Cambell takes home First Place at Scone’s Farrier Competition
Portrait Photography

Only one week to go to get your entries in for ‘Our Mothers’ photography competition.

Fill your screen and zoom in as close as you can. Sometimes this cannot be helped if you are trying to tell a story and the background is as important in the telling as the subject. It’s up to you to decide what to leave in and what to leave out, but bear in mind that too much clutter in the background can leave people wondering what exactly the photo is all about.

Some of the more natural portraits are the informal ones. But to capture that spur of the moment shot, you need to try and have your settings on your camera set out in your mind so that you don’t waste time fiddling with dials. For these shots if you’re using the creative zone settings, rather than using portrait, try the sports mode. If you’re using a manual setting, have a fast shutter speed (180’s or higher) to avoid motion blur. If your shutter won’t go that high, it’s because you need more light and you have two options. The first is to open up your aperture, taking into account that anywhere under f/8, the shallower the depth of field will be and the less that will be in focus, so if that’s not an option your only other option is to increase your ISO.

‘Our Mothers’ closes Monday June 1 at 12 noon, so let’s see what you can come up with, but make sure it’s creative and original.

Suzie Kirk

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Please note our sale has been postponed to Saturday July 18, 2015

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HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BE A BETTER SPeller

When your child is taught spelling at school, they learn to understand:

- how words sound
- how words look
- how words change form, eg from ‘jump’ to ‘jumped’
- where words come from.

At school, kids:

- usually spend time each day studying words
- learn that spelling is a tool that is closely linked to writing and reading
- learn that accurate spelling matters and that it’s important to check their writing for mistakes.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH SPELLING

Explain to your child that some words can be sounded out, but not all English words can be spelt correctly by ‘sounding out’, eg the words ‘you’ and ‘said’.

Talk to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word.

Encourage your child to write at home on paper and on the computer, eg filling in forms, writing notes to family members, writing phone messages and reminder notes, making lists, replying to letters and emails, and sending cards.

Provide a dictionary and use it together. Remember that dictionaries are more useful if your child knows about the alphabet and how a dictionary works.

Encourage your child to first try spelling unknown words themselves, and then praise the parts of the word that are correct and suggest what else is needed.

SAY, COVER, WRITE, CHECK

When learning to spell an unknown word, first talk about what the word means, then try learning to spell it using the following technique:

- look carefully at the word
- say the word
- cover the word
- write it from memory
- uncover and check your attempt against the correct word
- repeat as needed.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WHEN YOUR CHILD ASKS HOW TO SPELL A WORD

Encourage your child to have a go first, and then discuss their effort.

Make sure they have access to a dictionary (if they have learnt to read) and know how to use it.

Simply tell your child how the word is spelt and talk about it together.

SHOULD YOU CORRECT YOUR CHILD’S SPELLING?

First, encourage your child to check their work and find any mistakes.

If they have made a mistake with a common word, ask them to try to fix it without your help.

It’s always useful to show your child the correct spelling of a word.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WHEN YOUR CHILD FINDS SPELLING TOO HARD

Be supportive. Remember that when your child is learning to write, they will not be able to accurately spell all the words they want to write.

If your child seems to be having ongoing problems, talk to their teacher.

WHAT IF YOU NOT A GOOD SPELLER?

No problem. Use a dictionary or a spell checker on the computer and work out how to spell words together.

SHOULD YOU LET YOUR CHILD USE A SPELLCHECKER?

Yes. Spell checkers can be useful, but remind your child that they still need to be thinking when they use it. Your child will need your support:

- when the word is spelt correctly but it is not the right word, eg ‘shore’ and ‘sure’
- when the computer gives suggestions but your child still doesn’t know which word is correct
- when the computer uses American spellings.

Source - www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

Darren Noonan
Principal

Coming Events

**MAY**

| Monday 25 | K-12 Athletics Carnival – Merriwa Oval |

Merriwa Ringer
Congratulations to the students who received book awards last week for their hard work in class.

**Kindergarten:** Kirra Green  
**Year K/1:** Jayden McPhie  
**Year 2:** Makaylah Coles  
**Year 3/4:** Tiana Gleeson  
**Year 4/5:** Jake Williams  
**Year 5/6:** Thomas Bates

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**SCHOOL SPORT**

At Merriwa Central School we have a proud culture of students who participate in a variety of sports. Students enjoy physical activity and learning about how healthy habits and lifestyle can improve your fitness level. Our sport activities this term have focussed on fundamental movement skills and preparing for the Athletics Carnival which will be held next week, Monday May 25. Everyone has had lots of fun developing these skills and are keen to put them to the test next week. We look forward to seeing many parents and volunteers on the day to show their support to the students who have been working hard on their physical skills.

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**ASSEMBLY**

Tomorrow, Friday May 22, we will hold the Primary formal assembly. Students will be presented with Merriwa Merits and we will be able to see student work for Workers of the Week. In lieu of a class item we will have a sing-a-long with all students, parents and guests. The song is the classic by Peter Combe called ‘Mr Clicketty Cane’. The actions will be led by the Year 3/4 class. Everyone is welcome to join us for a sing-a-long.

**YEAR 3/4 REPORT**

This has been a busy start to the term for Year 3/4 class. This term we have dived deep into our Science unit ‘Beneath our Feet’ to study what lies below the Earth’s surface and how it changes over time. We have started by learning about rocks and soils. We have collected a variety of rocks from around the campus and students have been bringing in rocks from home as well. It is interesting to see the variety we have in Merriwa. Next we will be comparing soils and experimenting on both the rocks and soils to see the different reactions.

We have also completed our first ‘Genius Hour’ project. Students are given time over the term to complete a study on a topic of their own choice. Students have been presenting their project to the class over the last couple of weeks and I am very proud to say that students have taken the initiative to really learn a lot about their topic. At the end of presentations the class has had many questions to ask our presenters and sparked a great interest in some new areas of learning. Genius Hour is a great
Secondary News

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

DONATION

Recently we had a visit to our school by ex-student turned author Samantha Turnbull. Our students enjoyed learning from Samantha and we have received a gift of a complete collection of The Anti-Princess Club books. Each of the books contain a personal message from Samantha. These books will soon be available to borrow from the primary library.

Alyssa Moore

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Regional Cross Country

Last Friday Brooklyn Blackadder and Kyah Johnston travelled to Newcastle to compete at the Regional Cross Country Carnival. Brooklyn competed in the 8 - 9 years event and Kyah in the 10 years event. The girls showed respectful and positive behaviour towards the race and other competitors. Well done girls and thank you to their parents for transporting them on the day.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

Adam Johnston
Deputy Principal

Way to combine literacy and numeracy with our other Key Learning Areas in a way that engages students in problem-solving, critical thinking and creativity. I look forward to seeing their next topics for Genius Hour.

Mia researched ‘Big Cats’ for Genius Hour

Zali researched ‘Ocean Creatures’ for Genius Hour

Ella researched ‘Sausage Dogs’ for Genius Hour
Why I want to be in ROAR: To help me with my fitness

Favourite Subject: Ag, wood work

Favourite sport: Rugby League Football

Favourite team: Manly Sea Eagles

Favourite player: Matt Ballan

Best personal sporting achievement: Winning Best Back in football in 2011

Who inspires you: My parents because they never give up on me

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

ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards
Favourite Subject: Wood Work because I look up to the teacher as a role model
Extracurricular Activities: Showing cattle
Career aspirations: Finish school and find a well paying job

Year Advisor’s Comment: Travis received Student of the Week in recognition towards cattle judging and his success at the Singleton Beef and Land Management Association Inc where he placed third in the individual 16-18 years category for junior judging. Travis is a keen Primary Industries student and we are proud of his efforts.

Lana Grant - Year Adviser
An incredible amount of learning has already taken place so far this term!

Last week Year 3 and 5 completed NAPLAN. The students were well prepared which made the experience go smoothly. It was wonderful to hear the students discussing their favourite questions after each section.

In Religious Education, the students have been learning about the different seasons in the Church calendar, with a focus on Easter and the Resurrection. It is pleasing to watch the amount of thought and care the students invest in their work. We often have wonderful whole class discussions before the students go off to represent their ideas in creative ways.

In Numeracy, the concepts the class has been focusing on are Multiplication and Division. It’s important that students learn their multiplication facts with automaticity as these facts are used in all strands of maths and everyday life. The students have loved the variety of activities we have been using to help understand these facts better and it is great to see students have those lightbulb moments when they realise the inverse relationship between multiplication and division.

In our Literacy Focus, Year 3/4 have been thinking about the “context”, in particular cultural context, of a story. When enjoying persuasive texts and “The Great Bear”, the students were asked to identify which clues indicated where the texts were created. All of the essential components of literacy, such as spelling, reading, handwriting, speaking and listening continue to be addressed in our literacy block.

Science this term has continued on from our Term 1 topic. The students are using their knowledge of living and non-living things to assist them to research and create an information product that identifies how changes in the environment caused by humans may affect the survival of living things and raise awareness of the need to protect local places and spaces, so that plants and animals can survive and reproduce.

The focus this term in PDHPE, is the human body, in particular health. Students have enjoyed learning about and discussing, the factors that influence healthy lifestyle decisions. They will continue to investigate nutritional choices relating to cultural beliefs, special dietary needs and ‘fast food’.

In HSIE we have been learning about the First Fleet. The students are finding it fascinating to discover the reasons why the British settled in Australia, the reasons for their journey, what life was like before colonisation and the nature and consequences of contact between Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and early traders, explorers and settlers.

The children are very excited about our upcoming excursion to The Awabakal Nature Reserve on the May 21. The students will have opportunities to look at the practices and traditions of the Awabakal people, particularly food, water, shelter and plants the Awabakal people used. They will also be able to experience ochre painting, gunyah building and a dreamtime storytelling. Students will participate in a classroom activity where students look at examples of tools, utensils and weapons used by Aboriginal people.

Paige Farrow
Stage 2 Teacher

Merriwa Ringer
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS

Kindergarten - Archie Constable - for great work sounding out words

Alana Telfer - for sharing her knowledge of work hats with the class

Year 1/2 - Levi Hourn - for trying hard during sound work

Ben Patterson - for great work completing his hat during visual arts

Year 3/4 - Amy Redgate - for a great comparison of two persuasive ads

Will Henderson - for an excellent research task on Dirk Hartog

Year 5/6 - Tia Magner - for collaborating well in HSIE assessment on Antarctic explorer

Darcy Moore – for an excellent effort in Religion assessment on Sacraments of Healing

Principal's Awards - Sienna Baber - for demonstrating active, healthy lifestyles with her gymnastics play

Arlia Parker - for her positive approach to all aspects of school life.

Paige Farrow
Stage 2 Teacher

WORK EXPERIENCE

This week we were joined by Chloe Ponsford in Pre-School for Year 10 work experience, hope you have enjoyed your experience with us.

WHAT I DID ON MY HOLIDAYS

On Thursday May 21 we have a performance by Lionel Robinson – “What I did on my Holidays”. Lionel is back from a fantastic holiday with a suitcase full of songs about the places he has seen and all the curious creatures he has come across. Where’s he been? Everywhere! The farm, the bush, the beach, the jungle. He’s been on buses, planes, boats and trains! With the help of his magic keyboard he is going to tell you all about it. Everyone gets to join in. There are lots of songs you know, actions and dancing to be done. Someone even gets to play on the amazing keyboard! Everyone is welcome to come along, just remember that if it isn’t your child’s day at Pre-School you are responsible for them.

SCHOOL READINESS NIGHT

On Monday night we held our school readiness night. We would like to thank everyone that attended.

At Merriwa Activity Centre this week the children used recycled boxes to create “What they would like to see in Merriwa”. The children all thought long and hard about this activity. We ended up with BigW, Subway, McDonalds, KFC, Woolworths and a Zoo.

Don’t forget, we are already into Week 5 and holidays aren’t far away. Please call into the Merriwa Activity Centre and pick up an enrolment package for any school holiday days.

Tuesday June 2, St Joseph’s is having a Pupil Free day. If you would like care for your child on this day, don’t forget to call and book to avoid disappointment. Phone 6548 2082 and if the phone is unattended please leave a message and someone will call you back.

Natalie Hourn
Coordinator
Our new Student of the Week is Summer Turner! Summer was voted Student of the Week by the students and staff this week for being kind and helpful towards her peers as well as working hard in all school based activities to achieve her very best. This week our learning focus is on seeing errors as opportunities and Summer is a student who isn’t worried about making mistakes. If she does she doesn’t just give up. She listens to teacher feedback and tries again. Mr Gant was also impressed with Summer’s effort and enthusiasm in Science last week. Congratulations and keep up the wonderful work, Summer!

EARLY LINKS – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you have concerns about your child’s development or have recently received a diagnosis of disability, the Early Links program can help you find your way through the maze of supports in your community.

Early Links is a free program that resources families with community information and links to specialist support. Early Links can meet with you at your home, at your child’s school, or in a community space such as a library.

To contact the Early Links program for questions or referrals, please call (02) 4905 0700 or email Early.Links@vinnies.org.au.

BUSH REGENERATION PROJECT

We have begun clearing the weeds from the bottom part of the school including privet, sticky beaks and other noxious weeds.

Keith Blyton and Mr Gant chopped down lots of privet bushes and students have helped drag them to make a bonfire that we will all enjoy later in the winter.

Mrs Nairne was very excited when the old gate that she used to come through to get to school was found through all the bushes. Students are now working on re-positioning the rocks to show where the path is.
MOTHER’S DAY
Students enjoyed making biscuits for Mother’s Day. We hope all our fantastic mums enjoyed their sweet treats.

ON TARGET TO OUR GOALS
Students spent the first two weeks of term determining their goals for the term and these are now displayed in the classroom. As a goal is worked on and achieved the arrow gets closer to the target. Students can check their goals at any time.

NEW NOTICE BOARD
Students are now a part of the decision making process for Student of the Week. They vote for peers who they see doing their best learning and following our PBL rules. Each week the Student of the Week will have their photograph displayed on the board.

We also have ‘Question of the Week’ where students can vote yes or no and add a reason to a question. So far they have voted on ‘Should students be allowed to ride bikes and scooters at school?’ And ‘Should students be able to stand up to do their work?’

Everyone is enthusiastic and thoughtful in their time.

REWARDS WALL
Students are working hard to monitor their choices and are rewarded with tokens for working well and making good learning and social choices. Students can save tokens to ‘purchase’ rewards.

GRIP LEADERSHIP DUBBO
On Friday students in Year 5 will travel with Mrs Grinham to Dubbo to take part in Leadership training. We are all very excited to be a part of this program.

The school has subsidised 50% of the cost for each family.

Jeanette Grinham
Relieving Principal
This week I will be away for two days to attend the ConnectED. The conference will cover many topics including performance and accountability, 21st century learning, quality and equality and the new teaching standards.

There will be a three hour satellite teleconference with Sir Ken Robinson who will talk about creativity and innovation in education. I am looking forward to keeping up to date with the latest thinking so we can apply it in our school.

SCHOOL PLAN 2015 – 2017

Our school plan has been endorsed by the Director and is now available on the school’s website. We have designed our plan around ideas and feedback from parents, staff and students. Our focus for the next three years includes 21st Century Learning, building teacher and leadership capacity and differentiated learning. These areas encompass programs already in place and some new directions we are hoping to follow.

Our school vision statement - Sandy Hollow Public School provides students with educational opportunities across all areas of the curriculum in an inclusive, engaging and supportive environment. We aim to ensure that students reach their full potential and become confident, creative individuals who are able to meet the needs of a 21st century society consistent with the Melbourne Declaration. We are committed to encouraging students to be visible learners, where they are responsible for their own learning - know where they are; where they need to go next and how they are going to get there. We will ensure this happens through improved teacher capacity.

Strategic Direction 1 – 21st Century Learning
- At Sandy Hollow Public School we aim to systematically deliver a 21st Century, quality teaching curriculum, consistent with the Melbourne Declaration that encourages creative and productive use of technology; deep and logical thought; creative, innovative and resourceful ways to problem solve; and being able to make sense of the world. We believe these skills will be necessary for students to become active and informed citizens. We also believe that welfare plays an integral part in every child’s life and so it is necessary to provide the skills necessary to be socially well adjusted citizens.

Focus areas will include: problem solving skills, creativity, technology, teamwork and social programs.

Strategic Direction 2 – building Leadership and Teacher Capacity - At Sandy Hollow Public School we aim to build a dynamic culture of innovation and best practice through developing leadership capacity, quality professional learning and collegiality. We aim to ensure that there are explicit systems for collaboration and feedback to sustain quality teaching practices and that professional learning is aligned with the school plan, ensuring maximum impact on the quality of teaching and student learning outcomes.

Focus areas will include: Art of Leadership program, developing observation and feedback processes for teaching staff and implementing the new Teaching Standards.

Strategic Direction 3 – Differentiated Learning - At Sandy Hollow Public School we aim to develop an approach which builds the capabilities of all students so that they are involved in planning their own learning goals, monitor their own success in achieving these goals and work towards developing skills which will help them to succeed at and beyond, school. We aim to enable all of our students to be assessment capable, visible learners.

Focus areas will include: visible learning, tracking student data, individualised learning plans for all students and acknowledging student achievement in the wider community.

Our next step is to set milestones – what we want to achieve and how we are going to measure it. I will be attending a training day at Tamworth next Tuesday about setting milestones.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Our annual school report for 2014 has been completed and is now available for viewing on the school website. If anyone would like a paper copy, please call into the office and we will arrange one for you.

WORK EXPERIENCE

This week we welcome Emma-Lee Cooper from Merriwa Central School. She is joining us for the week to try out teaching. She will be working with Mrs Parker, Ms Bullock and Ms Higgins.

EISTEDDFOD

The Eisteddfod is next week. Students have been busy polishing their performance. We have had very few notes returned to school. We require drivers to transport students to and from St James.
School where the Eisteddfod is being held this year. If you haven’t returned your note, please do so ASAP. Thank you to the families who have already returned their notes.

**BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE TRAINING**

Next Thursday, I will be travelling to Singleton to complete Business Intelligence training. This will allow us to access a whole suite of data that we will be able to use to make future decisions about school programs.

**BOOK FAIR**

Our first book fair will be held in Week 6, starting on Monday June 1. Students will have the whole week to purchase books.

**WALKATHON**

Sponsorship forms have been handed out. They will need to be returned to school on Friday June 12 when we will hold our walkathon at the back of the caravan park. The P and C will provide each student with a sausage sandwich on their return to school.

**SINGLETON BEEF AND LAND MANAGEMENT DAY**

Kristy Walker travelled to Singleton to compete in Junior Judging and Seed Identification. Kristy gained first place in Seed Identification after correctly identifying 8 out of 12 seeds. A fantastic effort.

**SCONE FARRIER COMPETITION**

On Friday Cambell Hinze competed at the Scone Farrier competition. He was the youngest competitor and was up against men in their early 20s. One of the challenges he completed was to make a pair of front shoes with a plain stamp and nail holes in 60 minutes. He completed the task with two minutes to spare and placed first. A tremendous effort.

**REGION CROSS COUNTRY**

Angus Higgins travelled to Broadmeadow on Friday to represent the school at the region cross country. He finished 22nd out of a field of 60. Well done, Angus.

Christina Darlington  
Principal

**WEEKLY AWARDS**

**HUNTER MARSH**
- excellent effort in persuasive writing

**NICHOLAS TERRELL**
- excellent effort in persuasive writing

**ANDREW HARRIS**
- improvement in mathematics

**MIKAYLA BORRADAILE**
- for trying hard to complete all her work neatly

**JOBEE MCCANDLESS**
- for beautiful manners and being kind to people in her class.

**WORKERS OF THE WEEK**

**KINDER/YEAR 1/2**
- Noah Adams and Reagan Turner

**YEAR 3/4/5/6**
- Jacob Marsh and Isabella Wallace.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**ISABELLE PIKE**
- for being an honest and helpful member of the school.

**SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK**

**AYDEN MARSH**
- trying hard at soccer training.
Merriwa Rotary

Last week our club had an excellent meeting, with much happening.

Past member Dennis Moroney and his wife Lyn were presented with Honorary Membership of our club in recognition of their services to Rotary and to our community, over a long period.

Guest speaker on the night was Lieutenant Colonel Amanda Williamson who is a highly qualified army officer with a list of impressive achievements. Accompanying her was RSM Dave Kerr.

We were given an informative and interesting power point presentation on the modern ANZAC who has many similar characteristics to those of old and, when called on, shows great spirit and courage. We heard of how warfare had changed greatly with the introduction of modern technology.

Our student guest from New Zealand, Antonia, addressed the club, giving us an excellent presentation.

LONG TERM EXCHANGE

Our guest from Germany, Clara has been to Dubbo to take part in a German night hosted by Dubbo West Rotary also taking the opportunity to have a very enjoyable day at the Dubbo Zoo.

Mark Smith

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Dr Emad Jasem

Rosalie Drew

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT: A SPECIAL KIND OF DECISION MAKING

Spiritual discernment is the art of listening for the guidance of the Holy. It is an important virtue because we believe every decision, large and small, “goes better with God.” God has given us gifts of reason and intuition and, when we use those faculties, we are using God’s gifts of discernment. However, spiritual discernment not only uses our God-given skills, it invites God’s active involvement in the decision-making process. We open ourselves to God’s guidance, love, and direction as we bring our question into prayerful living. Because of this, the fruits of spiritual discernment are different and greater than simple discernment:

Spiritual discernment helps us grow in faith and our relationship with God. When we trust that God is offering guidance, in the way and pace that we most need it, we are likely to develop more patience with ourselves and with God about the “outcome.”

Because we are prayerfully open to God’s guidance through the everyday events of our lives, we may be more open to the people around us – any one of whom might be the bearer of God’s “word” when we hear it.

There may be better solutions to a question or problem than the ones we are most immediately aware of. God can help us see the other solutions when we ask for help.

God’s support is there for all of us to draw upon, even before we ask the question.

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Phone: 0429 996 769

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - Third Saturday May-
November: 7.30am

Our student guest from New Zealand, Antonia, addressed the club, giving us an excellent presentation.
Photography Competition

Entries close: JUNE 1 AT 12 NOON

Topic for the month is: OUR MOTHERS

The winning photo will receive a prize to the value of $50.00 from the monthly sponsor and this month it is sponsored by: ZANNEART PHOTOGRAPHY

PUBLISHED IN THE RINGER ON: JUNE 4

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages.

With Mother’s Day celebrated on May 9, it is a time to reflect on what our mothers mean to us. It is also a time to create memories with our mothers.

If you have a picture that depicts your mother in her true glory, the love you have for your mother or a funny moment with your mother, send it in to this month’s photography competition to win a $50.00 voucher.

Email your photos to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
**Community Notice Board**

**Brodie’s Cutting Edge**

Brodies Cutting Edge will be closed from Tuesday June 2 and reopen Tuesday June 9. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Megan Richards

**In Memory**

BARRY DAVID SCOTT

May 7, 1939 to May 22, 2014

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,

the warmth of the Summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle’s flight.

The joy of a morning in Spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities and there was nothing more to add,

He knew his masterpiece was complete when

He made our husband, grandpa and dad.

Marie Scott and family

**Host an Exchange Student**

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2015 and you’ll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their three, five, or ten month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, or call your local coordinator, Dianne on 0429 406 126 to request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Dianne Axam

**Merriwa Touch Football Club**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: July 25
Time: 6.00pm
Where: Merriwa Sports Club

Anyone wishing to attend are more than welcome. All positions will be declared vacant and all voting members will need to be financial before voting.

Enquiries and apologies can be directed to Barbra Eipper on 0448 821 646.

Tina Taylor

**Merriwa Tennis Club**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please be advised that the Merriwa Tennis Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the Merriwa RSL Club on Monday May 25 at 6.00pm. All members, prospective members and interested stakeholders are invited to attend.

Enquiries and apologies can be directed to merriwatennis@gmail.com or to Emily Hall on 0408 099 893.

Robert Smith

**Merriwa Ringer**

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.
The May meeting of the Merriwa District Progress Association will be on Wednesday May 27 at the RSL commencing at 6.00pm. For more information please contact Beron on 6548 2245.

This has provided us with financial stability and covers all fixed costs, plus some left over for tools and materials to do other projects which also generates income.

This year we hope to have a big display and working demonstrations during the Festival. The venue will be the car park at the rear of the Tourist Welcoming Centre/Men’s Shed. As always, we welcome new members and for the Festival, any interesting items you may have to add to the mix. Come and join us for a trip back in time - the theme being “Preserving the Past for the Future”. Please call me for more information on 0427 482 868.

Jim Alker

As the Festival of the Fleeces weekend approaches it seems a good time to report on the activities of the Men’s Shed. Many of you may have attended the Merriwa Races in April and would have noticed how good the course looked. We took on the contract of the maintenance for the Race Club and we take pride in doing the job well.

It is Pie Drive time again!

This has provided us with financial stability and covers all fixed costs, plus some left over for tools and materials to do other projects which also generates income.

Order sheets are out around town but if anyone is unable to access a sheet or have any queries, please contact Barbara Campbell on 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131.

Orders Close: Monday June 8
Delivery Day: Friday June 19.

Barbara Campbell

Congratulations to Aileen Hogan who won first prize for the Decorated Cakes - Miniature Decorated Cakes - Mothers Day Class in Cookery at the CWA State Conference. Well done Aileen!

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 Fenely

Merriwa VIEW Club’s monthly dinner will be held at Caroline’s Cafe. Guest speaker will be Annette the Paramedic.

When: Thursday May 28
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Raffle: Debbie Hunt
Lucky Door: Louise Hunt

Bookings and apologies can be made to Elaine Sparrow by May 25 on 6548 8560.

Kay Taylor

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Kay Taylor
We have a great deal for all of you who still believe in the power of sending a card. A Hallmark Frequent Buyer Rewards card is available now for everyone who buys a Hallmark card. The way it works is similar to a coffee club card. When you buy a Hallmark card, get your Rewards card marked off, and when you have bought eight cards, your next one will be FREE (to the value of $4.99). This is a great incentive for all of you who buy cards regularly.

GLAMOURIZE

The most beautiful range of jewellery has arrived and is ready to be given as a gift to someone special in your life (including yourself)! There are fun pieces for tweens and teens, as well as beautiful statement pieces for adults. The rose gold hinge bangle is unique and gorgeous. Its delicate belt design is ingenious as it is put on and taken off just like a regular belt, giving it three adjustable sizes. It is a truly beautiful piece.

CUDDLY HOTTIES

Get yourself a Cuddly Hottie today. These cute little teddy bears, in a monkey, bunny, sheep and koala design, have a very special secret. They have a secret pocket with a lavender scented heat bag inside. This is the perfect way to keep warm this winter. They are warm and cuddly and perfect for any age. Who doesn’t love a nice warm cuddle?

CUTTY SARK

This famous British Clipper ship was once well known in Australia as it was used to transport our wool back to Britain in the later part of the 19th Century. You can own a little bit of this history by building your own scale model of this iconic ship. Our kit includes all of the pieces to put it together, poly cement, acrylic paints and a paint brush. This kit is perfect for someone who is just starting out in the world of scale models.

HAVE YOU MET ROCCO?

Rocco is a very cute Beanie Boo raccoon, with a pink and grey body and very cute big sparkly eyes. Come in and meet Rocco and all of our other Beanie Boo characters today.

HYPERTENSION

Everyone has blood pressure. It is the pressure of blood against the walls of your blood vessels (arteries) as the heart pumps blood around your body. Your blood pressure will increase and decrease depending on what you are doing. When you are exercising, nervous or stressed your blood pressure will increase. Your blood pressure will decrease when you are sitting or sleeping. However, if your blood pressure remains high, even when you are resting and relaxed, you may have high blood pressure (or hypertension).

A National Heart Foundation survey completed in 2010 found one-in-three Australians aged 30–65 years had been told by a doctor that they have high blood pressure. This means that 3.5 million Australians have high blood pressure. Therefore, hypertension is very common and the number of both men and women with high blood pressure increases steadily with age.

Blood pressure is measured in millimetres of mercury (mmHg). Your blood pressure is recorded as two figures, for example 120 over 80 (120/80). The top number is the pressure in the arteries when the heart squeezes blood out during each beat. The lower number is the pressure in the arteries when the heart rests between each heartbeat. It

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

Cash or Eftpos only

Leanne Hook

Merriwa Pharmacy

HORRIBLE HISTORIES

Everyone with children has heard of this TV show. It is a little bit of brilliance. Teaching all of the gross bits of history to children in a fun, exciting and memorable way. Did you know that the TV show is based on a series of books? Well, we have the box-set of these books and they are perfect for someone who loves a bit of blood-and-guts warts-and-all history. The box set includes: Savage Stone Age, Awesome Egyptians, Groovy Greeks, Rotten Romans, Cut-Throat Celts, Smashing Saxons, Vicious Vikings, Stormin’ Normans, Angry Aztecs, Incredible Incas, Measly Middle Ages, Terrible Tudors, Slimy Stuarts, Gorgeous Georgians, Vile Victorians, Villainous Victorians, Barmy British Empire, Frightful First World War, Woeful Second World War and Blitzed Brits. That is quite a list of gory, grizzly, funny, entertaining bits of history that just beg to be read.
is best to measure blood pressure when you are relaxed, and sitting or lying down.

- Normal blood pressure is generally less than 120/80 mmHg
- Normal-to-high blood pressure is between 120/80 and 140/90 mmHg
- High blood pressure is greater than 140/90 mmHg and if you have blood pressure above 180/110 mmHg, your blood pressure is very high.

World Hypertension Day (WHD) is on May 17. The theme of WHD for the next five years will be ‘Know your numbers’ with the goal of increasing high blood pressure awareness in all populations around the world.

High blood pressure (hypertension) increases your chance of developing heart disease, a stroke, blood vessel disease and other serious conditions. Generally, the higher the blood pressure, the greater the health risk. There are often no symptoms or signs of high blood pressure – you can have high blood pressure and feel well.

Certain factors can increase the risk of serious problems associated with high blood pressure including:

- smoking
- having high blood cholesterol
- being overweight
- having diabetes.

Treatment for hypertension often includes lifestyle changes. These changes may include losing weight (if overweight), regular physical activity, a healthy diet, cutting back if you drink a lot of alcohol, stopping smoking, a low-salt diet and reduced caffeine intake. If needed, medicine can lower blood pressure.

It is very important to have your blood pressure checked regularly by a health professional, such as a pharmacist. If you want to ‘know your numbers’ visit your local pharmacy. It is your health destination.

Many pharmacies offer blood pressure-testing services. Pharmacists and pharmacy assistants can take your blood pressure using easy-to-use, painless blood pressure machines. They will check your blood pressure in a quiet, non-threatening environment, explain your readings, offer advice on how to lower and maintain lower blood pressure and refer you to a doctor if further testing is required.

Pharmacies also offer services that can help you change your lifestyle including stopping smoking and weight-loss clinics. Visit your local pharmacy today and find out what they have available.

You can get more detailed information on hypertension from the Self Care Fact Cards titled High blood pressure, Exercise and the heart, Weight and health, and Smoking available from Merriwa Pharmacy.

Robert Smith

**Merriwa Auto Electrical**

**BATTERIES**

The cold mornings definitively test out your battery. If your vehicle is struggling to start when the weather is frosty, it might be a good idea to bring it to us for testing. We have a lot of experience when it comes to batteries! We have a selection of Australian made Century batteries, as well as quad bike and mower batteries. These are competitively priced and come with full warranty. If we don’t have a particular battery, we can order the correct one in for you.

**LIGHTING**

If your headlights are a bit dull, there’s a few solutions we can help you with. For starters, there are “100% + more light” globes which make a real difference as well as driving lights and LED bars.

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We sell aerials that are suited to this area and we can install it for you. It is essential that the aerial is installed properly! We have the expertise and equipment to fix any reception problems you might have.

**12 PIN PLUGS**

Yes! We do wiring of 12 pin plugs for caravanning. Any auxiliary wiring for your travel, caravan or camping needs is within our repertoire including solar panels.

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Please remember we do vehicle air conditioning, starter motors, alternators, glow plugs and all electrical repairs, plus so much more!

We also provide a local key cutting service.

Thank you for your support of a local business!

We appreciate you calling us on 6548 2114 or dropping in to 30 Bow Street Merriwa and see Michael or Sally.

Michael and Sally Hagley
PO BOXES

For the first time in a long time we have three boxes available for rent. We have two small boxes which cost $120.00 for the year plus a once off administration fee of $25.00 and one medium box for $177.00 plus the once off administration fee of $25.00. Anyone who lives in an area where there is no street delivery is entitled to a reduced rate which is $32.00 plus admin fee for small and $51.00 plus admin fee for the medium sized box. If you are unsure of whether you have street delivery please speak to a staff member. Applications are available at the post office and there is a free six month redirection available to anyone taking up a box (unless you already have a box and are increasing the size of the box).

TECHNOLOGY

Currently in stock we have a range of Telstra Pre-paid phones for sale including a Telstra Tempo for $49.00. This phone has a camera, a 4" screen and an MP3 and video player. Lots of features for a reasonably priced touch screen phone. We also have The Nokia Lumia 530 for $79.00 which comes with an extra backing cover. We have the Huawei Ascend Y530 for $79.00 which has dropped in price from $99.00. Lastly there is also the Samsung Galaxy Trend Plus for $99.00 which has 4GB internal memory and an expandable memory up to 64GB with a microSD card (sold separately).

AVON IN STORE

We have now entered campaign 12 which ends on Thursday June 4. Every Avon catalogue contains some great deals with freebies so come in a pick up a catalogue or go to my online shop – shop.avon.com.au/store/kelsw

SCENTSY

For those wondering what fragrance is wafting from the Post Office when you walk by or come in it is ‘Black Raspberry and Vanilla’ which is one of the many fragrances Scentsy offer. When you walk in you will notice it burning in one of our electric warmers which is part of the Silhouette Collection with an etched core warmer and dragonfly wrap. This could be burning in your home or workplace for $69.75. There are many ways to purchase these products – by hosting a party at your home, collecting orders at your leisure with our basket party system, visiting the Merriwa Markets, shopping online at lusciousmelts.scentsy.com.au or calling in and picking up a catalogue. While you are in check out my display of the fabulous products Scentsy has to offer.

FREE POCKET CALENDARS

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

Merriwa Post Office opening hours are Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm.

Kellie Orton and Kylie Austin

Spice Grill Merriwa

TYPES OF CURRY?

CURRIES OF KASHMIR (NORTHERN INDIA)

In the West, the best-known curry is rogan josh, a wet curry of lamb with a brilliant red gravy whose colour is derived from a combination of Kashmiri Herb and an extract derived from the red flowers of the cockscomb plant.

What we serve from here is:
- Lamb Rogan Josh Curry and Wrap
- Lamb Do Pyazaa Curry and Wrap

CURRIES OF PUNJAB (NORTHERN INDIA)

Punjab is a rich agricultural land, where fresh vegetables and fruits have always been accessible. A typical Punjabi meal consists of some form of bread or rice with a salan (curry). Most preparations start with the frying of a masala which is a concoction of ginger, garlic, onions and tomatoes with some dried spices. This is followed by the addition of other ingredients. Spice level varies greatly depending on the sub-region as well as the household itself. A popular cooking fat is pure desi ghee, and some dishes are often enriched with liberal amounts of butter and cream.

What we serve from here is:
- Butter Chicken Curry and Wrap
- Lamb Korma Curry and Wrap
- Tandoori Chicken Curry and Wrap

Rohit Gaur
PROGRESS TO MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM FOR GUMMUN PLACE HOSTEL

Jan Cronin from the Merriwa Progress Association (right) presented Gummun Place Hostel’s oldest resident Sylvia Cottle and hostel supervisor Suzanne Duggan with a cheque for $1000 which will go towards the hostel’s new medical alert system. Funds were raised at a successful piano recital held at the Merriwa School of Arts Hall on Friday 1 May. The recital was performed by pianist Philip Aughey of Branxton, who donated his time and talents to raise money for the hostel’s medical alert system. Over 40 people attended the concert which concluded with supper provided by members of the community.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – VACANT LAND

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- Rural Fire Service 1800 081 166
- SES Emergency 132 500
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- Merriwa Surgery - Dr Emad Jasem 6548 2305

Support the Ringer regularly but can't find your business? Contact Tina on 6548 2119.
**6 John Street Merriwa**

Situated on 1549sqm this home has been freshly painted and always maintained to the highest standard. There are three good size bedrooms all with built ins and ceiling fans. The main lounge features an open fire and RC Air while the second living area at the rear of the home is large and has RC Air. The kitchen is in very good condition with an electric stove, pantry and a separate double fridge/freezer space. The dining room comes off the kitchen. The bathroom has been fully renovated in recent years. The yard is huge and flat with a single lock up garage with power, a garden shed and another undercover area ideal for the kid’s bikes etc.

**50 Hall Road Merriwa**

Offering expansive views to the mountains and over town this 2274sqm block is the perfect spot to build your dream home. Town water, phone and power are all available at the boundary. The land is almost flat with a slight slop to the rear for easy building. There are quality homes next door and across the road also with no rear neighbours.

**34 Marquet Street Merriwa**

Situated on 1043sqm this brick and tile home is in excellent condition throughout. There are three big bedrooms, a good size lounge featuring R/C Air and a combustion fire. A three-way bathroom with a shower, bath, vanity and separate toilet and laundry. The dining room leads off the kitchen which has plenty of cupboard space, breakfast bar and an electric stove. Outside is a private undercover entertainment area, single garage and two garden sheds. The large yard is flat fully fenced in new colourbond and has a fully established vegie garden and fruit trees. A ride on mower is included in the sale.

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**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

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**Merriwa RSL Club**

The Members Lucky Badge for $500.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 891, this week it jackpots to $550.00. The 7.00pm draw for $120.00 was not won the number was 718, this week it jackpots to $280.00. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $500.00 was not won last week the number was 718, 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 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.

Bistro hours of an evening change this Friday to 5.30pm to 8.30pm, and 5.30pm to 8.00pm Saturday to Thursday.

Matt Morgan

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**Merriwa Central School App.**

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**Merriwa Ringer**

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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.

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**Sundays** - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of $25.00 meat or fuel vouchers

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For bookings and take away - telephone 65483228.

**DON’T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY MAY 31**

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle May 16**

Saturday members draw no 303, not won – next week $210.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $320.00

**Free Tickets:** Greg Barnard
**Dinner:** Des Snelgrove
**Bowls Raffle:** Loretta Cooper

**Sunday Raffle May 17**

Sunday members draw - No 110, was won. Next week $250.00.

**NEXT TRIVIA NIGHT**

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

**UNCLASSIFIED**

Well our pennant season has finished for another year and we have been declared the winners. We now travel to Forster on Friday May 29 to play against sides from the Manning District and the Hunter.

Last year we missed by one shot, so we are hoping we can go one better and travel to the State Playoffs.

Locally Huey had a great win against yours truly. He is playing great bowls, also Paul, “Who has the shot” Cottom beat a fast finishing Des. Congratulations to both of you. Don’t forget we have a district meeting at Scone Saturday morning and a side will travel to Aberdeen to play on Saturday also. On Sunday we will try again to finish the Triples, otherwise I think Ken will be getting out the Red Flag.

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** - $55.00 – Kristy Pearce – unclaimed - $60.00 next week

**Joker Draw** – $1209.00 – ‘Firetruck’ – unsuccessful – $1263.00 next week.

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

Hilary Parker
On Saturday, we played at Singleton again. This time we took on Denman. Our only try scorer was Riley and although it wasn’t our best game, I am sure we’ll improve and all be ready to listen and play a better game next week at Aberdeen.

‘Player of the Match’ went to Zac. Zac chased well and put in a lot of effort. Zac was also one of the try scorers last week at home. Congratulations Zac.

Gaynor Blackadder

KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S

On Saturday, the 8’s travelled to Singleton where they played against Singleton white. Being a bit short of numbers for this week, a couple of the Singleton players helped out, as well as some of our 7’s (Seth and Jack). Jackson proved to be an incredibly strong runner as he scored four tries, all involving stepping, palming and weaving his way down the field. Toby scored two tries and worked really hard in his tackling. Harry and Maddison were excellent runners and both made plenty of metres through their speed and stepping abilities. Duncan scored his first try for the season by powering over the line in a similar fashion to Logan last week. Both Jack and Seth helped out as much as they could with some great runs and tackles. Well done everyone.

‘Player of the Match’ went to Toby this week. He had some awesome runs, scored two great tries, helped organise everyone and was always there as a support runner. He also made some excellent tackles. Great job Toby!

John Cronin

KINGSLYN UNDER 9’S

Last Saturday we traveled to Singleton to play Muswellbrook Blue. With both teams excelling in defense it was a great game to watch. The whole of our Merriwa U/9’s defended very well, especially Riley, Jyeson, Dylan and Clayton. The determination that these four boys put in was outstanding. Tyrell once again displayed great speed with the ball in his hand scoring yet another try for this week. David and Jackson were impressive making plenty of meters when they had the ball and Thomas showed his skills, making lots of quick dummy half runs. ‘Player of the Match’ went to Riley for his grit and determination throughout the whole game he was quick on his feet, scored one try and outstanding in defense. Well done Riley.

Belinda Keane

UNDER 12’S AND 16’S

Merriwa 12’s and 16’s both played at home last Saturday. Thank you to those parents that helped out.

I didn’t get to see all of both games, but from what I did see both teams played very well. U/12’s played against Muswellbrook, unfortunately losing to the well drilled opposition but did not give up right to the end. ‘Player of the Match’ was Jock. For a ten-year-old Jock is doing an amazing job, making a difference and helping his team with some great defense. Well done Jock.

U/16’s played against South Newcastle were they won 22 - 10, I noticed Matt to be outstanding in defence and John was hard to stop with the ball. Sebastian was awarded ‘Player of the Match’ for his first game with the Magpies and first time ever playing Rugby League. Well done Sebastian.

Next week is a double header (catching up on rounds), 12’s are at Morpeth on Saturday and Merriwa on Sunday. 16’s are at Merriwa on Saturday and Dungog on Sunday.

All our mini teams play at Aberdeen. Just a reminder to anyone who hasn’t paid rego money. Please come see me at training and we can work something out, thank you. Good luck to all teams, see you all at training.

Belinda Keane

MERRIWA NETBALL NEWS

We have three Merriwa netball teams (a Junior, Intermediate and Senior team) this season training in Merriwa and playing in the Scone Competition on Saturdays.

Last Saturday saw us play Round 6 for the season. Our youngest team, the undefeated Merriwa Jasmines, are on fire this year with another win 18 - 1. Jasmine’s Coach Kellie Porter said they played really well in the freezing cold with excellent passing and defence. Welcome to new player Zara who stepped up and played her first game. The team includes Josie, Scarlett, Olivia, Audrey, Amy, Madelaine, Emily, Danielle, Zara and Keisha-Lee.

Our Intermediate team, the Merriwa Warriors, also won their game 26 - 18, Warriors Coach Katie McLean commenting the girls were using their team tactics from training and spreading out across the court, shooting well and defending strongly. The team includes Olivia, Lauren, Izzy,
The Senior team are playing well and having fun. We would like a couple of extra players if anyone is interested in joining please contact April Eipper or Heidi Inder.

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

**Merriwa Campdraft**

With our weekend drawing closer, working bees this Sunday and following Saturday will have the grounds and yards ready for another successful event.

We had a few new faces (members) join our committee at the last meeting which is always good to see. Reminder - memberships renewals have been sent out already and needs payment ASAP due to insurance reasons. Membership is $5.00 per person.

We have had a few new sponsors come on board this year along with our wonderful continued sponsors to ensure our event goes ahead. Also thank you to all the cattle donors too.

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**Community**

**Merriwa Rugby League Football Club**

We played at home this week against Scone in both grades. League Tag ladies went down with the final score being something like 56-4. Taylah picked up our only try. Taylah also was selected as this weeks Players Player. Well done Taylah.

The boys went a bit better then our ladies, being beaten 24-14. I think that overall the guys played well. Thank goodness that Nathan Barry scored (now he can shave and stop looking like Sheamus) and Jeremy Nicholls scored Merriwa’s other two tries and converted one. Players Player for this game went to Jeremy Nicholls. Congratulations Seabird.

We do not play this weekend as we will play this round on the Sunday of the June Long Weekend.

Gaynor Blackadder

**Merriwa Little Athletics Club**

Who knew cooking a few steaks and selling copious cups of coffee would be Little A’s ‘lotto ticket’ to run next season. But that is exactly what happened on the weekend.

Merriwa Polocrosse Club ran a fine carnival attracting teams from Sydney to Narrabri, Walcha and way beyond. They rode hard, played hard and ate A LOT, for which the Merriwa Little A’s club were very grateful.

We received dozens of complements throughout the weekend for the ‘divine’ bacon and egg burgers (thank you Papanui Eggs!) ‘amazing steak’ (thanks Max’s Country Cuts – and for topping us up when we needed more!), ‘delicious rolls’ (courtesy of the Merriwa Bakery) and ‘fantastic chicken burgers’ (thankyou Andrew and the team at Merriwa IGA).

It was tough going at times, especially through the breaky and lunch rush and I’m not sure any of us in the canteen will be eating bacon, eggs or steak this week but it was all worth it.

Sincere thanks to the Patterson, Hourn, Moore, Keane, Wilton, McPhie, Holland and Taaffe families. I know where your kids get their stamina from now! Another Little A’s team effort very well done.

Tash Taaffe

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**THANK YOU**

Megan Richards
List 10 (Ten) Reasons why you should go to the 2015 Rosto Olives Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces.

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## Community Calendar

**What's happening?**

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

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