ANZAC Day Commemorations

All citizens are being asked to help share in this solemn occasion to help preserve the Spirit of the ANZAC and to remember the great sacrifice that so many made, in order that we may live in peace.

If anyone wishes to participate in the laying of a wreath or seeks any further information please contact the RSL Sub-Branch Secretary, Mary O’Neill, on 6548 2383.

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AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

Merriwa Music Makers present Classical Pianist Phillip Aughey playing works by Debussy, Liszt and Chopin

At the Merriwa School of Arts
on Friday May 1
commencing at 7.00pm

Tickets $20.00 (Children under 16 $10.00)
Including a light supper
Available from Jan on 6548 2010 or at Merriwa Pharmacy

All proceeds in aid of the Medical Alert System for Gummun Place Hostel
Principal’s Report
Welcome back to a new school term! I trust students, parents and staff enjoyed the Easter break and the much needed rain across the district. As we head into the cooler months a copy of the winter uniform details has been added to the Ringer for the information of parents. Parents would also be aware that Wednesday sport now moves to the afternoon during the cooler months in Terms 2 and 3.

NEW CANTEEN MENU
Jane Constable and her willing band of parent helpers have updated the canteen menu for the new school term. Parents should receive a copy of the menu shortly with up-to-date price list and menu options. Our students really enjoy the options available at the canteen, and look forward to canteen day. If parents can help out by volunteering on the canteen please leave a message at the Office for Jane.

ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS
ANZAC Day – 25 April – is one of Australia’s most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. This year we commemorate 100 years since the ANZAC’s landed on Gallipoli.

However ANZAC Day is a time to pause and reflect on the Australians that served in all conflicts, and peace keeping missions.

Our local schools will hold a special memorial service on Friday April 24 at 10.50am at the Cenotaph. The ceremony will be supported by members of the Merriwa Sub-Branch of the RSL. Road closures have been arranged for students to walk to the Cenotaph.

The town ceremony will be held on Saturday morning April 25 and students are asked to assembly in front of the RSL at 10.15am. As a sign of respect it is important that as many students as possibly march with the school, and are in full school uniform.

One special student, Breanna Goodear is representing our school and community at Gallipoli to commemorate the 100th anniversary. Breanna flew to Venice Italy last week, and will cruise down into the Aegean Sea, visit sites along the Gallipoli Peninsular and then onto Istanbul. A fantastic opportunity made possible by generous community donations.

P AND C MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON
Parent helpers are needed to assist with the Mother’s Day luncheon on Friday May 8. You know the old saying “many hands make light work”. Please contact Tory on 0414 331 788 if you can assist.

Reminder - School Bus Zones
Fine for stopping is $311.00

Did you know?

Students look fantastic in full school uniform.
Students need to bring a note when out of uniform.

Coming Events

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Welcome back for Term 2! This term will be filled with many more wonderful activities for students including the Athletics carnival, NAPLAN, Scripture, Mother’s Day stall, visiting performers and preparations for Variety Night, which will occur in early Term 3.

One change that will occur this term is the Sport time. Students will now participate in sporting rotations after lunch time.

**OUT OF UNIFORM**

On the last day of Term 1 students at the Primary campus participated in the SRC ‘Red and Yellow’ out of uniform day. Students contributed a gold coin donation to help raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Thank you to the SRC for organising the fundraiser to assist a wonderful cause.

**Primary News**

**SCIENCE SHOW**

In the last week of Term 1 we were visited by an amazing scientist who came to present a science show for the Primary campus. He demonstrated many different experiments including amazing bowls with air sucked out of them! Students were able to see science in action using some regular objects they’ve seen around them, and even the teachers got it on the fun too! It was a wonderful show and really made us think about all the science that surrounds us every day.

**Variety Night**

Variety Night may not be until early Term 3 but teachers are already making plans for class performances as well as choir and even a dance group this year. While we make as much effort as possible to create costumes and props it may be necessary for students to provide some parts of their costume/prop from home. More information will be sent home to parents this term but if anyone is available to help sew costumes or create props please contact your child’s teacher.

**ANZAC March**

On Friday April 24 local schools will hold a special ANZAC service at the Cenotaph at 10.50am. Students from the Primary Campus will participate and will walk together with staff, leaving the Primary campus at approximately 10.30am. On Saturday April 25 all students are asked to assembly at 10.15am outside the RSL Club for the town service. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

**Behaviour Systems**

The Primary campus will be implementing some modifications to the behaviour systems we have in place for classroom behaviour and playground behaviour. Students are expected to follow school rules at all times and not doing so may result in a consequence. Some consequences may include warnings, name on the board, class time out, time out in another class, or removal from the playground. Red cards and Orange cards may still be issued for infringements but these will now be sent home to notify parents of the incident incurring the card. These cards will need to be signed and signed by a parent or caregiver before returning it to the school. Students will also be working on a point system where orange or red cards will mean the loss of points. Students will
have opportunities to redeem points back for each week they continue to follow school rules and not receive any further orange or red cards. Students have had a K-6 assembly to go over these changes and also had class meetings to answer questions students may have. If any parents wish to discuss these changes please contact Mrs West or Miss Sinderberry for clarification.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Our Students of the Week for the last week of term enjoyed a wonderful last day. Congratulations to our book award recipients:

Kindergarten
Year K/1
Ava Johnston
Matilda-Rose Whitby
Year 2
Phoenix Dening
Year 3/4
Jayden Dening
Year 4/5
Makala Birtles
Year 5/6
Mekayla Towell

Secondary News

VET NEWS

During the Easter break one of Merriwa Central School’s Primary Industry trainees attended the Royal Easter Show to work with their employer Meriden Limousins to show cattle. Travis Sutton spent ten days in Sydney and entered many different classes include:

- Heifer Class
- Junior Judging
- Heifer Fitting
- Paraders’ Class

Travis competed in a very strong field of entrants – in some classes there were up to 80 entries and he was successful in the following areas. In the Junior Judging Travis came fifth and this involved speaking to a large audience about the features of the stock he was judging. In the Heifer Fitting

Travis came first in his heat and sixth in the final which as an excellent effort considering that it was only his second Royal Sydney Show. Travis also came second in the Paraders’ class with a Meriden Limousin heifer.

Travis also did the fitting for the Meriden Limousin Bull which came first in his class and topped the RAS All Breed sale. Congratulations to Travis and Meriden Limousin’s on a fine effort.

Also during the holidays one of our Year 10 students was offered an opportunity to assist in the production of Youth Rock. Hannah Byfield completed her work experience at Sutherland Entertainment Centre and was involved in helping to setup for the Youth Rock performance and then videoing the bands who performed. Even though Hannah stated that she was out of her ‘comfort zone’ she had a great week experiencing a very different work environment. Well done Hannah for taking up the offer and gaining an insight into an industry that you are unfamiliar with.

Jane Hegarty

2015 ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday March 31, six students from the Secondary School represented and performed outstandingly well at the Zone Cross Country event. Singleton High School hosts this event, with Scone and Muswellbrook High Schools competing as well.

The overcast and cool morning was almost perfect for long distance running. There were a few drops of rain, which did not impact the course and it became slightly warmer as the day went on. So after walking the relatively flat and “firm-under-foot” course around Rose Point Park as well as figuring out some tactical running for the event - the races started.

The lead-off running event for our team was the 17 years girls 4000m event for Taylah Blackadder. Taylah carried on her good form from the school’s Cross Country event and was keen to do well prior to the race. She had a very good start and maintained a strong steady pace and the rest of the field could not catch her – becoming the Upper Zone Age Champion. Resulting in qualifying
Why I want to be in ROAR: To be a better all rounder

Favourite Subject: Tech
Favourite sport: Polocrosse
Favourite team: Bunnan
Favourite player: Lachlan Holz

Best personal sporting achievement: Playing at the Australian Nationals Polocrosse Championships at Darwin

Who inspires you: Dad because he teaches me new things
Advice to young players: Never give up!

Finally, the school offers its best wishes to Taylah, Benjamin and Elly in their preparation for their performances at the Regional carnival. The Hunter Schools Sport Cross Country is being held in Newcastle. We will pass on their results in a future edition of the Merriwa Ringer.

Alison King

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The Light Horse, the Merriwa RSL Sub-Branch and support vehicles will assist. There will be a Scottish Pipe band to provide the beat. Students will proudly wear their uniforms.

Please take the time to support our schools, your children and the memory of ANZAC Day on this occasion by attending the ceremony due to commence at 11.00am.

Peter Davidson

Benjamin Keane had a great run finishing in third overall, in the 14 years boys event. He was quietly confident before the race and he enjoyed the challenge of competing against students from other schools. I am sure Benjamin will train well in preparation for his run at the regional carnival.

Blake Tritton also competed in this race. He was pleased with his 11th position finish. He did confide at the end of the day that if he “worked a bit harder – I could do better when I can come back next year.”

Unfortunately Jackson after completing most of his 3000m race – he was forced to retire due to a sporting injury. He was quite disappointed when he came back to our team’s camp. But I think he is keen to compete again next year.

Lastly Elly Blackadder and Sarah Nairne were in the final race of the day. In one of the biggest fields of the day, the girls performed consistently around the 3000m course. Elly was particularly pleased with her early performance in the race and then was able to maintain her pace well. She reported a little later “it was a pretty good experience”. She has also qualified to perform at the regional trials. Sarah was quite anxious to start after the long wait and she had the goal of beating her previous best position from last year. She was really pleased to achieve this when she finished in eighth place – indicated by her beaming smile when she crossed the finish line.

The students would like to thank Mrs Keane, Mrs Gaynor Blackadder and Miss King for offering their time and efforts in safely transporting the team to and from Singleton.

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Peter Davidson
Wow, is it Term 2 already?

Term 1 certainly ended on a high for Year 5/6 as we successfully completed and submitted our school’s entry in the Newcastle Herald School Newspaper Competition. We worked extremely hard to complete this and we are all proud of our efforts. This was published in the Herald on Tuesday April 21.

Last term we learnt a great deal from two guest speakers who gave up their time to give brilliant presentations on areas of the curriculum we were learning about. First we had Andrew Luke from the RFS come in and tell us all about bushfires, then Brian Booth came and informed us of his experiences of war bringing in lots of artefacts for us to look at. We thank Andrew and Brian.

The Year 6 Leaders performed fabulously throughout Term 1. They were joined by their Year 5 classmates as well as the Stage 3 class from St Joseph’s Denman for a Leadership Day conducted by Mark Spencer. We learned a great deal about what it takes to be a leader and will continue to work hard to lead by example.

On the last day of term we competed in the school cross country carnival, it certainly was a great day with fantastic weather and as always plenty of fabulous assistance from parent helpers. Seventeen students from Years 5/6 ran the qualifying time and will represent St Joseph’s at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival on April 29.

After our success in Term 1, we are all looking forward to more fun filled learning experiences in Term 2.

On Monday we attended an ANZAC Day commemoration with the residents of Gummun Place. Year 5 and 6 leaders will also represent St Joseph’s at other community ANZAC ceremonies on Friday and Saturday.

Our English concept for this term will be “context” in which we will look at how texts are written in different ways for different audiences. We will start the term by looking at a number of different advertisements aimed at different demographics and look at some of the strategies advertisers
Our big focus in Mathematics in Year 5/6 is going to be fractions and decimals, and patterns and algebra. This focus is to improve our skills in these strands so that we are better prepared for high school mathematics.

In Religion we will learn more about sacraments and the history of the Catholic Church.

Science is going to be packed with action packed hands on learning experiences as we explore electricity. We will design and make electrical circuits, we will pull things apart to see how they work and conduct fair tests enabling us to see how electricity works. We are also looking forward to participating in the Science and Engineering Challenge in Week 9.

Antarctica will be studied in HSIE this term; we will conduct a great deal of our own research and discover and learn about facts and issues associated with this beautiful, freezing continent.

In PDH our focus will turn to the very important issue of cyber safety and how to protect ourselves when participating in our technological world of online and social media. In the second half of term we will learn about nutrition and what is and is not good for us.

The Athletics Carnival is set to be held in Week 6, so athletics skills will form the basis of learning during PE for the first half of the term. We will then use the fantastic resources we received from Tennis Australia to learn tennis skills in the second half of term.

Creative Arts also promises to be a lot of fun this term. Junk percussion will be the topic. We will make our own musical instruments then create a tune to perform acknowledging the rhythm and melody that goes with music. We will also be spending time on our play for the whole school performance to be held in Term 3 with the marvellous Anna Kerrigan joining us later in the term for some dance and drama.

Please remember we have our termly working bee this Sunday April 26 commencing at 9.30am and concluding at 11.30am.

All helpers – students, parents and grandparents gratefully welcome.

So yet another busy term awaits Year 5/6. We will report back early in Term 3 to tell of our experiences.

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Kinder - Mollie Beaven - for great work with area of surfaces
Year 1/2 - Matilda Cronin - for great effort in collaboration groups
Levi Hourn - for retelling the Easter story very well
Rhianna Smith - for great work in Literacy groups
Year 3/4 - Jock Grady - for his fantastic effort in writing an ANZAC narrative
Mia Morgan - for a great effort in collaboration groups
Year 5/6 - Darcy Moore - for demonstrating excellent leadership skills throughout Term 1
Patrick Magner – for asking questions to find out more information about a subject
Principal’s Awards - William Henderson - for being an enthusiastic and active participant in the Cool and Friendly program
Darcy Moore - being the fastest male Cross Country runner for St Joseph’s Merriwa in 2015
Tia Magner - being the fastest female Cross Country runner for St Joseph’s Merriwa in 2015
Playground Champion - Darcy Moore – for including younger students in games
Jonathan Keegan - for including younger students in games

Mark Morris
Year 5/6 Teacher

Ringer Deadline!
Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.
Welcome back to Term 2. We are hoping that everyone had a great holiday. I know we all did here at Merriwa Activity Centre with bumper numbers these holidays. The centre offered a variety of very exciting activities which included, a trip to the movies to see “HOME”, Subway and a play in “Highbrook Park”. What a great place to stop and stretch your legs.

We also had a sports day and everyone kept active all day with soccer, football and parachute games. Then onto “dress up as what you want to be when you grow up”, Axul dressed as a graffiti artist, Levi as a businessman, Alyssa and Emily as teachers, Damian as a Rap Dancer and many more exciting careers.

Science day was a hit with the kids, they made gloop, tried their hands at butter making and enjoyed lunch in the sun finished off with marshmallows they had cooked using the sun.

The last day of holidays was all about cooking, Scott Beaven joined us again as a volunteer helping to make lolly pavlova and cooking us a BBQ lunch. Thanks Scott for spending time with us during the holidays we all enjoyed your company.

This term will be a busy one again. Our veggie garden went crazy over the holidays and we are getting close to picking veggies to use for our afternoon teas.

Starting on Monday May 4 – Friday May 8, Merriwa Pre-School and the Merriwa Activity Centre are holding their annual bake sale. This year, keeping recycling in mind, we are asking families to drop off good quality, unwanted, reusable items such as clothing, children’s toys and books to the Pre-School or Activity Centre by Monday April 27. All items will be for sale for $1.00, so bring along a slice or cake to sell and pick yourself up a bargain as we recycle our unwanted items.

Also a reminder to all families Jaspa Photography will be here on Saturday May 9. Please call the Pre-School on 6548 2083 to secure your place.

Merriwa Surgery
DR EMAD JASEM
For all your medical needs
OPENING HOURS
Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm.
Saturday by arrangement.
For appointments please call the surgery on 6548 2305.

Dr Emad Jasem
Merriwa Rotary

It was BACKYARD BLITZ a couple of Saturdays ago in the gardens around the Merriwa Hospital. Our incoming president, Col Bates organised a team of club members to spread compost and top soil where needed. It was an energetic effort by a team of hard working members of our club...not only that... THEY ENJOYED IT!

At our last meeting we welcomed back our exchange student from Germany, Clara. Clara has been on a trip with a team of overseas exchange students to the Centre, through the Northern Territory, across to Cairns as well as to other places, including Adelaide and Melbourne. Clara greatly enjoyed the experience.

The annual ROTARY BOWESCAN will be held during MAY. The timing of this long-running and important activity will be advised in later editions of the Merriwa Ringer.

Mary O'Neill

Merriwa’s ANZAC Day Commemorations

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PROGRAM FOR DAWN SERVICE

• 5.40am - Assemble at the Cenotaph
• 6.30am - End of Dawn Service
• 7.00am - Breakfast at Merriwa RSL Club

PROGRAM FOR MAIN SERVICE

• 10.15am - All citizens/groups wishing to participate in the march are to assemble outside the RSL Club
• 10.30am - March commences
• 10.40am - General Assembly at the Cenotaph and service commences
• 12.00noon - Sausage sizzle for the young people taking part in the ceremony
• 1.00pm - Commemoration Luncheon for all citizens wishing to attend (tickets available for the Merriwa RSL Club).

Mary O'Neill

Merriwa Ringer

I have taken the reflection today from ANZAC centenary edition of Our daily Bread. On ANZAC Day, hymns are sung, prayers are offered, readings are given, and the “Reville” is sounded. People stand in silence to honor the sacrifices of men and women who have served Australia and New Zealand in conflicts around the world since that historic landing at Gallipoli, Turkey on April 25, 1915. People ponder the cost of war and the efforts of those that fought on their behalf. And so just as we remember the courage of those men on the Turkish cliffs, 100 years ago, so the Christian faith focuses on the events in the first century, Palestine, especially on a Roman cross, where Jesus Christ died to pay the price for our freedom.

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John:15:13.

Rosalie Drew
We now have our 2015 flu vaccines. Please phone to make your appointment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE FLU SHOT?

The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone from six months of age but is available FREE under the National Immunisation Program for people at high risk of complications. They are:

- **PREGNANT WOMEN**

  The flu vaccine is recommended for pregnant women and can be safely given during any stage of pregnancy. Pregnant women are at higher risk of severe complications associated with the flu. Vaccinating against flu during pregnancy also provides protection for babies during their first vulnerable months of life.

- **ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PERSONS**

  Influenza is a major cause of preventable sickness and death amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons from six months to less than five years of age, and 15 years of age and over are eligible for free flu shots.

- **PEOPLE 65 YEARS AND OVER**

  People aged 65 years and over have the highest risk of complications associated with seasonal flu.

- **PEOPLE MEDICALLY AT RISK**

  People with some existing medical conditions are more likely to experience complications from flu. These include anyone who is six months of age and over who has:

  - Heart disease
  - Severe asthma
  - Chronic lung condition
  - Chronic illness requiring medical follow-up or hospitalisation in the past year
  - Diseases of the nervous system

We also have flu vaccine available for purchase for people who don’t meet the criteria for a free vaccination.

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.

We also have a Psychologist, Sharon Wells, from Scone attending Merriwa every second week. To see Sharon you do need a referral from Dr Jawaad or Dr Cho.

Breast Screen NSW will be visiting Merriwa from Monday May 4 until Wednesday May 13, 2015, with a brand new screening unit. Appointments can be made by phoning 132 050. Breast screening is available for the age group 40 years and over.
Wishing you both a world of Happiness and Joy.

Zoe Nairne and Tim Stanley

Mother’s Day Luncheon
HELD BY MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL P AND C

When: Friday May 8
Where: Merriwa School of Arts

After last year’s success, Merriwa Central School P and C will be holding their Mother’s Day Luncheon again.

There will be a fabulous three course meal provided, plenty of prizes to be won in our raffle and Lucky Door draw.

If you are unable to make it on the day, take away meals and home or business deliveries will be available.

We require heaps of helpers so any parents out there who can lend a hand please contact Tory on 0414 331 788.

Gaynor Blackadder

Merriwa Campdraft

On May 6 at 6.30pm, Merriwa Campdraft will be holding a General Meeting at Merriwa RSL Club. The Committee would like to invite all interested to attend.

Megan Richards

Anglican Parish

On May 8 at 10.00am the Anglican Ladies Guild will be holding Mothers Day Morning Tea at Merriwa CWA Hall. Cost will be $6.00 - Come along and share a lovely morning with family, friends and fine cooking served with a cuppa and Friendly smile.

Allen Reed

Registration for Scone Soccer

To all boys and girls, ages 5 to 16, interested in playing soccer this season, registration this year needs to be made online. Go to www.myfootballclub.com.au and locate the player registration page. Follow the prompts to complete your registration.

Registration closes April 26 and play begins May 2 in Scone. Any problems phone Lesley Whitehead on 0413 958 478.

Merle Coluccio

Merriwa CWA

CWA members culinary skills were on display at the CWA Merriwa annual street stall on Thursday April 2, when over $800.00 was raised.

Two raffles were also drawn that day and the results are:

100 Club drawn by Bill McNaught
First: Dave Cameron
Second: Brianna McLaughlin
Third: Horrie Tudor

The raffle was drawn by Robert Smith
Winner: Barbara Wightman (Towels donated by Narelle)

Due to the CWA State Conference at Tamworth in May, the next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday June 1 starting at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street. New members are always welcome. Enquiries to: Barbara Campbell on 6548 5135 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.

Penelopy Fenley
Merriwa Ringer
The school holidays are over and we are back into the swing of the school term. We hope everyone enjoyed the wet Easter break, the Merriwa Cup and the holidays in general. We look forward to seeing you all on ANZAC Day, as we remember those who have served our country over the last 100 years.

**MOTHER’S DAY**

It is getting close to one of the most important days of the year, Mother’s Day (May 10). It is the one gift that you cannot ever forget to give! Show your mum how precious she is with a thoughtful, perfect gift.

**JEWELLERY**

We have some delightfully gorgeous jewellery available, including necklaces, bracelets, earrings and SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL earrings. The silver and black necklace, with matching earrings is especially spectacular.

**CUPS OF TEA**

We also have some fantastic one-cup teapots with their own cup, tea cups, coffee mugs and stand-alone tea pots. They are daintily pretty and perfect for mum.

**GLASSWARE**

We have some amazingly colourful vases and bowls available, as well as other colourful and unique glassware. All of our glassware items are hand crafted to make them extra special.

**CHARLIE BEARS**

There are some stunning bears in right now, with their hand coloured and hand crafted good looks. They are full of personality and are just begging to be cuddled and taken home. They are so life-like, with their facial expressions ranging from slightly mischievous to big brown puppy-dog eyes.

**ALL WRAPPED UP!**

There are many wrap ideas in store for you to try out. We have various sized gift boxes, gift bags, sheets of wrap, rolls of wrap, ribbon, bows, tags, decorating ideas, tissue paper and more. There is something for any level of ability (but if you still feel you are struggling, do not hesitate to let us know and we can help).

**WIN**

Everyone who buys one of our Hallmark Mother’s Day cards will go in the draw to win the Tea Set and Tea Varieties that are currently being displayed in the window. The winner will be drawn on Saturday May 9.

**BREAST SCREEN BUS**

The Breast Screen Bus will be in town on May 4. Call 13 20 50 to book an appointment - the only way to keep the bus coming to Merriwa is for us to use it. Breast Cancer awareness is vital, and it never hurts to get checked.

**PHONECARDS:** all cards are now available including Telstra, Optus and Vodaphone

Cash or Eftpos only

Leanne Hook

**Merriwa Post Office**

**OPENING HOURS**

Merriwa Post Office is open Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm. We are no longer trading on Saturdays.

Your local Post Office is not only your place to send letters and parcels. We provide a range of other services which enable you to conduct your business locally. We are an agent for most banks and are able to process your deposits and withdrawals. As an agent we are only able to do card based transaction. We can also supply and process your passport applications and renewals. Renewal passport applicants need to contact the passport office first to get a renewal application sent to them. Once you have it you can come in with your old passport and new photos (which we can also help with) and I can process for you. We are unable to process applications on Thursdays. We can also process work cover applications as well as process most bills that bear a post bill pay bar code. These are just some of the services Australia Post offers it’s customers.

**NEW IN STOCK**

We have the yummy liquorice from Sweet and Sour now in store. You may have purchased this before at the Merriwa Show and can now get it at the Post Office. Assorted tubs are selling for $4.95 each and sticks are $1.99 each. Get in quick as they won’t last long. I can highly recommend the watermelon flavour.

**SCENTSY**

Looking for a Mother’s Day present why not browse through our catalogue and order your...
CONCESSION ACCOUNTS

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Kellie Orton and Kylie Austin

Merriwa Pharmacy

TREATING COUGHS AND COLDS

The recent cold snap may have you thinking about winter, and coughs and colds that often accompany the change in seasons.

Coughs and colds are very common. Each year, adults can develop between two and four colds and children between five and ten. With our increasingly busy lives, we are often seeking a treatment for coughs and colds and the first stop is usually the pharmacy.

Coughing helps to clear the airway. It is caused by an irritation of the lining of the throat and lungs and may be due to an infection such as a common cold or influenza (flu), an allergy, changes in temperature, something in the throat, an irritant (e.g. cigarette smoke) or inflammation (swelling).

Coughs are usually classed as either dry (non-productive) or chesty (productive). A dry cough is described as dry, tight, tickly and irritating. A chesty cough produces phlegm. It is often described as ‘wet’. However, coughing may be a symptom of a serious illness or a side effect of a medicine.

Croup is an infection of the throat and is associated with a harsh, barking cough. It is often worse at night when the air is cooler. Croup is usually seen in children under 5 years old but sometimes it may occur in older children (aged between three and eight years). It is important to ask the pharmacist if you are unsure.

Cough treatments will not cure a cough; but they may help relieve the cough symptoms. Treatment depends on the symptoms and the type of cough. If you have a dry, non-productive cough, a treatment that soothes the throat and/or suppresses (stops) the cough may help. If the cough is chesty and productive, a cough treatment that will help break up the mucus making it easier to cough may provide relief. A cough medicine that suppresses a cough is not suitable for a chesty cough.

Colds are caused by viruses. There are no medicines that can cure a cold. Some medicines such as cough suppressants, expectorants and mucolytics, antihistamines, pain relievers and decongestants may ease the symptoms of colds and flu. Antibiotics do not work against viral infections and so are not useful for treating colds.

Often it may be difficult to tell the difference between the common cold and influenza (the flu). You may think you have the flu when you have a cold. Although viruses cause both conditions, the flu virus causes symptoms that are usually more severe and often appear suddenly. Always check with your pharmacist if you are unsure. They will provide you with the most appropriate information and know when to refer you for further medical review.

To relieve the symptoms of a cold try to rest, drink plenty of water and non-alcoholic fluids, avoid cigarette smoke and use steam inhalations to help relieve a blocked nose (check with a doctor or pharmacist before using with children). To soothe a sore throat and cough, try gargling with warm salty water, anti-inflammatory, anaesthetic or antiseptic gargles (avoid in young children), sucking on an ice cube or a throat lozenge (avoid in young children) and drinking hot water with honey and lemon.

Your local pharmacy is your health destination and the pharmacist and pharmacy staff can provide a range of products, medicines, services and advice about the best treatment for your coughs and colds. Visit your local pharmacy next time you have a cough or cold and find out what they have available.

You can get more detailed information on coughs and colds from the Self Care Fact Cards titled Coughs and Colds and flu, available from Merriwa Pharmacy.

BOWEL SCAN KITS

Merriwa Pharmacy now stocks the Colovantage bowel scan kits. These kits use technology that
Fusion cuisine is cuisine that combines elements of different culinary traditions. Cuisines of this type are not categorised according to any one particular cuisine style and have played a part in innovations of many contemporary restaurant cuisines since the 1970s.

Fusion food is a general term for the combination of various forms of cookery and comes in several forms. Regional fusion combines different cuisines of a region or sub-region into a single eating experience. Asian fusion restaurants, which combine the various cuisines of different Asian countries, have become popular in many parts of the United States and United Kingdom. Often featured are South Asian, East Asian, and South-East Asian dishes alongside one another and offering dishes that are inspired combinations of such cuisines. California cuisine is considered a fusion culture, taking inspiration particularly from Italy, France, Mexico, the idea of the European delicatessen, and eastern Asia, and then creating traditional dishes from these cultures with non-traditional ingredients - such as California pizza. Other examples of this style include Tex-Mex, which combines southwest United States cuisine and Mexican cuisines, and Pacific rim cuisine, which combines the different cuisines of the various island nations.

In Australia, due to the increasing influx of migrants, fusion cuisine is being reinvented and is becoming increasingly the norm at numerous cafes and restaurants. Melbourne and Sydney now being considered as some of the best cities in the world with regard to the quality and creativity of Asian-fusion restaurants.

Another incarnation of fusion cuisine implements a more eclectic approach, which generally features original dishes that combine varieties of ingredients from various cuisines and regions. Such a restaurant might feature a wide variety of dishes inspired by a combination of various regional cuisines with new ideas.

Foods based on one culture, but prepared using ingredients and flavors inherent to another culture, are also considered forms of fusion cuisine. For instance, pizza made with cheddar and pepper jack cheese, salsa, refried beans or other common taco ingredients is often marketed as “Taco Pizza”. This particular dish is a fusion of Italian and Mexican cuisines. Similar approaches have been used for fusion-sushi, such as rolling maki with different types of rice and ingredients such as curry and basmati rice, cheese and salsa with Spanish rice, or spiced ground lamb and capers rolled with Greek-style rice and grape leaves, which resembles inside-out dolmades.

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Rohit Gaur

CLOSED ANZAC DAY

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Robert Smith
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MERRIWA

The Role Council is seeking a highly motivated individual to provide professional, courteous and efficient customer service to Council’s internal and external customers.

What you will need All applicants must have previous experience in administration, retail and/or customer service. The ability to deal with a wide range of people and cash handling and receipting skills are highly desirable.

Salary Range: $899.60 - $1007.60 per 35 hour week, in accordance with Council’s salary system.

Enquiries and Further Information: Linda Richardson on 6540 1131.

Applications Close: 4pm on Friday 1 May 2014.

How to Apply: Visit the positions vacant section on Council's website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

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Waid Crockett, General Manager

FIELD OFFICER - FULL TIME
MERRIWA

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What you will need All applicants must have experience in the operation and maintenance of hand tools and minor mechanical equipment and the ability to work as a team and independently as required.

Salary Range: $813.60 - $911.20 per 38 hour week, in accordance with Council’s salary system.

Enquiries and Further Information: Nick Havyatt on 6540 1155.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday 27 April 2015, 5.00pm
Development & Environmental Services Committee
Tuesday 12 May 2015, 10.00am
Works & Technical Services Committee
Tuesday 12 May 2015, 1.00pm
Finance Committee
Friday 22 May 2015, 1.00pm
Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday 25 May 2015, 5.00pm
All meetings are held at Council’s Administration Centre, Scone, unless otherwise stated.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
The Festival of the Fleeces Committee is seeking suitable photographers wishing to participate at this year’s Festival by taking photo’s of Festival events for the Committee.

Please be advised that only Festival Committee approved photographers will be permitted full access to all Festival events. To avoid disappointment during the Festival please register your interest now for consideration and approval.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046

MERRIWA RINGER
AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

Merriwa Music Makers present
Classical Pianist Phillip Aughey
playing works by Debussy, Liszt and Chopin

At the Merriwa School of Arts
Friday May 1st
commencing at 7.00pm

Tickets $20 (children U16 $10) Includes light supper
Available from Jan on 6548 2010 or at The Pharmacy

All proceeds in aid of the
Medical Alert System for Gummun Place Hostel

Mother’s Day Street Stall

Gummun Place Hostel will be hosting a
Mother’s Day Street Stall on Friday 8 May.

Spoil your mum this Mother’s Day with ‘home-made’ cake, slice, cookies and more!

All donations of tasty goodies are gratefully received.

There will also be a Mother’s Day Raffle drawn on the day. Win your mum a lovely gift to surprise her!

The prizes for the raffle are:
1st Prize – Hair care package (value $120.00)
2nd Prize – Knitted Blanket (Value $80.00)
3rd prize – Wine and meat (Voucher 30.00)
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**Merriwa Ringer**
Merriwa Central School
P & C Association

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Secretary: Gaynor Blackadder
Treasurer: Anna Whaley

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

Merriwa District Progress Association Inc
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Merriwa Central School

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6548 2101
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6548 2119

Merriwa Anglican Parish. Services
Holy Trinity - St Columbia - Cassilis
9.00am Sundays, 11.00am every 2nd and 4th
Short Bible Study 7.30am Mon, Wed and Fri

Rev’d Glen Hughes - Supervising Priest & Rev’d Pat Kirkby - Local Priest

CWA
Meets 2nd Monday of the month
at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms,
159 Bettington Street
Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Enquiries to:
President: Barbara Campbell
Phone: 6548 5131
Email: barbara@911@gmail.com
Secretary: Robyn McAlister
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Cassilis Public School
Relieving Principal: Jeanette Grinham
Coolah Road
Ph: 63761009
Cassilis NSW 2329
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www.cassilis.p.school.nsw.edu.au

Openings Hours
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Ph: 6548 2213

St David’s Uniting Church
Vennacher Street
Merriwa
Service Times
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Merriwa RSL Club
The Members Lucky Badge for $1100.00 was not won on Friday at 8:30pm the number was 852, this week it jackpots to $1150.00. The 7.00pm draw for $180.00 was not won the number was 452, this week it jackpots to $200.00. The 9.00pm draw for $180.00 was not won the number was 146, this week it jackpots to $200.00. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $1350.00 was not won last week the number was 514, this week it jackpots to $1400.00 and will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. LTPS/14/04323

COMING EVENTS
Introducing ‘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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB
HAPPY HOUR IS BACK- Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Sunday 11.00am to 12.00 noon, $3.00 schooners and $2.00 middies, and $5.00 Corona’s.
Round 3 of Group 21 is this Friday April 24 and is Merriwa’s first home game at No.1 oval:
6.00pm Merriwa v Greta Branxton League Tag
7.00pm Merriwa v Greta Branxton Reserve Grade

ANZAC DAY
Dawn service – 5.40am
Main service – 10.15am assemble outside RSL Club
10.30am - March commences
2up - 3.00pm–6.00pm in the BBQ area.

Matt Morgan
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** - 6.00pm 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 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 APRIL 26

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**

**Sunday Raffle April 19**

Saturday members draw no 285, not won – next week $170.00 (held on Sunday due to Race Day April 18)

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $240.00

**Free Tickets:** Jill Carroll

**Dinner:** Des Snelgrove

**Bowls Raffle:** Alan Hancock

Sunday members draw - No 150, not won. Next week $1,400. 00.

DON’T FORGET MUFTI BOWLS AT THE CLUB

Enjoy an evening of social bowls, each Friday night at 5.00pm and Saturday afternoons commencing at 1.00pm. ALL WELCOME. No experience necessary.

**NEXT TRIVIA NIGHT**

When: Twist-Top Trivia in June. Watch this space!

NRL FOOTBALL TIPPING COMPETITION

Make sure your picks are to the Club by 6.00pm on first game night of each round. First prize of $300.00, second prize $200.00, third prize $100.00, last prize $50.00. Weekly spondula of $10.00 for picking the round. Good luck.

UNCLASSIFIED

Due to the school holidays this report will be for the past two weeks. Firstly, we have won both of our pennant games which places us two points ahead of the rest of the pack. There has been quite a few championship games played, won and lost, I am sorry but I can’t remember these results for the past fortnight, but last weekend we had two games of triples with Kevin’s team having a close win over Des’s and Greg’s had a win of Allan’s team, I think.

Regards to district triples, Greg, Max, Ken and myself represented our fine club, unfortunately Greg, Max and Ken all had great games just to be pipped at the post. I was lucky enough to win on Sunday morning, playing in the final that afternoon and was lucky enough to come away with the bag of fruit. Just a note as usual, same old, same old doing the work in and outside of the club. There are more then six bowlers in this club, so how about helping with the workload. A special thanks to Amanda for allowing us the use of her pie warmer, much appreciated.

Phil Rush

WOMENS BOWLS

Social mixed bowls are held on Wednesdays at Merriwa Sports Club. Starting time is 10.00am and everyone is welcome to attend in Mufty dress.

Womens Bowling Club **claim the date** - Wednesday June 24 for their Annual General Meeting. More information will be supplied at a later date.

Loretta Cooper

**Cassilis Bowling Club**

FRIDAY NIGHT SNACK BAR

Affordable family meals.

FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

Members Draw, Joker Draw, Meat/Vegetable trays, Schooner Draw.

**DRAW RESULTS**

Members Draw - No draw results available

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

Hilary Parker

Merriwa Ringer
When you play a sport, it’s all about having fun and enjoying playing with your mates. That is exactly what our Under 6’s did on Saturday. For their first game they went really well, tackling (even their own team mates) and running fast (most of the time in the right direction). All of our players played well. Good job team! Merriwa Under 6’s are: Riley Bristow, Tye Blackadder, Zac Walker, Kayden Hoole, Rylan Neale, Jack Patterson, Amelia, Alesha and Jai Wright.

Bruce Blackadder

The club has received $5000.00 from the Community Building Partnerships Grant and $13,500.00 from the department of Sport and Recreation to install new court lighting on the clubs four courts. The club is currently working with the UHSC and Tennis NSW to get the best lighting system with the money available.

Bruce Blackadder

The front two asphalt tennis courts closest to King George V Avenue have developed severe surface and structural cracking.

The back two concrete tennis courts also have severe structural cracking.

The club has approached two construction companies that have both indicated that the most efficient and cost effective way to repair all four courts is to cover the existing surfaces with a sand base and install synthetic grass over the top. The cost of this upgrade has been projected at $45,000.00 per two courts.

The club is continuing to look at opportunities to bring this project to fruition.

Bruce Blackadder

The club would like to install a hitting wall/ Racquet Ball court to provide increased opportunity for players to develop their skills. For greatest benefit it is important that the wall is in a position that can be easily accessed. The club had investigated putting a hitting wall within the court area however Tennis NSW advised that this may be problematic. Currently we are looking for alternative locations.

Bruce Blackadder
Merriwa proud of your spirit, your team work and your sportsmanship. We have next Saturday off because of ANZAC Day but will be playing at home on May 2 – time to be advised.

Reece Hancock

WELDERUP UNDER 16’S

Unfortunately the Welderup Under 16’s didn’t have a great start to the season with only ten players available to play the first game. Hopefully everyone who has said that they will play in our 16’s side gets themselves organised for the next game. If not we will have to pull the team out of the competition. Get yourselves to training boys and let’s see this season begin in earnest. Six of our 16’s attended the Greater Northern League Camp at Farrer during the school holidays and by all accounts had a great two days learning from the best about the game of rugby league. Our thanks goes to Phil Neale who transported the boys to Tamworth and back and also to the Group 21 senior/junior committee for sponsoring one of our boys. Also to the Merriwa Old Boys Rugby League a huge thank you for sponsoring two of our boys. The support from people like yourselves is greatly appreciated by our junior club and the members. Our committee sponsored the remaining three players.

KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S

The Under 8’s travelled to Muswellbrook on Saturday for their first game of the season. As their first time playing without anyone on the field to assist them, the players all played well. Having some younger players from the Under 7’s with the rest of the boys and girls, it was great to see the older boys step up and help the younger players out. Everyone played extremely well, with great runs from everyone. They all tackled very well and didn’t let too many tries get scored against them. Tries were scored by Jackson with four and Harry Cook with one, as well as Harry converting a try. Player of the Week went to Jackson Whitby, as he had some really good runs, where he even managed to score four tries by stepping and palming all the way to the try line, as well as outstanding defence. Well done Jackson!

Then on the Sunday, the team travelled to Newcastle to play at Hunter Stadium between the games and in front of a big crowd. The boys and girls were really excited to get out and play. As the first game started, they played against the South Newcastle Lions, where they had to work hard to keep up. Lots of tackling was in order for the team. It wasn’t until the last game where Jackson scored the first try of the day. After they finished, they were shown the change rooms before forming the guard of honour for the Knights and Eels to walk through.

I would like to thank the four Under 7’s, Nate, Jack, Kallum and Miriam, who stepped up and played with the 8’s. I hope to see you guys play with the 8’s more often. Overall, it was a great weekend and a fantastic start to the season. Keep up the awesome effort boys and girls!

John Cronin

ROSCO UNDER 7’S

Our Rosco Under 7’s had a great first game for the 2015 season. We had six players from Merriwa and were backed up with two players on loan from Singleton. Nate Brown and Jack Cook had a great game with some fantastic tackling from both boys. Jack also scored one of our tries. Miriam Harrison gained a lot of meters from some great runs up the field. Kallum is going to be a good asset to our team playing some solid defence and attack. Matt Grady is new to the team and game and showed great promise for future games. Player of the Week was given to Seth Pepper for some excellent team work, ball handling and some great attacking work. Well done to all the players. We are certainly going to have a great season with lots of fun.

See you all at training.

Elaine Sparrow

KINGSLYN UNDER 9’S

Well the U/9’s certainly didn’t waste any time getting into footy mode. The kids were very excited to get back out on the field for the first game of the season. With some tremendous running from the whole team, lots of tries were scored. Dylan Keane four tries, Jackson Whitby two tries, Jyeson Pike and Tyrell Heang one try each. We welcome our new player’s Thomas Hunt and Tyrell Heang, they eased right into the team. Thomas
was impressive for his first ever game of league, making some great runs and Tyrell showed great speed and agility as well as being one of our best defenders. Jackson Whitby and Maddison Pike played up an age to help out the team and both handled the rise easily. Maddison had plenty of good runs showing the opposition how good girls can play and for Jackson to score two tries up an age, he obviously had a tremendous game, well done Jackson. Clayton made a few hard runs up the middle of the field but I feel he is just warming up for a big season. Jyeson looked dangerous every time he had the ball in his hands and I am looking forward to seeing his usual big and hard tackling back next week. Player of the Week went to Dylan Keane for his outstanding defence and great skills with the ball in his hands.

It is really great to see the mateship in this team. They are very exciting to watch. Well done Under 9’s.

Congratulations to Jackson Whitby. What a weekend he had in junior league. Jackson played with his team, Under 8’s, on the weekend and scored four tries. He then backed up in the Under 9’s and scored three tries but he was not finished there. On Sunday Jackson travelled to Newcastle and played in front of the crowd at Hunter Stadium and scored another try to finish off his weekend. Do you think this boy loves his footy? You bet he does. Well done Jackson.

**Merriwa Little Athletics**

Merriwa Little Athletes and parents please join us on Monday April 27 for our AGM and AWARDS night to be held at the Merriwa Sports Club auditorium from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

If all families could bring a plate of something to share – sweets, nibbles, hot or cold food (microwave and urn available) – drinks available to purchase at the bar.

A big THANK YOU to the Merriwa Sports Club for providing the venue!

ALL of our registered Little Athletes are winners so come along and celebrate another fantastic season. Any queries call Tash on 6548 5002.

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

We are heading into the third round of the Group 21 competition.

Round 1, Merriwa travelled to Singleton the boys went down 44-16 and girls went down 30-0.

Round 2, we headed to Greta. Boys were defeated 34-10 and the girls just missed out, losing 16-14. Players player - Nathan Barry and Kate Blackadder.

This week we have a home game on Friday night, girls start at 6.30pm then boys at 7.30pm. Hope to see a big crowd there to cheer us on against Greta.

Canteen Coordinator still needed so if you think you’d like to help us out please contact Matt Morgan.

Gaynor Blackadder
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            | • Messy Church - 3.30pm                                                |
|          | • Merriwa Rugby League home game - Number 1 oval - 6.00pm              |
|          | • ANZAC Day Commemorations - Start Merriwa RSL Club to proceed to Merriwa Cenotaph - Dawn service - 5.40am  
            | • ANZAC Day Commemorations - Start Merriwa RSL Club to proceed to Merriwa Cenotaph - Main service - 10.30am |

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            | • Merriwa Central School Mother’s Day luncheon - Merriwa School of Arts |

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