ROAR squad a great success in Molong
The Merriwa Pony Club major project for the year is about to get underway!

Thanks to a fantastic grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation, the club is building a brand new cross country course surrounding the Merriwa Race Course over the next few months.

We are calling for donations of materials from the community to help us build a variety of jumps.

If you have any old pine poles, fence posts, drums, pallets, natural logs, tyres (especially tractor tyres), concrete culvert pipes, mini tin tanks, cable drums/cotton reels, wine barrels, a tinny or old boat – we would love to hear from you!

There are many items no doubt lying in the back yard or back paddock just waiting to be recycled and what better way to recycle them than have them converted into a horse jump for our region’s future eventer’s and Pony Club kids to use for many years to come.

Our first busy bee kicks off on Wednesday May 20 from 3.00pm at the race course with more to follow, so watch this space.

If you have materials you’d like to donate please contact Tash on tashholden@bigpond.com or call/text 0458 574 015.

Tash Taaffe

Jorji Taaffe had a go at cross country in Murrurundi at junior King of the Ranges last year on her mum’s horse Max, but this year she wants to take her young horse Jim Jam over the jumps

Keen jumper, Hannah Riley, said she ‘can’t wait’ to take Doc over the cross country course as she wants to try eventing this year.
THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM — LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

Students will sit NAPLAN tests next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May 12-14.

POSITIVE BODY IMAGE FOR GIRLS

The Free to Be program is a positive body image resource which has been developed by The Butterfly Foundation as part of the Australian Government’s body image strategy. This resource is evidence based and has been developed in collaboration with a team of Australian body image experts.

Free to Be is a flexible program for teachers and other educators to implement amongst students and young people in Years 3 to 12. It is made up of four modules: Resilience, Media, Peers, Healthy bodies.

The program will start next week with a targeted group of students, supported by Upper Hunter Youth Workers.

NEW BELL SYSTEM

Residents around the Primary Campus may have noticed a new bell system in recent days. An electronic bell system has been installed to comply with evacuation and lockdown procedures in schools. Our old school bell remains in place and will still be used from time to time.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is a valuable opportunity for students to explore the world of work. For many it provides a taster of the real world of work - arriving on time, following instructions, communicating with customers, performing a variety of tasks. Many students discover that the reality of their dream job is a little different from what they imagined. Thank you to our local employers who have provided this opportunity to students.

### Coming Events

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Last week our students worked through some cold and dreary days yet their attitudes in the classroom still brightly shined. Congratulations to our book award recipients for Week 2:

- Kindergarten: Cadence Tudor
- Year K/1: Matthew Grady
- Year 2: Annabelle Orton
- Year 3/4: Brooklyn Blackadder
- Year 4/5: Josie Porter
- Year 5/6: Gordon Bradley

PLAYGROUP SURVEY

Last week surveys were sent home regarding the opportunities that could possibly be served in our community with the instalment of a playgroup. The information carers/parents provide in this survey is important in helping to determine the needs of the community and can best help in accessing a wide range of services in the area. We would appreciate if carers/parents could complete the survey and return to the primary campus as soon as possible.

CONTACT INFORMATION

As families move home it can be a very busy time. Please remember to update contact and emergency contact details with the office ASAP. This information is very important when students are sick/injured or in the event of an emergency.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Merriwa Central School we take pride in our uniform and representing our school as one school. Now the colder weather is here the winter uniform is now proudly being worn by many students. A reminder that school shoes are black with black laces and sport shoes are dominantly white with white laces. Students should also have a school jumper and school hat. With the quick shift in weather recently we have had many students out of uniform without an explanation note from home. If you have any difficulty obtaining articles for the winter uniform please contact the office. We also have many unclaimed items in our lost property including many jumpers.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

This Friday May 8 the P and C will hold a Mother’s Day Stall. Students are allowed to bring in money to purchase an item for Mother’s Day. Items range from $2.00-$6.00. Siblings will be given the chance to show each other their purchases so not to double up. A big thank you to our P and C and Cassie Constable for organising the stall.

ASSEMBLY

This Friday May 8 we will be holding our formal Primary assembly. Assembly begins at 2.15pm under the COLA and all parents and community are welcome to attend. The Kindergarten class will be presenting an item for the assembly and we will also be able to view work samples from our Workers of the Week. If students have Blueys to redeem for Merriwa Merits they need to be handed to the class teacher by Thursday at the latest for it to be awarded at the Friday assembly.

HOME READERS

A reminder that Home Readers are due every week to the classroom teacher. Some students still have readers from Term 1 that have not been returned. Replacing resources can become costly and students are missing some valuable reading practise when they miss getting a new reader each week. If a Home Reader has been lost please contact your child’s teacher to let them know.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal
Last Thursday I had the great pleasure of accompanying an excursion to Molong as part of ROAR’s ‘Learning to Lead’ program. Mr Grant, the ROAR boys, Year 5 and 6 students and myself left at 5.30am to take part in this inaugural event.

Our students were excellent ambassadors for our school and thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities held on the day. Overall six schools were involved and it was a brilliant day full of sport and fun.

I would particularly like to congratulate the ROAR boys who were exemplary leaders throughout the day. Thanks to the guidance and planning of Mr Grant each of our leaders knew exactly what to do in each of their sessions and brilliantly engaged the myriad of younger students. So much so that some would like to move to Merriwa!

I would like to thank all of the parents who brought their children to school so early and also came in late to pick them up. It was a wonderful day and we look forward to the initiative continuing.

HOW TO RAISE RESILIENT KIDS
AT A GLANCE

It is important for your child to know how to turn things around when the going gets tough.

Children with good resilience perform better at school.

Children with good resilience are less likely to take part in risky behaviour.

NSW public schools teach resilience skills to children from Kindergarten to high school.

Helping a child feel successful is an important aspect of resilience.

TOP TIPS ON BUILDING RESILIENCE

Teach your child to experience success by supporting them in something they like doing whether it is a sporting, academic or artistic endeavour.

Help them develop skills to be successful at school such as having a good concentration and memory by playing card games and puzzles.

Being able to read people’s emotions is powerfully predictive of how well children can get on with people at school. Play games with your child by predicting what sort of day a person walking down the street may have had.

Be aware of the ‘yuk and yum’ factor – some things will make your child feel good and other things will make them feel bad. The idea is for them to gather things around them that cheer them up if they’ve had a bad day.

Keep things in perspective – explain to a grumpy child their circumstances are not the worst possible, and that others have been through similar situations. Walk beside them as they handle the situation. This helps them to build hope and the belief they can handle problems when they come up.

Source: www.schoolatoz.nse.edu.au

Darren Noonan
Principal
**CAREERS NEWS**

Listed below are educational careers events, workshops and open days that will support students and parents to make informed decisions about careers choices.

**NEW CAREER EVENTS**

Interested in an apprenticeship? Why bricklaying is a sound career start for Gen Z?

- Leaving school early without a trade qualification is a recipe for a low-wage working life such as labouring, food handling or an unskilled factory or retail role.

- There is a skill shortage – good bricklaying apprentices are quickly signed up and have security in ongoing employment, unlike some other over-subscribed trades, especially hospitality.

- Most States offer short ‘Work Ready’ programs to introduce the trade providing an added opportunity to evaluate the choice and prepare the apprentice for the initial days on site.

- Bricklaying does not have to be a dirty trade. Good tradesmen work cleanly and efficiently in keeping with their pride and professionalism.

- This apprenticeship opens doors to many further Construction careers and to business ownership.

- Bricklaying is a craft trade with creative opportunities suited to students with good hand-eye co-ordination.

- Clever bricklayers are prosperous and they are fit – they adopt sound business and personal practices.

- The same basic maths and science skills are required, as in carpentry.

- Other trades value bricklaying’s accuracy and precision as a base construction component – good bricklayers are respected by architects and builders alike.

- Wage rates are good and employers contribute to course fees. While the student trains and learns on and off-site, he or she earns a wage.

- Small business and add-on trade courses are widely available for further development.

Progressive mentoring from ABBTF, the employer and the TAFE/RTO, is provided. Securing and training an apprentice is a significant investment by the industry and every effort is made to ensure the apprentice is being supported and is successful. Call the number below for more information or John White ABBTF NSW/ACT Manager Australian Brick and Blocklaying Training Foundation (ABBTF). Email: john.white@abbtf.com.au or call 1300 664 496 or www.becomeabricklayer.com.au.


**University of Newcastle Summer Schools December 2015** - The University of Newcastle’s

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**Why I want to be in ROAR:** Because ROAR is an excellent program to teach you different games and respect.

**Favourite Subject:** Hospitality

**Favourite sport:** Rugby League

**Favourite team:** St George

**Favourite player:** Josh Dugan

**Best personal sporting achievement:** Running at Zone Cross Country

**Who inspires you:** Dad because he always has a go

**Advice to young players:** Set a goal and stick to it because there is no such thing as failure.

**ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards**
Favourite Subject: PE, Photography
Best Personal Achievements: Going to Regionals for discus
Extracurricular Activities: Outward Bound, 4C Girls Program, Athletics, touch football
Career aspirations: To become a carpenter or builder

Year Advisor’s Comment: Courtney is an enthusiastic young student who attended the Outward Bound Leadership based excursion last week at Mount Warning on the North Coast. She spent the week hiking across a mountain and learning how to master the wilderness by climbing the mountain peaks. Courtney battled through the wind and the rain to practice key survival skills. Her eagerness and dedication to participate illustrates how outgoing her personality and willingness to have a go at new experiences. Well done Courtney.

Brianna Roberts - Year Adviser


**UNSW Actuarial Studies Workshop** - May 15, 9.30am to 11.30am, Finity Offices, Level 7.


**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**

**UC 4 Yourself University Experience Days** June 17, June 18, November 25, November 26, 10.30am to 3.30pm each day. Building 1, Level B Room, Refectory http://www.canberra.edu.au/events/view/8883

**Charles Sturt University MyDay Program 2015**

**Bathurst**
- Information Technology and Computing May 12
- Psychology May 21
- Accounting and Business May 28
- Teaching and Education June 4
- Policing and Criminal Justice June 29

**Wagga Wagga**
- Teaching and Education June 9
- Agriculture June 12
- Communication and Creative Industries (Years 11 and 12) June 23
- Communication and Creative Industries (Year 10) August 25 and 26

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

Mark Beiers
TAS Head Teacher
An incredible amount of learning has already taken place so far this term! The students have coped well with a busy return to class routines and learning activities. The assistance of parents in encouraging children to complete homework is appreciated, the difference this support makes is vital.

So, what’s been happening in the Infants classroom so far this term?

In Religious Education, the students have been learning about the different seasons in the Church calendar, with a focus on Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost. It is pleasing to witness the thought and care the students invest in their work. They often represent these ideas with very detailed drawings and carefully chosen words. We celebrated the feast day of Saint Joseph the Worker, on Friday, with a special liturgy and activities. As St Joseph is the patron saint of our school, it was a day of great celebration in our school community.

In Numeracy, one of the concepts the Kindergarten students have been concentrating on is the numbers before and after, from 1-10. Year 1 and 2 students have been practising their subitising skills, that is, being able to automatically recognise the representation of a number. For example, if you see six dots on a card, you recognise the pattern instantly as a group of six.

The children have found three dimensional shapes very interesting too, finding them in everyday objects. We have been discovering what 2D shapes make up these 3D shapes. For example: a cube is made up of six square faces. When unpacking groceries, it’s amazing how many cylinders and rectangular prisms can turn up!

In our literacy focus, Kindergarten has been discussing characterisation. In a story, characters often share some of the same traits but can also be very different. All of these conversations help the children to develop comprehension skills along with adding to their vocabulary. Year 1 and 2 have been thinking about the “context”, in particular cultural context, of a story. When enjoying “Edward the Emu” and “Edwina the Emu”, the students were asked to identify which clues indicated they are Australian books. All of the essential components of literacy, such as spelling, reading, phonics, handwriting, speaking and listening continue to be prioritised. One of the great joys of teaching is to read a story to an enthralled audience!

Science this term has been greeted with gusto as the students have been on a school-yard safari! The students are learning about living and non-living things and that these are all part of God’s creation. A strong emphasis on caring for our environment, for example, putting things back where they belong and putting rubbish in the bin has been adopted by the students. It gives us hope for the future, that our world is in good hands!

The focus this term in Health (PDH), is the human body. Students have been fascinated to learn about the internal and external systems working to keep us healthy. We have been talking about all the things we do every day to keep healthy,
such as eating lots of fresh food and brushing our teeth.

The children are thoroughly enjoying Visual Art this term with “A Study in Time”, analysing historical artworks and using some of the techniques to create elegant paintings of their own. This relates nicely to our Human Society in its Environment (HSIE) unit. This is based on students investigating their own personal history. The children are very excited about our upcoming excursion to Tocal Homestead on May 15. It will be a very real experience for the children of what life was like in the 1800’s.

Congratulations to the following award winners.

**Kindergarten - Caitlin Harrison** – for great work explaining how 3-D shapes will move down an incline

**Jeremy Hopkins** – for great reading in Literacy Groups

**Year 1/2 - Peter Hagley** – for using his general knowledge to assist him in explaining the context of a story

**Grace Booth** – for always demonstrating a keen interest to learn and presenting her work to a high standard

**Year 3/4 - Roy Lawler** - for contributing great ideas to group discussions

**Olivia Collins** – for being a caring and cooperative member of our class

**Year 5/6 - Rhys Turner** – his amazing ability to add and subtract fractions

**Chloe Towell** – for demonstrating a sound knowledge of abstract nouns

**Playground Champion - Jeremy Hopkins** – for always taking time to return sporting equipment

**Principal’s Awards - Nicole Martin** - for her impressive guidance of younger students to enable them to learn effectively

**Korey Halse** - demonstrating increased independence.

Samantha Kerr, Anne Marie Peebles and Sally Hagley

Infants Class

Merriwa Ringer
WEEKLY AWARDS

Angus Higgins - fantastic contributions to ANZAC/Gallipoli discussions
Jacob Marsh - trying hard in numeracy
Isabella Wallace - fantastic effort in athletics
Riley Borradaile - working consistently in all areas
Kayden Adams - using great spelling skills when writing
Archie Johnson - fantastic reading.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kinder/Year 1/2 - Bill Chambers, Declan Adams and John Ward
Years 3/4/5/6 - Natasha Marsh and Dustynn Turner.

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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Darcy Wallace - working hard in class activities this term.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK

Jobee McCandless - including others in her games.

PIE COLLECTION IS: Friday June 12 from the School Library. If you require any more info on this please ring Michelle 6547 5058.

Claim the Date
Sandy Hollow Public School and
Sandy Hollow Progress Association
Trivia Night
Saturday May 30, starting at 6.30pm.

Book a table by ringing the school on 6547 4521
Or just turn up on the night!
This week at Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre we are hosting our annual bake sale from Monday – Friday. This year, keeping recycling in mind, we have been selling your unwanted, good quality items e.g. clothes and toys for $1.00 per item, so come on in buy yourself some morning tea and grab yourself a bargain.

We also have a raffle running for Mother’s Day. Thank you to Sharon Grady for donating our raffle of Avon Beauty products tickets $1.00. This Saturday May 9, we have Jaspa Photography at the Pre-School again for family portraits the cost is $20.00 for the sitting this includes a framed print. Call the Pre-School on 6548 2082 or 6548 2083 today to secure your place.

Don’t forget if you are after school care or vacation care call into the centre and pick up some enrolment forms. Over Easter Merriwa Activity Centre ran a 100 Club. Thank you to everyone that supported us. With the support of the community, the children get to experience things they wouldn’t usually do like going to the movies during the holidays.

Our raffle was won by William Upward and the 100 Club will be drawn next week. Winners will be notified.

**MOTHER’S DAY CRAFT**

Why not try making a candle lantern?

**Materials:**
- tin cans, cleaned of labels
- nails of various sizes
- hammer
- wire
- paint
- candle

After cleaning the cans fill with water and freeze. When water is frozen draw design on tin can with a nail. Using the various sized nails and hammer punch design into tin. When finished empty out melted ice, dry and paint. Add two holes, either side of the top of the tin, bend wire and insert to create a handle. Place candle inside tin to finish off.

Try not to put holes any lower than 3cm from the bottom of tin so the wax doesn’t leak out. If the tin buckles out use hammer to tap lightly back into place.
SHELTERBOX is a program in which over 5,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide participate.

Immediately following such disasters as the Nepal Earthquake, ShelterBoxes are moved from depots throughout the world to where they are needed. Each unit contains a tent plus a big range of essential equipment, such as cooking equipment, blankets, mosquito nets, where needed, as well as many tools to help families deal with the conditions...and survive...while they are displaced or homeless.

At our first meeting since the news of the Nepal disaster, Merriwa Rotary provided the funds to supply two of these units which are valued at $1,000 each.

ROTARY BOWELESCAN

Our club’s annual effort to promote this project is scheduled to begin on Saturday, May 9 and will conclude on Saturday, May 16.

Bowel cancer remains the second biggest cancer killer in Australia today.

OVER 80 AUSTRALIANS DIE FROM IT EACH WEEK.

However, if detected early, 90% of bowel cancers can be cured. Merriwa Rotarians will be selling the Bowelscan kits outside the Merriwa Pharmacy during the period mentioned above.

Mark Smith

Merriwa District Progress Association

AN ENTERTAINING MUSICAL EVENING

Some forty people enjoyed an evening of classical piano music at the Merriwa School of Arts on Friday.

Merriwa Music Makers presented Phillip Aughey performing works by Debussy, Liszt and Chopin interspersed with interesting information about the lives of the featured composers.

The performance was followed by a buffet supper catered by the Friends of Gummun Place.

The evening raised $1000.00 towards the purchase of a Medical Alert System for Gummun Place Hostel.

Our thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening a success and Upper Hunter Shire for the use of the hall.

Beron Arden-Wood
Merriwa District Progress Association
Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre and Men’s Shed

We are in our 11th year of operation and now might be a good time to recap as who we are, where we came from and where we are going.

The Centre was a dream of a handful of far-sighted citizens who felt that our town should not go in the way of some other small towns, and that we have an identity which should be preserved. These community-minded people were able to raise funds and purchase the lands the Centre now stands on. Government grants were obtained and the Shed was built – it was officially opened by the then Deputy Prime Minister Mr John Anderson.

The concept was always a community based project, for the community and staffed by volunteers drawn from the community. Many local artisans have greatly benefited from having an attractive outlet right in the Centre of town – likely wise the local hospitality businesses. The travellers who now regularly make Merriwa a must-do stopover enjoy the Centre's extremely clean facilities, the crafts and products sold and enjoy a quick look-around at the tractors and other “boys-toys” on display as well a lunch or morning tea at our cafes.

The newer Men’s Shed had been a most welcome addition to the complex and has proved to be a meeting place of like-minded men who have many skills and experiences to share. Whilst the Men’s Shed is a part of the Centre it is a stand-alone entity and earns monies by creating interesting items which are then sold at the Welcoming Centre as well as being involved in community projects.

All this is only possible because of the contributions made by volunteers and like the proverbial “hens-teeth” they are becoming more and more scarce. If you know of anyone who might wish to become involved with the Centre or the Men’s Shed, or you yourself might have some spare time please come into the Centre – we are open seven days a week. You can also contact me – Edith Shipway on 6548 3201 or mobile 0428 287 201. If it is the Men’s Shed you want then they are open every Thursday from 9.30am till whenever – you can contact Jim Alker on 6548 2868 or mobile 0427482 868.

We have big plans for the display of machinery during the Festival of the Fleeces – more about that next time.

Edith Shipway

Dr Noman Jawaad Medical Practice

WE ARE OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK

Our hours currently are:
8.00am – 6.00pm
Monday to Friday
For all appointments please phone 6532 5013.

A reminder that we now have our 2015 flu vaccines. Please phone to make your appointment.

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, 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.

Dr Cho

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

Mother’s Day Luncheon

When: Friday May 8
Where: Merriwa School of Arts
Time: From 12 noon

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.

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 today 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

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.

Penelope Fenley

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

Merriwa Senior Citizens Association

We will be having a Game’s Day on Tuesday May 12 with Singleton visitors. There will be indoor bowls in the morning, with Hoi after a lovely lunch ($6.00).

The raffle will be in a fruit and vegie box, with lucky door prizes and a trading table.

Members please bring a salad for lunch. Numbers are required.

Mary O’Neill

Registration for Scone Soccer

Scone soccer is currently seeking extra players that can play in the ages 16 and 17 boys and 14 year old girls and boys to travel out of town to play.

11 to 15 year olds are also needed to play in Scone on Saturdays. Please contact Leslie Whitehead on 0413 958 478 or www.myfootballclub.com.au.

Merle Coluccio

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

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.

Elaine Sparrow

Volunteer Abroad

JADE’S VOLUNTEERING

I have been accepted on to the Volunteer Eco Students Abroad Program, and in January 2016, will be volunteering in South Africa, addressing the major issues faced by the village and the local schools such as a lack of fresh running water, dilapidated schools and generally poor infrastructure. I am seeking sponsorship to enable me to participate in the program, and complete essential volunteer work in an African village.

Your donation will help facilitate the means for implementing a major community development project, which will encompass construction in addition to educating the community on matters of conservation, sustainability, health/hygiene and English proficiency.

By sponsoring me, you will be directly assisting with the costs involved in participating in the program. These costs are significant and include hiring local skilled tradespeople to assist in building projects, building materials, and donations to local organisations.

This community development program is vital, and donations of any amount are appreciated. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me to make a difference. If you are able to help, even in the smallest way, it would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made via http://www.gofundme.com/jadesvolunteering or at Merriwa Hardware.

For more information on the VESA program please visit www.vesabroad.com or contact VESA on 02 8005 6755

Thank you for your support!

Jade McConnell

Birth Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Troy Taylor and Larissa Williams on the birth of their daughter Kairi Ann Taylor on Thursday April 23 weighing 3.678kgs or 8.11lbs.

Love Mum, Dad, Danielle Seraphina and Tiarnee

Danielle Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS

Anna Whaley proudly announcing the birth of her first grandchild, daughter of Gavin Clarke and Skye Whaley, congratulations to Skye and Gavin.

Scarlette Jenna Clarke born Thursday April 30 2015 at 12.19am weighing 3.320kg or 7.5lbs.

Anna Whaley and family

In Memory

CARL TRAIN

In loving memory of a dear father, father-in-law and pop.

47 years have passed
We still speak your name
The only thing we have
Is a picture in a frame.

Sadly missed by your daughter Eva, son-in-law Mick and grandchildren.

Eva Towler

Happy Mother’s Day

St David’s Uniting Church would like to wish you all a very happy Mother’s Day.

Wendy Campbell
WIN A CAR

If you buy any of the following magazines you could win a brand new car - New Idea, That’s Life, Who, Famous, Better Homes, Marie Claire, Home Beautiful, Diabetic Living, Girlfriend, In Style, Men’s Health, Womem’s Health, Feast, Your Garden, and more. Get more details when you buy the magazine.

MOTHER’S DAY

This weekend is Mother’s Day. If you haven’t got a card or a gift for mum - NOW is the time!

CARDS

We have a great range of beautiful, heartfelt, funny, cheeky and cute cards. There is one for every mum. When you buy one of our Mother’s Day cards, Hallmark donates some of the proceeds to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. So far they have (and you) have raised $1.3 million to fund research into the prevention and cure of breast cancer. Every card bought gives you the chance to win the glorious tea set in the window.

WRAP AND BOXES

We have beautiful and modern wrap in store right now. There is flat wrap and rolls of wrap. However, if you hate wrapping presents we also have a range of beautiful boxes. There are several sizes - wallet size, book size, cake size and more.

PRECIOUS JEWELS

We also have beautiful jewellery available that would be perfect for mum. There are earrings featuring famous Swarovski crystals, necklaces and earring sets and even some matching bracelets. There is the perfect piece just waiting for your mum.

CHARLIE BEARS

These gorgeous hand crafted, individually designed bears are highly sought after and collectible. They are the perfect addition to any home and are adorable soft and huggable.

SUBSCRIBE

The latest issues of Australian Women’s Weekly, Better Homes and Gardens, Outback, Hunter Lifestyle, Homespun, House and Garden, Home Beautiful, Marie Claire, Peppermint, Gourmet Traveller, Taste, and so many more magazines are available that would be the perfect gift for mum. You can subscribe in-store to as few or as many as you would like and there are no hidden costs.

GIFT CARDS

There is a great range of gift cards available now, including - Jeans West, Jacqui E, Portmans, Myer, ABC Shop, Sanity, Cellar Masters, Red Balloon and so many more. They are the perfect gift - easy to post in a card and something that allows you to give the perfect gift as well as mum receiving exactly what she wants.

FINANCIAL DIARIES

For all of you who have been waiting anxiously for the new financial year diaries to arrive, we have good news. They are now in store and on the shelves. There are all sizes to suit everybody - A4, A5 and pocket size. Day, two days or week to a page, week to an opening. Come in and get one before they sell out, as we cannot guarantee that we can get more in once they are sold out.

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

The latest issue is filled with yummy, warming winter goodies, garden ideas for the colder months, great ways to perk up your house and more. Come in and pick one up today.

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

Cash or Eftpos only

Leanne Hook

Merriwa Pharmacy

DRY SKIN AND ECZMA

Dry skin is a common problem and the cold, dryness of winter weather can exacerbate this condition. Dry skin all year round is particularly common in older people with almost all people over 70 years of age suffering from some degree of dry, rough and scaly skin.

The cause of dry skin involves genetic as well as environmental factors. Numerous factors can predispose a person to dry skin including a cold or dry climate, very hot showers and the use of alkaline soaps, cleansers and shampoos. Age related changes to the skin’s structure and subsequent water content leads to increasing dryness of skin with advancing age.

Dry skin may present as rough, scaly, itchy skin and often occurs on the extremities, particularly the lower legs. It may also present as burning or stinging with a feeling of skin tightness particularly
following a hot shower.

Management of dry skin involves the avoidance of the environmental factors mentioned above and symptomatic treatment to restore the skin’s epidermal barrier and maintain hydration of the skin’s stratum corneum layer. The mainstay of treatment is liberal and frequent use of moisturising agents to rehydrate the skin and relieve the discomfort from scaling and itch. Many different moisturisers are commercially available and your pharmacist is ideally placed to advise on the best treatment option for your condition. Avoidance of alkali soaps and shampoos is also beneficial as they can affect the skin’s naturally acidic mantle; again pharmacists can provide advice on soap and shampoo alternatives.

Eczema, or atopic dermatitis, is a recurring, non-infectious inflammatory skin condition affecting one in three Australians at some stage in their lives.

Eczema usually appears in early childhood and most children grow out of the condition. Adult onset eczema is often difficult to treat and may be caused by other factors such as medicines. Eczema presents as red, dry, itchy and scaly skin and in severe cases may weep, bleed and crust over causing great discomfort.

The condition is most common in people with a family history of an atopic (allergic) disorder, such as asthma or hay fever. External factors can also play a role and include irritants, such as tobacco smoke, chemicals, temperature and humidity, and allergens such as house dust mites, moulds, grasses, foods, pets, washing powders and toiletries.

Management of eczema can be difficult and your doctor or pharmacist can advise on the best treatment options. In addition there are self-care strategies that will assist to treat and avoid an eczema outbreak, such as:

- Keeping the skin moist by avoiding soap and applying moisturiser
- Wearing 100% cotton or soft fabrics - avoiding rough, scratchy fibres and tight clothing
- Using rubber gloves with cotton liners
- Having lukewarm baths and showers using a non-soap cleanser or hypoallergenic bath oil
- Gently patting, not rubbing, the skin dry with a soft towel
- Applying a moisturiser within three minutes after bathing to ‘lock in’ the moisture
- When possible, avoiding rapid changes of temperature and activities that raise a sweat
- Removing carpets and rugs from houses (if possible) and keeping pets outside
- Ventilating the house as often as possible
- Avoiding stuffed toys which harbour dust mites
- Changing bed linen regularly, using specialized dust mite prevention covers
- Reducing daily stress

Your local community pharmacy is your health destination and your Self Care pharmacist can give you more information about issues affecting dry skin and eczema. Merriwa Pharmacy has a range of Fact Cards covering Eczema and dermatitis which can help you.

Robert Smith

Merriwa Auto Electrical

We are the experts when it comes to Electrical Componetry of your car! We have:

- Batteries - (If we don’t have it, we can get it!)
- Lighting Circuits, Electric Brakes, Alternators, Vehicle Globes
- Starter motors, Driving lights, LED’S for trailers and vehicles
- We can do DIAGNOSTIC TESTING.

We also have a supply of Kenwood radios and UHF Radios.

OTHER FUN FACTS!

- For all your air conditioning needs come to the shop or we can come to you!
- TV and VAST instillation are also available.

Ring us for an appointment on 6548 2114 or call in to 30 Bow Street Merriwa and see Michael or Sally.

Michael and Sally Hagley

Happy Mother’s Day
Hunter Local Lands
REGISTER ESTABLISHED FOR MISSING AND FOUND LIVESTOCK

Hunter landholders who have lost livestock, or found stray stock on their properties as a result of the recent flooding, are advised to contact the NSW Department of Primary Industries Hotline.

Hunter Local Land Services (LLS) and the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) have established a missing and found stock register, and will provide assistance where possible to locate displaced livestock, including cattle, horses and other stock.

‘In some cases livestock may have been dispersed over a significant distance and landholders may find they have stray stock grazing on their land,’ explained Hunter Local Land Services General Manager Brett Miners.

‘We will work to coordinate the safe return of all displaced, registered stock to their owners wherever possible,’ Mr Miners said.

Landholders who have livestock missing from their property, or have found stray stock, can telephone the Department of Primary Industries Hotline on 1800 814 647.

Landholders can also contact the hotline for assistance with the disposal of dead livestock; advice on disease, animal health and feed options; or to report storm damage.

EXTENDED PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR HUNTER LOCAL LAND SERVICES RATEPAYERS

Hunter ratepayers will be given a reprieve from their annual Local Land Services rate payments in the wake of the recent flooding, Hunter Local Land Services General Manager Brett Miners announced today.

Following a decision by the Board of Hunter Local Land Services, ratepayers in Local Government Areas declared as natural disasters will be given an extension for payment of their rates this year following the recent flooding.

‘The Board of Hunter Local Land Services recognises the significant hardship people will face as a result of storms and floods,’ Mr Miners said.

‘We are therefore offering affected ratepayers the opportunity to defer payment of their rates by three months, giving them four months in total to make the payment.’

Local Land Services began issuing rates for all regions across the state, including the Hunter, earlier this month. Automated systems are used to calculate rates and trigger their printing and posting.

‘Unfortunately, issuing of rates notices for landholders in the Hunter region was already underway at the time the recently extreme weather hit the region,’ explained Mr Miners.

Ratepayers in the Hunter region received their rates via postal mail last week.

The Hunter rates notices will reflect a due date of May 27. However for those ratepayers in natural disaster declared Local Government Areas, rates will now be due on August 27.

‘Payment plans are available for all ratepayers, and may be a preferred option for those flood-affected ratepayers. People can contact Hunter Local Land Services on 1300 795 299 to talk through these options,’ Mr Miners said.

‘We are committed to helping those affected landholders get back on their feet as soon as possible and are working to assist them as much as we can,’ Mr Miners said.

A natural disaster declaration is in place for Cessnock, Dungog, Gosford, Great Lakes, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Newcastle City, Port Stephens and Singleton Local Government Areas.

Landholders requiring assistance or advice with the disposal of dead livestock, storm damage assessments or animal health and feed options should contact the NSW Department of Primary Industries Hotline on 1800 814 647.

The Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) Natural Disaster Relief Scheme can assist primary producers and small business operators affected

Jillian Ayre
MOTHER’S DAY

With Mother’s Day this weekend, we have a few great idea’s for keeping the winter chills out. Woollen jumpers, capes, ponchos and warm coats. We have a wonderful range of scarves, beanies and woollen hats, leather and woollen gloves.

We have Aussie made woollen ugg boot and slippers. ladies dressing gowns, warm pj’s and nighties.

There is a large range of handbags and wallets in different shapes, sizes and colour.

We also have a nice range of wall signs, photo frames, clocks and other gift ideas for mum.

The new range of Loren Hide Jewelry is now in stock with necklaces, bracelets and earrings. With a whole lot more in stock, come in and have a look around. You may be surprise at what we have in stock.

Free gift wrapping is also available.

Keep a look out for the latest Manchester Catalogue with great buys to keep you warm this winter. There are lovely Actil quilt covers, sheets and towels; Sonar electric blankets, throws and plush blankets with lots more.

Dry-cleaning is back up and running with a few changes. Dry-cleaning must now be in by Saturday as it leaves early Monday morning.

MUM’S DAY

Looking for something for mum this Sunday call in as we have some wonderful gifts to choose from. We have some humorous signs for lovers of wine for $10.95 each as well as inspirational quotes about mum starting from $5.00. We also have gift cards for the hard to buy for mums including Peter Alexander, Bra’s and Things, David Jones to name a few. Also we have some Scentsy Burners and wax melts in store for mum’s who love beautiful fragrances.

CARDED PARCELS

Just a reminder to those who have parcels awaiting collection. Australia Post policy states that you must present a card to be able to collect your parcel/s. If you are not able to collect your parcel/s then the card still needs to be presented with the authority to collect filled in on the back by the owner and collector of the parcel.

We have been very lenient with regards to collecting parcel/s when a card is not presented but have always made a point of reminding customers to please throw the card out. There have been several times recently when parcel/s are collected without a card and the customer/ or partner presented the card days later but there wasn’t a parcel. This causes frustration for both the customer and the staff.

A reminder that Merriwa Post Office is no longer trading on Saturday’s. Our opening hours are Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm.

Kellie Orton and Kylie Austin
Spice Grill Merriwa

SPICE GRILL PROUDLY SERVES THE ROYAL KATHI ROLLS
ROYALLY FOR ROYALS

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

HISTORY OF KATHI ROLL

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

WHAT IS A KATHI ROLL?

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

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

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

The Rolls we are Introducing are:

1. Chicken Kathi Roll
2. Lamb Kathi Roll

Here is a small sample of the feedback from the customers who have tried Spice Grill’s “The Royal Kathi Roll” for the first time:

Excellent, really liked the Roll…… Will surely come for the Kathi Roll

Mr Jim Casey from Lithgow…… A Traveler

The food was Divine..........Indeed loved The Kathi Roll

Mr Allen Birch from Brisbane............. A Traveler

Marvelous Taste......Ample Sized Food......... Enough for a good meal

Mr Nayan Patel from Tamworth.... A Traveler.

Rohit Gaur

Ringer Deadline!
Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.
FESTIVAL - IMPORTANT !!!
PLEASE READ
NEW PROCEDURE WITH ENTRY FORMS

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

It is also a requirement for insurance purposes that all participating floats have been registered prior to the day. Floats that have not been registered prior to the day will not be permitted to enter the parade.

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

Parade Entry Forms are available from the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre, or by email request.

All parade entry forms must be in by Friday 22 May 2015. No late entries will be accepted. Community groups with many participants are still able to submit individual entrant parade waivers on the day of the festival, but all Floats must be entered by 22 May, to participate.

MAY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

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.

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 Scone, Merriwa and Murrurundi, at the Aberdeen, Cassilis, Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone libraries and at the Visitor Information Centres in Scone, Merriwa and Murrurundi.

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 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, Waid Crockett, on 6540 1126.
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**Merriwa Ringer Directory**

*A quick reference guide to all that support the Merriwa Ringer*

Support the Ringer regularly but can't find your business? Contact Tina on 6548 2119.

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**Emergency Services**

*In case of emergency call 000 or 112 from mobile services*

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It has a new kitchen with loads of cupboard space, pantry and the top of the line 1200mm dual gas oven will impress any home chef. The lounge is a good size and also has a combustion fire. The attached dining leads to the entertainment area at the front of the house. The main bathroom is mostly renovated and just needs the tiling completed. The house has been partly painted but also needs finishing. There is a second bathroom in the laundry.

There is a new three bay colourbond garage, four bay hay shed/stables, single garage plus numerous other sheds and shelters. Water is supplied via a fully equipped bore, rain water tanks, three stock dams and river frontage. The land is mostly cleared grazing country with approximately 30 acres timber ridge lines capable of carrying 30 head of cattle, sheep and horses, it is a very nice lifestyle property. Located on a tar sealed road 23 km’s from Merriwa this is your opportunity to get onto the land.

Merriwa Central School App.
MCS in touch with our community!

Expression of Interest

Operating the Steak Hut
Merriwa Springtime Show

Friday September 18 – Sunday September 20

Please contact Toni Jones for further details
0498 378 500 or secretary@merriwashow.com.au

Closing Date May 31

DOWNLOAD FREE
TIE BREAKER
OFFICE

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Situated on 149 acres with frontage to the Bow River this property presents a great opportunity to get into the rural market at a reasonable price. The property needs a bit of TLC but the basic infrastructure is very good. The house has beautiful views over the property and has four large bedrooms plus two more in an adjoining wing.

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Catholic Parish
Merriwa & Cassilis

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6548 2028

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**Merriwa RSL Club**

The Members Lucky Badge for $1200.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 852, this week it jackpots to $1250.00. The 7.00pm draw for $220.00 was won the number was 246, this week it commences at $100.00. The 9.00pm draw for $220.00 was not won the number was 749, this week it jackpots to $240.00. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $500.00 was not won last week the number was 829, this week it jackpots to $550.00 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 for just $15.00.

Also every Thursday have a chicken schnitzel, chips and salad 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 4 APlus Contracting Hunter Valley Group 21 Rugby League

**Saturday May 9** - Wilson Oval Murrurundi at 3.00pm Magpies v Murrurundi Maverettes League Tag. The Merriwa Magpies Reserve Grade have a BYE.

Congratulations to two local boys Lachlan Walmsley and Isaac Austin on being selected to the Greater Northern Regional U18 team to play on the June Long Weekend at Olympic Park Muswellbrook.

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** - 6.00pm Bingo - Prizes of club and meat vouchers. Raffle and Super 39 special prize
- **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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**DON'T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY MAY 31**

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle May 2**

Saturday members draw no 32, not won – next week $190.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $280.00

Free Tickets: Zac Nebauer
Dinner: Des Snelgrove
Bowls Raffle: Max Barwick

**Sunday Raffle May 3**

Sunday members draw - No 216, not won. Next week $1500.00.

**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.

**Thank you**

Thank you to the Men’s Bowling Section who treated both the registered and social lady bowlers to a wonderful Mother’s Day Lunch and a social game of bowls.

**UNCLASSIFIED**

Another short report this week due to the inclement weather which we have been having for the past month. Last weekend we travelled to Aberdeen RSL and came away with a good win. Due to the weather, there were no championship games completed.

We had the lady bowlers for lunch on Sunday at the club. Thanks as usual to Des who put on a lovely lunch. We hope that all the ladies have a lovely Mothers Day this Sunday.

Saturday we host Denman. A win will guarantee a trip to Manning, a loss will make it a bit scary as we will only be two points clear of Muswellbrook (who we play in the last round). As this is our last game at home, we would like to thank Eva again for all of her support this bowls season.

A reminder that there will be a meeting at the club at 12noon on Saturday.

**Phil Rush**

**Cassilis Bowling Club**

**FRIDAY NIGHT SNACK BAR**

Affordable family meals.

**FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES**

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

Members Draw - $65.00 – Evelyn Kirkland – claimed - $50.00 next week

Joker Draw – $1261.00 – Linda Lacey – flipped an ace for $126.00 – $1172.00 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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On Saturday we travelled to Singleton to take on Muswellbrook. All our players have improved. This week Merriwa scored their first try. We actually scored three. They were scored by Riley and Jayden.

This week’s ‘Player of the Match’ went to Jai Wright, who is putting in 100% effort at training which is paying off in the game as he had some good runs and was a tackling machine on Saturday. Congratulations Jai and good work team.

We play at home this week, so why not come down and support our juniors.

Bruce Blackadder

KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S

Despite the wet weather and a few sick players, the 8’s still travelled to Singleton for their second competition game against Denman. With only four of the 8’s there, a few of the 7’s stepped up and played a second game with us.

Once again, the older players demonstrated the leadership skills by assisting the younger players and getting them involved, which is awesome to see. There were six tries scored on the day, four by Jackson and two by Toby, which were all good tries, involving lots of stepping, palming and using their vision to look for holes. Both Harry and Toby are proving to be excellent tacklers by tackling around the legs and making sure no one gets past. Maddison and Jackson both ran excellently and never gave up. Another thank you to the 7’s who played up with the 8’s, Matthew Grady, Jack Cook, Kallum Heang and Seth Pepper. You guys are playing good footy, with some great tackling and great runs. It’s great to see you guys playing with the older boys. Keep it up.

There was no ‘Player of the Match’, as we forgot the trophy this week. I’d just like to make a reminder to all parents that if your child receives ‘Player of the Match’, it is to be returned at the end of the week, either at training on Friday, or on Saturday at the game. I will be reminding the kids as well so we don’t forget.

John Cronin

Merriwa Ringer
Scarlett, Olivia, Audrey, Amy, Madelaine, Emily, Danielle and Keisha-Lee. Free slushie went to Audrey.

Our Intermediate team, the Merriwa Warriors, had a big day playing and winning two games. The first game was a tight win 18-14 with Warriors Coach Katie commenting the girls had to work really hard. The second game they won 23-7 with great team work and strong defence. The team includes Olivia, Lauren, Izzy, Claudia, Jemma, Molly, Ruby, Ashleigh, Katie and Grace. Slushie winners were Lauren and Claudia.

It is terrific to see our young Merriwa players having so much fun and success. Keep up the awesome results and team spirit!

Heidi Inder
Netball Coordinator

Merriwa Little Athletics

Monday night was the AGM and awards night for Merriwa Little Athletics with 26 of our 28 registered athletes all in attendance. All athletes received a certificate and gift from the club to highlight their exceptional efforts and participation throughout the season with a few added awards for special achievement:

Hi Point Athlete of the Year - Ben Keane
Junior Sportsperson of the Year - Axul Hourn
Junior Encouragement Award - Dylan Keane
Senior Encouragement Award - Darcy Moore
Club Person of the Year - De Patterson
Tiny Tot encouragement awards - Jack Patterson and Paige Walker
Junior encouragement awards - Grace Booth and Cody Bates

IGA, Merriwa Bakery and Max’s Country Cuts for being so helpful and flexible with our weekly BBQ orders, RM Property and Livestock for catering and fundraising opportunities, Merriwa Pharmacy for our first aid supplies, Merriwa Cross Country for ice, the Upper Hunter Shire Council for the oval, Merriwa Central School for help with line marking and Merriwa Sports Club for the venue for our AGM. All of your contributions, are VERY MUCH appreciated.

The AGM gave us time to reflect on another very productive season but also highlighted the need for more fundraising to keep us going. It costs $1500.00 a year to run the club, none of which comes from registration fees, so that means we need to dig deeper - more BBQs, catering gigs, grants or a kind sponsor or two – together I’m sure we’ll find a way.

Last but not least, congratulations to our new office bearers for next season De Patterson (Treasurer and BBQ), Belinda Keane (Secretary), Megan Moore (registrations), Tash Taaffe (President). See you all again in Term 4.

Tash Taaffe
Merriwa Central School P and C

Mother’s Day Luncheon

♫ OUR MENU ♫

ENTRÉE
Pea and Ham Soup or
Leek and Potato Soup

MAIN
Beef in red wine with garlic mash or
Moroccan Lamb with couscous or
Creamy Chicken Casserole with rice

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| • Anglican Parish Mother’s Day Morning Tea - CWA Hall - 10.00am
• Merriwa Central School Mother’s Day luncheon - Merriwa School of Arts - 12 noon
| • Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Opening Night - Merriwa Sports Club - 6.30pm         |
| Saturday 16       | Saturday 6                                |
| • Merriwa Markets | • Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces - 7.30am til late
• Running of the Fleeces - 12 noon
• Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Fire Works - 6.15pm
| Sunday 7          | Friday 19                                  |
| • Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces - 7.30am til late |
| Friday 19         | • Merriwa Bushman’s Campdraft              |
| Saturday 20       | • Merriwa Bushman’s Campdraft              |
| Sunday 21         | • Merriwa Bushman’s Campdraft              |

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