Merriwa Central School Variety Night a success
NEW TITLES for August at your local Library

The following titles have been recently purchased by Upper Hunter Shire Libraries and can be reserved and delivered to Merriwa Library for you to collect:

Amber - Smugglers Wife Series, Deborah Challinor
Close to Home, Pamela Cook
Collected Stories, Janette Turner Hospital
Dominus, Tom Fox
Down Among the Dead Men, Peter Lovesey
Falcon Throne, Karen Miller
Freedom's Child, Jax Miller
Go Set a Watchman, Harper Lee
In the Quiet, Eliza Henry-Jones
Keep the Home Fires Burning, Cynthia Harrod-Eagles
Long, Tall Christmas, Janet Dailey
Magnolia Dawn, Erica Spindler
My Mother's Secret, Sheila O'Flanagan
Naked Greed, Stuart Woods
One Way or Another, Elizabeth Adler
Ophelia, Queen of Denmark, Jackie French
Rivertime, Trace Balla
Royal Wedding, Meg Cabot
Summer Secrets, Jane Green
Super Sleuth, Wesley Booth
The Bad Guys - Comic Book, Aaron Blabey
The Pool of Two Moons, Kate Forsyth
The Silenced, Krew of Hunters Series, Heather Graham
The Tide Watchers, Lisa Chaplin
Wicked Charms, Janet Evanovich
Wildfire in His Arms, Johanna Lindsey
Without a Trace, Liza Marklund

DVD's: Marley & Me, 27 Dresses, (500) Days of Summer, The Devil Wears Prada, Vegas Sweet Home Alabama, Raising Helen, Bourbon Kings, Slumdog Millionaire, The Iron Lady, The Queen Babe, Casper, Thunderbirds, The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, Peter Pan, Big Daddy, Click 50 First Dates, Mr Deeds, Anger Management, Bend it Like Beckham, City of Ember, Fame Becoming Jane, Miss Potter, Vanity Fair, Fairy Tale, Lassie, 5 Children and It, Grease, Grease 2 Angus, Thongs & Perfect Snogging; Mean Girls, Clueless, Happy Gilmore, Billy Madison, Kindergarten Cop, Twins, Liar Liar

Order online at www.uhrl.nsw.gov.au or come in and request a copy

Take our Library Survey

Whether you are a library lover, critic or don’t know where the library is, Upper Hunter Shire Council wants your views on how to improve the libraries in Aberdeen, Cassilis, Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone. Council is asking both library members and non members to complete a quick survey about library facilities, services and why you use or don’t use them.

Complete one of the on-line surveys through Council’s website: www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or pick up a copy at libraries and Council offices in Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone. It takes only 10 minutes to complete. Survey closes 31 August 2015.
It’s been a busy few weeks with amazing opportunities for students in Primary and Secondary. Our annual Variety Night concert was a huge hit with students and parents alike. All students had the opportunity to be involved in our Variety Night, either performing or as support crew backstage. Thank you to Mrs West for her coordination of our annual performance, as you can imagine it is months in planning, organising, making costumes and rehearsals. Thank you to all staff who worked to ensure all students enjoyed the thrill of performing on stage for friends and family.

HORSE SPORTS DAY

It was touch and go for our annual horse sports day. Significant changes within the Department of Education in regard to horse sports events have seen most events cancelled this year. Only due to sheer determination and hard work by our committee did our day go ahead. A special thank you to Kellie Porter, Megan Sinderberry and Mark Beiers for designing new risk management procedures which will now become the template for other schools to use across the State.

As usual the day was a huge success, due largely to the support of Merriwa Pony Club with close to 180 riders participating. Each year the event becomes more popular and we have to turn riders away, due to our cap on numbers for safety reasons. This year was no exception with places filled well before the closing date.

SECONDARY CANTEEN

I attended the P and C meeting last week to discuss our secondary canteen. The P and C run canteen has been without an “official” canteen manager for the past six months and it is now crunch time. Maria Cameron who has managed the canteen gave notice at the AGM six months ago, however the P and C have been unable to fill the position. The canteen manager is responsible for overseeing the canteen, paying wages, and keeping the books.

As a result I have been advised by the P and C that the Secondary canteen will cease operation at the end of this term. Donna Mulholland our canteen supervisor has done a wonderful job in the canteen for many years and will be missed by students and staff alike.

Any parents who may be able to take on this role, or volunteer in the secondary canteen please contact Jayne Cronin P and C President.

ENROLMENTS 2016

The planning phase for the 2016 school year has commenced. I have received enrolment forms from Year 6 students who will start Year 7 next year. Staff have attended an information evening at preschool for Kindergarten, and documentation has been distributed to parents. We have met with some parents in regard to students with special needs and are developing support strategies to assist their transition to school. Please contact the office to express your child’s interest in attending school next year if you haven’t already done so.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Coming Events

| AUGUST |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 13     | Year 9 and 10 girls Get Smart health program - Great Hall, 8.55am-3.30pm |
|                 | Years 3 and 4 zone public speaking finals – Singleton Heights Public School |
| Friday 14       | Secondary formal assembly – Great Hall, 8.55am |
| Monday 17       | Year 12 trials – all week |
| Wednesday 19    | CBA AgQuip excursion – 6.00am-6.00pm |
| Friday 28       | Little Sprouts Day – Books Light Up Our World |
Primary News

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

It has been a very busy week and the following students have made a great effort to keep on task and do their best in all of our learning opportunities this week. Well done to these book award recipients:

Kindergarten:  Torah Coles
Year K/1:  Archie Pyne
Year 2:  Brooke Sampson
Year 3/4:  Duncan Harrison
Year 4/5:  Andrew Harrison
Year 5/6:  Madison Nauruschat

VARIETY NIGHT

Wow! What an amazing show! This year’s Variety Night performance has definitely proven that we just get better and better each year on the stage. It was a night packed with movie-themed entertainment and our students delivered their best efforts in singing, dancing and playing various instruments. The School of Arts was overflowing with family and friends and it was wonderful to hear your lovely feedback after the show.

We are so proud of all the students and their dedication to rehearsing for the show and very thankful to the wonderful teachers who dedicated lots of time and effort to creating performances and costumes for the evening. Also to the parents who helped with creating costumes and props your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Our committee comprised of Miss Hopkins, Miss Laurie, Miss Crutch and Mrs West. We began planning back at the beginning of the school year. A great deal of preparation and organisation goes into such a big event and they are very deserving of a big thank you!

We’re very glad everyone enjoyed the show – we’re sure we will continue to out-do ourselves next year!
TREE PLANTING

Each year, around 3,000 Pre-Schools, Primary and Secondary schools across Australia take part in Schools Tree Day. Students nation-wide have learnt how to plant, and care for the seedlings they grow. This year some of our Primary and Secondary representatives planted our trees throughout the grounds of the schools. This will help provide some for students to play under while also participating in this long-term environmental program. Thank you to Mr Stone for assisting our students with appropriate use of gardening tools.

QUINTET PERFORMANCE

Next Wednesday the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music’s Quintet will be visiting the Primary campus to perform for students. They will begin at 12.00pm and are scheduled to perform under the COLA (weather permitting). We hope all students enjoy this professional musical experience.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

Variety Night Committee
TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

Last Thursday 32 students travelled to Scone to compete in a Touch Football Gala Day. Students played with sportsmanship and positive attitudes. Each team played three or four 15 minute games. Both senior and junior teams had six in play at one time with two substitutes. They defended well covering the field and passing the football around to include all members of the team. In between games, students practiced their passing and discussed team strategies. Well done to all students on a wonderful day. You all did very well, especially with it being such a big week of school events.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Throughout this term, students in our Primary classes have been writing, practising and performing speeches. Last Friday we held our Primary Public Speaking competition where three students from each stage presented their speeches in front of students, teachers and parents. We were fortunate to have four wonderful adjudicators to score our finalists’ speeches. Our adjudicators, Mrs Tash Taffe from the Upper Hunter Shire Council, Mrs Barbra Campbell from our local Country Women’s Association, Mrs Brianna Roberts our Secondary English teacher and Courtney Gibbons our Secondary School Captain had a difficult task selecting a winner from each stage. Congratulations to all our finalists who presented speeches with skill and confidence. The students who received first place for their stage are as follows:

- **Early Stage One** – Inara West
- **Stage One** – Isaac Constable
- **Stage 2** – Josie Porter
- **Stage 3** – Hasan Tashman

These students have proceeded to the local level of competition which was held this Wednesday and Thursday at Singleton Heights Public School. Thank you to the adjudicators for completing their role in our competition and to parents for supporting our finalists.

Megan Sinderberry
Assistant Principal

SECONDARY NEWS

YEAR 12 – TRIAL AND HSC EXAMS

Thousands of students in NSW will be preparing for their Trial HSC examinations in preparation for their external HSC exams later in October and November. Merriwa Central students will be sitting their Trials in Week 6.

WHEN SHOULD I START STUDYING?

Start NOW!

Here’s six steps to get you started...

1. Decide that time-management is important - it enables you to satisfy, efficiently and effectively your needs and wants
2. Evaluate your study needs - requirements for each subject in terms of assignments, difficult of subject, etc....
3. What are you doing now - analyse your current time usage, where does your time go?
4. Plan a new timetable. What is the purpose of a timetable? EFFICIENCY, ORGANISATION, CONCENTRATION
5. Revise that timetable - after one to two weeks
6. Set us a special pre-exam timetable.

PREPARING TO STUDY

Find a good place to study. This means a desk with nothing on it except what you need for the task you are going to work on. Move everything out of the way. You want to concentrate on one thing: STUDYING. Have a regular time and place for studying. Make sure you have the following:

- **Solid flat surface you can write on** - Clear everything off your desk except what you are working on
- **Good lighting** - Not too bright, not too dim
- **Chair** - A regular chair that is comfortable. Avoid strain and fatigue
- **Books** - Have all necessary text books and reference books
- **Supplies** - Pens, ruler, calculator, etc
- **Clock** - Helps you manage time, or timing yourself doing past papers
- **Eliminate all distractions** - Classical music played softly may help
- **Computer** - If needed.

Merriwa Ringer
Favourite Subject: Art, Photography and English
Extracurricular Activities: Physie
Best Personal Achievement: Winning first place in my Physie competition
Year Advisor’s Comment: Tarnisha has displayed friendly and respectful behaviour towards her peers and teachers in class and throughout the school term. She has shown great initiative and dedication to extracurricular activities at Merriwa Central School and she has worked hard in the performing arts field in particular. Tarnisha participated in dance enthusiastically for sport last term in preparation for the school’s Variety Night performance and is taking part in the Indigenous Wakagetti dance group. Keep up the good work Tarnisha.

Brianna Roberts- Year Adviser

COOKING UP A STORM

Over the past few weeks of Term 3, the vibe in the Hospitality kitchen has been buzzing. Year 11 Hospitality students have completed the prepare sandwiches unit. In this unit students have prepared a variety of sandwiches including pinwheel and finger sandwiches for high tea through to club sandwiches and smoked salmon Turkish for a café style menu. To coincide with sandwich making, students have also been learning to enhance their plating skills and garnishes.

Year 11 and 12 have also completed a competency assessment where the students made a plain pastry, filling with vanilla whipped cream and mixed berry compote. The results were sensational and sweet. We have also kept busy cooking up a storm use time in class to prepare supper for both the subject selection evening and variety night. Students had the opportunity to prepare food on a larger scale, replicating the preparation environment of a large scale function. Changing recipe quantities was no challenge for our students though the sheer quantity of ingredients created a challenge for the size of the mixing bowls.

Year 9 and 10 Food technology students have started a food service and catering unit. Students have looked into a variety of job titles within the industry whilst developing awareness these positions have on the community both socially and economically. Students will be designing their own establishment, creating a menu, designing the layout and identifying possible suppliers. Student’s practical skills will be developed further this term through the preparation of a variety of food. This week students will prepare an Italian buffet, with individual groups sharing what they prepare with the rest of the class. I look forward to seeing the students work collaboratively.

Sarah Bendall
TAS Teacher

The HSC examinations begin on October 12 and finish on November 4.
Best of luck in all of your exams Year 12!

Lana Grant
Year 12 Adviser

Student of the Week
Tarnisha Winsor
Year 9
**Why I want to be in ROAR:** To become more physically fit and to help others

**Favourite Subject:** PE and Maths

**Favourite sport:** Football and soccer

**Favourite team:** West Tigers

**Favourite Sports Person:** Benji Marshall

**Best personal sporting achievement:** Going to Zone for cross country

**Who inspires you:** Mum because she always supports me

**Advice to young players:** To try your hardest and do your best.

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**NEW CAREER EVENTS**


**University of New South Wales Paul Doneley Memorial Scholarship** - Closes November 30. 1 year scholarship $2,500.00 for Indigenous students in Faculty of Law at UNSW. https://scholarships.online.unsw.edu.au/scholarship/sc_al_search_detail.display_scholarship_details?p_scholarship_specific_id=76

**Teach.NSW Scholarships - Teach.Rural Scholarships** - Closes September 18. Wanting to become a primary or secondary teacher in a rural or remote NSW public school. $6000.00 per year of full time study, $5000.00 appointment allowance and a permanent teaching job upon graduation. https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/

**Teach.NSW Scholarships - Great Teaching, Inspired Learning Cadetships**. Closes September 18 - For prospective secondary or special education (K–12) teachers. Part time job while studying, experience in a school with a permanent teaching job upon graduation. https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/

**Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship** - Closes November 3 - Up to $10,000 per year. http://sarrah.org.au/content/undergraduate-entry-level

**NIDA 2016 applications now open** - Closes September 30. The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) is a centre of excellence in education and training for theatre, film and television. Applications are now open for NIDA’s 2016 Master of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts and Diploma courses. For full course details and to apply, visit http://apply.nida.edu.au.

**Defence Jobs Australia Information Sessions** - Want to know about all Defence Careers including Army Reserve, submariner, commando, engineering, combat roles, University Sponsorship, women in the Defence Force. Various dates in August go to: https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events


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

Mark Beiers
Careers Advisor
This term we have already had so many learning experiences across our whole school community. In the Infants classroom this term Stage 1 are concentrating their English studies on the key concept of Responding. We have responded to numerous texts in many different forms including songs, stories and even informative texts. Through responding students are gaining a deeper understanding of the author’s purpose of composing the text. In Early Stage 1 the Kindergarten students have been studying Visual Literacy, how images convey meaning. The students have enjoyed looking for clues in the illustrations in books to give them understanding of what the written text may be about. This unit encourages students to use picture clues when developing their love of reading!

In Maths this term we have covered many substrands of the Maths Syllabus. We have developed our understanding of Money, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Mass and this week we have been learning about Length. Have a look at the learning in our maths lessons!

Our unit of this term in Human Society and Its Environment is Transport – Meeting Needs. We are thoroughly enjoying learning about different forms of transport, the need for transport and transport systems. We have also learnt about different forms of transport in Bangladesh and India through two of our very knowledgeable students Isam and Fiona.

In Science we are looking up and down and all around learning about the weather. Kindergarten have been monitoring the weather throughout this term and the need to dress according to the weather – at the moment that is a lot of layers! Stage One have been examining the weather over the course of time. The students have inspected things that are natural and change their position over the course of the day, such as the sun, made items which have not changed in a long time, for example our school building and natural things that change over time, such as the trees changing through the different seasons.

Our Religion Unit this term has been based on Living as God’s Children. Through this unit we have discussed our ability to make choices. We have discussed and learnt that every day we are presented with many choices, and we choose whether we make good or bad choices. We have learnt that through making good choices we are following the example of Jesus and even when we make bad choices God will forgive us and guide us to make better decisions next time. Last Thursday we were joined by Richard Cootes who visited us on behalf of Mission Australia. Mr Cootes celebrated a Liturgy with us followed by explaining to us the focus of Mission Australia’s work this year which is Living Water. On the last Friday of this term we will hold our annual Mission Day where we will come together as a school community to raise money for Mission Australia to aid their contribution towards providing clean, drinkable water to communities in developing countries.
Our focus in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education has been on the relationships of which we are part. We have had many discussions about treasures that are important to us and the need to keep them safe. Our relationships are a special treasure which needs love, trust and respect to show the people in that relationship how much we care for them.

And lastly, but certainly not least, our learning in Creative Arts has centred around our rehearsals for our Annual School Play which will be held on Wednesday September 9 at the School of Arts. This week we have again been visited by Anna Kerrigan and Lauren, the drama and dance teachers from the Aspire program, to assist us in our preparations for this night. We look forward to showing you the finished product!

Samantha Kerr, Anne Marie Peebles and Sally Hagley
Infants Teachers

Congratulations to the following award winners for last week.

**Kindergarten - Emma McLaren** - for ‘having a go’ when writing new words

**Jeremy Hopkins** - for great detail in his illustrations

**Year 1/2 - Nate Brown** – for an improved effort in completing his work

**Emily Barwick** – for great Religion work on building her friendship with God and others

**Year 3/4 - Mia Morgan** - for always working hard to develop her maths skills

**Riley Melmeth** - for a great use of personification in his poem about the environment

**Year 5/6 - Patrick Magner** - for his creative self-portrait inspired by Margaret Olley’s “Portrait in the Mirror”

**Rhys Turner** - for his fantastic effort in calculating perimeter and area.

**Playground Champion - Patrick McLaren** - for always playing fairly in footy

Sandy Hollow Public School 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.
WEEKLY AWARDS

• Jacob Marsh - trying hard in maths
• Amy Thompson - for always having lovely manners and always being helpful in class
• Kristy Walker - trying hard during touch football and Zumba
• Darcy Wallace - improvement in maths mentals
• Riley Borradaile - excellence in reading
• Mikayla Borradaile - providing wonderful answers during discussions
• Tyson Marsh - very good cutting skills and working extremely well during reading.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kinder/Year 1/2 - Andy Olive, Rowdy Walters, Kayden Adams, Isabelle Pike, Harry Thompson and Jobee McCandless.

Year 3/4/5/6 - Abby Cooper and Reece McCandless.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 2/3

This term in English Years 2-3 will study the text “Stunt Kid” by Jim Howes. In this text we will be focusing on how to create an image for readers by using words that tell exactly where the action is happening. We will be focusing on how to choose effective verbs and adverbs that give a clear picture of what is happening and how the characters feel about it.

In Mathematics Year 2 will be studying the investigation titled “Show Time”. During this investigation the class will learn content as addition facts, mental strategies for addition, subtraction facts, mental strategies for subtraction, money and time. In the investigation the class will be given a show guide where they are required to make choices such as: food they wish to purchase, rides they want to go on and buying show bags, all with a budget of $60.00.

In Mathematics Year 3 will be studying the Investigation titled “Kilogram Quest”. During this investigation the class will learn content as mental strategies for addition, written strategies for addition with regrouping, multiplication problem solving, division facts 2, 3, 5 and 10, division problem solving, the turn around and grouping rules, grams and kilograms. In the investigation the class will be on a quest to locate 12 items in the classroom that have a combined weight of 1 kilogram.

Tammy Parker
Class Teacher

TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

Last Thursday children from Years 3-6 went to Scone for a Touch Football Gala Day organised by NSW Touch Football Association.

Each team had to play four games against various local schools. The junior teams were successful winning three out of four games, while the senior team also won three out of four games.

All children should be congratulated on their behaviour and sportsmanship. Thank you to our parent drivers, as without you such opportunities would not happen.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Mikayla Borradaile - writing excellent facts and opinions.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

Andy Olive - fantastic effort in fundamental movements.

BREWSTER

Our UH Beef Bonanza steer is now 280kgs. He has put on 62kgs in 41 days. Going great.

FAREWELL TO MISS CLENDINNING

This week we say farewell to Miss Clendinning as her time with us draws to a close. It’s hard to believe that her five weeks prac is already finished. She has had a variety of opportunities while working at our school. She has worked with all classes on various occasions. I know the students have enjoyed having her at Sandy Hollow. We wish Annie all the very best for whatever the future is going to bring.

Christine Darlington
Principal
For the past week the children have been making paper plate animals, they have created some beautiful and unique cows and pigs, this experience was a follow on from our Festival of Fleeces sheep head pieces. The children’s artworks are displayed around the room. It is making our room look very colourful and happy.

Miss Leah has been gaining valuable work experience at The Yellow Cottage in Scone. She has brought back many great ideas for the children, like learning to write individual letters on a whiteboard at group time, these letters may not be letters that the children would normally write, which we have implemented this week. This week the letter is ‘S’.

On Friday August 7, Jacqueline Roper visited Pre-School with her dog Ghost to talk to the children about ‘Living Safely with Dogs Pre-School Program’. This talk was great. The program offered a lot of information for the children and educators about approaching strange dogs. Jacqueline gave the children great tips for when you see a dog that you don’t know, ‘no owner, no lead, no touch’ and also how to act when you see a dog that isn’t with an owner or on a lead. Did you know you need to act ‘boring’? There was so much useful information for the children to learn and we were thankful for Jacqueline for coming to our Pre-School.

Also thank you to the Community for supporting the Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre at the last Merriwa Markets. It was greatly appreciated.

We have a Father’s Day raffle, drawn Friday September 4, the prize is an Apple TV.

On Wednesday August 19, there will be a Committee Meeting at 6.00pm at the Pre-School.
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 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

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

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

Merriwa Cricket Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: August 27
Time: 6.30pm
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 Sonya Drury.

Sonya Drury

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Community Notice Board

Merriwa CWA

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday September 14 starting at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street.

The CWA Merriwa rooms are available for bookings at very reasonable rates – contact Jean Price on 6548 2456.

New members are always welcome. Enquiries to: Barbara Campbell on 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131 or Robyn McAlister on 6548 3274.

Penelope Fenley

Soccer Skills for Kids

Soccer is running on Saturdays, 10.00am – 11.00am, No 2 Oval. Come and try – All welcome. Our coach is Mark Morris who is a past representative of NSW and Australia in CP football and was an Australian player competing in the 2000 Paralympic Games.

Come along for fun, a run, learn soccer skills and have a game! Enquiries Leo Collins 0477 46 25 76.

Leo Collins

Gummun Place Friendship Morning Tea

The residents and staff of the Gummun Place Hostel wish to invite the Merriwa and the district community to a friendship morning tea on Monday September 8.

We would like to start up a friendship club for all. Interested in coming along to join us for morning tea and a chat? Or after more information. Please contact Jodie or Sue on 65251 7010 between Monday and Friday from 9.00am to 4.30pm.

Need help with transport to attend? Please do not hesitate to call and ask.

RSVP by August 31.

Jodie Wilton

St David’s Uniting Church

This Sunday August 16, we will have no service in Merriwa, due to the Western Plains Christian Convention being held in Dubbo.

Karen Campbell

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

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

Wanted

I am seeking unwanted stock tube containers and unwanted plastic plant pots. If you have any of these, please contact me on 6548 2124 after 6.00pm.

Tina and Andrew Taylor

Ringer Deadline!

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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

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.

Like so many other things in life, speaking about our spiritual experiences can feel unfamiliar and intimidating – like something best left to the experts. But perhaps it is far less complicated than we think. We can share with children the things that leave us awestruck, that make us wonder, that are radiant coincidences; dreams that leave us feeling at peace, heartaches we are still trying to understand... When we are open to the mystery of our own faith, we need not fear that we have to come up with all the answers.

Jesus Calls Us Friends

God, in Jesus Christ you have made love known to us in new and wonderful ways and you call us to love one another. Jesus calls us friends, and calls us to be friends with one another. Teach us to love. Teach us to be friends. We pray in the name of our friend, Jesus.

Amen.

Rosalie Drew
ONLY two weeks to go until the Merriwa Community Farm Safety Day on Thursday August 27. A great opportunity for the whole Merriwa community, farmers, employees and landholders to catch up on the latest advice for personal health and workplace safety! In a rural community this affects everyone with many of us working on or visiting farms AND everyone enjoying the benefits and health risks of country life!

WORKSHOPS - There will be something for everyone with workshops in livestock handling, quad bike, farm vehicle and farm machinery safety run by Tocal College RTO presenters. An update from WorkCover of their latest Quad Bike research and recommendations. Hunter LLS advice on feral animal control. DPI publications on sale on many practical livestock, agricultural and management topics.

PERSONAL HEALTH - This event will remind us all of the importance of skin protection when working outdoors with Free skin cancer checks. Another risk we are all exposed to in rural areas is Q-fever – an illness caused by a bacteria carried by many livestock and native animals. The impact of Q fever on rural communities was featured on a recent episode of ABC’s Landline program. More information on the illness is available on http://www.qfever.org/aboutqfever.php Many meat processors including Scone’s JBS Hunter Valley Quality Meats NOW require a signed declaration from anyone delivering livestock to ensure their Q Fever status. Q Fever tests are specialised and a qualified nurse will be on-site at our Merriwa Showground event for FREE testing. Follow up results and vaccinations will then available at cost at Scone Medical Practice.

MENTAL HEALTH - Thanks to DPI’s Rural Resilience Program, the whole community is invited to attend a Free Barbeque and Mental Health Makeover workshop with a range of exciting presenters. Scone-based Rural Support Worker, Caroline Hayes said the presentations were designed to boost the well-being of the whole local community. “Our team play a capacity building role in farming communities - working to identify needs and assets, build on strengths, knowledge and skills, and improve access to information and connectedness - so people can better adapt to challenges and take up opportunities,” she said. The Rural Resilience Program’s aim is to ‘Listen, learn and link to create opportunities for farming communities’.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this skill-building evening! Get inspired and equipped to
Merriwa Rotary offers students from the ages of 14 years to 16 years the opportunity annually to participate in the short term exchange program. This program operates for six months with the student spending three months in New Zealand and three months hosting a match in their home in Merriwa. Names are now being taken for those interested in participating in RANZE in 2016. If you are interested, please feel free to contact myself or anyone else who is in Rotary for more information.

Currently Merriwa has two local students in New Zealand and below is a little report from Teianna Taylor.

KIA ORA!

A while ago Merriwa Rotary Club gave me the opportunity to participate in RANZE Exchange where I am matched with an exchange student from New Zealand. I was lucky enough to be matched with Jennifer Evans from Wanganuoi in the North Island. Jennifer spent the first three months with us in Merriwa and then I have recently made the return trip back to Wanganui with her. Although Wanganui was flooded when I turned up, it is definitely one of the prettiest places I have been. I have now been in Wanganui for six weeks and have been able to experience many wonderful things such as going to hot pools and swimming in thermals, going to the snow and skiing for the first time, cave diving and many other things that my wonderful host family have spoilt me with.

I have also had an official Maori welcoming to Wanganui Girls College where I had to do a Hongi with some local Maori people and my teachers in front of the whole school (500 students or more) and I have also learnt a few Maori words.

I have met so many new people and I am still meeting more. I am enjoying the experience so much that I have had here but the only down side about it is that the time is going way too quickly.

In closing I would like to say to anyone interested, I recommend this exchange to anyone and everyone. Go for it, it is an experience that is with you forever and you make lifelong friends and memories. It takes you out of your comfort zone but helps you to grow and become more adaptable to everyone around you.

Ave karapu Rotary o te Merriwa mo tenei faingamālie... Thank you Rotary Club of Merriwa for this opportunity...

The deadline for receipt of applications for the 2016 NZ exchange is August 15. Any student and parents interested in participating must act with great speed.

Mark Smith
Australian Bushman’s Campdraft and Rodeo: Features an article on St Joseph’s Merriwa Junior Campdraft. Also the Scone Rodeo.

Seniors Edition: Smartphones and Tablets. Independent guide, to getting started with your Smartphone or tablet. How to make and receive call, adjust settings, take and view photos, browse the web and watch TV and films.

Australian Women’s Weekly: CHEAT’S CAKES. Great idea’s for children’s Birthday cakes without the hard work.

The Women’s Health Little Book of Exercises: say goodbye to winter and get ready for spring.

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Fusion cuisine is cuisine that combines elements of different culinary traditions. Cuisines of this type are not categorised according to any one particular cuisine style and have played a part in innovations of many contemporary restaurant cuisines since the 1970s.

Fusion food is a general term for the combination of various forms of cookery and comes in several forms. Regional fusion combines different cuisines of a region or sub-region into a single eating experience. Asian fusion restaurants, which combine the various cuisines of different Asian countries, have become popular in many parts of the United States and United Kingdom. Often featured are South Asian, East Asian, and South-East Asian dishes alongside one another and offering dishes that are inspired combinations of such cuisines. California cuisine is considered a fusion culture, taking inspiration particularly from Italy, France, Mexico, the idea of the European delicatessen, and eastern Asia, and then creating traditional dishes from these cultures with non-traditional ingredients - such as California pizza. Other examples of this style include Tex-Mex, which combines southwest United States cuisine and Mexican cuisines, and Pacific rim cuisine, which combines the different cuisines of the various island nations.

In Australia, due to the increasing influx of migrants, fusion cuisine is being reinvented and is becoming increasingly the norm at numerous cafes and restaurants. Melbourne and Sydney now being considered as some of the best cities in the world with regard to the quality and creativity of Asian-fusion restaurants.

Another incarnation of fusion cuisine implements a more eclectic approach, which generally features original dishes that combine varieties of ingredients from various cuisines and regions. Such a restaurant might feature a wide variety of dishes inspired by a combination of various regional cuisines with new ideas.

Foods based on one culture, but prepared using ingredients and flavors inherent to another culture, are also considered forms of fusion cuisine. For instance, pizza made with cheddar and pepper jack cheese, salsa, refried beans or other common facco ingredients is often marketed as “Taco Pizza”. This particular dish is a fusion of Italian and Mexican cuisines. Similar approaches have been used for fusion-sushi, such as rolling maki with different types of rice and ingredients such as curry and basmati rice, cheese and salsa.
with Spanish rice, or spiced ground lamb and capers rolled with Greek-style rice and grape leaves, which resembles inside-out dolmades.

The culinary arts of Spice Gill are also the outcome of the fusions of different ingredients and cooking styles from India, Europe and Australia. Every item in our well designed menu is a great example of fusion cooking. Our kitchen staff is well trained in creating and developing different fusions of various cooking styles and successfully that have done that too.

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Rohit Gaur

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Micheal and Sally Hagley

**La Scaletta**

La Scaletta wishes to advise the community that its doors will be closed for a period due to personal reasons.

We will still be available for organised functions and this can be organised by contacting Robert on 0419 252 257.

We are sorry for any inconvenience that this has caused.

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Dr Emad Jasem

**Photography Tips**

Don’t forget to get your photos in for this month’s Photography competition.

With Horse Sports, Pony Club, Team Penning and Polocrosse all holding many events in town, there should be many opportunities for the budding photographer to send through.

Over the next three weeks I will put in 12 hints that can be used when photographing horses. These have been taken from Professional Photographer’s web page - http://www.ppmag.com/web-exclusives/2012/11/equine-photog.html.

Although these rules are for dslr cameras, some of the general basis of the rules can be applied to a point and shoot camera. Have fun capturing your images.

1. **Use a long lens.** Try a 200mm or 300mm lens, and stand back as far as 1 foot per millimeter. In other words, when using a 200mm lens, shoot from 45 to 60 metres. This helps minimise the distortion that can happen when photographing such a large animal.

2. **Use a fast shutter speed.** A minimum of 1/250 to 1/500 second is best. You can use shutter priority to make sure things don’t blur if you’re working in an arena where the light is constantly changing, but I like to use my manual setting for most things. Even with a standing horse, those ears move, as does the tail.

3. **Have a helper.** You’ll need one to make noises, move horse feet, rattle buckets, and hold onto a fractious horse so the owner can look relaxed. In order to keep the animal calm, the helper needs to be very comfortable with horses.
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Contact Cheryl on 0428 654 851
Putting a shout out to the people of Merriwa for those that would be interested in hearing about the Cancer Council’s Relay for Life, where the money goes locally, and the support options available to us here in Merriwa. We encourage anyone to join us that want to help us fight cancer in our community.

We are hoping to hold Merriwa’s bi-annual Relay For Life in November this year, or if we decide, another fundraiser for the Cancer Council. Please come along to our information night and help us with fun ideas for our event so we can achieve the same great results as we have in the past.

We are currently looking at a festive day filled with family orientated games, stalls, afternoon tea, raffles, an auction, dinner and evening entertainment. All funds will go directly to cancer services in our community.

Did you know the Cancer Council Hunter transported 2239 patients to treatment last year? They also provided 155 patients with free accommodation whilst undergoing treatment.

If you are interested, or know someone that is, please join us! We look forward to seeing you there.

Merriwa Relay For Life
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MERRIWA RSL CLUB UNDER 6'S

Last week we travelled to Muswellbrook to take on Scone. The team played very well. Zac Walker was picked for Player of the Match. Well done Zac.

The weekend just gone we went to Scone to take on Muswellbrook. We played very well with lots of tackles and runs being made. Try scorers were: Jayden McPhie with two, Tye Blackadder with two and Zac Walker with one. This week’s Player of the Match was Alesha Wright. Congratulations Alesha.

ROSTO UNDER 7'S

The boys travelled to Scone to take on Muswellbrook. Again borrowing players from our opposition (thanks Muswellbrook) we ended up with a nine on nine game which made it extremely difficult for our boys to bust through the defensive line and score some tries but it did make for a great tackling game. Seth made excellent runs throughout the whole game and his tackling was sensational. Jack, with that amazing step of his, made some great meters up the field, getting so close to scoring a try. Nate ran the ball up well and made some really great tackles. Well done boys, you all played really great footy!

Would also like to add how great the referee presiding over the game was. He took the time to congratulate and encourage each player on the field for their ‘good tackle’ or ‘great run’. Was really nice to see.

Jade Redman

KINGSLYN UNDER 8'S

The under 8’s travelled to Scone on Saturday, where they played against Singleton White. With only seven of us, they played really well and in the end, only went down by two tries. Everyone had some great runs and tackled really well. Jackson always ran the ball up and made sure everyone ran up when we were tackling, as well as making some good tackles. Maddison had some great runs and never gave up when tackling. Toby scored one try, had plenty of good runs and organised everyone, making sure they all got a run. Logan never gave up and ran really hard, which helped him get a try for himself. Harry scored two tries, made some great runs and some even better tackles. Duncan had some good

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.
On Saturday we had a home game against Aberdeen. The players all looked wonderful in their pink jerseys as they took the field. This was going to be the last game of the competition and we were hoping to go out with a win. The girls started strong, leading at half time 6-0. The second half was going well until the last ten minutes when Aberdeen picked the ball up and scored. This evened the game. With three minutes to go Aberdeen kicked a field goal to take the game out 7-6. The try scorer was Kate Blackadder with Janaya Austin converting the goal. Player of the Match went to Taylah Blackadder. Well done Taylah.

In Reserve Grade the boys played well. It was a good game to watch and the sponsors tent were all impressed. It was a close game. Merriwa boys were the better team on the day picking up the win 16-12. Try scorers: Ben Morgan with two and a try to John Maben. Jeremy Nicholls and Seth Morgan converted one goal each. Player of the Match went to Ben Morgan. Well done Ben.

At the RSL afterwards we auctioned nine pink jerseys. It was a great success. The footy club will be making a donation of $1000.00 to breast cancer from the jersey profits. Thank you to everyone for your support and to Tony Inder for being the auctioneer.

Belinda Keane

Merriwa Rugby League Club

On Saturday we had a home game against Aberdeen. The players all looked wonderful in their pink jerseys as they took the field. This was going to be the last game of the competition and we were very excited to be traveling down by bus to Morpeth to play Morpeth. I’m sure the bus trip was very eventful for the adults on the bus and we’d like to thank the Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club and Cowan’s bus service for the opportunity for this team to have fun traveling by bus. All reports said the the boys played very well and enjoyed their last game. Well done boys. This team will hopefully stay together for an even better year next year as they did get better and better as the year went on. A big thank you to Reece for coaching this team. You did a marvelous job. Also thank you to Alan and Andrew (manager and first aid) for being at every game and for your encouragement towards the boys.

Belinda Keane

John Cronin

KINGSLYN UNDER 9’S

Well I was amazed at how well the under 9’s went last weekend. They played against a Scone side and all their recent training finally came together with some spectacular plays passing out the ball fluently through out the team. Passing the ball at a running start gets our line moving forward, making it harder for the opposition to tackle us whilst we make more meters towards our try line, which is going to come in handy when we start playing on a mod field. Well done Thomas, Jack, Riley, David Clayton, Jyeson, Dylan, Jackson and Maddison for an excellent effort. Jackson and Maddison were our tag team sub’s and did a marvelous job at helping in defence and running the ball. Thomas and David have been playing some great football both loving being out there on the field and putting in 100% with some zippy running and hard defence, David played one of the best games I have seen him play in recent weeks. Jack has absolutely had a break through with his defence over the last three weeks of footy, he is really getting in there and tackling with grit and determination and he looks dangerous ever time he has the ball in his hands trying to bulldozer over Scone’s defence.

It was a very hard decision who Player of the Match was to be as all of the above kids mentioned were all outstanding team members trying their absolute hardest, but I was just so impressed with the way that Clayton, Jyeson and Dylan ran the ball and supported each other running down the line together. Player of the week went to all three of these boys. Their defence was outstanding, getting in and tackling a couple of big strong runner’s that scone had on their side. But something did click for them in attack going from passing at a stand still to fluently running the ball down the field and received spectacular results from remembering all their training days and bringing it onto the footy field on game day.

Well done Clayton, Jyeson and Dylan. Try’s this week went to Jyeson x two, Dylan x two and one each to Jackson and Thomas.

Belinda Keane

Gaynor Blackadder

Merriwa Ringer
Photography Competition

Entries close:

**CLOSING DATE - SEPTEMBER 7 - NOON**

Topic for the month is:

**THE HORSES BIRTHDAY**

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 TYRE AND SERVICE CENTRE**

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The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages.

Merriwa is a community that hosts many horse sporting events and in the next few weeks many of these events will be held, what a great opportunity to capture that great shot of a horse and rider in motion.

Email your photos to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
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Thursday 20 • Anglican Women Gathering - Muswellbrook St Alban's Parish Hall - 10.00am
• 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
• Merriwa Springtime Show
Sunday 20 • Merriwa Springtime Show
Friday 25 • Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

OCTOBER

Saturday 3 • Merriwa Campdraft - rescheduled date
Sunday 4 • Merriwa Campdraft - rescheduled date
Monday 5 • Merriwa Campdraft - rescheduled date

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

If you would like your event included in the community calendar, wish to claim a date or interested in placing an advert in the Ringer?

Contact Tina Taylor on 6548 2119.

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