Merriwa Community Farm
Safety Day a huge success
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.

COMMUNITY MUTUAL

COMMUNITY RALLIES TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

This year Merriwa community groups share in over $13,000, with locals coming together to support their community in Hunter Mutual’s (HM) Community Partnership Program (CPP).

Merriwa Pre-School and Kindergarten, Merriwa and District Rescue and Merriwa Tennis Club were just a few of the 45 groups to receive this annual bonus from the CPP.

Trudie Byfield, Hunter Mutual Branch Manager explains “While it comes at no cost to our members, they play a huge part in the program.”

“To participate members need to save with a selected account, and while it’s easy to join, members are nonetheless making a huge difference in our community,” she said.

Established seven years ago, the program has grown to have thousands of supporters, with local charities reaping the benefits. “We’ve seen a huge growth in support in recent years.” Mrs Byfield explains.

“The program has grown 30% just in the last year, with over a million being dispersed to grass roots community groups since the program’s inception. Because there have been huge benefits of the program, we’ve even opened this up to our young adult and youth accounts so they can participate too.”

Mrs Byfield explains why the program has been so successful.

“Our members are able to actively play a part of making a difference locally, the program evokes such a great community spirit,” she said.

With the program being a large success Hunter Mutual expect the program to grow a great deal in the coming financial year.

At the end of the financial year Hunter Mutual calculate an average amount of the participants balance and donate 1% to the selected group, without costing the member a cent. It’s a great way of empowering communities to make their interests sustainable through the power of collaboration.

For further information: Trudie Byfield, Hunter Mutual Branch Manager on 6776 6823.

Rebecca Stone

Merriwa Ringer
Last Friday was the annual Little Sprouts Community Reading Day. Almost 300 children from Cassilis, Sandy Hollow, St Joseph’s Primary, Merriwa Central, Merriwa Pre-School and our eager ‘Seeds’ group with their parents were involved in activities throughout the day.

The day began with a captivating and humorous ‘Beauty and the Beast’ performance by the talented Alpha Shows company. The music, lighting and costumes were impressive and engaged children and adults of all ages.

After snacking on the delicious cookies provided by the local CWA, students made their way around the town of Merriwa. Luckily the rain held off and students enjoyed sunny weather as they visited some of the 30 local businesses who entertained them with a variety of story books. We are lucky to have such a supportive community who volunteer to read and participate in Little Sprouts year after year.

Students returned to the School of Arts Hall for lunch which was kindly prepared and served by Mrs Bendall and her hospitality students. After filling their stomachs, students continued to visit businesses and take part in additional activities such as learning touch football skills with ROAR, creating bookmarks with 4C and discussing road safety whilst looking through the Police bus.

The ‘Seeds’ and Pre-School groups enjoyed hearing Dreamtime stories with the Wakagetti group and our local librarian Mark Shields entertained the children with this year’s Book Week stories. Thank you to Mr Shields and the Wakagetti group for contributing their time and expertise to make the day exciting for our little people.

Students and parents had the opportunity throughout the day to purchase books from the book fair which was coordinated and run by Mr Grant. Thank you Mr Grant for sourcing such a great amount of quality literature for children to buy and enjoy.

The day finished with the announcement of prizes for ‘Best Dressed’ students and Colouring Competition winners. It was wonderful to see the effort students put into the colouring and choosing only three winners was a difficult task for the Wakagetti group to complete. It was also exciting to see students dressed up in costumes and a huge thank you must go to parents for organising such amazing outfits. Not to be left out, businesses were also awarded prizes, with The Upper Hunter Shire being selected as the ‘Best Dressed Business’ and Peter Davidson being crowned the ‘Most Animated Reader’.

Congratulations to all students for their exceptional behaviour during Little Sprouts. Thank you to all the teachers for your assistance organising the day, for getting into the spirit by dressing up in the theme and for eagerly participating in activities. Without the support and involvement of the Merriwa community, Little Sprouts could not be a successful event so thank you to all readers, volunteers and parents for offering to assist. Also, thank you to Max’s Country Cuts for donating 100 sausages for lunch and Merriwa CWA for baking 900 biscuits. Thank you to everyone involved for engaging our children in reading, which is not only a skill they will use throughout their lives but a tool they will use to open up a new world of reading.

Megan Sinderberry
Assistant Principal
FARM SAFETY DAY

Last Thursday August 27 students from Years 3 – 6 visited the Merriwa Showground to participate in the second annual Farm Safety Day. Students moved in rotations to join a variety of workshops. This included identifying safe and dangerous elements on a farm, wearing the correct safety gear for different jobs on a farm and even visiting all our local safety services. Safety services included the Fire and Rescue, Rural Fire Service, Police, and the VRA. The VRA was very popular with their amazing demonstrating of the Jaws of Life! We would like to give a very big thank you for the invitation to attend and to all the organisers and volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success. We had a great time and students have all said they would love to go back again next year!

FATHER’S DAY STALL

The P and C will be holding a Father’s Day stall this Friday September 4 for students who wish to purchase a small gift for Father’s Day. Items will range from $2.00 to $6.00. This is run by our wonderful P and C volunteers and we are very grateful for their effort. If students wish to purchase something from the stall they will need to bring in money this Friday.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PARENT SESSION

On Tuesday September 15 there will be an
SECONDARY NEWS

SPORT UPDATE

On Friday August 21, ten boys from Merriwa Central competed in the State Rugby League 7’s opens divisions tournament held in Dubbo. This being the third time we have done so in the last four years. Unfortunately, our games didn’t go quite to plan on the day this year; however with a young squad I believe we will be much stronger for the experience next year.

The boys faced some excellent competition over the day and came up against some very good rugby league players. We played five games consecutively on what can be described as tarmac, so to have all players available at the end of the day shows the toughness of country boys. Molong Central were the eventual winners on the day and well deserved at that. The other teams we faced were of course the perpetually strong Coolah Central along with Boorowa, from the southern region and Boggabilla and Bonalbo from the north. I cannot begin to imagine the distance those teams had to travel to be there for the day, nor the paperwork. Well done to those teachers for stepping up to the cause.

In other news, 2015 saw the introduction of a Sports Coaching course offered at Merriwa Central for the first time. Six students in Year 11 are currently working towards gaining a certificate II accreditation that will hopefully benefit the sporting teams of Merriwa. If you have a sporting event of any kind planned and would like some assistance running the show I am sure that our students would be very grateful for the experience.

Finally, as the term comes to a close the ROAR program has organised a Youth Cancer fundraising event to be held across the school on the last day of term. To support the Footy Colours Day Team, we encourage all students, parents and staff to dress in the colours of their favourite team and provide a gold coin donation to help with this important cause. Over the next couple of weeks the ROAR boys will be out selling raffle tickets for a limited edition fully signed Cronulla Sharks Guernsey generously donated by Mrs Gwen Meyer. So show your support for the ROAR boys and help us fight youth cancer by grabbing some tickets for this awesome prize.

Note: If you win and don’t like the sharks I would be more than willing to accept it on your behalf.

Chad Grant
Assistant Principal
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Favourite Subject: Animal Care and Biology

Aspirations for the future: I plan on going into the care industry after I finish my HSC.

Year Advisor’s Comment: Ayesha is in her final months of thirteen years of schooling. Ayesha has been at Merriwa Central School from Kindergarten and is the last of the Kiely’s to complete their schooling in Merriwa. Ayesha was nominated for Student of the Week for being someone who always tries her absolute best and is a very positive influence in the school. Her kind nature will influence in the school. Her kind nature will be missed as she moves off to bigger and better things. Well done, Ayesha.

Lana Grant - Year Adviser

Student of the Week

Ayesha Kiely

Year 12
Why I want to be in ROAR: I want to be in ROAR to learn new skills

Favourite Subject: Food Technology

Favourite sport: NRL

Favourite team: Broncos

Favourite Sports Person: Ben Barba

Best personal sporting achievement: Winning at soccer

Who inspires you: My mum because she teaches me to never give up

Advice to young players: Never give up on your goals and give everything your all.
**Principal’s Report**

This week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. It is a great event to raise awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all Australian students. Below is a small but vitally important excerpt from the National Literacy and Numeracy Website.

Throughout this week we recognise and celebrate the achievements of parents, teachers, principals, and members of the community who are doing amazing things to help kids develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Parents and carers can have a big impact on their children’s education. Over 40 years of research from around the world shows that when parents are involved in their child’s learning, it really can have a positive impact.

You are the first and most important influence on your child’s values and attitudes toward school and learning. Creating a home environment that encourages a love of learning from an early age can help your child to do better at school. Top Literacy and Numeracy Tips for Parents are provided below as a guide.

Taking part in National Literacy and Numeracy Week’s activities is a great opportunity to show your interest and share the love of learning with your child.

**HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED**

Look in the literacy and numeracy sections on this website to find out about the activities your child may be participating in. http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/parents

At St Joseph’s Merriwa Bookweek and Literacy and Numeracy Week are combined at present to enable schools to enjoy a fortnight of focus on the importance of being literate and numerate. There have been a number of special events organised to engage the students in great levels of learning.

On Monday afternoon Darcy Moore was invited to present his speech to the councillors of the Upper Hunter Shire expressing his ideas on what he would do if he was “Mayor for a Day”. Darcy was our school winner of this writing competition and he spoke with representatives from Catholic and Public Schools in our region. I was very proud of Darcy’s effort in writing the piece and his delivery in such a formal forum.

The class and school Spelling Bees were held last week and students really worked hard to use mental strategies to spell lots of words. Our stage winners will go to Denman this week to compete against all stage winners from the Catholic schools in the region. Congratulations to the following Stage Winners:

- Kindergarten: Emma McLaren
- Stage 1: Braeden Halse
- Stage 2: Amy Redgate
- Stage 3: Jemma Grady

On Thursday, the students enjoyed learning about the “Magic of Books” with JD and Friends magic show. We were thrilled to share the time with Merriwa Pre school and our transition Kinders for 2016. Magician Joel entertained the children and adults alike with his amazing magic. Never far from focus was the message that books are filled with magic and we need to practise developing our skills to unlock it. Reading skills are the key.
This Friday we are enjoying the annual Father’s Day Breakfast followed by a special Liturgy and then a fabulous Maths session for Dads and kids in Primary classes (mums can join in too), and a fabulous book “Banjo and Ruby Red” and activity session with the Infants. We look forward to seeing many of you there with us. These celebrations and activities will run from 7.30am to 10.00am.

Mums and dads, grandparents and friends – it’s not too late to take up a book and read with a young person today and tomorrow.

The Merriwa Community Farm Safety sessions were held last Thursday and our Primary students joined with other students from nearby schools to participate in the program organised by the Merriwa Show committee. The students appreciated learning about the activities that take place on farms and identifying the dangers that can present with many of these activities if proper care and precaution is not afforded. They learned about the necessity to use suitable safety equipment and protective clothing to minimise the risks. The VRA, Rural Bush Fire service and the Police all showed the students their rescue equipment and then described their role in the community. This series of workshops is very much appreciated by our school and helps us to recognise what a wonderful community we belong to.

Friday was again another real highlight for the schools and the town alike. The Little Sprouts Day event by engaging the participation of community members highlights how important Literacy and reading is to the future wellbeing and success of all our young people and our town. The Day was a huge success and once again Merriwa streets were filled with fancy dress representing Countries around the world.
Helen Whale
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS

Kindergarten - Jeremy Hopkins - enthusiasm in learning about Fractions
Arlia Parker - great efforts in writing activities
Year 1/2 - Justin Alley - for a fantastic effort during dance practice for our play
Levi Hourn - great questions about changes in our environment
Year 3/4 - Madelaine Thrift - for representing our school beautifully at Little Sprouts Day
Axul Hourn - for his great effort in fraction work
Year 5/6 - Nicholas Morgan - for a fantastic effort with poetry tasks
John Magner - for terrific enthusiasm during our HSIE unit on Global Connections
Principal’s Awards - Emma McLaren - for developing great strategies to make them awesome spellers

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Amy Redgate - for developing great strategies to make them awesome spellers
Jemma Grady - for developing great strategies to make them awesome spellers
Jo Edwards - for being fabulous parent helpers at Little Sprouts day
Peter Holland - for being fabulous parent helpers at Little Sprouts day
Bernadita Hopkins - for being fabulous parent helpers at Little Sprouts day
Vic Shannon - for being fabulous parent helpers at Little Sprouts day
Carol Brinckley - for being fabulous parent helpers at Little Sprouts day
Lucy Wong - for being fabulous parent helpers at Little Sprouts day

Helen Whale
Principal
Book week celebrations made for a very busy past week! The children were captivated as they watched the Joel Howlett Magic Show, thank you St Joseph’s Primary School for inviting us along. We joined the community in the Little Sprouts Reading Day on Friday. This fabulous day encourages children to read and experience the wonder of books. Thanks to Merriwa Central School for hosting this annual event.

We are continuing to practice writing individual letters, the letter of the week has been ‘M’. The children have been learning the correct letter formation of both Capital M and lower case m.

The children have enjoyed the craft activities over the past week and will be continuing throughout this week as they working on a special Father’s Day gift. Please don’t forget the father’s day raffle drawn on September 4, the prize is an “Apple TV”.

The trees in the playground have begun to flower and the weather is starting to warm up as we head into spring. We are seeking volunteers to help at the Steak Hut during the Merriwa Springtime Show, please add your name to the roster if you can assist with this fundraiser.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK – ISABELLE BIBBY

Isabelle has earned the title of ‘Student of the Week’, this week for her consistently positive behaviour and effort both in and out of the classroom. She wrote up a great piece of writing as to why books light up her life last week, during Book Week activities, and shared some good ideas while planning for the 140 year School celebration.

Isabelle enjoys learning new things collaboratively and can often be found supporting younger peers while completing group tasks. Congratulations, Isabelle and keep up the terrific work!

RELAY TEAM STRIVES WITH PRIDE

Congratulations to the Cassilis Relay Team for a fantastic run at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Newcastle on Friday!

Tobias, Angus, Maddison, Sophie and Isabelle made us proud coming fifth overall on the day. Unfortunately, Isabelle was sick and unable to race, so our reserve Sophie stepped up and ran in place of Isabelle on the day.

You should all be very proud of your achievements; especially as such a young team and we look forward to cheering you on again next year!

A special thanks to Mrs Nairne for coaching and transporting 3 of the 5 team members on the day. Your dedication to the students of the school is greatly appreciated!

OUR REGIONAL RACE

On Friday the 28th of the 8th I was at a sports carnival in Newcastle. I was there for my relay team. It was the regionals and before we raced we were practicing our passing. We were also watching other teams run and they were amazing in how they ran and passed the baton. Then Mrs Nairne told us to do some high knees and some sprinting to warm up.

Now it was time for my team to run. We almost didn’t run because we were at the wrong place but we did run. As I was getting to my position I was feeling nervous, scared and frightened. The gun went off and Sophie was the first runner. She was running as fast as she could then she passed the baton to Angus because he was the second runner. Then he passed the baton to Maddie and then she passed the baton to me. I was the last runner so I ran faster than I have ever run before! We tried our best and we came fourth because another team was disqualified. We will try to get to State next year.

By Tobias

RELAY REGIONALS

Last Friday I went to Newcastle for relay. I was very excited. I travelled in the car with Tim, Sophie, Mrs Nairne and Angus. On the way there we were listening to Alan Jackson and Tim was singing it really loud which was very funny! We stopped and got some lollies. It took a while to get there but when we arrived we watched some of the other races. I was getting nervous because there were some really fast runners and a lot of people.

When the Bowlers got there we started to do some practice runs. There was a little practice bit inside the gates. The ground felt all jumpy and squishy which was really cool. It was finally getting close to our time to run and I was getting more nervous by the minute. We had to wear orange t-shirts and it was lucky we brought Sophie along because Isabelle was sick. I think Sophie, by the look on her face, was really stressed out.

By Tobias
It was finally time so we walked onto the track and the gun went off. Sophie was the first runner and she went really well. She’s only in year two so it was a big opportunity for her. She passed the baton to Angus and I was yelling out to him to ‘run faster, run faster’. He was running very quickly. Angus looked like he was about to burst because his face was the same colour as his school jumper. Angus passed the baton to me and I ran as fast as I could. Then I passed it to Tobias and he sprinted to the finish line.

We came fourth. I was pretty upset but then very proud of the team because all the other teams might have had year six students in them and we are all younger. On the way home we had Maccas which included a wrap and chocolate milk. Mrs Nairne bought us ice-cream, which was very nice of her.

**By Maddie**

**MY BIG DAY OUT**

On Friday I went to Newcastle for relay with my teammates. It was fun. Soph ran in the relay instead of Isabelle. Maddie, Sophie and I went with Mrs Nairne and Tim. There were lots of people next to me running. I felt good about myself making it in to the relay team. We had a great day.

**By Angus**

Last Friday the relay team went to Newcastle. We had to represent the Hunter Region. When our relay started, Isabelle’s mum rang and said that she was sick so I had to run. We came fourth. I was really nervous when I got there because there were lots of people watching us. The uniform was orange tops and black shorts. When I got home I was really tired so I had a hot shower and went to bed.

**By Sophie**

**LITTLE SPROUTS DAY**

Mr Gant supervised students on Friday at Little Sprouts Day in Merriwa and commented on what a wonderful day was had by all! Thank you to Merriwa Central School for organising such a fun and educational Day.

Little Sprouts Day was on the 28-8-2015. Nan, Mum, Isabelle, Ben and I went to Merriwa while James stayed at home with Dad. There was a show which was called Beauty and the Beast. I got a small prize and it was a red rubber band. I got it because I asked a question and the question was “How long has Beauty and the Beast been going on?” The play was so fun! I think it was better than the other Little Sprouts Days. The performers all performed well. After the play we went into groups and went to places to get books read to us. I think the last rotation was a school where a police officer gave us books, stickers, colouring pages and tattoos. Then I bought a book. Isabelle and I both got a Holly Webs boo for each other to share. It was an excellent day.

**By Rachel**

**It’s Your Day Dad**

This Friday, we are celebrating Father’s Day by inviting all Dads to join us for a BBQ breakfast from 8:30am followed by Bush Regeneration activities with Mr Gant from 9.00-10.00am.

**FAREWELL VIRGINIA**

It was such a lovely way to help celebrate National Book Week last Wednesday with Virginia sharing these two great stories with us. Thank you, Virginia, for all your great work at the Cassilis Library over the past five years. We wish you the very best with your new job at Murrurundi.

Katie Burgess
Principal
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
September-November: 7.30am

September 9: Anglican Women Spring Celebration
- All Saints Singleton.

Theme: = God is Love

Morning Tea 10.00am followed by Holy Eucharist.
Lunch is bring and share with tea and coffee provided.

Please contact Joan Morgan for more details. 6548 2036.

10th Anniversary of Ordination for Rev’d Glen.

On Sunday August 23 we celebrated along with
Rev’d Glen Jo, Thomas and Isabelle the 10th
Anniversary of Glen’s ordination to the ministry.
The original ordination took place on the feast
day of St. Bartholomew hence our celebrations
on this date in August 2015.

St Bartholomew was one of the 12 Apostles of
Jesus and St. Bartholomew was introduced to
Jesus by Phillip. There is some confusion in the
gospel writings as to whether Bartholomew and
Nathaniel could be one of the same. Rev’d Glen
explained to us that perhaps when they speak of
Bartholomew it could indeed be his surname? It is
a question that cannot be answered.

Anyway St Bartholomew took Christianity to
Armenia in the 1st century and Rev, Glen being
ordained on his feast day was ordained to take
the Gospel to the people in these modern times.

St. Bartholomew was born at Cana of Galilee, a
son of the furrows, perhaps meaning a Ploughman.

We are very Blessed to have Rev’d Glen as our
Shepherd in this parish of Merriwa.

In the hymn we sang in celebration of this 10th
Anniversary two lines go like this: some carry the
gospel through fire and flood: Our world is their
parish; their purpose is God.

In the Holy Gospel reading of John 1.45-51 it

begins…..

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We
have found him about whom Moses in the law
and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph
from Nazareth.

Congratulations to you Glen as you celebrate 10
years of ordained ministry!

Being a priest in God’s church is a great privilege.
Over the last 10 years I have been blessed to serve
congregations in Tamworth and Scone and now
in Merriwa and Murrurundi. I have also served in
school and industrial chaplaincies. The church is
in a time of great change and the nature of being
a priest is always changing as together, priest and
people seek to find new ways of being faithful.
I am grateful for all of the people of who have
supported, challenged and changed me as a
priest and person over the last 10 years and pray
for God’s continuing presence with us as we seek
to serve Him better and love Him more everyday.

Reverend Glen Jo
Rosalie Drew
Merriwa RSL Club Sub Branch

On September 11, the Merriwa RSL Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting, which is the same day as our Monthly Meeting. Voting for the board is from August 28 to September 6. We would kindly ask that all sub branch members ensure they cast their ballot at the club during this time, ‘rain hail or snow’.

For our meeting on September 11, come along and show your solidarity for the AGM and elections.

Robert Baihn (AKA Bob Baihn)

Merriwa Progress Association

POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS AND THEIR APPROPRIATE USE

Emergency ‘000’ - to be used in emergencies where there is an imminent threat to life or serious crimes are occurring.

Police Assistance Line 131444 - reporting of minor crime where there is no crime in progress, no unduly traumatised victim, low probability of the crime being solved (lack of witnesses, evidence, suspects), victim does not require physical police presence, victim agrees to the report being taken over the phone.

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 - for the reporting of suspicious activity, information about on-going criminal activities. Reports can be made anonymously.

Hunter Valley Local Area Command 6542 6999 - Requesting police presence, general enquiries, messages for or contact with specific officers or supervisors and duty officers within your local area.

And remember to ALWAYS request an Incident Reference Number.

Beron Arden-Wood

Legacy Week Street Stall

When: Friday September 4

Legacy will be holding their annual Badge Day and Street Stall on Friday September 4. All donations of cakes, slices, biscuits etc would be greatly appreciated.

Maree Goodear and Sue Shearman

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.

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

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

Penelope Fenley

Merriwa Senior Citizens Association

When: Thursday October 1

We are inviting children to come to our movie on October 1 at 1.00pm in the Squatter’s room of the RSL Club.

This is in school holiday time.

The child MUST be accompanied by a parent or a person responsible for their supervision whilst in the club.

A film suitable for young people will be shown and we hope to see many accepting this offer.

Mary O’Neill

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by Monday at 12.00noon.
Last Friday we held our Annual General Meeting at the MPS. A new committee was elected as follows: President - Elaine Sparrow; Vice President - Kay Taylor; Secretary - Amanda Kemp and Treasurer - Vivian Murray. We would like to thank our Honorary Auditor Bryan Baker for his continued support of our Auxiliary. Membership to our Auxiliary remains at $5.00 and we welcome new members. All money raised by our fundraising events goes back to our own MPS for equipment needed for patient and staff comfort.

Our guest speaker was Doctor Emad Hasem and all present enjoyed his topic for discussion being that of investing in staff, morale, and commitment to patient care and secondary care. He also gave us a ‘wish list’ of machinery that would benefit our patients if available at our MPS.

Also present at the meeting was Merriwa MPS ‘Acting’ Service Manager Hiliary Walker who gave us a ‘wish list’ of equipment needed and discussed what was happening within our MPS.

Our Auxiliary’s next fundraising event will be the Melbourne Cup Garden Luncheon. A committee has been formed to discuss where this will take place – any suggestions on garden venues would be welcome. More on this in future Ringers.

You'll hear more on our Melbourne Cup Luncheon soon so start thinking of the guests YOU will be bringing with you to our special fundraising event on Tuesday November 3. Always a great day out with fantastic food and company with a little flutter on the horses.

Elaine Sparrow

Brodie’s Cutting Edge

CLOSURE

When: September 8 to September 15

Brodie’s Cutting Edge will be closed for a small period, reopening on Wednesday September 16 and wish to apologise for any inconvenience that this will cause.

Brodie Jones

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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, please contact us before 12.00noon on Mondays.
Community Notice Board

Anglican Parish

THANK YOU TO THE HUNTER MUTUAL

For their generous donation to “Holy Trinity” Anglican Parish. Monies are donated through the Community Partnership Program for 2014-2015.

The logo for the Hunter Mutual is “at the Heart of the community” and this is felt wholeheartedly on the night of the presentation of the monies to the community.

We salute you Hunter Mutual.

Rosalie Drew

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Barbara Campbell

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THANK YOU TO THE HUNTER MUTUAL

For their generous donation to “Holy Trinity” Anglican Parish. Monies are donated through the Community Partnership Program for 2014-2015.

The logo for the Hunter Mutual is “at the Heart of the community” and this is felt wholeheartedly on the night of the presentation of the monies to the community.

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The second annual Merriwa Community Farm Safety Day last Thursday was a spectacular success thanks to the combined efforts of our small town’s wonderful community groups, our hardworking show committee and generous businesses and support organisations.

200 high school and primary students from across the Upper Hunter joined with local farmers and community members supported by Hunter Local Land Services, WorkCover, Department of Primary Industries’ Rural Resilience team and NSW Hunter New England Health to learn all about best practice management of the wide variety of risks on farms.

This year’s focus was mental and physical health with free skin and health checks on-site; high school sessions on the importance of Q-fever and skin cancer prevention; and Mental Health Makeover workshops from professional counsellor, Simon Santosha, Rural Adversity and Mental Health Program’s Sarah Green and DPI’s Caroline Hayes.

The program featured on NBN Newcastle’s news bulletin, was the initiative of the Merriwa Show Interschool Challenge committee and designed to provide Agriculture and Primary Industry students with hands-on experience and guidance with farm vehicles, livestock and health advice, and raise awareness of farm safety issues and emergency services with younger primary school students.

Coordinator, Rob Tindall gave credit for the success to partnerships with local organisations, Merriwa’s Men’s Shed, Rotary, CWA, NSW Farmers, Progress Association, RSL Club, Sports Club, and the enthusiasm of our town’s emergency teams from the Fire Brigade, Rural Fire Service, Volunteer Rescue Squad, NSW Police and the Ambulance service, who were all on-site with vehicles and equipment to the delight of many young students.

The Tocal College workshops could not have gone ahead without Mia Mackay and her band of instructors, Merriwa Tyre Service’s range of quads and ATV’s, the Kraefft family’s livestock, Brindley Park’s tractor and machinery, the Cameron family’s horses, and then the hundreds of meals served by Kylie Austin Catering to hungry students and field day visitors.

Hunter Local Land Services featured a feral animal control display with animal health information on the range of zoonotic diseases, including leptospirosis, brucellosis and Q fever, potentially transferrable to humans from cattle, pigs and dogs – this information is also available locally at the Merriwa LLS Office.

Personal healthcare for rural communities was a major focus with Hunter New England Health on-site for health checks, information and sessions on Q Fever - anyone with concerns is advised to see your local GP.

NSW WorkCover presented the latest Quad Bike research and farm safety advice offering eligible small businesses a $500.00 safety equipment rebate.

NSW Farmers regional manager, Stuart Murdoch distributed flyers to record property location details for emergencies – it is recommended to keep your rural address by the phone and your GPS coordinates – these can be obtained by putting your property details in websites like www.maps.six.nsw.gov.au

Challenge and show committee members who worked tirelessly to present the day included Georgie Fairfull, who put together the primary school program, Paul McLoughlin, Ken and Robyn McAlister, Richard Magner, Toni Jones, Allen Reid, Col Bates, Helen Tindall, Ellenor Nixon, Pat Ryan, Travis Sutton, Peter Ward, David and Hamish Cameron.

The program was also supported and sponsored by Rabobank, Upper Hunter Shire and Hunter Mutual.
SECTION P – PRESERVES

TRADITIONAL AND MODERN

SUB-COMMITTEE: Mrs J Bettington (Captain), Mrs D Alker, Mrs L Wilkinson, Mrs S Wallings

ENTRY FEE: Classes 1-7 $0.50 per entry
Children 16 and under no entry fee

PRIZES: First $3.00, second $2.00. 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 not collected between 4.00pm and 5.00pm on Saturday September 19 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 1-27 - Donated by Mrs J Bettington

PRIZE for exhibitor gaining the highest point score Children’s Classes 28-47 - Donated by Mrs D Alker.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All care and no responsibility will be accepted for the loss or damage of exhibits
It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to collect their exhibits at the end of the show.
Organisers take no responsibility for uncollected items.
2. The Judge may open or cut each exhibit
3. All exhibits to be made by the exhibitor
4. All jams and accompaniments must be in plain screw top jars filled to the jar shoulder, opened beforehand and labelled clearly
5. Activated foods must be soaked 2-24 hours.

OPEN CLASSES

PRESERVES – FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

1. STONE FRUIT
2. TOMATOES
3. ANY OTHER FRUIT
4. ANY VEGETABLES

JAMS OR CONSERVES

5. STONE FRUIT
6. SEED FRUIT, eg, Fig, Kiwi etc
7. MARMALADE
8. ANY OTHER CITRUS JAM
9. JELLY or PASTE, eg, Quince

ACCOMPANIMENTS AND DRESSINGS

10. LEMON CHEESE or BUTTER
11. SWEET SAUCE
12. CHUTNEY
13. PICKES or RELISH
14. PICKLED NUTS, eg, Walnuts
15. TOMATO SAUCE
16. WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE
17. MAYONNAISE
18. LEMON DRESSING
19. VINEGAR DRESSING
20. ANY OTHER, eg, Pesto or Hummus

OILS AND VINEGARS

21. VINEGAR - most decorative, and with flavour
22. OIL - most decorative, and with flavour

DEHYDRATED, DRIED AND ACTIVATED FOODS

23. FRUIT- DRIED or WRAPS
24. VEGETABLES -DRIED or WRAPS
25. HERBS – DRIED
26. SEEDS and GRAINS, eg, dried crackers
27. NUTS and NUT PRODUCTS, eg, Nut butter

CHILDREN’S CLASSES

16 YEARS AND UNDER

28. LEMON CHEESE or BUTTER
29. ANY JAM or CONSERVE
30. MAYONNAISE or SALAD DRESSING
31. SWEET or SAVOURY SAUCE
32. RELISH, CHUTNEY or PICKLES
33. SAVOURY CONDIMENT - any kind
34. MOST DECORATIVE OIL
35. MOST DECORATIVE VINEGAR
36. HEALTHY BITES or ANY DRIED PRODUCE
37. HERBS - DRIED

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Sharli Mulligan

Merriwa Rotary
ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Our long term youth exchange student, Lotta, from Estonia, has had a few days at Myuna Bay where she met up with other exchange students from many different countries.

Good friendships are formed at these gatherings and the students enjoy meeting up again during their Exchange program as well as going together on a tour of much of the eastern side of Australia later in the year.

COMMUNITY MUTUAL GATHERING

Rotary was delighted and honoured to receive a donation of $270.00 from our local financial establishment, Community Mutual. Our Credit Union also made significant donations to many other organisations in our Merriwa/Cassilis community.

Having being abandoned by the banks which had branches in our town for many years, our community is very fortunate to now have the excellent, friendly service cheerfully given to us by Community Mutual.

We and other local organisations are grateful indeed for their generous support.

Mark Smith

Hunter Medical Practice is organising a clinic to vaccinate against Q Fever. In Australia, cattle, sheep and goats are the main source of the fever, although bandicoots, kangaroos and dogs can be infected. The fever can also be passed through the air. Anyone who works in the agricultural industry, around animals or any animal products, should consider getting vaccinated.

There are several steps in the vaccination process:
1. A skin test
2. A blood test
3. An injection

There is a solution for the skin and an injection that must be purchased by each patient. To simplify the process we are going to order them in. For this reason, we need to know if you want to be vaccinated so that we order the correct quantity.

If you are interested in being vaccinated, would like more information about the process of vaccination, or information about Q Fever, please call us on 65325013 or call in and see us.

Dr Jawaad and Dr Cho Oo Maung

Q FEVER CLINIC
SIX INDIAN SPICES THAT HELP PREVENT DISEASES

According to a study published in The Times of India – Health and Fitness, six Indian Spices help to prevent many Diseases and they also form the base of Spice Grill’s Curries and Wraps too. And they are:

Turmeric/Curcumin: This is the king of spices when it comes to dealing with cancer diseases, besides it adding a zesty color to our food on the platter. Turmeric contains the powerful polyphenol Curcumin that has been clinically proven to retard the growth of cancer cells causing prostate cancer, melanoma, breast cancer, brain tumor, pancreatic cancer and leukemia amongst a host of others. Curcumin promotes ‘Apoptosis’ - (programmed cell death/cell suicide) that safely eliminates cancer breeding cells without posing a threat to the development of other healthy cells.

Fennel: Yes, it aids digestion and probably that is why we like chewing a handful of Fennel seeds at the end of every meal. Armed with phyto-nutrients and antioxidants, cancer cells have nothing but to accept defeat when the spice is fennel. ‘Anethole’, a major constituent of fennel resists and restricts the adhesive and invasive activities of cancer cells. It suppresses the enzymatic regulated activities behind cancer cell multiplication. A tomato-fennel combination with garlic or fresh salads with fennel bulbs make for an ideal entree prior to an elaborate course meal. Roasted fennel with parmesan can be another star pick.

Saffron: A natural carotenoid dicarboxylic acid called ‘Crocetin’ is the primary cancer-fighting element that saffron contains. It not only inhibits the progression of the disease but also decreases the size of the tumour by half, guaranteeing a complete goodbye to cancer. Though it is the most expensive spice in the world for it is derived from around 250,000 flower stigmas (saffron crocus) that make just about half a kilo, a few saffron threads come loaded with benefits you won’t regret paying for. Saffron threads can be used in various ways.

Cumin: It aids digestion. However, its health benefits go beyond. A portent herb with anti-

Merriwa Ringer
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VEHICLE AIR CONDITIONING

Now is the time to make sure your vehicle’s A/C system is going to keep you cool during the warmer months. We are fully licenced to carry out all checks and repairs. We offer a comprehensive field service as well. We can repair and service most types of vehicles from cars to farming equipment.

LIGHT BARS

We can offer you the latest in light technology for a realistic price. Robust, with low current draw, LED bars are the way to go in terms of lighting up the road.

Ring us for an appointment on 6548 2114 or call in to 30 Bow Street Merriwa and see Michael or Sally.

Sally and Michael Hagley

Rohit Gaur

Merriwa Auto Electrical

Merriwa Surgery
Dr Emad Jasem
For all your medical needs
Opening hours
Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm
Saturday by arrangement.
For bookings please call the surgery on 6548 2305.

Please be aware that Dr Emad Jasem and our practice nurse will be away on Friday September 4 and Saturday September 5. Please note that our after hours care will also not be available during this time. Patients will still be able to make appointments with reception staff on Friday.

Our practice will be undergoing accreditation shortly, we appreciate all your support during this time.

To reduce waiting time please let reception staff know if you have more than one problem or if you think your problem will take extra time. This ensures we can give you the correct amount of time to see the doctor.

We are currently updating our records, it would be appreciated that all patients see our reception staff upon arrival so we can have your most updated records.

We provide in hours and after hours home visits for our patients if there is a clinical need.

We have an excellent team from our receptionist staff to our highly skilled practice nurse.

The surgery provide screening for cancer and immunisation for all age groups.

We run a skin clinic, minor operations done under local anesthetic and cryotherapy (freezing) of skin conditions.

We will see and attend to all emergencies coming to the surgery.

We have the latest most advanced ECG machine available.

We bulk bill all children under the age of 16, all health card holders and pension card holders.

All follow up and health care checks are a bulked billed service provided by the surgery.

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oxidant characteristics, cumin seeds contains a compound called ‘Thymoquinone’ that checks proliferation of cells responsible for prostate cancer. So, instead of loading your usual snack options with calories and oil, add this seasoning to your bread, fried beans or sauce and make the dish rich in flavour and high on health. You can rediscover the magic of cumin in your regular bowl of tadka dal and rice too!

Cinnamon: It takes not more than a half teaspoon of cinnamon powder every day to keep cancer risk away. A natural food preservative, cinnamon is a source of iron and calcium. Useful in reducing tumour growth, it blocks the formation of new vessels in the human body.

Oregano: More than a pizza or pasta topping, oregano confirms its worth as a potential agent against prostate cancer. Consisting of antimicrobial compounds, just one teaspoon of oregano has the power of two cups of red grapes! Phyto-chemical ‘Quercetin’ present in oregano restricts growth of malignant cells in the body and acts like a drug against cancer-centric diseases.

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Merriwa Pharmacy

HOW LOUD IS TOO LOUD?

National Hearing Awareness Week is an event held in the last week of August each year. It provides an opportunity to raise community awareness of hearing impairment and ways to protect your hearing.

It also serves as a reminder that the ears are much more than a couple of fairly useful appendages on either side of our head. The ear is a complex piece of equipment consisting of many parts – not just the visible exterior section – and is responsible not only for hearing but for maintaining balance as well.

The outer ear captures sound waves which are converted into mechanical energy by the ear drum and the tiny muscles and bones in the middle ear. The inner ear changes this mechanical energy into nerve impulses which are then transmitted to the brain. These nerve impulses are the messages we decipher as sound.

Semi-circular tubes or canals within the inner ear, acting like a series of spirit levels, and provide us with our sense of balance.

It’s not surprising that with such a complicated system things can go wrong. In fact, ear problems are very common and they can be due to many causes. Some causes are very much self-inflicted. Industrial deafness has long been recognised as a work health and safety hazard; but research has now shown that whether it’s a power tool or loud music, the negative impact on the ears is just the same.

The Hearing Awareness Week website (www.hearingawarenessweek.org.au) has identified a whole host of possible factors which are likely to cause damage to the ears – from jackhammers to jet skis, from fruit juicers to formula one racing – and describes the maximum safe exposure time without ear protection. Visit the website to find out ‘how loud is too loud’ with respect to your favourite electrical or music event.

In fact, consistent exposure to loud music is the most common cause of hearing loss. It could be a portable music player or a rock concert; in any event, it’s an easily preventable cause. Unfortunately, as the deafness may not become apparent for some years, treatment is often initiated far too late.

‘Noise destroys – turn down the volume’ is also the message to come from the Australian Tinnitus Association. Tinnitus literally means noise or ringing in the ears, but the constantly annoying sound that many sufferers live with 24 hours a day takes many forms. Many of us experience tinnitus from time to time; but for a small percentage of the population it can be severe and quite disturbing.

Apart from noise there are some other possible aggravating factors for tinnitus. Some medicines – notably some anti-inflammatory and anti-depressant medicines – have been identified as potential causes. Caffeine (found in tea, coffee, cola or chocolate) and alcohol may worsen tinnitus in some people. Smoking (which narrows the blood vessels which supply vital oxygen to the ears), can also make tinnitus worse.

Tinnitus can often be managed or controlled reasonably well; even so, a cure doesn’t really seem close at hand. However, treatment for some other common ear problems is often much easier, provided the cause can be identified early on. The Ear Problems Self Care Fact Card available from Merriwa Pharmacy. Self Care health information can help with hints on how to reduce the risk of ear problems and treat those problems effectively when they do occur.

Thank you to the local community for your suggestions. We have listened and renovated a special children area within the surgery and we have installed entertainment for our patients in our waiting room.

Dr Emad Jasem

Merriwa Pharmacy
## Merriwa Ringer Directory

A quick reference guide to all that support the Merriwa Ringer

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RAISING FUNDS FOR BRAD COX WHILE ENJOYING A NIGHT OUT AT THE CLUB

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON EUCHRE

Join us for a friendly game of euchre each Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm.

WOMENS BOWLS

Philomena, Beatrice, Joy and Merle travelled to Denman last Wednesday. Everyone had a lovely day of bowls. Merle came home with a prize.

Next Wednesday, four ladies are going to Denman Association Day. Good luck ladies.

Aberdeen Womens Bowling Club Gala Day is September 23. Ladies if you are able to go please let Loretta know by September 17 on 6548 2679.

Mixed social bowls is on Wednesdays, everyone is welcome to come along. Start time is at 10.30am to 11.00am play.

Cassilis Bowling Club

Friday night raffles

Members Draw, Joker Draw, Meat/vege tray draw, Schooner Draw.

Last Friday’s results – Member’s draw - $65.00 – Kevin O’Malley – claimed - $50.00 next week.

Joker draw - $541.00 – Chris Pittman – unsuccessful - $577.00 next week.

End of month draw - Chris Pittman

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Hilary Parker
Sporting News
Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club

HOME GAME THIS SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 5

All hands on deck. Saturday is the day to back up your club and put in the hours to help our Grand Final Home Day run smoothly and effortlessly. Can only be done if we have LOTS of people in the canteen to serve the LOTS of people wanting food. The canteen profits give the money for our Presentation Day costs and is always a big day so please help your club by volunteering two hours in the canteen. I will be making up a roster to coincide with team games for our minis and will also be asking the Under 12’s and 16’s parents to help as well as our netball Mums and Dads. Go into the canteen and help whenever you can or when you see a line up of customers. Unfortunately because of insurance, OVER SIXTEENs only in the canteen. Anyone under sixteen is not permitted in the canteen for safety and insurance reasons. All our League Safe, First Aid and Ground Manager personnel will be busy out on the two ovals all day and we thank Paul Medd and Bob Telfer for being our timekeepers on both ovals on the tables. We also thank Senior League for their assistance with volunteers on the grounds. Group 21 executive as well as NRL and CRL representatives will be there on the day and will be presenting the trophies to the grand final winners in the Under 10’s and Under 11’s MOD games.

All mini games will be played on Number 2 Oval (6’s; 7’s and 8’s) and all MOD games will be played on the Number 1 Oval (9’s; 10’s and 11’s). There will be a road closure on each end of Brisbane Street for the safety of movement between both ovals.

We will be having a raffle on the day with the prize being a 4.5kg Toblerone chocolate. It is huge and I suggest that you throw a party and have lots of friends help you munch your way through 4.5kg of Chocolate. $2.00 per ticket or three for $5.00 and it will be drawn on our Presentation Day - October 11, 2015. Tickets will be available outside the canteen area on Saturday as well as Sunday October 11.

We hope to see many Merriwa community members at our Grand Final Day. Come on down and watch all our mini teams play the great game of Rugby League. They are great to watch and Merriwa have some talented little players among our teams.
DON’T FORGET MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!
Get your hands into the canteen and help your club this Saturday at the Merriwa Sports Oval. Many thanks to all our sponsors of League and Netball for a great season. We have appreciated your support over the past three years.

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MERRIWA RSL CLUB UNDER 6’S

Last week we travelled to Muswellbrook to take on Denman. Our team looked very small compared to Denman (we need to find out what they feed them). It wasn’t our best game though I am sure our team are leaving their best for the last two games, especially our home game on September 5. This week’s Player of the Match went to Tye Blackadder for his excellent tackling and great runs. Well done Tye.

The week before Bruce took the under 6’s to Singleton where I believe all of them played brilliantly (so I think I might have to stay away on game day). Try scorers were Paige, Jayden and Riley all with one, Zac with two and Tye with four. Player of the Match went to Paige for her all round great effort.

See you all on Saturday at Denman.

Gaynor Blackadder

ROSTO UNDER 7’S

Saturday gave us a beautiful morning for football in Denman to take on Scone Blue. A massive thank you to the Under 6’s (and their parents) for hanging around and backing up for the Under 7’s. Zac, Tye, Jai and Jayden you are absolutely legends and played your hearts out - well done boys! Not having to borrow players this week really boosted the Under 7’s confidence and they all played really well.

Kallum broke through the defence on numerous occasions and went over for three tries, almost planting a fourth. Great runs and too many tackles to count.

Jack made some really exciting runs and never gave up when chasing down the opposition.

Miriam made an energetic return to the footy field and ran the ball really well. Welcome back Miriam!

Matt came ever so close to getting a well-earned
try and assisted in any tackle he could. Keep up the good work mate.

Nate found his legs this week, great runs and plenty of tackles. Scoring two tries for his efforts.

Next week we play the last game of the 2015 season at our home ground. Come down and support our little Magpies and enjoy the junior football atmosphere.

Jade Redman

KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S

The Under 8’s travelled to Denman on Saturday to play their second last game of the season, where they took on Scone Red. With only six players to begin, two quick tries were scored against them, but they bounced back. Logan ran really well, making plenty of ground to advance up the field, as well as getting in and having a go with tackling. Jackson showed his speed and agility with two tries, both long range involving lots of running and tackled well. Harry made some great tackles, as well as scoring a try, chasing down breaks and even after getting a sore knee, he went back on to show his determination. Toby was good in both attack and defense, tackling well, making great runs and supporting everyone and organising everyone’s runs. Duncan made great runs, making good meters, got in and tried his best, as well as stepping up and helping to organise the runs. Our Aberdeen boys, Kade and Hayden, played well, making great runs and tackles.

‘Player of the Match’ went to Duncan Harrison for his determination when he plays footy. He had great runs and tackled well. He is now beginning to stand up and help out with organising everyone’s run. As well as for his game, Duncan is always polite and well-behaved at training, always helping and the first to answer any questions or go to a drill. Well done Duncan!

John Cronin

KINGSLYN UNDER 9’S

Under 9’s had a hard game against Scone White last weekend. Merriwa/Aberdeen did not defend their best but maybe they were just saving themselves for their last home game this Saturday. Brooklyn was by far our best defender and Ayden (from Denman 9’s) and Clayton made good powerful runs up the middle of the field. Tries went to Ayden x two and one each to Brooklyn, Riley and Charlie (from Aberdeen).

I know this team is very excited about playing on their home ground this weekend, on the big field that their dads play big league on or their mums play league tag on. They are hoping for a big crowd to cheer them on and hopefully our Under 9’s performance is back to their best.

Merriwa has Under 6’s, 7’s and 8’s playing on the mini fields on our number two oval and Under 9’s playing on the number one oval this Saturday, so anyone and everyone is welcome to come support and cheer our young ones on as they love this sport and would love a big home crowd cheering them on. Times of the games will be posted on our Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club Facebook page. Looking forward to Grand Final day this Saturday from 9.00am.

Belinda Keane

Merriwa Tennis Club

SPRING NIGHT COMPETITION

The Merriwa Tennis Club Spring Night Competition is commencing soon.

Competition is played on a Monday Night from 6.30pm and usually finishes around 8.30pm.

Nominate as a team of four (two ladies and two gentlemen) or nominate as a pair or single and we will fit you into a team.

Nominations may be made at Merriwa Pharmacy or by e-mailing merriwatennis@gmail.com.

Robert Smith

Merriwa Rugby League Club

PRESENTATION NIGHT

When: Saturday October 3
Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
Cost: $25.00 each or two for $45.00

Includes finger food and main meal.

The club will have a DJ following the presentation.

Players and 15 years + (under 18’s with a responsible adult) welcome.

Tickets to be purchased by September 25 from Merriwa RSL Club. Tickets went on sale August 31.

Gaynor Blackadder

Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Touch Football Club

No longer are the days where paperwork is filled out to register your team. This year and from here on in, to register to play touch football, you will need to complete your registration online. This is payment and paperwork.

Team captains will need to pick up a team sheet from Max’s Country Cuts and gather email addresses from EVERY team member before Registration Days. We will be holding an information session at 4.30pm on the first of these two days and request that the team captains attend (or a team representative) and the completed form be brought along on this day. Teams can not be entered into the competition without this paperwork.

Pricing

Pricing for the season will be:

- Seniors competition $65.00
- Juniors $35.00.

So with this in mind:

- Registration packs will be out August 31
- Registration Days will be September 9 and 16 at 4.30pm
- Merriwa Touch will kick off on October at 5.00pm (may change depending on registered teams).

Please let one of the committee know if you are keen to assist, all help is greatly appreciated and without more support the Touch seasons will again fold.

Positions are listed below are still unfilled, please consider coming on board for 2015-2016:

Vice President - Unfilled
Secretary - Unfilled
Registra - Not filled (will be covered by treasurer and secretaries until filled)
Referee Coordinator - Unfilled.

Rules for Teams

Teams will consist of no more than 11 players.

Teams must have:

- Three players under 18 years of age as of January 1, 2016. One of these players must be under 15 years of age as of the January 1, 2016 - turns 13 or 14 before January 1 2016, (Junior player – is a player under 12 years of age by January 1, 2016)
- Must have a player over the age of 30 years, as

Tina Taylor
**Community Calendar**

**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

Interested in placing an advert in the Ringer? Contact Tina Taylor on 6548 2119.

If you would like your event included in the community calendar or wish to claim a date, please call Tina at the Ringer so that your event is not missed!

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