Sandy Hollow compete at State Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Sandy Hollow Public School’s champion relay team, Hunter Marsh, Amy Thompson, Sam Thompson and Angus Higgins, who placed third at the State Athletics Carnival last week. It was surely a team effort and something we can all be proud of. In many ways it’s a fine example of how students, when supported by parents and teachers, can achieve outstanding results.
Breast Cancer Fundraiser Night

Saturday October 24, 2015
Merriwa RSL Club from 6.00pm

Gold Coin Donation

Fashion parade presented by Di’s Clothing Patch commencing at 6.30pm

Raffle
Lucky door prizes
Music provided by Portable Sound and Audio Hire

Come along and enjoy a night out and show your support for a great cause!

Enquires to Megan Constable 0428 482 663 or Teressa Williams 0437 944 353
Our transition programs for students in Kindergarten and Year 7 2016 have commenced, with our new students taking their first tentative steps in the school yard. In both groups some students were reluctant to wave good-bye to their parents, however once the nerves settled, all went well.

STEER TEAM

Our Secondary students have been preparing for the upcoming Beef Bonanza over the past few months. Students have been working with our two steers, and have attended workshops in Muswellbrook last week. This weekend is the big event whereby students will compete with schools around the State in the Scone Beef Bonanza. Good luck to our steer team, and once again we thank Col Bates for his donation.

P AND C MEETING

P and C meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the RSL Club. Our meeting times have been brought forward to 6.00pm to allow some our more energetic parents to head off to touch football. All parents are welcome to attend.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

A new national attendance policy was introduced this year, across public and private schools. One of the changes introduced in the new policy is that parents need to notify the school about reasons for student absence within seven days. If a note is not received within this timeframe the absence is recorded as unexplained. Parents will notice this information is recorded on student reports.

Many parents have found the school app as a very quick and easy way to send in notes about student absences. It prevents that note sitting on the bottom of a school bag for a week or two.

Parents are also reminded that students need a sound reason to be absent from school. Having “slept in” or “gone shopping” are not reasonable reasons for being absent from school. Parents of senior students are reminded that students are expected to be at school during study periods.

In cases where student attendance falls below 85% students may be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer who visits regularly. Officers then work with parents and the school to ensure students attend on a regular basis. In extreme cases of non-attendance this may result in legal action being taken by the Department.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS MEETING

Due to our unique nature many people forget we are a central (Kinder-Year 12) school, not a high school (Year 7-12) or a primary school (Kinder-Year 6). Merriwa Central School is one of only three split site central schools in the State, with a separate primary and secondary campus.

Last week I travelled to Dunedoo to meet with Principals from other centrals schools, Coolah CS, Dunedoo CS, Mendoran CS, Binnaway CS, Baradine CS and Gulargambone CS. We discussed ways in which our schools could work together to increase opportunities for students.

Darren Noonan
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

Coming Events

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Primary News
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Every week our teachers award students for their continued effort and achievement in class. Our wonderful P&C donates the books every week for these awards and we greatly appreciate their amazing support for student achievement. This week we are proud to congratulate the following book award recipients:

Kindergarten: Shayla Cronin
Year 2: Brooke Sampson
Year 3/4: Talisha Coles
Year 4/5: William Whitby
Year 5/6: Isabel Swan

GRANDPARENTS DAY ASSEMBLY

This Friday October 23 the Primary campus will be holding a special assembly for Grandparents Day. The assembly will begin at 10.00am and be followed by open classrooms and a shared morning tea. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend to see some lovely items, Merriwa Merits, and Workers of the Week. We look forward to seeing you all there!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Last week Mrs West attended the Science and Maths Conference. The theme was ‘Collaboration and Networking’. This was an extremely valuable experience as it brings together Primary and Secondary teachers to learn about the best ways we can implement Mathematics and Science programs from Kindergarten to Year 12. Mrs West was chosen from a number of teachers to present at the conference on our use of the Numeracy Continuum, which received great feedback from all those who attended. Mrs West also had the opportunity to attend a number of workshops and presentations and will share her learning experiences with the teachers at Merriwa Central School.

During this time Mrs West was fortunate enough to meet and chat with one of the Keynote Speakers for the conference, Angry Anderson, who spoke about the value of education and the importance of teachers continuing their professional learning throughout their career.

YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Year 6 will continue to participate in transition sessions on the Secondary campus this Thursday and next Thursday. Students will begin their day at normal time on the Secondary campus and classes will end at 3.30pm. Students who normally catch the bus will be able to get on the bus from the Secondary campus. If there are any queries please contact Mr Grant on (02) 6548 2119.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal
Secondary News

We are approaching the time when a lot of our Year 10 and 11 students are gaining their driving licence and I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce some important road safety messages.

Reducing the effects of speeding and driver distractions starts with education. It is no secret that young drivers are over represented in the road toll with 20% of fatal crashes involving drivers aged between 17 to 25 years of age. Speed, alcohol, fatigue and distractions such as mobile phones are the primary causes of these road incidents. Young drivers are also more likely to crash when there are passengers in the vehicle with statistics demonstrating that there’s more chance of causing a fatal crash when you have two or more friends in the car, especially male passengers.

The trauma suffered by road accident victims, their families and their friends can be devastating to say the least. It is important for the young men and women of our community to educate themselves and take responsibility for their own decisions whilst driving.
Every year bstreetsmart hosts an injury prevention program at Olympic Park in Sydney, targeting teenagers who are most at risk of being involved in car related incidents. The event provides a realistic look at the trauma caused by road crashes and gives teenagers information and strategies in an attempt to reduce serious injuries and deaths. I would encourage all parents to visit [http://www.bstreetsmart.org/](http://www.bstreetsmart.org/) if they are interested in obtaining more information.

In Week 6 of this term, all Year 8 students will undertake the Validation of Assessment 4 Learning and Individual Development (VALID). The VALID testing is a mandatory Science assessment program that provides information about knowledge, skills, values and attitudes of our secondary students. The test also assesses students’ understanding of the process of scientific investigation and their ability to evaluate evidence, to distinguish theories from observations and to assess the level of certainty ascribed to claims. It assesses students’ ability to communicate scientific ideas using a variety of strategies and their skills in accessing information. Parents of Year 8 students will receive a letter outlining the VALID test in more detail shortly. A detailed written report for each student is distributed in Term 1 of the year following the VALID test.

**VISUAL ARTS UPDATE**

Last term saw Year 11 Visual Arts complete a Mini-Major work as a part of their Artmaking assessment.

Students had to develop their own concept and experiment with materials to select an expressive form. Miranda Boland explored the text and imagery of the popular story Alice in Wonderland and used watercolours and stencils to express this. Tiesha Keogh melted crayons to create an abstract drip-style work and accompanied this with some mosaic decorated skulls. Josh Muller used pencil drawings to communicate emotions through portraits and Demmi Hilton used glitter to create a mandala design on canvas. Leah Wright-Riley created a three dimensional tree structure incorporating a face in the image. Her papier mache and painting skills were excellent! Jodie Mullholland created a photography and mixed media assemblage that investigated ideas of homelessness and abuse. Her model (Miranda) was transformed using costumes, makeup and photo editing and the emotions captured are very strong. Jodie submitted her work into the Merriwa Springtime Show and received impressive feedback from the Photography judge. Well done to all of these students!

Ben Bartlett
VALID Coordinator

Photo is of Jodie Mullholland and Leah Wright-Riley’s artwork for Year 11
The University of New South Wales is offering a Mining Summer School to students currently in Years 10 and 12. It will be held from Monday January 18 – Wednesday January 20, 2016. Students will visit mine sites, learn about careers, lifestyles and opportunities in the Australian mining industry, and university courses to suit them. The cost is $200.00 and applications close on October 31, 2015. See Mr Beiers or Ms Heggarty for more information.

Applications for the 2016 Irish National Stud Course Scholarship are now open.

The Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association annually sponsors a young Stud worker to attend the prestigious Irish National Stud Breeding Course. The aim of this course is to educate young people for a career in the breeding industry. Graduates have also been prominent in race horse training, bloodstock sales, insurance and the media. Many of the best-known studs locally and worldwide are owned and managed by its graduates. Applications close Friday October 23, 2015.

NEW CAREER EVENTS

Listed below are educational careers events, workshops and open days that will support students and parents to make informed decisions about careers choices.


Please contact Mark Beiers or Jane Hegarty if you require any further career information.

Mark Beiers
Careers Advisor

Find us on Facebook!
Look for Merriwa Central School’s official page!

Favourite Subject:  Maths and Art/Music
Best Personal Achievements:  Being voted into the SRC by my class members
Extra-Curricular Activities:  4C’s and SRC
Future Aspirations:  Get high marks in my HSC and have an outstanding career path

SRC Student Liaison Officers Comment:  Steph is a hardworking member of the SRC and has been re-elected for 2016 to represent Year 9 next year. Steph has taken on some new responsibilities this year and is mentoring younger students to help them with their roles. Well done Steph and keep up the good work!

Rebecca Hopkins - SRC Coordinator

Student of the Week
Stephane McLennan
Year 8
This term in the Infants classroom we are looking forward to continuing our learning with new areas of study for each of our Key Learning Areas. In Religion this term our first unit is the Eucharist. We have been enjoying learning about the layout of the St Anne’s Church and about the order of Mass. Throughout this unit students have recalled their prior learning on the other Religion topics and have been making connections which has allowed them to understand the tradition of the Catholic Church.

In English this term Kindergarten’s Literacy Focus will be on Design. Students will be considering different elements of a text, for example the heading, author’s and illustrator’s name, publishing details and the way particular elements are selected, organised and used in the process of text construction for particular purposes. In Year 1 and 2 for Literacy Focus students will be learning about Representation. The students will learn about the way ideas are portrayed and represented in texts, using language devices, forms, features and structures of texts to create specific views about characters (such as good and evil characters), events and ideas. Our Literacy Focus will form part of our English studies with our usual Literacy Groups, spelling, handwriting and writing activities.

Already this term students have produced quality work samples. We finished Term Three preparing for our Public Speaking final. Preparations continued in the first week of Term Four and the growth in the skills required to present a speech has made all of the teachers very proud! We thank everyone that has been involved in this learning from practising making speeches in the holidays and at home as well as at school. All of this effort has resulted in confident public speakers! Congratulations to the following students who, on Tuesday, represented our school at St James’ Primary Muswellbrook at the Upper Hunter Public Speaking Competition:

**Early Stage One** - Archie Constable, Lula Peebles

**Stage One** - Fiona Tomy, Grace Booth

**Stage Two** – Madelaine Thrift, Helena Parker

**Stage Three** – Emily Ninness, Lauren Redgate.

In addition to this the Infants students have also been concentrating on developing their writing skills. In Week 1 students were given a visual stimulus in which they had to respond to. The students were given goals to meet in order to improve their writing. Last week students were given an imaginative writing activity. Recently we have read ‘The 65 Storey Treehouse’ by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. Once we had read the book students were set the task to write about what they think should be included in the next 13 storeys for the next book. The students thought of many imaginative and interesting ideas. We have loved seeing the development of student’s writing skills over the course of the year - continue to keep writing!

In Maths we will continue to cover many substrands over the course of the Term. Already we have studied Whole Number and Addition and Subtraction. Students have used their skills and understanding already learnt and have been consolidating their mathematical understanding.

In HSIE this term we are learning about the Need for Shelter and Places We Know. Students have identified the need for shelter for all living things and have learnt about the adaptations animals and plants make so they are sheltered and protected enough to survive. The students are looking forward to gaining the knowledge of this topic as they will get to put it into practise at the end of the year when they will be required to create their own shelter.

In Science we have been investigating Materials. Students have examined what things are made of and the different materials used to make items to suit their purpose.

In PDHPE we are learning about Personal Health Choices. Students will learn about the need to make healthy choices for their bodies, people who keep us healthy and keeping safe around medicines.

In Creative Arts our Music lessons will be enhanced with new teacher and student resources. Already we have been learning about Tempo and have enjoyed using new music and new activities to help us learn! In Visual Arts we have been learning new skills to create a collage. Students learnt techniques like fringing paper, frottage, rolling, cutting and crumpling to create different effects.

Samantha Kerr, Anne Marie Peebles and Sally Hagley
AWARDS

Congratulations to last week’s award winners:

Kindergarten - Jack Patterson – for his predicting skills used when reading our book for Literacy Focus

Archie Constable – for confidently and enthusiastically presenting his speech to an audience

Year 1/2 - Fiona Tomy – for using an expressive voice and engaging the audience when presenting her speech

Levi Hourn – for his persistent effort with writing tasks

Ben Patterson – for his application of skills to complete our Visual Arts Home Sweet Home collage

Year 3/4 - Helena Parker - for a wonderful retell of the Good Samaritan story

Thomas Hunt - for a great understanding of number patterns

Year 5/6 - Rebecca Keegan - for an excellent effort in reading groups

Emily Ninness - for magnificent ideas in her public speaking

Principal’s Awards - Braeden Halse – for beautiful manners. Braeden always greets the staff with a confident and friendly “good morning” each day.

Helen Whale
Principal

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.
STUDENTS REWARDED AT OUR ASSEMBLY LAST WEDNESDAY

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent work and achievements:

Impressive Uniform Award - Sophie Anderson - for showing pride in herself and her school by wearing a clean, full school uniform every day.

Impressive Sports Award - Rachel Bibby - for her great attitude, sportsmanship and developing skills that she displayed at the touch finals and Sports Workshop.

Impressive Work Award - Tobias Bowler - for showing a consistent effort towards all activities and for challenging himself to become a better learner.

The staff commented that she read out some great sentences using alliteration this week despite being nervous to share them and all the students. Rachel was rewarded with everyone giving her a clap which was lovely. She was also one of the first to complete her Maths and Spelling activities on Thursday and Friday, participated well in gardening activities and was keen to practice speed typing.

Congratulations, Rachel. This is a very impressive list of reasons why you have been given the award for this week. Keep being a great role model!
GRASSHOPPER SOCCER WAS FANTASTIC

Cassilis warmly welcomed Nicole from Mudgee Grasshopper Soccer today. All students really enjoyed learning more about soccer. During Term 4, sport will be from 10.00am - 11.00am to help students stay out of the hotter afternoon sun. Soccer will continue until Week 8 of this term. Thank you to Miss Hodgson who applied for the Schools Sporting Grant funding which made this activity available for the students.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS LOOKED GREAT

Students looked fantastic last Monday in their school uniform and it was pleasing to see most students carry the higher standard of uniform throughout the entire week. We even had students buying uniforms from school to ensure that they were correctly dressed.

All students should be wearing the Cassilis Public School uniform each day. Sports uniform on Monday and a clean school uniform for the remainder of the week. It is really important that students also wear sensible joggers and school shoes that have closed in toes and fasten securely.

If there is any reason why your child can’t be in correct school uniform on a certain day, please send a note explaining why to the school.

140 YEAR CELEBRATION IS ON THIS SATURDAY!

The school is kindly asking that as many current students attend the celebration as possible. While the day begins at 10.00am and finishes at 4.00pm, students do not have to attend for the entire time. It would be fantastic for all students to be at school for the formal assembly which will be held from 2-2.30pm. At this assembly, all current students will receive a medallion and certificate. All students will also be involved in running the assembly and presenting various items.

Students are asked to please wear either their school uniform or olden day clothes (as mentioned in the flyer in the newsletter).

While the event is being held in school grounds, because it is a Saturday, all supervision of children must be undertaken by a responsible adult. Cassilis Public School staff are not responsible for the students’ welfare and behaviour on this day. All children including younger children and children from other primary or high schools must have an adult with them for the entire time they are here.

Cassilis students have been involved in planning the day, including organising some games. These games will be run throughout the day. I know that some students are very keen to attend so they can encourage our visitors to play the games and enjoy the day.

Since it is a whole school event, any help from our families would be greatly appreciated. This could include cooking the bbq, serving, selling drinks, setting out chairs and tables from 9.00am on Saturday morning and helping to pack up after 4.00pm. Please let Mrs Burgess know if you can assist in anyway.

Thank you to Brian and Fiona Cornish who have offered to be the official photographers and to also take a video of our celebrations!

SWIM AND SURVIVE CLASSES ARE COMING SOON

Cassilis Public School will be holding their swimming lessons for all students Kinder-Year 6 from Monday November 16 at the Merriwa Pool over a two week period.

MERRIWA LEAGUE TAG

Next Tuesday, primary students in Years 3-6 will travel to Merriwa Central School to participate in their League Tag Day. This will involve learning more about the rules and skills involved. Students will be given the opportunity to play mini-games and will be divided into different teams so they can meet new people.

Katie Burgess
Principal
CASSILIS SPORTS WORKSHOP

The students travelled to Cassilis last Friday to enjoy a day of different and varied sports.

We all had a wonderful day and increased our skills in rugby, martial arts, dance, Zumba and lots more.

Thank you to our parent drivers, without whom we would be unable to attend these days; and thank you to Cassilis Public School teachers and parents for their organisation for and on the day.

WEEKLY AWARDS  WEEK 10 TERM 3

• Jacob Marsh - improved attendance
• Nicholas Terrell - positive attitude towards all classwork
• Cambell Hinze - improvement in editing
• Rowdy Walters - being sensible in group work
• Noah Adams - for working quietly
• Livianna Craig - handwriting.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kinder/Years1/2 - Cody Parkinson

Years 3/4/5/6 - Jake Pike, Sam Thompson and Dustynn Turner.

HOMEWORK AWARDS

Abby Cooper, Amy Thompson, Kirsty Walker, Isabella Wallace, Sam Thompson, Natasha Marsh, Andrew Harris, Cambell Hinze, Riley Borradaile, Marshall Hinze, Harry Thompson, Mikayla Borradaile and Archie Johnson.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Hunter Marsh, Jake Pike, Andrew Harris, Declan Adams, Kayden Adams, Noah Adams, Mikayla Borradaile, Isabelle Pike, Harry Thompson and Austin Adams.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK

Lilly Coen - trying hard and participating.

CASSILIS SPORTS WORKSHOP

As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day at Sandy Hollow Public School I am reminded of some of the wonderful teachers, coaches and mentors that have impacted on my life. I was drawn to these people because of their passion and enthusiasm, their ability to inspire me and the integrity they displayed in difficult situations. They taught me that hard work matters, that improvement comes through practise and that life should be fun. At Sandy Hollow Public school we try to instil similar beliefs in our students and critically we believe in every single student. We believe that through deliberate practise every child can improve and through this improvement they will achieve whatever they set their minds to.

MERRIWA CENTRAL YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

Our Year 6 students who are attending Merriwa Central School enjoyed their first day of orientation last Thursday. They will continue to attend Merriwa Central School over the next few Thursdays.

WEEKLY AWARDS

• Isabella Wallace - excellent contributions to discussions
• Sam Thompson - demonstrating excellent commitment to learning
• Nicholas Terrell - great effort in handwriting
• Cambell Hinze - excellent work in reading activities
• Austin Adams - fantastic writing
• Ella Olive - improving her sight word knowledge.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK
Kinder/Years 1/2 - Cody Parkinson and Harry Thompson
Years 3/4/5/6 - Abby Cooper, Jacob Marsh, Amy Thompson and Andrew Harris.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Kayden Adams - always being polite to others.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK
Natasha Marsh.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
Day 1 - 2015

Last Wednesday we commenced Kindergarten Orientation and both parents and children attended. While the parents were involved in an information session in the library the children were engaged in activities in the Kinder/Years 1/2 classroom with Mrs Helen Smith.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Taylon Blackhurst-Marsh, Thomas McLean, Shykiah Walters, Gabbie McLean and Isabella Wright who will form our 2016 Kindergarten class. They will be attending school each Wednesday up to and including November 25.

The parent meeting began with an outline of procedures, policies and programs that our school follows.

After morning tea, Nicola Field spoke to the parents explaining the role of the P and C within the school and contributions they are able to make to the education of all the children. Everyone was invited to attend the meeting each month.

Following this, a nutritionist from the Cancer Council presented very practical information on the following topics.

• How many serves of fruit and veg we should have each day
• Healthy lunch box ideas
• How to include foods from all food groups in your child’s lunch box
• How to encourage children who do not like fruit or vegetables
• A variety of recipes
• Tasting some of these recipes.

I would like to sincerely thank Anita Hinze for supplying and delivering morning tea. Also Nicola Field for setting up morning tea, cooking a delicious BBQ for lunch and cleaning up afterwards.

Pauline Bullock
K/1/2 teacher

Our Kindergarten Orientation children with their buddies.

Back row: Ayden Marsh, Sam Thompson, Reece McCandless, Dustynn Turner and Natasha Marsh.

Front: Shykiah Walters, Taylon Blackhurst-Marsh, Isabella Wright, Thomas McLean and Gabbie McLean.

Glen Kite
Acting Principal

Merriwa Ringer
**DRUM BEATS**

Today, we were thrilled to welcome Mark Stewart from the young Australian Workshop. He arrived with an assortment of drums, including bongos, cymbals and chimes. When he was ready for us he summoned the children to gather by striking a huge gong and we excitedly took our places. Mark questioned the children about what they knew about drums and music. It was amazing to see such an assortment of drums in one place, a drum kit was central to the show and Mark demonstrated some great drum rolls that got louder and louder. He showed the children the snare drum and how it works. He talked about the variety of ways that people use the base drum in orchestras and marching bands.

Using a great deal of humour in his delivery of the session, the children laughed as he pretended to hit Bella’s head with the drumstick and pretended to catch his own nose between the cymbals.

The children were taught the differences in sounds made by hitting the drums in different places and the names of all of the drums on display. The children experienced the wonderful world full of drums as he demonstrated with drums from China, Cuba, Peru, Burma, Africa, Syria, Spain and Germany. It was wonderful the way the children engaged with this session and the information about these instruments. It was enhanced by the opportunity for the children to participate and be part of the show.

Bella played the bar chimes and made a wish, we discussed how much it sounded like Tinker Bell. Harrison couldn’t resist having a turn as well.

Artie danced to a hip hop beat and pointed to all his friends while Mark played the box drum with his hands, very cool!

Oscar used his foot to play the base drum; he had his hands in his pockets the entire time which we found pretty amusing. Jensen played the bongos and we giggled as Mark told us he saw smoke coming from Jensen’s fingers. Freya did a wonderful belly dance and Paige danced by kicking out her legs to the marvellous talking drum.

At the end of the session Mark asked the children to close their eyes and he used large rain sticks to simulate the rain, he then used a wind drum which sounded like a cyclone and a wave drum that sounded just like the waves on the beach.

To conclude the performance, the children were invited to form a band and Bobby played the bongos, Charlie, Mitchell and Jimmy played the maracas and they were quickly dubbed the shaker boys, Charlie swung his arms backward and forward like an aircraft controller, everybody had to take care around him.

I was wonderful to see so many families attend this performance and make the most of these rare opportunities.

**Thank You**

Thanks go out to Mc Connell’s Hardware Store for their donation of vegetable seeds for planting, they are thriving.

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**DO YOU NEED BEFORE SCHOOL CARE?**

Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre are thinking of extending their hours. This would include a before school care for those parents that need to get to work early or to an appointment and require some assistance.

We would offer a qualified staff member for a 2 ½ hour session of a morning from 6am til 8.30am for children aged 5 to 12 attending school and then will be dropped off at school. The cost for this service would be $16 per session including breakfast. CCB applies.

Please indicate your children’s ages and your need for care below and return to the centre or call 65482 083.

Do you need this care?  
[ ] YES  
[ ] NO

Your name:  

Child/ren Ages:
**Non Emergency Medical Transport**

**NON EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARS**

This is an update on the Service we provide to the entire Merriwa and District residents. There are no criteria other than it be a non emergency medical appointment. We have three cars, 14 drivers and eight office staff. All are volunteers. We are in our 18th year of providing the service. The last year to June 30 we transported 520 clients, travelled 163,441kms with 3627 driver hours. The service was used by 148 individuals. There were 124 Cancer related trips with a number travelling multiple times for regular treatments. The prior year there were only 36 such trips. If you have a need contact the office for a booking. We are at the Bottle Museum 9.30am to 2.30pm or 6548 2653.

Our Cancer related clients are transported at a discounted rate, part of which is funded by the Cancer Council of NSW.

There are Display Units at the Hospital, RSL and Sports Club. These have many pamphlets giving information to assist in better understanding the various Cancer implications. They are free so please take any that you feel will help you or your friends.

The bi annual Relay For Life function is to be held at the School of Arts on Saturday November 7. Watch elsewhere in the Ringer for times for the activities starting from 10.00am. Registrations of $20.00 gets you into a Team with a Relay shirt. Contact Christine Riley 6548 2500 or Lorna Parnell 6548 2653 for details. The day will include lots of games and stalls as well as the more formal aspects of the event. Past years’ proceeds have gone to Cancer Research. This year all funds raised will remain in Merriwa to assist those with a need. Part of this is for our transporting of clients.

A merchandise table plus a 100 Club will at the Pharmacy entry area on Thursday October 29 and Thursday November 5. Also available on November 7 at the event. There will be an auction with lots of “must have” items on offer. Lunch and dinner will be available.

Please mark it on your calendar so you can spend time at the Relay. Unfortunately Cancer tends to affect all of us in some way - direct, family or friends. This is an opportunity to show your support.

**Merriwa Rotary**

Before this edition of the Ringer is printed, our club will have hosted our two recently returned New Zealand exchange students Paige and Teianna. The club is looking forward to hearing of their experiences.

Merriwa Rotary will also be hosting a gathering of students from the Western Division of our Rotary district.

**ROTARY MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP AND CALCUTTA**

Tickets are on sale at the Merriwa Newsagency as well as from Rotarians who will be selling them in the street in the days leading up to the cup.

All are invited to the draw to the SPORTS CLUB on the MONDAY EVENING BEFORE THE CUP.

Come alone! Come in numbers! Form a party and come along. All are welcome.

A great barbeque meal will be available.

It is always an excellent night.

Mark Smith

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**EVENT DETAILS**

**What:** Merriwa Relay for Life

**Where:** Merriwa School of Arts, Bow Street, Merriwa

**When:** 10.00am – 9.00pm, November 7, 2015

**Cost:** $20.00 per person

**Contact:** www.relayforlife.com.au

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Bryan Baker
Shire Notes
DON’T WASTE OCTOBER – GET RID OF UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND CHEMICALS

It will be a huge weekend of waste on October 24 and 25 as residents can take part in recycling, getting rid of unwanted household items and chemicals safely and all with the ease of not having to take a trip to the tip.

On Saturday, October 24 the Household Chemical Cleanout will be in Merriwa and the Garage Sale Trail will be taking place in the Upper Hunter Shire, as well as in other parts of Australia.

Council and the EPA are giving you the opportunity to dispose of your old, unwanted or out-of-date household chemicals safely and at no charge, when it hosts the annual Hazardous Chemical Cleanout between the hours of 9.00am and 3.30pm at the Merriwa Showground. Also on this day Upper Hunter Shire households, schools and community groups are invited to join hundreds of thousands of people across the country in hosting a garage sale as a part of the fifth annual Garage Sale Trail.

By organising communities around Australia to hold garage sales on the same day, the aims is to reduce waste to landfill and promote reuse. To register your sale, visit www.garagesaletrail.com.au.

Whatever you don’t sell at your garage sale can either be given away or be collected from your kerb – no packing up required as the Bulk Waste Kerbside Collection will be commencing the following week for all residents in the Upper Hunter who have a garbage service.

Visit Council’s website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au for more details on what you can and can’t throw out.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE

Along with Mayor Wayne Bedggood, Cr Deirdre Peebles and the General Manager, I attended the Local Government NSW Conference in Sydney recently. The conference was addressed by various speakers including the Premier and Minister for Local Government. During these addresses it was abundantly clear the intense feeling of opposition to forced amalgamations of councils, for which we are not ear-marked. There was also an agreed understanding that funding of Local Government needs to be addressed as a priority and as a result the Government has announced a new borrowing facility will be made available for those councils deemed “Fit for the Future” of which we expect to be one. The other rumour circulating was that the September 2016 elections would be delayed. The Premier stated that he expected the Local Government elections would still be held in September 2016.

TELL US YOUR IDEAS FOR YOUR TOWN CENTRE!

The Upper Hunter Shire Council is calling on you to tell us your ideas for revitalising your Town Centre. Each major town in the Upper Hunter Shire is getting a Town Centre Revitalisation Masterplan and Council needs your help to tell us what Aberdeen, Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone should look like in the future.

The Masterplans will provide a framework that encourages investment, gives direction for Council infrastructure and supports the revitalisation of the town centres. Council is keen for the local community to be involved, so that the plan reflects a unified interest and vision for each town.

There are lots of ways for you to share your ideas and join the conversation. Participate in person at your local drop-in session, pre-register for the stakeholder workshop or share your feedback online. These workshops will be facilitated by urban designers from the firm Studio GL and will present different activities and ways to participate.

For the community drop-in session, community members can drop in any time within the allocated hours. For those of you who would like to participate in the stakeholder workshop, please register at least two days prior to the workshop by emailing Sean Constable at sconstable@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or call 6540 1135.

Everyone is welcome - just bring your enthusiasm and creativity! The details of the community engagement meetings are on Council’s website, www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au and listed below:

Scone
Saturday, October 24 from 9.00am to 11.00am
Community drop-in session at Coles carpark

Wednesday, October 28 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Stakeholder Workshop at Council Chambers

Merriwa
Friday, October 23 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Community drop-in session outside Merriwa Pharmacy

Tuesday, October 27 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Stakeholder Workshop at Merriwa Sports Club
Aberdeen
Thursday, October 22 from 3.00pm to 4.30pm
Community drop-in session at Aberdeen Marketplace

Thursday, October 22 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Stakeholder Workshop at Aberdeen Community Hall

Murrurundi
Thursday, October 29 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Stakeholder workshop at Murrurundi RSL Hall

Saturday, October 31 from 8.30am to 10.30am
Community drop-in session outside Dooley’s Store

We also understand that people are busy and can’t always come along in person to provide their feedback so Council is using an online interactive mapping tool for people to provide their comments. To access the page visit the Upper Hunter Shire Council’s website under ‘Do It Online’ then ‘Say It’ http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/do-it-online/say-it/tell-us-your-ideas-for-your-town-centre.aspx.

The feedback collected will inform the design process and provide options for the future. Don’t worry if you can’t make the first sessions, there will be a second round with dates to be confirmed.

MOONAN CUTTING UPDATE

Work on the rock face to create a bench for drilling and blasting has been completed for the first stage. There will be two stages. Now that they can get access, drilling and blasting contractors are firming up their work method and prices. A temporary bridge crossing the Hunter River is being arranged. This is an important (safety) stage as it will allow traffic to use detour while staff continue to work on the bulk excavation of the cutting down to road level.

To stay up to date with the works at Moonan Cutting, you can join a mailing list to receive emails with updates on these works. Just email council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au and ask to be added to the Moonan Cutting mailing list.

UPPER HUNTER SHIRE TO HAVE MORE SHADE

The recent hot weather reminds us how important it is to provide appropriate shade for public facilities so I was pleased to see the Shire has been successful in gaining grants for shade provision at the Merriwa Showground, Murrurundi Swimming Pool and Woolooma Sport and Recreation Club. Council takes skin cancer prevention very seriously and understands the duty of care to the public. The following groups will get some much needed shade:

- Merriwa PAH and I Association $24,000.00
- Murrurundi and District War Memorial Pool $24,000.00
- Woolooma Sport and Recreation Inc $8,400.00

If your community group is looking to apply for a grant and you would like some assistance, please contact Upper Hunter Shire Council’s Community Grants Officer, Johanne McKiernan on 6540 1172.

Cr Ron Campbell

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If you need assistance from
Ambulance - Police - Fire
including Hazardous Incidents
DIAL 000

Police Hunter Valley LAC 6542 6999
Police Assistance Line 131 444
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

When reporting an incident to the Police, always request and record your Incident Reference Number

Fire Brigade (Administration only) 65482005
Hospital 65325000
Rural Fire Service (Administration and Duty Officer) 1800 081 166

SES Emergency Number 132500
Merriwa Rescue Squad 65482538
The Merriwa Rescue Squad would like to thank and acknowledge the many people and organisations who have donated to us recently (and not so recently). Merriwa PAH and I, Trinity Markets, Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre, Merriwa Rotary Club, Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces and Community Mutual. We would also like to thank all of the people who have nominated the Merriwa VRA as their Charity organisation with Community Mutual.

All of the money that is donated to us is used to replace and upgrade equipment that is necessary for the many different situations we can hand have had to face.

The squad recently had a weekend training day to replace some equipment in the bush. We covered many areas of training, including - 4x4 driving in rough terrain, chainsaws, navigation, winching, ropes, and communications. It was a fun day - the weather could not have been better, the haze was minimal and the views were amazing.

If you are interested in joining the squad, see Michael Hagley, Stephanie Hook or any of our other members. We meet on Wednesday evenings at the shed.

For Horrie’s family, and all others grieving or in a problem season; God knows exactly what you are facing today. Isaiah reminds us that God’s knowledge of us is so intimate that it is as if our names were written on the palms of His hands. The reading goes onto say that we may sometimes neglect the needs of others, even those who are closest to us but God is aware of every detail of our lives. He has given us His Spirit to guide, to comfort, and to strengthen us.

So in this week, think of the challenges you face at this moment, and then write these words beside each one as a reminder of His faithfulness and care: “For this, I have Jesus.”

“Thank You, Jesus, for being near to me right now. I’m grateful for Your faithfulness. Isaiah : 49:13-20

Rosalie Drew

Ringer Deadline!
Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.
Merriwa Relay for Life

HAVE YOU JOINED UP TO RELAY FOR LIFE YET?

Join a team or enter on your own. The Relay for Life will be on Saturday November 7, 2015 at the Merriwa School of Arts. This will run for the whole day starting with our walks around Sulley’s Lane. Entertainment will then kick off with all our market stalls, the continuous morning tea, BBQ lunch prepared by the Men’s Shed, an auction with heaps of wonderful items, a Spit Roast dinner prepared by the Merriwa Rotary Club and in between, lots of other attractions including fun games for the kids. Make sure you come on down to the School of Arts on Saturday November 7, 2015. Team VIEW and Team Junior League and Netball are vying for the most members award! Is there anyone else out there who will be getting a team together? At the moment you have to beat twenty members.

Go on-line and join as a member now or if you don’t want to go on-line see Christine Riley at Welderup in Blaxland Street and give her your details and $20.00 and you will be registered. Easy as that.

We NEED you, our community, to be part of this wonderful event to raise money for Cancer sufferers and carers. All money from the Merriwa Relay stays in Merriwa for the benefit of those in our community. So come on, be in it, support our Merriwa Relay for Life! If the support is not there it could be the end of Relay for Life in Merriwa. Christine is waiting for you! I know we are all slow to join in so I’m betting you are all waiting for the last week to join up. As long as you join we don’t care when you do it.

See you all at the fun and games. More in next week’s Ringer with a schedule of when things are happening and what time to line up for all the fun game activities for the youth of Merriwa to enjoy.

Any enquiries ring Mark Sparrow 0407 488 560; Welderup (Christine) 6548 2500; Bryan Baker, Neil Hunt or Elaine Sparrow.

Elaine Sparrow

CWA

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday November 9 starting at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

The CWA has available 2 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
Tenable by a student entering TERTIARY EDUCATION and residing in the bounds of the Hunter River Group. Application forms are available from the school or phone Robyn on 6548 3274 or 0429 487 241.

It is not a complicated process and we encourage you to apply.

Applications close December 11, 2015

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.

Penelope Fenley

Merriwa Markets

When: November 21
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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Sunday October 25
Time: 3.00pm
Where: Merriwa RSL Club

All positions will be declared vacant.

Positions are:

• President
• Snr Vice President
• Jnr Vice President
• Secretary
• Treasurer
• Publicity Officer
• Fundraising Officer
• Canteen Coordinator
• Public Officer
• General committee

Gaynor Blackadder
Merriwa Ringer

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

The Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary wish to thank the Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre and Men’s Shed for the wonderful donation we received. We appreciate the support of our community and thank the Welcoming Centre for their great donation. The Tourist Welcoming Centre is a great tourist attraction for our town and a great outlet for all the art and crafty people within our community. The array of beautifully made items is great to see and I for one love strolling down through the tables to see how clever our Merriwa people are and to purchase some of their goods.

The Merriwa MPS staff have given the Auxiliary a wish list to which we have agreed to the purchase of most. From the kind donation of the Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre we will purchase, on their behalf, the ‘Evacuation Sheets’ from our wish list. These sheets are placed under all hospital mattresses and assist in the easy evacuation of patients during time of emergency. Thank you to Jim Alker and Edith Shipway for making us one of your recipients. It is amazing that over the eleven years of operation how far you have progressed and the achievements that you have seen over that time – starting with such a big debt to now distributing a large amount of money to Merriwa organisations. Well done to all concerned and a big THANK YOU from the Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary. We appreciate your support of our local hospital.

Elaine Sparrow
Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

Merriwa Campdraft and Rodeo

When: Thursday November 5 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
Time: 7.00pm
Where: Merriwa RSL Club

All members to be financial for voting purposes. New members are welcome.

Megan Richards
Merriwa Campdraft and Rodeo

Messy Church

Messy Church will be held:

When: Friday October 30
Where: Parish Hall

Rosalie Drew and Messy Church team

Barbara Campbell

Community Notice Board

Thank You
SAMARITANS PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES

A very big “THANK YOU” to everyone who contributed by filling boxes, goods for boxes, or cash towards the freight for the 2015 year. I have delivered all the boxes - 110, to Mrs Margaret Wicks, the coordinator for this area. There are 110 children in South East Asia or the Pacific who will know there are people in Australia who care for them and want to share the Joy of Christmas with them. There was an opportunity to add a personal touch this year with some pages of colouring, giving the name of the contributor and where in the world they lived. Next year, I will include these pages in every box.

A number of ladies helped with packing the goods contributed, apart from the completed boxes, and we had a great day of fellowship and fun.

Questions have been raised as to whether the boxes are repacked when they come in. They are not repacked either at Merriwa or at the distribution centre in Sydney. In Merriwa, we just take the boxes and forward them on, unless the contributor asks otherwise, and when the boxes arrive at the centre they are checked to see if there is anything in them that is not safe or in keeping with the schedule. Samaritans Purse have a policy of “The Integrity of the Box”.

A tremendous effort everyone – no doubt, the Merriwa community are a very caring community.

Barbara Campbell

Community Notice Board

Merriwa Rugby League Club

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• President
• Snr Vice President
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• Public Officer
• General committee

Gaynor Blackadder
Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa District Progress Association

The October meeting of the Merriwa District Progress Association will be on Wednesday October 28 at the RSL, commencing at 6.00 pm.

Anyone with any issues to raise is encouraged to attend.

Beron Arden-Wood

Halloween Trivia Night

Jade McConnell

Save the Date

Ron Campbell

Merriwa Swimming Club

Jodie Magner

Congratulations

JANA (GARRETT) AND OWEN TAYLOR

OCTOBER 17, 2015

Congratulations goes to Jana and Owen Taylor on their recent marriage. Owen is the second son of Kay and Alex Taylor.

We officially welcome Jana (who has been a part of the family for many years already) to the family. We wish them well in their future together. Such a gorgeous couple!

Never forget that the love in your life gives you the courage you need to succeed in your marriage...

Kay, Alex, Andrew, Steven Taylor and Tom, Annie and Sheena Garrett and their respective families

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It is that time of the year again where any students who are wishing to study a Tertiary Education course at University or TAFE in 2016 can apply for financial assistance from the Merriwa District Education Foundation.

Application forms can be found on the Country Education Foundation website (www.cef.org.au) and then print off an application for Merriwa. To be eligible to apply students need to reside in the old Merriwa Shire Council boundary. Student’s applications will be collated and students will be required to attend an interview at a later date.

If you require any further information then please contact a committee member (see advertising box in the Ringer). I would also encourage any students studying at the tertiary level to apply for scholarships at the institution they are attending. To assist you in this matter please go to the Country Education website and read through the range of scholarships highlighted in the Tertiary Scholarships Guide for Rural and Regional Students. There are a number of different scholarships available and often not many applicants.

On Wednesday evening, October 14, four local teenage boys (including my son) went out to Flags Road in a vehicle to do burn-outs. Obviously without the knowledge of their parents.

On their return, they were intercepted and followed by Police.

Foolishly the driver chose to accelerate and attempt to get away.

This resulted in the vehicle crashing through a backyard wire fence and ploughing into a large dirt pile.

Whether it be the grace of God and the dirt pile, no-one was physically injured.

The part of the brain which assesses risk and consequences has not fully developed and won’t until about 25 years of age - especially in males.

The young and fit are engaging in foolish and dangerous activities without acknowledging the statistics and probabilities.

Ironically, throughout history, this same dynamic has them leaving home to fight wars.

No amount of lecturing or punishment is going to change the physiology and hard-wiring of the brain.

There must be a way to get the message across the age/experience divide.

I’m interested in exploring avenues that will facilitate change and am asking for any suggestions or knowledge of actions or programs that have worked in other communities.

Please contact me if you think you can help me in any way by calling 6548 2595 or 0400 951 049. Thank you.

Bernadette Kearney

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WE ARE OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK

Our hours currently are:
8.00am – 6.00pm
Monday to Friday.

For all appointment please phone 6532 5013.

Q FEVER CLINIC

A reminder that our next clinic for Q Fever testing will be held on Wednesday October 28, 2015.

Hunter Medical Practice is organising another 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 want to be vaccinated so that we order the correct quantity.

If you are interested in being vaccinated, 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.

Dr Noman Jawaad and Dr Cho Oo Maung

Merriwa Newsagency
YOUR LOCAL OFFICE SMART AGENT
WWW.MERRIWANEWSAGENCY.COM.AU

SPIRIT OF ST JOSEPH

The winner of the Spirit of St Joseph award for Term 3 was DARYC MOORE. Darcy is a mature student who is helpful to teachers and kind to students. He is liked and respected by the entire student body. He is known for his great sportsmanship, fairness and active efforts to include all students. Darcy also represents the school very well in the community through his words and actions.

BETTER THAN LEGO

There is an awesome new product available called SLUBAN. It is everything that is great about Lego, but smarter. It includes high quality building blocks, stickers and easy to understand instructions. There are several different styles, with many different sets in each style. There are PIRATES, DREAM GIRLS, ARMY, TOWN and more. Within these are castles, ships, tanks, helicopters, islands, fire trucks, dump trucks and more. Come in and grab them today for the Christmas Tree. They offer hours of entertainment and are only limited by imagination! The best thing about them, what makes them the smarter alternative, is the price. You will not find a better price for this kind of product anywhere.

PLUSH

Come in and check out our range of plush, including CHARLIE BEARS, BEANIE BOOS, farm animals, teddy bears, and more.

CHRISTMAS

I know that you think that if you don’t think about Christmas it won’t come so quickly, but let me assure you that thinking about it now will mean there is no stress in December! We have our packs of Christmas cards out now, as well as wrapping accessories and gift bags. There are heaps of craft ideas to get the kids involved and beautiful decorations about to arrive. Keep an eye on these Ringer articles as well as our Facebook page for all of the new gift ideas as they come in. I am so excited about what is still to arrive that I can’t wait to show you all on Facebook!

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

The Christmas issues are out now and are full of amazing craft, decoration, table settings, wrapping ideas, food and drinks. Don’t be stuck with the same old stuff by calling it family tradition - make new traditions and get the ideas right here!
DISCOUNT VOUCHERS

Our shopper docket now includes a discount voucher. Come in and find out more today!

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

Cash or Eftpos only

Leanne Hook

Merriwa Surgery
Dr Emad Jasem
For all your medical needs
Opening hours
Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm
Saturday by arrangement.
For bookings please call the surgery on
6548 2305.

Please be aware that Dr Emad Jasem and our Practice Nurse will be away from the surgery on Friday and Saturday October 23 and 24, Friday and Saturday October 30 and 31, as well as Saturday November 7, 2015. Please note that our after hours care will not be available during this time. Merriwa Surgery is now closed on Wednesday afternoons from 1.00pm. We apologise for any inconvenience.

To reduce waiting time please let reception staff know if you have more than one problem or if you think your problem will take extra time. This ensures we can give you the correct amount of time to see the doctor.

Please do not forget, we provide out of hours service to patients who are registered with our surgery, if you call after hours for an emergency we will answer your call and give you the appropriate advise. This number is 0455 323 287. Dr Emad provides 24 hour on call services to Merriwa MPS for certain days during the week.

We are currently updating our records, it would be appreciated that all patients see our reception staff upon arrival so we can have your most updated records.

Please be aware that there will be some changed traffic conditions outside the Merriwa Surgery on Monday October 26 until Friday November 6. Please take care during this time.

Dr Emad Jasem

Spice Grill Merriwa

OUR TREAT TO YOU

Once again, in our endeavour to give you the best, we have incorporated the multi-award winning range of special little treats - just for you. Simply purchase any coffee or tea and receive a ‘Little Treat’... “On Us”!

Download the free Merriwa Central School App.
MCS in touch with our community!
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**Emergency Services**

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Opposite the High School and in easy walking distance to the public school this home is very well located. The home has been fully renovated in the last 12 months with a new bathroom, a modernized kitchen with a new stove, painted inside and out, and has been re-plumbed, re-wired and a new hot water system installed. There are three good size bedrooms, two with built in robes and the main with an air conditioner. The living area is open plan with a reverse cycle air conditioner and polished floor boards throughout. At the rear of the home is a covered entertainment deck taking in the beautiful views to the mountains. The back yard is mostly flat with the house positioned to take the slope out of the block. A tenant can be put in place $250.00 per week if you wish before settlement.

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Bulk Waste Kerbside Collection
The annual bulk waste kerbside collection for residents with a mobile garbage bin service in Aberdeen, Blandford, Bunnal, Cassilis, Gundy, Merriwa, Moonan Flat, Murrurundi, Parkville, Scone and Wingen will be held from Monday 26 October, 2015 to Friday 30 October, 2015 (inclusive).

Waste should be stacked on the footpath during the weekend of 24 and 25 October, 2015 only. Any waste placed out after 6.30am on Monday 26 October, 2015 may not be collected.

Please stack items neatly next to the edge of the kerb and do not block the footpath or roadway. Ensure items are secure to avoid windblown littering.

Waste to be collected: Green waste is to be tied into manageable bundles of no more than 1.5m in length, floor coverings, loose items to be bagged or bundled, furniture, general household waste and householders only building waste (small quantities).

Waste not collected: Loads larger than 2m³ – box trailer (residents will be required to dispose of the excess), unreasonably heavy objects over 20kg, fridges, freezers or air conditioners, gas bottles, car body parts (tyres, batteries, windscreen), asbestos, commercial builder’s waste, hazardous solids/liquids (paints, oils, chemicals), scrap metal and all electronics.

Any non-complying waste will not be collected. Steel, sorted glass/plastic/metal containers, car bodies, batteries and oil (max 20L) are all accepted free of charge at Council’s Landfills.

Upper Hunter Shire is supporting the Garage Sale Trail and the NSW EPA’s Household Chemical Cleanout which are both being held in the Upper Hunter Shire on Saturday 24 October, 2015 the same weekend as the bulk waste kerbside collection. Whatever you don’t sell at your garage sale with the Garage Sale Trail can either be given away or be collected from your kerb the next week – no packing up required. As for the chemicals that cannot be collected in the bulk waste kerbside collection, they can be dropped off the Household Chemical Cleanout being held at Merriwa Showground between the hours of 9.00am to 3.30pm. Further details for these two events are found at www.garagesalereal.com.au and www.epa.nsw.gov.au/managemake/ house-chemicals.htm

If you have any questions, please contact the Infrastructure Services Department on 02 6540 1115.

Bitumen sealing along Golden Highway, Merriwa
There will be changed traffic conditions along the Golden Highway, between Gungai and Cassilis at the end of October. This will include sections within the town centre of Merriwa.

Council will be conducting rescaling works on behalf of the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) from Monday, 26 October to Monday, 30 November, 2015 (weather permitting) between the hours of 6.30am - 6.00pm. Monday to Friday.

Please respect the road signs in place for the safety of yourself and others and follow the instructions of workers on-site.

Should you have any questions or comments please contact the Infrastructure Services Department in Merriwa on 6521 7000. For urgent issues contact Council’s Engineering Assistant, Md Hasan on 0419 992 516.
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**Clubs**

**Merriwa Sports Club**

The Sports Club provides a wide range of benefits for members and guests.

**Mondays** - Happy Two Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

**Tuesdays** - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

**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. **FRIDAY TWILIGHT BOWLS HAS RETURNED**

**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

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

Casual Bowls and Golf also available. Donations in honesty box.

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For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

**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 17**

Saturday members draw no 333, was not won – next week $140.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $320.00

**Dinner:** Mick Towler

**Bowls Raffle:** Peter McPherson

**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 18**

Sunday members draw - No 280, was not won. Next week $1350.00.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON EUCHRE**

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

**Saturday October 31** – Trivia Night – to aid Jade McConnell on her volunteer trip to South Africa

**Tuesday November 3** – Bring a plate of afternoon tea to share, watch the Melbourne Cup, sweeps and lucky door prize

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

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

**WOMENS BOWLS**

Social bowls is on Wednesdays with names needing to be in by 9.30am to play at 10.00am.

Veterans Day is at Merriwa on Wednesday November 4. Names can be left on the sheet in the ladies rest room or by phoning Loretta on 6548 2679 by October 30.

Lady Bowlers Christmas Dinner will be held Wednesday November 25 with a starting time of 6.30pm for a 7.00pm seating. More information will be supplied at a later date.

Loretta Cooper

**RESULTS OF RAFFLE IN AID OF BRAD COX**

**First Prize** Gordon Taylor

**Second Prize** Ian Woodham

**Third Prize** Eva Towler

**Fourth Prize** Rob Watson

**Fifth Prize** Nathan O’Brien.

Julie Smith

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**Ringer Deadline!**

Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.
Merriwa RSL Club
The Members Lucky Badge for $650.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 628, this week it jackpots to $700.00.
The 7.00pm draw for $140.00 was not won the number was 695, this week it jackpots to $160.00.
The Thursday Badge draw for $100.00 was won the number was 640, this week it jackpots to $120.00 and will be drawn between 6.00pm–7.00pm. LTPS/14/04323
The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $700.00 was not won last week the number was 127, this week commences at $750.00 and will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. LTPS/14/04323
COMING EVENTS
Social Darts
Social darts is back on in the games room and starts at 7.00pm every Monday.
Introducing ‘T-Bone Tuesday’
Every Tuesday you can now order a T-Bone, chips and salad or veg for just $15.00.
Also every Thursday have a chicken schnitzel, chips and salad or veg for just $12.50.
New to our menu - Wagyu burger.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB
NEW HAPPY HOUR – Thursdays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm a extra happy hour has been introduced along with the 9.00pm Friday badge draw moving to this time slot to be drawn between 6.00pm to 7.00pm.
HAPPY HOUR IS BACK - Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Sunday 11.00am to 12.00noon, $3.00 schooners and $2.00 middies, and $5.00 Coronas.
BISTRO HOURS FOR THE SUMMER – Lunch 11.30am – 2.00pm, evening 6.00pm to 8.30pm.
MERRIWA RSL CLUB ANNUAL REPORT
Financial Reports available at the bar for financial members.
MERRIWA RSL CRICKET CLUB REPORT
Saturday October 10 saw the Merriwa RSL Cricket team take the field for the first time playing against Aberdeen No2 at Aberdeen, with Merriwa going down by eight wickets. Top scorer for the day was Sundries – 16, closely followed by Lachlan Walmsley – 10.
Last week was the local derby with Merriwa Cricket Club batting first scoring 149 off 35.2 over’s with Chad Grant top scoring with an entertaining 51

Cassilis Bowling Club
Friday night raffles
Members Draw, Joker Draw, Meat/vege tray draw, Schooner Draw.
October 16 – Member’s draw - $60.00 – David Goldring – unclaimed - $65.00 next week.
Joker draw - $735.00 – Kevin O’Malley flipped an ace for $73 - $694.00 next week.
FRIDAY NIGHT SNACK BAR
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Matt Morgan

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Hilary Parker

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## MERRIWA CAMPDRAFT RING 2 RESULTS

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### JUNIOR STATION HORSE RIDER U13

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| First      | Jennifer Walker        | Anastasia Martin        |

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| First      | Kaylee Quinn           | Grace Lawrence          |

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### HACK O 15HH

| First      | Jess Martin            | April Langridge         |

### LED REGISTERED ASH GELDING

| First      | Jess Martin            | Clancy Moore            |

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| First      | Heather Mitchell       | Emily Winn              |

### CHAMPION JUNIOR RIDER

| First      | Emily Ninness          |                      |

### RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION RIDER

| First      | Nicole Martin          |                      |

### CHAMPION SENIOR RIDER

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Merriwa Little Athletic Club

Lots of stars on and off the track this week. Newcomers Talisha Coles and Mia Thorley were stand outs in the hurdles with both showing great form and plenty of natural ability. Jayden McPhie took off like a pocket rocket with William Luke and Ben Patterson close on his heels. Sammi Witney was a delight to watch as she powered on and (almost) over the hurdles – you’ll need to grow a few more centimetres Sammi! Levi Hourn, you are really filling into your ‘big brother’ boots well and did a brilliant job demonstrating the correct way to hurdle. Well done Levi.

A very big welcome to our newest team members Alex and David Googe, Grace Collits, Thomas Campbell and Eden Barry. Great to have so many fresh young faces rearing to go (and go...and go!)

It was brilliant to have a helping hand from Steve Hourn this week. Steve took the senior athletes for triple jump then gave them all a run for their money in the 800m. Thanks Steve.

GOOD LUCK to all of our athletes competing at the Aberdeen Gala Day this Sunday. Belinda Keane is the team captain for this carnival and will be around to help you on the day. The carnival is open to Tiny Tots through to teens. If you would like to attend, all you need is to be registered with Little A’s, have your Merriwa club shirt with the numbers attached (sewn or safety pin is fine). Cost is $12.00 per athlete. The competition starts at 10.00am at Jefferson oval but you will need to be there by 8.45am to register by 9.00am. Can you beat last year’s huge medal haul? Go Team Merriwa!

CLUB SHIRTS are still available for $20.00 each, caps $10.00. These are optional. It is only if you want to compete at carnivals outside of Merriwa that you will need to wear this shirt. When attaching your numbers, please ensure the ‘McDonalds’ large badge is on the front with the age on the top right (looking at it flat on a table) and the Jetstar badge on the top left. On the back of the shirt you need to have your Merriwa transfer ironed mid top centre and the Centre No (222) below it. If you aren’t sure, bring it along to training.

Registrations are still pouring in and thanks to all of you that have filled in your paperwork including the media release form. If you still haven’t done this yet, look out for Megan Moore at training next Monday. As one mum said... ‘it was like watching a mob of ants running around, there were so many kids’...and what marvellous Little As ‘ants’ you all are. See you at training on Monday.

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Merriwa Ringer

Merriwa Touch Football Club

Merriwa Touch competition is now in full swing with a draw available both online and in paper form.

Each week one team will be responsible for maning the time keeping table. They will start watching the table directly after their game until pack up at the end of the night at which time the committee will pack everything back into the shed.

It is the nominated teams responsibility to ensure that time runs smoothly, when off their team is staying at the table and that in case of an injury an ambulance is called if necessary and a committee member contacted. Each team will have a minimum of one round to supervise the table. During the final rounds the committee will supervise the table. If the nominated team does not supervise at their nominated time, points will be deducted.

By now all team members should be registered and all payments should have been made. We appreciate everyones patience at this point as going “online” was not as smooth a transition as the committee had envisioned. We have been told that the second year is a lot more smooth. Lets hope so. All teams should have their correct number of players as well as the correct ages and should have followed the requirements when creating the teams. This will be checked in coming weeks and if anyone is found to not be following these rules, appropriate action will be taken.

Merriwa Touch is still taking Juniors names for the current season, so if you are interested, please come along to the Number 1 oval on Wednesday at 5.00pm to register. The cost of registration is $35.00.

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Tina Taylor

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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 calender, wish to claim a date or interested in placing an advert in the Ringer?
Contact Tina Taylor on 6548 2119.

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OCTOBER
Friday 30  •  Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

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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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