Merriwa Rescue Squad receives donation from Trinity Markets
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**

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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.
Primary News
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

We are very proud to continue to see wonderful achievements from our students every week. Well done to our latest book award recipients from each class:

Kindergarten: Aiden Khan
Year K/1: Miriam Harrison
Year 2: Kody Debono
Year 3/4: Ellie-May Whity
Year 4/5: Thomas Amidy
Year 5/6: Izabella Neale

Last Friday we had the Primary assembly and enjoyed our first sing-a-long to ‘Mr Clickety Cane’. Year 3/4 had lots of fun leading the assembly in the actions of the song and it was great to see lots of audience participation. Keep an eye out in the Ringer to see what our next one will be.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Thank you to all our students who shared their work samples with the assembly as Workers of the Week. We saw art, reviews and lots of wonderful writing samples that demonstrated the wonderful vocabulary and grammar development that has been occurring in our classrooms. Well done to the following students:

Kindergarten: Cadence Tudor and Thomas Campbell
Year 2: Makayla Mobberley and Annabelle Orton

Year 3/4: Emma Khan and Tiana Gleeson
Year 4/5: Thomas Amidy
Year 5/6: Isabel Swan and Kai Heang

SPECIAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the students who were awarded a Bronze Award at last week’s assembly; Jack Goodear, Tamika Drury and Mya Haataja.

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Secondary News
VET FACULTY NEWS

Last week students from Year 10 completed their work experience at a range of businesses. I was able to visit a number at their work places and witnessed a range of activities that students were involved in. Students were assisting in primary schools, preparing for the Festival of the Fleeces, working in the health care industry and generally enjoying the opportunity to see what the world of work entails. Employers who were located in other towns were also very impressed with our students and commented on their enthusiasm and excellent attitude.

Merriwa Central School is very fortunate to have a supportive business community and we would like to thank the businesses who provided work experience for our students this week. Without your support we would not be able to provide this wonderful learning experience, so thank you to the following businesses:

- Muswellbrook District Hospital
- Hunter New England Community Services
- Cassilis Park Merino Stud
- Upper Hunter Shire - Gummun Place
- Upper Hunter Shire - Merriwa Resource Centre
- Local Land Services – Bio Security Division
- Merriwa Tyre Service
- Scott Witton Building
- Jeff Towler Building
- Captive Cabinet Making
- Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music
- Ces Motor Trimming and Industrial Sewing
- Merriwa Pre-School
- Ramani Pastoral Company
- Brook Bros Engineering
- Sandy Hollow Public School
- Mudgee Physio
- Blooms Chemist - Mudgee
- Welderup Pty Ltd
- Hunter Belle Cheese
- Merriwa District Hospital
- Max’s Country Cuts
- Power FM – Muswellbrook
- Palm Lake Construction
- St Joseph’s Primary School - Merriwa
- C and A Kemp
- Merriwa Central School
- Scone Advocate
- Merriwa Pharmacy
- Radar Auto Electrical and Mechanical Repairs

FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

Next Saturday June 6 the main street will close for the annual Festival of the Fleeces. Merriwa Central School has a proud long-standing tradition to walk in the town parade and we will continue this tradition this year. We will assemble in front of the Cross Country at 11.30am. Parents will need to sign the waiver sheet when dropping off their child/ren and collect them when we finish the parade near the council building. The fife band must remember to bring their file’s as they will be leading the school in the parade. They have been working hard all year for the festival and will demonstrate their skills with students and teachers walking proudly behind them. If you have any questions please contact Mrs West at the Primary campus on 6548 2101.

P AND C MEETING

Next Wednesday June 3 our P and C will hold their monthly meeting at 7.00pm at the Merriwa RSL. These meetings are an opportunity to hear about what is going on across both campuses, learn about fundraising opportunities, speak with other parents and teachers and have the opportunity to make a difference in education. All parents are welcome to attend and meet the wonderful committee.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal
Once again thank you for your support.

Jane Hegarty
VET Teacher
Why I want to be in ROAR: ROAR will teach me respect and help me be fit and have fun

Favourite Subject: Tech
Favourite sport: Rugby League Football
Favourite team: Broncos
Favourite player: Benny Barber

Best personal sporting achievement: Making it to Regional Rugby League for the Upper Hunter

Who inspires you: My family inspires me because they always put others first
Advice to young players: Never give up and always have fun.

ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards

Our Year 10 students last week were assisted in making informed career choices when they participated in work experience at Merriwa and surrounding towns. Their work experience illustrated the exciting prospects that are available in the marketplace of employment. This opportunity for students is an important one and shows the cooperation between our community and Merriwa Central School.

NEW CAREER EVENTS

Listed below are educational careers events, workshops and open days that will support students and parents to make informed decisions about careers choices. Last week in our careers classes several students expressed an interest in the real estate industry.

Considering a career in the real estate industry - Need a Certificate of Registration or Real Estate Agents License Enroll in an online course with The NSW Real Estate Training College (RTO Provider Code 91003). Courses can be completed at the student’s own pace and support is provided via telephone, email and online chat. For information visit http://www.realestatetraining.com.au/


Health industry information every fortnight - Are you wasting your valuable time troweling for content to put in your school newsletter? Subscribe to My

CAREERS NEWS

On Friday May 22 and Saturday May 23, Merriwa Central School students Clara Piefke, Hanna Byfield and Breanna Goodear participated in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) in Muswellbrook.

This event was organised by the Rotary District 9670 and involved 17 schools from the district. In the lead up to the event students had to undertake research on their nominated country which was Egypt and adopt a stance on various world issues relating to human rights, humanitarian assistance and environmental issues.

This event provided the students with a great opportunity to meet students from other schools, improve their public speaking skills and increase their awareness of current global issues. We wish to thank the Merriwa Rotary Club for making it possible for our students to participate in the event and the Muswellbrook Rotary Club for organising another successful MUNA.

Tessa Roe

MUNA

ROYAR

Dean Swan
Year 8

Merriwa Ringer
Favourite Subject: Maths, Photography and Ag
Extracurricular Activities: Steer team, MUNA, 4C's, Upper Hunter Youth Council
Best Personal Achievement: Winning the heifer for the school

Year Advisor’s Comment: Hanna is a bright and bubbly young lady who has taken every opportunity to extend herself beyond the classroom in extra-curricular pursuits. Hanna attends after-school Maths tutoring on Thursdays, has been representing the school as a member of the Upper Hunter Youth Council and she was an excellent team mate for our recent Model United Nations group in Muswellbrook. Hanna should also be commended for assisting in writing the application that won our school heifer at the Singleton Beef and Land Management Association and has also volunteered at the Youth Rock event in Sydney gaining valuable vocational experience. Well done Hanna!

Rebecca Hopkins - Year Adviser

Disability Rights in Education - The Your Right to an Education website http://www.ddaedustandards.org.info has just been fully updated. The website can help students with disability and educators understand important parts of the Disability Standards for Education.

Career Interest Explorer - The Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service has launched a new resource that aims to help students identify the strength of their career interests. The Career Interest Explorer will help students to refine their thinking about their potential career pathways. Go to http://www.aapathways.com.au/Search/Career-Interest-Explorer.

Please contact Mark Beiers or Jane Hegarty if you require any further career information.

Mark Beiers
Careers Advisor

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

KINDERGARTEN 2016
Please contact the Primary Office to express your child’s interest in enrolling in Kindergarten in 2016.

Darren Noonan
Principal
From the Principal

Life at St Joseph’s is very happy and the students are learning very well. The recent rain has been just enough to restore the playing grounds to their former glory. I was very pleased to attend the Pre-School readiness evening last Monday with two of our Infants Class teachers Samantha and Anne Marie. We had a wonderful opportunity to showcase the great things being done at St Joseph’s to provide a high standard of academic learning for all students. Thank you to Leah Folpp and the staff and committee of the Pre-School for organising this informative event to enable parents to learn about preparing their children for “big school” and to see what the schools in the local area have to offer.

Enrolments are now being taken for 2016. Please call the school or visit to collect your enrolment package.

There have been two major class excursions recently. The Infants class visited Tocal Homestead as part of their studies of Personal and Family Histories and the Stage 2 class visited the Awabakal Nature Reserve as part of their First Fleet topic in HSIE. Excursions give the students rich, shared experiences that they can draw from in class as they continue to study the focus topic. It is very important that all students attend any excursions on offer so that they can participate fully in the lessons which follow. The teachers work hard to ensure that the excursions add maximum value to students’ school learning. Thank you to the parents for enabling the students to attend the excursions and thank you to the parents who were able to join the classes and offer their support. The students have returned to school very keen to share their learning. I am very proud of the students as I have received very good comments from the staff, parents and excursion personnel about the students’ manners and their general knowledge. Thank you to the teachers who have planned and supervised the excursions. There is a great deal of personal time behind the scenes used to make these experiences enjoyable for all.

Tuesday was ‘Fundraising for Nepal Day’. After the devastating earthquakes in Nepal recently, thousands of people have died and tens of thousands have lost their homes, livelihoods friends and families. Our Stage 3 students decided that as a leadership project they would raise funds to support the people of Nepal. The students did a wonderful job of planning classroom multimedia presentations for all classes, letters home to parents and activities for the day. The planning of this was all done in their own lunch times and was of a very high standard. The cause is a very worthy one and helps the whole school community realise that there are people in the world who are suffering and very much in need of our assistance. If anyone in the community would like to help this cause, please send your donations to the school in an envelope marked NEPAL Appeal.

Student progress reports will be sent home on Friday of Week 8 this term and interviews will be held during Week 10. Please book a time to see your child’s teacher so that we can continue to work together to gain the best learning outcomes for your child. Please fill in the interview timetable at the end of this newsletter.

CAMPDRAFT AND FETE DAY ON SATURDAY JUNE 27

This day has become bigger and better over its four year life and this year is expected to be the best yet. The fete activities will be held on the Golden Highway side of the showground this year and there will be no need to negotiate your way around horses and trailers/trucks. There will be market stalls, BBQ, coffee and cake stall, hobby horse races, and many activities for the kids. Look out for the colouring in competition, there are lots of great prizes to be won. Everyone is welcome!

At last the painters are returning this week to complete the painting of the exterior of the buildings and restoration of the belltower. The students and staff are looking forward to this revamp. There will be safety barriers in place for the duration of the painting and the students will have lessons dedicated to safety around worksites.

You may have heard our emergency and evacuation sirens being sounded over the past couple of weeks. We have been carrying out our regular fire, evacuation and lock down drills with the students. Because we have had an electronic sound system installed recently it has been necessary to practice new drills and evaluate their efficiency. The students have been very good in responding to the alarms. It is a really good practice for families to develop household drills in case of emergencies in the home. As we enter the winter months when open fires and heaters are used more regularly it would be really useful to prepare drills with your children...they know the importance of them.
WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week 5

Kindergarten - Mollie Beaven – for great work in writing words

Jack Patterson – for trying hard during written work

Year 1/2 - Aidan Hunt - for showing good problem solving skills during Maths

Emily Barwick - for gaining confidence in writing activities

Year 3/4 - Bobby Keegan - for his enthusiasm and effort in maths

Patrick McLaren - for his great contributions to class discussions

Year 5/6 - Nicholas Morgan – for demonstrating great enthusiasm in investigating electricity

Jemma Grady - for an excellent result in Sacraments of Healing assessment

Playground Champion - Ben Patterson – for cooperating well in kick tennis and other games

Principal’s Awards - Nicole Martin - for working collaboratively as a Year 6 leader to plan and deliver the NEPAL project

Toby Jamieson - for working persistently to apply his mathematical knowledge to new situations.

Helen Whale

Principal
A special thank you to those who attended our school readiness presentation on Monday night. It was the first time I presented the new power point and was a good opportunity for me although perhaps slightly painful for the audience.

Thank you to Tanya Ninness who has presented the information our families for many years. We really appreciate the contribution you have made to countless families as they make the transition from Pre-School to Kindergarten. The ‘Transition to School Statement’ is a new document that we touched on briefly during the evening. It is provided to Kindergarten teachers to inform them of some of your child’s needs and strengths and is completed by Pre-School educators and the families of the child. It is a comprehensive and very useful addition to your child’s comfortable transition. More information about how to obtain this statement will be sent home to potential school ready children next week.

Well, Lionel came back from holidays and delighted everybody with his stories from all around the world at Pre-School on Thursday. He packed his parrot and his teddy and we sang and danced celebrating his journeys. This is the second of our performances from the ‘Young Australia Workshop’ this year and we have been so pleased to welcome these talented people into the service.

A new clerical team has been developed for the Pre-School and Activity Centre and we are pleased to have retained Colleen Constable on Wednesdays. Melinda Mc Cosker has been in and out of the service managing the amalgamation of the Merriwa Activity Centre, and Teressa Williams has been placed as our Administrator. She will be available on Monday and Thursday. As part of these additions to staffing and the services we provide, we are hoping to offer payment options including Direct Debit to assist families as they manage to juggle the expense of raising a young family.

Our thanks for the involvement of families in our special resolution to change the business name and the dated constitution of the Merriwa Pre-School. The Business name will now be the Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre and we hope that this notion of collaboration makes both centres thrive, be more efficient and provide more resources and support for the families and children who attend.

Also my thanks to those of you who returned the survey regarding Play Group in Merriwa. These have been forwarded to the head office of Hunter Prelude and I’m sure they will contribute to developing more services in the community.

Please look out for a permission note for your participation in the Festival of the Fleeces Parade on Saturday June 6.

The children have been working on some lovely sheep headbands and we ask that the children wear some red socks or stockings if you have them. Even a little bit of red fabric around their legs would be fine.

All the details will be in your note pocket this week and we hope you can attend. Of course families are encouraged to join us in the walk down the street on the day. It is always very exciting and hopefully the weather will stay clear for us.

Leah Folpp
Coordinator

Merriwa Pre-School
Kindergarten Assoc.
Our new Student of the Week is Jack Sumpter-Cornish! Jack was voted Student of the Week by students and staff for ‘improved interactions with his peers’ as well as ‘improved effort and application in all key learning areas’. One of the qualities of a good Cassilis learner is asking questions to improve learning and Jack asked many great questions last week including “Why the word ‘Dad’ can be a proper noun sometimes and a common noun at other times?”

He practiced hard to qualify in high jump ready for Pittman Cup and didn’t just give up when he made a few mistakes in his learning. It was good to see that Jack was working hard to improve his behaviour last week and following each of the Cassilis school rules. Congratulations and keep up the wonderful work, Jack!

**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 by calling (02) 4905 0700 or email Early.Links@vinnies.org.au.

**GRIP LEADERSHIP, DUBBO**

On Friday Year 5 and Mrs Grinham travelled to Dubbo to the Grip Leadership Conference. Students engaged in activities to learn how to lead and how to plan activities at school.

Maddie: I liked the last session with the noisy part where everyone got up on stage and danced. We learnt to stick up for ourselves and others more often.
With jam, honey or vegemite
Raisin toast 50c
Orange or apple fruit drink $1.00
Warm milo $1.00

* Parent Helpers needed to assist *

**AFTER SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRE IS BACK!!**

Wednesday 3.15-4.00pm

Keep Wednesday afternoon free for learning centre!

This term we will be offering games and puzzles, personal interest projects, gardening and parent workshops.

Come along and let us show you how we teach reading and maths and learn about the new Australian Curriculum.

Rules:

- Your parent must be here or send a note saying you can stay
- It’s not a play time
- If you misbehave you go home – remember it’s voluntary and you don’t have to be here
- Have fun, be happy
- Any parents or community members who would like to offer an activity please see a staff member or contact the school on 6376 1009. All welcome!

**JUNE 17 – 18 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

Everyone is clever in their own way. All students at Cassilis Public School are clever – just ask them what they have been learning!

Jeanette Grinham
Relieving Principal
Merriwa Ringer

**WINTER BREKKY CLUB**

Now available!
Monday to Friday 8.30-8.50am
Have your breakfast at school with us.
Available every morning.

**BREAKFAST CLUB MENU**

Cereal - Rice Bubbles with milk (per bowl) $1.00
Porridge with milk $1.00
Toasted cheese sandwich $1.00
Toast (per slice) 50c
WEEKLY AWARDS

Abby Cooper - improved book work
Reece McCandless - working well in all areas
Nicholas Terrell - consistent effort in all areas
Dustynn Turner - reaching level six in sight words
Bill Chambers - fantastic effort in mathematics
Noah Adams - wonderful work on measurement activities
Austin Adams - using his sounds knowledge when writing.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten/Year1/2 - Marshall Hinze and John Ward.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Isabella Wallace - having a positive attitude towards all areas of school.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK

Andrew Harris - showing great sportsmanship.

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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

June 6: Open Church “Holy Trinity” - 9.30-11.00am and then 2.00-3.00pm

June 7: Blessing of the Fleece and Farmers service “Holy Trinity” - 9.00am.

The great 50 days of Easter culminated last Sunday with the Pentecostal festival of fire, wind and spirit. And so we celebrate God’s Holy Spirit that gives vitality to all of creation. It brings defeated people back to life, transforms decaying structures, breathed new life into the disciples, birthed the Christian Church, and groans with us in our birthing, growing, and becoming.

The disciples' experience of the Spirit at Pentecost is as a fulfillment of a promise (covenant) made by Jesus at the last supper.

Thank you, God for this special day.

Thank you for this time to celebrate how your spirit fills us with strength and courage to share your love with others in our world.

Rosalie Drew

Ringer Deadline!
Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.
HOW TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST UPPER AIRWAY INFECTION (COMMON COLD, FLU, VIRAL INFECTIONS)

1. **Drink plenty of water**
   - 3-4 litres a day for an adult, if you sweat a lot... drink more
   - if you have no fever – drink warm water
   - if you have a high fever – drink water at room temperature

   This:
   - replaces fluid loss due to high temperature, nasal and phlegm discharge
   - loosens the thickness of mucus in the lungs or sinuses and helps to bring it out
   - prevention of blocked up sinuses (causing sinusitis) and in the lungs (causing Pneumonia)
   - gives you better blood flow, removal of toxin (products of inflammation) from the body by passing urine

2. **Gargle with warm, salty water 2-4 times a day** (At least after breakfast and before going to bed) for a sore throat
   - kills germs in the mouth and throat
   - reduces inflammation of the tonsils and throat

3. **To boost up your defense/immune system to kill the germs**
   - get plenty of rest/sleep (go to bed an hour earlier and sleep in an hour later)
   - stop smoking during this time as smoking reduces the airway defence mechanism
   - high protein diet (beef, boiled eggs, roasted chicken, chicken soup, etc)
   - make soup with plenty of ginger, onion and garlic .... would help
   - eat two oranges and two apples a day at least (to replace electrolytes lost in sweat and nasal discharge/mucus)
   - drink warm milo, sport sustagen etc
   - take a multivitamin tablet every day
   - Vitamin C (1000mg a day for adults, 250mg a day for children)

4. **Take Paracetamol = Panadol = Panamax**
   - for fever higher than 38.5c or aches and pain – unbearable or disturbed your sleep due to head ache or pain

   **Dosage**:
   - for adult - two tablets every 6-8 hours no more than four times a day
   - for children - 15 mg/kg every 6 hours no more than four times a day

5. **For blocked nose caused by common cold**
   - Chest rub – on chest/throat and cover the head with a blanket – helps to release mucus

6. **Prevention from spreading of the germs (viruses/ bacteria) through our mouths and noses**
   - cover the mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
   - dispose the tissue properly in a bin
   - wash the hands with soap and wipe our hands with antiseptic solution

   It is our moral duties not to spread the bugs to our love ones, family members, friends and our community. By doing this, it is not to help the bugs circulating around us, which may prevent the bugs from mutation and to prevent ourselves from not to get more notorious strain of bugs again.

7. **Most vulnerable group who suffers from flu are most importantly**
   - elderly people (can be even lethal)
   - those who have low immunity due to any health problems
   - smokers
   - Generally, healthy people recover quite well from flu
   - Immunisation for Influenza and Pneumonia (inflammation of the lungs), come and discuss with us.

8. **When the phlegm/nasal discharge is yellow, green, brown or rusty in color, you feel very unwell or have a fever over 39c or you are unable to shake it off after 3-7 days, you may need antibiotics so come and see us.**

Dr Cho
Applications are open for the 2016 Exchange Team which will exchange with a group from District 3460 (Taiwan). The exchanges are for teams of young professionals (25-40 years old) who will go to another country to observe their professional counterparts in action and to exchange ideas and information. The exchange experience is strengthened by providing cultural immersion through home hosting.

Anyone from the Merriwa area who feels qualified and who would like to participate is invited to contact one of our club members.

Our club was able to provide assistance during a recent police operation by providing food for search parties at very short notice. Thank you to all that assisted at such short notice.

Next week we shall report on the attendance of three Merriwa representatives at the Model United Nations Assembly held in Muswellbrook. Their role will be as Egypt’s delegates.

Mark Smith

Portrait Photography

QUICK TIPS FOR TAKING PHOTOS

1. **Move in Closer** - be sure to take that step closer so that the photo is not full of background noises

2. **Be quick** - Try to take the shot quickly so not to move or miss the image

3. **Compose with care** - Keep the horizon level, crop out the extra elements, try moving parts or all the subjects and work with rules of thirds

4. **Focus on your subject** - aim for the subject to be sharp and clear, using a smaller depth-of-field (and smaller f-stop) focuses all the attention upon your subject. This is great for taking a picture of your child, your dog, or your mum - subjects stand out against a blurry background

5. **Look at the light** - This doesn’t mean - look directly into the light, it means choose your light to compliment the image. Soft window light in a portrait is often complimentary

6. **Be bold** - Don’t allow yourself to be paralysed by fears of using the wrong settings.

http://www.betterphoto.com/exploring/tips.asp

Tina Taylor

Merriwa Rotary

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Merriwa Surgery

DR EMAD JASEM

For all your medical needs

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm.
Saturday by arrangement.

For appointments please call the surgery on 6548 2305.

We provide out of hours service to our patients who are registered with our surgery, if you call after hours for an emergency we will answer your call and give you the appropriate advice.

We provide in hours and after hours home visits for our patient who are in need of a home visit if there is a clinical need.

We have an excellent team from our receptionist staff to our highly skilled practice nurse.

The surgery provides screening for cancer and immunisation for all age groups.

We run a skin clinic in the surgery with different minor operations done under local anesthetic as well as cryotherapy (Freezing) of skin conditions that are suitable.

We will see and attend to all emergencies coming to the surgery.

We have the latest most advanced ECG machine available.

We do ‘bulk bill’ all children under the age of 16, all health card holder and pension card holders.

All follow up and health care checks are a bulked billed service provided by the surgery.

Merriwa Surgery is community oriented. We thrive to provide excellent services to our local community.

Dr Emad provides 24 hour on call services to Merriwa MPS for the days that have been allocated to him by the Hunter New England Health Service.

We provide a holistic approach to our patient health.

We have listened to the community and renovated a special children area within the surgery. We have also installed entertainment for our patients in our waiting room.

Dr Emad Jasem
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

Merriwa CWA

FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

Do you enjoy home cooking?

You have not eaten country until you have tried one of the tempting treats from the CWA Merriwa Branch. Morning tea and lunch will be available.

Starting at 8.00am on Saturday, the Merriwa Branch will be serving homemade soups, delicious Devonshire teas, and Cappuccinos.

Come in and say hello, and perhaps meet up with friends in our warm air conditioned rooms, with disabled access and clean rest rooms. There will be a DVD promoting the Merriwa district, along with a DVD of our local shearers.

Don’t forget the Poets Breakfast on Sunday sponsored by the Merriwa CWA Branch and held in the CWA Rooms, Bettington Street.

Enjoy a two hour entertaining breakfast full of laughs with the world’s best bush poet Carol Heuchan. The perfect way to finish the Festival.

Entry - $2.00. Prizes on offer for various categories and age groups. Breakfast will be provided by the CWA Merriwa Branch.

Bookings essentials as seating will be limited. Tickets available at the door, or pre-order through the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre on 6521 7046.

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 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

Thank You

Bob and I do not know how to thank every one for their assistance last week. We are completely over whelmed. Thank you to Peta and Andrew Luke and your team, to the RFS, to the Volunteers, our beautiful friends, Also the Police and thank you to Merriwa Central School.

To everyone, we love you, God Bless!

Also we are still missing our miniature pony. He is about 10 hands high, black in colour and about 15 years old. We think he could be in the vicinity of Cullingral Road. If you locate him can you please phone 6547 6050.

Bob and Jan Baihn

Merriwa Markets

When: June 20
Where: RSL Club footpath and building
Time: 9.00am till 12.00 noon

We have a variety of stalls and new stall holders are always welcome.

Contact: 0428 496 630

We operate the third Saturday of every month except January.

Julie Russell

In Memory

It is with sadness I pass on to the Merriwa Community Mrs Rosemary Bridge (Budden) passed away in Auckland on Wednesday 20 May, 2015.

Cheree Walmsley
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Community Notice Board

Merriwa Men’s Shed

FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

As the Festival of the Fleeces weekend approaches it seems a good time to report on the activities of the Men’s Shed.

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’.

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.

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. Please call me for more information on 0427 482 868.

Jim Alker

Thank You

Merriwa Rescue Squad would like to acknowledge the recent donation made by the Merriwa Trinity Markets for $1500.00.

The Squad appreciates the support it has received from Trinity Markets and will use the money towards the purchase of new equipment.

The Squad rely on the community for support so that we can continue to provide a service to the people of Merriwa and surrounding districts. It’s organisations like Trinity Markets that help make this possible.

Once again on behalf of the Rescue Squad, thank you.

Don Beeney
Merriwa Rescue Squad

St David’s Pie and Lamington Drive

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.

This will be our last one until Easter 2016.

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

Barbara Campbell

Messy Church

When: Friday May 29
Time: 3.30pm

We look forward to seeing you all again at the Parish Hall.
Theme is Pentecost, new life in the Spirit.

Rosalie Drew and Messy Church team

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If you need assistance from
Ambulance - Police - Fire
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We are fast approaching the Festival of the Fleeces and what better way to share the joy and fun of this weekend than to get yourself a sheep with red socks. We have many different styles of sheep available - big, small, different colours, hand puppets and more - all sporting the famous red socks. Get one for your grandchildren, or anyone else you can think of, before they run out the door.

CHARLIE BEARS

Come in and meet Otto. He is a larger bear with a unique brown striped pattern and big amber eyes. The artist who lovingly designed him was Heather Lyell. His paws have stitched pads, his nose is also hand stitched and all of his joints are movable. He is patiently waiting for someone to give him a big hug and take him home.

HALLMARK LOYALTY CLUB

We have a great loyalty program running in store at the moment. When you buy a Hallmark card you will receive a club card which gets marked off. Every time you buy a card we mark it off. When you go to buy your nineth card, it will be free (to the value of $4.99). This is a great deal for anyone who still appreciates the value in sending a card.

A NOVEL IDEA

Winter is closing in on us, the frost is threatening to arrive, the fog is getting thick and the air is steadily getting colder. This is the perfect time to dive into the fictional world of a novel. What better way to ignore the freezing wind, chilly night air and frost covered ground than to read a good book? All of our paperback fiction novels are $5.99. It doesn’t matter if it is action-packed, romantic, tragic, hilarious or fantastic; it is $5.99. The price gets better when you buy three books. When you buy three novels you only pay $14.99. This is a great deal and perfect for this time of year.

KNITTING AND CROCHET

It is the season to be rugging up against the cold, and there is no better way than in a warm, wooly, knitted jumper. There is nothing cosier than a big, thick, bright, crocheted blanket. The Better Homes and Gardens Knitting and Crochet Special Edition is finally out and comes with free pom pom templates and crochet hooks.

MODELS

Do not forget that we have some great model planes and shops in store. We have a great range including a large scale TITANIC. They are the perfect at-home craft project for yourself and your children. Come in and look at the different planes we have and choose one (or more) today.

LAY-BY

Do not forget that we do lay-by’s. They are not limited to Christmas time, and they are a great way to get what you need in a way that is affordable and efficient. Come in and talk to our staff about how you set one up today.

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Leanne Hook

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Michael and Sally Hagley
Spice Grill Merriwa

SIX INDIAN SPICES THAT HELP PREVENT DISEASES

According to a study published in The Times of India – Health and Fitness, six Indian Spices help to prevent many Diseases and they also form the base of Spice Grill’s Curries and Wraps too. And they are:

TURMERIC/CURCUMIN

This is the king of spices when it comes to dealing with cancer diseases, besides it adding a zesty color to our food on the platter. Turmeric contains the powerful polyphenol Curcumin that has been clinically proven to retard the growth of cancer cells causing prostate cancer, melanoma, breast cancer, brain tumor, pancreatic cancer and leukemia amongst a host of others. Curcumin promotes ‘Apoptosis’ – (programmed cell death/cell suicide) that safely eliminates cancer breeding cells without posing a threat to the development of other healthy cells.

FENNEL

Yes, it aids digestion and probably that is why we like chewing a handful of Fennel seeds at the end of every meal. Armed with phyto-nutrients and antioxidants, cancer cells have nothing but to accept defeat when the spice is fennel. ‘Anethole’, a major constituent of fennel resists and restricts the adhesive and invasive activities of cancer cells. It suppresses the enzymatic regulated activities behind cancer cell multiplication. A tomato-fennel combination with garlic or fresh salads with fennel bulbs make for an ideal entree prior to an elaborate course meal. Roasted fennel with parmesan can be another star pick.

SAFFRON

A natural carotenoid dicarboxylic acid called ‘Crocetin’ is the primary cancer-fighting element that saffron contains. It not only inhibits the progression of the disease but also decreases the size of the tumour by half, guaranteeing a complete goodbye to cancer. Though it is the most expensive spice in the world for it is derived from around 250,000 flower stigmas (saffron crocus) that make just about half a kilo, a few saffron threads come loaded with benefits you won’t regret paying for. Saffron threads can be used in various ways.

CUMIN

It aids digestion. However, its health benefits go beyond. A portent herb with anti-oxidant characteristics, cumin seeds contains a compound called ‘Thymoquinone’ that checks proliferation of cells responsible for prostate cancer. So, instead of loading your usual snack options with calories and oil, add this seasoning to your bread, fried beans or sauce and make the dish rich in flavour and high on health. You can rediscover the magic of cumin in your regular bowl of tadka dal and rice too!

CINNAMON

It takes not more than a half teaspoon of cinnamon powder every day to keep cancer risk away. A natural food preservative, cinnamon is a source of iron and calcium. Useful in reducing tumour growth, it blocks the formation of new vessels in the human body.

OREGANO

More than a pizza or pasta topping, oregano confirms its worth as a potential agent against prostate cancer. Consisting of anti-microbial compounds, just one teaspoon of oregano has the power of two cups of red grapes! Phyto-chemical ‘Quercetin’ present in oregano restricts growth of malignant cells in the body and acts like a drug against cancer-centric diseases.

Rohit Gaur
How often should my horse have his teeth done?

I can’t remember which wormer I’m supposed to use this time!

Come along and enjoy a fun night of prizes and giveaways with guest speakers and field specialists. Bring your questions and your friends and be prepared for an evening covering up to date information on topics such as worming and dentistry from industry experts.

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you could please contact office to advise attendance 6548 2452.
SENIOR YOUTH WORKER - PART TIME (20 HOURS PER WEEK) - MERRIWA

The Role

Council is seeking an enthusiastic and professional individual to undertake the above position. The primary role of this position is to manage Merriwa Youth Centre, program all Council Youth Centres and plan and implement annual short term projects including Youth Week and the Young Endeavour Scheme.

What you will need

All applicants must possess tertiary qualifications in Youth Work or a related discipline with a minimum of 2 years post qualification experience. Formal training and experience in programming and running skills groups is highly desirable.

Salary Range: $962.60 - $1078.10 per 38 hour week, in accordance with Council’s salary system. Other conditions are in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award and Council’s policies and procedures.

Closing Date: 4pm on Friday 19 June 2015

Enquiries and Further Information: Mary Spora, Youth Services Supervisor on 02 6540 1169.

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

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

Waid Crockett
General Manager

EXPRESSSION OF INTEREST – VACANT LAND

Vacant land at Collins Street, Merriwa is currently open for expressions of interest for rent or agistment.

This vacant land is at Lot 215, DP 1119716. The land is approximately 9 hectares in size, is fenced and requires stock water.

Written expressions to be sent to council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au by Friday 12 June 2015. Further information can be obtained by contacting:

P: Joanne McLoughlin 6540 1158.

FLOCK ON UP!
ROSTO OLIVES FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

For the 25th year, the traditional Running of the Sheep will lead the Saturday parade at noon, but there are still surprises in store in 2015 including a sheep ‘poo spitting’ competition and ‘yarn bombing’ to celebrate Australian Wool.

All day Saturday there’s plenty of food and fun on offer from early with exhibitions of knitting, wool spinning, quilts, shearing, working sheep dogs, and blacksmithing, along with live music, a Welcome to Country at 11am and more than 150 variety stalls.

At the Kids Corner children can get up close with different animals and activities. After the parade is the dog high jump, the Croc Star Reptile Show, displays of whip cracking, and competitions in gum boot throwing and sheep ‘poo’ spitting (how far can you spit a chocolate coated sultana?).

Head over to the Merriwa Showgrounds on Saturday for Sheep Yard Dog Trials, a photographic exhibit, champion Clydesdale and Shire Horses, team penning, and loads of entertainment for the kids finishing with Kaboom fireworks at 6.15pm.

On Sunday the Sheep Yard Dog Trials continue and be sure to book for the Bush Poets Breakfast with poet Carol Heuchan from 9am Sunday morning by contacting the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre on 6521 7046.

Monies raised from the Festival are donated to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and the Merriwa Volunteer Rescue Association who provide essential services in the region.

The Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces committee chairperson Cr Deirdre Peebles said 2015 was shaping up to be the most exciting and entertaining festival in 25 years.

The Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces committee thank our major sponsors, Rosto Olives, NBN Television, the Merriwa CWA, and the Upper Hunter Shire Council as well as all of the community sponsors listed in the festival program.

The full festival program is available at the Scone and Merriwa Visitor Information Centres (VICs).

For more information contact the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre on 6521 7046, see the Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Facebook page or visit www.upperhuntercountry.com
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Support the Ringer regularly but can't find your business? Contact Tina on 6548 2119.
130 Richmond Grove Road Sandy Hollow

TWO HOMES ON 112 ACRES!

Situated just five minutes from Sandy Hollow with the convenience of a local shop, school and pub, only 15 minutes to Denman and 30 minutes to Muswellbrook, this 112 acre property is very well located. There are two homes ideal for a large family or to lease one out and receive an income. The main home has three big bedrooms all with ceiling fans and one with a built in robe. A large lounge with a combustion fire and reverse cycle air conditioning plus a second living area at the rear of the home. The kitchen is in excellent condition with an electric stove and a huge walk in pantry. There is an attached dining area coming off the kitchen. The second home also has three big bedrooms with ceiling fans. The living area is a large open plan design with a good quality kitchen with a gas stove, dining and lounge featuring a reverse cycle air conditioner. The property is currently used for horses but would cater to cattle if you choose. There is a six bay American barn stable complex with power and water connected, as well as an attached carport ideal for a big horse float or tractor. A double garage with power, four bay machinery shed, two bay open shed, numerous shelters, chicken coop with yard, and a 20m x 30m arena. The property is fenced into 12 paddocks with water available to all. Water is supplied via a stock dam and over 110,000 litres of fresh water storage. The land is mostly flat to slightly undulating country with a small amount of timbered ridge. This property has very good infrastructure in a great location and is well worth an inspection.

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UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Development Environmental Services Committee
Tuesday 9 June 2015, 10.00am

Works & Technical Services Committee
Tuesday 9 June 2015, 1.00pm

Merriwa Aged Hostel Committee
Tuesday 9 June, 3.30pm, Gummun Hostel, Merriwa

Community Services Committee (incorporating Youth Sub Committee & Community Safety Precinct Sub Committee)
Tuesday 9 June, 5.30pm

Library Services Advisory Committee
Wednesday 10 June, 5.30pm, Aberdeen Library

Finance Committee
Friday 19 June 2015, 1.00pm

Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday 22 June 2015, 5.00pm

All meetings are held at Council’s Administration Centre, Scone, unless otherwise stated.
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CLUBS

Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $550.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 217, this week it jackpots to $600.00. The 7.00pm draw for $140.00 was not won the number was 413, this week it jackpots to $160.00. The 9.00pm draw for $280.00 was not won the number was 608, this week it jackpots to $300.00. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $550.00 was not won last week the number was 491, this week it jackpots to $600.00 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.

New to our Menu - Wagyu burger

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.

Merriwa, the birth place of Pony Club.....

MERRIWA JUNIOR LEAGUE AND NETBALL CLUB

President: Andrew
Vice President: Murray Wright
Junior Vice President: Elaine Sparrow
Treasurer: John Sparrow

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Merriwa Sports Club

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Mondays - Happy Two Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Thursdays - 6.00pm Bingo - Prizes of club and meat vouchers. Raffle and Super 39 special prize
Fridays - Happy Two Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm, free raffles and Chook Wheel.
Saturdays - Monster Raffle drawn from 7.45pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday badge draw
Sundays - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of $25.00 meat or fuel vouchers

Last Sunday each month - Smorgasbord all you can eat Chinese entree, mains and desserts.

Casual Bowls and Golf also available. Donations in honesty box.

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

For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

DON'T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY MAY 31

WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday Raffle May 23
Saturday members draw no 416, not won – next week $220.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $340.00

Free Tickets: Matt H
Dinner: Paul Cronin
Bowls Raffle: J Cronin

Sunday Raffle May 17
Sunday members draw - No 331, was won. Next week $300.00.

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

WOMENS BOWLS

Women’s Bowling Club AGM is on Wednesday June 24 at 2.00pm. Affiliation fees are now due and should be paid by 30 May, 2015 either to Beatrice or Loretta. Fees are $50.00 per member ($1.00 for bowls for others is optional). We welcome new players to our club.

Eight players went to Dunedoo friendship day on May 20. All had a great day. After a delicious lunch, presentations were made to the following players.

Winners – Mick Large, Ali Goonan, Brian Cooper
R/u – Albert Edined, Joy Hancock, Ron Cosgrove
Raffle – Steve Taylor(Coolah).

Congratulations to all.

Mixed social bowls on Wednesdays at 10.00am to start. All are welcome to come and join in.

Loretta Cooper

UNCLASSIFIED

No bowls last weekend due to the weather, so this will be a short report. This weekend we travel to Forster for the zone playoffs, see how we go. Also the bowls section are catering for the Festival of the Fleeces. If you are available could you please give Ken, Des or myself a call as we need six or more to man the BBQ.

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 - $60.00 – Katie Weiss – unclaimed - $65.00 next week

Joker Draw – $1263.00 – Kevin O’Malley – unsuccessful – $1294.00 next week.

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

Hilary Parker
**MERRIWA RSL CLUB UNDER 6’S**

We travelled to Aberdeen to take on the Tigers. We had four players so it looked as though we wouldn’t get to play but lucky for us, Miriam and Kallum were able to help us out (thanks to Aberdeen for letting us).

We scored the first two tries before Aberdeen scored then we did a little back’n’forths of try scoring. We tackled well. All players got in and had a good go.

Try scorers, this week were Kallum, Riley and Tye.

Next week, we head to Scone.

Gaynor Blackadder

**ROSTO UNDER 7’S**

Well done to Under 7’s this week who played Scone at Aberdeen. Once again, Merriwa had all team members turn up as well as Zac who is regularly playing up after his Under 6’s game. Zac played a good game all round, attacking and defending all game and always there to help the team out. Seth scored a try early on with a tap from the halfway line using some side stepping to get through the opposition’s defence. Jack gave it all he had on the attack, trying out a few different strategies to try and get through the strong defence of the Scone side.

Well done on getting Player of the Match this week Jack. Kallum defended well taking some great tackles, showing a real maturity and great understanding of the game so young. Miriam and Matt once again were always there to run the ball and help out with tackles, Matt showing initiative in staying back on the defence line to try and catch any of the other team who managed to escape the first tackle. Nate inched his way closer to the try line again this week. Nate is showing more confidence, strength and skill each week and he is getting closer to making some great tackles on the chase too. Keep up the training kids, you all improve each week. See you all at Scone this Saturday

Katie Byfield

**KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S**

On Saturday, the 8’s travelled to Aberdeen where they played against Singleton Red. With the help of Jack, Kallum and Miriam, (Kallum and Miriam playing their third game), the 8’s played a great game of footy. As always, there were plenty of excellent tackles and some good, hard runs from the team. Jackson scored a hat trick with three tries and Toby scored one two. Harry, Toby and Jackson worked brilliantly in defence and never gave up. Maddison made some amazing runs which gained us a lot of metres. Duncan and Logan, as always, made some hard runs, getting out of our half, which was good to see. Kallum and Jack were involved heaps with some good runs and tackles. Jack even managed to take down their biggest player, so well done. Miriam had a few runs and tackled well until she came off hurt. In the end, it seemed our defence wasn’t good enough for Singletons attack as they let them score one more try to them, but they still played great.

It wasn’t announced after the game, however, Player of the Match went to Maddison this week. She made some great runs and a few great breaks. She tackled extremely well too. Good job Maddison.

John Cronin

**KINGSLYN UNDER 9’S**

Last Saturday 9’s played against Denman at Aberdeen. Once again both teams were evenly matched. Great defense from the whole team. Brooklyn has really improved on her defense from last year, she is getting in and putting her body on the line and as always she was fast and hard to catch in attack. Jyeson was outstanding in defense and brilliant running the ball, best game I’ve seen him play this year. Jack Shannon has rejoined our team - welcome back Jack, he didn’t waste any time, getting straight into action and had a great game. Riley, Dylan, David and Clayton all excelled at defense once again showing grit and determination and Thomas, Jackson and Tyrell were out zippy runners, weaving through the defense and proving to be hard to stop. I’m pretty sure Jyeson was the only one to score a try, but defense is everything in rugby league and they sure did defend well. Well done U/9’s, keep up the good defense, start running onto the ball in attack and you will be unstoppable.

**ROCKWELL UNDER 12’S**

On Saturday the boys travelled to Morpeth for a cold muddy early start. Morpeth got a couple of quick try’s away but we hit back with a try to Will, unfortunately the mud made for a slide attempt at conversion resulting in a miss and a
very muddy backside. The boys attack was good but still requiring some work in defence. The end result was 36-4 Morpeth’s way. Man of the Match was Lachlan who played a cracking game, it’s great to see Lachlan gaining confidence as each game goes by.

Sunday was a foggy start at home were we took on Cessnock, the boys brought their A game and a huge turnaround in defence made for a much more respectable final score of 24-8 Cessnock’s way. Two tries unconverted were made by Damien and Mark with Damien picking up Man of the match. Damien was everywhere and made some great runs along with Will and Darcy. It’s great to see the boys improve with every game and they are starting to work well as a team. A big shout out to Belinda who managed to get the filthy jerseys washed and dried Saturday night ready for Sunday’s game.

Allan Bristow

MERRIWA NETBALL NEWS

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EQUINE PARADE ENTRY FORM

The Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee and our major sponsor ROSTO Olives, invite you to be part of the 2015 Festival of the Fleeces Parade celebration. Whether you are a past or new participant we welcome your involvement.

To enter the 2015 Parade please complete the entry form (below) and return form to the Committee, PO Box 111 Merriwa or scan back to Email:- lgarment@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au by 23 MAY 2015.

The theme for the 2015 ROSTO Olives Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Parade is ‘EVERYTHING AUSTRALIAN WOOL’.

Non-equine entrants (floats etc) MUST be appropriately decorated to reflect the theme of ‘Everything Australian Wool’, or the Committee has the right to refuse entry in the Parade on the day. [Please note: Vintage cars are exempt from decoration].

MERRIWA FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES PARADE 2015
HORSE ENTRY FORM

Theme: ‘EVERYTHING AUSTRALIAN WOOL’
Date: SATURDAY 6 June 2014 (Commencing at 11.45am)

Name &/ or Organisation:...........................................................

Address: ........................................................................................................

Telephone No: ............................................................... Contact Name:............................................................... Email: ..............................................................................................

Entry Description for Parade Commentary: (20 words or less, attach sheet if need be) .................................................................................................................

YES / NO (Please circle) Child/ren riding horses in Parade

NB:- Each entry involving children under 12 must have a supervisor.

If necessary such children must be led or controlled by a responsible person during the Parade. Whilst riding horses, riding helmets should be worn.

Name of Supervisor.................................................................Telephone: ............................................................

Terms and Conditions
1. All participants in the parade enter at their own risk.
2. The Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee and Upper Hunter Shire Council do not accept responsibility for injuries sustained by participants or any damages to property.
3. The Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee has the right to refuse entries.
4. Children under the age of 12 riding horses must have a supervisor and if necessary such children must be led or controlled by a responsible person during the Parade. Please adhere to this requirement otherwise exclusion from the Parade may be enforced.
5. It is highly recommended that riding helmets be worn whilst participating in the Parade.

I have read and agree with all the terms and conditions set out to participate in the parade:

Signed .......................................................... Date _________________________

ENQUIRIES:
The Secretary Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee
Liam Garment (02) 6521 7046 – Fax (02) 6521 7086
Email: lgarment@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

CLOSING DATE – 23 May 2015 LATE ENTRIES MAY BE EXCLUDED

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## Community Calendar

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

### MAY
- **Friday 29**  
  - Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

### JUNE
- **Friday 5**  
  - Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Opening Night - Merriwa Sports Club - 6.30pm
- **Saturday 6**  
  - Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces - 7.30am til late  
  - Open Church at Holy Trinity - 9.30am - 11.00am and 2.00pm - 4.00pm  
  - Running of the Fleeces -12noon  
  - Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Fire Works - 6.15pm
- **Sunday 7**  
  - Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces - 7.30am til late  
  - Holy Trinity - Blessing of the fleece and farmers service - 9.00am
- **Friday 19**  
  - Merriwa Bushman’s Campdraft
- **Saturday 20**  
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  - Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am
- **Sunday 21**  
  - Merriwa Bushman’s Campdraft
- **Friday 26**  
  - Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

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