Claudia Patterson takes flight at Merriwa Little Athletics
RELAY FOR LIFE
The Rotary effort to provide the evening meal at the Merriwa Relay for Life event resulted in an excellent profit of $1165.00, all of which will be donated to the local Relay for Life organisation.

ANGUS PEEBLES BURSARY
As advertised earlier, our club is again sponsoring this scholarship. Would anyone interested, contact a Rotary Club member for more information. Application form is located below, interviews will be held in January, well before the start of the University year.

Those eligible to apply for the bursary are students whose home is within the boundaries of the former Merriwa shire. Regardless of which school they attended, as well as students who, living outside those boundaries, finished their studies at Merriwa Central School.

The Angus Peebles Bursary provides funds to meet the expenses that occur when going on to higher education.

If you are interested, please act sooner rather than later.

THE PARIS ATROCITIES
The Rotary Club of Paris is one of the oldest Rotary Clubs in Europe, having been chartered in 1921.

At our last club meeting, Merriwa Rotary moved to contact Rotary Paris to offer the sympathy and support of our club and our district following the recent terrorist attacks on their community.

ROTARY CLUB OF MERRIWA INC
ANGUS PEEBLES MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT BURSARY

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS
The aim of this award is to provide financial assistance (up to $1500.00) to a student who is commencing his/her tertiary education or career training in 2016.

The following conditions apply -

The student must:
• Be a resident of the Merriwa Shire
• Genuinely require financial assistance
• Be commencing his/her tertiary education in 2016 at University, full time TAFE or similar program
• Be of excellent character and average ability and potential
• Have a genuine ambition to succeed
• Be willing to attend Rotary meeting(s) to give progress report(s) on his/her education.

The award is given for the first year of Tertiary Education ONLY and must be used entirely on education and directly related costs.

Applications close on Friday January 8, 2016, with interviews being conducted the following week.

The decision of the Rotary Club of Merriwa Inc is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

APPLICATION FORM FOR 2016

NAME: __________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________ POSTCODE__________
TELEPHONE: __________________________
DATE OF BIRTH: __________________________
COURSE TO BE STUDIED IN 2016: ____________
_____________________________________________________________________________________
TERTIARY INSTITUTION: __________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Completed application forms are to be returned to: Rotary Club of Merriwa Inc, PO Box 114, Merriwa NSW 2329.
Primary News

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for last week.

Year K/1: Rory Wallings
Year 2: Steven Allen
Year 3/4: Kasey Jongerden
Year 4/5: Makala Birtles
Year 5/6: Katie Kelly

QUICKSMART PARTY

This Friday November 27, the Quicksmart students will be participating in an end of year party. Students will attend the Secondary campus for lunch and a small celebration. Students will not need to bring their own lunch that day.

CAPTAINS/PREFECTS SPEECHES

Year 5 students will be nominated for Captains and Prefects for 2016 and will be presenting speeches at the next Primary assembly on Friday December 4. The assembly will be held in the morning to allow time for students and staff to cast their vote after speeches are presented. Parents and community are welcome to join us for that morning assembly.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

WATCH IT GROW

Students in Year 1 and 2 have been exploring how science is used in their daily lives, including caring for the environment and living things. Students have been inquiring about how living things grow, change and have offspring similar to them.

Year 1 has been learning about how young animals make significant changes to becoming an adult. One of our duck eggs hatched and the children have enjoyed interacting and watching the baby grow over the last couple of days.

Year 2 carried out a sunflower seed germination experiment, which was an in-class investigation. They predicted which of Earth’s resources were needed to promote growth and observed the effects of what limited sunlight and water had on their plant.

Coming Events

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Merriwa Ringer
This Tuesday, was our last day of Kindergarten Transition. Our new students spent the whole day at school and demonstrated they are definitely ready to begin Kindergarten in 2016. After last week’s surprising efforts and skills during reading groups, the students once again participated in reading activities and started learning how to read with a small group of peers.

After recess, the students took part in mathematics activities. They played dice games and worked on reading and writing basic numerals. Their concentration and work habits have improved and the students quickly progressed through their tasks.

At lunch time all the Year 4 ‘buddies’ had returned from their intensive swimming at the pool and were ready to play with the transition students. They helped the students skip, play running games and climb on the play equipment.

For their last lesson of transition we completed some early Christmas craft. The students used different shapes to make their own Christmas trees which they decorated with sequins. At the end of the day students were farewelled by their buddies and school staff. Their bright smiles we have looked forward to each Tuesday will be missed but we look forward to seeing them after the holidays as they enter our school as Kindergarten students.

Although transition sessions have finished, please remember parent interviews will be held next Tuesday. We request parents visit or ring the Primary Office on 6548 2101 to book a suitable time to meet to discuss their child’s progress and collect their transition portfolio. If parents are unable to attend they may wish to arrange for a phone interview at a different time.

Students also explored the similarities and differences between features of babies and children. They did this by sketching their baby photos and drawing a portrait of themselves today.
ENGLISH RINGER REPORT

It has been an exciting term for the English faculty as we have been busy preparing interesting new programs to teach next year. We will be purchasing two new texts for Year 10 English to help engage our students in brand new reading material to support their studies. The students are eager to start the year afresh with a new science fiction novel titled Four which corresponds with the new release film series Divergent. We will also be mixing it up by introducing some new Indigenous short stories and poems by acquiring the anthology Paper Dreaming, edited by the famous Aboriginal poet Lorna Munro. Personally, I cannot wait to read these new stories in class and I know that our students will love them as much as I do!

Year 9 English have also been extremely productive this fortnight and have spent their lessons in small groups, writing, planning and shooting creative film trailers. The directors of these groups, Shai Blackadder, Paige McConnell, Emily Towell, Mathew Wright-Riley and Jarron Healey, have worked hard to come up with film trailer ideas which the class voted on and are currently constructing. Next week they will be editing their trailers to produce quality videos which they plan on presenting to the class. Well done Year 9, I am proud of you all for working hard to produce good quality trailers.

Brianna Roberts
English Teacher

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Last week Year 10 students completed one week of work experience and by all accounts enjoyed the experience and have come back to school with a range of positive comments. We know it is time consuming for host employers to have a student and Merriwa Central School would like to thank all those employers who participated and supported our students with their guidance and time.

Tempany Boland
Hairy Rumours
Hairdressing

Chloe Ponsford
Alala ABC Daycare
Childcare

Hamish Cameron
D and M Cameron
Agriculture

Luke Cronin
Denman Engineering
Metal Fabrication

Emma-Lee Cooper
Upper Hunter Shire Council
Business Services

April Eipper
Park Beach Physiotherapy
Physiotherapy

Peita Cassar
Boilies Creating and Welding
Metal Fabrication

Chrystal Forster
Merriwa Central School
Education

Courtney Martin
Gummnun Place
Aged Care

James Hagley
Neil Hunt
Carpentry

Mathew Porter
Palmdale Holsteins
Agriculture

Hanna Byfield
CSIRO-Armidale
Science Research

Bailey McNaught
Max’s Country Cuts
Butchery

Kyle Mudge
Power FM
Communications

Jordan Taylor
Royal Hotel Bistro
Hospitality

Alkira Tritton
Merriwa Resource Centre
Business Services

Ross Proctor
Sylvia’s Café
Hospitality

Corey Nairne
Phil Martyn
Agriculture

Brodie Grady
Merriwa Tyre Service
Mechanics

Mathew-Joel Haydon
Merriwa Hardware
Building

Callum Telfer
Jeff Towler Building
Construction

Cody Towell
Scott Witton Building
Construction

Samantha Owen
Muswellbrook Art Gallery
Creative Arts

Cara Hunt
Merriwa Pre School
Childcare

Breanna Goodear
Bell and Johnson
Legal

Tiger Rawlings
Anthea Wright
Veterinary

Hunter Hood
Nevmat Australia Pty Ltd
Metal Fabrication
PEER SUPPORT TRAINING DAYS

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, all of Year 10 participated in Peer Support training. These sessions help our students learn skills and techniques to be Peer Support Leaders for the incoming Year 7 students in 2016. Throughout the two days they learned about leadership qualities, facilitating successful group work and how to support younger students through the transition into high school.

Year 10 are a fantastic bunch of young people and they all participated in the activities well. Their enthusiasm and good humour made for a fun and informative two days and it will be difficult to select only a few of them to be Peer Support Leaders at the Peer Support Camp early in Term 1 next year. Thanks to Mr Grant and Miss King for running the day alongside myself.

PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY

The Student Wellbeing Survey is an international wellbeing research program that will help provide a better understanding of how student’s wellbeing impacts on their academic achievement. The information collected from the survey will help inform educational and community efforts to help improve young people’s health and wellbeing.

Student of the Week
Jodie Mulholland
Year 12

Favourite Subject: Art and Design and Technology
Extra-Curricular Activities: Photography, reading and spending quality time with her close friends
Best personal achievement: Being awarded best single photography exhibition and best entry overall in this year’s Merriwa Show
Future goals: To become a photographer

Year Advisors Comment: Jodie is a mature, dependable and diligent young lady who never ceases to have a dry witted comment at the ready. She has already produced some amazing art works and design projects and she should be extremely proud of her recent awards at the Merriwa Show. I am excited to see what she produces next. Well done Jodie!

Lois Harrison - Year Advisor
WHAT IS THE SURVEY ABOUT?
Students will be asked to answer a series of questions regarding their engagement; perseverance; social and emotional development; connectedness; school experiences and health.

If you wish to remove your child’s name from the participant list please contact the school by the:

- December 4, 2015

A letter has been sent home to the parents of students conducting the survey. Please contact me if you require further information or wish to view the survey questions.

Lana Grant
Survey Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

REMINDERS FOR ALL YEAR 12 STUDENTS

1. The Merriwa District Country Education Foundation applications for grants in 2016 towards the cost of tertiary studies are now open. They can be accessed on www.cef.org.au

2. The Hunter Country Women’s Association provides a financial grant to assist School leavers and Year 12 students. Applications for current Year 12 students and 2015 school leavers are now open and application forms can be collected from the front office of the secondary campus

3. The Merriwa Rotary Club provides a scholarship to a Year 12 student leaving school to assist with the cost of Tertiary studies. Students need to apply and attend an interview in January.

UNSW Scientia Challenge Years 7 – 10: Closes 22 November, Runs January 19-21, UNSW Kensington. For gifted and talented Years 7-10 with three days of workshops. https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerrick/for-gifted-students/scientia-challenge-yr-7-to-10/


ANU Online Chat: December 22, 12.00pm to 6.00pm. Advice for future study options. http://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/chat-with-us-online


Vantage Automotive: Vacancies across NSW and the ACT. http://www.vantageautomotive.com/

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

Jane Hegarty
Careers Adviser

IN WHAT YEAR DID YOU JOIN ROAR? 2013

WHY IS ROAR IMPORTANT? There are a lot of ways it is important. It’s not just important to the school but also for people in the community when we hold events such as at the Festival of the Fleeces and the Relay for Life

HOW HAS ROAR CHANGED YOU? ROAR has helped me become a better person, become better at school and become more confident athletically

AS CAPTAIN HOW WOULD YOU LEAD THE BOYS? As captain I would lead the same way that I was led. By example and with dedication and respect

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE FUTURE OF ROAR? I see it continuing on for long after I have left school. I see it helping a lot of boys by teaching them respect, improving their behaviour and their attitude in general.

2016 ROAR CAPTAIN CANDIDATE
Jake Barry
As principal of St Joseph’s School I often pinch myself to see if I am dreaming. I am extremely proud of our school, its teachers and staff, its students, the parent community and its culture. The Principal’s visit last week gave me cause to reflect on what we do here and measure our successes and our shortfalls. I am so pleased to say that there are so many more successes. The actual visit has left us all on a great high. 30 principals and leaders of Catholic education in our diocese visited St Joseph’s school on Wednesday morning. We have heard nothing but praise for the quality learning environment that is here, the quality of the facilities, the teachers, the students and the strong sense of community. The school was described as a well-oiled machine. We were all immensely proud of the opportunity to showcase our school and most importantly the teaching and learning that happens here.

The classrooms are humming with great teaching and learning happening. Data is indicating to us that our teaching is producing good results. The students are very happy and loving school. Happy children learn best! I am privileged this term to be working in the Library. During library lessons and the lunch time activity sessions in the Library, I am amazed constantly by the student conversation that is both knowledgeable and technical. The Library is fully furnished now and is state of the art! If you have a chance please come in and look at it. The space allows for 4 different collaboration groups of up to 10 children in each to work at once. The students love the style and the combination of beanbags, seats, soft stools and mats as well as tables and “stand to write” surfaces ensures there is something for every style of learner.

**“BUILD A BRIDGE AND GET OVER IT” IN THE INFANTS SCIENCE CLASS**

After boat building a few weeks ago the budding Infants scientists and engineers have been bridge building.

These three photos demonstrate the sequence of events in the process of building bridges in Science.

1. Collaborate with your group to Plan, Design and make a bridge that is strong enough to push a match box car over.

2. Test the product and rework it if it is unsuccessful

3. Sense of satisfaction shared as the product is completed successfully.
WORLD OF MATHS DAY

World of Maths Day was held last Tuesday. All students joined into small collaborative learning groups to work through 15 mathematics work stations. The buzz in the room was electric as students discussed the problems and worked together to solve them using and strengthening their maths skills. The students have begged to have the day again next year! Our presenter “Mr Ed” was full of praise for our school and its students.

From the photos of the day you can see many groups deep in thought and concentration as they collaboratively solve the maths problems presented to them. So engrossed in what they were doing, the students did not notice the camera clicking away!

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons this year are showing good improvement in skills since last year’s start. It is essential that we all work together to ensure our students can survive if around water and that they can swim with competence. Thank you to Mrs Peebles for organising the swimming lessons and to all the staff and parent helpers who make the lessons run so smoothly. The assistance given enables all children to receive maximum instruction and also in a timely manner so that the children can return to lessons at school. The swimming program concludes with our annual carnival and we look forward to every student taking part to demonstrate their learning so far.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Kindergarten - Emma McLaren – for recalling and identifying different symbols of Advent

Jack Patterson – for explaining many different places he knows

Year 1/2 - Peter Hagley – for working hard to collaborate with all members of his group and include their ideas in the construction of their bridge

Nate Brown – for explaining the use of informal units to measure the capacity of different shapes

Aidan Hunt – for using great technical language in the construction of his group’s bridge

Year 3/4 - Jock Grady - for his enthusiasm towards our science experiments

Korey Halse - for his excellent use of positional language

Year 5/6 - Nicholas Morgan - for his outstanding results in spelling assessments

Damian Jamieson - for being an efficient worker in literacy and numeracy tasks

Jemma Grady - for her tremendous results in spelling assessments

Principal’s Awards - Sam Grady - for his great scientific knowledge and ability to reason

Roy Lawler - for his interest and love of learning

Emily Wright - for accepting difficult challenges without complaint.

Helen Whale
Principal
With the temperature expected to rise over the next few weeks, it is quite timely to think about our sun safe practices. Most children wear a hat at school and we thank parents for supporting our ‘No hat, play in the shade’ policy.

Please encourage your children to drink plenty of water at all times, but especially when it is hot.

COLLABORATIVE ONLINE LEARNING

This week I will spend two days in Maitland developing my skills in collaborative online learning. These skills will allow our students to work on projects with students from other small schools.

It will also allow me to set an online workspace for the Principals of the small schools to share resources. One focus of Strategic Direction 1 in our School Plan is to prepare our students to become 21st Century learners. This means that they need to not only be able to access and use technology, but they need to work collaboratively with others. We hope to set up our first project in Term 1, 2016.

MOVIE EXCURSION

On Friday December 4 all students K-6 have been invited on an excursion to Singleton to go to see the movie Pan. We will be travelling by bus, and the students will be accompanied by Ms Higgins, Mrs Smith and Mrs Darlington.

We will be leaving school at 8.30am sharp and returning at approx 2.30pm.

There is no cost for this excursion. At the beginning of the year, the SRC made a decision to use the funds raised at their fete for a whole school excursion at the end of the year.

Christina Darlington
Principal

WEEKLY AWARDS

Reece McCandless - working well in all areas
Ayden Marsh - fantastic effort in maths investigation
Andrew Harris - great contributions to class discussion on communities
Rowdy Walters - great participation in yoga
Austin Adams - working well in class.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten/Year1/2 - Kayden Adams and Jobee McCandless.

Year 3/4/5/6 - Kristy Walker and Natasha Marsh.

Student of the Week - Harry Thompson - for being a thoughtful member of our class.

Sports Person of the Week - Nicholas Terrell

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We have thoroughly enjoyed having Thomas McLean, Gabbie McLean, Shykiah Walters, Isabella Wright and Taylan Blackhurst-Marsh with us at school over the last seven weeks.

Each of the children have grown in confidence since starting Kindergarten orientation. Today was our last day together for this year. However, we are looking forward to having the children at school every day next year.

I would like to thank Mrs Smith for guiding the children through all their activities each week.

Also a huge thank you to the children’s buddies; Reece McCandless, Nicholas Terrell, Dustynn Turner, Ayden Marsh, Sam Thompson and Natasha Marsh for their continual help during the Kindergarten Orientation this year.

PEER SUPPORT

Our last Peer Support session for 2015 was held today, as we all came together to revise all the social skills we have focussed on during the term.

The Year 6 students led the children through four different activities once again. While doing so they were encouraging them to use the social skills they have learnt.

We would like to thank the Year 6 students for their leadership during Peer Support.

It would be wonderful if you could continue to reinforce these social skills over the holidays when a situation arises. They are:

- Listening
- Using Nice Talk
- Asking for Help
- Ignoring
- Interrupting
- Trying When it’s Hard
- Following Instructions.

Pauline Bullock
Merriwa Ringer
STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Sophie Anderson

Sophie has been voted Student of the Week by students and staff for her impressive effort and behaviour last week.

Sophie challenged herself to write a longer, more detailed narrative about Mars. She is very enthusiastic during swimming and is trying harder to listen to instructions in order to make further improvements.

Sophie was also a positive and supportive role model for her brother Gordie, when he came for Kindy Orientation on Tuesday.

Some of the reasons provided by her peers included.

“Sophie, for being kind and helping out the little kids”, “Sophie, because she was good” and “Sophie, because she worked hard”.

Congratulations, and keep up the terrific work, Sophie!

SWIM WEEK

All students should be very proud of their achievements and effort in swimming last week. We have been very impressed with the improvements that all students have shown in their swimming confidence and technique and look forward to seeing further improvements this week. Let’s hope for some wonderful weather.

WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW AT ST JOSEPH’S

On Tuesday, Cassilis Public School Senior Students, travelled to St Joseph’s Primary School in Merriwa to take part in the World of Maths Roadshow. They were split up into teams of 3 or 4 students and worked together to solve Maths problems involving real life situations.

It was a great opportunity for our seniors to interact with other students and use their combined knowledge of the maths curriculum to solve maths problems.

The students had a wonderful time and would like to thank St Joseph’s Primary school for inviting us!

GORDIE’S FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

Gordie had his first day at Cassilis Public School on Tuesday for Kindy Orientation and showed us how clever he is by writing his name, listening to the story ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ and drawing an impressive Beanstalk of his own. He also did a wonderful job of working with others during Maths activities and joined us for some impressive swimming in the afternoon!

Everyone enjoyed having Gordie at school and we all look forward to seeing him again on Tuesday for his second day of Kindy Orientation!
WOODEN TOYS WITH MR GANT

On Friday, Mr Gant brought all students their wooden toy patterns cut out and ready to go.

It was a busy day of sanding and wheel cutting. The McMaster room was starting to look a lot like Santa's Workshop before it was time to clean up but it was worth the effort!

Most students have now finished sanding their toys and will soon be ready for painting.

Thank you to Mr Gant for organising the wood, cutting out the patterns and purchasing a new machine so the toys will have wheels! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

CASSILIS PUBLIC SCHOOL'S REMEMBRANCE DAY PHOTOS

Here are some photos from Remembrance Day that missed last week's print

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

MERRIWA ACTIVITY CENTRE

Our holiday period is approaching fast and vacation care will begin in the Activity Centre on January 4. Merriwa Activity Centre is now taking enrolments for 2016; this includes children who will be commencing school next year. The vacation period is a great time for the children to get acquainted and become familiar with the service before After School Care begins. Next year's Christmas holiday vacation care will be offered from Monday – Thursday. Please note that the shutdown period for Merriwa Activity Centre will be beginning December 19 and we will re-open on January 4.

In response to the local Primary schools Pupil Free days the Activity centre will be open on December 17-18. These are great days to sneak off and get the Christmas shopping completed without the children. December 17 will be the Christmas pool party and we encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment.

As we come back after the New Year, we will be farewelling Miss Natalie as she commences her Maternity leave. She will be replaced by Michelle Willis who I'm sure many of the children may already know. Michelle will be introduced to families as time allows, please make her welcome.

MERRIWA PRE-SCHOOL

Thank you to Cara Hunt who enjoyed the week with us on work experience. Cara assisted us so much getting all those fiddly jobs out of the way. It was really nice to have a fresh face about and the children really enjoyed her company.

Please new and existing families please consider joining our Pre-School and Activity Centre committee for next year. There are plenty of positions available which may be compatible with your strengths, but really the only thing required of you is to attend 9 or so meetings a year and be willing to have a go. We are fortunate next year to have the services of our cluster management team who have offered some further training opportunities for committee members directly after the AGM. Thank you to those people who have already indicated their willingness to join the committee for 2016 and the committee this year for all their hard work.

Please be reminded that the final day for Pre-

Katie Burgess
Principal
Last Sunday was the last of the church year, observed as Reign of Christ Sunday, we were called to think about truth, about Jesus, who is identified as Truth, and the response we are invited to make to the One who speaks truth to us.

The Gospel reading from John is central to our recognition of how different God's realm is from what the world views as important. In this encounter, Jesus uses the same words as Pilate (king, realm, truth) but they are not speaking of the same things. Like people from two different worlds, they use words common to both but having opposite meanings within their particular context. One can almost pity Pilate who had to judge a man he could not come close to understanding. Jesus, recognising the futility of trying to explain something so vastly different in a short time, responds calmly with a simple assertion. The reign of Christ is not like Pilate's world of power, domination, control and judgment! Pilate is portrayed as a tragic-comical figure, running back and forth between the Jews outside and Jesus inside. He shouts his authority, but acts in fear and confusion. He says he is in charge, but it’s obvious that he is not. True power does not lie with Caesar, it lies with the prisoner who stands quietly in front of him.

Dear God,

Help us to work and play together so your love will ripple all over the world

Amen.

Rosalie Drew
TransCare wins Community Transport Award

TransCare wins NSW community transport award November 18 - Local not-for-profit, TransCare, was presented with the ‘Business Developer of the Year for 2015 Award’ at the Community Transport Organisation conference held in Sydney earlier this month. The award recognised the organisation’s innovation in diversifying the business and adding new services to the portfolio including transfers to Newcastle Airport from Scone and Muswellbrook.

“We’re really excited to have achieved such recognition in a state-wide award,” said TransCare CEO Alan Gordon. “We’re always looking for new ways to improve the services we offer to our local community and make it easier for people to get to where they need to be.”

The CEO of CTO NSW, Stavros Koufis, said when handing the award to Mr Gordon “it is important to see organisations such as TransCare diversifying their income stream and strengthening their organisation’s capacity to transition through upcoming change and reform.”

TransCare’s transport services include regular bus runs between Muswellbrook, Scone, Murrurundi, Merriwa, Denman and Tamworth; individual local transport for people who require assistance to get to appointments, the shops or social outings; long distance transport to medical appointments; airport transfers to Newcastle airport; and bus hire.

Merriwa MPS

CHRISTMAS TREE CREATING

Our Christmas Tree was made and decorated by the residents of the Merriwa Hospital. The Christmas tree has been mounted on the front of Merriwa MPS for the community to enjoy. Pictured below are Laurelle Moxey, (Activity Officer), Daphne Wellings, Ray Pemberton and Lois Archbold, residents of Merriwa MPS with their completed tree.

TRANSCARE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

TransCare will be closed from Friday December 18 2015 at 4.00pm until Monday January 4 2016 at 8.30am. If you have any questions before this time please contact the office on 6545 3113.

Lauren Taylor

Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces

STREET STALL

Plans are being made for the 2016 Festival of the Fleeces. The 2015 was very successful and drew a very good crowd, and the weather was very kind too. Now with 2016 almost upon us, plans are being made to make this Festival successful too. So to start us off for 2016 we are holding a street stall.

When: Friday December 4

Donations of any saleable items would be very much appreciated.

The Festival is a community event so the committee encourages support from all parts of the community.
**FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY**

CWA is holding a craft day making Christmas decorations for school age children on December 21.

Turn up at the CWA Rooms Bettington Street Merriwa from 10.00am until 2.00pm.

Lunch will be provided. All children are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Any queries to Jean on 6548 2456.

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday December 7 starting at 10.00am at 39 Marquet Street, Merriwa. The meeting will be followed by the CWA Christmas party and all partners and former members are welcome. Please phone Jean on 6548 2456 for details.

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.

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**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

**Merriwa Fitness Centre**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday November 30
Time: 6.00pm
Place: Merriwa Sports Club

All members are invited to attend. For more information, contact Annie Rodgers on 0408 482 778.

Annie Rodgers

**Elders Merriwa**

Elders will be closing at 4.00pm on Monday November 30 and Tuesday December 1. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused.

Kayla Mullen

**Merriwa Markets**

When: December 19
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. The Christmas market will be 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.

Julie Russell

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**In Memory**

**JOHN GEORGE KAYE**

12.01.1964 – 8.11.2015

We wish to offer a heartfelt thank you to the staff and students of Merriwa Central School and to everyone in the Merriwa community for your love and support on the passing of John Kaye, our husband, father, and son-in-law.

From John’s wife, Kathleen Oldman, John’s children Max, Connor and Annalise Kaye and John’s parent’s in law Colleen and Geoff Oldman.

John was a former teacher at Merriwa Central School, a candidate for the Greens Party at the recent State election and a dedicated environmental campaigner.

Kathleen Oldman and family

**Merriwa CWA**

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

CWA is holding a craft day making Christmas decorations for school age children on December 21.

Turn up at the CWA Rooms Bettington Street Merriwa from 10.00am until 2.00pm.

Lunch will be provided. All children are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Any queries to Jean on 6548 2456.

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday December 7 starting at 10.00am at 39 Marquet Street, Merriwa. The meeting will be followed by the CWA Christmas party and all partners and former members are welcome. Please phone Jean on 6548 2456 for details.

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.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday December 14
Time: 6.00pm
Where: Royal Hotel Cassilis

All welcome to join us for the meeting and dinner afterwards. Contact the Secretary, Jane Hegarty on 6376 1052 for more information.

Jane Hegarty

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

Messy Church

CHANGE OF VENUE

Messy Church will be held:

When: Friday November 27
Time: 3.30pm
Where: Uniting Church Hall
Theme: Getting Ready for Christmas

Rosalie Drew and Messy Church team

The members of Merriwa Red Cross would like to thank the Merriwa Community for their valued support at our recent Street Stall. An amount of $958.00 was forwarded to Red Cross.

The winners of the raffle were:
First: Lyn Flack
Second: Jill Carroll

The winners of the 100 Club were:
First: Robyn Redman
Second: A Goodear
Third: D Cameron who very kindly donated his winnings back to Red Cross

Thank you again to you all and we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and every best wish for the New Year.

Philomena Constable
Liaison Officer

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
It is officially time to start thinking about CHRISTMAS. Christmas is a fun and exciting time if we are organised and prepared. Those who leave everything until the last minute are guaranteed to be stressed out at the whole idea of Christmas. It is time for all of the last-minute-stress-heads to join those of us who have already bought all of our gifts and have already thought of our decorations and food for the day.

DECORATIONS

We have many beautiful decorations in store right now. They include lights, bon bons, jingle bells, sleighs, garlands, holly, tinsel, strings of doves, ornaments, signs, trees and more. There are two types of trees available - mini trees that are perfect for small spaces or for those who want to decorate a little nook in their home. One comes with fibre optic lights that mean you do not have to hang light on it. The other has a burlap sack base - very on-trend right now.

MENU

Plan out your menu now, so that you are not scrambling on Christmas Eve trying to find all of the ingredients you forgot about. If you are making edible gifts for people, now is the time to organise this as well. Write out a complete list of every dish, course or gift that you intend on making and cross off all the ones you already have. This way you will not forget anything.

CARDS AND WRAP

These are a very important part of Christmas so it is essential to get in early so that you get exactly what you need. We have a great range of rolls of Christmas wrap as well as gift bags, bows, ribbon and coloured sticky tape that doubles as a label. We also have a great range of gift tags, boxed cards and single cards. If you are sending Christmas cards to family and friends, now is the time to start writing (the week before Christmas is too late if you need it to get there on time!)

IDEAS AND INSPIRATION

There are some great magazines available right now to help inspire you and make everyone remember Christmas at your house memorable for all the RIGHT reasons.

SUPER FOOD IDEAS COMPLETE GUIDE TO CHRISTMAS - A fantastic guide that helps with the menu plans, as well as the calendar count-down to help you stay organised. It includes traditional and modern feast ideas as well as food as gifts. It comes as a great hard cover spiral bound book.

DONNA HAY CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS - Includes the best-ever Christmas ham and pork ideas, stunning sides and salads, the sweetest gifts, desserts guaranteed to impress, and simple entertaining ideas.

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS - Comes with a FREE box of Royal Doulton Christmas cards and tags. There are gift ideas for the food lover, the craft lover, the gardener and the techie. There are menu and decoration ideas and so much more.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate all of those who received recognition at the Combined Services Dinner on Saturday. Your voluntary contributions to making sure everyone in the community is protected and helped when in difficult situations is invaluable.

DISCOUNT VOUCHERS

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

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

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Leanne Hook

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After a year of research for presenting the best of India, Spice Grill - Merriwa proudly introduces the best and the ultra delicious Kathi Roll from the Royal Cuisine of India.

HISTORY OF KATHI ROLL

Kati roll is ‘A Royal’ food originating from Kolkatta formerly the capital of India. Its original form was a Kati Kabab enclosed in a paratha. The Kati Roll is said to have started its life from a Mughal’s Era Restaurant in Kolkata. A very popular eatery founded in 1832 that sold kebabs and parathas and other Mughlai food in the heart of Kolkata. There are many stories about how exactly the roll got started. Some stories centre around hurried office commuters who wanted something quick and portable, some mention British Babus (English Officers) who were too fastidious to touch the kabab. The most likely origin is probably more mundane, but in any case someone decided to roll things up at some point.

WHAT IS A KATHI ROLL?

Traditionally, a Kati Roll is a Kati Kabab wrapped in a layered paratha. The paratha is typically dough that is kneaded into a rope, then coiled into a round patty. This is then flattened with a rolling pin and partly fried in oil on a tawa. These semi-cooked parathas are then kept aside till needed, at which time they’re put back on the tawa and cooked through. If an egg is to be added, it is usually cracked into the tawa and the paratha put on top of the egg; they both cook together and the paratha gets coated on one side with the egg.

Kati Kababs are chicken or mutton chunks marinated in Aromatic Spices and cooked either on skewers (the “kati”) over coals in a sigri or on a Tawa (grill). When the roll is being prepared, these are taken off the skewers and tossed with onions, garlic, sauces and herbs in the tawa (grill).

In today’s busy scheduled life, this is the most desirable food with outstanding flavor.

The rolls we are Introducing are:
1. Chicken Kathi Roll
2. Lamb Kathi Roll

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

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

28 Days ‘til Christmas
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:

STAY-N-PLAY PHOTOGRAPHY

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

Email your photos to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
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In case of emergency call 000 or 112 from mobile services

- Hunter Valley Local Command: 6542 6999
- Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000
- Police Assistance: 131 444
- Fire (Admin only): 6548 2005
- Hospital -MPS: 6532 5000
- Rural Fire Service: 1800 081 166
- SES Emergency: 132 500
- Merriwa Rescue Squad: 6548 2538
- Dr Noman Jawaad: 6532 5013
- Merriwa Surgery - Dr Emad Jasem: 6548 2305

Support the Ringer regularly but can’t find your business? Contact Tina on 6548 2119.
Welderup local business is set to continue as it is focusing on rural, earth moving and industrial fabrications, repairs and sales

As most of you are aware Welderup is having a clearing/reduction sale by auction on December 5 at 10.00am held in our yard, Lot 1 Industrial area run by Tony Inder, Rockwell Livestock and Property. This sale is a result from our business withdrawing its services from the mining field-service which we have been doing over the past 6 years. Over this time we have invested in a lot of equipment which is not suitable to the local fabrication and repair market, so all of this equipment needs to be sold off as we have no further use for it. Over the past few years we have also built up a lot of stock from building items on rainy days or through quiet times, as well as items ordered in and not sold and now have more than required so we will also be offering all of this in our sale from cattle grids, loading ramps, panels, fencing materials, new, seconds and off cuts of steel.

Our local business will now be our No1 priority, continuing on in our fabrication and repairs as normal, as well as focusing on growing in our sales side of the business. A message to all of our gas customers, there will be no change what so ever, we will be continuing on as a depot for Coregas and will stock a full range of industrial and household gases.

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- Fasteners
- Power tools
- Oils and soluble
- PPE
- Welding machines
- Welding consumables
- Steel merchants

As part of our change of direction we will also be starting a hire fleet so stay tuned for what we will have on offer in the very near future.

For more information on our sale, or to see a full list of items go to www.rockwell.net.au or call myself on 0407 488 560.

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General Horse, Equipment and Accessories Sale  
Saturday November 28, 2015
MERRIWA SHOWGROUND
Auction starting at 11.00am

Pen horses*’Nikki’ 15.2hh 10 year old stock horse mare*’Gus 13 year old gelding*Grey Pony mare 13.2hh*Child’s stockman’s saddle*children’s saddle*new web halters*lead ropes* western pads*whips*new bridles*new reins*stock whips*horse rugs*miscellaneous items*second-hand bridles and oddments*rope halters*brand new wrangler jeans men’s*work bandage*fly mask* hay bags*plus heaps of Saddlery items*gates*pine table & chairs*vintage Ash Captain’s Mirrored Dressing Table*Nobby’s Kitchen Electric Mirrored Display Unit*Microwave Oven*Assorted Home Ware Packs*Fowler Preserving Jars*Bean Bag Yellow Studio Lounges [as new still in plastic]*Rocky Mountain Print*Circular Quay Lounge Print*Black Steel Modular Futon[no mattress]*Fisher Price Educational Toys*Wiggles Kids Pack*Infants Safe n Sound Booster Seat*Assorted Infants Clothes Packs*Teddy Bear Collection16 English as new in packaging;*child’s Tables/Chairs;*child’s Cupboard*Pine Bed head with bookshelf* Ornamental Scrolled Quilted Queen Bed head*plain double bed head*Pine Bed head Book Shelf*CD Storage Units*CDS Huge range/rock/pop/rap/country*Smith Corona Personal Word Processor*Gun Scopes*Fish Tank 1metre rectangular*Encyclopaedia Set plus Books*Livestock Drench Guns and Back-liners*Grey Ferguson Towbar*Sundries-Gal pipe fittings,tools,auto electric too many to mention. Entry of items still available phone Roger 0427 153 446.

For all enquiries, please contact: Roger Moore 0427 153 446 all hours
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Contact - 0427 482 095
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SUPPORT THE ORGANISATION WHICH SUPPORTS YOUR COMMUNITY
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Phone Kim on 6548 3060
Or Beron on 6548 2245

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MCS in touch with our community!
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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.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CHINESE SMORGASBORD ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle November 21**

Saturday members draw no 17, was not won – next week $190.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $440.00  
Dinner: Michael Cooper  
Bowls Raffle: Loretta Cooper  
Free Tickets: Nancy Coulton

NO RAFFLES ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28 DUE TO CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY. RAFFLES HELD OVER UNTIL SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29.

**Sunday Raffle November 22**

Sunday members draw - No 369, was not won. Next week $1600.00.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday November 28** – Club Christmas Party with music by The Reason Being. Tickets $25.00 per head, now available. Raffle tickets on sale at the Club for our Christmas raffle, three prizes, $1.00 per ticket.

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

**WOMENS BOWLS**

Mixed social bowls is on Wednesdays. Names are to be in by 9.30am with play at 10.00am. All interested players are welcome to come along for a game.

13 players went to Coolah last Tuesday for their Friendship Day. After a lovely morning tea and 18 ends of bowls played, all came in off the green and had a delicious lunch followed by presentation of trophies and Secret Santa gifts for all.

- **Winners** - Pat Quigley, Sheila Hood, Geoff Atkinson
- **Runners Up** - Glen Clarke, Joy Hancock, Kelvin Clarke
- **Raffle** - First - Ally Gonnian  
  Second - Arthur Cooper

Hope everyone enjoyed their bowls this year and I wish everyone the best for the new year.

Loretta Cooper

**Merriwa RSL Club**

The Members Lucky Badge for $900.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 447, this week it jackpots to $950.00.

The 7.00pm draw for $240.00 was not won, the number was 97, this week it jackpots to $260.00.

The Thursday Badge draw for $200.00 was not won, the number was 879, this week it jackpots to $220.00 and will be drawn between 6.00pm–7.00pm. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $550.00 was not won last week, the number was 885, this week commences at $600.00 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.

Merriwa Ringer
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 team play Aberdeen 1 at Aberdeen going down by 78 runs but with only nine players this was a fare effort, top runs scorer for the RSL Chris Saunders with 50+ runs. This Saturday the RSL team plays Bunnan at Merriwa starting at 1.00pm.

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

MIXED GAME OF FUN

Don’t forget to get your name in if you are interested in playing in the mixed competition. Your name needs to be left at the table by December 9 to play a mixed round of league tag on December 16. These teams will be drawn from random on Wednesday night December 9.

The mixed night will also be a free chicken and gravy roll night or bbq night (decided at the next meeting) night for all registered players. Under 18’s will receive a packet of chips and a drink with their dinner ticket.

ROUND 9

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Table Duty: DMC’s

MEETING FOR DECEMBER

A reminder to all teams that the next meeting is coming around fast. At the last meeting there were a couple of teams that did not attend so started the competition with a minus point score. Make sure that you have an over 18 representative attend the meeting. Meetings are short but are necessary for an organisation to function. This coming meeting will address:

- Vacant positions
- Mixed game format
- Christmas free meal
- Christmas give away
- Issues from games in first part of season
- Juniors - invite to competition
- Referees
- Incoming/outgoing mail

Hilary Parker
There are still positions vacant for anyone wishing to take on a role for Merriwa Touch football. These include - Vice President, Secretary (Barbra Eipper is currently filling in the position) and registrar. The hard work has been completed but still needs people in these positions for smooth transitioning into 2016. Consider coming on board for 2016.

Tina Taylor

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

UPCOMING EVENT

Merriwa Magpies are having a Christmas Cake Stall on Saturday December 19 at 9.00am, in front of the IGA. If you are able to help out with baking or on the day, that would be great. We will also have a raffle and 100 club.

If you need any more information please inbox on facebook Merriwa Magpie’s League Tag and Rugby League.

LOOKING FOR

MRLF Club are currently seeking interested persons for Reserve Grade and League Tag coaches, First Aid, League Safe 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 mwarsclub@bigpond.com. Positions close on Tuesday December 1.

Jessyca Morgan

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football and Netball Club

We are now in the off-season but that doesn’t mean there is nothing happening. Our committee still attend monthly meetings with Group 21 at Muswellbrook and the 2016 season is in full planning mode.

On the home front John Whitby has started training with the Manly Sea Eagles SG Ball Squad to play trials against Canberra at Goulburn December 5 and then against St George Illawarra at Brookvale on December 12. John has been training hard for the last few months and is in great condition. He has put a lot of commitment into preparing for these trials. We wish him luck.

PAINT-BALL DAY - DECEMBER 19

We would like to remind our Under 16’s side that we have 20 entry fees paid for and booked for December 19. All you have to pay for is your paintballs $45.00 for 200 balls. These 20 tickets will go to players and coaching staff so if you are under these categories ring Phil and reserve your spot. If these tickets are not all taken it will be opened to parents and supporters. If there are others who wish to come along, they are very welcome. The cost is $40.00 entry fee and $45.00 for 200 paint balls. We need to know who are interested asap so we can book numbers. The day should be a blast so give Phil Neale a ring and book your spot 6548 8541/0417 236 612.

We would like to get an estimate of numbers for next year. Those who played in 2015 season will automatically counted into the 2016 season. For those children out there who haven’t played with our junior league teams and may be interested in playing next year, could you please give Phil or Elaine a ring with ages. Ages are five years (turning five in the 2016 year) but playing in an Under 6’s side through to Under 18’s. If you want to enjoy a team sport or represent your community like John Whitby, the MAGPIES will give you the opportunity. Please contact Phil Neale (number above) or Elaine Sparrow 6548 8560.

GIRLS UNDER 14’S LEAGUE TAG COMPETITION 2016

Group 21 wish to commence an Under 14’s (ages of 12, 13 and 14) girls League Tag competition. They are planning a skills day in early December. This comp will hopefully not impact on the netball season so any girls interested in playing we would love to see you at the skills day or ring Elaine if you have any interest. We will inform everyone of the date of the skills day when we are notified. It would be a great team sport to be involved in and it will possibly be played prior to the senior league tag games in the weekly senior competition? All this is to be finalised. Getting interest in the comp is the first priority. Our neighbouring towns are very interested and showing great support for this to commence.

HISTORY

The Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club would like to collect a bit of our history. Are you male? Around 45 (and under) years of age? Played league around five or six? We want to hear from you. Do you have any photos? Do you have any newspaper articles? Do you have any trophies? The committee want to put our history together for our future generations so if you have anything that would be of interest please give Elaine a call.

Elaine Sparrow

Merriwa Ringer
Brilliant weather leads to a brilliant night of training on Monday night. A big welcome to new members Keira Green, Eden Barry and Bailey Morgan! We look forward to seeing you find your favourite event in the sport of athletics over the coming months. Five coaches including junior coaches Brydie Moore and James Hagley went across to Muswellbrook Little Athletics Club last week to take part in an intro to coaching course run by the zone coordinator. It was great to see another club in action and learn a few coaching tips from one of our regions best. Many thanks to Muswellbrook for inviting us and to John Watson for sharing his knowledge.

There were so many ‘stars’ on the track on Monday night it was hard for all four coaches to choose the stand outs. Tiny Tots coach Sally Hagley was very impressed with Mitchell Maben who really got ‘stuck into training’ this week, joining in the games and running a cracking egg and spoon race. Coach Steve Hourn gave gold stars to newcomers Keira Green, Grace Collits and Isla Murphy for their impressive throwing ability in the discus and shotput. Well done girls! Ainsley Maben did a great job coaching our runners this week with some standout performances from David Mcphee and Darcy Taaffe in the 800m with Grace Booth and Jack Patterson putting in a top effort (and fine finish) in the 200 and 400m. Tash Taaffe’s top hurdlers of the night were Torah Coles and Georgia Maben, both new to hurdles and both showing excellent natural style and ability. Brilliant work girls. Best sport of the night goes to Makayla Coles who was always on hand to whiz down the track and put up the fallen hurdles. Thank you Makayla!

The Zone team has now been confirmed with 12 athletes gearing up for the big comp down in Metford in December. Great to have a few new faces in the team this year – David and Jayden McPhee, Ben Patterson, Cody Bates and Grace Booth joining the Moore, Keane and Taaffe crew.

WRAP UP FOR MONDAY NOVEMBER 23

The track was GREEN and we had lots of lean, mean running and jumping machines on Monday night!

Tiny Tots coaches Sally Hagley and Brydie Moore were both very impressed with the huge improvement this week from newcomer Olivia Curteis in the long jump. Alexander Googe was also a star performer improving across the board in all areas while Thomas Campbell showed great potential in the javelin, well done kids!

Coach Mel Bates was our running coach this week. Mel’s ‘gold stars’ went to Dylan Keane for not only doing a cracking 400m but for helping out and great listening skills. Really great to hear Dylan. Grace Booth was another stand out performer this week putting in 100% in every race. Love your style Gracie!

Coach Ainsley Maben and James Hagley were unanimously impressed with the ‘unbelievable’ natural ability and technique shown by David McPhie in javelin. Cody Bates had an equally effortless style that makes these two boys the ‘ones to watch’ in the throws this year!

High jump always puts a smile on the kids dials, and it was my absolute pleasure to coach Bailey Morgan, Clare Inder and Claudia Patterson this week. All three had big ‘aha’ moments, when you all worked out the tricky scissor kick. Just priceless!

Our new coaches this season have really helped to streamline our training nights and reduce the number of kids in each class so they can get more time on the gear. A big thank you to each of you.
## Community Calendar

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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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