Merriwa hosts annual combined Christian Church’s Carols in the Park this weekend
CASSILIS
Wed 20 January 10:30am
Decorating Door Hangers
Bookings Essential
Ph: 6376 1295

MERRIWA
Tues 12 January 11:00am
Create a Butterfly
Fri 15 January 3:30pm
Kids’ Party Confidential
Tues 19 January 11:00am
Weaving Baskets
Bookings Essential
Ph: 6521 7007
Congratulations to our Students of the Week for Week 9. Tomorrow we will be awarding the final book awards for 2015 and would like to thank our wonderful P and C for their continued support of Student of the Week by donating all our books for the year. Without the P and C these book awards could not happen. Well done to the following recipients:

Kindergarten: Claire Inder  
Year 2: Georgie Simmons  
Year 3/4: Ellie-May Whitby  
Year 4/5: Josie Porter

SPECIAL AWARDS
At last Friday’s assembly we were very proud to award numerous Bronze Awards to students. Well done to Talisha Coles, Rhianna Shadlow, Shania Patterson, Duncan Harrison, Makala Birtles, Jack Nairne and Tamika Drury.

We were also very proud to award students with the Silver Award. Congratulations to Inara West, Cadence Tudor, Isaac Constable, Jack Mobberley, Riley Telfer and Shawn Smith.

Three of our students also received Gold Awards from the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done to Josie Porter, Jack Fairhall and Jack Ponsford.

CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS
Last Friday we conducted the speeches for Year 5 students who were nominated for Captain or Prefect. All students gave wonderful speeches and it was clearly evident they had been working hard during their leadership sessions.

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with Mrs Moore this term. After the assembly, the remainder of the school cast their votes anonymously on ballot paper which was secured and counted that afternoon by Mrs West and community member, Aunty Barbra. Results of the count will remain secure until Presentation Night when our Captains and Prefects for 2016 will be announced. All nominees are expected to attend the Presentation Night for the announcement and conveying of the badges. Well done to all our nominees on your wonderful effort!

PRESENTATION DAY

Next Tuesday is the official Presentation Day for all Infants awards and Primary certificates. Years 3-12 awards will be conveyed at the night ceremony at the School of Arts starting at 7.00pm. All Year 6 students are expected to attend the night ceremony. All parents and community are welcome to join us for the day ceremony at the Great Hall, beginning at 9.30am. Teachers will award Infants students with book awards, achievement certificates or encouragement certificates for work throughout this year. Primary students will be awarded with either achievement certificates or encouragement certificated at the day ceremony. Book awards will be conveyed at the night ceremony. We hope to see you all there as we celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students this year.

REWARDS ACTIVITIES

Rewards Activities will be conducted on the last day of term, Wednesday December 16, for both Infants and Primary students. Eligible Infants students will be participating in a ‘Christmas Frolic’ where they will have many Christmas-themed activities and are invited to come dressed in a Christmas outfit for the day. Eligible primary students will have a ‘Water Fun Day’ where we will be watching a water-themed movie, having lunch and then heading to Merriwa Pools for some water games. Eligible primary students will be provided with lunch for the day, but will need to bring in their swimming clothes, sun shirt and pool entry fee. The movie Primary students will be watching is called ‘Dolphin Tale’ which is rated PG. Students will be ineligible for rewards activities if they do not have four or more points according to our behaviour point system which began implementation at the beginning of this year. Students who are ineligible to participate will attend alternative lessons. If you have any queries about rewards activities please contact your child’s class teacher.

SWIM SCHEME

Our swim scheme is now complete and it has been such a great experience to see our students developing their swim skills over the last three weeks. We would like to thank all the teachers who were instructors in the pool as well as our Learning Support Officers and students from the secondary coaching class. Our students have now developed some great water skills that are also important life-long skills. A big thank you to Mrs Moore for organising the program this year!
Secondary News

MATHS, SCIENCE, AG AND ENGLISH REPORT

As we get closer to the end of the year, it’s time to reflect on our achievements for 2015 and priorities for 2016.

It has been a challenging year in terms of staff continuity, however, we have managed to continue to provide students with meaningful and challenging educational activities in line with the NSW curriculum.

Some of the highlights have been an increase in the number of opportunities offered outside the classroom, including:

• Trips to Newcastle and New England universities for our Year 12 science students to enhance their knowledge of science concepts for the HSC. In addition our junior students demonstrated their creativity and problem solving skills during the Science and Engineering Challenge in Muswellbrook.

• Two excursions to the Belvoir Theatre in Sydney to allow exposure of our students to live productions followed by interaction with cast members of the performance teams. In addition, for the fifth year in a row our students have received awards in the Newcastle Herald Writing Competition, a great achievement.

• Agriculture students participating in the Muswellbrook Cattle Camp, the Merriwa Show and Scone Beef Bonanza to continue to increase their knowledge and skills in cattle handing and husbandry practices. I would like to thank Mr Col Bates for his ongoing generosity of the donation of a steer for the Steer Competition, and Mr Daniel and Mr Walker for transport of the cattle.

• Continued development of the Ag Farm, including the addition to our flock with the birth of our first alpaca cria and hopefully more lambs as our two ewes have been running with a ram at the Taylor property. Our chooks have continued to produce a prolific number of eggs and we had a rush on our chicks which we sold at 10-12 weeks. The Primary Industries class re-fenced the southern boundary with the assistance of Mr Roger Moore and Mrs Brazier and the vegetable garden has provided a great range of delicious produce.

• Continued success of maths students on the QuickSmart program with seven secondary students and one primary student graduating, as well as the others improving the skills in basic mathematical operations. In addition Mr Lomax has continued to provide tutoring on Thursday afternoons so that students can get additional support to complete assignments and classwork.

All of the above activities take many hours of planning as well as a commitment to out of hour’s supervision, all of which our staff happily volunteer for, so that students can reap the benefit. I would like to take this opportunity to thanks them all for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

At present our current Year 12 students are completing their first assessment tasks for their HSC year. They have found the need for increased organisation in order to ensure they are thoroughly prepared for at least five tasks before the holidays. They need to use the time they are provided with to complete the task in a timely manner and ensure all outcomes are addressed so that they can maximise their assessment marks which influence their HSC results.

2016 is sure to provide ongoing challenges, and in preparation to provide a seamless start to the year we have organised maths, science and English classes in the same manner, with a combined Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 across all three subjects, to allow for greater support for students who may need extra time and explanation of concepts. In addition, QuickSmart will continue five days a week so 22 students will have the opportunity to enhance their skills.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal
Students also need to be prepared for the start of the year. They need to have separate A4 books (as large as possible) for each subject they will be studying, a fully equipped pencil case including a calculator and the appropriate uniform, including black enclosed leather shoes and white joggers for sport. A school hat is also necessary when doing outdoor activities such as PDHPE, sport and Ag activities at the Ag farm. The most successful students come to School with a positive attitude and are prepared to take opportunities which are outside their comfort zone, an attribute which would be beneficial for all students.

I hope you all have a happy and safe holiday season, and look forward to continued success for our students in 2016.

Gwen Meyer
Head Teacher Maths, Science, Ag, English

HUMAN SOCIETY IN ITS ENVIRONMENT (HSIE) REPORT

Recently Year 7 History students participated in a Tai chi workshop as part of their studies of Ancient China. We were very lucky to have Mrs Roberts’ grandmother, Helen Hafey, come and share her love and knowledge of this ancient martial art. Mrs Hafey provided students with a history and explanation of how it is practised around the world today. She demonstrated Level 1 moves to the students and shared her equipment; whilst students had the opportunity to practise a warm up in a typical Tai Chi class. Students took the opportunity to learn a different style of physical activity and shared their own knowledge and asked questions over a refreshing green tea to complete their healthy cultural experience. We wish to thank Mrs Hafey for travelling from Newcastle and spending the afternoon with us. I am sure it will be a learning experience for Year 7 to remember.

Earlier this term, our school was invited to participate in the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage My Place project which has been coordinated by Fiona Strachan. Secondary students including Hanna Byfield, James Hagley, Kyle Mudge, Codi Marsh, Breanna Goodear, Tiger Rawlings and Emma-Lee Cooper have been involved in planning an environmental action plan for our school. We were fortunate to have Fiona join us for a couple of meetings to address current environmental issues concerning our school. In particular, guiding students through the process of forming an environmental action plan including how to better reuse school waste such as recycling. Our students were then required to come up with a presentation to communicate our school’s action plan. This was presented to school groups from around the region at Kurri Kurri TAFE for the NSW Environmental Education Conference as well as our school formal assembly to inform the MCS student body of their ideas. An expressions of interest has been opened to students in the
In what year did you start in ROAR? 2012

Why is ROAR important? ROAR provides so many opportunities for our members. It provides them with a sense of belonging, a sense of right and wrong. It provides them with a reason to come to school and try. It provides them with a reason to behave and an understanding of the world around them.

How has ROAR changed you? ROAR has encouraged me to look closely at my own actions and behaviours in order to become a positive role model for the students. It has provided me the opportunity to do what I love and the motivation to be a better man.

As coach how do you include your past sporting experience into the program? I certainly rely on my past training sessions that aim to be informative, fun and foster a lifelong enjoyment of sport.

What do you see as the future of ROAR? In finishing this year I have a very positive outlook on the future of ROAR. With the changes implemented throughout the year and the goals for next year I hope to set the foundation for a stronger and more effective program for years to come.

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CAREERS NEWS

Year 12 Key dates:
- December 16 – NSW HSC results released
- January 5 – First round of University offers based on ATAR results


ANU Equity Scholarships Love Undergraduate Scholarship - Closes January 6. Up to $50,000 over five years. Students from disadvantaged backgrounds. http://www.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-support

ANU The Poppy Undergraduate Scholarship. Closes January 6 - $5,000 a year for three year. Study Sociology, Economics, Commerce or Law. http://www.anu.edu.au/students/scholarships-support


Make Your Mark The Virtual Classroom - Virtual visits to university campuses. Link up with university researchers, academics and industry professionals. http://www.makeyourmark.edu.au/parents-schools/resources/resources-teachers-bridges-connect/

Diploma of Fitness at UOW College - This qualifications can be used as a Pathway to UOW (where eligible) and as a gateway to their relevant industries. For more information, please contact via uowc-vocational@uow.edu.au or 1300 885 395.


Downundr.com - Find work around Australia for temporary summer holidays. http://www.downundr.com/

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

Jane Hegarty
Careers Adviser
Thank you all for a fabulous year and on behalf of all the students and staff at St Joseph’s we wish you a very happy and holy Christmas and a relaxing, safe holiday.

We continue to keep all the family and friends of our school community and indeed the wider community in our thoughts and prayers. There has been a lot of sadness this year both locally and world-wide, and Christmas is a difficult time for those who are mourning. We pray for God’s peace at this time.

The St Joseph’s swimming carnival held last Friday, epitomises what a great school is and what great education looks like. The Learn to Swim lessons were planned with the end in mind. The carnival was the means to assess student learning. As a collaborative team, the staff assessed student water skills several weeks ago. They then targeted the learning to the various needs of the children. Children were grouped according to like needs. Resources were allocated according to need and expertise. These resources included community facilities, parents and teachers. The children set their learning goals in collaboration with the teachers. On the day of the carnival all children participated to the best of their ability. It was an absolute delight to see records smashed by our most competent swimmers. Even more inspiring was watching students who previously were terrified of the water take hold of their kickboards and glide across the pool. Thank you Mrs Peebles for organising the carnival and the learn to swim lessons, Jason Constable and the Upper Hunter Shire for assistance and for the wonderful facility that is the Merriwa Pool, thank you teachers and parents who have helped at swimming lessons and for those who helped on the day.

Town Carolling Tuesday December 15 - Although there is to be no street Christmas party this year, the St Joseph’s students will again continue their tradition of carolling in the shopping centre. We will commence at 4.00pm.

St Joseph’s Community Day on the last student day of school, Wednesday December 16, will once again see our students gather at the hospital to sing Christmas carols and then walk to Gummun Place to entertain the residents. This is St Joseph’s way to put back into our community and bring some of the joy of Christmas to those who can’t get out and about.

The Transition to school program ended last Tuesday. The students have demonstrated that they are ready to begin big-school and many of their routines have already been established. The relationships between the new Kinders and their senior buddies have blossomed. The final information for parents session and morning tea was enjoyed by all in attendance. We were very fortunate to have input from a speech therapist, occupational therapist, Eat it to Beat it presenter and Road Safety materials as well as Parents and Friends Federation bits and pieces. Those parents who were not able to attend the day on Tuesday or any of the previous information sessions are invited to call in at the school to collect their information packs.

The transition of students from Year 2 to Year 3 and Year 4 to Year 6 was also very successful. The students have enjoyed learning in and becoming accustomed to their new environment.

Holidays can be fun but……. many children spend very little time reading and so their reading levels regress by the start of the school year and often take up to the end of Term 1 to regain any losses. This set back wastes valuable learning time. The teachers feel so strongly about this that we have devised a strategic plan:

- Students may borrow library books for the holiday period
- The school library will be staffed on three days during January, from 9.00am to 11.00am, to enable students to come in and read/borrow books/catch up with friends/enjoy a reading session.

Holidays can be fun but… many children can’t wait to get back to connect with everyone again, many students find this a time of anxiety as they have been away from people for too long and feel disconnected. Our solution?
- The Annual St Joseph’s Belonging Day, January 18, 2016. Students are welcome between 10 am and 1 pm. They will be given lunch and morning tea. While at school they will help their teachers set up the classroom for the new school year, arrange posters, colour name tags and so on. The emphasis is on sharing relaxed time with teachers and peers so as to foster positive relationships for learning.

THANK YOU TO THE WHOLE “VILLAGE” THAT EDUCATED OUR CHILDREN IN 2015

Library helpers, Canteen workers, carnival helpers, reading helpers, Campdraft and fete workers, P and F meeting attenders, clothing pool helpers, bus cleaners, morning tea, afternoon tea and supper cooks, classroom visitors, homework supervisors, school supporters and all other volunteers - Thank you! Whatever your contribution we appreciate it. We look forward to working with you again in 2016.

Christmas blessings from – Helen Whale, AnneMarie Peebles, Sally Gilbey, Samantha Kerr, Sally Hagley, Paige Farrow, Lizzie Foran, Tanya Ninness, Melissa Collins, Cassandra McLaren, Trudi Parker and Karin Brazier.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK’S AWARD WINNERS

Infants - Alana Telfer - for great work in the collecting of data
Jeremy Hopkins - for great work in the collecting of data
Jack Patterson - for his speedy sounds
Tilly Clark - for her awareness of the Nativity
Year 3/4 - Bobby Keegan - for always trying his best in all activities
Axul Hourn - for his excellent understanding of mass
Year 5/6 - Charles Brazier - for always giving of his best in Maths
Jonathan Keegan - for his fantastic work assisting others at the Swimming Carnival
Playground Champion - Aidan Hunt - for being a caring member of our school community
Ella Beaven - for caring for others
Gaby Nicholls - for always helping the younger students
Principal’s Awards - Dylan Turner - exceptional sportsmanship at the swimming carnival
John Magner - for being an outstanding buddy.

Helen Whale
Principal

Homemaking is men’s business too! The boys in the playhouse corner of the infants room discussed many aspects of homemaking whilst playing here. There is a lot of rich language being used and creativity as well as social skills.
In Writing, he sounded out tricky words and wrote an increased number of sentences and in Mathematics he demonstrated his ability to work independently to complete Mathematics problems and activities.

Banjo actively participated in soccer on Monday and during play practice throughout the week. Banjo was confident with his lines and demonstrated good acting skills. He was happy to help clean up after toy making on Friday and was consistently respectful to both students and teachers throughout the week. Congratulations and keep up the fantastic work, Banjo!

PAINTING WOODEN TOYS

Students are on their last step of their wooden toy projects, Painting! Most toys were completed on Friday, and those that weren’t should be completed in the next week ready to go home before the end of the term!

CAPTAIN SPEECHES

Don’t forget this Tuesday our Year 5 students will deliver their speeches and staff and students will vote for the captain and vice-captain for 2016. Feel free to come and listen to the speeches after morning assembly at 9.00am.

SCRIPTURE EXCURSION

On Thursday, we visited St Columba church for an end of year Scripture excursion. At the church we were greeted by Reverend Glen who showed us around the church and answered the students’ questions. The students shared their writing about what Christmas means to them and Mrs Parker and Reverend Glen told us the story of Christmas.

Thank you to Mrs Parker for organising the excursion and for transporting students on the day.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Teachers are very busy with end of year assessments and preparing written reports for parents. Reports provide a summary of each student’s individual learning and achievement for Semester 2 and will go home to all parents this Friday December 11.

A note is attached to this newsletter about Parent/Teacher Chats which will be held next week.

SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS

This week teachers will also be busy working on school evaluation and planning for next year. Mrs Burgess and Miss Hodgson will be visited by a consultant on Friday who will help us plan for next year.

Student and parent surveys will be sent out this week to get an idea of what the students/parents and community value at Cassilis Public School. We look forward to hearing this valuable feedback!

CASSILIS PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF FOR TERMS 1 AND 2

Miss Nell Storrier will be joining us (Monday-Wednesday), for Terms 1 and 2 next year. Miss Storrier has had time to get to know the students this term by teaching while Mrs Burgess and Miss Hodgson have been away. Miss Storrier is a wonderful teacher and we know that she will be an asset to the school.

Cassilis Public School

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - BANJO HEYCOX

Banjo has been voted ‘Student of the Week’ this week for his overall positive behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

Last week, he impressed staff and students with his effort in Writing and Mathematics.

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On Friday’s we will again be joined by Mr Gant for Science and Technology. We look forward to gaining new skills and understandings from a new Science based project.

Miss Hodgson will be at school each day taking on the Relieving Principal role. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact a member of staff.

Katie Burgess
Principal

RSL BURSARY

Congratulations to Abby Cooper, who was successful in winning the Denman RSL Bursary this year. Well done to all students who sat for the test.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Another exciting night of awards and presentations took place last night at school. Congratulations to all our winners and to the new office bearers for 2016.

CLASS AWARDS

Kindergarten/Year 1
- Academic Excellence: Kayden Adams
- Most Improved: Austin Adams
- Bengalla Mining Consistent Effort: Isabelle Pike
- Jason Daniel Award for Kindness: Cody Parkinson
- Creative and Performing Arts: Livianna Craig

Year 2/3
- Academic Excellence: Riley Borradaile
- Bengalla Mining Consistent Effort: Cambell Hinze
- The Brind Award for Perseverance: Andrew Harris
- Mathematics voucher: Darcy Wallace

Year 4/5/6
- Henry Dalton Cup for Best All Rounder: Amy Thompson
- Most Improved: Reece McCandless
- Bengalla Mining Consistent Effort: Natasha Marsh
- Creative and Performing Arts Award: Jacob Marsh
- AGL Macquarie Science Award: Nicholas Terrell
- Lions Club of Denman Year 6 Scholarship: Hunter Marsh
- Public Speaking Medal: Junior—Marshall Hinze, Senior—Amy Thompson
- Banking Award: Rowdy Walters
- Sportsperson of the Year: Angus Higgins

Ringer Deadline!

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

Remember only 1 more issue for 2015
Premier’s Sporting Challenge  
Sam Thompson  
Library Awards  
Kinder/Year 1/2 - Noah Adams  
Year 3/4/5/6 - Kristy Walker  
Award for Citizenship  
Isabella Wallace

SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2016

Captains  Reece McCandless and Natasha Marsh

Library Monitor  Ayden Marsh

Sports Monitors  Nicholas Terrell and Dustynn Turner

Dux of the School
Abby Cooper

Our small school cannot be the success it is today without the help and support of our parents and friends. On behalf of the students, I would like to extend my thanks to all parents who assisted with transport to and from the many sporting and cultural activities we attended this year, as well as the K-1-2 excursion. I would also like to thank the parents who have been involved with breakfast club and canteen.

Unfortunately we cannot personally acknowledge everyone, however, I would like to ask the following people to come forward and accept a certificate of appreciation.

- **Katie and Antony Thompson** – we thank you for your incredible generosity in financially supporting our school
- **Katie** – we also thank you for running the uniform shop and the hours you spend assisting with photocopying, laminating and covering books
- **Mr Gelder** – we thank you for your assistance in the classrooms with reading and spelling programs
- **Jeannie Harris** – we thank you for coordinating fundraising activities and filling the role of Treasurer for the P and C
- **Nicola Field** – we thank you for helping out with breakfast club, organising special food days, and the many duties you perform as a member of the P and C
- **Mrs Cummings** – we thank you for taking scripture with Year 3-4-5-6 this year
- **Jan Baihn** – we thank you for taking scripture with Kinder - Year 1-2 this year
- **Anita Hinze** – we thank you for your assistance canteen, Kinder Orientation and filling the role of Secretary for the P and C
- **Katie Roberts** – we thank you for managing the canteen this year
- **Michelle Stennett** – we thank you for your assistance with coordinating breakfast club
- **Rebecca Wardman** – we thank you for volunteering your time to do breakfast club and canteen
- **Rebecca Logue** – we thank you for your fundraising efforts through BBQs at Twin Shocks Motorcycle club meets and assisting with breakfast club
- **Amanda Thompson** – we thank you for your assistance in the canteen and coordinating fundraising activities for the P and C
- **Paul Higgins** – we thank you for your training the primary students for the PSSA soccer Knockout
- **Michael Terrell** – we thank you for your assistance with training students for soccer
- **Michelle and Glen Walker** – thank you for the hours you freely gave up to run the school cattle program
- **Michelle Walker** – we also thank you for your contributions towards P and C fundraising
- **Dan and Colleen Adams** – we thank you for assisting with breakfast club
- **M’Liss Parkinson** – we thank you for assisting in the canteen
- **The Sandy Hollow Caravan Park** – we thank you for allowing us to use your facilities for solar boats, swimming and the walkathon
- **The Sandy Hollow Service Station** – we thank you for supporting our canteen
- **Kim Stanford** – we thank you for training our swimming relay team for Zone, Region and the State carnivals.

Thank you also to our guest presenters Luke Jones and Martin Rush for helping to make our night the success that it was.

Christina Darlington  
Principal

Merriwa Ringer
Our club caters regularly for events held in Merriwa. Usually these are Rotary related occasions. (Merriwa is ideally located as a gathering point for Rotary District 9670, which extends from Newcastle to beyond Dubbo)

Last Saturday our Rotary team catered with refreshments for visitors to the Welderup clearance/reduction sale. The huge attendance made it a very busy and challenging day for our club.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Recently we celebrated the Christmas season with a gathering of our members, families and friends as well as some of the people who have helped us during the year.

We were taken by bus to Sandy Hollow and enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and good food at the Tourist Hotel…. and as an unexpected bonus…were taken on a bus tour of the off-the-Golden Highway parts of Sandy Hollow which most of us had never visited before.

HAPPY AUSTRALIAN CHRISTMAS, LOTTA

Our exchange student from Estonia, Lotta will be spending a very different Christmas in Merriwa this year. The internet tells us that the long range predicted temperature range for Tallinn, the Estonian capital is…. partly sunny… temperature prediction… minus one to minus eight. Lotta, we can promise you a somewhat warmer Christmas in Merriwa!
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 or bookings (for catering purposes) to Jean on 6548 2456.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout 2015. Season’s Greetings to you all from Merriwa CWA Branch.

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday February 8 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.

Penelope Fenley

Sandy Hollow Yabby Races

When: December 12
Time: 12.00pm
Where: Sandy Hollow Pub

Free entertainment including face painting and jumping castle for the kids as well as live music in the evening.

All proceeds go towards Sandy Hollow Hall Association, the Sandy Hollow School and Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

Katie Schmidt

Congratulations

We wish to congratulate Mandy Barwick (formally from Merriwa) for recently being awarded a Life Membership in Taekwondo in Singleton.

Margret Witney (mum) and family
Merriwa District Education Foundation

Are you studying at a tertiary institution in 2016?
Do you need some financial assistance?
If your answers are YES then consider applying for a Merriwa District Education foundation grant. Application forms can be found on www.cef.org.au

If you are a community member and would like to find out more about the foundation then come along to our Christmas meeting at the Royal Hotel Cassilis on December 14 at 6.00pm.

If you would like dinner afterwards please contact Jane Hegarty on 6376 1052.

Jane Hegarty

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 ongoing 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

Merriwa Multi Purpose Centre

The Merriwa Multi-Purpose Service Hospital Auxiliary, tirelessly fundraise to purchase equipment for the MPS. The Auxiliary have donated money to purchase evacuation sheets, a high pressure cleaner, a Sphygmomanometer (blood pressure) and an AccuVein.

The AccuVein allows health care professionals to see a map of peripheral veins on the skin’s surface with the goal of improving venipuncture, the most commonly performed invasive medical procedure.
The fourth ‘Let’s Talk About Play’ workshop will be held next Monday December 14 from 10.00am to 12 noon at Apex Park (opposite pool). This will be the fourth workshop of a series of four held this term for parents, carers and children aged 0 to 6. The workshop is free and will include Christmas gift making activities for the children, morning tea and a special visitor from the North Pole!

We will also be discussing a regular playgroup for young children in Merriwa in 2016. Your feedback and suggestions greatly appreciated.

This series is a joint initiative of Hunter Prelude, Early Links, Family Insight, Ability Links, St Vincent de Paul Society and the Upper Hunter Shire (UHS) Council.

To assist with catering, please contact UHS Community Services Officer Tash Taaffe to register your interest on 6521 7000 or email TTaaffe@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au.
**ORANGE CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES**

**INGREDIENTS**

- 750g Christmas pudding or fruitcake
- 30g Unsalted Butter
- 2 tablespoons brandy (optional)
- 400g good-quality dark chocolate, chopped
- 1/4 cup thickened cream
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1 teaspoon orange rind
- 2 teaspoons candied orange peel

**STEP 1**

Break up the Christmas pudding or fruitcake in the bowl of a food processor and blitz until it forms coarse crumbs.

**STEP 2**

Place 200g dark chocolate, orange juice and butter in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan half-filled with simmering water. Stir until the ingredients melt together and the mixture becomes smooth. Add the melted chocolate and brandy to the Christmas pudding or fruitcake crumbs, and stir to combine. Stir in rind.

**STEP 3**

Line a tray with baking paper. Roll large tablespoonfuls of the mixture into balls, and place on the lined tray. Transfer into the freezer until firm (approx 45 minutes).

**STEP 4**

Place remaining chocolate in a heatproof, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave, uncovered, on medium (50%) for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring every minute with a metal spoon, or until melted and smooth. Using a fork, dip truffles in chocolate, shaking off excess. Return truffles to tray. Top each truffle with one piece of candied peel. Refrigerate until set.

chocolate+truffles?ref=zone,christmas-baking

**EASY PAINTING CRAFTS**

With the weather being warm leading into Christmas, why not try hand and feet paintings to create cards and decorations. With just a few basic colours many designs can be created from Santa to Santa and his sleigh, Christmas trees and reindeers. A craft to keep for a life time.
A WALLET WITH A DIFFERENCE
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For bookings please call the surgery on 6548 2305.

Please be advised that the Merriwa Surgery will be closed from Sunday December 20 till Monday January 10, 2016 as Dr Jasem will be going back to the UK to visit his family. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

You may have noticed that we are experiencing a high demand on appointments, we are reaching our capacity, because of this we will soon be closing our books.

Still we have some appointments available for new patients. This is a dynamic process as some patients leave and more will come. We will re-open our books later when we find an additional GP to help and join our practice.

Please be patient with us as we understand how frustrating it can be if we can not see you at the time that suits you, currently the appointment book is booked for two weeks in advance for our current patients, we still do however provide urgent care to those in need in a timely manner. We have a commitment to our patients who have already booked their appointments. Everyone who is registered with us will continue to be looked after by our surgery, new patients will need to register first until we can fit them in, hopefully the waiting time will not be long. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. The priority is to our existing loyal patients.

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

A reminder that the Merriwa Surgery is closed on Wednesday Afternoons, from 1.00pm onwards. Patients registered with our surgery can still call our after hours emergency care number on 0455 323 287.

We are currently updating our records, it would be appreciated that all patients see our reception staff upon arrival so we can have your most
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It’s not too late to layby gifts as we will be open until late on Christmas Eve. We also do free gift wrapping.

Sale will end on Christmas Eve.

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Dianne Inder
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Remember only 1 more issue for 2015
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Entries close:

DECEMBER 14 - NOON

Topic for the month is:

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

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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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Meets 2nd Monday of the month
10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bathington Street
Visitors and new members are always welcome.
Enquiries to:
President: Barbara Campbell
Phone: 6548 5131
Email: barbara911@gmail.com
Secretary: Robyn McAlister
Phone: 6548 3274
Email: robyncwa@bigpond.com

La Scaletta PIZZERIA
Traditional Wood-fired pizza
Friday 6pm – late
Saturday 6pm – late
Call us for your next function!
(02) 6548 3005
0419 232 217 Robert
robert.marsh26@bigpond.com

Comforts of the Smith Family
Meet 4th Thursday of each month
Visitors are always welcome
Enquiries to:
President: Julie Smith
0429 197 397
Secretary: Elaine Sperro
6548 1500
Supporting the Smith Family
Merriwa District Progress Association Inc
SUPPORT THE ORGANISATION WHICH SUPPORTS YOUR COMMUNITY
Meets every 4th Wednesday at Merriwa RSL at 6:00 pm
Phone Kim on 6548 3060
Or Beron on 6548 2245

Merriwa Ringer

Merriwa Swimming Club
President - Anne Marie Peebles
Vice President - Leanne Hunt
Secretary/Registrar - Jodie Magner
Treasurer - Bronwyn Redgate
Head Coach - Jodie Magner

Squad Days - Monday/Tuesday
Time Trials - Thursday
Learn to Swim - Thursday/Friday
Contact Jodie on 0429 375 280

Opening Times:
*Monday & Tuesday - 4pm
*Wednesday - Saturday - 12pm
Thursday Night 7:00pm Bingo
Friday - 5:00pm - 7:00pm Happy Hour
Saturday - 7-45pm Door prize raffles and members badge draw.
Sunday - 5:00pm to 7:00pm meat raffle and members badge draw.
The Sporties Chinese/Australian Restaurant 6548 3228
Dine in or take away. Banquets and Function catering available.
Lunch Specials
Lunch: Wednesday to Saturday.
Dinner: Tuesday to Sunday

Merriwa Ringer

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club
President – Andrew Constable
Snr Vice President – Gaynor Blackadder
Jnr Vice President – Cynthia Morgan
Secretary/Treasurer - Matthew Morgan
Publicity Officer - Jessyca Morgan

Merriwa R.S.L Club Ltd
Bistro/ Snack Bar
Take Away
Lunch & Dinner 7 days
Parties & Weddings a specialty
ATM, SKY CHANNEL
CLUB TAB, CLUB KENO
DARTS, SNOOKER, POOL
Vice President: Hannah Walmsley
Day - Night Competitions
Junior Competitions
Court Hire

Merriwa Touch Football
Wednesday Nights
Junior and Senior Comp
President: Trent Cooper
Senior Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Barbara Eipper
Treasurer: Ainsley Mayben
For more information contact 6548 2124 after hours.

Merriwa Bushman’s Campdraft Est. 1947
President: Roger Moore
0427 153 446
Secretary: Megan Richards
0427 437 743
Treasurer: Jake McIntyre
0408 112 709

October Long Weekend 2016
merriwacampdraft@gmail.com

Merriwa Cricket Club
President: Craig Drury - 0477 123 937
Senior Vice President: Murray Wright - 0428 482 394
Secretary: Sonya Drury - 0459 541 450
Treasurer: Max McNaught - 0437 482 375

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Merriwa Bushman’s
LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE
2015/16 starts Oct 12!
Tots (3 & 4 yrs) to u/17 yrs
Mondays 5.30 to 7.00pm
at Merriwa No. 2 Oval
(throughout Terms 4 & 1)
New Members Welcome
ph: Tash Taaffe 0458 574 015
e: tashholden@bigpond.com
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: The Chinese Restaurant will be closed from Monday December 21 until Sunday December 26. REOPEN SUNDAY DECEMBER 27.

SMORGASBORD ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 27

WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday Raffle December 5

Saturday members draw no 74, was not won – next week $210.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $480.00

Dinner: Sharon Russell

Bowls Raffle: Beatrice Voysey

Free Tickets: Peter Lawler

Sunday Raffle December 6

Sunday members draw - No. 348, was won. Next week $250.00.

BINGO CHANGE

There will be no BINGO on Thursday December 10, it will return the following week of December 17.

COMING ATTRACTION

Daniel Champagne, International Entertainer, will be appearing at the Sports Club on Sunday January 10, 2016 from 2.00pm. Tickets $10.00 and now available at Merriwa Sports Club.

TRADING HOURS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Christmas Day: Closed

Boxing Day: 12 noon until 7.00pm.

SATURDAY raffles for December 26 will be held over until Sunday December 27 at 6.00pm.

Julie Smith

Cassilis Bowling Club

FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

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

December 4 – Member’s draw - $55.00 – Shane Pittman – unclaimed - $60.00 next week.

Joker draw - $566.00 - Kevin O’Malley - unsuccessful - $599.00 next week.

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

Hilary Parker
Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $500.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 869, this week it jackpots to $550.00.

The 7.00pm draw for $280.00 was not won, the number was 690, this week it jackpots to $280.00.

The Thursday Badge draw for $220.00 was not won, the number was 274, this week it jackpots to $260.00 and will be drawn between 6.00pm–7.00pm. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $650.00 was not won last week, the number was 622, this week commences at $700.00 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.

RAFFLES

We now have a ham in each raffle leading up to the Christmas Eve raffles, we will also have four extra Christmas hampers in the Christmas Eve raffle, and don’t forget that the 8.30 badge is drawn till won.

‘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 middles, 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.

Sporting

Merriwa Rugby League
Football Club

STREET STALL

Street stall on Saturday December 19 at 8.30am in front of the IGA.

If you able to help out on the day or make cakes, slices, etc for the stall to help support the Merriwa Magpie Rugby League and League Tag Football Club that would be greatly appreciated. Please inform one of the committee members.

Jessyca Morgan

Merriwa Touch Football Club

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DECEMBER

Sunday 13  •  Combined Christian Churches, Carols in the Park - Apex Park - 7.00pm
Monday 14  •  Photography Competition - Christmas Trimmings - closing time 12.00noon
Friday 25  •  Christmas Day
Saturday 26  •  Boxing Day
Thursday 31  •  New Years Eve

JANUARY 2016

Friday 1  •  New Years Day
Sunday 10  •  Daniel Champage - International Entertainer - Merriwa Sports Club - 2.00pm

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

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

Contact Tina Taylor on 6548 2119.

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