Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces a huge success
Photography Competition

Entries close: JUNE 1 AT 12 NOON

Topic for the month is:
WET AND WONDERFUL – FARM ANIMALS WITH WATER

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

MERRIWA FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECEs

PUBLISHED IN THE RINGER ON: JUNE 4

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages.

Email your photos to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Last week, a group of budding journalists from our school were published in the Newcastle Herald. Stories ranged from student leadership, Aboriginal education, opportunities for girls, Centenary of ANZAC, and safe schools coalition. Our students worked tirelessly to produce an entry that we can all be proud of. Judith Whitfield from the Newcastle Herald was once again impressed by the quality of work that our students produced: “I just wanted to congratulate your team on another great entry in the competition this year. Once again your stories touched on topics affecting the community and the photographs were great!”

This is the fifth consecutive year that we have been involved in the Newcastle Herald School Newspaper Competition and it provides a valuable opportunity for our students to write for a real world audience.

PETTING ZOO A ROARING SUCCESS

ROAR was honoured to participate in the 25th anniversary of the Festival of the Fleeces over the long weekend. This was the fourth year of the crowd favourite Petting Zoo, and there were many smiling faces who enjoyed their time with the array of animals on display. The Petting Zoo raises money for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter each year, and this past weekend we raised $1206.15 for this valuable charity. The Petting Zoo can only be successful with the support of our community and this year was certainly no exception. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated animals to the Petting Zoo, Welderup and Hunter Mutual for their support and of course all of the ROAR boys who donated their time and effort across the day.

A special mention also needs to go to Will Taylor, whose dedication to ROAR and the coordination of the Petting Zoo has been invaluable.
Merriwa Ringer

Primary News

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our latest book award recipients on all your hard work last week. Well done to:

Kindergarten: Shayla Cronin
Year K/1: Kallum Heang
Year 2: Zane Smith
Year 3/4: Jye Byfield
Year 4/5: Samantha Bristow
Year 5/6: Joanne Hamson

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

At last week’s assembly we had many students work demonstrate the great work that is going on in our classrooms. We were treated to samples of Mathematics, Health, Science, Handwriting and HSIE. Well done to our workers of the week:

Kindergarten: Shayla Cronin and Ava Johnston
Year K/1: Amy Zhu, Matthew Grady and Rory Wallings
Year 2: Annabelle Orton, Brooke Sampson, Lily Swan and Harry Cook
Year 3/4: Tyrell Heang and Kaitlyn Smith

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FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

The Festival of the Fleece was a wonderful success for the town, even claiming fame on the NBN news. Thank you to all our students who participated in the parade, representing your school with pride. A special congratulations go to the Primary fife band for all their hard work rehearsing for the parade. They led us in school uniform and played ‘The Grand old Duke of York’ and ‘Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree’ along with the drum accompaniment. Thank you very much to Miss Kershaw for all your hard work teaching our new fife students these songs and learning to march while playing. It’s not an easy thing to learn and the fife band did a wonderful job. We look forward to their next performance.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Congratulations to our Bronze Award winners from the assembly last week. To obtain a Bronze Award students need to hand in five Merriwa Merits from this year to their classroom teacher. Well done to Thomas Campbell, Emma Khan, Thomas Amidy, Shayla Cronin, Paige Carrall and Cadence Tudor.

Year 4/5: Jake Williams and Ildiko Tashman
Year 5/6: Joanne Hamson, Jack Wallings and Hasan Tashman

ASSEMBLY SING-A-LONG

At last week’s assembly our Year 2 class did a wonderful job of leading our latest sing-a-long ‘The Ants go Marching’. Everyone had a wonderful time joining in on the lyrics and actions to the song. We look forward to our next sing-a-long!
DRESS LIKE A PIRATE!

Next Wednesday 17 June the primary campus will be visited by the performer Alan Sloggett with his performance called ‘Heave Ho Off We Go’. This will be a wonderful dramatic performance complete with theatrical illusions, juggling, ventriloquism and lots of laughs. All Primary students will be attending the performance in the morning session of the day. We will be having an ‘Out of Uniform’ day with a gold coin contribution for the show. We encourage everyone to dress like a pirate for the theme of the show. If you have any questions please see your child’s class teacher.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING EXCURSION

Next Friday 19 June the Year 5 and 6 Science and Engineering excursion will be on. Students are expected to be at school before the bell time at 8.40am and will return at 3.45pm. Please note students will need to be picked up at school at this time. If your child is allowed to walk home please notify the school before next Friday. Students will need to bring a bottle of water and morning tea, lunch will be provided. Students are required to wear full school uniform. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Moore.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

Secondary News

2015 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RINGER ARTICLE

Well, what a start to winter. As the icy wind blew across the Merriwa Sports grounds on the first day of June, the students of Merriwa Central showed off their sporting prowess in front of friends, family and staff. Students competed in both track and field events on the day and even finished with a bout of tug-o-war. I have to say that I was impressed by the amount of long-held records falling throughout the day, which is of course a sure sign of future sporting stars coming up through the ranks. This year, for the first time I can remember, the greatest house, Oxley, took the honours with a grand total of 968 points; followed by a strong Wentworth on 944, Blaxland with a measly 903 and a stunned Lawson on 815. Congratulations to all the students who participated to make the day fun and memorable and in particular the successful age champions. This year the Junior boys champion was Jack Fairhall, 11 years William Whitby, 12 years Nicholas-James Whitby, 13 years Benjamin Nebauer, 14 years Dean Swan, 15 years Ben Keane, 16 years Cody Towell and the senior boys champion was Matthew McLennan. The junior girls champion was Samantha Bristow, 11 years Alethea Fawcett, 12 years Morgan Keys, 13 years was shared by Elly Blackadder and Sarah Nairne, 14 years Hannah Riley, 15 years Maddilyn Blackadder, 16 years Alkira Tritton and the senior girls champion was Taylah Blackadder. Now it’s

Favourite Subject: Mathematics
Best Personal Achievement: Placing first in the 100m and 200m sprints and second in the 400m race at this year’s athletics carnival
Year Advisor’s Comment: Joshua is a personable young man who readily greets everyone with a smile. He is an enthusiastic student who takes pride in his work and always tries his best. Congratulations Josh upon your wonderful achievements at the athletics carnival you are a deserved Student of the Week.

Lois Harrison - Acting Year Adviser

Student of the Week
Joshua Birles
Year 8

Merriwa Ringer
time to start preparing for the Secondary Zone Athletics which will be held in Scone on the Friday June 12. Good luck to all those travelling to compete against the area’s best this week.

Why I want to be in ROAR: To improve my skills physically and mentally
Favourite Subject: Practical Tech
Favourite sport: Rugby League, soccer, cricket
Favourite team: South Sydney Rabbitohs
Favourite player: Greg Inglis and Isaac Luke
Best personal sporting achievement: Getting best butterfly for 2013
Who inspires you: My dad because even in hard times he gets on with the job
Advice to young players: Don’t ever give up on your goals throughout your life.

CAREERS NEWS
UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER

This week all VET students and all the students who have recently achieved their White Cards, have been given forms for their parents and carers to fill out requesting a Unique Student Identifier (USI).

“As of January 1, 2015, everyone who undertakes nationally recognised training must have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). The USI is required so that students can be issued with a credential outlining their VET achievements. This requirement also applies to students in schools who are undertaking a VET course as part of their study.” DEC.

Please ask your child, if they are doing a VET subject about this form, and help them to request a USI via the internet. The forms are due back to Mr Beiers or the students VET teacher Week 8.

SMH HSC Study Guide - June 15 - General study tips and exam advice from classroom teachers. Plus an online version with videos from teachers answering previous HSC exam questions and providing subject advice, and videos of 2014 high achieving students.

Scholarship Opportunities for Teaching - Do you have HSC students who would make great teachers? The timing couldn’t be better as the Department launches the 2016 suite of scholarships and cadetships assisting students financially and ensuring a permanent teaching position to begin their successful career in teaching. Register here http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers-centre/school-careers/teaching

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Mark Beiers
Careers Advisor

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Once again ‘Josie the Sheep’ made an appearance at the Festival of the Fleeces. After last year’s debut we were asked to lead the parade behind the sheep. What an honour and how fantastic did we look! Thank you to all who participated and for the parents who helped get the students ready. A special mention to Mel Bates who transported Josie safely to the parade and back home again. I would also like to mention our students who participate in the parade for different community groups, Merriwa Netball and Football, Team Penning, Merriwa Rotary…….. What a wonderful community spirit we have in our school.

Last Tuesday the staff travelled to Muswellbrook to participate in a Staff Spirituality Day. The St Joseph’s staff together with staff from St James’ Muswellbrook, St Mary’s Scone and St Joseph’s Aberdeen came together and listened to guest speaker, Father Richard Leonard SJ, a Jesuit priest from Sydney who is a specialist in films and media technology, and is the Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting. He has also lectured around the world and is an author of several books including ‘Where the Hell is God?’, ‘Why Bother Praying?’ and ‘What are We Waiting For?’ Fr Richard was a very inspirational speaker and spoke to us about - A sane take on Jesus, Making good decisions and our mission to change the world.

The day was filled with fantastic stories and insights into the world we live in and how we can truly live the Gospel messages in all that we do including our own interactions with the students we teach.

After a very cold start to the day last Wednesday we were very pleased to commence the athletics carnival for this year. We saw amazing participation from all athletes and great sportsmanship. A special thank you to Mrs Samantha Kerr and the fantastic parents who gave up their time to make the event such a success.

Students were selected from the carnival to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Scone today (Tuesday). We look forward to hearing the results and thank Miss Paige Farrow for accompanying the students.
Reports will go out at the end of the week. Parents will have an opportunity to attend an interview with their child’s teacher.

Next week Stage 3 have three very important events to participate in: The Coal and Allied Upper Hunter Science and Engineering Challenge; Hairspray (a production by St Joseph’s Aberdeen students) and Middle Schools Day. Each of these activities provides wonderful learning opportunities which can’t always be met in the classroom.

We are very grateful that we are able to attend all these events at a minimal cost due to the availability of the St Joseph’s Aberdeen bus and thanks to the Catholic Schools Office.

Last week I was privileged to attend DioSounds. This event is in its eighth year and showcases talent from all the secondary schools in our diocese in the areas of dance, choral and instrumental music. During the performance, which took place at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle, I often had to remind myself that these performers were high school students. The level of professionalism was very high. This is definitely something I look forward to attending in the future.

This year we have purchased tickets for Yrs 3-6 to attend the ASPIRE production in Newcastle. ASPIRE is vibrant and alive and well into its fourth year, involving over 120 students from across 30 diocesan schools. The showcase for this year is titled “Stranger than Fiction”.

Anna Kerrigan, the director of ASPIRE, will once again be visiting us next week to work with staff as we begin our preparation for our own school production which will be showcased in September. Stayed tuned as we prepare for this important event.

Last week at our assembly we were the very excited recipients of a very generous donation from the ‘Merriwa Old Boys’ rugby league group. The donation consisted of a large variety of sporting balls which will be used by all students in the school. I would like to say thank you for such a generous donation.

Our annual Junior Campdraft and Fete is fast approaching and we invite everyone in the community to come down to the showground on Saturday June 27 to join us for this fun day. Along with the campdraft and sporting events, we will have a range of market stalls and fete activities for you to enjoy. Keep the date free and come on down for a great day out!

Anna Marie Peebles
Acting Principal
WEEKLY AWARDS

Hunter Marsh - consistent application in all areas
Ayden Marsh - wonderful effort in numeracy
Andrew Harris - fantastic contributions to class discussion in HSIE
Rowdy Walters - for working well in maths investigation
Noah Adams - trying hard during writing
Tyson Marsh - working well in maths.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kinder/Year 1/2 - Isabelle Pike and Archie Johnson
Year 3/4/5/6 - Abby Cooper, Amy Thompson and Sam Thompson.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Mikayla Borradaile

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK
Cambell Hinze - outstanding effort at Pittman Cup and soccer.

Christina Darlington
Principal
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

Congratulations to the Festival of the Fleeces team, well done, we had a continual stream of visitors to “Holy Trinity” photographic display on Shearing Sheds. Many thanks to Suzie and John Kirk for the organisation of the display.

The Guild ladies in the School of Arts did a roaring trade and they send out their thanks for all who contributed and partook of their fine food.

I guess now all of those who made this wonderful celebration of wool come together need to step back, and breathe deeply…. I found this prayer for them - So in a quiet, sunny spot on the veranda…..

**BREATH PRAYER**

**Intention:**
Today I only need to be held by Love

**Breathing in:** Where Love leads

**Breathing out:** I will follow

God help us to do things that show we are part of your family. Help us to welcome other people into your family, too.

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**Merriwa Rotary**

The Rotary Wheel emerged as a symbol of Rotary in the early 1920’s. It is a wheel of many cogs, each cog symbolically contributing to the overall work.

Merriwa has its own Rotary Wheel in Rotary Park at the western end of the town. It is the work of the late Bill Byfield.

Last Saturday’s Festival of the Fleeces showed how the Merriwa community, working together, can like many cogs can achieve a marvellous result.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ORGANISERS ON A JOB WELL DONE!**

Merriwa Rotary was but one of the many cogs with a great club effort by our members resulting in a smoothly flowing, well organised, successful operation. Work began at the Bow St corner in the ice cold of a “starry,starry night” as the Rotary team assembled all the equipment needed to run the large-scale and complex operation. (Each year, it improves as experience teaches us how to do it better) and as “the grey awakening that heralded the light” was happening, all systems were going and ready for our early breakfast customers.

The barbeque received great support from hundreds of visitors and from our local community. (I bought one of the steak and onion sandwiches late in the day and can endorse the many favourable comments the club received).

Our barbeque team finished the day as the sun was setting, enormously satisfied with having been part of a great effort by our town and district.

Our Rotary Exchange students took part in the Festival parade enjoying the opportunity to ride in Cadillac Convertible style.

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St David’s Church

LAMINGTON DRIVE

Orders have closed for this drive. If anyone has forgotten to order, please call Barbara on 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131 – we may be able to help you out as we do order Extras.

Delivery Date: Friday June 19
Time: From 10.30am
Place: St David’s Uniting Church
       Cnr Vennacher and Mackenzie Streets.

This will be our last drive this year; the next one scheduled for Easter 2016.

Barbara Campbell

Anglican Church

CLAIMING THE DATE

The Anglican ladies Guild will be holding a Casserole Lunch in the Parish hall August 14. More details later.

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa CWA

FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECEs AND POETS BREAKFAST

Special thanks to our loyal band of CWA members for their support on both Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you too to all those who customers who availed themselves of the good food, coffee and a place to sit and rest and enjoy good company.

Following an entertaining morning enjoyed by over 60 attendees at the Poets Breakfast on Sunday, congratulations to:

First place - Freda Harvey from Howard Queensland
Second place - Ken Tough from Pretty Beach NSW
Third place - John Adams from Boggabri NSW

A TASTE OF TUSCANY

Merriwa CWA will be celebrating this year’s country of study Italy at their International Day on Thursday June 25.

Join us at the CWA Rooms in Bettington Street, Merriwa from 11.00am for an 11.30am start. The menu includes:

- Rigatoni with cheese and sausage
- Cannelloni with spinach and ricotta cheese
- Tuscan Beef Stew
- Tuscan beans in garlic
- Tiramisu

and of course, coffee and Italian wine will be served – all for the cost of $15.00

RSVP to Vicki Hanson on 0412 555 417 or email vicson42@gmail.com by June 22.

So set the date aside and join us to savour Tuscan dishes and enjoy good company.

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday July 13 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.

Julie Russell

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.
Thousand attended from many locations to enjoy the atmosphere and events that promoted the importance of WOOL. The highlight of the Saturday is always the running of the sheep with Red Sox to start the street parade. The parade was started with the welcome to country performed by Aunty Ros, Elder of the Kamilaroi Aboriginal tribe and the blessing of the fleeces by the local clergy representing the three local Christian Churches.

A local pet sheep called Angus, which is led by local identity Felicity Telfer and exchange student Clara Piefke led out the 306 Dohne Merino sheep in the ROSTO Olives Festival Parade. Many photographs of the sheep were taken as they passed by in the parade. Mayor of the UHSC, Wayne Beddgood and Deputy Mayor Maurice Collison acted as Parade safety marshals ahead of the sheep. The sheep were guided by Peter Campbell, son Thomas, Cooper and Preston Boyd with dogs Benny and Tess.

The opening night with MC councillor Ron Campbell introducing singer Shelly Minson provided entertainment with the highlight of the evening being the fashion parade compered by councillor Deirdre Peebles.

The clothing was provided by the Australian Wool Innovation that were designed by leading designers of world class standard, showing the superior quality of the new woollen fabric. There were a number of clothes supplied by Di’s Clothing patch that were also modelled.

Wendy Ridgley of AWI who coached and fitted our seven local models to display and model the clothing to their best advantage. Many events and displays including a display float in the parade which incorporated the shearing and processing of the wool in the shearing shed. A sheep shearing display with electric machines and a blade shearing display was enjoyed by all.

The dog high jump competition achieved a festival record height of 2.25 metres. The dog’s name was Jack, owned by Megan Richards. Many other food stalls were in attendance along with the famous Hot lamb roll stall. Team penning events were an entertainment most of the day at the Showground. I would like you to include the great support of the 2GB RAY Hadley continuous call team. Mark Leven, The Big Marn, Bob Fulton and others.

As a side issue. For the first time we had the Jelly Bean propelling competition. The winner propelled the jelly bean 6.1 meters.

The day’s events were completed at the Showground with specialised whip cracking, gumboot throwing events followed by the fireworks display by Ka Boom fireworks.

On the Sunday morning, a poets breakfast with Carol Heuchon sponsored by the CWA, provided a most entertaining and enjoyable time. An open competition of poets to recite their poems and was judged on each performance.

First prize - Freda Harvey.
Second prize - Ken Tough.
Third prize - John Adams.

All competitors received a bottle of Rosto Olive oil. With the first prize winner Freda Harvey winning the perpetual trophy, Red Sox Bush Poetry Ward. Sponsored by Belinda and Mark Wilson of the Upper Hunter Fire Protection.
This long weekend has been great for us all – the weather was most co-operative, the crowds were plentiful and ready to watch, participate and spend.

At the Welcoming Centre things were very busy with plenty of customers, a large number who remembered us from previous visits and were eager to say hello. Amongst our visitors were a number of ex locals – always a welcome sight. The traders at the Centre had a great day with many buyers, but perhaps a special mention should be made to the residents of our wonderful Gummun Place Hostel. They have had a trading table with us for a number of years but excelled themselves this year with a gimmicky sales item directed at all those football supports or should I say football “nuts” around. A most popular addition to their table. Well done!

Also this weekend was the “unveiling” of our newest addition – the machinery Shed donated by the Alker family and affectionately known as “Jim’s toy box”. The exhibit attracted the attention of young and old “boys” who love their “toys”. A number of the displays are now permanently housed in the new shed, with more to come. So for all machinery lovers keep an eye on our car park for future additions.

I would like to thank our new traders who have shown faith in our establishment and have joined us. It is wonderful to see that our young people are now realising that the Centre provides a wonderful venue for their crafts as so many travellers now make the Centre a “must” on their Merriwa visit.

One final good news – the Pembroke Merriwa Jumbucks are still the World Record holders as the time achieved by the combined European was 5hrs 01min 28 sec. whilst the World Record set in 2004 stands at 4hrs 51min 14sec. Up the mighty Jumbucks!

Many thanks to everyone for your wonderful support!

Edith Shipway
We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who had a role in making the Festival of the Fleeces so successful this year. All of those who helped organize all of the different events and venues, the parades and the window displays. All of the people who participated in the different organized events, all of the participants in the Fashion Show and the Parade. It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves throughout the day.

Some of the stall holders commented that it was a joy to come to the Festival as the organizers are so easy to get along with and they always have a good day. It is a great reputation to have with those outside the town.

**HOT INK**

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**EOFYS SALE**

The end of the Financial Year has just about snuck up on us and tapped us on the shoulder. This being the case, it is time to re-stock your office supplies and claim it before the new one starts. We have box files, lever arch folders, archive boxes, manilla folders, display folders, filing cabinets, pens, hi-liters, markers, nd every other conceivable office product you could possibly need. Come in and look today. Stocks are limited so don’t leave it too late.

**DIARIES**

Be organises and get your Financial Diary NOW. It is important that you get one before they run out - we have different sizes and styles to suit any business needs.

**LOYALTY CARDS**

Hallmark cards are always a fantastic way to show someone that you care, that you are thinking of them, and in a world where we are inundated with technology - a way to surprise them. Do not let the only mail your loved ones receive be bills and official mail - sneak in a ‘just thinking of you’ card into the boring contents of the modern day mailbox. Hallmark and newsXpress understand the value of a card, and we are offering you a loyalty program whenever you buy one- why let the coffee companies rule the roost in this area? Every time you buy a card, get rewarded- and your 9th card is free (to the value of $4.99). Come in and get a Loyalty card today.

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Leanne Hook

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**LOST**

WAR METALS WERE LOST DURING THE FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES PARADE

Minature breast metals - Bar of 5 with K C Kelman inscribed around the edge of each circular button. The buttons are the size of a 5 cent piece.

If these have been found, please contact Julie Russell on 6548 2313

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Dr Noman Jawaad  
Medical Practice

WE ARE OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK

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

Dr Cho

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**Emergency Contacts**

If you need assistance from

Ambulance - Police - Fire

including Hazardous Incidents

DIAL 000

**Merriwa Phone Numbers**

Police (Administration Only) 6548 2203

Police Mobile 0408 293 423

Police Assistance Line 131 444

When reporting an incident to the Police, always request and record your Incident Reference Number

Fire Brigade (Administration only) 6548 2005

Hospital 6532 5000

Rural Fire Service (Administration and Duty Officer) 1800 081 166

SES Emergency Number 132 500

Merriwa Rescue Squad 6548 2538

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Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre & Men’s Shed

Merriwa Touch Football Club
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

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

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**Cassilis Bowling Club**

PH: 6376 1002
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2nd & 4th Sunday - Sun 8.30am
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**Rotary Service**

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Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $600.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 102, this week it jackpots to $650.00. The 7.00pm draw for $160.00 was not won the number was 656, this week it jackpots to $180.00. The 9.00pm draw for $300.00 was won the number was 4, this week it commences at $100.00. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $600.00 was not won last week the number was 693, this week it jackpots to $650.00 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.
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Sunday night music in the games room 7.00pm to 11.00pm.

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The Sports Club provides a wide range of benefits for members and guests.

**Mondays** - Happy Two Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

**Tuesdays** - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

**Thursdays** - 6.00pm Bingo - Prizes of club and meat vouchers. Raffle and Super 39 special prize

**Fridays** - Happy Two Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm, free raffles and Chook Wheel.

**Saturdays** - Monster Raffle. Tickets on sale at 6.00pm drawn 7.00pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday Badge Draw.

**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 6548 3228.

**DON’T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY JUNE 28**

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle June 6**
Saturday members draw no 383, not won – next week $240.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $380.00

Free Tickets: Beatrice Voysey
Dinner: Bruce Smith
Bowls Raffle: Wayne Whitely

**Sunday Raffle June 7**
Sunday members draw - No  291, was won. Next week $400.00.

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**TRIVIA NIGHT** – Twist Top Trivia – June 27 – 6.00pm

$10.00 per head, tables of eight. Come along and enjoy a fun night of trivia. Great prizes, great fun. Basket supper or purchase your snacks from the restaurant.

PLEASE NOTE – Saturday raffle tickets on sale from 6pm and drawn at 7pm during winter months.

**WOMENS BOWLS**
Women Bowls Club AGM will be held Wednesday June 24 at the Merriwa Sports Club commencing at 2.00pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Coolah Mixed Friendship Day is on Tuesday June 24 - casual dress. Cost - $10.00 for player including lunch. Names on the board at the Sports Club or contact Loretta by June 18. All are welcome to come along and join in a fun day.

Mixed social bowls on Wednesdays with a 10.00am start and casual dress. We welcome new members of the community to come along and learn the fundamentals of the game of bowls and join in the friendship and camaraderie of our club.

Loretta Cooper

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** - $70.00 – Ray Tillitski – unclaimed - $75.00 next week

**Joker Draw** – $1345.00 – Robert Peel – unsuccessful – $1392.00 next week.

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

Hilary Parker

Merriwa Ringer
SATURDAY NIGHT CUTOUT IN AID OF WESTPAC
RESCUE HELICOPTER

59 riders competed in three age divisions in the
inaugural Battle of the sexes competition.

Juniors 8 and Under 13 - Jemma Grady

Juveniles over 13 and under 18 - Mathew Porter

Open Ladies - Loreen Porter

Open Men - Larry Tolmie

Overall highest pointscore (from first round) -
Jemma Grady

Battle of the Sexes cutout (top eight teams) - Won
by the women

The top eight female and male riders battled it out
in a second round to be declared the inaugural
winners of the battle of the sexes cutout.

The women came from behind to win by an
astonishing 40 points.

TEAM PENNING FESTIVAL CHALLENGE

24 teams battled it out in a two run competition
where the scores and time from each round are
added together.

First: Doug, Loreen and Kellie Porter

Second: Mel Hassett, Peter and Carmel Tippett

WHIP CRACK

Under 6: Ryley Bishop

6 and under 12: Thomas Hunt

12 and under 18: Caitlin Porter

Open: Sam Keonn
Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

What a crowd we had on Sunday at the footy! It was great to see so many supporters there. Half of our gate takings are being donated to the Westpac Helicopter which in turn gives them $1100.00. This means that there were 440 paying adults. With children, there would’ve been more than 500 people at the game. A great day was had by all.

The Old Boys games started at around 11.00am and finished at 1.00pm. It was good to have an extra team this year and to see a lot of our old boys come back to play or just to watch. Thanks to Brock and Will for referring.

At 2.00pm, League Tag started with Merriwa Magpies taking on Denman She Devils. It was a warm day though thankfully, we had three water boys to keep us hydrated. The girls talking and passing well. Working as a team helped us pick up our first win, beating Denman 28-10. Try scorers were Taylah Blackadder and Kate Blackadder - two tries each, Shai Blackadder - one try and Brodie Hollier one try. Janaya Austin kicked two goals. Janaya also picked up Players Player. Congratulations Janaya.

The Reserve Grade kicked off at 3.00pm. Like the girls, Merriwa played Denman. What a good game our guys played, possibly one of their best. It was rumoured that Denman had a few first graders step down to play reserve grade though it didn’t seem to faze Merriwa. Merriwa were leading at half time and it was only in the last few minutes that Denman scored and converted to equal the game 16 all. Try scorers were Daniel Walmsley, Seth Morgan and Jonathan Nutt. Jeremy converted two goals. Players Player for this game went to Jonathan Nutt. Congratulations Jon.

To keep with the Festival of the Fleeces theme, not only were there sheep running in red socks, so were the Magpies. All Merriwa teams played in red socks and they looked smashing. Thank you to Merriwa Pharmacy and Di’s Clothing Patch for donating them.

A huge ‘Thank You’ must go to all the players that helped in the canteen, bar and the gates. You all did a brilliant job. Your help made the day run smoother especially those who stayed around to do an extra shift when we were busy. We’d also like to thank all the Old Boys who came to help in canteen and on gate especially Denny Gleeson for cooking the BBQ all morning then doing gate. Also to Duncan Morgan for helping Denny before he left to do his normal duties.

We have made a donation of $200.00 to the Old Boys for their help on the day. To Liam Cronin and Robyn Jacobs, thanks a million for being such wonderful bar staff. Jared Austin did the line for all games so thanks Jaz and thanks to the other gentleman for also helping with the lines in the girls game. I am hoping I haven’t forgotten anyone.

At the RSL after the game there was an auction. $1800.00 was raised for the Men of League.

This weekend, we travel to Singleton on Sunday. Girls kick off at 10.15am then guys at 12.30pm. Go you mighty Magpies!

Gaynor Blackadder
Community
What’s happening?
Send your calendar information in before 12 noon
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