Horses birthday winner is Pauline Lawler

With this months photography topic “horses” being an easy one, judging became a little more difficult. It came down to four photos.

Pauline’s was chosen for the connection that was made between horse and rider and horse and photographer.

Congratulations to Pauline for her entry and thank you to all that entered this months competition.

Next month is sponsored by Stay-n-Play Photography with the topic being Holiday fun - Summer and Winter.
2015 Merriwa Springtime Show

Tradition with a twist

WHAT'S ON WHEN!

PLUS Friday 18 September
- Australian Stock Horse Challenge
- Local Campdraft
- Interschool Challenge kicks off

Saturday 19 September
- NEW!!! MAIN EVENT ONE SHOW ONLY FROM 6.30PM
  ROOFTOP EXPRESS arena spectacular featuring true blue
  Australian comedy & breathtaking horsemanship
  PROUDLY sponsored by COMMUNITY MUTUAL
- NEW!!! Stock Dog Challenge
- NEW!!! The Snake Man
- Stud & Prime Cattle
- Showjumping & 6-Bar Jump Off
- Poultry
- Sheep & Wool
- Produce
- Young Farmer Competition
- Heavy Horses
- Ute Muster
- Woodchop & Log Splitting
- Dogs & Pets
- Dog High Jump
- Sideshow Alley
- 3pm Grand Parade & Official Opening
- Kids Games
- Market Stalls
- Showbags
- Vintage Machinery
- Live Music and Karaoke

PLUS Sunday 20 September
- Horse Ring Events

World Class ‘Rooftop Express’
Entertainment & Family FUN!

Supported by:

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Primary News

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our latest book award recipients. The students have worked hard and demonstrated some great improvement in class work. Well done to the following students:

Kindergarten: Thomas Campbell
Year K/1: Rory Wallings
Year 2: Riley Thompson
Year 3/4: Tyrell Heang
Year 4/5: Teyha McClung
Year 5/6: Marc Forster

REWARDS ACTIVITIES

Next Friday September 18 eligible Primary students will be participating in Rewards Activities. Our rewards activities are being held in conjunction with the Footy Colours Fundraiser. All students will be able to wear footy colours and bring in a gold coin donation. Students who are eligible to participate in rewards activities will be walking to the Merriwa Sports Fields to take part in some fun footy activities being hosted by our wonderful NRL contact Kacey Drummond. The students will need to remember to wear appropriate footwear for running around on the fields as well as a hat and a bottle of water. Students will also need to pack recess and lunch like normal. Students will be ineligible for rewards activities if they do not have four or more points according to our behaviour point system which began implementation at the beginning of this year. If you have any queries about rewards activities please contact your child’s class teacher.

SPORT TERM 4

Next term we will be heading into our warmer months and our sport timetable will revert back to the same time as Term 1. Sport will now be held in the morning session, on Wednesdays, to ensure students will not be outside during the hottest time of the day. A reminder that students must wear a school hat and school sport uniform on Wednesdays.

CANTEEN TERM 4

Next term our P and C canteen will switch back to the summer menu. It would be greatly appreciated if there are any other parents or community members available to volunteer for Term 4. The Primary canteen functions completely on the generosity of volunteers contributing their time. If you are able to volunteer please contact the Primary Office on 6548 2101.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PARENT SESSION

Next Tuesday September 15 from 10.00-11.00am there will be an information session for Parents of students eligible to begin Kindergarten in 2016. This will provide parents with valuable information about readiness for school and how the primary campus supports the transition of students to Kindergarten. You will be able to meet with staff and visit the Kindergarten classroom. A small morning tea will follow the session if you have more questions to follow. Please join us if you have any queries.

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 2016
Parent Information Session
Kindergarten 2016 Transition Parent Information Session
Tuesday September 15 at 10.00am-11.00am - Primary Campus Library

Coming Events

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BIKE AND SCOOTER SAFETY

Parents are reminded that any students travelling to and from school on a bike or scooter of any kind will need to wear a helmet. Cyclists of all ages are required by law to wear an Australian and New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS 2063) approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened on the rider’s head. Under duty of care schools will notify parents and carers when a student is seen to be not wearing/incorrectly wearing a bicycle helmet when riding to or from school.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT STAFF (SASS) RECOGNITION WEEK

Every year we celebrate SASS Recognition Week to acknowledge the vital role SASS staff play in schools.

SASS staff are the backbone of the great work being done as modern schools step up to the challenges of educating students in this century and meeting the demands of an ever-changing world.

Recognition Week is for schools and community to show their appreciation to SASS staff members who play an important part in ensuring the smooth running of our schools.

This includes:

- Administrative Managers
- Administrative Officers
- School Learning Support Officers
- Aboriginal Education Officers
- General Assistants.

Last Friday the Primary campus acknowledged the wonderful effort and hard work of SASS staff who work on the Primary campus including Mrs Wightman, Miss Porter, Mrs Eveleigh, Mrs Gibbons and Mrs Vidler. A lovely morning tea was provided by staff and our SASS staff enjoyed some delicious treats. Unfortunately Mr Stone was on leave but we would like to also thank him for his fantastic work he does around our school all year long.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

MERRIWA CENTRAL SCHOOL PRIMARY ASSEMBLY CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the assembly that was to be held on Friday September 11 has been cancelled.

Secondary News
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

COMMUNITY EVENT

Next Monday our school will be hosting the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. The service is celebrating 40 years and in conjunction with the annual Ride for the Chopper MTB ride the Westpac Rescue Helicopter will be landing on the secondary oval as part of the festivities. The afternoon will run between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

Everyone is invited to come and see the helicopter. There will also be a free BBQ to thank the district for their generous on going support.

We will also be cheering the riders into town as they finish this leg of their journey and sharing a birthday cake for the service.

Adam Johnston

YEAR 10 HISTORY

Year 10 are currently studying Popular Culture this term and have an assessment task which has required them to research life in the 1960’s. This task has required students to get in touch with family and friends who experienced life in that decade.

We were fortunate to have some local guest speakers including: Shirley Bevan, Pam Amidy, Robyn McAlister, Margaret Coorey and Col Bates to assist students in gathering information about growing up during this time.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our guest speakers for giving up their time to spend the morning with us. It was full of great conversations and stories between guest speakers and students.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal

Merriwa Ringer
The Higher School Certificate major projects for Industrial Technology and Visual Arts were completed recently. After the projects were finished by a certain due date, they had to be quarantined until a team of markers came to our school to mark them. The markers assessed the student’s projects and their associated portfolios against a set of criteria that the students also worked towards. We have pictured; Travis Sutton’s glass topped coffee table that features a rural trucking image; Taylah Blackadder’s lounge with precise rebate joints, that only needs cushions to highlight it; and Matthew McLennan’s wall unit featuring contrasting Meranti and Radiata Pine that is also mindful of sustainability through the use of recycled materials.

Matthew Orton and Michael Smith-Wildey submitted Visual Arts major projects. Matthew made a sculpture that showed his skills in working with metal. It was posted to the marking centre in a very solid and heavy box. Michael produced a pencil portrait with descriptive statements.
Favourite Subject: Photography and Food
Aspirations for the future: Touch Football and Reading
Best Personal Achievements: Getting to go away to Newcastle University for the Girls Choices camp at the end of last year and experiencing university life for the week

Year Advisor’s Comment: Cara is a caring and helpful young lady who has been selected as Student of the Week for her excellent application in the 4C program. Cara shows leadership and understanding to the younger students in this group and this was particularly demonstrated at the recent Little Sprouts event. Cara is always there for her friends and also any other students who need a little support from a peer, she stands up for people and is generally friendly to everyone. Well done Cara!

Rebecca Hopkins - Year Adviser

NEW CAREER EVENTS

Listed below are educational careers events, workshops and open days that will support students and parents to make informed decisions about careers choices.

UNSW HSC Plus - Strong results in HSC subjects relevant to UNSW undergraduate degrees. You may be awarded up to five bonus points. http://www.unsw.edu.au/domestic-undergraduate/hsc-plus

CAREERS NEWS

OPPORTUNITIES

A Carpentry Apprenticeship offer with North Construction and Building. North Construction are based in the Newcastle region and are looking for a self-motivated carpentry apprentice. See Mr Beiers for a copy of the application details. Applications close on Monday September 12 and are to be submitted to careers@talentcode.com.au

The VET Construction course is planned to run for Year 11 and limited Year 12 in 2016 at Merriwa Central School. The skills learnt in the construction subject may give students an edge if they were to apply for a carpentry apprenticeship. There are a number of prescribed projects the students must attempt, such as a toolbox and sharpening stone case. Also there may be a final group project at the end, such as a dog kennel.
**Why I want to be in ROAR:**

So I can improve my skills on and off the sports field.

**Favourite Subject:**

Wood Work

**Favourite sport:**

Rugby League

**Favourite team:**

Sea Eagles

**Favourite Sports Person:**

Daly Cherry Evans

**Best personal sporting achievement:**

Johnny Lawler Memorial Campdraft winner

**Who inspires you:**

My family, they help me achieve my goals

**Advice to young players:**

Practice makes perfect.
School life continues to be enriched by a huge variety of learning opportunities here at St Joseph’s. Embracing the latest in educational research, we continue to be astounded by the growth in student learning as a result of the ‘collaborative’ style of learning. Teaching staff are continually updating and enhancing their knowledge and skills ensuring students are benefitting from this in our classrooms.

The Infants classroom has been a hive of activity. In Early Stage 1 English, the students have been investigating the infinite possibilities of visual literacy. The information gained from picture clues cannot be underestimated. The children are learning how an imaginative illustration differs from a diagram, for example. In Stage 1 English, students are responding to persuasive, imaginative and informative texts. This deep learning adds to background knowledge, meaning that, when a student is faced with an unfamiliar text, they can tackle it with greater confidence. Our strong emphasis is on reading for meaning. The students are enjoying the various spelling, writing, speaking, listening, viewing and representing based activities.

In Mathematics, students have shown enthusiasm as they engage in activities based on fractions and the practical applications of this knowledge in everyday life. Students have also investigated ‘measurement’ concepts of length and area. One student commented that, “You need to know about area, especially if you work on a farm, for fencing and to figure out how many cattle can stay in a paddock.”

In Religious Education, the students have been discussing the very relevant concept of “reconciliation”. Reconciliation is a process, involving understanding, compassion, empathy and forgiveness, eventually leading to a feeling of peace. The children have thought of many ways to incorporate these feelings into their lives, to be more like Jesus by making good choices everyday.

Science has generated much interest among the children, as they investigate the weather, the seasons and the wonders of the night sky and how it differs so vastly from what we can see during the day. It is amazing to see such young children with knowledge about planets, comets and asteroids!

Personal Development and Health has been focussing on relationships and the different ways of communicating.

This week sees the culmination of many months of effort, with our concert this Wednesday night at the School of Arts. Being a community school, we look forward to a wonderful night with family, friends and community enjoying the varied talents of our students.

**HOW DO OUR STUDENTS FEEL ABOUT SCHOOL?**

Braeden: “I get to learn and play with my friends. I liked learning how to measure water.”

Cody: “I enjoy learning how to spell words and drawing in Art.”

Ava: “I like learning about area in Maths and it was nice to have my Dad here this morning.”

Toby: “Area in Maths has been fun and the drawing has been good too.”

Emily: “I really liked area and drawing.”

Pia: “I love Art!”

Ella: “I love Art, Religion and also Maths, I am learning a lot!”

Fiona: “I think my learning is really good, I am satisfied with my learning and I especially like reading.”

Aidan: “I like learning about Jesus in Religion.”

Sam: “At the start of the year I didn’t try hard, but now I am trying and I am going really well especially in my reading.”

Rhianna: “I love learning, especially the information in Literacy Focus.”

Bethany: “Maths is fun because you learn heaps.”

Ellie: “We’ve got really good teachers who help us to learn.”

Claudia: “I like it when we have to fill an area with blocks in Maths.”

William L: “We get to have fun at school and I like Science.”

Pete: “I love doing English and Art, we get to do so many fun things, Maths too.”

William C: “School is fun!”

Levi: “Maths is good ‘cause you get to measure stuff.”

Grace: “Maths is fun ‘cause you get to use objects.”
Ben: “I like everything at school.”
Justin: “I like listening to stories.”
Lula: “I love Lexia and Studyladder.”
Arlia: “I like it when we get to read at Library.”
Jeremy: “I’m really happy at school and I liked learning to draw a dog.”
Mollie: “Play practice at the School of Arts is fun.”
Alana: “I like learning and practising our play.”
Emma: “I like handwriting, I’m getting better at it.”
Archie: “School work is fun, especially writing in our books.”
Jack: “I like listening to stories.”
Tilly: “I like learning about being kind and writing in English.”

On Friday, we celebrated the gift of our fathers: Dads, stepdads, foster fathers and grandfathers. After a delicious breakfast prepared by our wonderful Parents and Friends Association, a large crowd made their way to the St Joseph’s room for a beautiful liturgy. As you can see from the photos, it was a very special occasion we shared together.

WEEKLY AWARDS
Well it's that time again. School holidays are on the way and these holidays we have some exciting activities happening to keep your children entertained, so if you haven’t enrolled them yet call into the centre and do it today. If they are already enrolled call and book them in for the holiday program. There is something to suit everyone.

WEEK 1

Tuesday September 22 - Craft at the library with Mark and a play in Apex Park (bring $5.00 for a takeaway lunch)

Wednesday September 23 - SdrawkcaB yaD-enjoy a day of everything being backwards. Wear your clothes inside out and back to front, backward races and cereal for afternoon tea

Thursday September 24 - A day of physical activity - t-ball, parachute play and a bbq Lunch.

WEEK 2

Tuesday September 29 - Craft at the library/chocolate afternoon – smartie bingo, chocolate play dough and lots, lots more

Wednesday September 30 - Dirtgirl and Scrapboy-enjoy a day of gardening and playing in the mud kitchen

Thursday October 1 - A day out of the centre playing tennis and time at the Skate Park.

Call the centre today on 6548 2082 and book your child in, spaces are limited.

Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre would like to thank Hunter Mutual and the Community Partnership Program for the generous cheques we received. We will be sure to put them to good use.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOUR HELP! Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre are manning the canteen at the Merriwa Show on September 18-20, please call in and put your name on the roster, many hands make light work.

Natalie Hourn
Coordinator
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Entries close:

OCTOBER 6 - NOON

Topic for the month is:

HOLIDAY FUN - SUMMER AND WINTER

The winning photo will receive a family photo pack to the value of $50.00 from the monthly sponsor and this month it is sponsored by:

STAY-N-PLAY PHOTOGRAPHY

PUBLISHED IN THE RINGER ON:

OCTOBER 8

The competition is open to amateur photographers of all ages.

This topic is a simple one to cover... Send in photos of your family enjoying the snow or off for a day at the river, riding push bikes or playing in the mud!

Open to ones own interpretation, so remember school holidays are coming up, snap that shot and send it in.

Just remember that the winning photo will be published. Photos are judged by Rebecca Hopkins, Suzie Kirk and Tina Taylor (unless sponsoring business wishes to supply a judge).

Email your photos to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
We hope that all of our Cassilis dads, grandads and significant male influences had the most fabulous Fathers’ Day. I am sure you were all truly spoilt and showered with love and laughter all day. I hope you liked reading the words that your child/ren wrote about you and also seeing the creative effort that went into making the card.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK - BEN BIBBY**

Ben receives the award for this week because he created a great robot that can be used to save water during Thinking Keys last Wednesday. This included presenting his creation to the class afterwards. Ben showed excellent enthusiasm and helped out during the bush regeneration on Friday morning. In touch football, he continued his impressive manner of having a go by playing the whole time. It didn’t matter that he was still learning the rules; he tried and showed interest the entire time. Ben’s listening showed a great improvement during the week and it was noted from all staff members that he was listening and responding to people more often. In maths he learnt more about 2D shapes and worked hard to read and write his new sight words for the week. Well done, Ben, on your efforts and achievements and keep up the impressive work.

**CONGRATULATIONS, JACK, ON YOUR PRIZE**

Jack was presented with his prize of a $25.00 voucher to use at the Merriwa Vets, after answering a short essay question on why he would like to win. Thank you to Ranger James Binks and Tash Taaffe (who is the Community Services Officer) from the Upper Hunter Shire Council.

**SASS WEEK**

Cassilis Public School would like to thank our wonderful, dedicated and extremely valuable SASS staff. Last week was SASS Week for 2015. Our SASS staff assists in the classroom and playground as learning support officers, work in the office, provide assistance in the library and maintain the grounds and buildings. Many thanks to Mrs Hunt, Mrs A Nairne, Mr Maleki, Mrs Day, Mrs Cornish and Mrs T Nairne…we couldn’t do our job without you!

**FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**

Thank you to the fathers who came to our breakfast and activity morning last Friday. We hope that you enjoyed the morning and the kids didn’t wear you out too much. Thank you to Miss Hodgson for buying all the ingredients (except for the eggs which Mrs Nairne kindly donated), Nick Gant for cooking and Mr Gant for chopping down some more of the privet and Mrs Bibby who ran the P and C stall and allowed the students to purchase some gifts for their dads.
Look at all the wonderful cards that were made!

MRS HUNT’S PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Staff professional learning is greatly beneficial and is a necessity in ensuring Cassilis Public School remains a school of excellence in not only student learning but also in staff learning. Congratulations to Mrs Hunt who has decided to further her studies by completing a Certificate IV in Business Administration. Mrs Hunt is able to have some study leave from Cassilis Public School. These days will be spread out from now until the end of November. Thank you to Mrs Cornish who will be undertaking the office and library duties while Mrs Hunt continues her learning.

TOUCH KNOCKOUT

14 more sleeps until the touch team boards the bus and heads down to Moorebank to compete for the fourth year in a row in the State Touch Knockout. During the P and C meeting this afternoon, some more details of the trip will be discussed so hopefully a final note can be sent home tomorrow.

SPORTS WORKSHOP

Not long now until our famous Sports Workshop is on again. Numbers this year look to be one of the biggest workshops that Cassilis has held and staff have been busily organising and inviting old and new coaches to provide some fantastic experiences the students. We can’t wait for Friday October 9.

CASSILIS IS FOSTERING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Children and young people’s values, knowledge and skills are developed by those who care for and teach them as well as indirectly through their community. There are many situations in our environment which provide an opportunity to model, demonstrate and support respectful relationships to and with our children and young people.

This term our personal development lessons so far have discussed that no one is born with the social skills required to make and keep positive relationships and that social skills need to be modelled by adults, taught and practiced. We are focusing on that even if we are not close friends, we need to have respectful relationship with everyone.

Tomorrow, students will be discussing and creating their own acronym about how to strengthen relationships.

This is a great one that I recently read about the THINK acronym to assist us here to help foster a positive relationship.

Before we say something we THINK!

- Is it TRUE?
- Is it HELPFUL?
- Is it INSPIRING?
- Is it NECESSARY?
- Is it KIND?

I am excited to see what acronyms the students create during tomorrow’s lesson.

Katie Burgess
Principal
COOLMORE EXCURSION

What a unique experience we had as the staff and students travelled to Coolmore Stud to view the Melbourne Cup. We listened to some highlights about the history of the cup, met and listened to jockey John Marshall who rode Rogan Josh when he won the Melbourne Cup, and then had photos taken. It was a fantastic, once in a life time experience and we are very grateful that Coolmore were able to provide this opportunity for the students. Thank you also to Di Sneddon from Singleton Information Centre who liaised with the schools.

Students from Milbrodale, Jerrys Plains and Sandy Hollow visited Coolmore Stud on Monday to see the Melbourne Cup.

FRUIT AND VEG MONTH

This week is the beginning of Fruit and Vegetable month. On Tuesday we will be holding a “try a vegetable” morning. Students will be provided with the opportunity to try some different vegetables during fruit break time. Thank you to Ms Bullock for organising this activity.

WEEKLY AWARDS - WEEK 6

• Abby Cooper - spectacular effort in spelling
• Amy Thompson - being a caring and considerate class member
• Isabella Wallace - engaging in classroom discussion about Macquarie Island
• Nicholas Terrell - terrific effort in public speaking
• Cambell Hinze - improvement in comprehension and editing
• Noah Adams - working well in maths investigation
• Jobee McCandless - great participation in Zumba.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten/Year 1/2 - Bill Chambers and Marshall Hinze

Year 3/4/5/6 - Angus Higgins, Reece McCandless, Andrew Harris and Cambell Hinze.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Hunter Marsh - displaying great leadership skills.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 3/4/5/6

We have farewelled Miss Clendinning and have moved back into our regular routine. In Literacy, we are continuing our unit of work based around Macquarie Island (halfway between New Zealand and Antarctica). We have been regularly accessing their web cam and monitoring their weather conditions in real time. It has been interesting to note that the daytime temperature over the last week has not risen above 3°C! And that’s without the wind chill factor. We have moved on from writing descriptive passages and are now having a go at writing a radio script. Students have been learning about the rabbit eradication program on the island. This information will be used to create a radio report.

In Maths, Year 3 are designing a game to help younger students tell the time, both analogue and digital. Year 4 are investigating the design of a sport stadium that must seat at least 2000 spectators.

Year 5 are currently learning how to add and subtract decimal numbers up to two decimal places Year 6 are investigating the weather in Sandy Hollow and another town of their choice, in preparation to presenting a weather segment on TV.

In HSIE we have moved on from looking at the geography of Antarctica and are now learning about the roles different people perform in the research stations. Students designed a position vacant ad for a scientist role of their choice.

In PD, students have been learning about bullying: specifically different types of bullying. We have been focussing on physical forms of bullying.

In music this term we are focussing on drumming. Isabelle will return Monday for our next session.

A quick reminder to students to check pencil cases and replace any missing items. This will ensure you are organised and ready to start the day.

Christina Darlington
Class Teacher

WEEKLY AWARDS WEEK 7

• Amy Thompson - 100% effort in HSIE

Merriwa Ringer
Kristy Walker - beautiful bookwork
Sam Thompson - using a “You Can Do It” attitude in 50’s club
Tyson Marsh - working well during reading activities.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK
Kindergarten/Year 1/2 - Reagan Turner and Austin Adams
Year 3/4/5/6 - Angus Higgins, Hunter Marsh, Nicholas Terrell and Darcy Wallace.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Dustyunn Turner - 100% effort in all areas.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK
Riley Borradaile.

Congratulations to our relay team, who are now heading to the State athletics carnival in Sydney.
Well done Amy Thompson, Hunter Marsh, Sam Thompson and Angus Higgins.

Pauline Bullock

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Please return all stickers and half-filled sheets by the end of the week to Mrs Parker. If you are expecting any stickers in the mail please let Mrs Parker know.

FROM THE P AND C
FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
The Father’s Day Raffle was drawn last Friday at assembly. The winners were:
• Jake Pike - Lunch or Dinner for two at the Tourist Hotel, Sandy Hollow
• Nicola Field - $50.00 gift voucher at Bunnings
• Paul Goodworth - $30.00 gift voucher at Lowes
• Shannon Goodworth - $30.00 gift voucher at Big W
• Andrew Harris - $20.00 gift voucher at Supercheap Auto

Mrs Darlington - Basketful of goodies
Thank you to all the children that purchased tickets.

Weekly Awards
• Abby Cooper - Consistent effort in all areas/Premier’s Spelling Bee 2015
• Hunter Marsh - Dedication to improvement in handwriting
• Bella Wallace - Displaying ‘Charlie Confidence’ behaviour in the classroom
• Nicholas Terrell - Premier’s Spelling Bee 2015
• Cambell Hinze - Fantastic investigative skills in mathematics
• Xavier Coen - Excellent skipping
• Harry Thompson - Great work in drumming
• Livianna Craig - Great work in word processing

WORKERS OF THE WEEK
Kindergarten/Year 1/2 - Kayden Adams and Ella Olive
Year 3/4/5/6 - Kristy Marsh and Sam Thompson

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Archie Johnson - Working hard and getting on with his peers

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK
Jacob Marsh - Excellent participation in skipping.

Pauline Bullock
Inclusivity in the Christian community is a theme in today’s reading from Mark. The story begins with Jesus retreating to the territory near Tyre. A woman from Phoenicia discovers that he is there and seeks him out. She asks him to heal her daughter, who has “a disorder of the mind.” He recognises the woman’s faith and cures her daughter. Jesus learns a new openness to people of other cultures, religions and experiences. Gentiles as well as Jews are recipients of God’s love. The woman responds by calling him “Lord” – a radical recognition of Jesus’ special relationship with God.

Jesus continues to heal those who are “outsiders” in his society. He cures a deaf man with a speech impairment. Jesus boldly steps over taboos against relating to “unclean” persons. By healing the deaf man, as well as by healing the Phoenician woman’s daughter, Jesus gains a new level of empathy. He now has a deeper appreciation of the fact that God’s love is a never ending circle that includes us all.

And so with reading the above we can also read Mark 7:24-37 and the in the General Epistle of James of which we hear little you can read James 2: 4-17.

V16;17..What good is there in your saying to them, “God bless you! Keep warm and eat well!”- if you don’t give them the necessities of life? So it is with faith; if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead.
Thank you to everyone that supported Legacy’s Badge Day and street stall last Friday, by buying badges, purchasing goodies and to those who cooked for the stall.

Also, thank you to James Hagley and Luke Cronin from Merriwa Central School for coming to help sell the badges.

Winners of the 100 Club were:

First: Savannah and Shyanne Beeney
Second: Nerida Bailey
Third: Jenny Johnson

Raffle Winners:
First: Justine Witney
Second: Shirley Bevan

Maree Goodear and Sue Shearman

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

Save the Date
CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

This year the Christmas in the Park will be held on December 13 at 7 o’clock at Apex Park.

Ron Campbell
Merriwa Ringer

Community Notice Board

Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces

BENEFIT STREET STALL

When: Friday September 11

Festival of the Fleeces is running a Street Stall for our local lad, Brad Cox who is undergoing treatment for Leukaemia. To date, Brad is making good progress, but the journey to recovery will be a long one. There are many ongoing expenses associated with his treatment, and the proceeds for the stall will help with these.

Donations for the stall would be very much appreciated.

Barbara Campbell

Merriwa District Progress Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Merriwa District Progress Association Incorporated will be held on Wednesday September 23 at the Merriwa RSL commencing at 6.00pm.

The AGM will be followed by the normal monthly meeting. For more information contact Beron on 6548 2245.

Beron Arden-Wood

Merriwa Markets

When: September 19
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

Merriwa Cricket Club

To all interest in playing Cricket this year, the first training day starts on the September 15 in the nets at No. 1 oval at 4.30pm. All Junior and Senior players invited.

Also calls for expression of interests for Junior teams (boys or girls) in Merriwa.

Any enquiries call Sonya Drury (Secretary) on 0459 541 450 or Craig Drury (President) on 0477 125 937 or email merriwacricketclub@gmail.com.

Yvonne McNaught

Merriwa Soccer Skills

Starts October 10 at No 2 Oval and runs for ten weeks at a small cost of $25.00, per child over the age of five years. To register go to myfootballclub.com.au. For registration instructions contact Sharli Mulligan on sharlimulligan@gmail.com or visit our Merriwa Soccer Skills facebook page.

Sharli Mulligan

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

In Memory

ROBERT THOMAS ANDERSON


Today the angels called you home
It broke our hearts to loose you
But you didn’t go alone
For part of us went with you
The day the angels called you home
You live in our hearts till the end of days
Always love never forgotten

Rose Serran and Joe

The Merriwa Community News is available to charity groups or non-funded, not for profit organisations and anyone wishing to advise of a special event (birthday/anniversary/etc). If you would like to make use of this free service, please contact us before 12.00noon on Mondays.

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The Merriwa Show presents a wonderful opportunity for all artists, from the very young to the more mature, amateurs and professionals alike, to show their works and receive feedback from our renowned artist judge. So please come and enter your works in this year’s show. You may also win one of the lovely special prizes.

There are four open classes, one each for drawing, traditional painting, contemporary and/or mixed media art and water colour painting. There is a Senior Citizen’s class for any medium. There are a number of children’s classes, grouped as: 16 years and under, three classes, one each for drawing, painting and mixed media/contemporary; Primary, for Years 3 to 6, also three classes for drawing, painting and mixed media/contemporary; Infants, for Years Kinder to Year 2, two classes, one each for drawing and painting; and Pre-School, for any child not yet attending school, for any art in any media.

Entries may be left at Di’s Clothing Patch, Bettington Street, Merriwa until 1.30pm on Thursday September 18 or at the Fairfax Pavilion from 2.00pm to 5.00pm, also on Thursday September 18.

Entry is free for children 16 years and under and Senior Citizens and a modest 50 cents for the open categories. All entries must be clearly labelled on the back and ready to be hung. Winner presentations will be at 11.00am on Saturday at the Rodgers Pavilion. We very much look forward to seeing you and your art at this year’s show.”

Please feel free to edit this as you see fit. Kind regards Annie Kraefft 0418 478 890.

Annie Kraefft

HAVE A GO!

WIN $100.00 FOR 50 CENTS AT MERRIWA SHOW and get rid of your old technology junk

Special prize in the Craft Section
Best article made with recycled or out of date technology items
First $100.00, second $50.00
Entries close September 18.
Open to all ages. $0.50 cents per entry.

CONDITIONS
Class 38 Best article made with recycled or re-used technology, eg. Mobile phones, monitors, cords, computers, connections etc. Anything goes.

Judges will look for a theme, as well as visual impact. Size – suitable for display in a restricted space.

Entries will be accepted at the Fairfax Pavilion at Merriwa Showground on Thursday September 17 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, and Friday September 18 from 8.00am to 10.00am.

Entries must be collected between 4.00pm and 5.00pm on Saturday September 19. Any entries not collected by 5.00pm will remain the property of the committee.

DONATED BY MERRIWA HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT GROUP. For more information contact Toni Jones on 0498 378 500 or Jenny Finnie for MHEG on 6548 5171.

Enid Holt

Feral Dog Trapping

After repeated attacks from dogs on our sheep, we contacted a professional trapper Ben Johnson who came and set five traps in various locations. After Ben had surveyed the area he said that there seem to be more than one dog present.

He set cameras in suspected locations that showed evidence of dogs presence. We set a camera near a pig trap which allowed us to photograph that particular dog. This dog has now been caught on Campbell family property at Merriwa. On one of the cameras a female dog was seen suckling a litter of pups. This will cause a serious problem if not caught as many of our sheep have been attacked but not killed indicating that these attacks are from pups in training.

This is further evidence of the need to use a professional dog trapper who is able to catch a dog that cannot be eliminated by baiting programs.

More information can be found at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Picture by Peter Lorimer Source: The Daily Telegraph

Ron Campbell
Budding and experienced cooks are all invited to bring your cakes to the second Merriwa Branch Land Cookery judging day on Monday September 14.

Open to anyone wishing to display their cake making skills, the cakes to be judged are Marble Cake and Victoria Sponge. Recipe details are included below, and any questions can be addressed to Kay on 6548 3222.

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

Cakes will be judged by CWA Cookery Judge Margaret Whitney.

**MARBLE CAKE**

**Ingredients:**
- 3/4 cup milk at room temperature
- 220gm butter softened
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 3 eggs
- 150gm plain flour well sifted
- 150gm self-raising flour well sifted
- Pink food colouring
- 1 tablespoon cocoa
- Pale pink icing

**Method:**
Preheat oven to moderate (180C/350F Gas4). Grease deep 20cm (8inch) round tin and line base with baking paper.

Cream butter and sugar very well, add vanilla essence. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Fold in the well sifted flours alternately with the milk.

Divide the mixture into three equal parts. Leave one natural, colour one pink and use the cocoa mixed in a little hot water to colour the chocolate portion.

Place alternate spoonful’s of different colour mixture into the prepared tin. Lightly tap tin on the bench and run a knife through the mixture four times to give marble effect.

Bake for about 50 minutes. When cool ice with pale pink icing.

**VICTORIA SPONGE**

**Ingredients:**
- 250gm butter, softened
- 1 cup (220gm) caster sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup milk
- 300gm (2 cups) self-raising flour well sifted
- 1/3 cup (110gm) raspberry jam, warmed

**Method:**
Preheat oven to moderate (180C/350F Gas4). Grease 2 deep 20cm (8inch) round tins lined with baking paper.

Beat butter, vanilla extract and sugar in a small bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy.

Beat in eggs one at a time. Add milk and beat well. Transfer mixture to a large bowl.

Stir in half of the sifted flour then the remaining sifted flour, stir until mixture is smooth.

Divide mixture evenly between pans, and bake for about 30 minutes.

Turn cakes top sides up onto baking paper covered racks to cool. Sandwich cakes with jam.

**MEETINGS**

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 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.

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Penelope Fenley

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

**RYPEN**

“Awesome, great experience. I wish I could come back again.”

“Epic! Really good experience, life changing, loved it!”

“I have a new outlook on life. Thank you to everyone involved. I had the best time.”

These were some of the comments on last year’s RYPEN gathering.

This year’s RYPEN will be held from October 30 to November 1. It is a program for “average young people”. Anyone interested should contact Merriwa Rotary Club SOON. More information is available on the Internet. Search ROTARY RYPEN 9670’

**NZ YOUTH EXCHANGE**

Our 2015 participants will be back in Merriwa soon. We look forward to having them at our club so we can hear about the experience. Our club hopes to have a participant in the 2016 program. More details later.

**LONG TERM EXCHANGE**

Our exchange student from Estonia, Lotta, was one of 16 students from 16 countries who enjoyed a weekend gathering recently, getting together to get to know each other as they commence their Australian experience.

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Dr Cho Oo Maung

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Dr Jawaad will be on leave from Monday September 14 until Wednesday October 7. Our surgery will be open during this time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Merriwa. We will be open in Denman on Mondays and Thursdays.

**Q Fever Clinic**

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 6532 5013 or call in and see us.

Dr Noman Jawaad and Dr Cho Oo Maung

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Mark Smith
BEGINNERS DSLR PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Do you own a DSLR camera and want to take advantage of its capabilities but you’re not sure where to start? Plough Inn to Cassilis will be hosting our next Beginners DSLR Workshop on Saturday September 26. The workshop is designed with the novice in mind, giving you the knowledge to not only understand your camera better, but give you the confidence to start taking better quality photos and take your skills to the next level. For $120.00 per person, this workshop covers:

• Accredited Tuition
• Workshop Manual
• Essential Cleaning Kit
• Practical Hands-on
• Latest issue of “Behind the Lens”
• Morning/Afternoon Tea and a light lunch provided
• Small size group

This workshop is designed for the beginner or as a refresher course for those out of practice, combining essential theory along with hands-on practical picture taking, plus the opportunity to find out new techniques within a small group. Come along and enjoy a day of friendship, great food and even better photos! Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Contact: Linda Gant at Plough Inn to Cassilis by phoning 6376 1044 or Suzie on 0427 482 317.

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

Morning session consists of three hours of essential theory, where we guide you through key features of your camera. You will also learn about how to control the aperture, shutter speed and ISO settings to shoot more confidently in Manual Mode. This includes Morning Tea and Lunch, provided by Linda. After lunch, we put theory into practise and head out on a short field trip. We head back to the Plough Inn at 3.00 for a well-deserved afternoon tea, review and question and answer time.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Understanding and controlling exposure, aperture and shutter speeds - how they affect the image, focusing modes, which lenses to use and understanding ISO. Throughout this course we look at simple compositional techniques and ways of developing your previsualisation techniques.

What do you need to bring:

• Digital SLR Camera or any compact camera that also has manual settings
• SD Card
• Camera Manual
• Tripod if you have one

NEW BOOK RELEASE!

Our long awaited “Kids in the Picture” has finally been published. This easy to read book is designed for children from 8 to 18 (and some even older!) and is full of techniques and principles for digital photography. Just in time for Christmas. If you wish to find our more or place an order, please contact us.

We also have other published trade books such as “Basics of DSLR Photography” and the “Fundamentals of Post Editing using Adobe Lightroom”.

Every two months ZanneArt Photography produce an e-newsletter “Behind the Lens”, which is full of techniques, latest technology, reviews, competitions and giveaways. Anyone can subscribe to receive this newsletter free of charge. We have organised Field Trips and these are a free, fun way of getting photography minded people together, exploring different places and sharing techniques and experiences.

If you have further queries, please contact us at zanneartphotography@gmail.com or by phoning on 0427 482 317.

Suzie Kirk
(Australian Institute of Professional Photography)
ZanneArt Photography
AND THE WINNER IS - Cassie Wilkinson 277 Avocado Road Merriwa. The winner of the Hallmark Father’s Day TV has been drawn. Congratulation.

CHARLIE BEARS

We got some new arrivals in the Charlie Bear Collection. Some of them have been long awaited and are finally here. Come in and introduce yourself to our latest members of a very exclusive and collectible club!

Picnic - is an adorable bunny rabbit made from soft plush fur in shades of brown and beige. He has soft, chocolate brown linings in his big ears and on the pads of his feet. His brown muzzle is trimmed to show his great big eyes and pink hand-stitched nose. Picnic is fully jointed and he wears patterned metal beads on a thong necklace. He stands at 40cm.

Razzle Dazzle - is one of the new Magical Snugglies bears. He’s made from a wonderful, long pile plush fur in black with turquoise strands that make a spotty pattern on his trimmed muzzle. He has bright turquoise paw pads that match his hand-stitched nose. Like all of Charlie Bears’ Magical Snugglies, Razzle Dazzle has no filling in his tummy. This makes his skin rather loose and makes him feel young and vulnerable - so you’ll really want to take care of him! He’s fully jointed and wears bright beads on a thong necklace.

Cyril Squirrel - is a hand puppet is from Charlie Bears 2015 Playtime Collection. He is suitable for age three and up, and is the best kind of puppet you can have! He is well designed and handmade.

Shuffle Possum - is a hand puppet is from Charlie Bears 2014 Playtime Collection. He is suitable for age three and up. He is a beautiful creature that will be a cherished addition to any child’s (or adult’s) collection.

All of our Charlie Bears are able to be washed by hand if any unfortunate accident occurs. They are all designed by specially trained artists. They all have hand dyed fur, making every bear unique. They are all highly collectible.

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When should you call Triple Zero (000)

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- When a life is threatened.
- When the event is time critical, for example a fire.

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If you have a speech or hearing disability the triple zero service (000) can be accessed via the National Relay Service on 106.

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Crime Stoppers provides members of the public the ability to report information on criminals and criminal activity anonymously. Information is recorded in Information Reports and transferred to the appropriate Commands. There are rewards of up to $1,000 to members of the public who provide information that leads to an arrest.

Report Online: www.crimestoppers.com.au
Email: csu@police.nsw.gov.au

Police Assistance Line

24 hour toll free: 131 444

If you are a victim of a crime, other than life threatening or time critical emergency situations, you should contact the NSW Police Assistance Line (PAL).

PAL allows you to report crime over the phone 24 hours a day. Once your report is completed by a customer service representative, your information is immediately available to your local police.

If the crime you wish to report cannot be taken over the phone, due to its serious nature, the operator will assist you by advising where you can go to make the report, or by arranging for police to come and see you.

When a police response is required, PAL will arrange for police officers to attend.

PAL can also assist you with general police inquiries.

Contact PAL to report:

- Break and Enter
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Stealing
- Malicious Damage, including Graffiti
- Minor Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Lost Property

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This unit receives and processes written or verbal concerns, complaints and compliments in relation to NSW Police.

FREE CALL 1800 622 571

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Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Ringer Directory

Support the Ringer regularly but can’t find your business? Contact Tina on 6548 2119.

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Upper Hunter Weeds   6549 3802
Welderup  6548 2500

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Students from St Joseph’s Merriwa and Cassilis Public School learned all about putting ‘number plates’ on their pets as part of an Upper Hunter Shire Council Ranger visit to celebrate Local Government Week.

During this visit, students were asked to enter a competition telling Ranger, James Binks what they would do with a $25.00 gift voucher to spend at Merriwa Veterinary Clinic.

Congratulations to

Jack Sumpter-Cornish
Cassilis Public School

Jack said that he would like to win the voucher ‘so we get dog wormer or flea tablets as they cost a lot. It costs my mum lots to desex my dog Chips’.

and

Riley Melmeth
St Joseph’s Primary School, Merriwa

Riley said that would like to win the voucher ‘to help my Mum and Dad buy things for all of our pets’.
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Priest & Rev’d Pat Kirby – Local
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Merriwa Sports Club

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

**Mondays** - Happy Two Hour - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

**Tuesdays** - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

**Thursdays** - 6.00pm Bingo - Prizes of club and meat vouchers. Raffle and Super 39 special prize

**Fridays** - Happy Two Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm, free raffles and Chook Wheel.

**Saturdays** - Monster Raffle. Tickets on sale at 6.00pm drawn 7.00pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday Badge Draw.

**Sundays** - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of $25.00 meat or fuel vouchers

**Last Sunday each month** - Smorgasbord all you can eat Chinese entree, mains and desserts.

Casual Bowls and Golf also available. Donations in honesty box.

Chinese/Australian restaurant open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Dinner Tuesday to Sunday 5.00pm to 8.30pm. Closed Mondays, reopen 5.00pm Tuesday.

For bookings and take away - telephone 6548 3228.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The restaurant hours in the evening are now 5.00pm until 8.30pm.

**DON’T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle September 5**

Saturday members draw no 146, was won – next week $100.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $220.00

Dinner: Eva Towler

Bowls Raffle: Max Barwick

Free Tickets: Philomena Constable

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

**Sunday Raffle September 6**

Sunday members draw - No 410, was not won. Next week $1050.00.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON EUCHRE**

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

Merriwa Ringer

BRAD COX ON HIS ROAD TO RECOVERY

On Saturday September 5 a fundraiser was held to aid Brad on his road to recovery. Once again the business houses of Merriwa gave generously with their fantastic prizes along with donations from community members. As a result of the large number of prizes and the lack of time on Saturday night we are holding another spin for prizes on Friday September 11 and Sunday September 13.

A huge thank you must go to the Merriwa businesses and the community for their attendance and support of this worthy cause. We also have a raffle running, so be sure to grab your tickets from the staff for your chance to win.

**FOUND IN THE CLUB**

Did you celebrate a birthday recently in the restaurant and may have left behind your present. Please see our friendly bar staff and claim your beautiful knitting.

**WOMENS BOWLS**

Four of our ladies went to Denman Association Day. The weather was perfect and friendship was great. Congratulations to Denman for the day. Merle came home with first prize and both Joy and Lyn came howm with third prize.

Ladies please note, our meeting for September has changed to September 21 at 3.00pm,

Coming event for members is Aberdeen Gala Day - September 23. Please let Loretta know if you are able to go. Social Bowls on Wednesdays from 10.30am, all are welcome.

Loretta Cooper

**MENS BOWLS - UNCLASSIFIED**

Last Saturday we held one of our alternating triples event, we had fourteen sides attend and I am sure a great day was had by everyone. There are so many people to thank for making it the success it was. Firstly to our sponsors, the Merriwa Sports Club, Alexander Downs and Merriwa Traders, to our green keeper and master board operator, to Ken Bevan and Max for mowing the surrounds, to all the lady bowlers for supplying the great variety of salads, and also to Evelyn for her seafood salad, which was truly unbelievable. The men could not stop talking about them. It was also great to see our Patron Mick and the Raffle Queen Eva attend. Mick looked even better after a cup of tea. All men are travelling to Manning Point this weekend for a three way game against Maitland and MP. All the best, lastly thank you Des for all of your work.

Phil Rush
Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $1300.00 was won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 415, this week it jackpots to $500.00. The 7.00pm draw for $440.00 was not won the number was 425, this week it jackpots to $460.00. The 9.00pm draw has now been moved to Thursday and is drawn between 6.00–7.00pm, it was for $360.00 was not won the number was 657, this week it jackpots to $380.00 and will be drawn between 6.00pm–7.00pm. LTPS/14/04323.

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $1300.00 was not won last week the number was 598, this week it jackpots to $1350.00 and will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. LTPS/14/04323

COMING EVENTS
Social Darts
Starting the first Monday of September social darts 7.00pm in the games room, all welcome to play.

Introducing ‘T-Bone Tuesday’
Every Tuesday you can now order a T-Bone, chips and salad or veg for just $15.00.
Also every Thursday have a chicken schnitzel, chips and salad or veg for just $12.50.
New to our menu - Wagyu burger.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB
NEW HAPPY HOUR – Thursday’s from 6.00pm to 7.00pm a extra happy hour has been introduced along with the 9.00pm Friday badge draw moving to this time slot to be drawn between 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

HAPPY HOUR IS BACK - Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Sunday 11.00am to 12.00noon, $3.00 schooners and $2.00 middies, and $5.00 Coronas.

Matt Morgan

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

Cassilis Bowling Club

Friday night raffles
Members Draw, Joker Draw, Meat/vege tray draw, Schooner Draw.

Last Friday’s results – Member’s draw - $50.00 – Kristy Pearce – unclaimed - $55.00 next week.

Joker draw - $577.00 – Kathy Sumpter – unsuccessful - $615.00 next week.

FRIDAY NIGHT SNACK BAR
Affordable family meals.
Saturday afternoons are free pool and music afternoons from 2.00pm-5.00pm – ½ price drinks plus bar snacks.

Hilary Parker

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.

AGM NOTICE
Merriwa Rugby League Football Club will hold their AGM on Sunday October 25 at Merriwa RSL Club starting at 3.00pm.

All positions will be declared vacant. Positions are:
- President
- Snr Vice President
- Jnr Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Publicity Officer
- Fundraising Officer
- Canteen Coordinator
- Public Officer
- General committee

Gaynor Blackadder

Merriwa Ringer
Sporting News

Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club

What a day! On Saturday Merriwa hosted the Grand Final for the Group 21 Junior Rugby League. We had twenty three games, forty six teams and over five hundred people visiting our beautiful Merriwa. Though it was a foggy start, by eleven o’clock the sun was shining and the day turned perfect. Everything ran to clockwork perfect, no bad injuries, no disputes but there were a lot of happy people who commented on the grounds, the food, (especially the cakes and slices) and the atmosphere that Merriwa supplied for the day. A great job by everyone concerned, too many to name, but you know who you are. To all those who helped from the timekeepers on the table, the on-field personnel with league safe, first aid officers, referees, ground managers, those who set up and set down the two ovals, and then to our canteen volunteers behind the counter and all our great men on the BBQ all day. To the younger members who walked around the grounds selling raffle tickets in our big Toblerone Chocolate 4.5kg, raffle, thank you guys. We will get you selling some more for us on our Presentation Day when it will be drawn for someone to munch their way through 4.5kg of chocolate. Massive. A BIG THANK YOU to each and every person who put up their hand to help.

The following is from our Facebook page from a Muswellbrook lady: “from us all at the Muswellbrook District Junior Rugby League Football Club thank you so very much for always being so kind, accommodating and generous throughout the season....We look forward to another great season with you guys in 2016.. You did an amazing job today as you always do and for a small club you guys have huge hearts (oh and the best slices)”. That sums up our Merriwa club. Thanks guys and you are ALL appreciated.

So Merriwa, that is it for 2015 for league and netball. Now we will organise the Presentation Day, Sunday October 11 at the Sports Club beginning at 11.00am. We thank all our sponsors for the past three years and look forward to our new sponsorships beginning next season. Our thanks to those who have put up their hands to support our club for the next three seasons – 2016 to 2018.

Congratulations to all our members in league and netball, we hope you have enjoyed playing your sport - thanks to the parents for your support with travelling and volunteering - thanks to all the coaches and managers for an unbelievable job teaching our members the skills of their sport, your time and efforts are much appreciated. Thanks to those who set up our grounds each home game and last but not least, as stated above, thanks to those in the canteen who kept all the visitors to Merriwa fed and happy as well as our community who supported us throughout the year.

Great day, great feeling when all goes to plan.

Elaine Sparrow

MERRIWA RSL UNDER 6’S

On Saturday we had a home game and it was great to see all our players there even Riede came to watch. All players put in 100% effort. Try scorer was Kayden. Thank you to all the players for making it an amusing and fun year. You all have improved over the season. We hope to see you all back playing next year.

Thank you to those community and family members that came along to support our footballers. Also to parents that taxi their children and others around. And lastly thank you to those parents that washed jerseys especially Lib and Gaynor who fought over them each week.

Bruce Blackadder

ROSTO UNDER 7’S

After a foggy start the sun shone for the Under 7’s last game of the 2015 season. Well done to the wonderful Under 6’s who backed up for us again. Thanks to Tye, Jai, Amelia, Alesha and Zac. It’s great to see such great club spirit.

Jack made excellent tackles and his runs had the Merriwa crowd on their feet. Well done Jack you had a great game mate. Kallum was a try-scoring machine once again. Four tries, great runs and tackling everyone in his path. Enormous effort. Nate made some outstanding tackles and bagged himself two tries for his efforts. He also made some good yards up the field. Great to see bud.

So the 2015 footy season has come to an end. A massive thank you to Brendan for taking on the coaching role this year. All the kids for the Under 7’s have improved in leaps and bounds, well done kids. It’s been a real pleasure not only to watch you grow your skills and learn the great game of rugby league but to become a team of mates who congratulate each other after good tackles and when a try has been scored. Hopefully see
you all next season.

Jade Redman

**KINGSLYN UNDER 8’S**

On Saturday, the Under 8’s played their last game for the season, and playing at home everyone was real eager to get out and play. Joined by our Aberdeen counterpart; Hayden, Kade and Harry, and Jack playing up, the Under 8’s played a great game of footy. They scored four tries against Scone who scored seven.

Logan always tried his best and made plenty of metres when he got the ball. Toby had many great runs, scoring two tries, supported every runner and tackled well. Jackson, also supporting everyone, ran well, and was always tackling. Harry’s runs paid off, scoring a try, making some great tackles and even after hurting himself, he brushed it off and got straight back out. Duncan made good metres as well, always getting involved and had really good offloads. Thanks to Jackson who stepped up and got involved with the older boys. Definitely not afraid of them and was not going to be showed up playing really good footy.

‘Player of the Match’ went to the entire team for their fantastic effort in their game and also throughout the season. Everyone has improved so much since the start of the season and should be proud of their efforts. Well done guys!

John Cronin

**KINGSLYN UNDER 9’S**

What an exciting last game for the Under 9’s. We still didn’t have our full team but our regulars Brooklyn, Riley, Dylan, Clayton, David, Thomas and Jack with Aberdeen’s Charlie, Claire and Noni and also with the great help of Jackson from the 8’s, we were able to just fill a side. The whole team performed brilliantly displaying great defence and speed, agility and toughness in their running. Tries went to Riley x two, Dylan x two and one each to Clayton, David, Jackson.

Well done to all our Under 9’s for a fantastic season, so entertaining for us parents and spectators to watch and so fulfilling to see you all enjoying yourselves, keeping fit and playing footy with your friends. Until next year, keep active and have fun with whatever summer sport you choose. And to our parents, thank you so much for getting your kids to training and game days and enjoy your footy free Saturday’s. Thank you also to Brady for doing a brilliant job with coaching this team, the kids loved having you as their coach.

Belinda Keane

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**Merriwa Little Athletics Club**

**LITTLE ATHLETICS SEASON JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**

“When does Little A’s start?,” is a question I have been asked a lot lately...and I am delighted to inform you kids - VERY SOON!

Our Little As season officially starts on the second Monday of Term 4 and will go through to the end of Term 1. As the first Monday of Term 4 is a public holiday, we will be holding our first night of training on Monday October 12 from 5.30pm at No2 Oval, Brisbane Street.

This will be a FREE ‘fun night’ for any children aged 3 to 16 wanting to have a go at athletics welcome to come along.

For those keen to join up to be ready for the first competition of the season – the ABERDEEN GALA DAY on Sunday October 25, make sure you bring along your cash or credit card details as our registrar Megan Moore will be available to assist with registrations. Please note, you MUST be registered and have your new season numbers to be able to compete at Aberdeen!

Thanks to all our fabulous club supporters and the fundraising we have completed through the off season, we are delighted to be able to keep our registration fee down to $55.00 (per athlete).

If you are interested in competing at the Aberdeen Gala Day, a brilliant low key, fun ‘starter’ carnival for kids aged 3 to 16, make sure you come along to our first night of training on October 12 or grab a rego form from Tash (mentioned at the end of article).

**SINCERE THANKS TO OUR CLUB SUPPORTERS FOR 2015/16 SEASON**

- Community Mutual – Merriwa Branch
- Merriwa Pharmacy
- Merriwa IGA
- Merriwa Cross Country
- RM Property and Livestock
- Eva Towler and the 100 Club
- Merriwa Central School
- Upper Hunter Shire Council

We couldn’t run (literally) without your help and we sincerely thank you for your financial and in-kind assistance.

To find out more contact: Tash Taaffe tashholden@bigpond.com or call 0458 574 015.

Tash Taaffe
Pricing for the season will be:

- **Seniors competition $65.00**
- **Juniors $35.00.**

So with this in mind:

- **Second Registration Days 16 at 4.30pm**
- **Merriwa Touch will kick off on October 7 at 5.00pm (may change depending on registered teams)**
- **Names will be taken for those who do not have a team but the committee can not guarantee a team will be found.**

**REGISTRATION ONLINE**

Teams MUST also attend one of the registration days before completing the registration online.

Team registration page can be found at - [https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=39586](https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=39586) where the team captain must first set up their team. This is when the team captain needs to have all of their teams emails. An individual invite will be sent out from the captain where players must register and pay by September 25 for this season to go ahead.


**POSITIONS VACANT**

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 GAME NIGHTS**

Teams will be designated a game that they will be assigned to watching the table. It has been pointed out that people do not wish to do the table, if they wanted to be on the committee they would have joined.

We understand that and are trying to keep it as minimal as possible.

If we have six ladies teams and eight mens teams playing one night, this will mean the table will need to be manned four times a night. This means that each team will need to man the table once every 3-4 weeks for a total of 40 minutes. You can share the job with a team mate if you like.

Attending meetings is to encourage smoother transitions of information to teams and to allow feedback from games to be heard. Meetings are generally short and unless there are issues, no extra meetings are needed to be attended. Teams with no one to represent them will lose two game points. We understand that this may be difficult therefore the person attending does not have to be the captain but must be someone over 18 years of age (with the exception of the school sides). First meeting will be Tuesday October 6 at 6.00pm at the Merriwa Sports Club.

Teams playing last will be asked to pick up any left over rubbish or drink bottles before leaving the grounds.

**JUNIOR GAMES**

This season for the Junior Competition the junior coaches and I are hoping to run coaching sessions prior to the games on a Wednesday. All registered junior players will be welcome to come along for approximately half an hour before games to do some training drills. We are hoping this will improve skills and prepare the older players for when they are able to compete in the senior competition. For further information please contact Kate Blackadder on 0437 762 190.

**REFEREEING**

More names are needed to proceed with touch. Without referees for the games, a draw will not be made up. Please contact the committee to leave your name.

We are also still chasing a referee coordinator for the coming season. It is the coordinator’s responsibility to designate games to those wishing to ref. Although it can be difficult, most that are willing to ref once put their names forward week in and week out.

Don’t forget, refs do get paid for their service and you do not have to have had the training but do need to have a good knowledge of the game and be able to keep up with the speed of the game.

Tina Taylor
# Community Calendar

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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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**MCS in touch with our community**

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