St Joseph’s Junior Campdraft and Fete was a huge success.
On behalf of Lisa, Sam, Georgia and Jemima, Archie’s aunts, uncles and cousins, we would like to thank everyone for their many kind gestures following our tragic loss.

We would especially like to thank Father John Tobin and all who attended for giving Archie such as a beautiful farewell. We would also like to say thank you to all that prepared the church by arranging flowers and extra chairs.

We are especially grateful to Amanda Kemp and her band of cooks and helpers who arranged the catering and also the Merriwa RSL Club.

Archie gave us 13 years of love and happiness and we will cherish those memories forever.

Pam and Vaughan Amidy and Shirley Hunt

Samaritan’s Christmas Boxes

ADVANCE NOTICE!

These boxes will be available from the 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 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
Welcome back for Term 3! We have an amazing term ahead with lots of exciting events including Variety Night, Public Speaking Competition, Little Sprouts, Zone Athletics Carnival, Horse Sports, a performance from the Conservatorium of Music and the parent information session for the 2016 Kindergarten transition. Please ensure you check the Ringer for updates on information each week for the most recent information. If you have any questions you can contact our lovely staff at the Primary Office on 6548 2101.

CPR TRAINING

On Monday July 13 our dedicated staff updated their CPR training with the instruction of St Johns Ambulance. It is vital for all staff to undergo this training every single year. Our staff development days are often utilised to complete a variety of professional development, and teachers gain many skills that benefit our students learning. Most importantly we want our students to be safe and cared for.

REWARDS ACTIVITIES

On Friday June 26 the Primary students celebrated the end of term by having a ‘PJ, Popcorn and Movie Day’. Infant’s students watched ‘Bedtime Stories’ and the Primary group viewed ‘Night at the Museum 3’. Both groups had a very fun and relaxing day with their teachers. We have to say a very big thank you to Mrs Gibbons and Mrs Eveleigh for all their work popping lots and lots of popcorn for all the students.

SCRIPTURE SHOW

On Wednesday June 24 the Primary students attended the Scripture Show to demonstrate some of the wonderful things they have been learning during Scripture sessions this term. They had a lovely time and we are very thankful to the dedication of our Scripture teachers. Thank you for a wonderful show.
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next Tuesday both the Primary and Secondary teachers will be available for interviews by appointment. Please contact the office to make an appointment. If you are unable to attend on Tuesday afternoon please arrange an alternate time that is suitable.

VARIETY NIGHT

This term we will celebrate the wonderful talents of our students with the annual ‘Variety Night’. More information will be in the Ringer in our next couple of issues but please save the date Wednesday August 5. Students will be required to arrive at the Primary campus at 6.00pm. The show will be held at the School of Arts with a small entry fee. The show will start at 7.00pm and this year we have a wonderful movie theme for your entertainment. We look forward to seeing lots of family and friends there!

ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for the term will be held tomorrow, Friday July 17 at 2.15pm. There will not be an item this week. We will be awarding merits and special awards from last term as well as viewing some work samples from our Workers of the Week. All parents, friends and community are welcome to join us.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

At the end of the term we were pleased to award students with a book award for their fantastic effort, even in the last week of term. Congratulations to the following students:

Year Kindergarten: Torah Coles
Year K/1: Shawn Smith
Year 2: Cody Daniel
Year 3/4: Oceana Rawlings
Year 4/5: Jack Goodear
Year 5/6: Harrison Amidy

SPECIAL AWARDS

At the end of Term 2 we were very excited to receive some special awards from the Festival of the Fleeces committee. Some of our students were awarded certificates for their efforts in the colouring competition for the Festival of the Fleeces. Thank you to Mrs Hourn for all her efforts collaborating on behalf of Merriwa Central School with the Fleeces committee for this year’s festival.

COMING EVENTS

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Merriwa Ringer
Secondary News
AGRICULTURE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE FACULTY REPORT

Due to an internal restructure we are welcoming English teachers Mrs Brianna Roberts, Mr Jean Paul Ambler and Ms Brooke Beith (one day a week) into our Faculty for the rest of the year. The only change for students is that they will have a different Head Teacher to find if they misbehave and earn themselves a “pink slip”.

Third Term is the final one for Year 12, meaning they will have their last assessment tasks and Trial Exam in Week 6. It is vital to plan ahead to complete all coursework and revise effectively to maximise marks in their Trials as high assessment marks and ranks are critical for gaining the best possible HSC result. They always tend to be distracted by the planning for their Farewell at the end of the term, however this needs to be set aside until they complete their assessments.

Year 11 also have their last term of the Preliminary course to complete so they need to be working hard to maximise their understanding of the course requirements in order to lay a sound foundation for their HSC and prepare for their examination in Week 9. By now students should understand the standard required to complete tasks and tests at a Stage 6 level and the importance of only submitting their own work and not simply downloading chunks from websites or by copying parts of another student’s work. Any evidence of plagiarism will result in zero marks, which will seriously affect assessment marks. This policy does not only apply to senior students but across the board.

For students in Year 7 to Year 10, this is a consolidation term, one to show what they have learnt throughout the first semester and one for them to demonstrate their ability in set tasks in order to achieve the best results possible in their yearly examination and final reports which will be completed early next term.

All students should have received their first semester reports with next Tuesday evening being the Parent-Teacher interviews, for parents/caregivers to get valuable feedback on the progress of their children. Please call the Office to book a time to speak to a teacher. If the time is unsuitable an alternate meeting can be arranged by contacting the teachers required.

Last term, several Science excursions were organised to allow students to experience the additional educational facilities at Universities as well as compete in the Science and Engineering Challenge where our students pitted their creative and scientific knowledge against other local high schools. Mr Lomax also tutors Mathematics students on Thursday afternoons to give them the chance to identify areas of weakness in their mathematical understanding and receive additional support. I would like to thank Mrs Grant, Mr Bartlett and Mr Lomax for giving up their time to organise the opportunities and accompany students on these trips.

In addition, Mrs Harrison took senior students to the Hunter Belle Cheese facility and Pukara Estate to increase their knowledge of value adding for agricultural products and observe first-hand the operations carried out in our local area. As well, Mrs Harrison and a number of Agriculture students travelled to Scone to witness the allocation of our Beef Bonanza angus steer and thanks to Mr Jamie Daniel, he was transported back to School

Favourite Subject: Mathematics and Photography
Extracurricular Activities: Riding motorbikes and hunting
Best Personal Achievement: Getting 95% in a Maths assignment

Year Advisor’s Comment: Congratulations Jordan! All of your teachers agreed that you deserved Student of the Week for your excellent efforts and dedicated attitude throughout Term 2. Jordan always completes his assignments and school work to the best of his ability and will often hand in draft assessments early so he can get feedback and improve on his results. Well done and keep up the good work for Term 3!

Rebecca Hopkins - Year Adviser

Student of the Week
Jordan Taylor
Year10
with the tonne of feed to be used to prepare him for the competition in November. “Milo” a steer kindly donated by Col Bates will also be prepared by a team during Sport over the next term.

We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff, prepared to go out of their way to provide opportunities for students in our School. I thank them for their conscientious and caring approach to their profession. It is very rewarding when students take up the opportunities and become more engaged in their learning, away from the everyday bookwork. Please encourage your student to participate in opportunities which may challenge their perspective on what makes a valuable learning experience. They may really enjoy it.

Gwen Meyer
Head Teacher

REWARDS DAY SUCCESS

On the last day of Term 2 we had Rewards Day to congratulate students who have shown positive behaviour throughout the term. This particular Rewards Day featured an excursion to Muswellbrook Cinemas to watch the new film ‘Minions’. It was a barrel of laughs, lots of popcorn was eaten and our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We would like to thank Muswellbrook Cinemas for accommodating us on the day, Cowans Bus Service for the use of their coach and Mrs Roberts for her excellent organisation of the trip.

Most importantly, a big thank you needs to go to our wonderful students who attended the excursion. Their behaviour was exceptional, they were polite and courteous to the poor members of the public who had to share a cinema with a school group and they were a pleasure to take away for the day.

Rebecca Hopkins
Rewards Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS
APPRENTICESHIPS


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.

Australian Engineering Week - 3 to 9 August. Showcasing career opportunities with events, tours, activities, and workshops. https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/australian-
**Merriwa Ringer**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Tuesday July 21**

**Contact the office to make your appointment.**

**Primary:** 6548 2101

**Secondary:** 6548 2119

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**100 CLUB WINNERS**

Drawn by A Austin

**First**  
Susan Duggan

**Second**  
Peter Lawler

**Third**  
Cassie Campbell

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who purchased a number.

A big thank you to Max’s Country Cuts for selling the 100 Club tickets on behalf of the P and C.

Next P and C meeting is Wednesday August 5 at Merriwa RSL Club at the new winter time of 6.00pm.

Gaynor Blackadder  
Secretary

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**Ringer Update**

The Merriwa Ringer wishes to apologise to those wishing to place articles in the Ringer this week that may have been missed. The school has currently been having issues the new email system that has been placed in the school system, an issue that many schools across the state are also suffering from. I attempted to contact as many people as possible but may have missed someone and for this we apologise. Hopefully next week the Ringer email will be back to normal. If you do not receive a reply by 3.00pm on Monday, please contact us on 6548 2119 to ensure that your article has arrived.

Tina Taylor  
Ringer Update

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**Undergraduate Allied Health Scholarships**

Scholarship funding opens 1 September. Planning to apply to study an ALLIED HEALTH university course in 2016? Applications for 2016 Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS) Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Allied Health. [http://sarrah.org.au/content/undergraduate-entry-level](http://sarrah.org.au/content/undergraduate-entry-level)

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**Macquarie University Global Leadership Entry Program for Year 12 Students**

Applications close 15 August. Volunteering leadership activities in Australian and overseas. Gain early entry to selected Macquarie degrees. For Year 12 students with study and leadership ability. Contact: 1800 351 117 [https://mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting_in/entry_schemes_and_pathways/global_leadership_entry_program/](https://mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting_in/entry_schemes_and_pathways/global_leadership_entry_program/)

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**Southern Cross University My Story**


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

Mark Beiers  
Careers Advisor

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**Merriwa Ringer**

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**UNSW New Innovators Competition**

Closes 26 July. $4,000 in prizes for 5 young women in year 12. Submit a video, poster, essay, website, or a photo with a description to a real issue. [https://www.science.unsw.edu.au/50-50/new-innovators-competition](https://www.science.unsw.edu.au/50-50/new-innovators-competition)

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**Online Agricultural Career Expo**

4 August, 10:30am to 1:00pm. Webinar style brings the expo to your office with information about courses and careers within the Agriculture sector from industry, higher education and VET providers. Call Melinda 026884 8812. Visit [http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/ag-careers](http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/ag-careers)

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**UNSW Rural Clinical School Health Careers Kit 2015** - Health, medicine and nursing programs in NSW plus assistance for rural high school students. Contact: (02) 9385 3677 orj.monoja@unsw.edu.au [https://rcs.med.unsw.edu.au/health-careers-kit](https://rcs.med.unsw.edu.au/health-careers-kit)

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**Gaynor Blackadder**  
Secretary

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**Engineering Week**  

**Parent Teacher Interviews**  
Tuesday July 21  
Contact the office to make your appointment.
The end of Term 2 was met with a multi-coloured day as students proudly arrived at school in pre loved clothes and a gold coin to donate to our local annual Vinnies winter appeal. During the liturgy we learnt that Fredric Ozanam founded the St Vincent de Paul Society in 1833. Where Fred lived there were lots of people who had no food, no blankets and no home. Fred saw these people and wanted to do something to help them. So he started the St Vincent de Paul Society, which was a group of people who met each week to pray and go to people’s homes, even if their home was on the streets. The group would take blankets, firewood and sometimes food. 180 years later there are over 2000 volunteers who help Vinnies and are still doing the same thing that Fred was doing so long ago.

After the liturgy Year 5/6 organised fun activities and the term ended with a talent quest where students demonstrated a number of wonderful talents that they have.

Our last day of term was also a day to celebrate a member of staff and all that he has brought to our school. It’s not really goodbye but rather see you around as Mr Morris will still be seen at school as a casual teacher. We remember that special interest Mr Morris has for each of us, how he encouraged and affirmed our efforts. He has made life at St Joseph’s memorable in our classrooms, in the playground, during birthday maths, class excursions and bringing back the power of the piggies! We appreciate all that Mr Morris has done for our school and parish life and wish him all the best.

On the first weekend of the holidays St Joseph’s held their annual Junior Campdraft and Fete. After a very foggy start to the day we ended with a beautiful day with lots of people to help us make it such a fantastic day. The Campdraft held over 300 runs and the fete was well attended with over 10 market stalls plus a number of school stalls. Stay tuned for results of the Campdraft.

One of the highlights of the day was the much anticipated ‘Kiss the Pig’ competition. Many staff (and parents) breathed a sigh of relief when it was announced that our fantastic and fun loving principal Mrs Helen Whale had won the honour. At first it appeared to be a difficult task and Mrs Whale wasn’t sure which end she was going to kiss! Eventually our pig puckered up and allowed the kiss to happen. It was fantastic to see the many competitors lining up for the hobby horse race it was lots of fun and a great community and family day.

A huge thank you to the local community who supported the Campdraft and Fete, without such fantastic parents and local community we would not be able to provide such a day and raise needed funds to benefit the students of our school.
WHAT’S GOING ON IN THE INFANTS’ CLASS?

Term 3 is going to be another exciting, fun and learning packed term. The teachers have many engaging activities and learning opportunities planned. We continue to further develop our reading skills and we encourage students to continue to practise at home. Kindergarten will focus on visual literacy skills and Year 1/2 will be looking at a variety of text and how we respond to them.

Mathematics will continue to develop skills and solve mathematical problems especially using the skills in Newman’s analysis. To help students with problem solving skills talk to your child and encourage them to solve simple problems.

During HSIE this term the infants students will be looking at how we meet our needs and in particular how transport serves a role in meeting our needs.

Term 3 is also the term which we prepare and perform our much anticipated play. Without giving too much away we are all about sheep - keeping in mind that this is the 20th year of the Festival of the Fleeces. This year we have added to our acting and singing skills and we are working on a dance routine. Stay tuned! We will be looking forward to sharing this experience with you.

As we commence the term the Infants class will be discussing how we treat others and the importance of forgiving people and asking for forgiveness during religion. This theme will also be taught during PDHPE when we will also be looking at our relationships with our friends.

This term we have a visit from Richard Cootes from Mission Australia who always leaves us with thought provoking ideas of how we can help others during our Mission Day held on the last day of term.

Science and technology will see us looking above as we explore the weather around us. We will also be investigating the job of the weatherman and even have a go at predicting the weather.

Throughout sport we will be continuing to work on fundamental skills which are used in a variety of different sports - for example throwing, catching, hitting and running, while also developing good team building skills. It is important to be able to successfully demonstrate these fundamental skills as they benefit all areas of sport.

Term 3 sees the commencement of our transition program. We are always excited to welcome our new students for the following year. The new kinders spend time in the classroom and get to experience what big school is like. They are given a buddy who will help with the transition to school and will be with them during their time at school. For more information on our transition program please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Samantha Kerr, Anne Marie Peebles and Sally Hagley
Infants Teachers

SPIRIT OF ST JOSEPH’S AWARD

Our Spirit of St Joseph’s Award for Term 2 has been presented to Darcy Taaffe.

Darcy is a most worthy recipient of this award as she demonstrates great determination to achieve the best possible outcomes in everything she does.

We have not only seen Darcy strive to do her best in Athletics and Cross Country events where she represented the school proudly and well, but she also demonstrates this determination in class striving to improve her literacy and numeracy skills as well. Darcy has also represented our school proudly at events within the community such as the St Joseph’s Junior Campdraft and Fete Day, Festival of the Fleeces, St Joseph’s Christmas Carols in Merriwa to name a few. Congratulations Darcy.

Many thanks to Leanne, Neville an Stephanie of Merriwa Newsagency for continuing to sponsor this award.

Samantha Kerr, Anne Marie Peebles and Sally Hagley
Infants Teachers

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

Merriwa Ringer
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
SUMMER TURNER

Staff and students have voted for Summer Turner to be our last Student of the Week for Term 2! Summer is always polite and respectful of others and works well in a group to cooperate and share roles. She is the only student who hasn’t received a cross in the consequence book at all this term which shows how much effort she puts into improving her learning. Summer has also worked hard this term to qualify for the touch football team and be competitive with her peers. Congratulations and keep up the wonderful work, Summer!

NITBUSTERS, CRAZY HAIR, AND DISCO
THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Everyone had a great afternoon getting their hair sprayed and enjoyed the crazy hair disco.

MASTER CHEF!

Students, teachers, families and community members enjoyed a fantastic day as master chefs. Kaelyn’s dad Jason, who is a chef by trade, came in to help the students with their cooking skills. Students prepared pumpkin soup with croutons, spaghetti bolognaise with side salad and chocolate cake with hot chocolate sauce. Everyone enjoyed the meal and voted chocolate cake the winner, although all the dishes were fantastic!

Students spent all week designing and printing menus, voting slips and thank you cards, costing recipe ingredients online and making chefs hats. Well done CPS!
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic term! Students, parents, community members and teachers have all worked together to have a positive and fun term full of learning and amazing experiences.

Jeanette Grinham
Relieving Principal

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.

Due to email issues, the closing date will now be July 20.

If you have sent a photo already, it would be appreciated if you can send through that photo again.

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.

Today I want to share with you some thoughts that we shared last Sunday being “Sea Sunday” We opened with a hymn which set the scene for the service, I will share the first verse with you.

Eternal Father, strong to save. Whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bidst the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep; O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

We then went on with the usual service of prayer and praise. The theme of this year’s Sea Sunday was “Shipwreck”, of which Rev’d Pat told us the story of how the Mission to Seamen are always there to help the sailors who come into port with support, kindness and care. We are linked to Newcastle port helping Mission to Seamen in whatever way we can. Many have knitted beanies to be handed out to the seamen for those cold days and nights at sea. More are always welcome.

And so we prayed.. Almighty Father, creator of the Oceans and land, Whose Son sailed the seas and calmed the storms, anoint all seafarers with your Holy Spirit, that as it breathed over the waters of creation, so may you bring newness and life to them and us..and then some words from the last hymn which speaks to us as we travel through the storms in our own lives…Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o’er the world’s tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee...

Rosalie Drew

Merriwa Rotary

Merriwa Rotary Club has held its 47th annual Changeover Dinner at the Merriwa Sports Club.

It was a memorable night as our club celebrated a successful year and started to look forward to another.

One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement that Terry Burgess, long standing member of our club, had been awarded the honour of a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Paul Harris was the Chicago lawyer who founded Rotary in Chicago in 1905 and the Paul Harris Fellowship is the highest honour which a Rotary Club can award.

Merriwa Rotary has made the award 24 times over the years, to Rotarians and to other Merriwa people whose contributions to our community the club wished to recognise.

CONGRATULATIONS, TERRY! Well deserved.

We are happy to report that this has been a successful year for our club. Our efforts to raise funds to help Gummun Place install a state-of-the-art Medical Alert System resulted in the clubs being able to donate $14,000.00 dollars to the hostel, well over half the amount required and sufficient to help the hostel reach its target.

Thanks to all the Merriwa Community who rallied behind this project and gave our club such great support.

Some of the programs our club provided in the vocational service area were

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD PROGRAM at which we ably represented by Tom Hagley

RYCAGS program which focuses on practical knowledge of rural activities was attended by Craig Walker who reported back on the great amount of practical knowledge he has gained.

RYPEN Rotary’s Youth Enrichment program at...
Myuna Bay was attended by James Hagley, April Eipper and Breanna Goodear as well as by Felicity Telfer at a later session. All reported favourably on their weekend.

MUNA the Model United Nations Assembly, Merriwa was represented by Breanna Goodear, Hanna Byfield and Clara Piefke, our German exchange student. They found it a challenging and stimulating experience.

Our annual ANGUS PEEBLES MEMORIAL ENCOURAGEMENT BURSARY was awarded to Victoria Cottle to assist with her university education in Sydney.

Our club was active in many other areas during the year, including support for Bowelscan, Kaleidoscope for Kids, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, the Australian Rotary Health Foundation, the MENS HEALTH MERV VAN, Shelter Box and the Mental Health Foundation.

We are delighted to have hosted Clara for the year. Likewise it is great to hear that our club student representative in Germany, Kristen Telfer continues to enjoy a stimulating experience with her year long stay hosted by the Rotary Club of Wolfenbuettel.

Our thanks to Mark Inder for his twelve months as president and we look forward to another great year with our new president Col Bates.

It has been a busy twelve month for Rotary Merriwa. Our thanks the people of our district for the support we have been given. Our thanks also to the Ringer for helping us spread the word.

Mark Smith

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 Anglican Guild Ladies

Expression of Interest for a Debutaune Ball, to be held in November 2015 are now being taken.

Names can be left at Di ‘s Clothing Patch.

All girls must be 16 years as of November 1.

Di Inder

Merriwa CWA

Thank you to everyone who made the International Day luncheon on June 25 such a success.

A special thank you to the coordinator Vicki Hanson and her dedicated team of helpers.

Approximately 40 people enjoyed traditional Tuscan food in good company and a great atmosphere.

Thank you too to the guest speaker, Len Coluccio from Stonehill Vineyard for his entertaining talk.

Congratulations to Rose Medway who won the raffle, and Suzie Fitzpatrick who won the lucky door prize.

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday August 10 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 VIEW Club

This month our Dinner Meeting, Thursday July 23, will be held in the CWA Rooms and will be Christmas In July theme and ‘Bring a Friend’ to VIEW. Could all members invite a friend to join them for our July meeting. It may be cold venturing outdoors but the atmosphere will warm us all in the cozy CWA Rooms. Please give Elaine a call with numbers of all our friends who will be joining us. Our ‘chef’ for the month will be Kylie Austin. Lucky Door and Raffle donors are Sue Cronin and Julie Byrne who will also be our joint Guest Speakers on the night.

Our Learning Locally Bag donations could be enhanced with coloured pencils, rulers or note books. We will look forward to seeing you all on Thursday July 23, at 7.00pm for 7.30pm dinner. BYO drinks and glasses. All community members who would like to attend VIEW are warmly welcome. Call Elaine on 6548 8560 to book and you will be assured a fun-filled enjoyable night with some very nice ladies as companions for a delicious evening meal.

Call Elaine for apologies, acceptances and friends on 6548 8560.

Elaine Sparrow
Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a great school holidays. Winter has well and truly arrived with a vengeance! We hope that you are all rugged up and nice and cosy on these bitterly cold days.

**JEWELLERY**

Do not miss out on acquiring a beautiful piece of jewellery from the range we have in store. It is the perfect gift for a loved one or a great way to splurge on yourself. We also have some great pieces that are suitable for young ladies that are age appropriate, unique and pretty.

**FINANCIAL YEAR SALE**

It is the final week of the Financial Year Sale. If you have any stationery needs for the office or school, this week is the time to do it. There is still time to stock up the office stationery with pens, paper, sticky tape, staples, a new stapler, high lighters, permanent markers, folders, plastic sleeves, and so much more.

**SIMPLY SEWING AND QUILTING**

If the Better Homes and Gardens Knitting and Crochet wasn’t quite your scene, they have also released a Sewing and Quilting issue. It has everything from table cloths, to curtains, quilts to chair covers, and pattern ideas for clothes. There is even a section for all things cute for children. Each section is thoughtfully set out with colour schemes to make life simpler for you.

**CAKES AND CUPCAKES**

Who doesn’t love a decadent piece of cake? This Australian Women’s Weekly cookbook has every cake idea you could think of. There are modern twists on traditional favourites, and even based on your favourite cocktail. The added bonus is that using your oven will keep your home that little bit warmer! (My favourite so far is the caramel butter cake- scrummy!)

**PUZZLE BOOKS**

The latest edition of the Better Homes and Gardens and Australian Women’s Weekly puzzle books are in stock now- we know that many of you have been waiting for them for the last few weeks- they are now here, so come in and get solving!

**HALLMARK MOMENT**

Wow!
You GRADUATED
Brilliant
Amazing
Well Done
Fantastic

**CONGRATULATIONS**

This is the time of year to start thinking about the Year 12 students, and their looming HSC exams - all after their Graduation ceremony, of course. It is a major milestone in any person’s life, and not one to be missed.

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

Cash or Eftpos only

Leanne Hook

**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.

Merriwa Surgery will be closed on Friday 24, Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 of July. Please note that our after hours care will not be available during this time. Patients will still be able to make appointments with our reception staff on Friday July 24.

We apologise for any inconvenience

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 advise. We provide in hours and after hours home visits for our patients 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 provide 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 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 orientated, we thrive to provide excellent services to our local community. We have listened to the community and renovated special children area within the surgery and have installed entertainment for our patients in our waiting room.

Dr Emad provides 24 hour on call services to Merriwa MPS for the days that have been allocated by the Hunter new England health service. We provide a holistic approach to our patient health.

Soon we will be providing allied health services (physiotherapy, podiatry and counseling) from our rooms. We have the latest most advanced ECG machine available.

Along with our excellent service we will also greet you with a smile.

Our team would like to say thank you for your continuous support, for making Dr Emad’s transition and settling in Merriwa very pleasant.

Dr Emad Jasem

**Australia Post Merriwa**

**PO BOXES**

For the first time in a long time we have two boxes available for rent. We have three small boxes which cost $120.00 for the year (which will now be less as we are part way through the year) plus a once off administration fee of $25.00. Anyone who lives in an area where there is no street delivery is entitled to a reduced rate which is $32.00 plus admin fee for small. If you are unsure of whether you have street delivery please speak to a staff member. Applications are available at the post office and there is a free six month redirection available to anyone taking up a box (unless you already have a box and are increasing the size of the box). Benefits of having a box include 24 hour a day access to your box, secure storage of mail as opposed to a box on your street and quick access to parcel collection should you receive notification of a parcel (9.00-5.00pm Monday-Friday).

**TECHNOLOGY**

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**NEW STOCK**

In stock now we have brightly coloured little Cup and Spoon Sets for $5.99 each. Great for yoghurt or ice cream. We also have fridge magnets for $3.99 each with some lovely quotes and sayings, lovely as a gift to a loved one.

**AVON IN STORE**

We have now entered campaign 14 which ends on Thursday July 16. Every Avon catalogue contains some great deals with freebies so come in a pick up a catalogue or go to my online shop – shop.avon.com.au/store/kelsw

**SCENTSY**

For those wondering what fragrance is wafting from the Post Office when you walk by or come in it is one of over 80 fragrances Scentsy offer. When you walk in you will notice it burning in one of our electric warmers which is part of the Silhouette Collection with an etched core warmer and Spokes wrap. This could be burning in your home or workplace for $69.75. There is also a range of Laundry products including Liquid, Dryer Disks and the popular Washer Whiffs. Not sure what a Washer Whiffs are, come in and pick up a free sample to try at home. There are many ways to purchase these products – by hosting a party at your home, collecting orders at your leisure with our basket party system, visiting the Merriwa Markets, shopping online at lusciousmelts.scentsy.com.au or calling in and picking up a catalogue. While you are in check out my display of the fabulous products Scentsy has to offer.

**FREE POCKET CALENDARS**

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

**LUNCH TIME CLOSURE**

Due to the decline in customers visiting the Post Office, we had reduced staffing. This resulted in the staff member working without a designated lunch break. As such we are advising the community that as of Monday July 20 2015 Merriwa Post Office will be closed between 2-2.30pm so that our staff are able to take a break for lunch and to attend to any personal business. We hope that the community will understand and be accommodating of this.

Merriwa Post Office is opened Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm.

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Merriwa RSL Club
P&F President - Dermot Shannon
Secretary: Barb White
Treasurer: Peter Lawrence
Meet 4th Thursday of each month
Visitors always welcome
Enquiries to:
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Secretary: Elaine Sparrow - 6548 8560
Supporting the Smith Family

Merriwa Central School

Merriwa Central School P & C Association
President: Jayne Cronin
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Secretary: Gaynor Blackadder
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Meets the first Wednesday of each Month at 7pm, Merriwa RSL Club

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Welcome to Merriwa Central School, where we provide a rich learning environment in a friendly Christian atmosphere.

Principal - Helen Whale
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St Davids Uniting Church

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Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $900.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 523, this week it jackpots to $950.00. The 7.00pm draw for $280.00 was not won the number was 336, this week it jackpots to $300.00. The 9.00pm draw for $200.00 was won the number was 487, this week it jackpots to $220.00. 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.

Nominations are being call for the Board of Directors. Open on Friday July 17 and close on Sunday August 2 at 6.00pm. Voting starts Friday August 28 and closes on Sunday September 6.

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 SMORASBORD SUNDAY JULY 26**

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle July 11**

Saturday members draw no 354, not won – next week $290.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $480.00

**Free Tickets:** Olivia Gear
**Dinner:** Des Snelgrove
**Bowls Raffle:** Beatrice Voysey

**Sunday Raffle July 12**

Sunday members draw - No. 227, was not won. Next week $650.00.

**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.

**WOMENS BOWLS**

Welcome back to another year of bowling. We welcome Lyn Flack, Lorraine Cottom and Elaine Gallagher to our club. We hope you enjoy your bowling with us.

Merriwa mixed Friendship Day is on Tuesday August 4. Morning tea is at 9.30am and play begins at 10.00am. $10.00 for lunch and the game per player. Casual dress with flat soled shoes.

Please leave your name on the board at the Sports Club or to Loretta 6548 2679 by July 31. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a great fun day of bowls, you don’t have to be a bowler to participate.

**COMING EVENTS**

Muswellbrook RSL Womens Bowls Gala Day will be held on Wednesday July 22. Please let Loretta know on 6548 2679 by July 16 if you are able to attend.

District Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday July 29. We have nominated a team, please let Loretta know if you are available.

Wednesday Mixed Bowls - all are welcome to play. Names are to be in by 10.30am and bowls will begin at 11.00am.

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** - $50.00 – Tony Upton – claimed - $50.00 next week

**Joker Draw** – $1432.00 – Bernie Parker – unsuccessful – $1537.00 next week.

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

Hilary Parker

Download the free Merriwa Central School App.

MCS in touch with our community!
On Saturday June 27 under 6’s went to Scone. Zac, Tye and Kayden were all we had for Merriwa though a few under 6’s from other towns helped us out. From what I have been told our three boys all played brilliantly. They were making great tackles and doing hard runs. Zac scored a try and Tye picked up two tries. Well done team.

On Saturday July 11, we went to Aberdeen with a few more players. Our team played well. Zac did a great job running the ball up which helped him score a try. Rylan Neale also was doing some great running forward with the ball and he also picked up a try and was just a little short of scoring two. This was Rylan’s first try for the season. Great work, mate. Tye also picked up a try with his quick run.

All our players did a good job at tackling which is the most important part of the game.

Rylan picked up Player of the Match this week for his great runs, tackling and team work.

Next week we will head to Singleton.

Gaynor Blackadder

KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S

Before the reports of how the Under 8’s have gone in last couple of weeks, I would like to apologise as I included a previous games report in the last Ringer issue. So I have attached a copy of that week’s (June 20) game.

After two weeks off, the under 8’s were very eager to travel to Denman where they took on Scone Red. With only six of the under 8’s, it was a tough game. However, they showed their determination and ended up scoring six tries to three tries from Scone Red. Jackson showed off his skills and how he ran the ball by scoring four tries and made great tackles. Harry scored a try for himself, as well as producing awesome try saving tackles. Logan was our other try-scorer and pushed through a line of defence to ground the ball. Toby was excellent in defence by always being the first to rush up and try to tackle them, as well as running with the ball well. Maddison played well with a few great runs and good tackles. Duncan, as always, made plenty of metres and tackled well, by rushing up on them. We even had attempts at goal this game where Toby and Jackson both kicked a goal each.

Player of the Match went to Logan Brazier. Logan gave his absolute best in the game, which was demonstrated in his try, the way he ran and how enthusiastic he was in defence, which made him worthy of Player of the Match for this game. Well done Logan!

The game on the Saturday after school broke I was unable to attend. Merriwa scored five tries and kicked two goals against Scone. I would like to thank Brandon and Michael Harrison for taking the Under 8’s while I was away. Try scorers were Jackson with 1 and Toby and Harry with two each, while Jackson and Logan both kicking a goal. Good work guys.

On Saturday July 11, the under 8’s took on the Scone Blue side. Being short with numbers, only three Merriwa players, Jackson, Harry and Logan, Scone lent four of their players to us. Friendships were quickly made and by the end of the game, they were all mates. Something I was happy with. Merriwa scored five tries against Scone, who scored ten. Try scorers were Harry and Jackson with one each and the rest from the Scone players. As always, Harry and Jackson were very strong runners making lots of ground and great tackles. Logan played well by always running the ball up and having a go. Good work everyone, keep it up.

John Cronin

KINGSLYN UNDER 9’S

Two games have past since our last Ringer notice, first game was played at Scone against Scone. Jyeson, Jackson, Riley, Maddison, Dylan, Brooklyn and Clayton all played an excellent game with some great running, lots of offloads and all round great defence. Brooklyn Blackadder was awarded Player of the Match with an outstanding performance. She’s fast and tough and was the best defender of the game with a never give up attitude. Well done Brooklyn. Tries went to Jyeson x two tries, both Riley and Dylan scored one.

Last Saturday we traveled to Aberdeen where we took on Muswellbrook. Our Magpies played an exceptional game, really taking on what coach Brady had to tell them. They improved more as the game went on with some exciting running and big defence. Everyone defended well, especially Brooklyn and Dylan. Jack, Thomas and Jackson had a few big runs all looking dangerous to score each time they got their fingers to the ball. Clayton had a great game with lots of hard runs up the middle of the field, one of which he broke through Muswellbrook’s line with ease running over half the field, well done Clayton for a great game and our Player of the Match. Tries went to Dylan x four, Brooklyn x two, Clayton x two, and
Merriwa Rugby League Club

During the school holidays Merriwa played two games both at home. The first game, only the ladies League Tag played, playing Murrurundi. Merriwa won this game 14-6. Try scorers were Shai Blackadder, Taylah Blackadder and Kate Blackadder with Jessyca kicking a goal. Taylah Blackadder and Jessyca Morgan received Players Player.

The second game, Merriwa played in both against Scone. In the League Tag, all girls put in a great effort with Scone defeating Merriwa 30-10. Try scorers were Brodi Hollier and Jessyca Morgan with Janaya Austin kicking a goal. Taylah Blackadder received Players Player for this match.

In Reserve Grade, Merriwa were defeated 46-18. Try scorers were Brendan Richardson, Ben Morgan and Jeremy Nicholls with Jeremy converting three from three goals.

On Saturday Merriwa League Tag Ladies travel to Murrurundi to play Round 12. This game starts at 3.00pm. Good luck Magpies.

Merriwa Reserve Grade have a bye.

SPONSORS DAY - SATURDAY AUGUST 8

At this game both grades will be wearing Pink Jerseys and everyone is welcome to the Merriwa RSL afterwards for an Auction of a few of these Pink Jerseys. Visit our FaceBook page to see them (Merriwa Magpie’s League Tag and Rugby League).

Gaynor Blackadder

Merriwa Touch Football Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: July 23
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

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

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by Tuesday at 9.00am.

Tina Taylor

Ringer Update

The Merriwa Ringer wishes to apologise to those wishing to place articles in the Ringer this week that may have been missed. The school has currently been having issues the new email system that has been placed in the school system, an issue that many schools across the state are also suffering from. I attempted to contact as many people as possible but may have missed someone and for this we apologise. Hopefully next week the Ringer email will be back to normal. If you do not receive a reply by 3.00pm on Monday, please contact us on 6548 2119 to ensure that your article has arrived.

Tina Taylor
## 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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