Sunday February 8 was the first rally day of the 2015 season for Merriwa Pony Club. Wonderful to see 16 riders saddle up, including new members Kirra Green and Isla Murphy, welcome girls!
GUMMUN PLACE NEEDS OUR HELP!
WE CAN ALL HELP ROTARY TO HELP GUMMUN PLACE.

Merriwa’s hostel for Seniors is hoping to install a MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM. This will be an important addition to the great service already being provided at the hostel.

The system will allow close monitoring of hostel residents. Their wellbeing can be assured through alarms being activated so that intervention by the hostel staff can happen as soon as needed.

Merriwa Rotary has been a major supporter of and donor to this project and is now launching a scheme to enable the rest of the community to have the opportunity to raise the final $10,000 needed.

THIS IS HOW OUR SCHEME WILL WORK -
Rotary will buy eight head of cattle at a favourable price and have them fattened on properties throughout the district. These cattle will be sold three months later. All proceeds from the sale will go to Gummun Place for the purchase of the Medical Alert System.

HOW CAN OUR COMMUNITY HELP?

Donations large and small from all members of our community, to purchase the cattle will be greatly welcomed.

- You can see any Merriwa Rotarian to donate to this cause.

- Very soon, donation tins will be appearing in a number of locations throughout Merriwa

- Donations can also be made by electronic transfer to Merriwa Rotary

BSB: 932 000 Account: 420352. (Please include your name as a reference)

GUMMUN PLACE IS A TREASURE BELONGING TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY.

ROTARY WELCOMES ANY HELP TO ASSIST IN THIS MAJOR PROJECT.
CONSIDER HOW IMPORTANT GUMMUN PLACE IS TO MERRIWA AND GIVE THIS PROJECT ALL THE SUPPORT YOU CAN. WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER.

LET US GET TOGETHER AND HELP ... AS MERRIWA ALWAYS DOES.

Mark Smith
Rotary Club of Merriwa
Principal’s Report

It was great to see so many parents at our annual swimming carnival. We were very lucky with the cooler weather on the day, and the level of participation from students was a great display of team spirit. Congratulations to all teachers, students and parents who made the day such a great success.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE

The school has a small bucket of funds allocated each year to assist parents in financial difficulty. Funds are allocated to support the wearing of school uniform, purchase of essential calculators, and to assist with school contributions. Parents experiencing difficulty are asked to complete a student assistance application form each year. In addition parents may seek assistance on an “as needs” basis to assist with excursions eg extended time periods to pay, or instalment arrangements by making a direct application. All enquiries are treated on a confidential basis. Please do not hesitate to call me to discuss how the school may assist parents in these circumstances. Student assistance application are available from the primary and secondary office.

ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

Over recent years I have been pleased by the increasing number of our students acknowledging their Aboriginal heritage. Aboriginal perspectives are incorporated across all areas of the curriculum K-12. Last year students had the opportunity to investigate Aboriginal sites of local significance “Hand on Rock” and “The Drip”. A Yarn Up session for parents and carers of our Aboriginal students will be held later in the term to consider new initiatives for 2015. I would encourage as many parents as possible to come along and have input into the ways in which we can work together to promote Aboriginal culture and heritage in our school.

SCHOOL PLANNING

Education is a shared partnership between students, parents, teachers and the broader community. As we go into a new school planning cycle we are keen to hear from all stakeholders about how we can make our school even better. Last week I discussed with the P and C how we can improve communication between school and home, and the need for a continued focus on high expectations for all students. The feedback suggested we were doing a great job providing support to struggling students, however our top students needed to be pushed to achieve their full potential.

Each week I meet with our student leaders of the Student Representative Council. They have some fantastic ideas and have a number of projects in the pipeline this year. The first item on their agenda is the purchase of a new drink machine for students.

SCHOOL JERSEYS

To make it easier for parents to purchase school jerseys and wind jackets they will now be available at Di’s Clothing Patch in Bettington Street. As a result parents will now be able to purchase all their uniform requirements in the one place.

Darren Noonan
Principal

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**Coming Events**

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Primary News

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last week Primary students participated in the Merriwa Central School swimming carnival. Well done to all of the students who represented their sport houses by competing in age races, medleys and 100m races. All students represented the school in a positive way and showed great sportsmanship towards their peers by cheering as they swam. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out and made the day run smoothly.

Alyssa Moore

CLASSES

This year the Primary enrolments have increased and we are running six main classes. These are:

Kindergarten: Miss Willis
Year K/1: Miss Sinderberry
Year 2: Miss Laurie
Year 3/4: Mrs West
Year 4/5: Miss Crutch
Year 5/6: Mrs Moore

Classes began Library sessions this week and will need a bag to be able to participate in book borrowing. There were reminder notices issued last week for students who need to return books from last year. Please return overdue books ASAP to ensure our library is well stocked with quality books for the new school year.

HOME READING

The Home Reading program is a beneficial way to help improve skills in reading and promote a love of reading at home. Students will receive a plastic sleeve with a book and a recording sheet. Home readers are to be returned every week in order to be swapped for a new book. If you have any questions about the program please see your child’s teacher.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Last Friday was an exciting afternoon as we awarded the first awards for Student of the Week. With six main classes, we now have six Students of the Week to celebrate. Our books are donated by our supportive P and C and are greatly appreciated. Congratulations to the following students:

Kindergarten: Riley Bristow
Year K/1: Zara Sampson
Year 2: Daniel Mead
Year 3/4: Duncan Harrison
Year 4/5: Jack Nairne
Year 5/6: Jack Wallings

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Tomorrow the Primary campus will be holding its first formal assembly for the year. We will be presenting ribbons from the swimming carnival to students as well as handing out book awards for Student of the Week and showcasing some work for Workers of the Week. We welcome parents, family and friends to join us on the Primary campus for a 2.15pm start.

SCRIPTURE

This week we began Scripture sessions in all classes. Students will be participating in lessons that will lead up to the traditional Easter Presentation in Week 10. We look forward to preparing for a great presentation with our Scripture teachers Aunty Barbara, Mr Moors and Reverend Glen.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL P AND C TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday February 28 at 6.00pm
Where: Merriwa RSL Club
Tables of 8
Cost: $5.00 per person
Tables to be booked at Max’s Country Cuts.
Everyone welcome. Feel free to bring your little ones.

Gaynor Blackadder
Secretary
Secondary News
SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Like last year, the school ran a swimming event, which combined the Primary and Secondary students’ events – at the Merriwa Memorial Pool. Once again we aimed to provide a different experience to what has been offered in the past - in which the majority of our students participated in a range of swimming strokes over varying distances (from 25m events to 200m events).

We started with 200m Individual Medley events followed by 50m Butterfly and 200m Freestyle events. It became evident that there were many students challenging themselves and wanting to do their best. At the first announcement of house points, Lawson, Wentworth and Blaxland were competing very well.

It was fantastic to see our high school students helping the primary students. Our younger students were getting into the spirit with their cheering and wearing of house colours. It was contagious with secondary students joining in the fun. There were many occasions when full house spirit was displayed with great enthusiasm along the side of the pool. I was impressed by some of our senior students helped our younger competing swimmers both during and at the end of their races. It is that kind of helpful behaviour that makes the day special.

In very warm conditions, students performed well in a range of individual and team events. It was pleasing to see lots of participation across the four Houses, solid performances and fine sportsmanship throughout the day.

The four houses were persuasive, tuneful and artistically creative in producing chants and songs in for Mr Jason Constable and Mr Adam Johnston to choose as war cry champions. Like last year, Lawson House were the standouts with their chant.

After all the races were run and won, the Age Champions and the Runners Up for 2015 are (see chart below):

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<td>Benjamin Keane - 48 points</td>
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Favourite Subject: Food Technology as it has some very interesting subjects and I enjoy it

Extra-Curricular activities: Physie
Future Goals: When I complete my HSC I would like to attend University and spend time travelling

Year Advisor’s Comment: Courtney is our SRC Vice President and School Vice Captain. She currently studies Advanced English, Maths, Biology, PDHPE and Food Technology. She is an excellent role model and a wonderful leader for Merriwa Central.

Lana Grant
Year Advisor

Student of the Week
Courtney Gibbons
Year 12
The house points competition was efficiently added by Mr Bartlett and Mrs Harrison. As can be seen by the Age Champions and Runners Ups – there is a good mix of swimmers from all four houses and in the end – there is less than 40 points between the top three houses. It was announced at the end of the day. Congratulations goes to Wentworth House with 583 points. In second place (like last year) was Oxley House on 554 points, Blaxland House was third on 549 points and finally Lawson House with 302 points.

The swimming carnival is always a big day and it takes months of organisation. I must pass on my gratitude to a number of organisations and people who are kind and help us run a successful carnival. So firstly to the Merriwa Amateur Swimming Club for sharing their starting mechanism, lane ropes and stopwatches. To Jason Constable of the Merriwa Pool – thank you for allowing us to take over your facility from quite early hours on Wednesday and judging the war cry competition. To all the parent helpers and community volunteers who manned stopwatches and did other specific jobs to assist in the smooth running of our event.

Thanks to the house captains for their work in organising their houses, also thanks to my colleagues for their help and contributions whether it was setting up the tent, announcing, marshalling, timekeeping, recording or cutting up fruit and organising sustenance during the day. Lastly, and importantly, to the students who swam, cheered or helped with the running of the carnival by volunteering their time and skills.

The school wishes those students who have qualified to participate at the Upper Hunter Zone Swimming carnival in Muswellbrook on February 18, the best of luck with their training and preparation.

**Why I want to be in ROAR:** To lead ROAR in 2015 and show leadership within the squad

- **Favourite subject:** Metalwork
- **Favourite sport:** Rugby League
- **Favourite team:** Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles
- **Favourite player:** Steve Matai

**Best personal sporting achievement:** Scoring a hat trick in front of my home crowd

**Who inspires you and why:** My parents because they work hard for what they own

**Advice to young players:** Try your best and don’t give up.

*ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards*
What an amazing start it has been to 2015 in 5/6.

Mr Morris had us working hard right from the start as we turned a part of our holiday into a fictional narrative. We used our prior knowledge of novels and made connections with our own learning to write some extremely imaginative pieces.

Mr Morris did not stop there on the first morning; he had us setting goals for this term. We set these goals as individuals and also as a class. These will be reflected upon at the end of the term and we will continue to set the standard higher each term.

This Year 5/6 will continue to be a collaborative classroom with students given opportunities to learn from each other.

Our first Year Six Leaders meeting was a success with nine enthusiastic students, Mrs Whale and Mr Morris attending. We discussed our role as leaders and the responsibilities involved with being leaders. We are all looking forward to earning our leadership badges and being initiated as leaders of St Joseph’s at a very special Mass on Sunday March 8.

Year 5/6 students welcomed the new Kindergarten students last Monday. Some of us have been assigned a buddy making them feel welcome and helping them to cope with starting school.

The subject of leadership forms the basis of our Religion unit for the first half of Term 1. We are looking at all the qualities that Jesus has as a leader, times that he used these, and what makes a good role model. We will then focus on Lent and Easter later in the term.

After our success in 2014 we are all very keen to start work on the Newcastle Herald School Newspaper Competition. This will form part of our English unit later in the term. In the meantime we will be working on our reading comprehension strategies, spelling strategies and writing high quality imaginative, descriptive narratives with perfect grammar and punctuation.

In Mathematics things have changed from last year as we are now working from the new NSW syllabus for the Australian Curriculum. We will continue to collaborate in Maths tasks as well as use technology and concrete materials to assist us in finding the answer to real life problems.

Science this term sees us investigating bushfires. We will explore the cause and effect of bushfires and why Australia is the world’s most flammable country. The unit will then look at ways to minimise the risk and damage of bushfires, we will go on to design and make a home that is less susceptible to bushfires and making a bushfire survival plan.

Australia is the topic we will study in HSIE throughout this term. We will investigate the identities of this great country of the past and the present. We will look at how Australia has become a multicultural society and the roles that different cultures play in our way of life.

The Aussie theme will continue into our Creative Arts unit as we appreciate the works of some great Australian artists such as Brett Whiteley, Arthur Streeton and Sidney Nolan. We will study Nolan’s Ned Kelly collection and be inspired to create a piece of quality artwork.

To keep us fit and healthy this term we will be playing Oztag. We have spent the first two weeks working on developing our skills for the game as well as learning the rules. We will focus on training for our Cross Country Carnival in Week 10 later in the term. The PDH topic this term also takes in some of the qualities of leadership such as responsibilities and communication.

Yet another action packed, busy term ahead for the 5/6 class, we look forward to reporting back in Term 2.
Congratulations to the following award winners.

**WEEK 2**

**Kinder - Caitlin Harrison** – for brilliant counting

**Alana Telfer** - for her great contribution to class discussions

**Year 1/2 - Sienna Baber** - for showing great maturity in becoming an independent worker

**Cody Bates** – for working well with others using the buddy walkers

**Year 3/4 - Helena Parker** - for pleasing effort in her attitude to all aspects of school work

**Olivia Collins** - for a great understanding of rounding numbers

**Year 5/6 - Jemma Grady** – for collaborating well sharing her knowledge in Mathematics

**Dylan Turner** – for bringing great work ethic to class each day and being ready to learn

**Principal’s Awards - Piper Cropper** – for embracing Stage 3 Leadership.

Mark Morris
Year 5/6 Teacher
Merriwa Ringer
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TOBIAS BOWLER

Tobias has earned the title of Student of the Week this week for stepping up to his new role as a school leader. Last week, Tobias demonstrated a mature approach to his learning and was keen and willing to take on his role as the Sports Captain and the responsibilities that this role entails. He was a positive role model to the younger students using his manners and being helpful to all staff and students. Congratulations, Tobias. You should be proud of your behaviour and efforts.

WEEK TWO ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately every day last week some students arrived late. If your child is late please sign in at the office with the time of arrival and reason for being late.

Last week we had 100% attendance on Thursday only.

It is important that students are at school on time every day unless they are ill or have an appointment. A note must come to school explaining the absence.

Continued unexplained absences will be followed up by the Home School Liaison Officer.

FROM MRS GRINHAM’S DESK

This week we have been setting up routines and beginning to work together in one classroom. The students are getting used to being back at school and have been working on our PBL rules – Be Respectful, Be Safe, Do Your Best. Maddie and Tobias have been observing students in class and in the playground and have been awarding PBL’s to students displaying these qualities. Keep up the great work, Cassilis!

FOCUS ON PDHPE

This term students will be engaging in Personal Development, Health, Sport and Physical Education lessons. This week we started our Term 1 program with golf, fundamental movement skills (Static balance), fitness circuit, endurance and the swimming carnival. Students will also be completing the beep test next week and at the end of term to measure increased fitness. Lessons on nutrition and water safety will also occur this term.

The school raised $165.00 at the rodeo by selling torches for a gold coin donation. Some of this money was used to purchase food items for Brekky Club and more Zooper Doopers.

STARTED THIS WEEK!

BREKKY CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8.30-8.50am

Breakfast Club Menu:

- Cereal - Rice Bubbles with milk (per bowl) $1.00
- Cold boiled egg with toast $1.00
- Cold boiled egg 50c
- Toast (per slice) 50c
- With jam, honey or vegemite
- Orange or apple fruit drink 50c

* Parent Helpers needed to assist *

All money raised will subsidise the cost of the excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp!

AFTER SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRE

Wednesday 3.15-4.00pm

Starting last week a voluntary after school learning centre will run at CPS.
Parents and students can stay at school until 4.00pm doing various activities.

There will be:

- Story reading
- Home reading
- Personal interest project research using computers/internet
- Learn a language
- Learn to type
- Ukulele lessons – the school has two ukuleles or BYO
- Study ladder
- Mathletics
- Reading eggs

Ask the teacher for help with anything.

**COMING SOON – COOKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, ART CLASS**

**Rules:**

- Your parent must be here or send a note saying you can stay
- It’s not a play time
- If you misbehave you go home – remember it’s voluntary and you don’t have to be here!
- Have fun, be happy!

Any parents or community members who would like to offer an activity please see a staff member or contact the school on 6376 1009. All welcome!

**NEW PLAYGROUND GAMES**

A big thank you to Kath Sumpter, one of our very clever parents, who designed the templates and braved the holiday weather and painted the new playground games. The school had some funding last year to do this and we really appreciate the huge effort Kath put into this project. I think everyone will agree it looks fantastic and the students have a great playground. Thank you!

**DIARY**

**MARCH**

- 2 - P and C meeting 3.15pm Library AGM
- 6 – Life Education Van - $3.00 per child
- 18-20 - Kia-Ora Music Camp

**APRIL**

- 2 - Final Day Term 1
- 3 - Good Friday
- 6 - Easter Monday
- 21 – Staff return SDD
- 22 - Students return Term 2
- 25 – ANZAC Day
- 27 - ANZAC Day public holiday

**MAY**

- 4 - P and C meeting 3.15pm Library
- 22 - Grip Leadership, Dubbo – Mrs. G and Year 5 students.

**JUNE**

- 1 - P and C meeting 3.15pm Library
- 8 - Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

**Jeanette Grinham**
**Relieving Principal**

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**Ringer Deadline!**

Please Remember to place your articles and advertisements into the *Merriwa Ringer* by 12.00 noon Mondays.
What a great day we had at our swimming carnival last Friday. With a warm, but not overly hot day all students from Sandy Hollow and Cassilis Public School descended on Merriwa for our annual swimming carnival. It was fantastic to see all students having a go and enjoying themselves.

Congratulations to the champions:

Junior Girl – Champion - Natasha Marsh (SHPS)
Junior Boy – Champion - Andrew Harris (SHPS)
Runner Up – Dustynn Turner (SHPS)
Runner Up – Ayden Marsh (SHPS)
Senior Girl – Champion – Amy Thompson (SHPS)
Runner up – Kristy Walker (SHPS)
Senior Boy – Champions – Angus Higgins and Sam Thompson (SHPS)
Runner Up – Jacob Marsh (SHPS)

All students need to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Thank you to the staff and parents of both schools who organised the event and assisted with the running of the carnival on the day. Thank you also to Sandy Hollow P and C for providing a yummy lunch. We look forward to our next combined event – the Cassilis Cross Country being held on Friday 6th March.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students who have qualified for the Zone swimming Carnival being held in Singleton on Friday February 20. Notes have been sent home with further details.

SCHOOL BANKING

Any student wishing to start school banking will need to get an application pack from the office. Banking money every week through school is a great way for students to learn about saving money. The weekly deposit does not need to be a large amount. Students are rewarded for frequent banking. Please speak to Mrs Rose if you have any questions regarding school banking.

School banking day is Wednesday.

DIRECTOR OF WOLLEMI NETWORK VISIT

Next Monday, Mr Mark Young, Director of the Wollemi Network will visit the school. We will be discussing the strategic directions for the school over the next three years and looking at school improvement and the school excellence framework.

SRC FUNDRAISER

The first fundraiser for the SRC will be Purple Day, being held on Friday February 20. All students will be asked to come to school dressed in something purple. The money raised will go towards Muswellbrook Relay for Life. More details to follow.

NRL BLITZ

Next Thursday, all students will participate in a NRL workshop. There is no cost for this activity.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our new School Captains – Bella Wallace and Hunter Marsh - will run their first whole school assembly on Friday. The assembly will start at 9.15 and finish at approx 9.40am. All parents are most welcome to come along and join us.

YEARS 4-5-6 NEWS

The year is off to a flying start. In the first two weeks, we have had swimming lessons and our swimming carnival. Things will hopefully settle down this week as we start our classroom programs.

In literacy, we will be studying the book 68 Teeth by James Moloney. We will be focusing on writing an action sequence that includes a variety of complex sentences and descriptive language. On Fridays, when Year 3 join us, we will be specifically focussing writing persuasive texts using a variety of persuasive devices and high modality language.

In Maths, we have already covered four problem solving strategies – guess and check, make a table or chart, draw a diagram or picture and act it out. Year 4’s first investigation will be Ripper Rides. They will cover the topics of equivalent fractions, patterns, area of regular and irregular shapes, angles and tessellations. They will use these topics areas to create a design for a surfboard that meets the manufacturer’s requirements. Year 5 will investigate if it is possible to fly around Australia, visiting each capital city with a 24 hour time period. They will cover a variety of topics including: 24 hour time, reading timetables, Australian time zones, map references, compass points, coordinates and latitude and longitude. Year 6’s first investigation is Rhyme to Riches. They will use their knowledge of prime and composite numbers, triangular and square numbers and
divisibility tests to solve a riddle and unlock the treasure. When Year 3 join us on Fridays they will be investigating body measurements as they learn about measuring in centimetres, metres, grams and kilograms and column graphs.

In HSIE we will be studying The Daintree Rainforest. Over the next few weeks, we will learn about what a rainforest is and where they are located around the world. We will also look closely at the Daintree and flora and fauna found within it.

In PDHPE, we are looking at developing positive relationships and social skills. The three fundamental skills being covered this term include dodging, skipping and kicking. Students will spend three weeks focusing on each skill.

In Visual Arts, students will cover a range of skills and techniques as we explore the theme of rainforests.

Please ensure your child is organised and ready to start the school day. It is very disruptive when students do not have their equipment and we have to wait for them to borrow it. Your student must have:

- A red pen
- A black or blue pen
- Sharp lead pencil
- A ruler
- An eraser
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Sharpener
- Coloured pencils and textas are optional

Staff at Merriwa Activity Centre hope that you all had a fantastic and safe holiday.

Now back with a fresh start we will have a lot of fun filled activities for the children that attend Merriwa Activity Centre. Staff at the centre are always happy to welcome new families to join our wonderful centre for After School Care. Opening hours are from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and if you are interested, you can contact the centre on 6548 2082.

In the holidays, we had a great time, from having our very own festival to going to Denman pool for the 98.1 Power FM Pool Party. The children made a lot of crafts and had fun playing with friends. It would have been lovely to see more children attend the centre and enjoy themselves. The Merriwa Activity Centre staff will be starting up their newsletter to go home with children so that parents know what has happened at the centre for the past week or two.

We are also very pleased to welcome Brodi Hollier to our team as a casual worker with us in this lovely centre with the beautiful fun filled children.

On February 19 the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Merriwa RSL at 6.30pm, with the General meeting to follow.

Alarna Pittman and Natalie Hourn

Christina Darlington
Principal
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Men’s breakfast - Parish Hall - Third Saturday
February-November: 7.30am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 18: Ash Wednesday

February 20: Guild Street Stall

February 21: Men’s Breakfast 7.30am

February 28: Messy Church 3.30pm

March 6: World day of Prayer 6.30pm Uniting Church

March 15: Parish AGM

An extract from Rev’d Glen’s newsletter...

Are we church members, or Disciples of Christ?. So following on with these extracts and after spending a quiet day of reflection and conversation last Sunday; the parish ministry team along with Rev’d Glen are looking to ensure that the parish continues to grow and develop New Ministry that services our community, both within the church, but perhaps more importantly, looking to connect and plant seeds of faith in others outside our church community. Presently the ministry team are praying about how it might continue to develop and grow, and you will see some new projects being developed over the coming year. Perhaps, You might have a part to play?

Lord, we can’t manufacture hope, and even if we tried it wouldn’t be real. Help us to find hope in you because of what Jesus has done for us. We know you are walking beside us.

Rosalie Drew

STRATEGIC FUTURE FOR THE SCONC AND UPPER HUNTER AIRPORT

With the continuing active constructive involvement of community stakeholders, coupled with the support of the Council, this will result in the development of a masterplan that will enhance the future viability of the airport. The Scone and Upper Hunter Airport is strategically positioned to take advantage of and encourage further development of our region and we look forward to the outcome of the planning.

NSW LOTTERIES

It was good to see that the State Government has acknowledged the importance of local small business in providing the outlets for TATTs lotto, which are mostly provided by newsagents. If the proposed changes to allow large shopping centres to provide access to the selling of lottery tickets, it would impact greatly on our local newsagents. Council has written to the Local State Member for the Upper Hunter in support of our local newsagents to ensure that these important community agencies remain viable well into the future.

WATER PIPELINE FOR MURRURUNDI

Great news with the announcement that funding has been provided for a water pipeline from Scone to Murrurundi to be built. The Minister for Natural Resources, Lands and Water, Kevin Humphries, made the announcement of $11.5 million toward the project at Murrurundi on Monday afternoon. The pipeline will help grow Murrurundi and, in the long run, the other villages along the New England Highway.

DOOLANS GULLY BRIDGE

It is a pleasing result to see another old wooden...
The Merriwa District Education Foundation has awarded five financial grants to local youth to assist in their tertiary studies during 2015. Mr Ivan Gant, Mr Tony Hegarty and Mrs Lesley Nixon interviewed applicants on Friday January 23.

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Merriwa Rotary

3KM FUN RUN/WALK

Are you getting yourself ready for the 3km Merriwa Rotary/Kaleidoscope Fun Run/Walk which will be held on Sunday March 29, 2015.

Categories for the day are Kids - 7 to under 12 ($10.00); Juniors - 12 to under 18 ($15.00); Seniors - over 18 ($20.00) and Golden Oldies - over 50 ($20.00). All profit from the Fun Run will be donated to the Kaleidoscope Kids, John Hunter Hospital. Entry forms and information sheets can be obtained from Merriwa Pharmacy and Merriwa Newsagents and returned, with entry fee, to Di’s Clothing Patch. Trophies will be awarded to the first three in each category. A random draw from entries in the Kids category will receive a bicycle; in the Junior category draw will receive a swag, and in the Adults and Golden Oldies draw, each will receive a $120.00 Gift Card. To receive these you must be for attendance at the Presentation at the Roach Pavilion, Merriwa Showground at the end of the Fun Run event. All is explained on the info sheets.

Saturday morning March 28, the Merriwa Charity Muster will be holding a Poets Breakfast in conjunction with the Merriwa Rotary Club. This will be held at the School of Arts with the breakfast being prepared by the Merriwa Rotary Club. Entertainment will include as MC, Mike Rabbitt (retired Newcastle NBN News presenter), and Poet Greg North. “A rhyming” verse poet, this Blue Mountains man displays his art around the countryside wherever they’ll have him. A regular at music and folk festivals, schools and poetry competitions. Greg is known for his recitation of Banjo Paterson’s famous poem “The Man From Snowy River” in 14 different accents. Gregory North is one of the most unique and talented individuals to have appeared in the Bush Poetry genre for many decades. Since his first performance in 2003, Greg has won nearly every imaginable Bush Poetry trophy. Both hilariously funny and movingly poignant, Greg is a pure joy to listen to”. Bring your ‘laughing gear’. Don’t miss Greg. He is well worth the effort to get to breakfast at 7.30am on a Saturday morning and how often can we say there is a Poets Breakfast in down-town Merriwa?

Don’t miss this venue. Poets Breakfast at Merriwa School of Arts on Saturday morning 7.30am, March 28. All proceeds go to Kaleidoscope.

Then the next morning you can compete in the Merriwa Rotary/Kaleidoscope 3km Fun Run/Walk. It’s going to be a great weekend of fantastic entertainment and ALL of Merriwa are invited to attend the showground at any time over the weekend to check out all the events. This weekend is for the Merriwa Community and the Newcastle travelers who will be camping at the showground. There are posters around town to show you what is on and when, so make sure you don’t miss out. Entry into the showground is no charge to Merriwa residents (if you are camping there is a camping charge). Check out the posters and help the team raise some money for our Kaleidoscope Kids – John Hunter Hospital.

Any further information ring John and Elaine Sparrow 6548 8560 – Rotary event coordinators.

Elaine Sparrow

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NEW PROCEDURE WITH ENTRY FORMS

The Festival parade is the main attraction on the day of the Festival. With Ray Hadley and the 2GB Continuous Call Team attending and promoting the Festival in 2015, it is very important that all parade participants have lodged their entry forms two weeks prior to the Festival.

The committee are requesting all parade participants to write a short paragraph on their float, as all floats will be numbered to a set entry order, this will enable both Ray Hadley and 2GB, and Jake McIntyre on the Festival audio to accurately describe and promote each float to the visitors of Merriwa and the wider Australian community.

Parade Entry Forms are available from the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre, or by email request. All parade entry forms must be in by Friday May 22. No late entries will be accepted.

Community groups with many participants are still able to submit individual entrant parade waivers on the day of the festival, but all Floats must be entered by May 22, to participate.

Contact Liam Garment on 6521 7046 or via email at lgarment@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au.

Liam Garment

Upper Hunter Homeless Support

Are you, or someone you know currently, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. If so Upper Hunter Homeless Support can help.

With offices in Scone, Muswellbrook and Singleton, servicing the Upper Hunter community.

Open Monday-Friday 9.30am – 4.00pm. For information phone 6542 5051.

Marina Lee-Warner

The Merriwa District Education Foundation is always keen to support our youth to attain their goals and appreciates any financial help from the community of Merriwa to assist these students. We wish them all the best with their studies and look forward to hearing how they are getting on throughout the year.

Jane Hegarty

Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces

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Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

MEETING

The next meeting of the Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Friday February 20, at 2.00pm. It will be held in the Nurses Home Conference Room (off McRae Street).

We have a street stall booked for Friday March 6. We will be needing donations of cakes, biscuits, slices and preserves as well as volunteers for the day. We will have a raffle and 100 Club as well. All will be discussed at the meeting.

Elaine Sparrow

Merriwa Markets

When: February 21
Where: RSL Club Footpath and building
Time: 9.00am till 12.00 noon

We have over 25 Stalls and new stall holders are always welcome.

Contact: 0428 496 630

We operate the third Saturday of every month except January.

Julie Russell

Anglican Women’s Guild Merriwa

Anglican Women’s Guild Merriwa are holding a street stall on February 20. All saleable items would be gratefully received.

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces

Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces is holding a street stall to assist in raising funds for their 25th annual event in June.

All cakes and goodies are more than welcome and can be left at the stall from 9.00am.

When: Friday February 13

Thank you in advance.

Barbara Campbell

Merriwa CWA

SAVE THE DATE

Merriwa CWA will be holding an International Women’s Day luncheon on Friday March 6, 10.30am for 11.00am in our rooms. More details later.

First meeting for 2015 will be Monday February 9 at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, Bettington Street.

New members are always welcome.

The rooms are available for bookings at very reasonable rates – contact Barbara Campbell or Jean Price.

Penelope Fenley

Merriwa PAH and I Association Inc

NOTICE OF AGM

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 17 at 7.00pm at the Merriwa RSL Club.

A General Meeting will follow.

New members are always welcome.

For more information please phone Toni Jones 0498 378 500.

Toni Jones

Merriwa District Education Foundation

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: February 27
Time: 6.00pm

All members are kindly invited to attend and will be held at the Royal Hotel Cassilis. A dinner will be held afterwards.

More information contact Jane on 6376 1052.

Jane Hegarty

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

SENIOR’S WEEK IN MERRIWA

Seniors Week in NSW falls on March 14-22 and this is Merriwa’s itinerary.

March 17 - Special Holiday in the Squatters room of the RSL Club

March 18 - Travel with Cowans to Buttai Barn for environment and lunch, departing Merriwa at 8.00am

Cost - Lunch and entertainment - $41.00

Travel - $30.00

Total cost is $71.00 which can be paid in two installments prior to travel

March 19 - Car travel to Singleton for entertainment and lunch, departing at 8.00am

March 20 - Home day in the RSL club’s auditorium from 10.00am, Scone and Denman seniors will be attending. Students from Merriwa Primary and St Josephs will be attending approximately 11.00am.

Lunch - 12.30pm

Cost - $14.00

Hoi after lunch with many prizes, raffles and lucky door prizes. Members are to bring a gift for Hoi prizes.

Come and enjoy these days during Seniors Week and let me know if you are attending so that we have numbers.

GAMES DAYS

May 12 - Singleton invited
August 12 - Muswellbrook invited

Mary O’Neill

Merriwa Campdraft

Merriwa BCRA (Campdraft) meeting reminder Wednesday February 18 at 7.30pm at the Merriwa RSL Club.

Please note that this is the draft program meeting so it would be great to see everyone there with your ideas on what drafts to run, prize money and entry fees etc as per discussion at last meeting.

Any new members are always welcomed as many hands certainly make light work before, during and after the event. Any further information please contact Megan on 0427 437 743.

Megan Richards

Photography Competition

Entries close: EXTENDED DATE - MARCH 22 AT 12 NOON

Topic for the month is: BUTTERFLIES

The winning photo will receive a prize to the value of $50.00 from the monthly sponsor and this month it is sponsored by MERRIWA COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION

PUBLISHED IN THE RINGER ON: MARCH 26

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages. The butterflies are out and about everywhere. This is the time to get out and practice patience and being very very still.

Merriwa CWA are sponsoring a prize to the value of $50.00 for the best butterfly photo.

This will test out your stable hand and how far your camera can zoom in.

Email your photos to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Mary O’Neill
Did you know that dementia is not a single condition or disease and the symptoms of dementia can be caused by over 100 different disorders that affect the brain?

According to Alzheimer’s Australia, dementia describes a collection of symptoms that are caused by disorders affecting the brain. It is not one specific disease. Dementia affects thinking, behaviour and the ability to perform everyday tasks. Brain function is affected enough to interfere with the person’s normal social or working life.

The four most common forms of dementia are Alzheimer’s disease, vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies, and frontotemporal dementia. Dementia may also be associated with other conditions including Parkinson’s disease, Huntington’s disease, alcohol abuse, AIDS and Down’s syndrome. Dementia affects different people in different ways depending on the type of dementia they have and the area of the brain that is damaged.

In Australia, 10% of people over the age of 65 and 30% over the age of 85 have some form of dementia – more than 320,000 Australians! Dementia is more common in older people, although younger people are sometimes affected. Dementia is becoming an increasingly common problem in society because people are living longer. As a result, dementia will become the third greatest source of health and residential aged care spending within 20 years and dementia is a key National Health Priority Area in Australia.

The primary symptoms of dementia are changes in what is referred to as ‘cognitive function’, e.g. memory, thinking, orientation, language, comprehension, calculation, judgement and attention. These changes create difficulties with communication and everyday tasks, (such as shopping, cooking and cleaning), as well as personal care (such as toileting, bathing, dressing, eating). Cognitive symptoms are often accompanied by changes in behaviour, personality and mood, which are known as behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD).

The early signs of dementia may go unnoticed, or may be confused with ‘old age’. However, dementia is not a part of normal ageing, and with numbers expected to increase by one third within ten years, a medical diagnosis is essential – the sooner the better for support and information to be provided to patients with dementia, and their families/carers.

The signs and symptoms of dementia may be confused with other health concerns, such as ‘old age’, vitamin/hormone deficiencies, depression, medicine interactions/misuse/overuse, infections and brain tumours.

Currently there is no cure for dementia. However, there are many therapies – medicinal and non-medicinal – to manage the symptoms and support people with dementia in their activities of daily living.

Medicinal therapies include prescription medicines, which are approved for Alzheimer’s disease and provide relief from some symptoms of dementia and slow the progression of memory loss in some patients for a limited time. Some complementary and alternative medicines (CAMs) have also been proposed to prevent or treat symptoms of dementia. However, always check with your pharmacist or doctor.

Non-medicinal therapies include ways to manage dementia, with a particular focus on patient-centred care to relieve the symptoms and improve quality of life for people with dementia and their families/carers. Non-medicinal therapies may help with cognitive function and improve BPSD through:

- behavioural strategies (e.g. rewarding good behaviour and discouraging unwanted behaviours)
- memory aids and environmental modifications (e.g. written information, signs and calendars that help with memory)
- activities that elevate mood, provide stimulation and encourage social interaction (e.g. music therapy, art therapy, pet therapy and physical activity).

Alzheimer’s Australia is the peak body and charity for all types of dementia. It provides advocacy, support services, education and information for patients and their families/carers, including risk factors, symptoms and management strategies. It also provides information on ‘dementia-friendly’ pharmacies – with tips on physical environment and improving communication with people with dementia.

Your local community pharmacy is your health destination. Your local pharmacist can provide you with more information about the dementia symptoms and progression, management, medicines and supplements.
We would like to let you know about the shipments that have now arrived at Merriwa NewsXpress. We have had so much fun unwrapping it all and going through all of the boxes!

**CHARLIE BEARS**

Due to the quality of these handmade bears, we decided that we just had to get some more in store. They are delightfully unique, hand coloured, full of personality and highly collectible. Do not be the person who misses out on acquiring one of these wonderful bears. They are great as a gift for a child, grandchild, partner, parent or grandparent (but also for you!) as they invoke wistful memories of bygone years and will be in the family for generations.

“I WANT THE WORLD TO BE GLASS”

We have some more unique and individual glass pieces in store again. There are the most impressive vases, stunning statues, delightful animals and more. They will fill your house and your life with added colour and have friends envious of your superior sense of style and taste. My personal favourite is the lovely tall vase that is currently in the window.

**A PERFECT PRESENT**

There are some presents that will always be appreciated and loved. We have them in store now. We have a most amazing Victorian-style, silver-plated jewelry box that will look amazing and beautiful on any female dressing table, whether they are 8 or 80. We also have some pretty, smaller pewter jewelry boxes that are perfect for a birthday present. There are some fun pewter money boxes, perfect for the boys - tractors and dinosaurs. There is also the perfect baby present in the form of a horse-drawn pumpkin coach for a first curl and first tooth.

**A BIT FLIRTY AND ROMANTIC**

Coming up to Valentine’s Day means trying to find the perfect gift for your partner. We have a great range of pretty, romantic, sentimental, or sparkly photo frames that would be perfect with a picture of the two of you.
• Substantially renovated does not include cosmetic work such as painting, sanding floors, replacing light fittings or replacing carpets

• The scheme grants purchasers with a $15,000.00 grant. However, this amount will reduce as of 1 January, 2016 to $10,000.00.

The conditions of the grant extend to and include:

• No person on the contract has purchased property in the past

• The amount the purchaser pays for the property. As of 1 July, 2014 that amount was increased to $750,000.00

• No purchaser listed on the contract has received a first homeowners grant in any state or territory

• Purchaser must live in the property for a continuous period of 6 months within the first 12 months of ownership

• As well as the financial incentive to encourage purchasers entering into the market to purchase new homes, the Office of State Revenue grant eligible purchasers with exemptions from transfer duty on new homes valued up to $550,000.00 and concessions for new homes valued between $550,000.00 and $650,000.00

• Eligible purchasers buying vacant blocks of residential land to build their home will pay no duty on the land valued up to $350,000.00 and again concessions for land valued between $350,000.00 and $450,000.00

• It is very important to remember that there will be further changes to these incentives at the end of 2015

• For any purchasers wishing to obtain the higher grant, they will need to ensure that they sign their contracts for purchase prior to January 1, 2016.

We hope that this information is a helpful update for prospective purchasers. Feel free to give us a call anytime Roger 0427 153 446, Megan 0400 653 446, we would love to hear from you.

Roger and Megan Moore

La Scalaetta Pizzeria
VALENTINES DAY SPECIAL

With Valentines Day this Saturday, La Scalaetta Pizzeria are holding a Valentines Day Special.

Garlic or Herb Bread, two Pizza and a special desert for $50.00.

So bring along your special person and enjoy two traditional wood-fired pizzas. Bookings can be taken now.

Robert Marchese

Australia Post Merriwa
CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

We have a range of greeting cards to suit your needs at only $2.00 per card. Boy and girl cards from ages 1 to 21, mum, dad, son, daughter, brother, sister, plus generic birthday cards for males and females and many more.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

We carry a large range of printer cartridges from leading brands including Canon, HP, Lexmark, Brother and Epson. “Cheaper than BIG W”, I have been told on many occasions and what’s more no need to shop out of town. If I don’t have your cartridge let me know and I can order it in for you.

TECHNOLOGY

Merriwa LPO carries many technology items that you may require. Currently we stock several Telstra Prepaid phones from $79.00, USB sticks in 8, 16GB and 32GB, SD and Micro SD cards for camera and phones in 8GB and 16GB. For music lovers we have a portable Bluetooth speaker for $49.95 that can also be used as a handsfree speaker in your car (as long as your phone has Bluetooth). We also have a portable printer called Pringo for $169.00 which allows you to print wallet size photos directly from your phone.

AVON IN STORE

Kellie is one of your local Avon representatives and we are now able to display and sell products in store. Come in and check out what’s in store now or order from the catalogue. Avon offers some great products at very affordable prices with loads of great specials also. 2 in1 Shampoo and Conditioner and Deodorant $2.00 each. If you are unable to come in store but would like to see a catalogue please give me a call.

GIFT CARDS

Not sure what to get your friends and family this year then a gift card is an option. We have

Merriwa Ringer
prepaid visas in the amounts of $50.00, $100.00 and $200.00 (these have a $5.95 card activation fee) plus gift cards from Event Movie, BCF, Myer, Cotton on, smiggle and David Jones. We also have itunes and Google Play gift cards. New gift cards added to stand include Cotton On and Typo.

2015 DIARIES
All 2015 diaries in stock are now 10% off RRP.

SATURDAY TRADING DATES
February
Saturday 14 - Open 9.00am-11.00am
Saturday 21 - Closed
Saturday 28 - Open 9.00am-11.00am

FREE POCKET CALENDARS
Don’t forget to grab a free 2015 pocket calendar when in store. Handy to have in your wallet.

Merriwa Post Office Hours are Mon-Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm and every second Saturday 9.00am-11.00am.

Kellie Walker and Kylie Austin

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DENMAN
Dr Jawaad works Tuesday 8.00am to 6.00pm and Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm

For all appointments for Merriwa and Denman please phone 6532 5013.

Meredith Llewelyn, our practice nurse is in our surgery every Thursday. Meredith is available for pathology, immunisations and Antenatal checks.

Kerry Collins, our practice nurse is in Merriwa on Wednesday and Denman on Tuesday. Kerry is a registered nurse, a Diabetic Educator and a Clinical Nurse Consultant in Diabetes. Kerry is available for appointments on both these days.

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Phone Roger 0427 153 446.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979
NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Council has received the following development applications which may be inspected during office hours until 4.30pm Thursday 19 February 2015.

DA NO; 6/2015
APPLICANT; MJ CASHEN
LOCATION; LOT 1 DP 85905, 146 BETTINGTON STREET, MERRIWA
PROPOSAL; SUBDIVISION INTO TWO LOTS

DA NO; 7/2015
APPLICANT; BOARDMAN PEASLEY LIMITED
LOCATION; LOT 121 DP 1198108 (PROPOSED LOT 122) HALL ROAD, MERRIWA
PROPOSAL; STAGED SUBMISSION—ONE LOT INTO FOUR LOTS

Comments or objections are invited from any affected person in regard to the proposals. All submissions must be submitted to the General Manager in writing within the inspection period above. Reasons for objection must be specified.

Note: Certain complying developments & those complying with Council’s Development Control Plan for Public Notification & Advertising are not advertised nor are adjoining/affected landowners notified.

VALENTINE’S DAY
FESTIVAL STREET STALL AND RAFFLE

The Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee will be holding a fundraiser street stall with Valentine’s Raffle on Friday 13 February from 8.00am. All donations are welcome and very much appreciated.

Thank you to ‘Vines at Hollydene’, McConnell’s This n That, and Muswellbrook Workers Club for donating a wonderful hamper of valentine treats valued at over $150.00.

P: Barbara Campbell - Street Stall Coordinator

Get involved in covering the street in colourful wool creations—‘Yarn Bombing’, learn to knit and crochet and contribute to the 25 year anniversary of Festival of the Fleeces

The first workshop (1st of 5 knitting workshops) is being held at the Merriwa CWA Rooms
Wednesday 18 February
11.00am – 3:30pm
All welcome
Light lunch provided

Please RSVP to:
Liam Garment at Upper Hunter Shire Council VIC
lgarment@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au / 6521 7046
236 Wollar Road Merriwa

REduced $229,000.00

All genuine close offers will be considered

This 129 acre property has been lovingly established and looked after by the current owners for seven years. There is a gorgeous one room timber cottage with enclosed front verandah with a combustion fire inside and another fire to keep the porch warm and also to cook on. Added bonus is NBN internet is connected to the property and also can be used as a phone. Directly out the front of the cabin is a fire pit, perfect for sitting around and singing a few camp songs. A massive 22m x 11m shed has been built to house the two buildings. One is a container with full bathroom and storage the other is an insulated work hut which is currently used as the main bedroom, it has running water, A/C and TV Reception. There are two x 5000gal tanks for water storage and a household tank, the current owners have not ever run out of water. On the property you will also find two dams, fencing in excellent condition and tracks in and around the property have been established for easy access. The country is mostly Basalt Soil with some Red and Black soils at the top of the property. It currently holds 28 head of cattle. The land is mostly cleared with a small portion timbered. This property is a perfect tree change and is sold on a Walk In Walk Out basis!

Emergency Contacts

If you need assistance from Ambulance - Police - Fire including hazardous incidents

Dial 000

Merriwa Phone Numbers

Police (Administration Only) 6548 2437
Police Mobile 0408 293 423
Police Assistance Line 131 444
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**Merriwa Central School P & C Association**

**President:** Tony Case
**Secretary:** Vivienne Lackey
**Treasurer:** Kristen Lackey

**Merriwa Pharmacy**

Opening Hours
- Monday 9am – 5:30pm
- Tuesday 9am – 5:30pm
- Wednesday 9am – 5:30pm
- Thursday 9am – 5:30pm
- Friday 9am – 5:30pm
- Saturday 9am – 12 noon

**Contact:** 6548 2213

**CWA Groups**

- **CWA Rooms:**
  - **Meetings:**
    - 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month
    - 10:00am to 12:30pm
  - **Visitors:**
  - **President:** Barbara Campbell
  - **Secretary:** Helen McKay
  - **Treasurer:** Barbara Case
  - **Contact:** 6548 2212

**Groups**

- **Merriwa SSAA & APA**
- **Range facilities and Firearm testing available**
- **President:** Nathan Teitler
  - **Secretary:** Phil Martyn
  - **Contact:** 6547 6031

**Churches**

- **St Joseph’s Cattrell**
  - **2nd and 4th Sunday:** 10:00am
  - **Parish Office:** 6548 3192

**Merriwa Anglican Parish**

- **Liturgy, Finance, Parish**
  - **Contact:** 6548 2213

**Merriwa Ringer**

- **Property & Livestock**
  - **Roger Moore 0427 153446**
  - **Megan Moore 0400 654446**

**Merriwa District Progress Association Inc.**

- **Support the Organisation which supports our community**
- **Meet every 4th Wednesday at Merriwa RSL at 6:00 pm**
- **Phone:** 6548 2074 or 6548 2212

**CWA**

- **Meetings:**
  - **2nd Sunday of the month**
  - **10:00am**
  - **Location:**
  - **Enquiries to:**
  - **President:** Julie Smith
  - **Secretary:** Elsie Spence
  - **Treasurer:** Rose Smith
  - **Contact:** 6548 2213

**OFFERS:**
- **PENSIONER DISCOUNTS, MENS AND LADIES CUTS, PERMS, COLOURS, FOILS, HAIR EXTENSIONS, SPRAY TANS, GIFT CERTIFICATES**

**Contact:** 6548 2499

**View**

- **Supporting the Smith Family**

**Catholic Parish of Merriwa & Casella**

- **Weekend Masses:**
  - **St Anne’s Merriwa:**
    - **1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday:**
      - **9:30am**
    - **2nd & 4th Sunday:**
      - **9:30am**
  - **St Joseph’s Casella:**
    - **2nd & 4th Sunday:**
      - **9:30am**

**Contact:** 6548 3192
The Sports Club provides a wide range of benefits for members and guests.

**Mondays** - Happy Two Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm - Social Darts 7.00pm - Draw for partners

**Tuesdays** - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

**Thursdays** - 6.00pm Bingo

**Fridays** - Happy Two Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm and free raffles and Merriwa Old Boys Football Club “Chook Wheel”

**Saturdays** - Monster Raffle drawn from 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.

**DON’T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22**

Chinese/Australian restaurant open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Dinner Tuesday to Sunday 5.30pm to 9.00pm. Closed Mondays, reopen 5.00pm Tuesday.

For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

### WEEKEND RESULTS

**Saturday Raffle February 7**

Saturday Members Draw no 55 was not won - next week $280.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $400.00

**Free Tickets:** Scott Fullick

**Dinner:** Scott Fullick

**Bowls Raffle:** Nancy Coulton
Sunday Raffle February 8
Sunday Members draw - No 398. Next week $900.00. Come along and enjoy a refreshment in our friendly atmosphere, buy a ticket in our raffle and you could be the lucky member to take away the big prize. Good luck everyone.

MIXED BOWLS AT THE CLUB
Come along and enjoy an evening of social bowls, each Friday at 5.00pm and Saturday afternoons commencing at 1.00pm. ALL WELCOME. No experience necessary.

MENS BOWLS NEWS
On Sunday February 1, four of our bowlers, Kevin, Ken, Greg and Max went to Muswellbrook to compete in the District Fours Competition.

We won our game that day and went back last Sunday to play the finals. We won our first game which put us in the final in the afternoon. Against a strong Scone side in 36 degree heat, we finally went down to them in a good game. Not too bad for our little club of Merriwa to finish Runners Up.

There will be Friday bowls at 5.00pm which will be mixed and mufti. and also games on Saturday afternoon at 1.00pm.

Also the championship draw is on the board at the club so check it and try to get out and play some games.

Greg Watson

Merriwa RSL Club
The Members Lucky Badge for $600.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 479. This week it jackpots to $650.00. The 7.00pm draw for $460.00 was not won. The number was 491. This week it jackpots to $480.00. The 9.00pm draw for $360.00 was not won and the number was 182. This week it jackpots to $380.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $850.00 was not won last week. The number was 835 and this week it jackpots to $900.00. It will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. LTPS/13/04473

The Friday 8.30pm badge draw and the Sunday badge draw both now commence at $500.00. Starting the first raffle of December a ham will be added to each raffle leading up to Christmas.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB
HAPPY HOUR IS BACK - Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Sunday 11.00am to 12 noon, $3.00 schooners and $2.00 middies, and starting this week $5.00 Corona's.

THINK PINK – THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE SHOW
When: Saturday February 21
Time: 8.00pm - 8.30pm
Cost: $20.00 per person with limited seating

$100.00 Cheese and Wine platter for best dressed table.
Tickets on sale now! And selling fast!

FOOTY TIPPING
Names and money can be left at the bar for the 2015 footy tipping competition.
Cost: $20.00 entry fee

Competition kicks off on Thursday March 5, Broncos v Rabbits.

Matt Morgan

Cassilis Bowling Club
FINISHED BOWLS AT THE CLUB
Come along and enjoy an evening of social bowls, each Friday at 5.00pm and Saturday afternoons commencing at 1.00pm. ALL WELCOME. No experience necessary.

FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES
Meat trays, vegetable trays, schooner draw, joker draw, members draw and vegetable trays.

DRAW RESULTS – FEBRUARY 6
Members Draw - $50.00 – David Putzai – unclaimed - $55.00 next week
Joker Draw – $932.00 – Celia Ellingford – unsuccessful - $973.00 next week

Hilary Parker

Merriwa Touch Football Club
ANNOUNCEMENT
Grand final night is changing to Friday March 27 instead of April 1. We are going to hold a presentation at the Sports Club with music and a meal to follow directly after the Grand Final.

All juniors will revieve a gift, all players will receive a ‘Chicken and Gravy’ or ‘Lamb and Gravy’ roll with juniors also receiving a drink and packet of chips. More information in the next few weeks.

Tina Taylor
Merriwa Ringer
Games are played in teams of four (two men, two ladies).

Each player plays three sets of doubles (men’s/ladies and two mixed doubles).

The competition caters for all senior levels, is ungraded and is played at a social level (no sheep stations and no tantrums).

Play commences at 6.30pm and usually concludes by 8.30pm, usually with time for a sausage sizzle in-between.

The competition usually finishes around the end of May (depending on the number of teams).

Register your interest at Merriwa Pharmacy or by e-mailing merriwatennis@gmail.com

Nominate as a team of four, a mixed pair or a single player.

Come and meet some new people, have fun and get some healthy exercise.

Boris Becker - Robert Smith

Merriwa JRL and Netball Club

JUNIOR LEAGUE - 5 YEARS (TURNING 5 IN 2015) THROUGH TO 17 YEAR OLDS

It’s ready, set and go to training for Junior League players in Merriwa. Our training begins next Tuesday at 4.30pm at the Number One sports oval. We welcome all past and new members to come along on Tuesday and enjoy an hour of exercise and footy drills to commence the footy season 2015. If you turn five in 2015 you are eligible to play in the under six team then ages go through to 17 years. All league training sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 4.30pm each week. We need all our players or prospective players to turn up to training next week as we have to enter our team age groups and we need a gauge of numbers in each before we can enter our teams for 2015. If your child can’t attend training next week please give Elaine Sparrow a ring and enter your child’s name. At the moment we need names, registration fees (League $60.00) can be paid at a later date as long as it is paid by the first competition game. See Elaine if you have any problems with payment. New players receive a pair of shorts and socks when registration money is paid. There are shorts and socks for sale at $25.00 and $15.00 each and these will be available at training from Elaine Sparrow. Club shirts (not in all sizes) are also available at training at $30 each.

REGISTRATION

Registration of players is on-line only and can be done at training sessions on the club computer with Kellie and Elaine on hand to help you through the site. Elaine has some user name and passwords for players. New players or those not on the list will have to wait for a return email with user name and password before completing their registrations or if you have your child’s user name and password please bring it with you. $60.00 fee can be paid any time between now and first competition game but paperwork needs to be done asap.

A SPECIAL TRAINING SESSION

This training session will be held on Thursday February 19 at the number one sports oval with NRL officials doing the session. It will commence at 4pm till 5pm then a sausage sizzle at the Sports Club with the NRL group. Our NRL officials will be attending all schools on Thursday during the day to talk about our great game of Rugby League so come on down after school and have a training session with the team from NRL. All children are invited to come on down on Thursday afternoon – not just league players. Come on down and have some fun and exercise then attend our sausage sizzle at 5.30pm before the NRL guys return to Newcastle. ALL welcome.

LAKE LIDDELL CLINIC - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH, 2015

Anyone wishing to attend the Lake Liddell Mini/Mod Clinic must apply and register on-line (Lake Liddell Clinic – Group 21 Junior Rugby League – Registration 'click here' at bottom of page). The cost is $25.00 which includes Knights t-shirt, mod size football, kicking tee, drink bottle, boot-bag, wristband and lunch will be provided. The clinic will be held on Saturday March 7, 2015. Mini Clinic – 6,7,8 and 9 year olds is the morning session from 9.00am till 11.30am. Lunch will be provided at 11.40am. Mod Clinic – 10,11 and 12 year olds in the afternoon session between 12.30pm and 3.00pm. Food and drinks will be available on the day for spectators. You must register by Tuesday March 3 – no late nominations will be accepted. I don’t know if there is a cut-off number so register as soon as possible to be sure of entry.

LAKE LIDDELL COACHING AND FIRST AID COURSES

Anyone wishing to do a coaching course or a first aid course can attend the Lake Liddell Courses to
be held on Saturday and/or Sunday March 7 and 8. Registration must be done on-line (2015 Courses – Region 2 - Greater Northern Tigers – FOX). Scroll down to courses and click to register on either Club Coach (all junior ages); IGC (international only); MGC (mini/mod only) or Sports Trainer (First Aid) and fill out application. Talk to Phil Neale concerning car transport if needed.

We will see all our young players and prospective new players next Tuesday at training. Tuesday March 17 at the Sports oval at 4.30pm. Don’t forget the NRL training day on Thursday March 19 at the Sports Oval at 4.00pm and the sausage sizzle to follow.

Register for Junior Rugby League NOW at our training sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays commencing next week. See you all there. More information contact Elaine 6548 8560.

Belinda Keane
Publicity Officer MJRL and N Club

NETBALL PLAYERS

For anyone interested in playing netball this year, Merriwa JRL and Netball Club are inviting netball players (of all ages) to join a Merriwa Netball team. We will train at Merriwa Netball courts (in the past this has been on Friday afternoons) and play games on Saturdays at Scone. If you need a lift to Scone games there are always spare seats to get you there and back.

There will be a number of Merriwa teams between the ages of:

- NetSetGo 5-10 years - $80.00
- Intermediate 11-17 years - $100.00
- Seniors 18 years and up $145.00

At this stage we just need names of interested players and your age. We can then make sure your included in updates, registration and in a Merriwa team.

Once available, we will email you the Scone Netball Registration forms or you will soon be able to find forms on the Scone Netball web site (http://sconena.nsw.netball.com.au/).

There is no need to go across to Scone to register if you would like to get your forms and payment to Heidi Inder by Friday 27 February. Cheques to ‘Scone and District Netball Association’.

DATE TO REMEMBER

Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club registration dates in Merriwa are:

On: Tuesday February 17, Thursday February 19, Friday February 20 and

Friday February 27, 2015

From: 4.30pm - 5.00pm at Merriwa Oval

NETBALL COACHES AND TEAM MANAGERS

To anyone interested in a netball coaching or team manager role this season please contact Heidi or the Merriwa JRL and Netball Club Committee. We are always appreciative of any help.

Netball training starts at Merriwa netball courts Friday March 6.

Competition starts at Scone Saturday March 14.

Last year we had four Merriwa teams across all ages. Hopefully we will see all those enthusiastic players from last season as well as some new faces. Please spread the word to anyone else you think may like to join and train with a Merriwa team.

Any queries please ring me on 0427 485 100.

Heidi Inder

Great to see so many down at Number 2 oval on Monday for the return to Little Athletics on Monday night. This is the last term of the season, so let’s make it a good one! Training resumes at 5.30pm to 7.00pm, weather permitting with a bbq afterwards.

GOLD STAR this week goes to Peter Hagley for trying to perfect his hurdling technique – great job Peter, you are a natural! A very big welcome to new members Darcy and Tilly Clark – great to have you on board girls!

Special thanks this week to our coaches Sally and Elizabeth Hagley, Belinda Keane, John Cronin and Stephen Hourn – its so great to be able to break up the group to get more practice in and has really helped Regional team with their last minute training.

We wish our eight successful Zone athletes ALL THE VERY BEST this weekend as they tackle the Regional Track and Field Championships against all seven Hunter Zones at the Hunter Stadium, Glendale - Ben, Jackson and Dylan Keane, Clancy and Darcy Moore, Jorji and Darcy Taaffe and Axul Hourse. I am sure you will each do your best and your club very proud.

Contact the President/Coach, Tash Taaffe on 0458 574 015.

Tash Taaffe

Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

PLAYERS REGISTRATION

Prices for the coming season are:
• League Tag Over 18 - $35.00
• League Tag under 18 - $5.00
• Rugby League over 18 - $100.00
• Rugby League under 18 - $60.00

Training times:

Women’s league tag
• Tuesdays - Pool 6.30pm to 7.30pm
• Thursday - No.2 Oval 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Men’s Rugby League
• Tuesday - Pool 6.30pm to 7.30pm
• Friday - No.1 oval 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Pool admission fee applies unless you have a season ticket.

Only for Registered Players can attend training due to insurance reasons.

We would like to acknowledge our sponsors so far and thank them:

Major Sponsor:
• Merriwa RSL Club
• Jersey Sponsors: Morgan’s Maintenance
• JTS Realty
• Pembroke Beef
• Scott Witton Building

Shorts sponsorship:
• Max’s Country Cuts

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• Merriwa Pharmacy
• Craig MacPherson Haulage, Merriwa Petroleum and Ag
• Hunter Mutual
• Glandore Warmbloods
• J and A Maben

Until next time.

Gaynor Blackadder
Publicity Officer

Merriwa Pony Club

Sunday February 8 was the first rally day of the 2015 season for Merriwa Pony Club. Wonderful to see 16 riders saddle up, including new members Kirra Green and Isla Murphy, welcome girls!

Lots of horses and kids were starting to feel the heat by mid morning. Some riders opted for theory in the shade after morning tea, revising the points of the horse and learning how to thoroughly clean their saddles and bridles. For those who couldn’t wait to get back on their ponies after summer holidays, they were taken for another riding session.

Great job Mikayla Moberley, Darcy and Jorji Taaffe, Isla Murphy, Nicole Martin and Roy Lawler who all stepped out on new horses at the rally day. We look forward to watching your new horse partnerships blossom in the coming months.

Many thanks to instructors Clare Martin, De Patterson and Christine Riley and to Daryl Riley and Darren Taaffe for helping set up and pack up the gear.

Our next rally day is on the 8 March and one not to miss if you are planning to compete in the Merriwa Combined Training and Presidents Cup on the 21 and 22 March.

If you would like to join the Merriwa Pony Club, come along to our next rally day or contact our club secretary Christine Riley on cl.riley@bigpond.com. Help is also needed to run the canteen on the 8 March – if you can help out on this day please email Tash Taaffe on tashholden@bigpond.com or call 6548 5059.

Tash Taaffe

When its too hot to ride, clean your gear!

Isla flew through the pegs at her first rally day

Kirra was all smiles to be in the saddle for her first Pony Club rally day

Merriwa Ringer
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