Remembrance Day Commemoration

We shall not forget.

Wednesday 11 November 10.40am Merriwa Cenotaph
On Wednesday, 11 November 2015 Australians will gather together across this nation to remember all who served, and all who suffered, in every war and armed conflict.

In the Upper Hunter Shire there will be commemorative services held in Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone on this day.

Merriwa will have a commemoration service at the Cenotaph at 10.40am, which will then be followed by a plaque dedication at the Remembrance Garden at 1.00pm.

It is now ninety-seven years since the armistice which ended World War One. Before the final shots were fired before 11.00am on this day in 1918, in those terrible four years of the Great War, 8,692,000 soldiers and 8,750,000 civilians from all over the world had died. Sixty thousand Australians died and 167,000 were wounded.

Australians had answered the call with more than 400,000 stepping forward for overseas service in this war.

By December 1915 every eligible man in the Scone district had enlisted including some who raised their age and others that claimed to be a decade younger in order to join up.

The casualty rate from the Scone District was above the Australian average because of where they fought – including the terrible fields of the Western Front. Their stories have been gathered in “Scone’s Fallen ANZACs”, a wonderful book written by Harry Willey that is a valuable resource for our region to remember our history.

Over 500 came from Bunnan, Blandford, Aberdeen, Rouchel, Ellerston, Moonan Flat, Stewarts Flat and everywhere in between. More than one hundred did not return.

Lest we forget.

Wayne Bedggood
Mayor

Remember the fallen this Remembrance Day

[Image of a poppy]

LEST WE FORGET
Primary News

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for their wonderful work in class. The following students received book awards donated by our P and C:

Kindergarten: Georgia Maben
Kindergarten/Year 1: Inara West
Year 2: Harry Cook
Year 3/4: Brooklyn Blackadder
Year 4/5: Eliza Parker
Year 5/6: Jack Ponsford

ASSEMBLY

This week the Year 5/6 class will be presenting at our formal assembly at 2.15pm. Students with Blueys or Merits to redeem need to give them to their class teacher by Thursday to be able to receive them at this week’s assembly. We will also be presenting Workers of the Week and Students of the Week. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

AWABAKAL EXCURSION

Next Thursday 12 November students in Year 3-6 will be visiting the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre. Students will need to arrive at the Primary campus at 6.45am for the bus to leave at promptly 7.00am. Students arriving late will miss out. Students will need to remember to pack their hat, water, recess, lunch and pencil case. Students will need to wear full school uniform and it is recommended they wear sunscreen for the day. The bus will return at approximately 4.00pm. Students not attending will remain on campus for modified lessons.

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP

Over the past three weeks Year 5 students have been working together to build their leadership skills. As a group we have discussed what makes a positive leader and the traits that the students already have to be a good leader. The lessons were designed to begin the thought process of leadership roles for 2016. These roles may be as captains and prefects or sport leadership roles. We also connected this to being a good role model as the seniors of primary next year. The students very much enjoyed these activities, especially the team work challenge at the end. Students had 45 minutes to design and construct a suitable case for a raw egg that would then be put through a variety of tests. All of the students worked positively in their groups and showed great leadership potential.

Alyssa Moore
Year 5/6 Teacher

Coming Events

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Rebecca West
Assistant Principal
LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY

Last Tuesday Merriwa Central School hosted a League Tag Gala Day at the Merriwa Sports ground. Students from Years 3-6 formed teams of eight to compete against St Joseph’s and Cassilis. All students from all schools showed positive sportsmanship and participation. The day ran smoothly with each team having at least four games throughout the competition. We began with a warm up session conducted by Merriwa Central Secondary students, who each took a team and ran them through activities and ball skills needed for the day. At the end of the day we had two very close grand finals that showed the improvement amongst teams throughout the day’s games.

Thank you to Saint Joseph’s and Cassilis schools for getting involved in the day. Thank you also to Mr Grant and the Year 11 sports coaches for their help organising the day and the many students from Years 8 - 11 who also took part in the day. They did a fantastic job coaching, refereeing and cooking the BBQ lunch.

The new students have demonstrated their independence and readiness for school. They thrived on being at school for a longer period of time this week and we look forward to seeing them at our next transition. The next transition will be Tuesday November 10 and students will attend from 9.00am until 1.30pm. Students will need to bring fruit, a drink bottle, recess food, lunch food and a hat.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

This Tuesday, our new students for 2016 arrived at school excited about the prospect of staying at school until lunch time. Without any tears, the students entered their classroom ready to complete their lessons. Once again the students listened with enthusiasm to story books and enjoyed participating in some craft activities.

At recess time, the students sat with their Year 4 ‘buddies’ who taught them where to sit whilst eating and then invited them to play games with all the ‘big school kids’. The ‘buddies’ were considerate and patient as they helped the new students to understand our school routines.
IN WHAT YEAR DID YOU JOIN ROAR? 2012 – Year 7

WHY IS ROAR IMPORTANT? Have fun playing sports, learning new skills and getting taught important life lessons that can be applied to all situations.

HOW HAS ROAR CHANGED YOU? I am more focussed on the sporting field and in the classroom. It has given me a new perspective of daily challenges. It has helped me improve my work ethic, get into a routine, train harder and be more consistent at school.

AS CAPTAIN HOW WOULD YOU LEAD THE BOYS? Lead by example. I want to hold myself to high standards so the junior members look up to me as a role model. I would always encourage them to do better, give them tips and try to bring the best out of this squad. Push myself as much as I can.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE FUTURE OF ROAR? Improvement. I want to see all participants try their hardest at anything they come across in school or everyday life. I want to see them wear the emblem of this squad with pride as it reflects on all of us. I will place high expectations with Mr Johnston and Mr Grant and try to make these boys achieve them. Last but not least, I want them to have fun and enjoy the program as much as I have.

UPPER HUNTER BEEF BONANZA 2015

Over three days the 2015 Steer Team competed in this year’s Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. The students represented the school admirably and they competed fiercely.

Over 300 head of cattle were shown over the course of the event and over 700 students paraded in their respective age groups.

We were successful in gaining a Highly Commended for our heifer Merriwa Constellation and both Mathew Porter and April Eipper reached the finals in the 16 years paraders competition.

Mathew bowed out at the semi finals but April proceeded to be awarded a 7th place, which is outstanding in a field of over 130 students from around the state. She also received a 3rd in the School Steer Challenge on the Friday.

There are lots of thank you’s to be said, but in particular a huge thank you goes to Mr Col Bates for his donation of Milo and to the parents who supported us at the event and with transport.

A full report will follow in a later edition when carcase results are received.

(More photos on page 17)
On 27 October, the Tamworth Regional Business Services World Skills competition was held at Merriwa Central School. This competition was open to all schools in the Tamworth region which includes the Hunter, North Coast and New England. Students travelled from Port Macquarie and Chittaway Bay and Merriwa Central had one student entered.

The competition involves students completing a total of 15 tasks that would be typical of a day working in an office area. There were three judges involved in supervising the event and students had time limits during the day for when tasks had to be completed by. Students were kept busy all day and commented on how quickly the time disappeared when they had to prioritise tasks, complete them on the day and hand them in for marking.

I would like to congratulate Janaya Austin for putting her hand up to participate in the competition and also complement her on how well she did. Janaya came a very close second in the competition and was able to work consistently all day and didn’t get flustered when tasks did not go according to plan and time was running out. Janaya will receive her medal and certificate at a later date for this fine effort. Well done Janaya.

I would also like to thank the two judges who assisted me on the day, Jacqui Austin from the Department of Education, Adamstown Office and Mrs Amanda Kemp who were both excellent judges and were able to provide some feedback for students on the day. I would also like to thank Mrs Bendall’s Hospitality class for the beautiful lunch and morning tea they made for the judges and competitors on the day.

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Year 10 Work Experience: Year 10 will be participating in their second week of work experience during Week 7 (November 16-20) this term. A number of students have their placements organised and are in the process of returning forms for completion. Please remember if your child is staying in another town during their placement they will need a living away from home form completed before they can participate in their work experience.

Southern Cross University Info Days 2015 - Southern Cross University is pleased to extend an invitation to attend one of our Info Days at the campus of your choice. SCU Info Day will provide the opportunity to find out more about our courses, university life and the types of services and support SCU offers our students. Coffs Harbour campus, December 7; Lismore Campus, December 9; Gold Coast campus, Dec 11: http://scu.edu.au/scuinfoday

Aspire Program Apply to the Butchery or Chef HTN Aspire Program, in Newcastle or Sydney, with suitable participants offered apprenticeships with HTN. Completely free – includes knife kit and uniform! Monday November 23 to December 18, 2015. Email resume to recruitment@htn.com.au www.htn.com.au This program is funded by the NSW Government by the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development.

R O A R

Jane Hegarty

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.

Adam Johnston

CAREER NEWS

Jane Hegarty
Year 5/6’s Report

Oh what a wonderful term Year 5/6 has had so far! We have been busily working hard to improve our learning and achievements at school, as well as preparing for many exciting events that will occur towards the end of the year.

Our first Religion unit of work this term focuses on Values. We have looked at the Catholic beliefs about dignity of the person and applied these beliefs to everyday life situations through role-play. We learnt how to be aware of and accept the differences of others, including showing compassion and solidarity towards others. We looked at Paul Kelly’s song “From Little Things, Big Things Grow” and realised that it is sometimes the little things of daily life that can help transform the dignity of the person. Last week we extended our understanding of dignity and respect to include the proverb “Don’t judge a book by its cover”. We discussed media portrayals of individuals’ characteristics and how this affects the dignity and representation of the person. Following this we viewed Susan Boyle’s “Britain’s Got Talent” audition and examined the media representation of Susan before and after her audition. The students were very capable of identifying the stereotypes, lack of acceptance of uniqueness and disregard for dignity in this example and agreed that this was a good representation of why we should not judge a book by its cover.

Our English focus this term is “You, Me and Australia” which looks at the English concept “Representation”. Our modelled reading texts so far this term have been “Remembering Lionsville” by Bronwyn Bancroft and “The Water Witcher” by Jan Ormerod, that both emphasise different aspects of Australian identity. The students have thoroughly enjoyed reading the newly purchased “School Magazines” in guided reading groups.

Miss Foran has been reading “Stormbreaker” by Anthony Horowitz to the class and the students are always on the edge of their seats waiting for the next action-adventure of the main character Alex Rider. Our writing focus this term has been on Persuasive Texts, with a deep study into expositions so far. The students have written some very convincing and impressive exposition speeches and delivered them to a high standard. All students should be very proud of themselves! In spelling we have been looking at several spelling rules and sounds and it is great to see the students improving mastery of their spelling.

In Maths this term we have looked at Data, Fractions and Decimals, Chance and Two-Dimensional Shapes. Earlier in the term the students surveyed the school and represented the collated data in graphs and tables. Last week we collaborated with Year 3/4 and Miss Farrow and revisited ordering decimals and fractions which was an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. Recently we have considered the chance of events occurring and applying the appropriate terms to decimals of chance.

“Keeping Myself Safe Around Drugs” has been our Personal Development, Health and Physical Education topic this term, which encompasses a study into legal and illegal drugs and coping strategies for the students when they are put into difficult situations surrounding drugs. The students are now confident in sorting legal and illegal drugs into their respective categories and also discussed that some drugs overlap into both categories depending on how they are used. In recent weeks we have had an in-depth study into tobacco smoking and the damage it can cause to the smoker and others. In the coming weeks, we will be focusing on alcohol and the damage it can cause to the body.

As many of you may be aware, Year 5/6 is going on an excursion to Canberra this week with Year 5/6 from St James’ Primary School, Muswellbrook. We are very excited about this; Miss Foran has heard some students say they started packing two weeks ago! Our Canberra excursion is relevant to our History topic for the term, “Australia as a Nation”. In preparation for our visit to Parliament House the students have learnt about Federation, voting, different political parties, the Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as important figures in Australia’s history, from Sir Edmund Barton to Sir Henry Parkes and Louisa Lawson. Whilst in Canberra we will also visit the Australian War Memorial, the Royal Australian Mint, Questacon and many other interesting and exciting venues.

Last week we were delighted to participate in the League Tag Gala Day with Cassilis Public School and Merriwa Central School. Years 3/4 and 5/6 showed exemplary school spirit and sportsmanship throughout the day and despite the cold weather they had a wonderful time. An added bonus for the day was one of the Year 5/6 teams winning the finals, but all students agreed that win, lose or draw it was a fun-filled and worthwhile day with some great competitors. Thanks again to Matt Morgan and Jeremy Nicholls for helping us practise leading up to the competition, to all the parents who came to cheer us on in the wind and rain, and to Merriwa Central School for organising such a terrific day.
Each week in Year 5/6 there is a Class Dojo prize given to the students with the most points. Points are given for a number of reasons, including being on-task, kind and honest, homework done, teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship. The winners for Term 4 so far, are: Dylan Turner, Jorji Taaffe, Tia Magner, Charles Brazier, Lauren Redgate, Rhys Turner and Jonathan Keegan. Each of these students has shown dedication to their classwork and improvement in their learning and should be very proud of their efforts this term.

To conclude our Year 5/6 report, the class was asked what they like most about coming to St Joseph’s and the following are their answers:

Charles - “I like that we have kind and caring people at our school.”

Damian - “I like the variety of games we can play like footy and league tag.”

Rebecca - “You get a good education - the teachers are awesome!”

Patrick - “I really enjoy Creative Arts.”

Tia - “I like everything about St Joseph’s!”

Nick - “You can play lots of games like league tag, footy and cricket; you get a good education.”

Chloe - “I like the great teachers.”

Dylan - “I like coming to school because of my favourite teacher.”

Jonathan - “I like coming to school to see my friends and the teachers are pretty good.”

John - “I like the teachers and Maths.”

Nicole - “I like coming to St Joseph’s because it’s really fun!”

Darcy - “I like seeing my friends.”

Gaby - “I like my role as a school leader.”

Emily - “I like the different events we have like our school campdraft.”

Lauren - “I enjoy the opportunities available like having options for lunch in the library or on the playground, and attending competitions such as Public Speaking.”

Rhys - “I like the school spirit we have at St Joseph’s.”

Lizzie Foran
Year 5/6 Teacher
Congratulations to the following award winners:

Kindergarten - Alana Telfer - for being inclusive and working collaboratively with others

Emma McLaren - for efforts in writing an acrostic poem

Year 1/2 - Arfan Isam - for consistently applying his effort across all areas

Cody Bates - for developing good working mathematically skills

Ellie Holland - for her persistence in trying something new

Year 3/4 - Paddy Wong - for exceptional communication skills

Amy Redgate - for wonderful contributions to class discussions

Year 5/6 - Jorji Taaffe - for amazing skills and school spirit at the League Tag Gala Day

Nicole Martin - for exceptional sportsmanship at the League Tag Gala Day

Playground Champion - Archie Constable - for always being helpful on the playground

Principal’s Awards - Charles Brazier - for always helping others with enthusiasm

Mollie Beaven - for being a switched on learner in Library lessons.

Isabelle has been awarded the Student of the Week for her impressive efforts last week.

At the Merriwa League Day, she performed really well and got the most tries for the junior team. The most important part was that Isabelle was also respectful to her team mates and the referees.

By listening attentively and watching Nicole’s demonstrations during Grasshopper Soccer on Monday, when she was asked to practice, you could tell that Isabelle had watched and thought about what she had to do.

On Wednesday, Mrs Shannon commented that she continued to follow the school expectations, even if her regular classroom teacher wasn’t in the room.

The staff commented that all week she was determined to work without being distracted and to concentrate on finishing each activity to the best of her ability.

Congratulations, Isabelle, on this excellent work last week. You should feel very proud of yourself.

LEAGUE TAG A HUGE SUCCESS

Last Tuesday 27 October, Cassilis students from years 3-5 joined Merriwa Central School and St Josephs for a League Tag Gala Day.

The students were split into a junior and senior team, with some additional players from Merriwa Central School joining us to help us out on the day.

The students enjoyed learning a new sport and their touch football skills were put into good use. All students participated enthusiastically and showed some impressive improvements by the end of the day which was wonderful to see!
It was also great to see everyone working well as a team and working with students from other schools and making new friends.

Thank you to Merriwa Central School for organising and inviting us to such a wonderful event and to Miss Hodgson and Mrs Nairne for transporting most students to the event.

My Monster Machine Creations and Writing

While primary students were at Merriwa last Tuesday for the League Tag Day, K-2 students enjoyed listening to the children’s book ‘My Monster Machine’ written by Nicole Robinson. After being read to by Mrs Burgess, students discussed the machine that was invented; what it was made of and what it created.

Students were given a 10 minute time limit to create their own machine from a selection of bits and pieces. A piece of writing followed where the questions: What is your machine made of? and What does your machine do? were answered. The result was four different, creative monster machines all with written descriptions.

An important part of this activity was the discussion about what the students were doing and why. Modelling and encouraging talking and listening skills is a very important part of learning.

Thank you to Merriwa Central School for organising and inviting us to such a wonderful event and to Miss Hodgson and Mrs Nairne for transporting most students to the event.

Ohhhh.... scary masks that the students were working on with Mrs Shannon on Wednesday!
DRUMMING AT SANDY HOLLOW

On Monday Issabella Berrigan visited our school for our first drumming lesson in a series of four this term. All the children were very involved in revising the rhythms they learnt last term.

WEEKLY AWARDS

- **Jacob Marsh** - excellent effort in writing
- **Amy Thompson** - representing our school with pride
- ** Reece McCandless** - excellent co-operation in movie making
- **Darcy Wallace** - excellent work in trading
- **Bill Chambers** - excellent work in drumming
- **Marshall Hinze** - demonstrating bike safety on Tuesday
- **Harry Thompson** - fantastic drumming skills.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kinder/Year 1/2 - Tyson Marsh and John Ward.

Year 3/4/5/6 - Abby Cooper, Hunter Marsh and Isabella Wallace.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Noah Adams - demonstrating great improvement in all areas.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

Sam Thompson - demonstrating excellent leadership in sport.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Dustynn Turner, Nicholas Terrell, Natasha Marsh, Ayden Marsh, Reece McCandless and Sam Thompson are all being very thoughtful, ensuring that their buddy enjoys each day they are at school.

They also take on the role of leading their group to each of the Peer Support activities on a Wednesday afternoon. Andrew Harris and Cambell Hinze assist with an additional two groups.

This week the Pre-School children focussed on what we should do if we find an activity difficult and how do we “ask for help”.

Firstly, they learnt it is important to try on their own. Then if it is too difficult, they need to say ‘I need...
help’, using a nice voice. Finally they need to say ‘thank you’ to the person who helped them.

ASKING FOR HELP

Talk about the importance of trying on your own first. Sometimes people ask for help instead of trying something difficult by themselves, but doing something difficult on your own can give you a feeling of pride.

Say “I need help”. Acknowledge that sometimes it is frustrating when something is difficult to do, but stress the importance of using nice talk.

Saying “thank you” - talk about nice things people do for you. Tell the children that saying thank you is a way to let someone know you are happy about what the person did for you.

PEER SUPPORT

This week during peer support the Year 6 children led the groups of children through four different games very well.

While involved in the games the children were encouraged to use all the social skills we have learnt to date, that being

- Listening
- Using nice talk
- Asking for help.

EXTRA CURRICULA

Amy and Sam Thompson attended four busy days at Tamworth competing in the Inter Schools Horse Extravaganza. There was over 525 school children riding at the event starting on Saturday with three Working Horse Challenge patterns and 10 Sporting Games. Sunday was Show Horse, Gymkhana and Show Jumping and Monday Dressage and more Show Jumping; finishing on Tuesday with a One Day Event before we all headed home exhausted. Amy and Sam collected many ribbons and rosettes along the way – Sam’s best results were Reserve Champion in Sporting Games and Reserve Champion in both the 65cm and 75cm Show Jumping. Amy was riding a borrowed horse as her was injured and still managed to collect Reserve Champion in the 85cm Show Jumping! Congratulations!

Pauline Bullock
K/1/2 Teacher
SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

There are four workshops being offered locally to Merriwa families through a variety of family support agencies throughout the month of November. The next session is Monday November 16: Bonding and Attachment through Play, it will be held at St Joseph’s Primary School Merriwa. It will be an opportunity to build knowledge around the importance and benefits of play. Session 3 on the 30 November at the same venue, will discuss the value of play in supporting Early Literacy.

On December 14 you are invited to Apex Park to celebrate Christmas and will be making Christmas gifts. Please bring along a plate to share.

All sessions are free and you can self register by contacting Teineka at Hunter Prelude on 4937 4549.

The Healthy Kids Bus Stop is available in Muswellbrook November 17-19. This service is available through Allied Health and local District Health. This is screening for anyone that has ever had concerns about their child’s vision, oral health, hearing, speech, fine and gross motor development to name a few.

The children have fun rotating through a number of stations and receive a bus pass stamp along the way. Parents will be able to consult with health professionals and referrals conducted as required. I often hear how desperately these services are needed in our community so it would be wonderful if these sessions were well attended to ensure future intervention and support.

For more information about these wonderful workshops please drop into or call Leah at the Pre-School and I can register you at an appropriate time.

I know that there are some families who were waiting to see Adam Glascock from Newcastle Podiatry. He is now feeling much better but we have decided that we will leave our visit with him until early next year now. Please be advised that even siblings of children who attend Pre-School are welcome to be screened by Adam so the opportunity is still available if your child leaves us for big school next year.

Orientation night is approaching again. If you are a new family to our Pre-School you are invited to join us at 6.00pm on November 9 for a light supper. Please feel free to bring along your enrolment forms and any questions you have and we can go through them on the night. I’m looking forward to it. Existing families, please find your re-enrolment packages for 2016 and return them to the centre. This year we are very proud to announce that all policies are available to you on our website. Which reduces our printing costs and time. Please return these forms beginning Monday November 9 with all to be received by November 16. Please also include the enrolment fee for 2016 for your place to be assured.

Leah Folpp
Budding and experienced cooks are all invited bring your cakes to the 4th Merriwa Branch Land Cookery judging day on Monday November 9. Open to anyone wishing to display their cake making skills, the cakes to be judged are Light Fruit Cake and Sultana Cake.

SULTANA CAKE

**Ingredients:**
- 500gm sultanas
- 250gm butter
- 3/4 cup water (or use 1/2 sherry 1/2 water)
- 315 gm plain flour
- 250 gm caster sugar
- 1 dessertspoon cornflour
- 3 eggs at room temperature
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

**Method:**
1. Place sultanas and water into a medium saucepan and boil over a medium heat until the sultanas have absorbed the liquid. Allow to cool completely
2. Pre-heat oven 150C
3. Grease a 20cm tin and line it with baking paper. Wrap several thicknesses of newspaper around the outside of the prepared tin, securing well. Ensure the paper comes above the top of the tin by about 5cm.
4. Beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy and there are no visible signs of sugar granules
5. Dissolve the cornflour in 1/2 cup water and add to the butter mixture
6. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each. Fold in dry ingredients and lastly the sultanas
7. Place mixture in prepared tin, ensuring the mixture is pushed into the corners or edges. Smooth top
8. Bake at 150C for 2 1/2 - 2 3/4 hours or until cooked when tested with a skewer
9. When removing from the oven, immediately wrap the entire cake (still in the tin) in a tea towel or thick bath towel and leave overnight to cool
10. Next day remove from tin, and store in an airtight container.

LIGHT FRUIT CAKE

**Ingredients:**
- 470 gm plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 250 gms butter, softened
- 250 gm caster sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch of salt
- 375 gms mixed dried fruit

**Method:**
1. Pre-heat oven to 150C
2. Grease a deep 20cm round tin and line it with baking paper
3. Sift flour and baking powder
4. Combine all ingredients except mixed fruit in a large bowl and beat until creamy
5. Fold in mixed fruit
6. Spoon into the greased and lined deep 20cm round tin
7. Bake at 150C for 1 3/4 hours or until cooked when tested with a skewer.

Any queries about the recipes contact Kay on 6548 3222. Please have entries in to the CWA Rooms by 12 noon, with the 80 cents entry fee per item. Cakes will be judged by CWA Cookery Judge Margaret Whitney.

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday November 9 starting at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street, Merriwa. Our special guest speaker will be Breanna Goodear who will talk about her trip to Gallipoli for the centenary of the Gallipoli landing.

New members are always welcome. Enquiries to: Barbara Campbell on 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131 or Robyn McAlister on 6548 3274.

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

More information at Merriwa Branch CWA .

Penelope Fenley
WHAT’S ON

November 5 Ladies Guild ‘Bring and Share’ lunch 12.30pm - for the last meeting of the year. Well done ladies brilliant effort!

November 14 Debutante ball

FOCUS

CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS DAY 1/11

Sharing God’s Dream: Celebrating with the Saints/ John 11:32–44

Did you have a visit from “Trick or Treat” folk last Saturday evening? Well along with Halloween we learn that the Celts believed that Samhain was the end of summer and the beginning of the winter. So this is New Year’s Day for Celts, the beginning of the long sleep of winter, and a day for honouring the dead. The veil between the worlds is thin at the turning of the year.

This threshold time makes it a good night for dreaming, a good night for praying for a clean heart. “Let me not from the sight of thine eye,” are the brave words found in one Celtic New Year’s prayer.

It is a good night to ask for blessings. Your grandmother may be listening.

VIEW, BY DONNA SINCLAIR

All Saints’ Day is a day to celebrate the faithfulness of people who have given us a glimpse of who God is and what God is like. It is a time to think about what it really means to live in God’s way. Today’s lectionary texts talk about ultimate things: about celebrations at the end of time, and about God’s power over death. But we talk of ultimate things in order to see the forest without getting caught in the trees. We talk of ultimate things to understand what is finally important, so that we can live by that vision and not get weighed down by the cares of day-to-day living. Who have been some of the saints in your own life that you feel blessed to have known or read about? Why?

Find a story of St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of animals and the environment. He is also known for his love of the Eucharist, his sorrow during the Stations of the Cross, and for the creation of the Christmas crèche or Nativity scene. and St. Clare” Hearing Francis preaching in the church of San Rufino in Assisi in 1211, the young noblewoman Clare of Assisi became deeply touched by his message and realized her calling. Clare clandestinely left her family’s palace. Francis received her at the Porziuncola and thereby established the Order of Poor Ladies, later called Poor Clares. This was an Order for women, and he gave Clare a religious habit, or garment, similar to his own. Now you can finish with the following prayer that was a favourite of one of my saints, my very own daddy. He used this prayer daily.

St. Richard’s Prayer:

O Jesus, our friend and brother, May I know you more clearly, May I love you more dearly,

Follow you more nearly, Day by day. Amen. Now perhaps you can find something that reminds you of an ancestor of yours; maybe a recipe that has been passed down and cook it for the family.

Rosalie Drew

Ringer Deadline!

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

RELAY FOR LIFE

Merriwa Rotary will be assisting this worthy cause by doing a spit roast dinner on this coming Saturday evening. Relay for Life produced a remarkably good response from our community when last held in Merriwa. Let us do it again!

THE ANGUS PEEBLES BURSARY

This is a long running program of our club, aimed at assisting students who wish to go on to further education following secondary school. It is open to all students living within the boundaries of the old Merriwa Shire regardless of which school they have attended, as well as to any students living outside the former boundaries who have received their secondary education at Merriwa Central School.

The scholarship provides students with funds to assist them with the many expenses which they will face when embarking on further studies.

More information can be obtained by asking any Merriwa Rotarian. Application forms will be available at the Merriwa Newsagency.

Craig Walker has been sponsored by our club to attend RYPEN, the Rotary Youth Enrichment Program and we are looking forward to hearing of Craig’s experience and passing on a report through the Ringer.

Our Estonian long term exchange student, Lotta, has moved host families and is now being hosted by the Peebles family.

Mark Smith
Community Notice Board

Closed
ELDERS MERRIWA

Elders will be closing at 4.00pm on Wednesday November 11 and Thursday November 12. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

Kayla Mullen

Messy Church

Messy Church will be held:

When: Friday November 26
Where: Parish Hall.

Rosalie Drew and Messy Church team

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

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

Transcare

Last week TransCare held its Annual General Meeting and elected its new board of directors, however, there is still a position remaining for a community-minded person to represent the Merriwa area. TransCare is a not-for-profit organisation that is governed by a board of directors, administered by dedicated employees and supported by wonderful volunteers. The role of the board is to oversee the operations of the company and ensure that TransCare is delivering the best possible services to our community. The board meets once a month at TransCare's offices in Scone and are looking for someone to represent the needs of the Merriwa community. If you’re interested in finding out more give TransCare CEO Alan Gordon a call on 6545 3113.

Lauren Taylor

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the Halloween Trivia Night last Saturday. We were able to raise $652.00 towards my volunteering with the Volunteer Eco Students Abroad (VESA) program!

Winners of the 100 club were:

First: Eileen Barwick
Second: Sally Hagley
Third: Phil Neale

A raffle is also running for a ‘Jack and Jill seat’ to help raise funds for this incredible experience. Tickets are $2.00 each, and can be purchased from Merriwa Hardware. Winner will be drawn on December 20.

To find out more about my volunteering, or to make a donation, please visit www.gofundme.com/jadesvolunteering.

Jade McConnell
Red Cross
When: Friday November 13

The members of Merriwa Red Cross would like to advise that they will be holding a street stall on Friday November 13.

As this will be our final street stall for the year, our Christmas Bargain Table will be operating with lots of bargain Christmas goodies for sale.

A raffle with a homemade Christmas Cake as first prize and a 100 Club will also be available.

Any donations for the stall would be gratefully appreciated.

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

Philomena Constable

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

Save the Date
CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

The Combined Christian Church’s of Merriwa invite you to join us for Carols In the Park.

This event will be held on Sunday December 13 at Apex Park at 7.00pm.

A sausage sizzle stall will be available, including soft drinks, tea and coffee, on the night for purchase.

All proceeds from this stall will be donated to our local resident Brad Cox to assist in the payment of his medical expenses and his mother’s accommodation. This young man is suffering from a condition called Aplastic Anaemia that requires specialised treatment in a Sydney hospital and could involve further treatment.

Brad has missed a considerable amount of schooling because of his illness thus placing him at a distinct disadvantage in his education.

Singers from Merriwa Central School will be performing and singing under the leadership of Rebecca West.

Santa will be arriving with his bag of goodies for distribution. Bring your chair, bring your blanket and join us for this occasion. In the event of inclement weather the carols will be held in the School of Arts, Bow Street, Merriwa.

All are invited to attend.

For more information Contact Ron Campbell on 0428 485 153.

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

Ron Campbell

The Merriwa Community News is available to charity groups or non-funded, not for profit organisations and anyone wishing to advise of a special event (birthday/anniversary/etc). If you would like to make use of this free service, please contact us before 12.00noon on Mondays.
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!

FAMILY CIRCLE

Hello Christmas!

357 fabulous festive ideas including Party Food for a great time, wicked edible gifts to make.

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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 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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- Marinated bbq blade steak $10.99kg or 2kg for $20.00

We are also looking at supplying fresh seafood every week.

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.

Yes it’s that time of year again Christmas orders. We are now taking orders for Christmas:

- Hams smoked and cooked right here on the premises
- Rolled seasoned or plain loin pork
- All poultry
- Fresh seafood
- Smoked legs of lamb and smoked chickens

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Yvonne and Max McNaught

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

Coffee’s history goes back to the middle of 15th century and has many legends of its uses. But in these days millions of people, around the World enjoy coffee as a beverage- hot and cold. Now more than 70 Countries cultivate coffee primarily in the region of Africa, America, India and Southeast Asia. And it is one of the most traded agriculture commodity of the world.

Many people think of coffee as bitter. It is true that caffeine as a pure product is bitter, however caffeine only makes up less than 2% of coffee. Generally the bitterness in coffee is due to it being poorly prepared. For instance if you run too much water through the coffee grounds the coffee flavour will dissipate and ruin the balance of the blend. Quite often the components of the coffee machine plus the coffee cup are cold when pouring the coffee, this will create an insipid flavour as the heat from the water is absorbed by the metals and ceramic before it can deliver your espresso. A well made espresso coffee (the base of café coffee drinks) should reflect the nuances of the blend.

Hunter Blend, served at Spice Grill Merriwa displays a fullness of flavour that is balanced, sweet and bold. One of the Hunter Blend’s main components is Indian coffee which has, as you may expect, a spicy nature. The spice is balanced by Central and South American coffees which are more renowned for their sweetness and fruity flavours. Due to the balance created by the blend of coffees Hunter Blend is suitable for all styles of coffee making - it’s a great all rounder.

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Sally and Michael Hagley

ZanneArt Photography

‘Kids in the Picture’ DSLR Photography Book

It’s getting close to Christmas and if you’re thinking of something different for your santa’s list, a digital camera is a great gift idea. An even better idea is to also purchase our recently launched “Kids in the Picture” Digital Photography for beginners.

This book covers everything that you need to know about mastering dslr camera’s in an easy to read format for ages 8 to 18+. We have completely sold out our first batch and will be shortly placing another order which will be back in time for Christmas. If you wish to order this book or want to check it out first, please contact us on 0427 482317 and leave a message.

A Country Palette Art Exhibition

Although our exhibition is now finished, it’s not too late to check it out. There are some pieces from this exhibition still on display at Plough Inn to Cassils, which is open Friday and weekends. This exhibition included acrylic, oil paintings, mixed media, mosaic and dichroaic glass work. Many thanks to the community for making our Opening Night a successful one and to Linda and her committee for all their hard work.

Beginners DSLR Workshop

There has been a lot of interest in our workshops and I have considered running another later this month, possibly Saturday 28 November or Saturday 12 December. If you may be interested, please contact me on 0427482317 and leave your contact details. I like to keep these workshops small, so numbers will be limited.

If you are interested in finding out more information on these workshops, or publications please contact us on 0427 482317.

Suzie Kirk

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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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

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

SES Emergency Number           132500
Merriwa Rescue Squad           65482538
This Saturday November 7 will see the Relay for Life event at the Merriwa School of Arts. Come and enjoy the festivities and help us raise some money to help support those with cancer and their carers. Every family is affected by cancer in some form during their life time and we need to help those in need. Survivors, carers and those we have lost will be thought about as some people do the laps around Sulley’s Lane between 10am and 12.30pm. In the mean time for those of our community we have lots of things to see and do for the whole day.

We have the Petting Zoo for all the kids to enjoy as well as heaps of activities for young and old. Get a team of ten people together and show your strength in the Tug-of War competition (all activity games under 12 and over 12) we have a team of four people to enjoy the egg and spoon race; Fill the Bottle (a fun game for all ages to see how much water you can pour into a bottle that is sitting on a team members head while they are lying on the ground; throw the footy through the hole and see how many goals your team can score in a certain time; netball goalie competition - again how many goals can your team land within a certain time frame; Ball Bucket (a fun game with a team of four with one team member standing within a hoop with a bucket of water on his/her head and the other team members have to land the balls in the bucket. No stepping outside that hoop.

You can move your body to try and land that ball but keep your feet within the hoop - the most balls in the bucket at the end of the time is the winning team; Pantyhose Bowling (team of four, ten bottles in a row a little apart, a stocking around a team members head with a tennis ball in the toe end and all you have to do is swing the ball using your head to knock over the bottles one by one then tag your team mate – sounds easy you say? No hands allowed! Have a go. Teams of two in the egg throwing competition - throw a raw egg to your partner who catches it without breaking it (OOOH soft hands needed!) take a step back then throw again. The team standing at the end with an unbroken egg is the winner. All these activities are a gold coin donation to enter and will commence at 1.00pm and go through till 4.00pm. Check the board for times of each activity and get your teams together and enter to win. Good luck.

Also on the day there will be stalls of all different varieties; also show bags; face painting; Ice cream/Milkshake stall; BBQ lunch run by the Men’s Shed; Cappuccino Coffee Stall with some yummy treats to eat; Burst the Balloon competition with some great prizes inside the balloon so when you burst it make sure you find that piece of paper inside and read and collect your prize. Don’t forget the great Auction at 5.30pm and check out the great array of items to bid on and then you can sit down and have a great Dinner – a Spit Toast prepared by the Merriwa Rotary Club.

We thank our community who have put up their hand to run some of these events. We couldn’t run it without your assistance. Thanks to the Men’s Shed, Merriwa SRC; Merriwa Rotary; Merriwa P and C; our Face Painting experts; ROAR team; all those who have donated items for our Auction and those who have donated food for our many events. We have a great community who donate and help 365 days a year, any committee that is asking for help. We really appreciate and thank you all for your support of our Cancer event. HOPE LIVES HERE. Relay for Life..

Elaine Sparrow
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Entries close:

DECEMBER 14 - NOON

Topic for the month is:

CHRISTMAS TRIMMINGS

The winning photo will receive a $50.00 gift voucher from the monthly sponsor and this month it is sponsored by:

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PUBLISHED IN THE RINGER ON:

DECEMBER 17

It’s fun to get into the spirit of Christmas and our last competition for the year will be an easy one for you to give your take on Christmas Trimmings and what this means for you.

This competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages, so get creative and submit your entries by December 14.

Just remember that the winning photo will be published.

Photos are judged by Rebecca Hopkins, Suzie Kirk and Tina Taylor

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- Citizen of the Year (all districts)
- Young Citizen of the Year (all districts)
- Sportstar of the Year (Aberdeen, Murrurundi and Scone districts)
- Young Sportstar of the Year (Aberdeen, Murrurundi and Scone districts)
- Community Group of the Year (all districts)
- Achiever of the Year (Merriwa district only)
- Sustainability in Business (Merriwa district only)
- Environmental Achievement Award (Merriwa district only)

An Upper Hunter Shire Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year will be selected from the winners from all four districts.

Nomination forms are available on Council’s website, www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au, from Council offices in Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone and local libraries.


Enquiries are welcome and further information may be obtained by contacting the Manager of Community Services, Kerri Cone on 6540 1141 during office hours.
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Merriwa Sports Club

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

Mondays - Happy Two Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Thursdays - 7.00pm 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 twilight bowls from 5.00pm. All welcome.

Saturdays - Monster Raffle. Tickets on sale at 7.00pm drawn 7.45pm, 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.

Chinese/Australian restaurant open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Dinner Tuesday to Sunday 5.00pm to 8.30pm. Closed Mondays, reopen 5.00pm Tuesday.

For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

DON’T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday Raffle October 31

Saturday members draw no 213, was not won – next week $160.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $380.00

Dinner: Shirley Hayes

Bowls Raffle: Shirley Hayes

Free Tickets: Noel Barwick

Monthly Prize: Nerida Bailey

Sunday Raffle November 1

Sunday members draw - No 68, was not won. Next week $1450.00.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Cassilis Bowling Club

Friday night raffles

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

October 30 – Member’s draw - $70.00 – John McLennan – unclaimed - $75.00 next week.

Joker draw - $732.00 – “Cookie” Cornish - unsuccessful - $762.00 next week.

FRIDAY NIGHT SNACK BAR

Affordable family meals.

Saturday afternoons are free pool and music afternoons from 2.00pm-5.00pm – ½ price drinks plus bar snacks.

Hilary Parker

Ringer Deadline!

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Julie Smith
The Members Lucky Badge for $750.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 361, this week it jackpots to $800.00.

The 7.00pm draw for $180.00 was not won, the number was 752, this week it jackpots to $200.00.

The Thursday Badge draw for $140.00 was not won, the number was 324, this week it jackpots to $160.00 and will be drawn between 6.00pm–7.00pm. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $800.00 was not won last week, the number was 855, this week commences at $850.00 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. $3.50 schooners and $2.50 middies, and $5.00 Coronas.

BISTRO HOURS FOR THE SUMMER – lunch 11.30am – 2.00pm, evening 6.00pm to 8.30pm.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
First: Diamond Plate Flush Lid Toolbox 440H x 1220W x 483Dmm
Second: Pop-Up Bench Centre seat converts to handy drinks table. 150 x 57 x 90cm
Third: 33cc 2-in-1 Brushcutter and Line Trimmer.

Tickets are $1.00 each and are on sale now from the bar. Drawn Christmas Eve at the Thursday night raffles.

MERRIWA RSL CRICKET CLUB REPORT
No Cricket report this week as the game was washed out after eight ridiculous over’s in the rain.

Merriwa RSL Cricket Club would like to thank their sponsors for the 2015/16 season:
Merriwa RSL Club, Frampton Freight, and Wallings Pastoral Company.

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club are currently looking for Reserve Grade and League Tag coaches, First Aid Officer, League Safe Officer and Managers for the 2016 Football Season.

If you think you are capable and would like to apply please send your application to PO BOX 147, Merriwa NSW 2329 or email it to mwarslclub@bigpond.com

Positions close on Tuesday December 1.

POSITIONS VACANT
President, ground keeper and canteen co-ordinator.

Next meeting is Monday November 16 at 5.30pm at the Merriwa RSL Club.

If you think you are able to take on one of these positions please come along.

Jessyca Morgan

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November is the month we start to get serious about ZONES. This is the major carnival for this term and the qualifier for Regionals in Term 1 (and then State Champs). Zones will be held on December 12 and 13 at Metford Rec Reserve (East Maitland). All entries must be in to me by Monday November 16. I will email you the programs. Please email, text or write out what events your kids would like to compete in asap. Entries are open to U/7 to U/17 only. Parents, Merriwa will be required to assist with Triple Jump this year.

Competing at Zones is electric, nerve wracking, exciting, challenging, rewarding all in one... if you’re kids would like to have a go, let us know! You don’t have to be the best, you just have to do your best.

If you’d like to go to a good ‘practice’ carnival before Zones East Maitland are holding a gala day at Metford (the same place as Zones) on November 15 (open to Tots as well). See me at training if you are interested.

Merriwa Little Athletics

Merriwa sent a team of seven to the annual Aberdeen Gala Day athletics carnival on Sunday. Joining athletes from Aberdeen, Muswellbrook, Denman, Lake Macquarie, Quirindi and more, the team had a great time competing against other teams from the same age group. Chad Booth was all smiles in the Tiny Tots, trying an assortment of new games hosted by the fabulous Aberdeen tiny tots coaches. Jye Bates took to the track, his first official competition as an U/6 boy running a brilliant 23.38 in the 70m, 28.42 in the 100m and completing the 300m WITHOUT STOPPING ONCE in 1.48. Such a wonderful job Jye. Big brother Cody enjoyed the peer rivalry from Quirindi and Muswellbrook with the three boys competing neck and neck all day with Cody finishing second in the 70m, 100m, discus and third in the 800m and long jump. Resident pocket rocket Grace Booth gave Aberdeen a run for their money, winning the 70m, 100m and discus as well as a fine second in long jump. (must have been those ‘magic’ new shoes Gracie!).

No stranger to Little A’s competition, the three Keane boys all excelled across the track and field. Dylan showing great strength and staying power, cleaning up against Muswellbrook, Aberdeen and East Maitland athletes to blitz the 100m and 200m (Dyl’s signature event!) and place second in the 800m and third in longjump. Nice work. Jackson showed great tenacity giving the running events a red hot go placing second in the 100m, 200m and winning the gruelling 1500m and second in shot. Ben used the day to perfect his near perfect running style running a fast 13.56 in the 100m, 27.56 in the 200m, 5.38 in the 1500m and throw almost 9m in shot and jumped 8.11 in triple jump. Looking good for the Zones Ben!

A massive thank you to the Aberdeen Little Athletics Club for putting on this event. We really appreciate the opportunity to come over the range to run, jump and throw with you guys. We also must say a massive thank you to Aberdeen for donating their old line marker to Merriwa and to Darren Taaffe for picking it up for us. What a generous donation!

Tash Taaffe
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.

**ROUND 6**

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There were thirty Veterans plus visitor Dwayne Minch at Muswellbrook Golf Course for the second running for the Col Hunter Shield on Melbourne Cup Day.

The course is in magnificent condition. Many thanks to Phil Ledgerwood for organising the shot-gun start and to Brian White for putting the results on the computer. Thanks Pam Minch for organising the cup sweeps.

The winner on a count-back with 42 stableford points was Graham Turvey from Phil Ledgerwood. Third was Captain Max Holz 39, fourth Treasurer Bob Minch 38 and fifth Brian White 37 C/B.

In the ball comp, balls went to Rod Upton and Len Stanley 37, Graham Guest, George Smith and Emil Battista 36, Graham Huggins, Terry Mitchell, Derek Stair and Bob Keating 35, Jeff McKeon and Gary Morley 34 and Gary Gray, Graham Boles and Brian Dever 33.

Nearest the Pins: 5th Rod Upton, 8th George Smith, 11th Ron Bartush, 14th Graham Huggins, 17th Gerrit De Boer.

**Upcoming games:**

Tuesday, November 10 - we play a stableford event at Scone.

Tuesday, November 17 - we play a stableford event at Murrurundi.

Hit-off times are 8am till 8.30 or 8.15 for shot-gun starts.

**Table Duty:** Cassilis Mens

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.

**AUCTION DETAILS**

- Rockwell Property and Livestock - PBA livestock supplement or TRU-TEST weighing equipment voucher
- Lucknow Skin Shop - Hereford cow hide
- Merriwa Newsagency - Handmade Collectable Charlie Bear
- Welderup Suppliers - Active Trade Wholesale - Large Cargo net
- Welderup - Promax 300 Welding Helmet
- Maree Goodear - Christmas Plum Puddings
- Lenore Taylor - patchwork quilt
- Scott Witton Building - PPE Pack
- Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre and Men’s Shed Gift Basket of homemade produce
- Max’s Country Cuts - Side of lamb cut up
- Merriwa Petroleum and Ag Supplies - Gallagher Wireless Water Level Monitoring
- Backpack Pressure Sprayer
- Galstar Post Driver 80NB
- Hitachi Disc Grinder
- Crescent 9” Linesman Pliers and 8” Diagonal Pliers
- Coregas - caps

Some items include:

- stubby holders, pens etc
- Blackwood - JBS 10 Pc Rachet Spanner Set
- JBS 9 Pc, ½” Drive A/F Socket Set
- JBS 9 Pc Metric In - Hex Driver Socket Set
- Merriwa Pharmacy - Nova Pappy Hand Painted Set (Includes; Platter, Salad Bowl and Jug)
- Merriwa Hardware - SM2 Metric 19 Piece Drill Set x2
- Redcentre Alma four Burner BBQ with Spice Rack
- Merriwa Auto Electrical - (Multi function jump starter/ Mini universal AC Adapter/ LED torch/Stubby holders x3 /Kids camping chairs / Coffee cup/Note book)
- Merriwa IGA - Carton XXXX Gold stubbies and Dimple Scotch Whisky
- Hunter Mutual - Kids Toy Pack
- His pack (Golf balls, Builders pencil and cap)
- Her pack (Cook book and cooking utensils)
- Board game – Race to the Top
- Rosta Oils - Case of olive oil
- Williams Concrete - Load of garden mulch delivered
- Brindley Park - Lucerne Hay

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If you would like to donate an item or need more information on the auction or any of the days’ events please contact Christine Riley on 0427 412 128 or 6548 2500.

Christine Riley
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NOVEMBER

Thursday 5  • Campdraft and Rodeo Meeting - 7.00pm
Saturday 7  • Relay for Life - Merriwa School of Arts - 10.00am to 9.00pm
Saturday 14  • Anglican Debutante Ball
Saturday 21  • Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am
Merriwa Markets - Merriwa RSL Grounds - 9.00am to 12.00noon
Wednesday 25  • Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre and Mens’ Shed Annual General Meeting - Mens’ Shed - 4.00pm
Friday 27  • Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

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

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

Contact Tina Taylor on 6548 2119.

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