School commemorations held for ANZAC Day
MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL P AND C ASSOCIATION

Mother’s Day Luncheon

**Friday May 8**

Can’t make Lunch? - please consider a home or business delivery or a Takeaway Pack to spoil someone special for dinner and LOOK OUT for our RAFFLE tickets!

**TAKEAWAY ORDER AND LUNCH HOME DELIVERY FORM**

Name:..............................................................................................................................Contact phone:................................................................................................................

Delivery Address:..........................................................................................................................Best time........pm

Drop ORDER Forms at Central School Offices or Max’s Country Cuts

**HOT LUNCH DELIVERY ORDER:** (Place number required in the boxes)

Please deliver _____ Hot Luncheon Packs @ $25.00 each □ Total $..............

ENTREE – Your choice:

□ Pea and Ham Soup OR □ Leek and Potato Soup

MAIN - Your choice of:

□ Beef with red wine and garlic mash OR □ Moroccan Lamb and couscous OR

□ Creamy Chicken Casserole and rice

DESSERT - Your choice:

□ Cheesecake OR □ Apple Crumble OR □ Chocolate Pot

**TAKEAWAY CHILLED MEAL PACKS ORDER:** □ if paid □ Total $..............

Please deliver _____ FAMILY Packs: One Family Sized Main + 4 x Desserts @ $40.00 each

□ Beef w/ red wine OR □ Moroccan Lamb OR □ Chicken Casserole

□ Cheesecake OR □ Apple Crumble OR □ Chocolate Pot

Please deliver _____ SINGLE Packs: One Main @ $15.00 each

□ Beef w/ red wine OR □ Moroccan Lamb OR □ Chicken Casserole

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Deputy Principal’s Report

AUTHOR VISIT

Last Friday we had the very good fortune of having an author visit our school. Some of our community members would remember Samantha Turnbull as an ex-student of Merriwa Central School. Samantha has transferred her love of writing into a successful career as a journalist for the ABC and now as a published author of the Anti-Princess Club series.

During her time with us Samantha spoke to students from Year 1 right through to Year 7 and shared some tricks of the trade with us. In addition Samantha was interviewed by April Eipper for our up and coming Newcastle Herald entry. The day was very enjoyable with quizzes and even some beat boxing!

FIJI CONNECTION

We would like to say thanks to Kate Blackadder and her family who recently visited Fiji. Prior to heading overseas we were informed that as part of their journey they were visiting a local school and would be presenting the students with a variety of resources. We thought it was a great idea and donated a few ROAR footballs. From all reports it was an enriching experience and brought a lot of the joy to the school children that they visited.

REMINDER TO PARENTS ABOUT GROUP PHOTOS

Orders for group photos need to be in to the office by Friday May 8. Payment must be made by cheque or online through MSP Photography. Photos are available for viewing in both the Primary and Secondary Office.

LEARNING TO LEAD

This Thursday ROAR have been asked to lend their expertise to a leadership program that is being introduced at Molong Central School. The Learning to Lead program is a joint initiative with the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. Our ROAR boys will accompany Mr Grant and Mr Johnston to Molong (leaving at 5.30am) in order to run a number of sports skills stations and assist Molong students in developing their leadership skills in this environment. It is an honour that we were asked to assist with this program and we look forward to what the day has in store.

Coming Events

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Adam Johnston
Deputy Principal
**Primary News**

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Last week our Students of the Week received book awards from our wonderful P and C, for their efforts throughout the week. Well done to our following students:

**Kindergarten:**  Alexander Googe  
**Year K/1:**  Zac Walker  
**Year 2:**  Lily Swan  
**Year 3/4:**  Elisha Drury  
**Year 4/5:**  Jesse Watson  
**Year 5/6:**  Mackenzie Blackadder

**ANZAC SERVICE**

Last Friday, April 24 students and teachers from Merriwa Central School participated in a combined schools ANZAC Day service at the local Cenotaph. Led by the Light Horse Brigade we joined with students and teachers from St Josephs to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of ANZAC Day. It was attended by many parents and community members who we would like to thank for joining us. It was a very special occasion as we had not been able to run a school service in many years, due to ANZAC Day occurring during school holidays. Leading up to the service students on the Primary campus had been participating in activities to learn more about ANZAC Day and its importance. It was wonderful to hear students talking about the speeches and poems read at the service and taking in the value of the words. Some of our students showed a great interest in learning more about the day and have found out they have relatives who have served, or currently serve, in our armed forces. We encourage families to continue having these conversations at home, visit the Cenotaph again and read the commemorations, or visit the memorial garden at the Merriwa RSL Club. A special ‘thank you’ goes to Miss Alison and Mrs Meyers for all their hard work organising the combined schools service.

**AUTHOR VISIT**

Last Friday April 24 we were visited by a previous Merriwa Central School student who is now an author. Samantha Turnbull visited various classes to talk about of her books and the methods she uses to create interesting stories. Students were able to play games, hear a reading and even ask her questions about her stories. Samantha read to us from her latest series ‘The Anti-Princess Club’ and showed us the website filled with amazing things for kids, parents and teachers. If you would like to check it out at home go to http://antiprincessclub.com.au/. Thank you Samantha for coming back to Merriwa Central School to visit and speak to us about your stories.

**CANTEEN**

The new winter canteen menu was sent home last week with students. If you did not receive a copy please see your child’s teacher or ask for a copy at the Primary Office. Canteen lunch orders need to be handed in at the canteen in the morning – correct change is always greatly appreciated. Our canteen is a volunteer service which relies on people to help out when they are able. If you are able to volunteer on any Monday this term please...
contact the Primary Office on (02) 6548 2101 to leave your details and the date you are available to help.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

Next Friday May 8 the P and C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall on the Primary Campus. It will begin at approximately 9:30am. Prices range from $2.00-$5.00 and all students will have the chance to purchase something during class time. Once all students have had the chance to make a purchase then anyone wanting to make a second purchase will be notified to return to the stall.

**NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of: reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. If you have any questions about NAPLAN please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs West prior to the testing period, in Week 4.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

On Monday May 25 students will all be participating in the Athletics Carnival. Primary students aged 8 years and older will arrive at school at normal time and will be walked to the Sports Oval immediately after marking the class roll. Students under the age of 8 years will arrive at school for normal lessons and will walk to the Sports Oval at 10.30am for novelty activities. Students will need to wear sports uniform or sports clothing in their house colour. There will be a canteen open on the day. Parent volunteers are welcome to help at events including time keeping, recording, raking the long jump pit, and assisting at novelty events. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Moore on the Primary Campus.

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**Secondary News**

**MATHS/SCIENCE/AG FACULTY NEWS**

As we start Term 2, I would like to extend a big welcome back to our school community and our students who have hit the ground running.

Year 7 Science is starting a topic on classification. Scientists (even young ones) need to be able to classify and organise things into different groups. Whether it is trying to find groceries in the supermarket or organising rocks as igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic; classification is an important skill for all students.

Year 8 Science will spend this term learning about their own bodies from why our heart beats through to why it is impossible to tickle yourself. This is a very interesting topic that is very relevant to each and every one of us. If they are lucky we will dissect a heart, all in the name of science of course!

Year 10 Science will be completing a challenging chemistry topic and will have to complete a practical assessment task during class time that will test their knowledge learnt in this topic. They will also learn about waves and particle models. Light and sound are forms of energy carried by invisible waves around us every day and our senses are attuned to detecting them. Many household devices like musical instruments, mirrors and sunglasses utilise invisible waves and students will gain important knowledge about the world around them.

Term 2 is traditionally a very busy time for both students and staff alike, and 2015 is living up to this expectation. Half yearly examinations are creeping up, whilst students are finishing assignments and being busy social butterflies. Students should try to be organised and implement a revision/study program leading up to exams in order to help them consolidate the concepts they have learnt in class.

On June 17, the University of Newcastle’s Science and Engineering Challenge is being held again in Muswellbrook. In the past, Merriwa Central School has been able to achieve and compete with schools with much larger student numbers. Each day the students participate in a range of exiting hands on activities that are designed to demonstrate the varied and practical elements of a career in the disciplines of science and engineering. The Challenge is a practical day of fun, teamwork and discovery. Students from Year 7 to 10 should let their science teacher know they are interested and watch this space!

As we finish the working week, here are some fun science facts to ponder over the weekend:
Why I want to be in ROAR: Because I want to become a better football player and to become a better young man

Favourite Subject: English/Ag

Favourite sport: AFL and NRL

Favourite team: Bulldogs/Maroons

Favourite player: Josh Morris

Best personal sporting achievement: Playing AFL for 6 years then starting to play NRL

Who inspires you: My Uncle Mike inspires me because he is truthful, positive and helpful.

Advice to young players: Never give up and try your hardest.

ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards

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Lois Harrison

ENGLISH/HISTORY FACULTY NEWS

Just a quick welcome back everyone. I hope your holidays were what you expected and students have arrived back refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead.

NAPLAN for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are in Week 4 and half-yearly exams for most students are coming up fast so a revision plan is essential to prepare yourselves.

Notes went out this week for the Belvoir Street Theatre and SCG excursion. This will be a popular excursion so it is advisable to return your permission notes promptly.

Tony March
Head Teacher English/History

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Infants students (K-2) under 8 years will be attending from 11.00am till 1.00pm on the day. They will compete in their age race and novelty events between recess and lunchtime and will walk back to school with their teacher.

As with all carnivals there are a lot of events running consecutively and to keep the day on track we are asking for parent volunteers to help on the day. If you are able to donate some time to help escort students from one event to the next in their age groups or assist with time keeping or field events please let us know by contacting Alison King at the school by Monday May 18.

We are looking forward to another successful event for the students of Merriwa Central School.

Alison King

CAREERS NEWS

Hello to parents and carers of our students at Merriwa Central School, and to community members. I am writing this newsletter as the new careers teacher at the school. Thank you to Mrs Jane Hegarty for her support as I take over most of this role. Jane will continue to coordinate the senior careers activities and university information.

My name is Mr Mark Beiers and I have also assumed the position of Head Teacher Vocational Education and Training at Merriwa Central School. I have a background in VET Metals and Engineering and Construction. During the coming year I look forward to meeting and talking with parents about students options, and employers about workplace opportunities.

NEW CAREER EVENTS

UNSW Actuarial Studies Workshop - May 15, 9.30am to 11.30am, Finity Offices, Level 7, Year 11 and 12s. UNSW Business School and Finity, an actuarial consultancy, give pathways available to actuary, what an actuary does. https://www.whatson.unsw.edu.au/egateway/students.events_search

Subject Bonus Points at ACU - Up to five bonus points based on performance in specific year 12 subjects relevant to Uni course. http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/accessacu

Kickstart in the School Holidays Kickstart Science workshops give HSC students a chance to do experiments and demonstrations of key ideas in the syllabus that are difficult to do in the classroom. Kickstart Biology, Chemistry and Physics are running in the June School Holidays. Students can register individually to attend at http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/high-school/kickstart/school-holidays.shtml

OPEN DAYS

Charles Sturt University MyDay Program 2015

Bathurst
- Information Technology and Computing May 12
- Psychology May 21
- Accounting and Business May 28

Albury-Wodonga
- Nursing May 24
- Community Health May 28

Please contact me if you require any further career information on 6548 2119.

Mark Beiers
What a week! I am sure you have all taken time out to reflect on the tragedies that have surrounded us in the past week. This week’s storm event along the east coast of NSW has caused suffering and mayhem to many of our close friends, family and broader family of neighbours. The response in prayer and deed has been a true reflection of the Easter people we are called to be. We have seen many examples of people coming to the aid of their “neighbour” often unknown to them and often putting their own lives at risk. We pray for the safety and well-being of all.

The devastating loss of so many asylum seekers’ lives on the weekend previous, is part of an ongoing tragedy that continues to haunt and challenge the world community. We pray that the same Easter message enables the concept of “neighbour” to encompass all people so that we can help in our own small ways to bring hope to those whose situations seem hopeless. This last weekend Nepal has suffered the devastation of earthquakes and thousands of people have lost their lives. My nephew and his wife are volunteers in an orphanage in the devastated city. They are safe thank God but they have relayed the fear, loss and heartache of the people.

In the words of Pope Francis – “Lord give us a heart that knows how to love”.

ANZAC Day was celebrated with great respect over the past couple of days. On Friday Merriwa Central School and St Joseph’s school students took part in a 60 year old tradition of marching to the cenotaph from their school sites and combining to pay homage to all men and women who have fought for Australia. It was a very moving experience as both schools, led by the Light Horse Brigade, marched from opposite ends of Marquet Street meeting at the cenotaph. The students looked resplendent in their respective school uniforms, worn with great pride. The attentiveness and respectful silence of all students gathered together indicated that they fully understood the significance of the day. The speeches by Mr Noonan and the representative students from each school were very thought provoking. Mr Bob Baihn gave some very engaging background to the aspects of the ceremony. A special thank you to the RSL sub-branch, Upper Hunter Shire Council, The Light Horse Brigade, Mrs Gwen Meyer and Mr Peter Davidson for making this great event a reality in 2015.

There were many students and staff who attended the dawn service and the morning march on ANZAC Day also. As is the tradition we had a full contingent of teachers joining over 50% of our St Joseph’s Merriwa and Aberdeen students, ex-students and families in the community.
The vegetable gardens are now in place and ready for action. Thank you to Karin Brazier for all her help cutting the planters and relocating them. If there are any parents who would like to help the children with vegie gardening please let us know. Your experience and expertise would be very welcomed. Perhaps this could be a lunch time activity every fortnight or so. If you are planting out seedlings and find you have too many, the school will gratefully accept the donation of your excess.

The annual Cross Country Carnival held on the last day of term was a great success. The students had a terrific time demonstrating their running skills and participated with great display of sportsmanship and willingness to have a go. Thank you to the parents and staff who made the day so enjoyable for everyone. Thank you to Cowan’s Bus Company for donating the transport back to school, thanks Scott Beaven for the donation of oranges for the children...

“IT takes a village to educate a child”. The following qualifying students will be travelling to the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday May 5.

- Toby Jamieson
- Darcy Taaffe
- Damian Jamieson
- Emily Barwick
- Charles Brazier
- Axul Hourn
- Patrick Magner
- Thomas Hunt
- Tia Magner
- Amy Redgate
- Emily Ninness
- Korey Halse
- Chloe Towell
- Nicholas Morgan
- Darcy Moore
- Camdyn Constable
- Jonathan Keegan
- Jorji Taaffe
- John Magner
- Madelaine Thrift
- Lauren Redgate
- Olivia Collins
- Nicole Martin

We wish them all the best.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who took time out last term to meet and discuss the students’ learning needs. We need to remain focussed on learning so that ALL students achieve high levels of success.

Are you doing your homework? We need all parents to be supporting us in the education of your child by providing a regular homework commemoration service. This was a beautiful way to remember the sacrifices many before us have made so that we may live such a good life in Australia.

Ready for the town March: Students, teachers, parents and families marched representing St Joseph’s at Merriwa, The Entrance, Kangaroo Valley, Scone and Denman.

The Feast of St Joseph the Worker is celebrated on May 1 each year. As St Joseph is the Patron Saint of our school we will be celebrating this day on Friday. Our celebrations will begin with a Liturgy in the church at 12 noon. This will not be a Mass, as previously advertised, as Father John will be attending a funeral at this time. Following Mass the students will be engaged in a craft activity and then will have a shared afternoon tea with their families. A tabloid sports afternoon will commence at 2.00pm Please feel very welcome to join us on Friday afternoon for this great celebration.

Cyber safety parent session will be held next Monday afternoon from 3.15pm–4.15pm. Many parents have asked for information about how to keep their children safe on their computer devices. This is a very important session for ALL parents. The reality is that today, your children will be using the internet increasingly at school and/or at home and/or in the community and we all have an obligation to ensure their safety when using this form of communication.

Spirit of St Joseph: Congratulations to Gaby Nicholls who was awarded the Term 1 Spirit of St Joseph Award sponsored by the Merriwa Newsagency.

Gaby Nicholls is always helpful, friendly and positive about every aspect of school life. She is willing and very eager to assist staff and fellow students. She is especially renowned for her care of the younger children. Gaby has dealt with some big challenges over the past few months and has faced them with resilience and confidence and has grown into valued member of our school community and student leadership team.

Gaby is a regular attendee at community gatherings such as ANZAC Day (representing our school at the Cassilis service) and carol singing.

The Term Two Working Bee was very well attended on Sunday with 30 members of 13 families in attendance and others helping with the donation of soil etc. We managed to get a great number of jobs completed and all the excess materials taken to the tip. A special thank you to parishioners Tony and Jo O’Brien for their help at the working bee and the use of their tip truck for the removal of rubbish. The grounds and buildings look beautiful.
routine for them.

Is there a regular uninterrupted time where your child can sit and concentrate on their homework?

Is this a quiet place and time?

Is there an expectation in the home that homework is completed to a good standard and in a timely manner?

Is there a special organised space (table/desk) for the student to put the homework books down to work?

Is there an opportunity where the student can seek and get some assistance if needed from an adult?

Do you offer your child the opportunity to practise their tables, spelling words and reading? Despite what you may have heard in the past – these things DO matter. Students who know their multiplication facts and spelling words off by heart and can read with fluency are much more able to meet the ever increasing learning demands of school than those who don’t.

Do you encourage your child to view learning as a great gift that will help them live a life of increased opportunity.

PLEASE DO YOUR CHILDREN A FAVOUR AND HELP THEM AT HOME TO BE GREAT LEARNERS.

Congratulations to our award winners for this week:

Kindergarten - Emma McLaren – for fantastic work identifying numbers before and after

Tilly Clark - for her amazing handwriting

Year 1/2 - Rhianna Smith - for great work reading and writing three digit numbers

Toby Jamieson - for great work reading and writing four digit numbers

Year 3/4 - Thomas Hunt - for showing a keen interest in learning more about ANZAC day

Darcy Taaffe - for always having a friendly and positive attitude towards every aspect of school life

Year 5/6 - Charles Brazier - for bringing a positive attitude to start Term 2

Nicole Martin - for enthusiastically organising and encouraging infants students during sports activities

Playground Champion - Tilly Clark – for participating enthusiastically in tabloid sports

Principal’s Awards - Jack Patterson - for participating so respectfully in the ANZAC march and ceremony

Charles Brazier for his fabulous effort in classroom learning.
ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all students who started the term off with 100% attendance! Well done to those who were on time every day too.

It is impressive to see the attendance of students improving. A note was sent home earlier in the week outlining the importance of being at school every day and highlighting that if a child misses one day of school a week by the end of their schooling they will have missed a whole year! That’s a lot of missed learning and time socialising with friends.

EASTER MINI FAIR AND HAT PARADE

On the last day of Term 1 students enjoyed a mini fair and Easter Hat Parade. The mini fair raised $350.00 towards our next excursion.

ANZAC SERVICE

Last week we established routines and learnt about ANZAC Day. This morning we made poppies to display on the school fence and we held our school service after lunch.

Search Cassilis Public School in your face book account – like and share. Be sure to read about the section on guidelines.

Jeanette Grinham
Relieving Principal
ANZAC DAY

It was wonderful to see so many students and parents from the Sandy Hollow Public School community who were able to attend the ANZAC Centenary ceremony at Denman last Saturday. Jake and Bella Pike, Archie Johnson, Darcy Wallace, Liviana Craig, Harry Thompson, Cambell and Marshall Hinze, Nicholas Terrell, Cody Parkinson, Andrew Harris, Rowdy Walters, Angus Higgins and Sam and Amy Thompson marched behind our school flag with pride as it was carried by Hunter Marsh and Bella Wallace.

The ceremony was held in the park during which Amy Thompson read the Prayer for the Queen and Bella Wallace and Hunter Marsh laid a wreath. All the children sat quietly showing respect throughout the entire service. Each of the children are to be congratulated on their exceptional behaviour. We would like to say a special thank you to all their parents who made it possible for our school to support this important community event.

Pauline Bullock and Peta Higgins

YEAR 5/6 LEADERSHIP DAY (MAY 4)

Next Monday, students in Years 5 and 6 will travel to Tamworth to attend the Grip Leadership conference. They will learn about how to be effective leaders and to run and organise activities. Mrs Darlington will be accompanying the students on this excursion.

GO GO GOLF

Next Thursday, May 7, will be our first Go Go Golf session for this year with Sharon Nott. As this program is no longer funded, students have been asked to pay $3.00 towards the cost of the lessons.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our annual Trivia Night will be held at the hall on Saturday May 30. It’s a fun night with lots of games and activities held between rounds. The night will conclude with an auction. The cost is $10.00 per person or $80.00 for a table with a maximum of 8. If you haven’t got enough people for a table, come along anyway and we will find you a team. Proceeds from the night will go towards our learn to swim program.

DONATIONS

We are currently requesting donations for auction items and/or prizes. Please contact the school if you are able to help us out.

EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that students should not be at school before 8.50am. Students arriving before this are unsupervised as the ‘teaching day’ does not begin until 8.50am. We understand that sometimes parents have commitments and need to drop their children off early. If this is the case, please make arrangements prior to the early drop off. Thank you to all students who are already adhering to this request.

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Just a quick reminder, that if your child arrives late to school, after 9.15am, then they need to be signed in. Sign on books are available in both classrooms and the office.

PIE ORDER REMINDER

Orders were sent out at the end of last term. All orders and money are due back to school on Friday May 22. Orders can be picked up on Friday June 12.

YOU CAN DO IT

Every second Friday all students K-6 will work with Mrs Darlington on the You Can Do It program. The program is designed to improve social and emotional well-being. There are five key areas that the program covers: confidence, persistence, organisation, getting along and emotional resilience. These topics are known as the keys to success. These keys support the 12 habits of the mind - accepting myself, taking risks, being independent, I can do it, giving effort, working tough, setting goals, planning my time, being tolerant of others, thinking first, playing by the rules and social responsibility. This program will complement the work we have already been doing around visible learning. Mrs Parker will take Years 3/4/5/6 every second Friday and release Mrs Darlington to implement the program.
We have hit the ground running with a very busy term. We have a lot of activities on including Go Go Golf, athletics, PSSA soccer, NAPLAN, Eisteddfod and singing practice, book fair, Pittman Cup, Walkathon and the Science and Engineering Day just to name a few. Students reminded that it is a privilege to participate in these activities not a right. Students need to be aware that their behaviour is taken into consideration when these activities are organised.

We have lots of activities planned in the classroom as well. All students have set goals for writing based on their current standing on the literacy continuum. These goals are displayed on their desks and can be signed off any time by a teacher if the student can demonstrate the required skill. They must demonstrate the skill at least 3 times to achieve the goal.

In Literacy, we have started a mini unit on ANZAC and Gallipoli. The students have looked at what schools were like a hundred years ago and what sorts of things were taught. We will be looking at the actual Gallipoli campaign next. This will be followed up with a book study, ‘Memorial’ by Gary Crew and Shawn Tan.

In writing, we are moving into researching and writing persuasive texts. We spent quite a lot of time at the end of last term looking at persuasive devices and what makes an effective persuasive text. It’s now time to put our skills to good use.

In numeracy, all groups are working on or towards a new investigation. Year 4 are cooking pancakes for the whole school. They will need to calculate ingredients, go ‘shopping’ at Woolworths and Coles online stores and compare prices and then create their budgets.

Year 5 are investigating how much water is wasted by leaking taps. They will measure and graph data and then apply that to the amount of water wasted when leaving the tap on when brushing your teeth.

Year 6 are about to become Educational Entrepreneurs. They will develop a game for other Year 6 students that will assist them to add and subtract fractions, convert fractions to decimals and percentages and match equivalent fractions. These games will be laminated and used and evaluated by the class.

In HSIE we have just started on a unit of work entitled Federation. Students will learn about how Australia became its own nation.

Visual Arts this term will be based on our Gallipoli literacy unit and art works from the Federation of Australia era.

Students are reminded that they must be organised for the school day. Too many disruptions are caused by students having to ‘borrow’ essential equipment.

Christina Darlington
Class Teacher

FROM THE P AND C

The Sandy Hollow P and C Committee is holding a “Thompson’s Pies” Pie Drive for a Fundraiser in 2015. All orders and monies need to be back to the office, no later than Friday May 22. Pie collection is: Friday June 12 from the School Library. If you require any more info on this please ring Michelle on 6547 5058.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Reagan Turner

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK
Amy Thompson - being an excellent role model.

Congratulations to Rowdy Walters who participated in the Sandy Hollow Horse Ride on his Dad’s pony Tilly. Rowdy received a trophy for the youngest rider on the day. Well done Rowdy!

Christina Darlington
Principa
FLOWER POWER

We are about to enjoy fun times at Merriwa Pre-School. In Week 3 between May 4 to May 8 we are holding our annual Pre-School Bake sale. This is a great event for the Pre-School and we are already very excited. This year it takes the form of an opportunity to reuse and recycle. We are requesting that families donate unwanted but good quality items to the Pre-School including clothing and toys. We will then prepare these items with the children for sale and they can then be purchased by families for $1.00.

We are also doing our regular sale of baked goods and we would appreciate your donation of baked items in addition to the cooking that the children will do during the week for sale.

On Saturday, May 9, the wonderful Jaspa Photography will be visiting our service for the annual family photo sessions. Places are filling fast so please call the Pre-School to make a booking. $20.00 secures your framed print.

How about a ticket for our lovely Mother’s Day raffle? It is located on the sign on, tickets are $1.00 each, just help yourself. Special thanks to Sharon Grady for donating this prize to our families.

It is that time again! The Pre-School has a long standing tradition of children making their mums a posy of flowers for Mother’s Day. If you have any flowers that you could donate for this special purpose, we would really appreciate it. We are willing to come and collect any donations. We need flowers beginning Monday May 4 and throughout that week. Please call if you can help or just drop in what you can.

With our thanks.

Leah Folpp

Merriwa Rotary

At our club meeting last week, we welcomed to our club, for the first time, our visiting short term exchange students from New Zealand, Jennifer Evans from Wanganui and Antonia Kayrouz from Devonport.

Jennifer gave the club a presentation about herself and about life back home in New Zealand. We are looking forward to a similar presentation from Antonia, later in the exchange.

Our New Zealand visitors, along with outgoing Merriwa girls, Teianna Taylor and Paige McConnell, joined in Merriwa’s marking of the the Gallipoli Centenary by joining the ANZAC march and by placing a wreath at Merriwa War Memorial, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Merriwa.

Mark Smith

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Mark Smith
Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa’s ANZAC Day Commemorations

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the children and staff of both Merriwa Central School and St Josephs for the excellent observance of the traditions at the ANZAC Day commemorations.

Special mention goes to the students who spoke on behalf of Merriwa Central, Courtney Gibbons, Leah Wright-Riley, Janaya Austin, Gordon Bradley and Mackenzie Blackadder. Also a special mention to the students who spoke on behalf of St Josephs Merriwa, Jemma Grady, Lauren Redgate, Darcey Moore and Emily Ninness.

The children are a part of this wonderful community that have shown overwhelming support for the commemoration of the Centenary of ANZAC Day and on behalf of our sub branch, thank you.

Mary O’Neill
RSL Sub Branch
**Community Notice Board**

**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.

Rosalie Drew

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**Mother’s Day Luncheon**

**When:** Friday May 8  
**Where:** Merriwa School of Arts

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

There will be a fabulous three course meal provided and 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. Form is on the inside front cover.

There will be gluten free and vegetarian options available by pre order if required.

All money raised goes to supporting the students of Merriwa Central School. So give Mum the night off and get your orders in, or bring her along and enjoy a great lunch and a fun afternoon.

Helpers are required on both Thursday and Friday, so any parents who could lend a hand would be very welcome. Please contact Tory Simmons on 0414 331 788 for any further information.

Tory Simmons

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**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

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**Merriwa CWA**

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 5131 or 0428 485 131 or Robyn McAlister on 6548 3274.

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

Penelopy Fenley

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**ANZAC Day**

**ANZAC DAY AT GALLIPOLI**

ANZAC Day this year was especially important to a lot of people as it has been 100 years since the landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula. On the morning of April 25, our tour group rose early (at 12.00am!) and travelled to the dawn service at Hamzakoy Beach, Gelibolu.

As a special tribute to the ANZACs who rowed to the shores of ANZAC Cove in 1915, a collection of Australian surf boat rowers guided their boats onto the beach to initiate the ceremony. This was followed by a speech by Major General Paul Irving who spoke strongly about the ANZAC spirit. The Mayor of Gelibolu then gave a heartfelt talk about how important it is that the world finds peace and that there is no glory in war. He made mention to Mustafa Kemal Ataturk’s well known speech which acknowledges the fallen Australian soldiers as each a son of Turkey now resting in peace. He shared that this famous poem of 1934, had provoked a reply from an Australian mother thanking him for his comforting words and identifying them as words only a father could utter. The ceremony concluded with a two minute moment of silence and a lovely sunrise.

This experience of standing on a beach on the Gallipoli peninsula invoked a mixture of indescribable emotions and allowed us, as a young generation, to experience something unique and on behalf of our communities back home. For us, this was the reason we came; to pay our respects and say “We remember you”.

I looking forward to sharing the entirety of my experience with you all upon my return!

Breanna Goodear  
Representing Merriwa at Gallipoli

Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary

GENERAL MEETING

The Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a General Meeting on Friday May 15 at 2.00pm to be held in the M.P.S. Nurses Home Conference Room off McRae Street. All members and community are invited to attend.

HIGH TEA CANCELLATION

We apologise for having to cancel our High Tea Morning Tea on Tuesday April 21. Due to the weather conditions we felt it necessary to cancel the event for the safety of all attending and also in consideration for Brindley Park amenities. We thank Libby Moore for giving us access to the property for our fundraising event and also agreeing to let us reschedule the event for later in the year. We will keep everyone updated when we have a future date. Thank you to those who were to attend and continue to support the Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary and our local M.P.S. facility.

See you at the General Meeting on Friday May 15.

Elaine Sparrow

Birth Announcement

Kay and Alex Taylor would like to announce the birth of their newest grandchild Mavis (Mavi) Van Taylor, daughter of Kate Van Saan and Steven Taylor. Mavis was born on ANZAC Day, April 25 at 4.29pm weighing 2.166kg (4.77lbs).

Congratulations to Kate and Steve.

Alex, Kay, Andrew and Owen Taylor and their families

Anglican News

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Women’s Guild Meeting - First Thursday Monthly: May-November: 2.00pm
Messy Church - Parish Hall - Last Friday Monthly: April-November: 3.30pm
Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - Third Saturday May-November: 7.30am

DATES

May 8: Mothers Day Morning Tea - CWA Hall 10.00am.
We give thanks for the wonderful rain that we have experienced here in Merriwa and pray for all the folk struggling to make sense of the most terrible weather phenomenon to hit NSW in a long while..

Look in mercy on your people Lord,
Hear our prayers for all affected or traumatised by the severe weather.
We pray for those who have lost loved ones, those who have lost homes and possessions, and the homeless.
We give thanks for and pray for all of the emergency service workers and all who care for those in need.
We pray this in the name of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa Markets

When: May 16
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
The weather could not have been better as we celebrated 100 years of ANZAC Day. It was a bright sunny day (mostly) with a good turn-out for both services.

**SPIRIT OF ST JOSEPH WINNER**

Congratulations to GABY NICHOLLS for receiving the Spirit of St Joseph for Term 1. Gaby won this award because she is always helpful, friendly and positive about every aspect of school life. She is willing and very eager to assist staff and fellow students. She is especially renowned for her care of the younger children. Gaby has dealt with some big challenges over the past few months and has faced them with resilience and confidence and has grown into a valued member of our school community and student leadership team. Gaby is a regular attendee at community gatherings such as ANZAC Day (representing the school at the Cassilis service) and Christmas Carol singing.

If you have witnessed a student from St Joseph’s Primary School who displays behaviour to make the school proud, do not hesitate to let the school know. There are so many things that students do in their own time that is not acknowledged, and this award is designed to see them recognised for their efforts in the wider community.

**MOTHER’S DAY**

- There are so
- Many reasons to love you,
- So many reasons
- To thank you
- And so many reasons
- To wish you
- Happiness today.

Hallmark has a great range of beautiful cards that will allow you to tell your mum just how special she is, and how much you value all that she has done to help make you the person you are today.

If you buy one of these Hallmark Mother’s Day cards, you will go in the draw to win a tea set that is currently being displayed in the window. The winner will be drawn on Saturday May 9.

**GIFT IDEAS**

There are so many different gift ideas for Mother’s Day in store. We have tea sets, beautiful glass vases, journals, writing sets, Charlie Bears, gift cards, note card sets, photo frames, magazines and so much more.

**MAGAZINES**

We have some great magazines for mum. Country Style, Better Homes and Gardens, Women’s Weekly, Taste, Gourmet Traveller, Homespun, Handmade, Gardening Australia, House and Garden, Feast, Hunter Lifestyle, New England Country Living, Central West Magazine and more. A mixture of these as a package or an in-store subscription for more than one issue are a great gift idea.

**GIFT CARDS**

There are a great range of gift cards that are great to send mum in the post. There are cards for ABC Shop, Portmans, Myer, Red Balloon, Cellarbrations, Dymocks and more.

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

**Cash or Eftpos only**

Leanne Hook

**Spice Grill**

Indian cuisine or Indian food encompasses a wide variety of regional cuisines native to India. Given the range of diversity in soil type, climate and occupations, these cuisines vary significantly from each other and use locally available spices, herbs, vegetables and fruits. Indian food is also heavily influenced by religious and cultural choices.

The development of these cuisines have been shaped by Dharmic (Religious) beliefs, and in particular by vegetarianism, which is a growing dietary trend in Indian society. There has also been Central Asian influence on North Indian cuisine from the years of Royal Kingdoms and Delhi Sultanate rule. Indian cuisine has been and is still evolving, as a result of the nation’s cultural interactions with other societies.

Historical incidents such as foreign invasions, trade relations and colonialism have also played a role in introducing certain foods to the country. Indian cuisine has also shaped the history of international relations; the spice trade between India and Europe is often cited by historians as the primary catalyst for Europe’s Age of Discovery. Spices were bought from India and traded around Europe and Asia. It has also influenced other cuisines across the world, especially those from Southeast Asia, the British Isles and the Caribbean.
**HISTORY**

Indian cuisine reflects a 5000-year history of various groups and cultures interacting with the subcontinent, leading to diversity of flavors and regional cuisines found in modern-day India. Later, Royals, Mughals, British, and Portuguese influence added to the already diverse Indian Cuisine.

**MIDDLE AGES**

During the Middle Ages, several North Indian dynasties were predominant, including the Gupta dynasty. Travellers to India during this time introduced new cooking methods and products to the region, including tea and spices. Northern India was later invaded by Central Asian cultures, which led to the emergence of Royal cuisine, a mix of Indian and Central Asian cuisine. Hallmarks include seasonings such as saffron.

Trade with the ancient Sumerian, Assyrian and later Arab cultures also helped import several of those culinary techniques.

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- Tandoori Chicken Curry and Wrap (Western India)
- Lamb Korma Curry and Wrap (Northern India)
- Lamb Do Pyazaa (Northern India)
- Mint Lamb Curry and Wrap (Central India)
- Lamb Kasundi (Eastern India)
- Lamb Corriander (Eastern India)
- Lamb Rogan Josh Curry and Wrap (Northern India)
- Lamb Madras Curry (Southern India)
- Goan Fish Curry (Western India)
- Battered Fish (Eastern India)
- Lamb Adraki (Central India)
- Indian Masala Omelet
- Vegetarian Foods like Salad, Salad - Sandwiches and Wraps.

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Rohit Gaur

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Michael and Sally Hagley

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Dr Emad Jasem

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Salary Range: $899.60 - $1007.60 per 35 hour week, in accordance with Council’s salary system. Other conditions are in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award and Council’s policies and procedures.

Closing Date: 4pm on Friday 1 May 2015.

Enquiries and Further Information: Linda Richardson on 6540 1131.

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

Upper Hunter Shire Council is a smoke free workplace and an EEO employer. Drug and alcohol testing is a condition of employment.

Waid Crockett
General Manager

DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM & OPERATIONAL PLAN 2015/16 - 2018/19

Upper Hunter Shire Council’s draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan is on exhibition until close of business on Friday, 29 May 2015 on Council’s website, www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au, at the Council offices in Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone, at the Aberdeen, Cassilis, Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone libraries and at the Visitor Information Centres in Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone.

The draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan (DPOP) contains Council’s:

- Vision, mission, charter and objectives
- Functions, activities, services and performance indicators
- Asset replacement program and capital projects
- Environmental activities
- Proposed rates, fees and charges
- Budget for 2015/16 – 2018/19

Exhibition of the draft DPOP will provide an opportunity for members of the community to make a written submission to Council in regard to the content and priorities identified in the draft document.

Community engagement will be undertaken during the exhibition period through local area consultative workshops, targeted consultation through existing organisations such as Progress Associations or Chambers of Commerce and “To the Householder” communications.

Submissions are invited and should be directed to the General Manager.

Correspondence PO Box 208, Scone NSW 2337
Facsimile (02) 6545 2671
Email council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

The closing date for submissions is 1 June 2015. Council will consider the submissions at its meeting to be held on 22 June 2015.

If you would like additional details or clarification with regard to the draft document, please contact Council’s Director Corporate & Community Services, Mr Steve Pryor on (02) 6540 1124, or the General Manager, Mr Waid Crockett on (02) 6540 1126.
## Merriwa Ringer Directory

A quick reference guide to all that support the Merriwa Ringer

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

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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.

Matt Morgan

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

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**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Sunday Raffle April 25**

Saturday members draw no 185, not won – next week $180.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $280.00

**Free Tickets:** Dahlia Denning

**Dinner:** Heather Whitby

**Bowls Raffle:** Fiona Hedges

**Monthly Prize:** Beatrice Voysey

Sunday members draw - No 243, not won. Next week $1,450.00.

**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.

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Due to the fact that there were no bowls last weekend, it gave us the time to celebrate and remember all of the ANZACs and other members of the Defence Forces that have made this country what it is today. The mens bowls will be holding a Bowls and Luncheon Day this Sunday starting at 10.30am. If you are available please come along.We wish all of our mothers’ a lovely Mother’s Day next weekend.

We will try to get a few championship games played and will also play Aberdeen RSL at Aberdeen. We need to keep winning as we are only two points clear of Muswellbrook.

Phil Rush

Cassilis Bowling Club

**FRIDAY NIGHT SNACK BAR**

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**FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES**

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

**Members Draw** - $60.00 – James Aitchison – unclaimed - $65.00 next week

**Joker Draw** – $1215.00 – Linda Lacey – unsuccessful – $1261.00 next week.

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

Hilary Parker

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Merriwa’s ANZAC Day Commemoration Photos
Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club

This Saturday all mini ages will be playing at Singleton and our 12’s and 16’s will be playing their first home game. All times to be advised via our Facebook page. The following weekend will be our home game for all mini/mod’s 11 years and under. This will be a busy day for our Club. Any helper’s for the day will be more than welcome. There will be a canteen roster sent home for parents at training, so if parents could please help out in their rostered times it would be greatly appreciated. The rostered times will not be when your child is on the field. Any helpers to set up the fields first thing in the morning would also be good. Lots of hands make it easier. Any inquiries see Laurel, Andrew or myself at training.

Good luck this weekend to all our ages. We hope to see lots of locals turning up on Saturday to support our 12’s and 16’s.

Belinda Keane

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES

What turn out! It was great to see so many spectators there to cheer on our Ladies League Tag and the mens Rugby League sides on.

The first game was League Tag with the girls starting strong. Unfortunately Greta were too strong, beating Merriwa 32-4. Merriwa’s Players Player was Taylah Blackadder. Congratulations Taylah on a good game.

The mens game started strong as well, though the boys strength continued all game, it was a tough and tight game. Greta scored right at the end to creep in front of Merriwa and win 14-12. Players Player for this game went to Brendan Moore. Congratulations Brendan.

There is no games this weekend due to Group 21 Rep games. The committee, players and community would like to congratulate Taylah Blackadder for making the Group 21 Ladies League Tag side. This is the first time that Group 21 have selected a League Tag Rep side, making this a great opportunity for Taylah to be part of. We wish Taylah and her team mates all the best on Saturday. Rep games start at 10.00am at Scone.

On Saturday May 9, Merriwa League Tag Ladies will travel to Murrurundi to take on the Mavericks, this game will start at 3.00pm. Good luck ladies. Unfortunately, Murrurundi does not have a Reserve Grade side this year therefore the mens have a bye this round.

Next home game is Saturday May 16 starting at 2.00pm.

This photo is of our Merriwa Magpies League Tag team for 2015 with their Coach and LeagueSafe guys.

The Committee and players would like to thank all those who helped out at the game on Friday night, a special mention goes to Kacey Neale, Olivia Gear and Liam Cronin for working on the canteen and Cynthia Morgan for doing the gate. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Gaynor Blackadder
The second week of the school holidays saw 26 riders and even more ponies descend upon the showground for a three day mini camp. With polocrosse, campdrafting, ringcraft, jumping, troop drills, utility, sporting and hacking all on the agenda, there was plenty of horsey inspired fun to be had on and off the horses.

Senior riders made the most of the camp learning from each of the instructors and getting some more miles in on young horses while several young riders joined the ‘big kids’ newly off the lead.

Some of the highlights for the littlies included a ‘paint your pony’ session with the tireless Maria Ireland and her colourful chalks that had ponies turned into zebras and Indians, elephants and graffiti billboards. There were lots of great runs ‘on the bag’ thanks to a few energetic mums who pumped the pedals for countless runs on the mechanical cow. Wal Martin was exceptional (as always) as the campdraft coach while Bryce and Shirley Hocking were patient as saints coaching the sporting and jumping.

Somehow president Clare Martin and chief instructor Pauline Lawler managed to keep teaching the kids three days straight after almost two weeks on the road showing at Sydney Royal and State Sporting – we don’t know how you do it, but we are SO GLAD you do! Thanks also to the helpers in the canteen that kept all the kids fed and watered.

Another of our most memorable moments was the amazing campoven cookout on our last night. Dozens of camp ovens on the coals that cooked lamb, chicken, pork, beef and vegies to perfection – who needs Masterchef when we’ve got the Mobberleys? Thank you so much Jodie and Kane, the meal scored 10’s all round!

Sincere thanks to all of our guest instructors who travelled from far and wide to help with instruction in such a wide variety of disciplines, most of which also did so free of charge. The knowledge you shared with our children was gratefully appreciated and more than one young rider declared it was ‘the best camp ever!’

Remember we do not have a rally day in May as we had the mini camp instead. Good luck to all our riders competing around the traps in between rally days. Don’t forget to let me know how you get on with an email and a few happy snaps sent to tashholden@bigpond.com.
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