As this years Higher School Certificate comes to a close, Merriwa Central School Staff wish to congratulate all students who have just completed their exams. They would like to wish Merriwa Central School students luck in their future ventures and also with their results which are due to be released December 16.
Highlighting Your Event

Session One

What does it mean and what are the benefits?
10:00am to 12:00noon
Monday 2 November 2015
Venue: Merriwa Central School
Playing is one of the most important things you can do with your child. The time you spend playing together gives your child lots of different opportunities to learn. It also helps your child:
- Feel loved, happy and safe,
- Develop social skills, language and communication,
- Learn about caring for others and the environment,
- Develop physical skills, and
- Connect and refine pathways in the brain.

What toys for what age?
Toys can be a great way to kick start your child’s play and support your child’s development, although your child might not need as many toys as you think.

Bringing culture into play?
Culture permeates every aspect of our being. The following topics are just a few that you can use to intentionally bring a discussion of culture into the home and community. As a general rule, take advantage of any opportunities to talk about culture with an open mind, i.e. food, clothing, music, money, traditional stories, religion, history, holidays.

Session Two

Bonding and attachment through play.
Brain development, and how it is linked to play.
10:00am to 12:00noon, Monday 16 November 2015
Venue: St Joseph’s Primary School, Merriwa.
The birth-to-three period is the fastest rate of brain development across the entire human life span. ALL caregivers who are a part of a child’s life impact his/her brain development.

Attachment is the strong, long lasting bond between a baby and his/her caregiver. Secure attachment develops in response to consistent and sensitive love and care in the first months of your baby’s life. It gives your child an important start to healthy social, emotional and cognitive development, as well as building the foundation for a sense of security, safety and good coping skills.

Session Three

Early literacy, how to support this through play?
10:00am to 12:00noon, Monday 30 November 2015
Venue: St Joseph’s Primary School, Merriwa.
The growth of literacy skills is a vital part of your child’s overall development. It’s central to future success at school and later in the workplace. But before your child learns to read and write, they need to develop the foundations for literacy - the ability to speak, listen, understand, watch and draw.

Session Four

Christmas Party at the Park
10:00am to 12:00noon, Monday 14 December 2015
Venue: Apex Park, Vennacher Street
Making your own Christmas gifts can be fun and exciting. We will be finishing the program with a shared morning tea, bring a plate to share.

All workshops are free and morning tea will be provided.
For further information or to register please contact Teineka at Hunter Prelude on 49374549 or Teineka.s@hunterprelude.org.au
Principal’s Report

RETIREMENT

Visitors to our school often comment on how wonderful the grounds and gardens look. The management of grounds over three town blocks is no easy task. Peter Stone has worked tirelessly as our General Assistant to make our school look its best. Gardens have been revamped, hedges cut back, storage sheds constructed, and a memorial garden established. In addition to these tasks Peter looks after the general maintenance of the school, and duties on the ag farm.

Peter has demonstrated great commitment and pride in improving the grounds for all staff, students and visitors to enjoy. I wish Peter all the best in his retirement. The General Assistant vacancy will be advertised early next year.

CONSERVATION PROJECT

An essential element of the Geography and Science curriculum is concerned with native flora and fauna. Students learn about native animals, and the impact on threatened species.

Next year our students, and students from Sandy Hollow Public School will participate in a joint venture with staff from the Taronga Zoo to investigate a local threatened species, in particular the Regent Honeyeater.

Students will investigate the habitat of the Regent Honeyeater, and take on a project to develop community awareness. A practical component of the project will be the planting of native trees along the disused rail corridor between Gungal and Sandy Hollow.

This is a very exciting project which is sponsored by John Holland who manage the country rail corridors.

I invite interested community members who would like to participate in the project to contact the school. Initial stages of the project will take place towards the end of February 2016.

Darren Noonan
Principal

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We were very proud to be awarding numerous Bronze, Silver and Gold Merit awards at assembly last week. Well done to the following award recipients:

**Bronze:** Mitchel Cox, Jack Mobberley and Jack Ponsford

**Silver:** Georgie Simmons, Nikita Constable

**Gold:** Shayla Cronin, Jack Fairhall, Jack Nairne and Thomas Amidy.

**SWIM SCHEME**

Next Monday November 16 the Primary Swim Scheme begins. The scheme runs over a total of 10 days. Week 7 and 8 will be Monday to Wednesday from 9.30am-12.00pm. Week 9 will be Monday to Thursday 12.30pm-2.00pm. In the case of wet or dangerous weather lessons may need to be cancelled. Unfortunately these lessons cannot be rescheduled and will be missed. Student will need to be prepared for swimming every day the scheme is running. They must have appropriate swim wear including a swim shirt for sun safety. It is recommended that sun screen be applied before coming to school to save time when getting changed for lessons. Students may wear thongs to and from the pool but must have correct school shoes for the remainder of the day. Students must also have their own towel and a change of underwear if they wear swim clothes under their uniform. All items must be labelled with student name. Students who don’t have a season pass must bring their pool entry fee each day. For more information please contact Mrs Moore on (02) 6548 2101.

**YEAR 5/6 ASSEMBLY**

Last Friday Year 5/6 performed their assembly item for students and parents at the primary campus. The Year 5/6 class worked hard on choreographing and rehearsing their skipping routine and produced a well organised performance. The students developed their own 8 count routine to music. Each group came up with different ideas and worked hard to perfect these routines over the week.

In the Year 5/6 classroom this term we have been studying the movie and novel ‘Bridge to Terabithia’. We have watched the movie in full and are now in the process of comparing parts of the movie to parts of the text. Students have enjoyed learning more about the main characters and categorising them into 3D or 2D characters. The class has shown their improvement in evaluating...
movies and texts and have developed effective reasoning to explain their thinking.

**Alyssa Moore**
Year 5/6 Class Teacher

**YEAR 3/4 PEOPLE AND THEIR BELIEFS**

This term for HSIE Year 3/4 are learning about different cultures and their beliefs. We have learnt about the Diwali lantern festival and its importance for the people of India and the significants of the Kwanza celebration for the African Americans in America. This week we had a fun afternoon with the Wakagetti Aboriginal Dancers. The students learnt about the significants of body art for ceremonial dances and learnt some dances are performed on special occasions.

**Barbra Eipper**
Year 3/4 HSIE teacher

**KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION**

Like old hands now, our kindergarten students for 2016 arrived at school on Tuesday ready to play and learn. The students continued to show enthusiasm in the classroom as they sung songs and learnt new dances. They listened attentively to a story about pirates, played pirate themed games and carefully followed instructions to create their own colourful pirates.

At recess time, the students ate with their Year 4 ‘buddies’ before playing bull rush and skipping with the ‘big kids’. The new students have quickly adapted to the school routines as a result of the very helpful and considerate Year 4 ‘buddies’. These ‘buddies’ have ensured our new students have a wonderful experience transitioning to Kindergarten as they feel safe and comfortable in our school environment.

After recess, the students learnt about two dimensional shapes and demonstrated they are more than ready to begin Kindergarten. The students remained at school until 1.30pm which allowed them to eat lunch and play in the different areas of our playground before being collected by their parents.

After a very positive and gradual approach to transitioning to school, I am confident that our new students are ready to attend for a full school day. The next transition will be Tuesday November 17 and students will attend from 9.00am until 2.00pm. Students will once again be required to pack fruit, a drink bottle, recess food, lunch food and a hat in their school bag.

**Megan Sinderberry**
2016 Kindergarten Teacher
YEAR 12 - 2015

Year 12 have finally finished their HSC examinations. They now have a long wait until the results are released on December 16.

Earlier in the year, our Year 12 students generated fundraising through an auction to raise money for Gummun Place Aged Care in Merriwa. On Wednesday November 4, Taylah Blackadder presented a cheque for $95.05 to Upper Hunter Shire Council on behalf of Year 12.

I would like to thank all those who donated money to help members of our community and a special thanks to Year 12 who organised the fundraising.

I wish Year 12 the best of luck and hope that they all get the results in their HSC that they are seeking.

MATHEMATICS REPORT

As we draw closer to the end of the term it is worthwhile taking a look back at what students have learnt this year in Mathematics. This year, as always has been very busy with students working hard at developing their skills and broadening their understanding of mathematical concepts.

Years 7 and 8 have finished a jammed-packed year learning about many interesting topics including; measurement, statistics and probability and algebra and equations. They’ve been working hard this year and their application has been rewarded with great examination results.

Year 9 has just finished the first half of the Stage 5 course which is designed to give them a taste of all the different aspects of mathematics in order for them to make a well informed decision for their senior years. Like always, they have been working hard, discovering new and wonderful things about quite detailed concepts.

Favourite Subject: Agriculture and Visual Arts
Extra-Curricular Activities: Riding horses
Best personal achievement: Placing third in my grand final for dance at state level

Year Advisors Comment: Tomeka 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, particularly during Variety Night where she was part of the school dance group. Tomeka tries her absolute best when at school. Her recent Yearly Examinations proved how hard she has been working and as such she is a well-deserved recipient of this week’s Student of the Week. Tomeka has shown great initiative and dedication in her first year of High School and always works hard. Keep up the great work, Tomeka.

Patrick Lomax - Year Advisor
Year 10 have been finalising the last topics of their compulsory mathematics education, finishing up with the topics: Quadratic Equations, non-Linear Relationships and Logarithms and Polynomials. As the year comes to a close, we will focus on the essential skills needed for success in Year 11, mainly focusing on consolidating their algebra skills.

Year 11 have officially become Year 12 and they too have been working non-stop. We have been working through the topics of Geometrical Calculus and Integration. Both of these topics are considerably dense with information and the demands on Year 12 to master these essential concepts are high. As they head into 2016, they will continue to develop their skills working through the topics of: the Exponential and Logarithmic Function and Physical Applications of Calculus. Both of these topics will provide Year 12 with the basic understanding of how many physical phenomena in the world around us work. Such as; the Richter Scale, the costs crude oil versus petrol refinement costs and radioactive growth and decay.

I would like to remind parents that all students need to have a calculator during class time. The school sells calculators from the front office for a discounted price. If you would like more information on which calculators are suitable for your child, please contact the school.

2015 has been a very successful year for mathematics students here at Merriwa Central and I am looking forward to seeing our students grow and develop further in 2016. As more and more opportunities arise, please ensure that you all do put your name forward and have a go.

Patrick Lomax
Mathematics Teacher

CAREER NEWS

UNSW Bridging Courses - for those students who wish to complete a degree that requires a pre requisite subject they did not study for the Higher School Certificate the University of NSW will be running bridging courses in January and February in Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics for 40 hours each. https://www.science.unsw.edu.au/future-students/bridging-course-timetable


If parents have any questions or require information about careers please contact me.

Jane Hegarty
Congratulations to Miss Lizzie Foran who has been successful in gaining a permanent position as teacher at St Joseph’s. We are very excited to welcome Lizzie to the staff in a permanent capacity and I know the parents will be very pleased to see her continuing the fabulous job she is doing as teacher of Stage 3 next year.

Stage Three Excursion to Canberra was held last week. From all accounts the students had a fabulous time learning all about the nation’s Capital City. Thank you to Miss Foran and Mr Morgan for the 24/7 care you provided to our students. I don’t think anyone really appreciates the effort this takes until you experience it! We are very proud of the students for displaying such good behaviour and beautiful manners throughout the trip.

As part of a three day Intra-Diocesan excursion on November 18, St Joseph’s school will be visited by 30 principals and members of the Catholic Schools Office. The purpose of the excursion is to look at what learning looks like across the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Our school is one of nine schools chosen and the reason for this is for us to showcase to other principals our school as one of the smallest and most remote: a school that, because of its size and location faces various challenges. I have been asked to highlight some of the initiatives in learning we have taken and the focus we have on using student data to improve teaching and learning. As a Professional Learning Community, our staff is very proud to be chosen for this role and is looking forward to sharing the great things that happen here, with others.

Progressive Assessment Tests (PAT) in Spelling, Comprehension and Mathematics have been used by the teachers over the last few weeks to assess all students from Years 2-6. The students have completed these tests on-line. Teachers are gaining very useful feedback on the students’ level of learning in these areas and are able to better plan to meet individual student needs as a result. Purchasing the PAT instruments was a decision made by the school not only for its value as a diagnostic tool but also to give students more formal testing experience and to prepare them for the NAPLAN tests which are going to be on-line in the near future.

The Relay for Life event last weekend saw the St Joseph’s children lead the community beautifully in the National Anthem. Thank you to the children for their participation and the parents for making this possible for them. We had over 30 members of the school community represented for the anthem and then the children walked the first lap of the relay holding up the “Hands of Hope” banner made by the school children from all the local schools. What a great community day to raise funds and awareness of the need for research into cancer which is one of the major causes of death.

The Combined Parish and School Street stall will be held on November 20. Our street stall coordinator - Fiona Wightman has asked for donations of eggs, plants, cooking etc. This will be held out the front of the IGA. Please take all goods directly to the stall or deliver to school before 9.00am.

A healthy diet is so important for learning. Please choose fruit and other healthy options for your child’s lunchbox and keep their brains and bodies healthy.

The Melbourne Cup prompted a gathering of students as they eagerly lined up to watch the “Race that Stops the Nation” last Tuesday. The older students had researched the various horses and their origins around the world, while the infants had researched the properties of materials and designed a vessel that would float and carry a plasticine horse. They all wore their best Melbourne Cup hat of course. Thanks to the many parents who made this experience such a valuable learning opportunity.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK

**Kindergarten - Matilda Clark** - for taking pride in the presentation of her work

**Jeremy Hopkins** - for demonstrating independent work skills

**Year 1/2: Emily Wright** - for demonstrating problem solving skills for fraction problems

**Rhianna Smith** - for demonstrating her understanding of fractions

**Bethany Wightman** - for working cooperatively with others in Science groups

**Year 3/4 - Riley Melmeth** - for demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of fractions

**Olivia Collins** - for a fantastic narrative about environmental sustainability gone wrong

**Year 5/6 - Patrick Magner** - for asking fascinating questions on the Canberra excursion

**Jonathan Keegan** - for displaying beautiful manners on the Canberra excursion

**Principal’s Awards - Grace Booth** - for working so well at school to increase her learning in all areas

**Thomas Hunt** - for being a very willing and capable helper at school.

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**A HEALTHY FOOD RAINBOW**

I’d like to eat my 5 a day
But how can I achieve it
When I just poke the healthy food around
And then just leave it?!

So from today I vow to eat
A healthy rainbow diet
I’ll make my plate explode with food
That starts a colour riot!

Red can be tomatoes,
Then orange, (that’s the fruit!)
Or maybe, just for fun, I’ll eat
Some beans to make me toot!

Then moving swiftly on I’ll have
Bananas for my tea
They are the perfect fruit for giving
Energy to me.

Then greens: there really is a lot
Of choice within this shade
The grocer has an awesome range
Of healthy greens displayed.

Let’s start with apples, my favourite,
Then broccoli and peas
Then runner beans and sprouts
Which, truthfully, will rarely please!

Then blue berries are tasty
As they’re full of lots of juice
Cereals and puddings tend to be
Their favourite use.

Indigo is tricky:
Grapes are all that spring to mind...
The tastiest alternative to
Choc’late I can find!

Finally, my food rainbow
Is finished with the best
The luxury of raspberries;
Better than the rest!

Now have a try yourself and
Make a rainbow that includes
Lots of lovely colours made
Of bright and healthy foods.

http://www.angelaspoems.webeden.co.uk/#/a-healthy-food-rainbow/4551024981

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Helen Whale
Principal
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day was this Wednesday. Each year on this day Australians observe one minute’s silence at 11.00am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Cassilis Public School held its annual Remembrance Day Ceremony just before 11.00am on Wednesday.

BOOKS AND SIGHT WORDS

books and learn new sight words. Last week, Ben focussed on improving his pronunciation of the ‘ll’ sound and has made some impressive progress. He also impressed us with his ability to read O’clock and half past on an analogue clock and by his contributions to a topic on pollution.

One of his peers commented, “Ben is learning and trying his best in all activities and reading really well!”

Congratulations and keep up the wonderful work, Ben!

WOODEN TOY PROJECT

On Friday, students began their Wooden Toy projects with Mr Gant. They drew their toy designs on Thursday with Mrs Shannon, who also helped students with their pattern templates.

On Friday students traced their patterns onto wood, and Mr Gant will be busy cutting the designs throughout the week ready for the kids to start sanding, hopefully, by this Friday!

SCHOOL SWIMMING STARTS NEXT MONDAY

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is a learn to swim program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. This is a very important program for all students.

Students at Cassilis Public School are extremely lucky to all have the opportunity for swimming lessons and to be taught in small groups. Swimming starts next Monday and will run for two weeks.

PHOTOS FROM THE 140 YEAR CELEBRATIONS AT CASSILIS PUBLIC SCHOOL
KINDergarten ORIENTATION

This is our fifth week of Kindergarten orientation and Shykiah, Thomas, Taylan, Isabella and Gabbie have settled into their new school life very well.

They have completed many activities under the guidance of Mrs Helen Smith. The skill that all the tasks are based on this week is “ignoring”. The children were taught not to look at the person they want to avoid. They could look at a friend or pick up a toy. The children are encouraged not to listen to what the annoying person is saying, to listen to someone else. Finally do not say anything to the person who is annoying you.

PEER SUPPORT

Our group leaders led their group of children through four different games very well this week.

While playing these games the children were encouraged to use the social skills we have learnt to date. That being:

- Listening; using nice talk, saying please and thank you; asking for help and ignoring.

Please continue to reinforce these skills at home.

Pauline Bullock
Kinder/Year1/2 Teacher

WEEKLY AWARDS

- Abby Cooper - fantastic organisational skills during peer support
- Amy Thompson - fantastic organisational skills during peer support
- Kristy Walker - fantastic organisational skills during peer support
- Isabella Wallace - fantastic organisational skills during peer support
- Andrew Harris - fantastic catching skills
- Bill Chambers - improvement in class
- Cody Parkinson - making excellent contributions to class narrative writing
- Reagan Turner - fantastic reading skills.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kinder/Year 1/2 - Livianna Craig and Tyson Marsh.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Reece McCandless - outstanding leadership during peer support

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

Mikayla Borradaile - always endeavouring to do her best.

Good morning poem

Hello jell-o
Hi there Grizzly bear!
How are you caribou!
I'm fine porcupine!
What's up butter cup?
Not much coconut!
This is how our day begins!

Hi, hi, pumpkin pie!
How you been dolphin?
Just great rattle snake.
What's shakin', little bacon?
Not a lot, tater tot!
This is how our day begins!

Pauline Bullock
K/1/2 Teacher
A CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A HOLIDAY

Well so they say; and next year we are looking forward to some changes to our portfolio and documentation on children’s learning and development.

As many of you are aware, next year we will increase our communication with families through the use of our E portfolio system, Kept Me. We have been trialling this system with many of our current families on a Tuesday and have been receiving a good deal of positive feedback.

Next week we will be issuing families with the information about how to be involved in this, it includes promptly following the links from an email we send and then simply opening the app to view daily reflections and individual learning stories for your child.

These stories will be printed by educators as required and added to your child’s portfolio. The portfolios themselves are being changed over to a beautiful scrapbook style document this year. They will be retained by the service and will be an ongoing reflection of your child’s entire Pre-School experience. This has been reflected upon at length and all educators agree that there are several advantages to this initiative. To name a few, the children’s E stories will be available to families in real time. It reduces the amount of separate portfolios being stored by families to just one significant document. Learning stories and documentation can be copied and supplied to families as requested. Children who are leaving us for school next year will be the only ones to be taking their portfolio home. We invite families to share their portfolios at school during our Christmas celebrations or at any time throughout the year. If you wish to request educators to make a copy of this documentation for you, we will be only too happy to do so. We realise that it will take a period of adjustment and that there are many that this will affect including those who have not been involved in the E portfolios.

Please, if you would like to discuss this, approach us at the Pre-School and we will be happy to show you through the new format and how impressive it is.

On Monday November 16, I will be joining our management cluster team, the Community Child Care Cooperative and 10 Directors from the New England region. On the agenda is a World Cafe, where we share our portfolio ideas as well as programming add planning styles. At this session I hope to gain feedback regarding the changes we are making and assess current trends. We really hope that this will be the best of both worlds and that you will be thrilled with the outcome.
Many thanks to Angela Vero who has donated the most wonderful pamper packs for busy mums for our Christmas raffle. There are four prizes which will be drawn at our evening Christmas celebration. Tickets are $2.00 each or three for $5.00.

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

December 15: Christmas Party Tuesday morning - 9.00am

December 16: Christmas Party for School starters Wednesday evening - 6.00pm

December 17: Christmas Party for Thursday - 9.00am

If you are a parent who has some time on or prior to the day and can help us out with catering for the children please talk to one of the educators during the next week.

Leah Folpp

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**Gummun Place Hostel**

Residents from Gummun Place have enjoyed several outings over the last month. Nine residents took a pleasant trip to the Merriwa Chinese Restaurant for a delicious lunch thoroughly enjoyed by all. On October 9, Wilf and Betty Walmsley and Robin Bohning went across to Merton Court Hostel in Denman for the announcement of the winners of the Merton Court Art competition. There were plenty of claps and cheers from the Merriwa contingent when talented artist Betty Walmsley was announced winner of the drawing category. Well done Betty!

On October 25, Gummun Place hosted a Grandparents Day luncheon at the hostel. Families and staff cooked up a storm bringing in a huge array of favourite dishes to share with residents. There was hardly a spare spot on the tables with an abundance of delicious food shared joyfully amongst residents, staff and family members. The following morning residents enjoyed a double treat with visitors from the community joining residents for a Friendship Morning Tea. (The fabulous time they had all had at the Grandparents Day luncheon was a very popular topic of conversation!)

Sincere thanks to Mr Peter Davidson, Mrs Amanda Kemp, Mrs Pam Kemp, Mrs Rose Witney, Mrs Margaret Witney, Mrs Kay Burgess and Mrs Beatrice Voysey for sharing the morning with us.

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**Ringer Deadline!**

Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the **Merriwa Ringer** by 12.00 noon Mondays.
Regular Church Services - page 27
Phone: 0429 996 769

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
Women’s Guild Meeting - First Thursday Monthly:
February to November: 2.00pm
Messy Church - Parish Hall - Last Friday Monthly:
November: 3.30pm
Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - Third Saturday
November: 7.30am

WHAT’S ON
November 14  Debutante ball

Debutantes are as follows: Cara, Lotta, Courtney, Miranda, Tiger, Janaya and Anastasia.
Flower girl: Lula
Pageboy: Logan
Matron of Honour: Barbara Campbell

Enjoy the evening!

Sharing God’s Dream: Loving Kindness  |  Mark 12:38–44; Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17

GO ON EVERYDAY PILGRIMAGES

People undertake pilgrimages to places such as Lourdes with the hope of healing, guidance, or a conversion experience. Although the site is a holy one, it is not the only destination itself that holds the promise of God’s presence and power. In fact, pilgrims may receive guidance, healing, insight – and any other gift – on the journey. God is found in our present; not in the idea of our future. So it is helpful to practice the discernment skills of receptivity, listening, attention, and gratitude during all parts of the pilgrimage. All these can be practiced in an everyday pilgrimage.

An everyday pilgrimage may have a body of water, a forest, a bird sanctuary, a city park, or your own back yard as a destination. Start the pilgrimage with prayer asking God for suggestions on the destination. Walk or ride the path with love and gratitude. Enjoy the gift of creation. Do not rush, direct or judge the experience.

After you have read the verses of Ruth or even the whole book of Ruth as there is only four chapters use this prayer in your quiet time. Your pilgrimage to find hope, guidance and find God’s presence and power on your own journey. Or if you choose to read Mark we learn of the Widow’s offering and you tell you that this poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others. For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had.

A Prayer of Loving Kindness

God, we pray for families, like Naomi’s, who suffer loss.
We pray for refugees and immigrants, families facing the pressure of changing economic status, families that have to move,
Families that have experienced death,
Families who struggle to “get by.”
O God, hear our prayer...

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa Rotary

Our club has been kept busy with two major undertakings in recent weeks.

ANNUAL MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA/SWEEP

This night was held at the Sports Club on Cup Eve. It was a successful gathering with the club providing dinner to about 100 people before the draws and auction.

Gavin Beard was an excellent master of ceremonies, showing his ability to make the evening an enjoyable one for the many attendees.

Money raised during the evening will help finance upcoming Merriwa Rotary community programs.

The prize pool for the SWEEP was in excess of $480.00. The winner, PRINCE OF PENZANCE was drawn by MARLENE RODGERS.

The CALCUTTA had a prize pool of $3850.00. First prize of $2310.00 went to the “ALL SORTS” syndicate.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Members of our club contributed to the day by providing the evening meals. Once again we catered for a crowd of similar numbers to the Melbourne Cup eve night.

Congratulations to the organisers of the events of the day. Much work was involved by many people to aid a very worthy cause.

Mark Smith
Community Notice Board

In Memory
CARLA RAE GOLDING
NEE TOWLER
NOVEMBER 11 2009

It has been six years since you left us.
You are missed very deeply.
God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our hearts.
Sadly missed.

Mum, Dad, sister Jayne, brothers David and Darren and their families

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 1.00pm

We have a variety of stalls and new stall holders are always welcome. A Christmas market will be held on December 19 which will include jumping castle, face painting, Santa with lolly bags for the kids.

Contact: 0428 496 630

We operate the third Saturday of every month except January.

St Josephs Merriwa P and F
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday November 30
Time: 6.00pm sausage sizzle, AGM at 6.30pm

All positions will be declared open. Childcare provided in the play area outside.
We hope to see you on the night.

Kim Holland

Non Emergency Medical Transport

RELAY FOR LIFE 100 CLUB WINNERS

The results of the 100 Clubs organised by the Non Emergency Medical Cars.

Round 1
First: Nicole
Second: Maxine Hiles
Third: Del Leggett

Round 2
First: Hugh Kraefft
Second: Hugh Kraefft
Third: Kerrie Nutt

Round 3
First: Terry Burgess
Second: Shirley Booth
Third: Marie Scott

Round 4
First: Ean Cottle
Second: Brian Nicholls
Third: Sheila Cottle

Round 5
First: Maree Ings
Second: Mark Sparrow
Third: Lindy Farmer

Round 6
First: John Green
Second: Elaine Sparrow
Third: Col Bates

If you have not collected your prize please head to the Cars’ office at the Bottle Museum between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a number and helped a very worthy cause.

Bryan Baker

Merriwa CWA

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday December 7 starting at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street.

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

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

More information at Merriwa Branch CWA.

Penelope Fenley
Merriwa Ringer
Community Notice Board

**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**

**Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary**

**GENERAL MEETING**

Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary invite members and the community to attend our general meeting to be held on Friday November 20 at 2.00pm. The meeting will be held at the Nurses Home Conference Room at the MPS (entrance off McRae Street).

**Elaine Sparrow**

**Merriwa Senior Citizens**

On Sunday November 29 Merriwa Senior Citizens will be having their Christmas luncheon at the Merriwa RSL Club in the auditorium from 12.00noon with lunch set down for 12.30pm.

**Cost:** $17.00 for members

**Raffle:** Hamper at $1.00 a ticket

Many lucky door prizes to be won.

This is always a lovely day so please let me know if you would like to come.

**Mary O’Neill**

**Thank You**

Caroline’s Cafe would like to thank the community and patrons of our Cafe for their generosity in our fund raising efforts for local lad, Brad Cox.

With their generous support, we were able to raise a total of almost $1 000.00 towards Brad’s ongoing medical needs and costs.

The spirit of giving is alive and thriving in our home of Merriwa.

Many thanks to all who have contributed.

**Joanne, Kellie and staff of Carolines Cafe**

**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 will be donated to our local resident Brad Cox to assist with his medical expenses.

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.

**Ron Campbell**
GREAT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

365 FAIRY TALES
This is a great book for any young child. It is a gorgeous hard cover edition filled with magical stories, rhymes and pictures. It will be the perfect present for any child.

FROM MUM WITH LOVE
This is a new version of the baby book, but not restricted to babies. It covers childhood, teenage years and today. It is the perfect keepsake for your child as a Christmas present (or significant birthday present). There are spaces to add thoughts, mementoes and photos. It is hard cover and designed to be cherished.

PUZZLE BALL
These puzzle balls are great for the kids who love puzzles and need something a little different, or for the kids who usually hate puzzles and you are looking to inspire them. There are 108 pieces of hard durable plastic that are curved and form into a ball when complete (although they do not bounce- it was tried unsuccessfully in the past). There is a display stand to allow for showing off. My favourite one is the Disney Pixar Cars themed ball.

SPOT A LOT
Who doesn’t love a giant floor puzzle? Every child loves spreading out across the entire floor of a house, so they might as well do it legitimately. This is designed for the younger, pre-school aged kids, and includes a 20 piece giant floor puzzle. When the puzzle is completed, there is a board book to tell them what to look for in the puzzle (a little bit like eye-spy or where’s wally). It also aids with counting and reading skills. A great time-filling way to spend a day!

MARIE CLAIRE
The current issue includes a FREE MOR HAND and BODY LOTION. It contains almond extract and argan oil, with candied vanilla for fragrance. There is a beauty guide for sexy hair and make-up rules that is just in time for PARTY SEASON.

GLUTEN FREE CHRISTMAS
This recipe book is filled with great ideas for Christmas entertaining that is perfect for those who are allergic or sensitive to gluten. It no longer has to be a struggle to come up with tasty, appropriate dishes (the coeliac will now be easier to cater for than the random vegetarian at Christmas Dinner!). These recipes are suitable for the whole family at any time of year.

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

CALM COLOURING BOOKLETS
These are the latest in adult colouring books. They come in a variety of sizes and topics and will fit in
your handbag or back pack. The most popular one at the moment is the Free Spirit Colouring collection by Kaisercraft but include books on animals, abstract designs and loads of other topics. Come in and choose one that takes your eye and become addicted.

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

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Leanne Hook

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We offer our community a comprehensive auto electrical service, from our shop front at 30 Bow Street but we also do call outs. We have a fantastic mobile workshop set up ready to go. If you need us to go to you, please call on 6548 2114.

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- LED magnifying lamp, a great gift at $60.00.

Too many to list!

We appreciate the ongoing support of our community and the many travellers who pop back in to say hello after we’ve helped them on their way.

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Look forward to seeing you soon at 30 Bow Street Merriwa or why not call for an appointment on 6548 2114.

Sally and Michael Hagley

Spice Grill Merriwa

BOOKING A FUNCTION

Located in the main street of Merriwa, the Spice Grill offers a great atmosphere for small gatherings to large group functions.

With a variety of meals on its great menu, Spice Grill can offer dining to suit both Australian and Indian Cuisine or a blend of both. This allows them to cater to all types of parties.

Why not consider booking your next party with us? Christmas is just around the corner and we can help you with your Christmas function or New Years celebrations. We arrange tea parties, lunch and dinner parties and can also arrange outdoor catering to suit your needs also.

After more information, then please feel free to call us on 6548 2255 or come in and discuss what needs you may require to make your function the best it can be.

Rohit Gaur

Dr Noman Jawaad Medical Practice

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Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Relay for Life

Merriwa’s Relay for Life was a fantastic day. We were blessed with lovely warm weather, perfect for all those fun water games that all the children joined in on and had a great time. Thanks to Michael Nutt for the loan of his lolly machine for the lolly scramble, the children and adults included thoroughly enjoyed filling their pockets and caps and anything that would hold their lollies. A big thank you to the hard working committee, and all those wonderful people from our community who attended the day and made it such a success.

The children were busy getting their faces painted, visiting the petting zoo organised and run by Merriwa Central Schools ROAR Group, and joining in on all the fun games in the afternoon. I am sure no one went hungry with all the great food available including steak and sausage sandwiches, pulled pork rolls plus delicious cakes and slices, coffee, milkshakes and ice-cream’s plus much, much more.

The evenings auction and spit roast dinner was also a great success with the auction bringing in $9,500.00 from such a huge amount of items generously donated by local businesses and neighbouring towns. Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a successful event.

Christine Riley and the Relay for Life Committee

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
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SES Emergency Number 132500
Merriwa Rescue Squad 65482538

MOVING GARAGE SALE

November 14
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Expression of Interest – Lease Vacant Land

Vacant land along the Golden Highway, Merriwa is currently open for expressions of interest for lease.

This vacant land is part road reserve, part Council land on the western side of Merriwa River, between the bridge and the old quarry/industrial estate.

The land is approximately 1.8 hectares in size.

The tenant(s) will be responsible to construct and maintain fences and maintain the area, including weed control and water if needed.

Expression of interest forms and further information can be obtained by contacting Council’s Manager of Business Enterprise and Tourism, Sean Constable on (02) 6540 1000.

Expressions of interest to be sent to council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au by Thursday, 26 November 2015.

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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Entries close:

DECEMBER 14 - NOON

Topic for the month is:

CHRISTMAS TRIMMINGS

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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

Email your photos to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
2 Brisbane Street Merriwa $245,000.00
Situated on a huge 1948sqm block the property can be sub-divided. The vendor has had the surveying and plans drawn and they will be passed onto the purchaser ready to lodge with council. The solid weatherboard home has three large bedrooms the main with a built in robe. Two Living areas, both with air cons and the kitchen is in good condition. At the rear of the home is a three bay shed with power. Currently Tenanted.

5 Gooch Street Merriwa $205,000.00
Situated on a large 1657sqm block this home has been fully renovated throughout. There are three big bedrooms, two with built ins, lounge with RC Air and a combustion fire and a brand new kitchen and bathroom. The kitchen is spacious with plenty of cupboards and room for the dining table. At the rear of the home is a double carport and two garden sheds for storage. The home has been freshly painted and new carpet and lino installed.

7 Prices Lane Merriwa $325,000.00
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Contact - 0427 482 095
Vice Presidents - Peter Bishop and Paul Frampton

Merriwa Anglican Parish

President: Jayne Cronin
Senior Vice: Christina Riley
Junior Vice: Yvonne McNaught
Secretary: Gaynor Blackadder
Treasurer: Anna Whaley

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

Merriwa Central School
P & C Association

President: Peter McNaught
Senior Vice: Anna Whaley
Junior Vice: Anna Cronin
Secretary: Gaynor Blackadder
Treasurer: Anna Whaley

Meet the first Wednesday of each Month at 7pm, Merriwa RSL Club

Merriwa Public School

Principal: Helen Whale

All enquiries welcome

Ph 6548 2086
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Catholic Parish Merriwa & Cassilis

**WEEKEND MASSES**
St Anne’s Merriwa
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - Sat 6.00pm
2nd & 4th Sunday - Sun 8.30am
St Joseph’s Cassilis
2nd & 4th Sunday - 10.00am
Parish Priest - 6548 2086
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President: J Alker
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CWA

Meet 2nd Monday of the month at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bevington Street
Meet 4th Thursday of each month
Visitors are always welcome

Enquiries to:
President: Julie Smith - 0429 197 397
Secretary: Elaine Sparrow - 6548 8560

Supporting the Smith Family
Merriwa Rugby League
Football Club
President – Mark Kirkland
Snr Vice President – Seth Morgan
Jnr Vice President – Justine Wilney

MERRIWA PONY CLUB
Established in 1946
Rally Day - Second Sunday of each month
President: Clare Martin - 6548 2201
Secretary: Christine Sparrow - 0427 412 128
Treasurer: Yvonne McNaught - 6548 2842

Merriwa, the birth place of Pony Club.....

Merriwa Touch Football
Wednesday Nights
Junior and Senior Comp
President: Trent Cooper
Senior Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Barbara Eipper
Treasurer: Ainsley Mayben

Merriwa Cricket Club
President: Craig Drury - 0477 123 937
Senior Vice President: Murray Wright - 0428 482 394
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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 November 7**

Saturday members draw no 392, was not won – next week $170.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $400.00

**Dinner:** Jasmine Horvath

**Bowls Raffle:** Beatrice Voysey

**Free Tickets:** Peter McPherson

**Sunday Raffle November 8**

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. Tickets now on sale.

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

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**WOMENS BOWLS**

There were 40 players on the green for our Veterans Day on Wednesday November 4 and they braved the wet conditions. After playing 14 ends of bowls, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and great friendship.

Congratulations to Eva Towler along with Beryl Duggan and Joan Harrison on receiving their 80 pins. Congratulations from all of us.

**WINNERS ON THE DAY WERE**

**Games** - Aberdeen Team 2, Denman team and Scone 1 team

**Spider** - J Sainabury

**Coin** - J Harrison

**Ditch** - C Walmsley

**Raffle** - D Hopwood

**80 Club** -

**First** - M Hueston

**Second** - S Madden

**Third** - E Donnelly

**Fourth** - V Adams

A big thank you to all that have helped organise the day.

Loretta Cooper
Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $800.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 803, this week it jackpots to $850.00.

The 7.00pm draw for $200.00 was not won, the number was 639, this week it jackpots to $220.00.

The Thursday Badge draw for $160.00 was not won, the number was 360, this week it jackpots to $180.00 and will be drawn between 6.00pm–7.00pm. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $850.00 was won last week, the number was 273, this week commences at $500.00 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

Last Saturday the RSL played Bulls No 2 at Merriwa posting a ten wicket victory. The victory was spear headed by Charlie Stokes with bowling figures of five for 13 off eight over’s, this backed up veteran Reg Brazier with three for 17 off 7.3 over’s, bowling the Bulls out for 72. The RSL batsmen played steady for the first three over’s getting their eye before Seth blasted eight sixes to post an unbeaten 59, his second 50 for the season, this along with Rabbits unbeaten 14 seeing the RSL past the Bulls total in the twelth over.

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

Cassilis Bowling Club

Friday night raffles
Members Draw, Joker Draw, Meat/vege tray draw, Schooner Draw.

November 6 – Member’s draw - $75.00 – Terry Reynolds – unclaimed - $80.00 next week.

Joker draw - $762.00 – Chris Pittman - unsuccessful - $795.00 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

Merriwa Touch Football Club

Two weeks ago was the last game of touch to report on due to bad weather. Touch football started off slow with the juniors floating in for their games in bits and pieces but the pace soon picked up as the kids got into their games. Currently there is approximately 30 juniors registered, enough for a few teams when everyone turns up. If you haven’t given your child’s size to Kate Blackadder, please do so otherwise your child may not receive a shirt for this season.

We are still taking registrations for juniors, so if you have a school aged child that would like to play, come along on Wednesdays to number one oval at 5.00pm. Cost for the junior games is $35.00. A small amount for one hour of fun each week.
With a few close games in the competition over the past few weeks, the last lot of games was no different. Some scores didn’t show just how tight the games actually were. The pick of the games would have to be the game between ROAR and Merriwa Sports Club’s Bowling Barrels with winners being ROAR 3-2. It seemed that both teams had to work incredibly hard to break through and both teams showed a fair amount of pace. But the younger team took home the final points.

In the ladies, the closest game was between Incred-I-bowls and DMC’s with DMC’s winning 4-0. It was a hard game for the Incred-I-bowls. But it was great to see so many young ones enjoying the game and working as part of a team that they have just started with. Some of these juniors are great to watch and will give the more experienced players on other teams a run for their money as the season moves along.

When this goes to print, I am thinking but hoping not, that we may have had our second washed out game. If not it may have been a very slippery and funny night to watch, with predicted rain to fall on Wednesday night. I will have to give a report next week with funny tidbits.

Remember at the end of this year there is a mixed game coming up. If you are interested in playing, your name can be left at the desk from next week. Names will be drawn out the week before the game and same teams will be kept for the second game in 2016.

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<td>Merriwa RSL Ladies - Bye</td>
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Table Duty: Welderup - must man table at 6.00pm, committee will watch the table when you play.

Tina Taylor

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**General Horse, Equipment & Accessories Sale**

**Saturday 28th November 2015**

**MERRIWA SHOWGROUND**

**Auction starting at 11.00 am**

Large quantity of items already booked, further entries are invited and anticipated.

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Merriwa Ringer
**Community Calendar**

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<td>Photography Competition - Christmas Trimmings - closing time 12.00noon</td>
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**Send your calendar information in before 12 noon Mondays to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

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

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