St Joseph’s Junior Campdraft and Fete
this weekend

Enjoy the benefits of a better banking relationship, happily ever after.

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Letter from Legacy

Recently a letter was received from Eric Easterbrook in regards to the supply of rosemary that comes from Merriwa. Such a wonderful letter needs to be shared with the community.

Dear Residents of Merriwa,

I wish to thank you all as residents of the town of Merriwa for your kind support of Sydney Legacy, and for your invaluable assistance with Operation Rosemary held on April 25. We are so thrilled that the residents of Merriwa have continued on with the program to grow and supply Sydney Legacy with Rosemary for this annual event.

2015 has been a significant year for Sydney Legacy with 400 volunteers, consisting of Defence Force, Scouts, Guides, Cadets and members of the general public, assisting Legacy in preparing and distributing over 100,000 sprigs of rosemary to members of the public at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, march and supporting events.

The rosemary is given to the public as a gift from Sydney Legacy in remembrance of Australians who have died defending our country. Operation Rosemary assists us in increasing our public profile, enabling us to maintain and increase community support, and raise much needed funds.

Many people give donations as a ‘thank you’ for the rosemary, and over $63,500.00 was raised at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and march in the CBD. An additional $82,000.00 has been raised so far at sporting events, community fundraising and other activities.

Your assistance is invaluable and I assure you that the activity would not happen without your support. Your support allows Sydney Legacy to continue to provide services and support to more than 13,000 widows, children and people with a disability across New South Wales.

Legacy’s support includes funding for special housing, medical support, advocacy for widow’s pensions, and widow’s clubs for social interaction. Legacy assists children’s education with school books, uniforms and fees, and further supports youth development through Junior Legatee Camps.

Sydney Legacy looks forward to your continued support for our future activities.

Regards
Eric Easterbrook
President, Sydney Legacy

Festival of the Fleeces

YARN BOMBING

On behalf of the Festival Committee, a very big ‘Thank you’ to everyone who participated in making our ‘Yarn Bombing’ a huge success. So many community members took wool and spent many hours creating squares, scarf lengths, roses, sheep etc, and the red band representing the ‘Red Socks’, then putting them all together and dressing the trees and poles to make a great display for the Festival.

A special ‘Thank you’ to our Michelle Kruz from Murrurundi, who not only coordinated the exercise, but crotcheted many of the ‘Red Socks’, joined the pieces, and dressed the trees and poles. We certainly could not have done this so successfully without Michelle.

Don’t put the knitting needles and crotcheting hooks away – we still have some wool, and after a little rest, will look for more tree dressing, and creative ideas for the limbs of the trees. We’ll advertise when we begin again.

Rest assured – the dressings for this years trees are being stored securely, with moth balls, ready for next year’s Festival. The wool for the Yarn Bombing came from Nundle, financed by a Federal Government Arts Grant promoting Festivals and Effects.

Congratulations on a great community effort.

Barbara Campbell
Festival Committee

John Penninger

Merriwa Ringer
Wow this term has gone by so quickly! This Friday school reports will be handed out to students. Parents will have the chance to meet with teachers next term to discuss any questions or concerns. Also next term we will have our annual Variety Night and the theme this year is ‘Movies’. Notes have gone home to parents about costumes/props that students will need to provide for their performance. If you have any questions please see your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

I would like to give a very big thank you to all our Primary staff members. It has been a very busy term filled with carnivals, reports, excursions and lots of wonderful learning. Our students are showing great development and all our staff and students have earned a relaxing holiday break. We hope everyone enjoys a happy and safe break. We will see students again next term on Tuesday July 14.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Last week we awarded students with book awards that are sponsored by our wonderful P and C committee. We fully appreciate all the support they give us and are proud of the students who work hard every week to achieve their best. Well done to the following recipients:

- **Kindergarten:** Mya Haataja
- **Year K/1:** Isaac Constable
- **Year 2:** Steven Allen
- **Year 3/4:** Dylan Keane
- **Year 4/5:** Jasmine Smith
- **Year 5/6:** Katie Kelly

**Instructional Leader award:** Torah Coles

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**SCRIPTURE SHOW**

On Wednesday students participated in the end of term Scripture Show. Students have participated in some very interesting lessons this term and had lots of fun at the show. Thank you very much to our great Scripture teachers for all your dedication and support towards Merriwa Central School. We look forward to continuing lessons next term.

**REWARDS ACTIVITIES**

This Friday June 26 eligible Primary students will participate in rewards activities. Both the Infants and Primary students will participate in a ‘PJ’s, Popcorn and Movie’ session. Infants will be viewing ‘Bedtime Stories’ rated G and Primary will be viewing ‘Night at the Museum 3’ rated PG. Students may bring a small pillow that they can carry on their own from the Primary campus to the Great Hall. We look forward to a fun day!

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**Parent Teacher Interviews**

- **Tuesday July 21**
- **Contact the office to make your appointment.**
  - Primary: 6548 2101
  - Secondary: 6548 2119

**Coming Events**

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On behalf of the Maths/Science department I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break. Students will have a busy Term 3 and will need to be organised and on top of their work as the assignment due dates start rolling in.

On Wednesday June 17, Merriwa Central Students travelled to Muswellbrook for the annual Science and Engineering Challenge. Students participated in many activities including building a hovercraft, building an eco-house which had to stand up to fierce winds, building a bridge to hold up to 15kg and many other fun hands on activities. These activities are designed to stimulate students love for science and encourage them to follow engineering pathways at university.

On the day our team performed consistently across all activities, especially, the bridge activity led by Emma Cooper, Hanna Byfield and Ross Proctor. Our bridge weighed only 89 grams and was able to withstand four crossings of the increasingly weighted trolley. Unfortunately, the superingot proved too much and broke our bridge in two. Overall Merriwa Central School came fourth with 819 points; a great effort for a small Central School. Thank you to Newcastle University for hosting the event as well as Muswellbrook and Merriwa Rotary Club for volunteering their time to run the day.

Megan Sinderberry
Assistant Principal

Secondary News

HEAVE HO OFF WE GO

Last Wednesday, our students dressed as pirates and had the opportunity to watch a performance called ‘Heave Ho Off We Go’. The magician who performed had a split personality and at times was Magic Allen but regularly transformed into a pirate called Captain Hook. Captain Hook was impressed by the amount of pirate friends he met at Merriwa Central School.

Students were mesmerised by a range of magic tricks. Some of the tricks included bringing a dead pigeon back to life, making a drawing of a face talk and pulling a huge magic wand out of a tiny box. Our students asked many questions about how Magic Allen completed his tricks but a magician never reveals their secrets.
UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE – EXPERIMENT FEST

On Tuesday July 16, Year 12 students Ayesha Kiely, Liam Cronin, Elizabeth Hagley and Courtney Gibbons and I travelled to University of Newcastle for the Biology and Chemistry Experiment Fest.

The unique program is designed for HSC students to improve their skills and knowledge using a hands-on approach for selected difficult experiments and concepts.

Liam went to the Chemistry session, where he undertook a series of experiments, including: Sodium analysis of sport drink by Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy, determination of sulphate concentration in fertiliser by titration, analysis of nitrate concentration in storm water by UV-VIS.

Ayesha, Courtney and Elizabeth went to the Biology session, where they analysed factors that affect the rate of enzyme activity, identified and estimated the size of red blood cells and white blood cells, and measured oxygen saturation in the blood using a pulse oximeter.

Each activity provides students with an opportunity to use equipment that isn’t available at many secondary schools and conduct experiments that directly relate to the HSC syllabus in both Biology and Chemistry.

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember that the Merriwa Ringer is on holidays for the next 2 weeks. Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by Monday July 13 at 12.00noon.
AGRICULTURE REPORT

Even though the end of the term is approaching we are still a hive of activity in the Ag plot.

If you have driven past the Ag plot in recent weeks you may have noticed our new loading ramp. This ramp is adjustable which assists us greatly with transportation often being different sized trucks. This provides safe loading and unloading for our stock. There are many people we need to thank for their assistance including: Patrick Williams for assisting in demolition works of the old loading ramp, Merriwa Petroleum and Ag Supplies for arranging delivery, Leo Collins and Bob Telfer for assisting in the installation.

Early next term there will be fencing works completed on the back fence by our Primary Industries class with the assistance of our Ag Assistant, General Assistant and more kind community members. So, keep an eye out for that development.

Last week saw the arrival of a new steer and the beginning of this year’s steer season in earnest. We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Bates of Kingslyn once again for their kind donation and we look forward to working with ‘Milo’ over the coming months. He will be joined by our Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza steer this week, much to the excitement of this year’s team which is forming again, larger than ever!

Our heifer has settled in well and is glad to have some company, but she needs a name! We are running a ‘Name our heifer’ competition with all proceeds going to the 2015 Year 12 formal. Primary students will have the opportunity to put in an entry either this Friday (June 26) or the first Wednesday (July 15) back in Term 3. So get your thinking caps on and help us name her!

Finally a quote by Arthur Keith to ponder over, “The discovery of agriculture was the first big step toward a civilised life“. Until term three, stay safe and well.

Lois Harrison

Favourite Subject: Mathematics
Career Aspirations: Primary teaching or into the Exercise Sports Science area
and
Best Personal Achievement: Being nominated to run touch lines for the recent Country Rugby League championships

Year Advisor’s Comment: John is a mature and diligent young man who is an excellent representative of his cohort. As captain of ROAR he has demonstrated the qualities of leadership, sound character and dedication to the school community. He has a demanding workload but balances it well with extracurricular activities such as coaching the Under 8’s football team, who look up to him with admiration and respect. John endeavours to get the most out of all school experiences and has achieved some fantastic results in both the sporting and academic arena. Congratulations and keep up the good work John!

Lois Harrison - Year Adviser

Student of the Week
John Cronin
Year 11
Why I want to be in ROAR: I want to be in ROAR because it is a great program that has made me better in every section in school.

Favourite Subject: Cooking/PE
Favourite sport: Football
Favourite team: Sharks
Favourite player: Paul Gallen

Best personal sporting achievement: In 2010 when I was playing for Muswellbrook and we won the grandfinal

Who inspires you: My dad because he is a hard worker never gives up and he always tries his best

Advice to young players: Never give up.
Sketch Comedy - June 29 to July 3
The Outsider - July 6-10

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MY CAREER MATCH

Students match their personality with a suitable career. Advice on how to achieve an ideal career and resources to help build a student’s profile.


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

Mark Beiers
Careers Advisor

Photography Competition

Entries close: JULY 13
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

Email your photos to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

PUBLISHED IN THE RINGER ON: JULY 16

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages.

STAFF PROFILE

Name: Mark Beiers
Position: VET Head Teacher
Qualification: Bach Technology Education
Length of Service at MCS: Started in Term 2, 2015
Previous school/s, or employment: Quirindi High School
Areas of responsibility: Vocational Education and Training, TAS, sports and computers
Favourite pastime: Motorbike riding
Greatest regret: Selling the motorbikes I once owned especially the GT 860 Ducatc, the 900 Norton. Japanese 4 cylinder 4 strokes are great though.
Lifetime ambition: Health and happiness.
I recently visited the Vatican and attended an audience with the Pope. As can be seen in the photo below, Pope Francis certainly gets among the people. He spent the first 15 minutes of our audience being driven around the crowds to say hello to the people. There was no bullet proof glass nor intimidating body guards. There were huge crowds in attendance on the day from all over the world and of all ages, all wanting to see the leader of the Catholic Church. Many thousands of people lined up for hours to gain entry to this event. I saw at least three bridal parties in attendance and many people choosing this event to celebrate significant life milestones such as anniversaries and birthdays. This event is repeated every Wednesday of the year.

The message Pope Francis spoke about on the day was the importance of the family as the cornerstone of society. “The interior formation of the person and the social flow of affections have their mainstay in the family.”

“The prevailing economy is often concentrated on the enjoyment of individual wellbeing, but it largely exploits family ties. This is a serious contradiction! Should (the family) be removed, everything would fall apart.” Pope Francis, June 3, 2015.

Pope Francis spoke of the absolute imperative to love and care for your family on all levels – spiritually and materially, and then to look to your wider family and ensure that no one is left uncared for. There is a link to the full transcript of this sermon on our school website.

At last the St Joseph’s Junior Campdraft and Fete is here! This Saturday will see the fruits of all the effort behind the scenes to prepare for and stage the fundraising event of the year! I look forward to seeing all our families at the showground helping to raise much needed funds for the school and having a fabulous time with it. Whether you are a campdraft enthusiast, a market day junkie, a fete tragic or just love coffee and crowds there is a place for you on our day. Thank you to the parents who can’t be there on the day but have helped out before hand, this is very much appreciated. There are still lots of gaps on the canteen roster – so contact Mel now, if you have spare time on your schedule on the day.

“St Joseph’s Junior Campdraft and Fete “ is a day for the whole family to enjoy

Our Annual Open day will be held on the first day back next term, July 13, 2015. The Open day commences with an assembly at 12 noon in the MacKillop Room focussing on Aboriginal themes as this will be NAIDOC week. The classrooms are open for visitors following that and new parents will be taken on guided tours of the school. Please invite any families who may be interested in enrolling their child in 2016. Remember “word of mouth” is the most effective form of advertising.

In celebration of NAIDOC week we will enjoy an Aboriginal Elder visit from Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council/Arts Upper Hunter on Thursday July 16. This visit will comprise a two hour workshop delivered by elder Dolly, and is likely to be a one hour session on weaving including a talk about the collection of materials used followed by a one hour session on the preparation of ochre and how it is used in Aboriginal culture. The students from Cassilis Public School will join us on this day.

Huge thanks to Tash Taaffe and the Upper Hunter Shire for making this visit possible.

Well done Darcy Taaffe who represented us at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country
Championships at Sydney Motorsport Park last Friday. Darcy had qualified for this through wins at school, regional and diocesan level. At the Polding Carnival, she came tenth running 9.02 seconds for the 2000m out of 43 - 8/9 year old girls.

This was her first trip to Polding and she did a wonderful job against many kids over a year older than her, just missing out on top six which would have seen her qualify for the State All Schools championships. Congratulations Darcy, we look forward to following your progress in future years.

Grandparents Day and National Tree Day will be celebrated on Friday of Week 2 next term. Please contact your grandparents as soon as possible to ensure that they can make it to what is traditionally a fabulous day of fun with students, parents and grandparents all participating together. There will be old fashioned tabloid games on the oval that everyone can enjoy.

Finally I would like to farewell Mr Mark Morris as he leaves his full time teaching position with us. Mark has been working with us since 2012 and in this time has been a real asset to our school. He has had very high expectations of the students in his class and they have striven to meet the challenge. The students have loved Mr Morris as their teacher and parents have enjoyed very good relations with him also. Mark has helped the school community to understand disability and to leave behind their fears of people who have disability. For some this has been a long journey but for all of us a very worthwhile one. Thank you Mark for your time here and we look forward to seeing you again around the community and as a casual teacher.

Wishing everyone in the St Joseph’s School community a very relaxing, safe and family filled holiday! Thank you for your support of our school and its pursuit of quality education for all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK

**Kindergarten** - Jack Patterson - for great participation in classroom activities

Mollie Beaven - for great work during literacy focus

Pia Henderson - for great results in reading

Year 1/2 - Matilda Cronin - for trying hard in literacy activities

Seth Pepper - for great efforts in writing activities

Pia Henderson - for wonderful results in reading

Year 3/4 - Jack Shannon - for his great effort in literacy activities

Korey Halse - being able to explain an answer using mathematical thinking

Year 5/6 - Rebecca Keegan – for embracing challenges and tackling them with enthusiasm

Gaby Nicholls – for always bringing a positive attitude and striving to get the most out of her abilities

Principal’s Award - Nate Brown - for following directions for problem solving.

Helen Whale
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
GEORGIA BOWLER

Georgia has been voted and awarded Student of the Week this week by her peers as well as staff for her improved effort and achievements last week. Some of the reasons given by her peers include: “Georgia, because she tried hard to do all her Maths and was trying not to get into trouble”, “For being friendly”, “Because she has been good” and “For sitting beautifully on the floor”. Georgia also worked hard to cooperate last week to create a poster on student support and was able to articulate what she was learning and why. Congratulations and keep working hard, Georgia!

LIFE SKILLS - COOKING

Last Friday students cooked mini quiches with Mrs Nairne as part of our life skills program.

In the morning the class worked on a ‘joint construction’ of a procedure for cooking quiches. That means we all worked together to write the procedure. Next we found pictures on the internet and made up our own quiche recipe.

During the middle session, in groups of four, we made quiches. Everyone enjoyed the tasty afternoon tea.

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- How to write a procedure – recipe
- Image search on the internet using Google
- Working with others – cooperation
- Personal hygiene – hand washing
- Measuring in cups and grams
- That ham, eggs and cheese are protein foods
- Being safe around hot objects
- Washing up from cleanest to dirtiest dishes.

So who said cooking with kids is just for fun!

NO ASSEMBLY THIS MONDAY

Invitation

You are invited to be a judge at the Cassilis Public School Master Chef Cook-off on Friday June 26 at 1.00pm under the cola at Cassilis Public School

(It’s really important that you have RSVP’d as we have calculated the amount of food we need.)
Students will be cooking a three course lunch for your enjoyment to celebrate their learning this term and their appreciation of everything our parents and community members do to support us.

There will be a gold coin donation to help cover the cost of ingredients. We look forward to you joining us for a fun afternoon.

**HOW WILL IT WORK?**
- Students will cook in teams of four or five
- Each team will do one course
- Judges will not know who is in which team and will be seated at tables outside
- Judges score each course based on presentation and flavour
- Possible five points for each
- Scores will be added up and certificates presented for first, second and third.

It’s all a bit of fun for the end of term.

**CRAZY HAIR AND DISCO THURSDAY, JUNE 25**
The students will have their hair styled ready for the disco. The disco will commence at 3.30pm and finish at 4.30pm. P and C will be selling hotdogs, drinks and snacks after the disco. All funds raised will go towards our excursion to the Passive Solar Farm and bowling in Week 3 of Term 3.

**REPORTS**
Semester one reports will go home on Thursday June 25. Parent interviews will be held Thursday July 16. Interview times will be sent home next term.

Jeanette Grinham
Relieving Principal
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

July 26: National Tree Sunday
August 14: Ladies Guild casserole Lunch.

The theme this week is trusting in God’s powers which can transform our fears.

LIKE A ROCK

Like a rock… Like a rock… God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

As Jesus and the disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee to get rest from the crowds – Jesus slept as a storm blew in and threatened their boat. The disciples wakened him with the words “Don’t you care?” - words that we sometimes use to cry out to God in the midst of life’s storms. Jesus calmed the storm using the same words he has used to control demons. “Be quiet! Be still!” and so we are again reminded of the ongoing battle against fear. Fear blinds us to alternatives and opportunities that God has made available to us. Trust is such an important part of our daily walk of faith.

Do we dare to trust in God?

Rosalie Drew

NEW ZEALAND STUDENT EXCHANGE

The Rotary year is coming to an end and on Tuesday, July 7 our current president, Mark Inder will hand over to incoming president, Col Bates.

Thanks Mark, for heading our growing club during a year of achievement.

Welcome President Col. Enjoy your year at the helm!

Several Rotary projects of our current year are being finalised and we shall soon be letting our very supportive community know the details.

Our Merriwa girls Teianna Taylor and Paige McConnell are now settling in with their host families in New Zealand for their term long student exchange.

Our club is hoping to sponsor an applicant from our district in the forthcoming Rotary Group Study Exchange.... more details later.

Mark Smith

LOST

Reward offered for the safe return of, or information which leads to the return of “Neko”.

Our Cream fluffy ragdoll cat who went missing from Langley Street on Saturday afternoon. It is a much loved family pet.

Please call Leah - 0498 002 929 or Gary - 0400 772 156
St David’s Church

LAMINGTON DRIVE

A very big ‘Thank you’ to everyone who supported our pie drive. I hope you enjoyed your goodies and maybe some made it to the freezer.

Our special ‘Thanks’ to the business houses and our schools who took and displayed the order sheets, and in some cases received the goods for customers. We do appreciate your participation.

We plan on running again, in our usual time slot – just before Easter 2016.

Barbara Campbell

TransCare Bus Changes

The early bus departing Merriwa at 6.10am for Muswellbrook via Sandy Hollow and Denman will now operate on Tuesday and Thursday only. Similarly, the afternoon bus departing Merriwa at 3.30pm will also operate on Tuesday and Thursday only. The normal 8.30am bus will continue to operate Monday to Friday. Prices will also be changing as of July 6 and will depend on distance travelled, however, as a guide, a one-way trip from Merriwa to Muswellbrook will cost approximately $10.00. The new timetables will be available on the TransCare website as of July 6 – www.transcare.org.au - or give the office a call on 6545 3113.

Lauren Taylor

Samaritan’s Christmas Boxes

ADVANCE NOTICE!

These boxes will be available from beginning of August, for collection at the end of September (exact date will be advised later).

Carol and John Bowman have moved away, but I will continue coordinating our Merriwa collections. I am taking advantage of some of the specials now, and by advance notice, thought some other folk may do so too.

Contact Barbara on 6548 5131 or mobile on 0428 485 131

Barbara Campbell

Merriwa CWA

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.

Penelope Fenley

Merriwa Swimming Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: July 30
Time: 6.00pm
Where: Merriwa RSL 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 Jodie Magner.

Jodie Magner

Thank You

MERRIWA ROTARY

For the past three months both Antonia Kayrouz and I have been welcomed into Merriwa’s community through the short term Rotary Exchange program between Australia and New Zealand. We would like to take a moment to thank everyone especially Rotary, our host families and our new friends for making our time in Australia memorable. Also like to thank our Rotary councillors, Mark Smith and Peta Luke, for all the help you have given us.

We have enjoyed our time and hope that Teianna and Paige enjoy their time now in New Zealand. Again thank you everyone. See you sometime in the future.

Jennifer Evans

Thank You

The family of K C Kelman would like to thank the Merriwa community for all of their help in locating the missing medals. These have been returned.

Julie Russell

Merriwa Ringer
Congratulations to former Merriwa lady June Mulcahy who received an OAM in the Queen’s Honours list in June. Tom and June Mulcahy moved to Laidley in Queensland in 2007. June was a member of many organisations in Merriwa including the Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary, Non-Emergency Medical Transport, Merriwa Springtime Show Committee, Merriwa Main Street Enhancement Committee and a founding member of the Aged Care Retirement Village Committee.

The June long weekend saw a big celebration in the Mulcahy family as June celebrated her 80th birthday, June and Tom celebrated 51 years of marriage and June received the Order of Australia Medal in the Queen’s Birthday Honours. What a weekend!

The Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary congratulate June on receiving such an award. Well done June.

Elaine Sparrow
Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary Secretary

Congratulations

Congratulations must go to locals, Alex Addams and Liam Garment of ‘Alexiam of Merriwa’ produce for their recent success at Dubbo Regional Show.

Dubbo Regional Show is the largest Agricultural Show in NSW after the Royal Easter Show.

Placings in the show are below:

First:
- Tomato Relish
- Apricot Vanilla Jam
- Apricot Rhubarb Jam
- Apricot Nectarine Jam

Second:
- Plum Jam
- Strawberry Jam
- Quince Jelly
- Apricot Jam

Alex and Liam source all their fresh ingredients from local farms and producers as well as from their own garden.

Bernadette Kearney
A HALLMARK MOMENT

To achieve
All that is
Possible
We must attempt the
Impossible

This beautiful range of inspirational cards is perfect for those moments when someone just needs a little boost of encouragement and confidence. Never underestimate the importance of these little gestures; they often make a big difference.

FINANCIAL YEAR SALE

It is that time of year again. It is always fun to get new stationery; it is crisp, clean and feels like starting fresh. There are some amazing specials in this year’s catalogue. Come in and get them before it is too late or come in and grab a catalogue.

TAX DEDUCTION

Don’t forget, if you are eligible for a tax deduction on your office goods, make sure you come in and buy it before the end of June. You will need a receipt in order to claim your goods, and you don’t want to have to wait until this time next year to be able to claim it.

COPY PAPER

It is not often that you can get a ream of HIGH QUALITY paper for under $5.00. It is possible right now. Get a ream or a box (five reams) while this price lasts.

PENS

A box of 50 Bic Cristal pens - perfect in the office (we all know there are pen thieves everywhere, and this way you won’t run out any time soon!) if 50 pens feels a bit excessive for your needs, try a pack of ten or a card of five Staedler Stick pens.

RAPID FUNKY TWO TONE

These staplers and hole punches are a great way to add a bit of personality to the office, as well as making sure you can see your supplies when you need them. They come in pink and yellow as well as blue and green. Have a bit of fun and grab them today.

BUSINESS BOOKS

Do not forget that we supply different business books. They are an essential part of any small business, especially at this time of year - start the new financial year with new books to make life easier - there are income and expenditure cashbooks, wage books, vehicle log books, small business cashbooks, financial year diaries and more.

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

Cash or Eftpos only

Di’s Clothing Patch

WINTER SALE

Starting Thursday June 25, we will be having 25% to 50% off all winter Ladies, Mens and Childrens’ fashion for two weeks only; including handbags, selected winter shoes, jewelry, wallets, beanies, scarves and gloves. Don’t forget this sale is only on for a limited time and will end on Saturday July 11.

Keep an eye out for our extra special sale items that have been marked down to clear.

Our manchester catalogue is still on, including electric blankets, wool doona, pillows etc, but will also finish on Saturday. If you buy any item from our manchester catalogue we will throw in an extra 30% off any other manchester item that is not in the catalogue.

This is only a two week sale and will end on Saturday July 11 so get in quick.

Excluding ugg boots, workwear, school wear, fascinators, fashion hats, baby gifts, giftware, socks and underwear.

Cash and card only.
SOME OF OUR BASE SPICES

CLOVES

Cloves are the aromatic flower buds of a tree and are commonly used as a spice. Cloves are harvested primarily in India, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, Indonesia, Tanzania and Zanzibar.

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Cloves are used in the cuisine of Asian, African and Middle East, lending flavor to meats, curries, and marinades, as well as fruit such as apples or pears. Cloves may be used to give aromatic and flavor qualities to many Indian hot beverages. In Mexican cuisine, cloves are best known as clavos de olor, and often used with Cumin, Cardamom and Cinnamon.

TRADITIONAL MEDICINAL USES

Cloves are used in Indian Ayurvedic medicine, Chinese medicine, and western herbalism and dentistry where the essential oil is used as an anodyne (painkiller) for dental emergencies. The essential oil is used in aromatherapy when stimulation and warming are needed, especially for digestive problems. Topical application over the stomach or abdomen are said to warm the digestive tract. Applied to a cavity in a decayed tooth, it also relieves toothache.

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• Due to its antioxidants properties it protects organs
• It boosts the immune system
• It aids in the treating gum diseases
• Refreshes the breath
• Cure for headaches
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Dr Emad Jasem
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If you would like to become a sponsor or are interested in being nominated, contact Council’s Youth Services Supervisor, Mary Spora on 6540 1169, or download a sponsorship or nomination form from Council’s website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au.

For more information on the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme visit their website www.youngendeavour.org.au.

ATTENTION! ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Merriwa CTC and Visitor Information Centre is pleased to announce that the Centre will now be holding a CTC Techno Club during the school holidays for any interested Primary school students from Year 3 to Year 6. The Techno Club will be run during normal business hours, where participants will have many challenges and tasks regarding technology, with prizes to be awarded for the participants who best utilise technology. There will be a one off payment of $12.00 for a holiday Techno Pass, which will enable the participant to utilise the Centre at any time during business hours throughout the school holidays. For more information, and to register, parents are asked to contact the Merriwa CTC and Visitor Information Centre.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046

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    - Holy Trinity - St Columbia
    - Merriwa - Cassilis

  - Timings:
    - 9.00am Sundays
    - 11.00am every 10.00am Fridays - 2nd and 4th
    - Short Bible Study - 7.30am Mon., Wed., Fri.
    - Morning Prayer - Rev'd Glen Hughes - Supervising Priest & Rev'd Pat Kirby – Local Priest

- **St Davids Uniting Church.**
  - Cornachy Street
  - Merriwa

- **Service Times:**
  - 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at 11.00am
  - 3rd Sunday at 6.00pm

- **Contact:**
  - Pastor Ross Neville - 6545 1396
  - Pastor Richard Moors - 6543 1168
  - Peter Campbell - 6548 5126

**Merriwa Central School**

- **Primary Campus:**
  - 6548 2101

- **Secondary Campus:**
  - 6548 2119

- **Email:**
  - sandyhollo-p.School@det.nsw.edu.au

**Catholic Parish Merriwa & Cassilis**

**Weekend Masses**

- **St Anne’s Merriwa:**
  - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - Sat 6.00pm
  - 2nd & 4th Sunday - Sun 8.30am

- **St Joseph’s Cassilis:**
  - 2nd & 4th Sunday - 10.00am

**Merriwa Central School P & C Association**

- **President:** Jayne Cronin
- **Senior Vice:** Christine Riley
- **Junior Vice:** Yvonne McNaught
- **Secretary:** Gaynor Blackadder
- **Treasurer:** Anna Whaley

**Merriwa Ringer Races**

**Race Day for 2015 is April 18**

- **Race Club President - David Allker**
- **Contact:** 0427 482 095
- **Vice Presidents - Peter Bishop and Paul Frampton**

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- **Meets every 4th Wednesday at Merriwa RSL at 6:00 pm**
- **Phone Kim on 6548 3060**
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- **Opening Hours:**
  - Monday 9am – 5:30pm
  - Tuesday 9am – 5:30pm
  - Wednesday 9am – 5:30pm
  - Thursday 9am – 5:30pm
  - Friday 9am – 5:30pm
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- **Meets 2nd Monday of the month**
  - 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street

- **Enquiries to:**
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The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $750.00 was not won last week the number was 438, this week it jackpots to $800.00 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 and Matt’s Meatball with pasta or on a roll.

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.

Sunday night music in the games room 7.00pm to 11.00pm.

Matt Morgan
Merriwa Sports Club

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

Mondays - Happy Two Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Thursdays - 6.00pm Bingo - Prizes of club and meat vouchers. Raffle and Super 39 special prize
Fridays - Happy Two Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm, free raffles and Chook Wheel.
Saturdays - 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
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 JUNE 28

WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday Raffle June 20
Saturday members draw no 106, not won – next week $300.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $420.00
Free Tickets: Des Snelgrove
Dinner: Eileen Barwick
Bowls Raffle: Bruce Smith

Sunday Raffle June 21
Sunday members draw - No 79, was not won. Next week $500.00.

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.

NRL FOOTING TIPPING COMPETITION

Make sure your picks are to the Club by 6.00pm on first game night of each round. First prize of $300.00, second prize $200.00, third prize $100.00, last prize $50.00. Weekly spondula of $10.00 for picking the round. Good luck.
Sporting News
Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club

Merriwa Junior League and Netball club would like to thank our sponsors for their support over the past three years. Our club looks very smart in club coloured jerseys, polo shirts, shorts and hoodies. We are certainly ‘out-there’ and being seen with our black and white with a splash of purple. Our three year sponsorship ends at the completion of this season and we will be looking for new sponsors shortly to gear our members up for the 2016 season.

This all takes time in the planning to be in readiness for the new season and to catch the ‘early bird deals’ that the manufacturers put on at the conclusion of each season. So that we can catch these deals we are asking for new sponsors for the following three years, 2016 to 2018.

Our major sponsorship for the club of $2,000.00 entitles you to - your company name written in large print on the back of all club league team jerseys (which would be seen every week in all our games between Merriwa, Maitland and Newcastle as teams travel to their games). League jersey sponsorships of $600.00 entitles you to - your company name and logo written large across the front of the jersey. Sponsoring your name on a Jersey sleeve or league shorts is $150.00. These amounts of sponsorship is one amount of money for a three year period.

The money received from our netball sponsors caters for the equipment used and t-shirts worn by our netballers each week. Netball sponsorships are $250.00 for the three year period with your name embroidered on the sleeve.

Anyone wanting to sponsor league or netball for Merriwa could ring Elaine on 6548 8560. Remember it is for a three year period where your name will be acknowledged and printed for all to hear and see.

Our weekly Ringer articles also acknowledge our sponsors as well as home games where it is periodically announced over the P.A. system throughout the day. We, the committee, parents, league and netball players thank our sponsors and the community for their continued support of our games and club. We have a combined total of 108 members which is fantastic for the future of our club.

Club Sponsors for the 2015 season are:

Major sponsor: Merriwa Sports Club

League Jersey sponsors: Kingslyn x two sets; Rockwell Livestock and Property; Merriwa RSL Club; Welderup and Rosto Oils; AAMI

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Thank you to all our current sponsors as above.

Our club Patrons are Paul Medd; James and Donna Binks and Bob and Bev Telfer.

GREATER NORTHERN REGION

During the last school holidays six of our senior boys attended the Greater Northern Region of Country Rugby League Camp held at Farrer in Tamworth over three days. We have just received a report on the camp from the organisers which was well supported and very successful.

Juniors from all over the region lined up for some expert tuition and rugby league fun at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School. Professional coaches were on hand to instruct players through an intensive program of Rugby League skill sessions.

Thanks to Phil Neale who transported our players to and from Tamworth for the three day, two night camp. Merriwa had six players attend who were Dylan Cox, Kyle McLennan, Mathew Haydon, Thomas Neale, Ray Murphy and James Forster. We would like to thank Group 21 for sponsoring one of our players and also our Merriwa Old Boys Committee who kindly sponsored two of our boys. This left three boys to be sponsored by our club.

The boys reported back to the club that they had a great time and learnt new skills and drills from some recognisable players and past players of Rugby League. They met some new friends in the league family and as one said –‘it was awesome’. Thank you once again to our ‘Old Boys’ committee who were quick to put up their hand to help our junior players.

Within our league we have two representative players with John Whitby in the Under 16’s rep side and Nicholas Whitby in the Under 12’s rep side. Congratulations to both these boys and I know they LOVE their footy.

On the NETBALL side of things the club has sponsored three netball players to help with the cost of transport to Rep Training and game days. Congratulations to Caitlin Porter and Sophie Inder who made the rep side for the Netball Under 12’s...
and to Ellie Blackadder who has made the Rep Under 13’s side. I know it involves a lot of travelling but the girls are gaining a lot of great netball skills and enjoying the journey of rep netball – not so sure if the parents are enjoying the travelling but you put up with a lot to support your children’s sporting achievements.

Thank you to all our supporters and congratulations to all our club league and netball members on playing well and having fun in their chosen sport.

Elaine Sparrow

MERRIWA RSL CLUB UNDER 6’S

We travelled to Denman on Saturday to take on Scone Whites in the thick fog.

The players tried very hard, making good tackles and hard runs.

Amelia Wright was selected as this week’s Player of the Match for her brilliant tackling and every tackle she made was with the biggest smile on her face. Congratulations Amelia, great work.

Next week we travel to Scone. Good luck team. I will miss watching you play.

Gaynor Blackadder

KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S

On Saturday, the 8’s traveled to Scone where they played against the Muswellbrook Gold side. We proved to be the better side of the day with ten tries being scored, and four being scored against us. As always, everyone played incredibly well and it was a great game to watch. Jackson, Toby and Harry were excellent runners, scoring nine tries between themselves, all with hat tricks this week. They also tackled extremely well. Logan and Duncan made lots of metres by never giving up with their runs, and even made some try-assists by producing offloads. Maddison scored her first try for the season in a run-away try from half way. Good work Maddison! Everyone in the 8’s has scored a try now, so good work all of you. The two 7’s, Kallum and Seth, played equally well. They made some great runs and some even better tackles.

This week was a hard decision to choose who the ‘Player of the Match’ was, as everyone played at a 110% level. However, in the end, ‘Player of the Match’ went to Duncan Harrison. He made plenty of metres in his runs, produced some great offloads and was excellent in defence. After every tackle, Duncan was the first to rush up which was good to see. He is even now helping to organise everyone when we have the ball. Keep it up!

John Cronin

KINGSLYN UNDER 9’S

U/9’s had a great start to their game against a scone side last weekend. Unfortunately they let their guard down towards the end of the game and let Scone in for a couple of extra try’s, but all in all a great game - especially in defence. Thomas was rewarded for all his hard work when he crossed over for his first try of the season with some fast footwork making him hard to catch and tackle. Jyeson had a ripper of a game in attack and defence, threatening to score multiple times with lots of hard runs and pulling off heaps of hard text book tackles. David and Clayton were quick off the line to meet Scone in defence, but just need their team mates to follow up in a line. Riley and Tyrrell showed quick speed with the ball and both great in defence. Dylan crossed over for one try and was as always outstanding with his defence. Jack and Bobby were both busy for the whole game making as many meters as they could to get their team closer to our tryline. Player of the week was Jyeson for as I said before, had a huge impact on the game with nonstop perfect defence and looking dangerous every time he had the ball in his hands. Thank you Toby and Jackson for backing up after their game to stand in as a sub for us.

Belinda Keane

WELDEUP UNDER 16’S

Welderup Under 16’s had another wet weather cancellation of their game last Saturday against Lakes United. This game will be played next Sunday June 28, same venue and time. On Sunday they played a previous wash out wet weather game against Denman. Same story for our Under 16’s side. With four players on the side line with injuries, they started the game with twelve players and finished the game with eleven players. Denman had a full side on the field and six players on the bench so many tries were scored against us. The boys are playing good football but energy levels are not there when you have no reserves to give players a rest. However they are hanging in there, morale is high, team spirit is high, they’re tackling their hearts out and when we get our full side back on the field better results will appear.

Phil Neale

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John Cronin
On Sunday, Merriwa Magpies League Tag and Reserve Grade played at Denman.

League tag ladies knew Denman were going to be tough on their home turf to beat and that they were. Fortunately for Merriwa, we were that little bit tougher. Merriwa walked away with the win, beating Denman 10-6. Try scorers for Merriwa were Brodie Hollier and Taylah Blackadder. Jessyca Morgan kicked a goal. Jessyca also picked up Players Player. Congratulations Jessyca.

Reserve Grade guys had a few players back this week. It was a very hard and rough game. In the first half Denman put a few points on us, seeing the score at half time 22-0. The second half was a much better half for our boys as we won this half 10-0 only if this counted. Final score was Denman 22 defeating Merriwa 10. Try scorers were Jon Nutt and Daniel Walmsley with Jeremy Nicholls converting one from two. Players Player went to Ben Morgan. Well done Ben.

On Saturday June 27, Merriwa League Tag play at home against Murrurundi at 2:00pm. Reserve Grade have a bye.

Gaynor Blackadder
### Community Calendar

What’s happening?

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

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