative players selected in their age group squads this year. Come and see these players and the rest of our members receive recognition for their year of sport. Trophies will be distributed to the best in backs, forwards, most improved, coaches award and best and fairest in the Under 12’s and Under 16’s as well as participation awards to all mini players. Our Netball girls will receive team awards too.

Who were the representative players in league and netball this year? Who will be The ‘Club Person of the Year’? Come and join us for a great day to acknowledge the wonderful year our netball and league members have had.

We wish to thank our current sponsors who have been with us for three years. Your support has been appreciated and acknowledged by us all. Thank you to 2013 - 2015 Netball Sponsors:

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• Max’s Country Cuts
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The following people have supported our Junior League:

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Jersey Sponsors have been:

• Kingslyn (two jersey sets)
Merriwa Little Athletics Club

Come and try Little Athletics this Monday October 12 at Number 2 Oval on Brisbane Street from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Sausage sizzle afterwards. All newcomers welcome – first two training sessions are free! Registrations available for athletes aged 3 to 16. Bring a hat, some running shoes, comfortable sports clothes and a bottle of water.

Sincere thanks to our 2015/16 supporters – Merriwa IGA, Merriwa Cross Country, Merriwa Auto Electrical, Merriwa Pharmacy, Eva Towler and the 100 Club, RM Property and Livestock, Merriwa Central School and the Upper Hunter Shire Council – and to all the families that have helped at various fundraising events through the off-season…we are off to a flying start!

Contact: Tash Taaffe – President 0458 574 015 or email: tashholden@bigpond.com.

Tash Taaffe

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Merriwa Spring Field Day

Friday 16 October 2015

Hunter Local Land Services invites ALL landholders to the Merriwa Spring Field Day

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- Grain marketing with Igrain
- What are Sheep Measles? - learn about Impact and Control options
- Discover what’s NEW in Fodder Crop Production
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When: Friday 16th October 2015 - 8:30am to 4:00pm
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Catering: Lunch and refreshments provided at Settlement Hall
RSVP to: Scone Office 65402400 or Sarah Giblin 0409 785 172

Elaine Sparrow

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Merriwa Ringer
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**OCTOBER**

- **Saturday 17** • Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am
- **Sunday 18** • Parish Picnic and Eucharist Finnis’s “Eagle Drift” - 11.00am
- **Friday 30** • Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

**NOVEMBER**

- **Saturday 14** • Anglican Debutante Ball
- **Saturday 21** • Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am
- **Friday 27** • Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

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

If you would like your event included in the community calendar, wish to claim a date or interested in placing an advert in the Ringer?

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