Merriwa Central School prepares for Variety Night
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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Students of the Week. It has been wonderful to hear the different achievements being made in classrooms every week. Well done!

Kindergarten: Paige Carrall
Year 2: Mitchel Cox
Year 3/4: Alister Fairfull

VARIETY NIGHT

This week has been a whirlwind of singing, dancing, and rehearsals for our movie-themed Variety Night. Students and teachers have worked very hard to prepare for the annual performance. Tuesday was spent learning stage markings and how to move on and off stage, as well as some time rehearsing movements. Wednesday we ran through the items and had a “dress-rehearsal matinee” where students from Secondary visited to create a full audience for all our performers. It’s a wonderful way to experience what a stage performance is like. Wednesday Night was our full performance for parents and community. It was a full house and all our performers had a wonderful time. The full report on the show and photographs from the night will be in the next edition of the Ringer.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

This Friday August 7 student representatives from each stage will present their speeches for the Public Speaking finals. Students were chosen by teachers based on a specific marking criteria as they presented their speeches in class.

The criteria will also be used for the finals by adjudicators who will be scoring the speeches. Students are reminded to be in neat and tidy full school uniform and have speeches ready on the day. Students from Stages 2 and 3 will be chosen to go on to the zone level to represent Merriwa Central School on Wednesday August 12 and Thursday August 13. Congratulations to our finalists:

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Early Stage 1: Shayla Cronin and Inara West
Stage 1: Georgie Simmons, Makaylah Coles and Isaac Constable
Stage 2: Alyssa Carrall, Ildiko Tashman, Josie Porter, Samantha Bristow
Stage 3: Hasan Tashman and Jack Wallings.

Please note that other children have been selected but their names can not be mentioned in the Ringer.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Friday 25 students from Years 2 to 6 travelled to Scone for the Upper Hunter Zone Athletics Carnival. It was a fantastic day with fierce competition and great sportsmanship.

Our students participated in track and field events with many of them gaining first, second and third places in their heats and overall. Well done to Jackson Whitby and Lily Swan for making the finals in their 100m age race and congratulations to Samantha Bristow for getting through to Regional for Junior Shot Put. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day with travel and assisting with the organisation. Lastly, congratulations to all students who attended, you all behaved beautifully and represented our school with pride.

KINDERGARTEN REPORT

What a busy start we have had to this term. We celebrated NAIDOC Week with a variety of visitors to our school and have been busily preparing for our Variety Night performance. Kindergarten hope you enjoyed their Mary Poppins medley last night. The students had great fun dressing up in their costumes and dancing on stage in front of parents, family and friends.

What do you know about Spiny Leaf Insects? Last term we acquired some Spiny Leaf Insect eggs. We watched the tiny eggs with much anticipation, checking them daily, but nothing happened. This term our eggs have begun to hatch. It has been a very exciting experience watching the little hatchlings grow. Kindergarten think they looked like ants when they first hatched. They are growing bigger each week and it has been interesting watching them grow and change. They are starting to get a leafy look on their legs. Did you
know that Spiny Leaf Insects have six legs and three parts to their body? They live in trees and use their leafy look to camouflage themselves. They are nocturnal animals and do most of their moving around when we are at home in bed. It won’t be long now until our Spiny Leaf Insects are big enough for us to handle, their legs were too delicate when they were first born. Above is a photo of one of our Spiny Leaf Insects. They like to hang upside down on the leaves.

Michelle Willis
Kindergarten Teacher

HORSE SPORTS

Merriwa Central School Horse Sports day will be held next Monday August 10. Once again entries have filled quickly as the day has become popular with not only local schools but those who are willing to travel many hours to compete. To ensure the safety of participants, the number of riders has been capped to one hundred and eighty. Those students will have the opportunity to compete in multiple hack and sporting events this year. We appreciate all Merriwa Central School staff and community members who have been involved in organising the huge event. We look forward to a successful Horse Sports day and would like to thank in advance all the community members who assist in making this a great day for all horses and riders.

Megan Sinderberry
Assistant Principal

PUBERTY BLUES

Upper Hunter Community Health will be presenting a one hour workshop on Puberty for all student in Years 5 and 6. The workshop will take place on Tuesday August 20, at Merriwa Central School’s Primary Campus. The workshop has been developed by NSW Health Services and will be presented by Jodie Duffel, a Women’s Health Nurse from Upper Hunter Community Health, and is aimed at educating preteens on a range of body issues.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Merriwa Central School.

Lana Grant
Girls Supervisor

Secondary News

MATHEMATICS REPORT

What better way to celebrate Education Week than by explaining again the two Mathematics programs provided by Merriwa Central School to support students studying Mathematics. They are QuickSmart – supporting students from Year 4 to Year 9 who need to improve skills in the basic operations and Maths Online for all students in Secondary who are studying Mathematics.

QUICKSMART

QuickSmart is a maths program aimed to increase automaticity of maths combinations. The program runs for 30 weeks, students attend three times a week for 30 minute sessions with the instructor. Students come in pairs and regular attendance is important as it takes ten weeks to change someone’s way of thinking. The greatest impact is around Week 15 when improvements can be seen. The remaining 15 weeks focuses on problem solving and building knowledge, bringing the Quick and the Smart together.

It is a highly valuable program made up of focus facts, flash cards, speed sheets, OZCAAS and independent worksheets and finishes with a maths game. Each component relates to what is currently being taught and students keep a record of all of their results.

It is often the last chance to learn some of these important skills and the one-on-one interaction with the instructor is highly successful. QuickSmart has been offered for four years at Merriwa Central School to students from Years 4-9. This year 18 primary and 18 secondary students have been given the opportunity to learn their basic number facts and problem solving skills for another year.

So far students have developed strategies and applied them confidently and consistently not only in QuickSmart but transferring their learning to other subjects and also their everyday life. QuickSmart not only teaches students number facts over the four operations of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction but gives the student confidence in their ability and enables learning in a fun positive environment.

Students are confidently progressing through the QuickSmart program and are always striving to move forward. At the end of Term 2, students sat their mid-year testing and their results have shown pleasing improvements.

Problem solving is our new focus this term and we have recently touched on these skills and we will continue to develop them further until the end of the year. I am extremely pleased with the
dissertation and progress of all students well done
keep up the good work!

As the name suggests Maths Online is a program accessed online which currently supports over 210,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 12. To obtain this program individually it costs $197.00 per student per year. Our School provides this opportunity free of charge to all students from Year 7 to Year 12, and it is disappointing that a great number of them are not using it regularly to improve their understanding and therefore their overall results.

Every student has an individual login and password so, if they have access to the internet they can have tuition 24 hours a day. You as parents can use that method of entry to check results and progress as well as access the lessons and worksheets.

If you would like to see for yourself how the program works, simply enter www.mathsonline.com.au into your computer or google “mathsonline”. If you choose the “How it Works” section it shows a 10 minute video which outlines how a lesson is presented, the options students have to stop, start and rewind a lesson so they can maximise their understanding. In addition they can access a worksheet and answer sheet for the lesson and submit it for immediate marking, allowing instantaneous feedback. These results are recorded, so progress can be mapped over time. If the student still has difficulty with a question they can use the worked solutions to show where they went wrong. A new development this year, is the accessibility to interactive questions at the end of the lesson.

The examination season is about to descend on us, starting with the Trial HSC exams in Week 6 and the Preliminary Yearly’s in Week 9, followed by

Favourite Subject: Creative and Performing Arts
Extracurricular Activities: 4C Leadership Program and singing
Best Personal Achievement: Being a good sister and friend

Year Advisor’s Comment: Nikki is a quiet yet determined student who has displayed a great work ethic. She has tried very hard at all of her subjects this year and all of her teachers have expressed how great Nikki is to have in class. Nikki is an active participant in the 4C Leadership Program and has most recently been working on developing her self-confidence in group situations, caring for herself and others and working cooperatively in a team. Nikki is a positive contributor to the school community and a well-deserved recipient of student of the week. Keep up the great work.

Patrick Lomax - Year Adviser

Student of the Week
Nikki Anshaw
Year 7
junior classes early in Term 4. Every student would benefit from revision sessions on those areas they struggle with or simply refresh what was covered early in the year. If online access is not possible at home, students are always able to use School computers during lunchtime or during Thursday afternoon tutoring sessions with Mr Lomax.

If you would like more information on one or both of the above programs, please contact me via the Secondary phone number on 6548 2119.

Gwen Meyer
Head Teacher

Why I want to be in ROAR: It is fun and it keeps me fit
Favourite Subject: PE and English
Favourite sport: Boxing
Favourite team: Rabbits
Favourite Sports Person: Sugar Ray Robinson
Best personal sporting achievement: Making it to State for running
Who inspires you: Bear Grills, because he wasn’t the best in everything but he never gave up
Advice to young players: Don’t give up.

CAREERS NEWS
Did you know? Sheet metal work is a skill used throughout the metal industry. Specifically with coach building and air conditioning ducting.

NEW CAREER EVENTS
BHP Billiton Mt Arthur Coal are excited to announce that applications for our 2016 Apprenticeship Program opened Tuesday August 4. We have eight positions available, three Electrical positions and five Plant Mechanic (Mechanical) positions. Interested students are invited to apply with a Cover Letter and Resume via our website, the link to the ad is listed: http://careers.bhpbilliton.com/jobDetails.asp?&sJobIDs=776192&sReferrer=home&lApplicationSubSourceID=&lWorkTypeID=&lLocationID=&sJobNo=776192&tICategoryID=&tIBrandID=&tp=AW&sLanguage=en. Applications will close at 5.00pm on Thursday August 13.

Teacher Education Scholarships - Closes September 18 - Up to 220 Teacher Education Scholarships are available to future teachers of mathematics, science (with physics), selected Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) subjects or special education (K-12). $5000.00 per year of full time study, $3000.00 appointment allowance and a permanent teaching job upon graduation. https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/

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

Mark Beiers
Careers Advisor

ROAR
Ben Keane
Year 8
Over the past few weeks I have had many opportunities to sit with principals and other educational colleagues from over the Diocese and share what we do in our schools to raise the learning for all students. I am very proud to say that the work we are doing in St Joseph’s Merriwa is very highly regarded. As we look to the current research on education, we, the teachers and staff at St Joseph’s Merriwa are constantly looking for and finding ways to apply it in our local context.

Teaching styles have changed since each of us experienced being a student. These changes have come about through a greater understanding of how the brain works as well as in response to the demands of the world for which we are educating the students.

The quality of the teacher can no longer be judged by the amount of homework sent home. A quiet classroom is not necessarily the indicator that students are engaged in their learning; in fact student engagement is more often than not messy, loud and active. Common goals are no longer as relevant as personal learning goals because each student is learning at a different rate. Student learning is boundless. The teachers help students become great learners, but the student is free and encouraged to learn beyond the knowledge of the teacher in any given topic. The ICT capacity of the school and the student's capacity to use it, is crucial to today’s education.

St Joseph’s school has moved to a more collaborative style of learning and teaching to maximise the level of education for all our students. While these changes are being embedded right across the school, the Infants’ learning space is a wonderful and very successful example. Many parents have taken the opportunity to have a look at the classroom in action. The feedback to us has been very positive. I gave an account in my last report about how the data we are collecting is indicating strong growth in student learning. I urge all parents who have not seen the great things happening in the school to come along to the P&F meetings to learn about why we do the things we do in the classroom and then book in for a visit to the classrooms.

Some things at St Joseph’s have not changed. Regardless of the demands and pressures of the 21st century world, we are still helping you in teaching the students about the Love of God for each and every one of us. We are still learning about the life of Jesus Christ to help us live our own lives as honest, just, loving and compassionate people with “optimism and hope for the future”. A large part of this teaching is helping students to deal with issues as they arise. To know what is right and stand up for what is right. We are not born with these skills, they need to be taught and modelled.

“Optimism and hope for the future” is a very strong statement in our Vision Statement. As a staff we collect positive anecdotes from around the place to boost our optimism about what is going in our learning spaces. I have added some here:

A note from a parent to staff: “Thank you for the care and attention you give our children”

Parent comment: “I just love this school, the quality of learning is high and it teaches compassion”

Teacher comment: “How wonderful that a child accepted a song sung by me as a work reward, rather than a tangible token reward”

Casual teacher: “It is so lovely to teach in a supportive learning environment such as the Infants learning space.”

Year One boys: Told their teachers they wanted to push themselves to do great work. They were very proud of their new efforts.

I was thrilled last week when a student from the Infants class noticed that the Stage 2 class had not yet come onto the playground for recess. His explanation for this was – “They must be still learning”. What a positive outlook (and it was correct)!

CREATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT LUNCHTIME

Last Term I invited parents and in particular fathers to come in at lunch or recess time to do something with a group of students to value add to their learning at school. I would like to give a short summary.

Michael Hagley comes in at recess on Wednesdays and builds models with a small multi age group of students.
Jeremy Nicholls comes in when he can and plays touch footy with anyone who’s keen.

I play chess with any students who would like to play. No prior knowledge is needed we learn through playing.

What is this doing for our students? It is helping students to relate well with others. Gives students the opportunity to talk to another adult who has time to listen. It encourages turn taking, rule following, patience and commitment and the students love the opportunity.

If you would like to join us at school and have a plan please let me know. We would love to welcome you too.

Congratulations to Darcy Taaffe who competed brilliantly at Diocesan Athletics carnival last week to gain her a place in the Polding Team in the 100 metres running race. When asked what place she came at DIO, Darcy modestly said “Well I didn’t see anyone in front of me”! Good luck Darcy. We look forward to hearing of your efforts at Polding level on September 4.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK’S AWARD WINNERS

WEEKLY AWARDS

Kindergarten - Arlia Parker - for showing great skills making equal groups and arrays

Jack Patterson - for working well in literacy time

Year 1/2 - Peter Hagley - for showing good problem solving skills when working with leftover in maths

Seth Pepper - for developing reading skills to show better understanding of factual texts

Year 3/4 - Amy Redgate - for developing a good understanding of poetic devices

Olivia Collins - for a sound understanding of patterns and algebra

Year 5/6 - Dylan Turner - for an excellent effort in reading groups this week

Gaby Nicholls - for always seizing the challenge by extending your responses in written tasks

Principal’s Awards - Sam Grady - for being focussed in class and motivated to achieve great learning

Madelaine Thrift - for maintaining a high standard of learning.
also listened carefully to instructions and worked independently on her ‘Hero’ speech but was happy to listen to feedback and take on advice when required.

Rachel also had some good responses during class discussions which were wonderful to see. Congratulations and keep up the terrific work, Rachel!

EDUCATION WEEK
“CELEBRATING LOCAL HEROES”

Last Thursday we celebrated Education Week with a sausage sizzle, assembly, speech competition, open classrooms and tree planting in our bush regeneration area.

Students presented speeches highlighting their heroes including their parents, grandparents, armed forces, rescue workers, animals who help people and many others. Our winners were Kinder-Year3 Sophie Anderson and Year 4-5 Jack Sumpter-Cornish. Rachel Bibby received a special Education Week Award. Congratulations!

Students showed parents and families how clever they are by reading to them, playing a maths game together and showing other work they have done.

Jeanette Grinham
Acting Principal

Ringer Deadline!
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SUCCESS AT ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the students who attended the Zone Athletics carnival in Scone last Friday. They put in a tremendous effort. It was fantastic to hear lots of positive comments about the way the Sandy Hollow students conducted themselves while representing the school. Due to their fantastic effort, some students have now qualified for Region.

- Angus Higgins - 800m and 200m
- Isabella Wallace - 100m and high jump
- Andrew Harris - Discuss to be verified
- Hunter Marsh - 100m
- PP5 Relay - Angus Higgins, Amy Thompson, Sam Thompson and Hunter Marsh.

Year 4 - Natasha Marsh and Nicholas Terrell
Year 5 - Sam Thompson
Year 6 - Amy Thompson and Abby Cooper.

SCIENCE SHOW

Next Tuesday, all students Kindergarten-Year 6 will attend a Science Show that is being held in our school library. Students from Newcastle University will dazzle the students with this light display and then talk about what they do. There will be no cost to students for this activity.

Christine Darlington
Principal

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. If you have a child or know of a child that turns five before July 2016 and you are thinking of sending them to Sandy Hollow, please contact the school to have their name added to our list.

An information package will be sent out later this term.

Our Kindergarten Orientation program will take place in Weeks 1 – 8 next term.

Thank you to the parents who provided transport to and from the zone carnival and thank you to Katie Thompson for managing our team.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Congratulations to all students who presented speeches in our annual Public Speaking competition. The following students will have competed in the finals on Wednesday.

Kindergarten - Livianna Craig and Archie Johnson
Year 1 - Harry Thompson and Marshall Hinze
Year 2 - Riley Borradaile
Year 3 - Andrew Harris and Campbell Hinze

Books Light Up Our World

Children's Book Week 2015
Merriwa Tennis Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: August 17
Time: 6.00pm
Where: Merriwa RSL Club

All positions will be declared vacant and all voting members will need to be financial before voting.

Robert Smith

Merriwa Progress Association

POLICING IN MERRIWA

Are you worried by the level of crime in Merriwa? Do you have concerns about the lack of Police presence in the town?

Come along to a public meeting at the Merriwa RSL on Wednesday August 26 at 6.00pm where the guest speaker will be Inspector Guy Guiana, the Hunter Valley Local Area Commander.

This is your chance to get some answers concerning Policing in Merriwa.

The meeting is organised by the Merriwa District Progress Association.

Beron Arden-Wood

Merriwa Markets

When: August 15
Where: RSL Club footpath and building
Time: 9.00am till 12.00 noon

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

Contact: 0428 496 630

We operate the third Saturday of every month except January.

Julie Russell

Samaritan’s Christmas Boxes

The Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes are available now. They will need to be in by September 30.

Anyone wishing to fill a box, please contact Barbara on 6548 5131 or mobile on 0428 485 131.

Barbara Campbell

Anglican Church

The Anglican ladies Guild will be holding a Casserole Lunch in the Parish Hall on August 14 at 12.00 noon.

Cost: $20.00
BYO soft drinks provided.

Guest Speaker: Kerry Inder

Kerry is currently an Associate Professor of Nursing at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Newcastle and is teaching both undergraduate and postgraduate nurses. Kerry has worked as an academic in public health for the past 11 years. Kerry has research interests and experience in chronic disease, co-morbidity, ageing and improving access to evidenced based health care. For the past five years Kerry has been working in rural mental health research undertaking community based postal surveys and telephone interviews about mental health and well-being. Prior to this Kerry worked for 20 years in clinical nursing predominantly in cardiovascular nursing, coronary care and cardiac rehabilitation at John Hunter Hospital, the National Heart Foundation, and Royal North Shore Hospital.

Topic: “The mental health and well-being of rural Australians”.

Rosalie Drew

Free Equine Nutrition Seminar

When: Thursday August 20 at 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Location: Merriwa RSL Club

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

• Equine nutrition 101
• Nutrition for laminitis prone horses
• Rebuilding condition after winter
• Stomach ulcers
• Parasite management

Proudly presented by Landmark Townsend, Hygain feeds and Virbac.

RSVP by August 12 on 02 6548 2122.

Corinne Parker

The Merriwa Community News is available to charity groups or non-funded, not for profit organisations and anyone wishing to advise of a special event (birthday/anniversary/etc). If you would like to make use of this free service.
Bring your cakes to the first Merriwa Branch Land Cookery judging day on Monday August 10.

Open to anyone wishing to display their cake making skills, the cake to be judged is a lemon sour cream cake. Recipe details are below for anyone interested in entering a cake.

CWA members will also find the recipe in the June issue of the “Country Woman”.

INGREDIENTS

- 125 gm butter
- 1 cup caster sugar
- Grated rind of one lemon
- Juice of half lemon
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1/2 cup sour cream

METHOD

Beat butter until creamy. Add sugar and mix well. Mix in the lemon rind.

Add the eggs, one at a time and beat well. Fold in flour, alternating with lemon juice and sour cream.

Pour into a greased and floured 20cm cake tin, cook in 160°C oven for 40-50 minutes, or until cooked.

Please have entries in to the CWA Rooms by 12 noon, with the 80 cents entry fee.

Cakes will be judged by CWA Cookery Judge Margaret Whitney.

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.

Penelope Fenley
Anglican News

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Phone: 0429 996 769

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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

August 14: Ladies Guild casserole lunch

August 20: Anglican Women have a gathering in
Muswellbrook at St Alban’s Parish Hall commencing
with morning tea at 10.00am

Guest Speaker: Peter Holland from the Samaritans.

Lunch: Soup and Damper

Contact: Beatrice Voysey 6548 2065

September 9: Anglican Women Spring celebration
All Saints Singleton.

We are reminded that learning and growing are
life-long processes, and are never done. We hear
the story of Moses and mana in the desert. In a
gospel reading, Jesus talks about spiritual hunger.
Where there is hunger and curiosity, there is great
potential for growth. Where and how am I (we)
being urged to grow?

Dear God,

Thank you for our food, homes, and those we love.
Most of all thank you for Jesus who showed us the
way to a full and whole life.

Amen.

Rosalie Drew

Letter to the Community

The Merriwa Ringer received a letter from the
Campbell family wishing to give the community
information on dog trappers. They would like to
emphasise the important role of a dog trapper
and help others understand their importance in
the control of wild dogs.

To the Merriwa Community

There seems to be considerable misunderstanding
as to the value of wild dog trappers in the fight
against these animal predators. The Campbell
family at Merriwa run a mixed farming and
grazing property with sheep being a large part of
our operation. We have experienced successive
dog attacks in the last two weeks. To come across
sheep that has been mauled and is obviously
suffering because of the attack of a dog is not
a pretty sight. In most cases the animal has to be
euthanised.

There is no silver bullet that is the ultimate control
of wild dogs with different methods and ways
of control. Ariel and ground baiting has yielded
positive results and should be continued. It is a
known fact that ground and Ariel baiting is very
successful in the control of pups and younger
dogs. Each method is used to advantage, but
no single method yielding complete control. It
has been proven that wild dog trapping is a very
specialised business with trappers using particular
methods, some would suggest peculiar methods
that have yielded positive results.

One has only to contact landholders running
sheep in the Timor Area near Murrurundi to learn
of the success of a trapper that has caught 22
dogs in the period that he has been trapping.
In some cases he has trapped dogs in an area
where other methods and baiting did not catch
these particular dogs.

One must remember that dogs are a most
intelligent and cunning predator and in many
cases outsmart humans. Wild dog trappers, I
believe have not been given credit for their
painstaking effort, recognition and dedication
that they deserve. No one can dispute this when
the wild dog is physically caught and disposed of.
The criticism of Ben Johnsen is most undeserved
and he should be congratulated for the excellent
job he is doing. I was told of the success of one
land owner using a particular whistle to attract
dogs. This land owner was successful in attracting
and shooting two dogs by using the whistle.

The use of Wild Dog Trappers needs to be
increased to complement existing methods.

The Campbell family sheep farmers

Ringer Deadline!

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your articles and
advertisements into
the Merriwa Ringer
by 12.00 noon Mondays.
SECTION J – COOKING

SUB-COMMITTEE: Mrs S Cronin (Captain), Mrs G Bates, Mrs J Carrall, Miss C Inder, Mrs K Inder, Mrs J Johnson, Mrs L Moroney.

ENTRY FEE: Open classes $0.50 per entry
Children 16 and under no entry fee

PRIZES: First - $3.00, second - $2.00 except where otherwise mentioned. Award cards for first and second.

ENTRIES: will be accepted in the Fairfax Pavilion on Thursday September 17 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, and Friday September 18 from 8.00am until 10.00am. Any entries must be collected between 4.00pm and 5.00pm on Saturday September 19, those not collected will become the property of the committee.

PRESENTATIONS: 11.00am on Saturday in the Rodgers Pavilion.

SPECIAL PRIZES

PRIZE for exhibitor gaining the highest point score Open Classes 1-16 Donated by “Kingslyn”

PRIZE for exhibitor gaining the highest point score Open Classes 17-19 Donated by Merriwa CWA

PRIZE for First ($10.00) Class 17 Donated by Mrs J Carrall

PRIZE for First ($10.00) Class 18 Donated by Mrs L Killen

PRIZE for First ($10.00) Class 19 Donated by Mrs J Johnson

PRIZE (Perpetual) for exhibitor gaining the highest point score Bloke’s Classes 20-21 Donated by Merriwa IGA trophy

PRIZE for exhibitor gaining the highest point score Classes 22-25 Donated by Mrs B Cronin and Mrs N Bailey ($10.00)

PRIZE for exhibitor gaining the highest point score Classes 26-29 Donated by Mrs A Kemp ($10.00)

PRIZE for exhibitor gaining the highest point score Classes 30-32 Donated by Mrs K Gill ($10.00)

PRIZE for First ($5.00) Class 33 Donated by Mrs K Gill

PRIZE for First ($5.00) Class 34 Donated by Mrs K Gill.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Judge may cut or sample each exhibit
2. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor

OPEN CLASSES

1. SIX PLAIN SCONES
2. SIX BISCUITS - one mixture
3. SIX GLUTEN FREE BISCUITS – one mixture
4. SIX CUPCAKES – iced, paper cases allowed
5. SIX SHORTBREAD - any shape
6. SIX LAMINGTONS – no filling
7. UNCOOKED SLICE - six pieces of one mixture
8. COOKED SLICE – six pieces of one mixture
9. SIX CARAMEL TARTS – your own pastry and filling
10. FOUR MUFFINS – sweet or savoury – regular size, paper cases allowed
11. ORANGE CAKE - iced
12. BANANA CAKE - iced
13. GLUTEN FREE CAKE - no icing
14. PLAIN BUTTER CAKE - iced
15. CHOCOLATE CAKE - iced
16. CINNAMON TEA CAKE
17. BOILED FRUIT CAKE – 20 cm tin
18. RICH FRUIT CAKE - 250g 20cm tin. Entrants must use the recipe provided
19. CHRISTMAS PUDDING IN A STEAMER - 250g

BLOKES BAKING

20. 20. DAMPER
21. 21. YOUR BEST CAKE
22. CHILDREN’S CLASSES
16 YEARS AND UNDER
23. SIX PLAIN SCONES
24. ICED CHOCOLATE CAKE
25. SIX CUPCAKES – iced and decorated, paper cases allowed
26. UNCOOKED SLICE - six pieces of one mixture

12 YEARS AND UNDER
27. SIX PIKELETS
28. SIX CUPCAKES - iced and decorated, paper cases allowed
29. ROCKY ROAD - six pieces
30. SIX ANZAC BISCUITS

8 YEARS AND UNDER
31. SIX CHOCOLATE CRACKLES
32. SIX DECORATED CUPCAKES – judged on decoration only
33. COCONUT ICE - six pieces

5 YEARS AND UNDER
34. FOUR DECORATED ARROWROOT BISCUITS

3 YEARS AND UNDER
35. FOUR DECORATED ARROWROOT BISCUITS

RICH FRUIT CAKE
The following recipe is compulsory for all entrants in Class 18:

INGREDIENTS
• 125g chopped mixed peel
• 250g chopped raisins
• 250g currants
• 250g sultanas
• 90g chopped red glace cherries
• 90g chopped blanched almonds
• 1/3 cup sherry or brandy
• 60g self raising flour
• 250g plain flour
• 1/2 tsp ground cloves
• 1/2 tsp ground ginger
• 250g soft brown sugar
• 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg
• 1/2 tsp vanilla essence
• 250g Butter
• 4 large eggs
• 1/2 tsp almond essence
• 1/2 tsp lemon essence or finely grated lemon rind

METHOD
Mix together all the fruits and nuts and sprinkle with the sherry or brandy. Cover and leave at least one hour, but preferably overnight.

Sift together the flours and spices. Cream together the butter and sugar with the essences. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition, then alternately add the fruit and flour mixtures. Mix thoroughly. The mixture should be stiff enough to support a wooden spoon.

Place the mixture into a prepared tin no larger than 20cm in length, breadth or diameter and bake in a slow oven for approximately three and a half to four hours. Allow the cake to cool in the tin.

Note: To ensure uniformity and depending upon the size, it is suggested the raisins be snipped into two or three pieces, cherries into four to six pieces and almonds crosswise into three to four pieces.

Winners at Country Shows will each receive a cash prize of $10.00 and will be required to bake a second ‘Rich Fruit Cake’ in order to compete in a semi-final to be conducted by each of the 14 Groups of the Agricultural Societies Council of NSW.

The 14 winners at Regional Level will each receive a cash prize of $15.00 and are required to bake a third ‘Rich Fruit Cake’ for the Final Judging at the Royal Easter Show, where the winner will receive a cash prize of $50.00.

Sharli Mulligan

MERRIWA SHOW FARM SAFETY DAY
The second annual Merriwa Show Farm Safety Day is just four weeks away on Thursday August 27 and there are wonderful activities and workshops for everyone in the community.

This event is not to be missed - our committee is excited to present a Community Evening Get-together at Merriwa Showground with a FREE barbeque and Mental Health Program run by professional counsellor, Simon Santosha, Rural Adversity and Mental Health Program’s Sarah Green and our local DPI Rural Resilience Program’s Caroline Hayes. We urge everyone in the community - teenagers and adults - to come along for inspiration and advice on how to support yourselves and those around you.

This year will also feature a fun interactive
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Leanne Hook

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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.

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

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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.

**Local Lands Service**

**HAVE A SAY ON YOUR LOCAL LAND SERVICES**

Hunter Local Land Services is inviting landholders in the Lower Hunter region to discuss their needs at an Open Community Session in Millers Forest on Wednesday, August 12.

General Manager Brett Miners said Hunter LLS board members and staff would be on hand to hear about the priorities for landholders in the district.

‘This is a great chance for landholders to meet the staff and board members, and discuss directly the services that are important to them,’ Mr Miners said.

‘We are currently preparing our strategic plan for the next five years, so this open community session is an invaluable opportunity to hear about what is important to people in Lake Macquarie, Newcastle, Cessnock, Port Stephens, Dungog and Maitland.’

‘It is also a chance to hear about other issues that affect the Lower Hunter region, such as how...’
landholders are recovering from the April storms and floods.’

The open community session will follow a meeting of the Lower Hunter Community Advisory Group, which includes representatives from agricultural and industry groups, local government and community.

‘The Lower Hunter Community Advisory Group provides high-level advice about our support to and holders in areas such as managing native vegetation, animal welfare, agricultural extension, pest animals, floods and bushfires.’

‘Our community advisory groups do a great job guiding our strategic direction but being able to talk directly with individual landholders alerts us to important local issues and priorities.’

The open community session will take place between 5.00pm and 6.30pm at Popular Hall, Scotch Creek Road, Millers Forest. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP with numbers and dietary requirements to Susan Rowland on 4938 4941 or email susan.rowland@lls.nsw.gov.au.

**PASTURE BLOAT DEATHS IN CATTLE – LLS WARNING TO GRAZIERS**

Hunter Local Land Services is urging producers to be alert to the risk of bloat in cattle grazing on clover and medic rich pastures in the Upper Hunter, following recent reports of cattle deaths in the region.

Recent rains have encouraged a flush of rapid legume growth at a time when dry paddock feed is lacking, increasing the risk that cattle develop bloat.

Hunter Local Land Services District Veterinarian Dr Lyndell Stone says issues with cattle bloating and cattle deaths have been reported near Scone and Merriwa.

‘When young legume rich pasture isn’t balanced with adequate fibrous feed a frothy foam forms and the animal is unable to belch the gas,’ Dr Stone said.

‘The trapped gas distends the rumen placing pressure on blood vessels, lungs and heart and the animal dies from heart failure and asphyxiation,’ she explained.

‘Treatment is difficult to provide with the speed required hence being alert to the signs in both the pasture and the animal is crucial.

‘Cattle with bloat initially have a distended left abdomen and are reluctant to move. This can progress to respiratory distress with rapid breathing, staggering and death,’ Dr Stone said.

‘Prevention is key. Whilst bloat bombs are no longer available, there is a range of anti-bloat products such as bloat oils, liquids, bloat blocks and dry licks. Anti-bloat products can applied to the pasture, added to water troughs or in the case of licks placed near watering points.’

Flank sprays and drenches are also available. The product choice depends on the farm’s situation. Increasing the fibre content of the diet by feeding hay or limiting legume consumption by strip grazing are also key steps to take. Feed additives or supplements such as monensin can also be used.

Dr Stone says producers with a high bloat risk may require a combination of methods.

‘We also recommend producers give stock a booster 5 in 1 clostridial vaccination now to avoid cases of bloat associated with enterotoxaemia (pulpy kidney),’ she said.

Producers are advised to contact their private or district veterinarian to discuss bloat prevention options.

Further information about bloat can be found on the DPI website at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Jillian Ayre

Dr Noman Jawaad Medical Practice

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Dr Cho Oo Maung

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Constipation is one of the most common bowel problems experienced by Australians and this condition can be distressing and debilitating.

Constipation is the term used to describe when your bowel motions are less frequent and you have trouble passing them as they are often hard and dry. At times you may only be able to pass small amounts or have difficulty passing anything at all. Other signs of constipation may include pain, cramps or swelling in the abdominal area, or perhaps you leave the toilet feeling your bowel is not completely empty.

One of the common causes of constipation occurs because the colon (part of the digestive system) absorbs too much water from your food. If the food moves through the digestive system too slowly, too much water may be absorbed. The bowel contents at the end of the digestive process are then too dry and hard.

According to the Continence Foundation of Australia (www.continence.org.au) there are many things which can cause or worsen constipation including:

- not eating enough fibre (fruit and vegetables, wholemeal bread, high-fibre cereals)
- not drinking enough water – always drink more when you increase fibre in your diet
- not doing enough exercise
- anxiety, depression, grief
- delaying the urge to go to the toilet
- using laxatives for a long time
- the side effects of some medicines (even some common ones like pain killers or iron tablets)
- pregnancy
- being overweight
- not being able to go to the toilet because of poor mobility
- some nerve diseases
- some bowel problems like haemorrhoids, irritable bowel syndrome, or diverticulitis
- anorectal pain caused by haemorrhoids, fissures (torn in the skin of the anus) or birth trauma
- a slow transit bowel which means it takes longer for the faeces to travel all the way to the rectum, so more water is removed over time and constipation is much more likely. This occurs where there is nerve damage such as with stroke, Parkinson’s, multiple sclerosis or trauma.

Talk to your pharmacist or doctor if you think you may have constipation, as they are health professionals who can recommend some ways to help. One way to treat constipation is by taking a ‘laxative’. There are various types of laxatives and they all work differently so it’s important to talk to your pharmacist or doctor to consider which one is right for you. Types of laxatives include bulking agents, lubricants, and stimulating/irritant laxatives.

The condition of severe constipation is the most common cause of faecal incontinence (or bowel leakage), especially in older people. This can occur because hard bowel motions are difficult to pass and may cause a partial blockage high up the bowel, resulting in watery bowel motions flowing around the constipated stool without warning. This is sometimes mistaken for diarrhoea.

In addition, constipation can affect bladder control and urinary continence. If you sometimes leak urine or feel that you need to frequently visit the toilet to pass urine, it could be that constipation is involved.

Another effect of constipation can be on your pelvic floor muscles. Pelvic floor muscle strength is important for both bladder and bowel control. These muscles can be weakened by straining due to constipation, pregnancy and childbirth, or perhaps heavy lifting. Strong pelvic floor muscles are necessary for bladder and bowel control – the ability to ‘hold on’.

Your local community pharmacy is your health destination. In addition, you can get more information on issues affecting your bowel from Merriwa Pharmacy. Self Care Fact Cards available from these pharmacies include topics such as Fibre and bowel health, Constipation and Haemorrhoids.
**Spice Grill Merriwa**

ONE OF OUR BASE SPICES

**CARDAMOM**

Cardamom is a spice made from the seeds of several plants they are recognized by their small seed pods, triangular in cross-section and spindle-shaped, with a thin, papery outer shell and small black seeds. Cardamom is the world’s third-most expensive spice, surpassed in price per weight only by saffron and vanilla.

There are two main types of cardamom, Green Cardamom Black Cardamom

**USES AND BENEFITS**

Both forms of cardamom are used as flavorings and cooking spices in both food and drink, and as a medicine. Besides use as flavoring and spice in foods, cardamom-flavored tea, also flavored with cinnamon, is consumed as a hot beverage in many parts of the world. Cardamom has a strong, unique taste, with an intensely aromatic, resinous fragrance. Black cardamom has a distinctly more smokey, though not bitter, aroma, with a coolness some consider similar to mint.

Green cardamom is one of the most expensive spices by weight but little is needed to impart flavor. It is best stored in pod form because once the seeds are exposed or ground, they quickly lose their flavor. It is a common ingredient in Indian cooking and is often used in baking in the Nordic countries, particular in Sweden and Finland. In Asia both types of cardamom are widely used in both sweet and savory dishes, particularly in the south. Both are frequent components in spice mixes.

This exotic spice contains many plant derived chemicals compounds that are known to have been anti oxidants, disease preventing and health promoting properties. The cardamom pods contains many essential volatile oils and the therapeutic properties of Cardamom oil have found application in many traditional medicine as antiseptic, digestive, expectorant, stimulant and tonic. It is also a good source of minerals like Potassium, calcium and magnesium. The pods are good source of Iron, Manganese and many vital vitamins too. Cardamom also improves digestion, Beats bad breath, Relieves Acidity and fight Anemia.

Here at Spice Grill Merriwa we use both types of Cardamom in almost everything related to Curries and in many other dishes like Grilled Fish, Saffron Rice, Plain and Works Burgers and Some Wraps.

Rohit Gaur

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**Devil Ark**

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Devil Ark is a Tasmanian Devil breeding facility in the NSW Barrington Tops, some 1,350m above sea level. It is the largest, most successful conservation breeding program for endangered Tasmanian devils. Our devils live huge enclosures where they can display their natural traits. Some 30 joeys were born at Devil Ark this year, boosting the population to almost 200.

Devil Ark is seeking interested people to join our volunteer group The Devil Ark Advocates. It’s a great way to meet new people who are interested in conservation, raising awareness of the Tasmanian devil and Devil Ark’s magnificent work and to support a unique community initiative.

Applications are now open and to apply, please email info@devilark.com.au and request an application kit. Applications close on Monday, August 31.

We are looking for a diverse set of skills in our Devil Ark Advocates, which include, but are not limited to: ability to communicate, activity planning, merchandise sales (on our stalls), training volunteers, general administration duties and working well in a team.

Be a Devil Ark Advocate and help us conserve this iconic little Australian mammal.

For further information contact Ruth Hardy on 0407 232 539 or via email - rkhardy1@bigpond.com.

Ruth Hardy
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**A quick reference guide to all that support the Merriwa Ringer**

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**Lot 23, 1865 Cullingral Road Merriwa**  
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**WEEKEND RESULTS**

Saturday Raffle August 1

Saturday members draw no 206, not won – next week $320.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $120.00

Dinner: Rebecca Beeney

Bowls Raffle: Bruce Smith

PLEASE NOTE – Saturday raffle tickets on sale from 6.00pm and drawn at 7.00pm during winter months.

Sunday Raffle August 2

Sunday members draw - No 160, was not won. Next week $800.00.

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Merriwa took on Scone last week at Muswellbrook. Both teams played with only seven a side which made for some great try scoring opportunities which were picked up by both teams. Merriwa’s defence, once again highlighted by the “chase em down” tactics of Nate and Kallum, proved successful on more than one occasion. Jack had even more spring in his step than usual this week putting down a great try straight under the posts after slipping through the defence and a good 15 metre run. Seth and Matt attacked well, inching his way to the try line. Keep on trying Matt, you will get there. Try scorers were Nate and Kallum, two each and Seth and Jack, one each. Player of the Match was Jack.

Katie Byfield

**KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S**

On Saturday, the under 8’s travelled to Muswellbrook where they played against Denman White. They started the game off really well, with some great runs and tackles by both sides. Harry scored two tries, made some great tackles, had lots of runs and never gave up. Toby scored one try, and like Harry, made some great tackles and never gave up. Jackson made a try too and did lots of running. Logan played well, showing his enthusiasm with tackling and had some great strong runs, which made plenty of ground. Maddison made plenty of good tackles and many great runs too. Also thank you to Andrew Jamieson who took over coaching in the last bit of the game, as I had to attend other duties.

Player of the Match was a hard decision this week, but in the end it went to Maddison. She played a really good game of footy, making lots of great runs, some really good tackles and just gave it all she had. Good work Maddison!

John Cronin

**KINGSLYN UNDER 9’S**

Our under 9’s played against Singleton last weekend. Once again they played a solid game with some outstanding runs and great defence. Player of the Match went to Riley for some fabulous running and his determination in defence. Well done Riley. Tries went to Jyeson x two, Dylan x two and one each to Brooklyn and Clayton.

Our under 9’s are now preparing for games on the big field, as through the finals they will be converting to a mod field and will then carry on playing mod footy next year in the under 10’s. I know I am excited to see them on a big field and I think the kids are too. So everyone get along to training so that Brady can have you all prepared and ready to go.

Belinda Keane

**ROCKWELL UNDER 12’S**

Well our under 12’s certainly are leaving their best till last with another huge game against Singleton. Merriwa were only two points behind at full time 16 - 14. Once again our boys displayed great defence and really pulled together as a team. Training has obviously been working for this team as two of Merriwa’s tries were perfect plays. One scored at the end of a set of six with a perfect kick and a great chase from our boys and the other try scored from a cut out pass, leaving the Singleton defence scratching their heads. Well done under 12’s, one more game to go and I can’t wait to watch it.

Belinda Keane

**Merriwa Touch Football Club**

A couple of weeks ago, the Merriwa Touch Football Club held their Annual General Meeting but to the disappointment of those that attended no new people arrived. We wish to thank Trent Cooper for taking on President.

This also means that not all positions were filled meaning that the Touch Football committee has not been formed. We will be holding another meeting to fill the empty positions on Thursday August 13 at Merriwa Sports Club at 6.00pm. We hope to fill positions so that the competition can kick off on Wednesday October 7.

**MEETING**

- **When:** Thursday August 13
- **Where:** Merriwa Sports Club
- **Time:** 6.00pm

**Positions to fill:**

- Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, Registra, Junior coordinator, Junior coaches (two minimum, two names have been put forward).

Interested in getting the competition going? Come along to this next meeting. Remember giving up a little bit of time can go a long way to making a successful competition. Any enquiries about positions and the time they take, please contact me on 6548 2124.

Tina Taylor
Merriwa Rugby League Club

On Saturday Merriwa took on Singleton in both grades.

Ladies League Tag kicked off at 2.00pm. It was a great first half with lots of talk which had Merriwa up 14-0 at half time. In the second half Singleton kicked back to see the score 14-10. With a good intercept from Maddilyn right on the bell Merriwa stretched the lead to 20-10. Try scorers were Kate Blackadder with two, Ashleigh Hockings and Maddilyn Blackadder with Janaya Austin converting two goals. Player’s Player went to Maddilyn. Well done Maddilyn.

In Reserve Grade, it was a fiery match. Singleton led at half time 24-0. In the second half Merriwa hit back and were looking good, though Singleton didn’t allow that for long putting on a few more tries. The final score was 46-28. Try scorers were Reece Hancock, William Taylor, John Maben, Jon Nutt, Jeremy Nicholls and Seth Morgan with Jeremy converting four goals. Player’s Players were John Maben and Reece Hancock. Good job guys.

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Gaynor Blackadder

Merriwa Cricket Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Time: 6.30pm
Where: Merriwa RSL Club

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Monday 10 • Merriwa CWA meeting - CWA rooms - 10.00am
Friday 14 • Ladies Guild casserole lunch - Parish Hall - 12.00noon
Saturday 15 • Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am
Monday 17 • Merriwa Tennis AGM - Merriwa RSL Club - 6.00pm
Thursday 20 • Equine Nutrition Seminar - Merriwa RSL Club - 6.00pm to 7.00pm
Friday 28 • Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Friday 18 • Merriwa Springtime Show
Saturday 19 • Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am
Saturday 19 • Merriwa Springtime Show
Friday 25 • Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

OCTOBER

Saturday 3 • Merriwa Campdraft - rescheduled date
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