With just a little over a week, Merriwa Relay for Life are busily chasing participants to help support such a worthwhile event.

Did you know that all money raised at Merriwa Relay for Life stays in Merriwa to support our local community that are affected by cancer. This year Merriwa Relay for Life hopes to raise a substantial $20,000.00 but without your support the committee will fall short of such a goal.

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On Saturday, November 7 community members across Merriwa and the Upper Hunter are invited to come together for Merriwa Relay for Life at the Merriwa School of Arts and remember loved ones, celebrate survival and fight back against cancer.

The event will kick off with the opening ceremony at 10.00am, closely followed by the “Survivors and Carers” lap to open the relay track, with those taking part, followed by a memory walk. Then everyone is invited to a complimentary continuous morning tea following the completion of the first lap. Participants of the relay will then be invited to take the track as part of their relay team walking one or more laps in honour of their own personal cancer experience until 12.30pm. The event is open to everyone, of all fitness levels.

This year there will be a family fete feel with craft stalls, ROAR petting zoo, face painting, a bbq lunch, Men’s Shed spit roast dinner, live entertainment in the evening, followed by the big auction. There will also games and activities throughout the day, including egg and spoon races, balloon burst and sports competitions. This year will also see the return of the Miss Relay Pageant, which gives relay teams the opportunity to select a male in their team to dress up in their favourite female pageant dress and win over the crowd with their brains and beauty. Enter your husband, dress him up and see if he is the most ‘beautiful Miss Relay’ contestant. Each contestant needs to bring a purse or bag to collect donations from the crowd. The winner is the contestant who raises the most in the time given, and hence, will be crowned “Miss Relay 2015”.

There will also be a hope ceremony held before the big auction, to celebrate life, remember those we’ve lost and hope for a cancer free future. There will be a slideshow, following the ceremony, to remember loved ones we have lost to cancer. If you would like to submit an image and take part in the slideshow, please email Mark, mark@welderup.com.au.

Other things that will be occuring over the day includes: BBQ lunch, an auction with great items (some listed on page 35 of this weeks Ringer), ice cream stall, cappuccino stall with cakes and slices and also a variety of stalls.

Don’t forget the games for young and old - tug-o-war, egg and spoon, egg throwing, balls in a bucket and fill the bottle games, all for everyone to enjoy.

Currently, Merriwa Relay for Life has six teams and 36 participants with sights set on increasing substantially before the big event. It’s not too late to get a team together to raise awareness of cancer. Get together with your family, friends, workplace or school and register your team today! Funds raised at this event help finance the Cancer Council’s local support programs, with a big focus this year on transport to treatment, which is vital for cancer patients and their families in our regional area. The Merriwa Relay for Life hopes to raise a total of $20,000.00 in 2015 and, with the help of the community, ensure no one faces cancer alone.

To register a team for the Merriwa Relay for Life event, or to donate, visit: www.relayforlife.com.au.

More information can be gathered from Mark Sparrow by phoning 6548 8584 or 0407 488 560 or mark@welderup.com.au.
Students have been working hard this week and their efforts have been acknowledged by classroom teachers. Congratulations to the following Student of the Week recipients:

**Kindergarten/Year 1:** Skye Watson (absent)
**Year 2:** Jackson Whitby
**Year 3/4:** Jayden Birtles (absent)
**Year 5/6:** Gordon Bradley

**CWA COUNTRY OF STUDY PROJECTS**

Early in the year, students in Year 5/6 contributed to the Country Women’s Association by completing individual projects about the country ‘Italy’. The project involved extensive research and a dedicated approach to presenting an eye catching and informative report about Italy. All the students received encouragement awards for their huge efforts and the following three students were awarded prizes.

**First place**
Jack Wallings

**Second place**
Mekayla Towell

**Third place**
Nicholas-James Whitby

**GRANDPARENTS’ DAY**

On Friday, we welcomed countless amounts of grandparents to Merriwa Central School as students and staff at the Primary campus celebrated ‘Grandparents’ Day’. A special assembly was held where students from Kinder/Year 1 and Year 2 recited grandparent themed poems and the Fife group performed two musical items. Numerous students received merit awards and students who participated in state wide Spelling, Science and Mathematics competitions also were acknowledged for their effort and success.

After our assembly, we invited grandparents into classrooms to meet classroom teachers and complete activities with their grandchildren. Students were very excited to give their grandparents tours around their classrooms and show off their clever knowledge and skills. Grandparents then shared morning tea before playing outside with their grandchildren.

Thank you to all the grandparents and family members who attended our assembly and helped us to celebrate such a special day. We also greatly appreciate all the staff of Merriwa Central School who assisted in catering for morning tea.

**Coming Events**

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KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAYS

Kindergarten Transition will be held again next Tuesday. Students will attend from 9.00am until 1.00pm. They will need to bring fruitbreak and recess items such as food, a water bottle and a hat to play outside. If parents and caregivers have any questions or concerns please contact Miss Sinderberry at the Primary campus.

Year 6 will continue to participate in transition days at the Secondary campus next Thursday. They will begin at normal time and finish the school day at 3.30pm. Students who normally catch a bus will be able to do so from the Secondary campus. Please contact Mr Grant on 6548 2119 if you have any queries.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION CONTINUES

This Tuesday, we once again had the pleasure of meeting new students during Kindergarten transition. This week many students arrived early to play with their Year 4 ‘buddies’ before starting their work in the classroom. During class, we sang songs and danced before having a healthy snack during fruit break. After fruit break, Miss Allison entertained the students with a story about a penguin. The students then all had to listen very carefully to her instructions about how to draw their own penguin and decorate it. The students demonstrated their creative flair and cooperated with their peers to tidy up after completing their art.

Kindergarten Transition will continue next Tuesday. Students will attend from 9.00am until 1.00pm. They will need to bring some fruit for fruit break, a drink bottle, recess food and a hat for when we go outside into the playground. All the staff and students at Merriwa Central School are looking forward to seeing our new students next week as they join us for recess eating and play time.
ROAR CAPTAIN’S UPDATE

ROAR has participated in several events during the school year. We were honoured to be invited to attend and help run the ‘Learning to Lead’ program hosted by Molong Central School. This initiative was a great experience for ROAR members as it put them in the position of either being a leader, or helping out and learning to lead. Our second event was the annual ROAR Petting Zoo at the Festival of the Fleeces. Many boys came and volunteered their hours whether it was set up, pack up or helping to run the petting zoo. Over $1200.00 was raised at the petting zoo, with all proceeds going to Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, and we aim to have another petting zoo at this year’s Relay for Life. ROAR also raffled a signed 2014 Cronulla Shark’s playing jersey, kindly donated by Mrs Meyer, along with several other gifts, in support of Footy Colours Day. We raised over $500.00 which was donated to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Thank you.

John Cronin

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Di’s Clothing Patch are now taking pre-orders for Merriwa Central School uniforms. Parents of new Kindergarten students, and existing Primary and Secondary students, can now place their order for all uniform requirements. Currently, they have all polo’s, shorts and skorts, caps and hats in stock ready to go.

UNIFORMS MADE TO ORDER

Primary school dresses, navy skirts and senior skirts are all made to order and need to be ordered in early January to ensure that they are ready for the beginning of Term 1.

Megan Sinderberry
Kingergarten Teacher for 2016

ROAR Profile
John Cronin
Year 11
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This week in the TAS faculty, Year 9/10 Food Technology students have been given the task to prepare components for a children’s birthday party. To develop an understanding of food for special occasions, students have to design a theme and menu for their children’s birthday party. Coinciding with the theme of the party, students are planning and preparing a suitable cake to feed 12 children.

In Week 3, Term 4, students have been organising for the cake cook up by planning for and ordering the correct ingredients. Students worked well to follow individual recipes and restricted time constraints. Ideas for final cake decorations have spanned from cupcakes with bumble bees, chocolate Kit Kat cakes through to multi coloured batter for a colourful cake creation. To aid the students for final decoration and assembly, the students have drawn an annotated image of the cake they propose to make. Keep your eyes peeled for final cake designs.

Year 12 Hospitality students are off to work placement this week. Some students are staying in town to complete work placement, whilst others are heading as far as Forster for the week. This placement will allow students to further develop industry knowledge and skills which the students have been developing at school. Good luck Year 12!

Favourite Subject: Mathematics and Visual Arts
Best Personal Achievements: Making the Representative Netball team for Scone and winning the Netball Grand Final
Extra-Curricular Activities: Netball and Touch Football

SRC Student Liaison Officers Comment: Elly is a positive and supportive member of the Year 7 cohort. She always participates in activities inside and outside of the classroom, working hard at her studies and representing the school on many occasions at sporting events such as Zone Athletics and eight a side Cricket. Elly tries her absolute best when at school and as such is a well-deserved recipient of this week’s Student of the Week. Elly has shown great initiative and dedication in her first year of High School and always works hard. Keep up the great work, Elly.

Patrick Lomax - Year Advisor

Adam Constable is placing vanilla batter into the baking tray. Adam is preparing for a chocolate and lolly themed party

Dylan Cox is successfully removing his chocolate cake from the tin for cooling before he freezes it for next week’s lesson. Dylan will be preparing a Kit Kat and Malteser chocolate extravaganza

Sarah Bendall
TAS teacher

Student of the Week
Elly Blackadder
Year 7

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Many years ago someone said to me that Term 4 is really just a winding down term, students do Christmas craft and teachers tidy up loose ends. It wasn’t the truth then and I can assure you it couldn’t be further from the truth now.

Assessment for learning is a major focus at St Joseph’s. Mrs Peebles and I attended a day with Professor Geoff Masters in Week 2. Geoff is an internationally acclaimed expert on assessment and other areas of education. Geoff reinforced that “The fundamental purpose of assessment is to establish where learners are in their learning at the time of assessment”. What we then do with this information is critical.

This year we have invested in additional forms of assessment to measure student learning in Maths, Comprehension and Spelling. These are diagnostic assessment instruments which the students complete online. We are in the process of completing these with the students from Year 1 – Year 6. The information gained from this process, along with NAPLAN information and all the varying and ongoing forms of assessment carried out daily by the classroom teacher, will inform the direction of future teaching so that learning can progress for each student. We look forward to providing the students and parents with feedback.

Regional competitions have been a highlight this term. Students have had learning experiences in Public Speaking and Maths Mentals at class level and then our school representatives have been selected to compete at regional level. The purpose of these events is to give the students a real incentive to practise their skills so that they may improve them. Thank you to the families who have supported their children in this pursuit at home. Thanks also to those who were able to come into school to watch the class finals. There is real value in performing for an audience.

Cody Bates, Amy Redgate, Korey Halse, Lauren Redgate and Darcy Moore all the best as they compete in the Maths Mentals Bee this Wednesday. This is a new event and we are keen to see what progress all our students make in their maths mentals learning as a result.

League tag has been the sport of choice at lunch times recently. Thank you to Matt Morgan, Jeremy Nicholls and Mike Wong for coming into school to coach the children in this great game. We look forward to competing in the competition on Wednesday.

Film making is a focus for Stage 3 students over the next few weeks. Mrs Hall our CSO Education Officer – Learning Technologies, is assisting the students to create an informative film about St Joseph’s Merriwa. The skills learned through this engaging experience are many and varied.

NRMA Science and Road Safety Day is offered free of charge to schools on behalf of NRMA Members who value child road safety education. The Road Safety Day at St Joseph’s, valued at $2500.00, is on Monday November 2 and involves three Road Safety Shows, learning materials for all the students and their parents. The Road Safety show explores the forces acting on humans in cars and on bikes and will demonstrate how helmets and seatbelts keep humans safe.

• Parents are invited to come along to learn more about how they can teach their children to be safe on the road
• Students are asked to bring their bike helmets along to learn how to fit them correctly.

WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW - As part of this semester’s work, we have engaged the World of Maths Roadshow to visit our school on Tuesday November 17. St Joseph’s Parents and Friends Association has seen the value of this show and has kindly covered the entire cost for the day. There will be no charge to any student.

We wish Arlia Parker, Lula Peebles, Toby Jamieson, Cody Bates, Amy Redgate, Korey Halse, Lauren Redgate and Darcy Moore all the best as they compete in the Maths Mentals Bee this Wednesday. This is a new event and we are keen to see what progress all our students make in their maths mentals learning as a result.
of their curriculum this term. It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun! Parents are invited to attend (at no cost).

Lunch time in the Library is proving to be very popular this term. Reading, computer work, Monopoly, Battleships, Connect 4, colouring in, homework and many other activities are being experienced. Please feel free to join us. Your child does not need to be engaged in Library activities for you to join us.

Surveys were sent home to all parents of Infants students to evaluate the classroom structure implemented this year. We have almost all surveys back now and I look forward to analysing the results and sharing feedback with you in the Parents in Partnership time in our next P and F meeting Monday November 9 at 4.30pm in the Mackillop Room.

Skoolbag App is proving very popular for communication between school and home. It has been great to get almost instantaneous feedback on the recent quick, short surveys sent via the APP. Thanks to all the parents who are using the APP to alert us when their child is going to be absent from school.

The P and F AGM will be held on Monday November 30 at the RSL Club. We hope all parents are able to join us on this evening.

A shared supper in the MacKillop Room will be held next Saturday evening after 6.00pm Mass. If you would like to experience the friendly community atmosphere of St Anne’s Parish, please feel very welcome. Tea, coffee and drinks for the kids are provided and we ask everyone to bring supper to share.

Congratulations to the following award winners-

Kindergarten - Alana Telfer – for wonderful addition skills when working with ‘Friends of Ten’
Mollie Beaven – for always trying her best in Literacy Groups
Year 1/2 - Toby Jamieson – for fantastically accurate adding and subtracting in maths
Sam Grady – for great effort and achievement in all Key Learning Areas
Claudia Patterson – for showing fantastic concentration skills during class counting activities
Year 3/4 - Roy Lawler - for a great effort in class
Patrick McLaren - for always being a kind member of our class
Year 5/6 - Tia Magner - for always taking pride in her work
John Magner - for always displaying beautiful manners
Playground Champion - Dylan Turner - for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship
Mollie Beaven - for being a kind and caring member of our school
Principal’s Awards - Jock Grady for being an engaged and enthusiastic learner in Library lessons
Dylan Turner for exhibiting great learning habits in the classroom
Gaby Nichols for being ready and willing to take initiative in the classroom.

Helen Whale
Principal
On Saturday, Cassilis Public School celebrated 140 years of Education, and what a fantastic day it was!

From 10.00am to 4.00pm, Cassilis School was inundated with past and present students, staff, parents and community members who all came to share in the historic event.

Thank you to all the friends of the school, who came, shared their stories, enjoyed the classroom displays, joined us for lunch and for the assembly and really appreciated all the effort that had been made to make the day such a great success.

It was wonderful to see all the familiar faces but also meeting new people with a mutual passion for our wonderful school. Everyone spoke with such positive praise for Cassilis and hearing their memories was a great experience.

A massive thank you to the Cassilis staff who worked for many extra hours in the last month to make Saturday such a success. Their continuing dedication and desire to make sure our students are given many great opportunities and that the students' achievements are always celebrated is amazing!

Maddie, our school leader, did a brilliant job running the assembly and showed her great potential as a leader. Thank you, Maddie.

Thank you to the partners of our staff members and their children for all your help as well. It was fantastic to have past students offer to do jobs and work so hard. We could not have done it without you.

Special thanks should go to Kathy Sumpter for all the work she did including repainting the school sign, sketching the picture for the raffle, helping to set up the classrooms and writing the article for the Merriwa Ringer, which highlighted the fascinating history of our school.

Also thank you to Denise Day and Andrew Taylor for all their hard work making the School grounds look even more spectacular than usual and to the CWA for providing morning and afternoon tea for visitors on the day! Your support is greatly appreciated.
The cake, that was made by Leslie Constable from Merriwa, looked amazing and tasted delicious!

Some photos of the school being set up for the event can be seen below and more photos will be displayed in next week’s newsletter.

**RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS**

Thank you for supporting our raffle. We made around $220.00 to put towards replacing our ageing and damaged high jump mats at school.

Thank you to Coolah Black Stump Butchers and Coolah Bakery who kindly donated vouchers. Thank you also to Kathy Sumpter, Anne-Maree Nairne and Leanne Hunt who also kindly donated prizes.

The winners were:

- **First** Graham Riley
- **Second** Jann Wilton
- **Third** Fiona Strachan
- **Fourth** Eric Hermitage
- **Fifth** Fiona Strachan
- **Sixth** Elizabeth Lemam
- **Seventh** Warrick Nairne
- **Eighth** Denise Day
- **Nineth** Des Tumball
- **Tenth** Don Hourn
- **Eleventh** Fiona Cornish

**GRASSHOPPER SOCCER**

Soccer with Nicole from Grasshopper Soccer continued today and the kids had an absolute ball as you can see from the photo below.
Sandy Hollow Public School is everything a great school should be. It has great staff, excellent students and supportive parents who come together to be much greater than the sum of their parts. I am thankful for the support I have had from the school community in my short time here and I have been privileged to be part of some enjoyable events including the Teacher Appreciation Day assembly, Bike Safety Day, Drumming workshops and the Cassilis Sports Day. A great school takes time and effort to create and the Sandy Hollow Public School community should be proud of what they have accomplished. It has been a pleasure to be part of such a wonderful community.

Glen Kite
Acting Principal

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

Year 6 students will attend the final Year 7 Orientation day at Merriwa Central School on Thursday, October 29.

DENMAN SANDY HOLLOW PRESENTATION

Congratulations to our footie players! On Saturday Denman Sandy Hollow Junior Rugby League Football Club held their end of year presentation. Students from our school were recognised for their commitment throughout the 2015 season. In addition, the following students were awarded trophies; Jacob Marsh (Under 11’s) Best and Fairest, Hunter Marsh (Under 11’s) Best Back, Dustynn Turner (Under 10’s) Best and Fairest. Dustynn also received the Wayne Pittman Memorial award for Overall Best and Fairest player in the club - a huge achievement. Well done to all players.

Michelle Walker

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN YEAR 2/3

This term in writing we are studying informative texts. The focus for the past two weeks and next week is learning to write an explanation. During this time we have focused on what an explanation is and the structure needed to write one. All children have identified the grammatical features needed to write an explanation and how these can be used to make their own writing more interesting and informative.

In English our focus is on “The Wishing Well”, a short story in the Book Mouse Tales by Arnold Lobel. During this time the class will be learning; how visual images add information to the story, how repetition in the story develops and adds to the character’s emotions, how the author uses word choices to help us make inferences about the characters and how the author builds suspense to add the complication of the story.

During Mathematics Year 3 are studying the investigation “Follow Freddy”. In this investigation, students will take a hike through the wild rainforest and follow Freddy by using a set of complicated clues. Students will create their own adventure by designing their own map, writing their own clues and plotting a new path through the rainforest.

During Mathematics Year 2 are studying the topic “Dog Tales”. This investigation involves students to work out how much food is required to feed third.

In Kristy’s Primary Parader’s class there were 128 paraders and Kristy placed ninth.

Sundays Junior Judging Primary section Kristy was in the top five places and had to do orals on the steers that they judged and placed third.

We will have to wait till later in the week to see how he hangs on the hook. Thank you to everyone who has supported me throughout the year.

UPPER HUNTER BEEF BONANZA

Brooster weighed in at 384kgs and was in heat two of the lightweight class, in which he placed third.
their neighbours dogs and how much water is required to water the neighbour’s plants while they are away for eight days. They experience a problem with the dog eating the watering can, so now they have to work out how many two litre ice cream containers are needed to water the plants. As a result of all their work they will then need to work out how much pocket money they will earn.

Tammy Parker

WEEKLY AWARDS

• Abby Cooper - great use of speech in writing
• Angus Higgins - helping others in maths
• Dustynn Turner - demonstrating excellent persistence in maths
• Andy Olive - improvement in reading
• Marshall Hinze - demonstrating very good editing skills
• Isabelle Pike - working diligently to complete all tasks.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten/Year 1/2 - Riley Borradaile, Reagan Turner and Archie Johnson

Year 3/4/5/6 - Hunter Marsh, Kristy Walker and Nicholas Terrell.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Hunter Marsh - excellent work in maths.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

Andrew Harris - helping others in fundamental movements

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Gabby McLean, Kaylan Blackhurst-Marsh, Thomas McLean, Shykiah Walters and Isabella Wright attended school for their first full day at school last Wednesday.

The children’s activities began with a focus on listening. What should we do to improve our listening skills? They learnt firstly it is important to look at the person who is speaking; secondly keep your body still and lastly think about what is being said.

All the children’s literacy, numeracy and craft activities involved them practising these skills throughout the morning.

This week during Kindergarten Orientation the children concentrated on the skills associated with: Using Nice Talk, saying please and thank you. This is taught by using the book ‘John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat’. Also the children were involved in role plays and craft activities to enable them to grasp these concepts in a relaxed environment.

Following recess the children revised the day of the week covered last week. Through reading the story ‘One Hungry Spider’ they are introduced to numbers one to ten. To conclude this session a variety of number games were played and rhymes shared.

PEER SUPPORT

Last Wednesday our peer support program began for 2015. Following lunch the entire school came together under the COLA where the children were placed into eight groups. The leaders for each of the activities are the Year 6 students. The leaders of each group are the Kinders buddies.

Before the children start the activities they revise the social skill that the new Kinders learnt that morning, which was Listening. Through role play and discussion everyone familiarises themselves with LOOK, STAY STILL and THINK.

This week the focus of the week was: USING NICE TALK AND SAYING PLEASE and THANK YOU. All the children are encouraged by their group leaders to use these skills during the afternoon activities, which include egg and spoon races, target ball, hit ball, sack races, triangular balls, frisbies, blind ball and pom poms, and bank, river and ball games.

The staff will be reminding the children at school of how to effectively use these skills. However, could we please ask you as parents to encourage your children to use these in their home environment, then it will become an automatic response when they are mixing with other people.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club coordinator, Irena, very generously donated to Sandy Hollow School a copy of the book “The Power of Humanity, 100 Years of Red Cross”, as a thank you for participating in the breakfast club program. The gift was kindly accepted by our Captain Hunter Marsh and Vice-Captain Jake Pike.

Pauline Bullock
EXCURSION TO HUNTER VALLEY ZOO

The children were bursting with excitement as they boarded the bus and waved goodbye to their families, for most it was their very first excursion. Ashton got everybody in the mood when he started to sing “We are going to the zoo TODAY”! Sitting up so high in the bus allowed the children to see lots of things - they saw cows, horses, motorbikes flying over jumps, bulldozers and bobcats.

There was a short break on the way and morning tea on the bus. Everyone was super excited to reach the zoo just in time for the monkey show. The zoo keeper explained that these were the type of monkeys used in movies and they are very smart, even able to unlatch their door if it wasn’t locked! Jensen, Jai and Buster were enthralled watching the clever monkeys jumping around and catching pieces of food. Next the handlers showed us a tortoise and wombat that the children patted. Everyone then lined up and almost all the children took turns to pat a koala, many getting a photo with them.

A barbeque lunch was shared in the shade before exploring the rest of the zoo. Lilly loved patting the goats, Hugo and Chad were very impressed with the alligators. Samuel was a little unsure of the beautiful but very big peacocks; Rylan looked at the dingos asleep on the back of the truck. There were so many interesting animals to look at – Meerkats, Marmosets, Malayan Tapir, many Australian reptiles, exotic and native birds and lots more. Before long it was time to hop back on the bus and head for home. There was lots of talk on the bus about which animal was their favourite. A snack and play at Jerry’s Plains was a good break before the last part of the trip back to Merriwa. Many very exhausted children were met by their parents and no doubt had many stories to tell of such a fun excursion.

Thank you to all the parent helpers who joined us for the day!

Do you have a child who is two years old and would like to attend Pre-School? Next year we have limited spaces available on Monday. Please call the Pre-School for more information.

Parents and Caregivers, you are invited to join us at Pre-School on Wednesday November 4 to participate in some spring gardening with the children. We were successful in our application to Cole’s supermarket for a grant of $1000.00 to assist us with this small project. Please feel free to remain at the Pre-School at drop off time and we can get our hands dirty in the garden.

Swimming will begin next week for the older children at the Activity centre. It will continue for the remainder of the year on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please bring along swimming clothes and towel and $2.50 for pool admission or a season ticket.

Thank you.

Miss Leah and Miss Heidi
Non Emergency Medical Transport

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.

Bryan Baker

Merriwa Rotary

Melbourne Cup and Calcutta

The Melbourne Cup is almost upon us. They are nearly at the starting gates.

Merriwa Rotarians are selling tickets for both the Sweeps and the Calcutta. It’s the Race that stops a Nation.

The draw will be held at the Sports Club on Monday... Cup Eve commencing 7.00pm.

As always, an excellent barbeque dinner will be available to anyone who would like one. All are welcome to attend, individually, in pairs or in groups.

The Calcutta Draw and Auction is always an exciting and entertaining highlight of the evening....compered by Gavin Beard whose spontaneous humour contributes to a night of fun.

For anyone wishing to participate without committing to spend excessively, syndicates are formed on the night, to share the expense.... and hopefully.... the prize money.

Please come along, enjoy an exciting evening, and help Merriwa Rotary with its community assistance programs.

NZ Exchange

We have welcomed back to Merriwa our NZ Short Term exchange students Paige and Teianna, both of whom addressed our club with confidence on their New Zealand adventure.

Mark Smith
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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

WHAT’S ON

November 14: Debutante ball

November 5: Ladies Guild ‘Bring and Share’ lunch for the last meeting of the year. Well done ladies Brilliant effort!

FOCUS

In today’s Mark reading we encounter a blind man who cries out to Jesus over the noise of a crowd on a busy road. Bartimaeus knows what many do not yet perceive – that Jesus is “the Son of David,” the Messiah, the anointed one for whom all of Israel waits. After receiving his sight from Jesus, Bartimaeus acts upon this great insight, and follows him “on the way.”

Like Job and Bartimaeus, we must allow ourselves to feel our pain and cry out to God about all that concerns us. It is through facing our pain that we acknowledge how much we really care. When have you cried out for yourself or others in need? What kind of response did you receive?

This focus of scripture explores the story of one who took the risk to cry out. It is a gospel/good news story because of what it tells. Jesus takes notice of this one who cries out. It is important how we express this – words like “God is with you” or “Jesus cares about you” need to be shared with a deep sensitivity to people’s situations. Being present with others through empathy is ultimately better than quick, glib lines that could leave another feeling a failure.

We can finish with this Poem.. Let mindfulness put you in the moment of reading the words and exploring in your mind what they may be speaking to you.

Blind Bart’s Leap

Open our eyes, O Holy Wisdom, to what we cannot see, despite out looking.

Open our eyes, Source of All Truth, to what we refuse to see, despite our need.

Open our eyes, Sacred Coincidence, to the opportunities that pass right before us, despite our protests of bad luck.

Open our eyes, Alluring Love, to the future you call us to create, despite our disbelief.

Show us the way, that we might shed our sightless selves like an old cloak and leap.

With blind Bartimaeus, at the Christ’s invitation to restore our vision.

Amen.
~ If Darwin Prayed, by Bruce Sanguin
Rosalie Drew
Community Notice Board

Congratulations
KIRSTY INDER AND BROCK MORGAN

Congratulations to Brock Morgan on your recent engagement to Kirsty Inder. We wish you both all the love and happiness for your lives together.

Amylee, Kate, Gaynor, Ben, Zach, Jessyca, Seth and families

In Memory
CHERYL ANN BYFIELD
(NEE TRAIN)

18 years have passed,
Memories are still here,
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts.

Sister - Eva, Brother in Law - Mick Towler and our families

Merriwa Swimming Club
LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS

Learn to swim lessons for the next three weeks is currently full. The committee are taking names for any vacancies.

SWIMMERS OF THE WEEK FOR SWIMMING CLUB
Junior Squad - Arlia Parker and Ava Peel
Senior Squad - Charles Brazier and Helena Parker, Congratulations.

Jodie Magner

Merriwa Relay For Life
ROAD CLOSURES

As part of our Relay for Life the following road closures will be in place on behalf of the upper hunter shire council:

Bow Street from Sollys Lane to the Southern end of the School of Arts Building, from 9.30am – 5.30pm.

Sollys Lane from Bow Street to Vennacher Street from 9.30am-12.30pm.

The Section of Sollys Lane joining School of Arts Building from 9.30am – 5.30pm.

Pausha Prigent

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

CWA

The Annual General meeting was held on the October 12

President: Barbara Campbell
Secretary: Robyn McAlister
Treasurer: Vicki Hanson

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday November 9 at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms.

New members are always welcome.

Next month’s cooking will be a Sultana Cake and Light Fruit Cake.

Penelope will have more information on this next week.

CWA has grants on offer for Year 11 students going into Year 12 and Year 12 Students entering tertiary studies. Mature age may also apply.

Applications are available from the school or phone Robyn 0429 487 241 or 6548 3274.

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

Robyn McAlister

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The Merriwa Ringer
COULD EVERYBODY PLEASE READ

Over the last few months we have had many calls on our emergency line by people who are trying to phone the local police. Unfortunately, in an old Ringer Directory, the number supplied was incorrect. Our number is 6548 2538.

To be sure that you have the correct Directory check that the Police number is 6548 2203. Using the Directory from the Ringer is something that most of us do but please ensure that you have the correct and most recent Directory. This can be done by replacing your old copy for the one that has been supplied in this weeks Ringer.

Thank you.

Stephanie Hook

Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who attended the fundraiser on Saturday night at the Merriwa RSL Club.

We all had an enjoyable night raising funds for a great cause. The winners of the raffle were:

First: Annette Henry
Second: Barbara Cronin
Third: Vanessa Nash
Fourth: Amanda Waters

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and pink ribbon merchandise. A HUGE thank you to Eva Tower for selling tickets down the main street last Friday. She did a wonderful job as always.

We were treated to a fashion parade hosted by Di’s Clothing Patch. We were delighted with beautiful modern fashion including handbags, beads, hats and fascinators. A big thank you Di for her support towards this event, it was a great addition to the evening. Also a big thank you to Sally Hagley for standing in as MC for the parade. She did a wonderful job at short notice. The models, Vicki Gleeson, Vanessa Nash and Jodie Inder all looked fabulous.

I would like to thank everyone that donated prizes allowing us to hold a raffle and lucky door prizes.

- Di Inder
  - Hollie Hunt
  - Marie Scott
  - Teressa and Patrick Williams
  - Amanda Tudor
  - Max and Yvonne McNaught
  - Louise Hunt

- Larissa Hockings
- Karen Gumb (Sandy Hollow Tourist Hotel)
- Amanda Kemp
- Fiona Morgan
- Richelle Kearns
- Zoe Jamieson and Mark Kirkland
- Mel Parker

Thank you to Merriwa RSL and Craig MacPherson Haulage for sponsoring Music Entertainment by Jake of Portable Sound and Audio Hire. Jake did an excellent job providing us with music throughout the night. Thank you Jake.

Thank you to the Merriwa Ringer for sponsoring our advertising. It was much appreciated.

I am pleased to announce that we have raised a total of $1633.00. I am overwhelmed by the generosity people have shown towards this very important cause. Thank you again for all your support.

Megan Constable

Anglican Deb Ball

Results with a huge ‘thank you’ to all who contributed to The Anglican Deb Ball 100 Club.

First: Jenny Lee
Second: Del Leggett
Third: Joe Shepherd

All prizes may be collected from Di’s Clothing Patch.

Also there is a Black Jacket that has been left in “Holy Trinity”. It has been there for some weeks. If you think it may be yours or someone you know please on 0429 996 769.

Rosalie Drew

Congratulations

Mark and Dianne Inder have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Kirsty to Brock, son of Duncan Morgan and Cynthia Morgan. We are all very excited about the engagement and we look forward to celebrating their special day with them.

Love and best wishes from both families.

Di Inder

Megan Constable
Community Notice Board

**VESAP Volunteering**

**HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT**

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

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.

Save the Date

**CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK**

This year the Christmas in the Park will be held on December 13 at 7.00pm at Apex Park.

**Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre and Mens’ Shed**

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**

**REVISED DATE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Due to clash of dates please note that the Annual General Meeting for the Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre has been changed.

**NEW TIME**

**Date:** Wednesday November 25
**Time:** 4.00pm
**Where:** Mens’s Shed

This is your chance to come and have your say!

Edith Shipway

**Merriwa Campdraft and Rodeo**

**When:** Thursday November 5
**Time:** 7.00pm
**Where:** Merriwa RSL Club

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

Megan Richards

**Messy Church**

Messy Church will be held:

**When:** Friday October 30
**Where:** Parish Hall
**Theme:** A New Start – Noah’s story.

Rosalie Drew and Messy Church team

Ringer Deadline!

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

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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!

CATALOGUE
The Christmas catalogue is out now and is packed full of Christmas gift ideas - for the kids, the work colleague, the friend, and the loved ones. There are cards, wrap, bon bons, decorations, and more.

TICK TOCK
We have beautiful, elegant wall clocks in store now. They have the bonus features of temperature and humidity gauges, whilst still being pretty and classic. There are also great kids’ wall clocks that are colourful and fun - including the blue dog and the green frog. Come in and grab one today.

BEAT THE HEAT
It is predicted to be a long, hot, dry summer. Keep cool with these fun ideas that are advertised for the kids but secretly enjoyed by those who can still remember running under a sprinkler on a hot day! We have super soakers, no-tie water bombs with special tap connectors, and slip’n’slides for the days ahead we all love and dread at the same time!

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

SKWEEK
These stationery sets are great for the tweeny-boppers in your family. They include a clear plastic pencil case, A4 exercise book, puzzle ruler, sticker sheet, colour pencils, sharpener, key ring, curly pencil grips, mini highlighters and more. There are four different designs including Princess and Monsters.

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! The December issue comes with BONUS wooden decorations. They can be painted up, used as gift tags, strung onto a garland, and more. There are show-stopper desserts that will be the centrepiece and talking point of your family Christmas! There are 30 different ideas to make gifts and goodies - some of them are super yummy. There are summer vegies to plant NOW. There is even a ten page colouring pull out. Get it now!

DISCOUNT VOUCHERS
Our shopper dockets now include a discount voucher. Come in and find out more today!

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Leanne Hook
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Please be aware that Dr Emad Jasem and our Practice Nurse will be away from the Surgery on Friday October 30 and Saturday October 31, as well as Saturday November 7. Please note that our afterhours 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 advice. 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 October 26 till Friday November 6. Please take care during this time.

Dr Emad Jasem

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Orders will need to be in by no later than Monday afternoons for a delivery every Friday.

The seafood will be fresh from Sydney markets with a range of a variety of whole and fish fillets, Oysters, Prawns and much more will be available – come in and talk to us about the range of seafood and your ordering options.

Located at 131 Bettington Street Merriwa or by phoning us on 6584 2375.

Yvonne and Max McNaught

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Look for Merriwa Central School’s official page!

Download the free Merriwa Central School App.
MCS in touch with our community!
ATTEMPTED BREAK IN MERRIWA PHARMACY

At 3.15am Saturday October 24 an unsuccessful attempt was made to break into the Merriwa Pharmacy. Security was on the scene within minutes to find one of the front fixed glass panels shattered but intact. Two brick size river stones were on the ground in the immediate vicinity.

A review of security footage shows a late model light coloured extra cab hilux with a tray back driving into the pharmacy laneway from the IGA carpark. The driver can be seen getting out of the vehicle and approaching the door of the pharmacy then returning to the vehicle a short time later (assumedly after triggering the pharmacy alarm). The vehicle then turned out onto Bettington Street towards Dubbo.

The event was reported immediately to the NSW Police hotline that advised that the incident was classified as “Malicious Damage” and would not be investigated further unless further evidence came to light.

It should be noted that Merriwa Pharmacy carries minimal amounts of pseudoephedrine products and cash on the premises. Drugs of addiction (when stocked) are secured in a secure drug safe.

Whilst the recent attack is disconcerting it is the first such attempt in several years and it is reassuring to know that our security system was up to the task. In view of this event we will be further upgrading our video surveillance in the coming weeks.

The nature of the attempted break-in was unsophisticated and illogical. Broken glass can be replaced however substance abuse shatters lives. If you or a loved one is experiencing problems with substance abuse Merriwa Pharmacy can discretely assist in accessing support services.

Merriwa Pharmacy would like to extend our thanks to Guild Insurance and Windscreens O’Brien Muswellbrook who had the window repaired by 11.00am the same morning. We also wish to extend our thanks to the businesses that have assisted with additional security footage.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Mental health is a state of wellbeing in which individuals cope with the normal stresses of life, work productively and fruitfully, and make a contribution to their community. Mental illness, on the other hand, describes a number of diagnosable disorders that can significantly interfere with a person’s cognitive, emotional or social abilities.
aspects to managing mental illness is medicine management. Pharmacists are medicines experts and can assist you with understanding how your medicines work and any possible side effects. Pharmacies also offer services which can help people living with mental illness maintain their independence. For example medication management services such as Dose Administration Aids. Visit your local pharmacy and find out how they can help.

Pharmacies can also provide advice on ways to maintain your mental health, and cope with stress. There is a series of mental health information cards available from Merriwa Pharmacy. These cards cover a number of topics such as Anxiety, Depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

There are also useful Fact Cards covering a range of related topics such as Relaxation Techniques and Sleeping Problems, all with helpful tips.

Robert Smith

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”!

Hunter Local Lands Services

SPRING FIELD DAY

Merriwa’s farmers were warned wild dogs play a big role in the spread of Sheep Measles at the Hunter Local Land Services Spring Field Day this month. Newly appointed Hunter LLS District Veterinarian Jane Bennett explained the important link between wild dog and fox populations and the increasing prevalence of sheep measles now picked up in 60 per cent of sheep consignments to NSW abattoirs and affecting five per cent of these kills. ‘Sheep measles are part of the life cycle of a tapeworm parasite with sheep infected by eating pasture contaminated with infected dog faeces from domestic dogs, wild dogs and even foxes,’ Dr Bennett said. Sheep measles cannot be easily detected in live sheep and the symptoms can affect end product marketability showing up as small cysts or dots on infected carcasses at the abattoir which if condemned can be traced to property of origin. ‘For sheep producers an integrated approach is needed for effective control so start with regular worm treatment of all dogs every four weeks with tablets containing praziquantel and control the access of any dogs to grazing paddocks which includes implementing an effective feral animal control program,’ Dr Bennett said. Hunter LLS Senior Biosecurity Officer, Stefanie McCowen demonstrated the benefits of field and camera surveillance to assess wild dog problems. ‘Wild dog control is vital not only for producers who are experiencing sheep losses from wild dog attacks but for all landholders as wild dogs will also attack calves and are play a large role in the spread of parvo virus and sheep measles,’ Ms McCowen explained.

The 40 farmers attending the event enjoyed a tour of the GRDC’s National Variety Trials and crown rot research on the Inder family’s ‘Farley’ property, led by the NSW DPI cropping experts Peter Matthews and Steven Simpfendorfer. AgCon’s Pete McKenzie walked growers through GRDC and ICAN’s weed project and Auswest Seeds’ Frank McRae and Merriwa’s Landmark Townsend agronomist, Tim Sawley provided fodder crop advice. Sarah Giblin of Hunter LLS said nothing compared to viewing the performance of different crop varieties in the paddock under local conditions.

For more information about other upcoming events, wild dog control or cropping advice contact the Hunter LLS Merriwa Office 6548 2175 or Scone 6540 2400.

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Sally and Michael Hagley

Di Inder

Handbags and Wallets

Bursting with colour our new summer range of handbags in just about every shape and colour. After a new wallet? New ones have also come in and are also in an array of shapes and colours.

Di’s Clothing Patch

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We are now taking pre-orders for Merriwa Central School uniforms. Parents of new Kindergarten students, and existing Primary and Secondary students, can now place their order for all uniform requirements. Currently, in stock we have all polo’s, shorts and skorts, caps and hats ready to go.

UNIFORMS MADE TO ORDER

Primary school dresses, navy skirts and senior skirts are all made to order and need to be ordered in early January to ensure that they are ready for the beginning of Term 1.

EIGHT WEEKS TILL CHRISTMAS

With the warmer weather now here and Christmas just around the corner it is a good time to get ready for the festive season. We are now taking laybys up until Christmas Eve with new stock arriving weekly. We can help you find that special gift for everyone. A great gift idea with a personal touch is a bath towel or bath sheet embroidered with a name. We have an array of towels in many colours in store. Get in early to avoid the last minute rush.

MEN’S WEAR

For the smartly dressed man this summer, why not come in and have a look at the great range of race shirts and ties, shirts and shorts.

CHILDREN’S WEAR

Our new childcare clothing by Korango are now in, bursting with great colours in dresses, shirts, shorts and hats as well as summer shoes and thongs.

LADIES WEAR

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Be ready for the spring races by finding that special fascinator or accessory to help you with the ‘fashions on the fields’.

Can’t find the hat you are after? Let me put your mind at rest. Hats are still available and can to be ordered in if we don’t have what you’re after in stock.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If you need assistance from
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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

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Merriwa Ringer Directory

A quick reference guide to all that support the Merriwa Ringer

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**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle October 24**
Saturday members draw no 78, was not won – next week $150.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $360.00

Dinner: Ken Bevan

Bowls Raffle: Gordon Taylor

Free Tickets: Beatrice Voysey

**Sunday Raffle October 25**
Sunday members draw - No. 402, was not won. Next week $1400.00.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**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. Guest appearance by the Bow River Daredevils.

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

**Sunday December 6** – Children’s Christmas Party (see staff for details).

Julie Smith

**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

**Cassilis Bowling Club**

Friday night raffles

Members Draw, Joker Draw, Meat/vege tray draw, Schooner Draw.

**October 23** – Member’s draw - $65.00 – Rod Cunningham – unclaimed - $70.00 next week.

**Joker draw** - $694.00 – Kevin O’Malley unsuccessful - $732.00 next week.

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The Members Lucky Badge for $700.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 806, this week it jackpots to $750.00.

The 7.00pm draw for $160.00 was not won, the number was 693, this week it jackpots to $180.00.

The Thursday Badge draw for $120.00 was not won, the number was 66, this week it jackpots to $140.00 and will be drawn between 6.00pm–7.00pm. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $750.00 was not won last week, the number was 802, this week commences at $800.00 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.

‘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 24, Merriwa RSL Cricket Club played Rouchel at Merriwa on the No 2 oval. Merriwa batted first, posting 124 runs with Chris Saunders top scoring with 44. Welcome to the team Chris. Rouchel chased down the total without the loss of a wicket giving them a 10 wicket win. Unfortunately I wasn’t at the game so cannot give an entertaining description of the game. This Saturday the RSL team take on the Warriors at Scone. A reminder to all players that training is Thursday starting at 4.30pm and finishing at 6.00pm just in time to make happy hour at the RSL club.

Merriwa RSL Cricket Club would like to thank their sponsors for the 2015/16 season;
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Matt Morgan

Sporting

Merriwa Rugby League
Football Club

Yesterday the AGM for Merriwa Magpies Senior League was held at the RSL club.
The results from the meeting:
Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Public Officer, Publicity Officer and Ground Manager have been filled.

POSITIONS VACANT

President, Ground Keeper and Canteen Coordinator.

Next meeting is Monday November 16, 2015 at 5.30pm at the Merriwa RSL Club.
If you think you are able to take on one of these positions please come along.
Thank you.

Also thank you to Mark Kirkland (Bear) for all your years on the committee, all the best.

Jessyca Morgan

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blitzing the field to take home overall Champion for her age group, Reserve in the show jumping and was unbeaten in sporting. Clancy Martin was equally impressive on talented mare Eva making ‘flat out’ in the sporting look effortless – he also take home Champion over all for his age group. Cameron Ninness did a brilliant job on four year old Macca, a young horse he is training himself, making the finals in the sporting events and always being on hand to help out the younger members of the team. April Lawler gave the tough competition a run for their money in the sporting taking home ribbon after ribbon and a stirling fourth in the senior team of fours while her little niece Tori followed in her mum and grandmother’s ‘horse mad’ footsteps. Just coming off the lead, Tori stepped up on Brookie giving it her best shot all weekend fearlessly making the finals in the flag race. Go Tori!

Other pint sized pearlers included Pia Henderson who was in her element being part of jamboree. Pia teamed up with Mia Morgan in the massive junior pairs class, placing an incredible fifth. Mia went on to show them how it’s done in the Bareback riding her ‘arm chair’ Brave Jay placing fourth. Nicholas Morgan was on fire all weekend on his borrowed mount Ruby, coming second in the Bonfield and Bareback, fourth in the barrels and mug and third in the flag finals. Best buddies in the under 7’s Georgia Maben, Kirra Green and Isla Murphy all had a wonderful time with Georgia delighted to win Educated Mount and her rider class, second in Pleasure and Bareback, fourth in Mug and scored a brilliant 44/60 in the Utility. Kirra was equally impressive placing in almost everything alongside Isla Murphy who’s grin was priceless when her name was called out Reserve Champion overall.

Of the 18 riders, 16 made the finals in the sporting and eight placed either Champion or Reserve overall. This is without question a reflection of the high calibre of coaching and instruction received from our instructors throughout the season. On behalf of the members, sincere thanks to president Clare Martin, chief instructor
Merriwa Touch Football Club

It is time again to remind all players of the Code of Conduct rules that they signed when registering for the Merriwa Touch Competition. It is sad to think that so early in the competition teams need to be reminded that bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated and swearing and physical aggression will not be tolerated.

The two teams that were involved with the particularly bad behaviour have been spoken to and if this behaviour continues a meeting will be held and the members that are not following the Code of Conduct will be given warning or will be removed from the competition for a short or extended period.

Again bad sportsmanship will not be tolerated. We have many young players and we pride ourselves on having a good family evening that encourages the young to join. Come on guys, we are not playing for sheep stations or prize money. We are playing for the enjoyment and social activity as well as a bit of fitness. If this is not what you signed up for then please consider removing yourself from the current competition.

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Table Duty: Merriwa Tyre and Service Centre Boys

Tina Taylor
Merriwa Relay for Life

Merriwa Relay For Life Auction will be held during the evening of Saturday November 7 at the School of Arts. Local auctioneer Tony Inder will provide us with some entertaining selling during the auction commencing at 6.30pm. Afterwards stay around and enjoy a relaxing evening with singer Olivia Van Den Heuval and a spit roast dinner put on by the Rotary Club of Merriwa.

We have been overwhelmed with support from our wonderful sponsors and have so many fabulous items available for this year’s auction. The last auction held in 2013 raised over $9,000.00 and we are hoping to make this year’s just as good or better. Many thanks go to all those generous people that have donated so far. For a look at some of the items available a Facebook event has been created called “Merriwa Relay For Life Auction”, log in and have a look at all the fantastic things available.

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- Hitachi Disc Grinder
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- Coregas - caps

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Christine Riley
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