Rooftop Express comes to Merriwa Show this weekend
Six students from the Upper Hunter Shire Youth Council are set to take part in a leadership conference with young people from Youth Councils and Advisory Groups across NSW.

Students from Merriwa Central School, Scone Grammar School and Scone High School are taking the drive to Eurobodalla tomorrow, Friday September 11 for this leadership conference and will be returning on the Sunday.

Upper Hunter Shire Youth Council members would like to thank all the students who have helped with fundraising to make it possible for the Youth Council to attend. In particular a special mention goes to St Mary’s Primary School for the $125.00 raised by organising a ‘Crazy Sock Day’.

During the workshop the six students, Kyle Mudge, Hanna Byfield, James Hagley, Mackenzie Wood, Clayton Edmonds and Lachlan White, will take part in leadership activities as well as working along with other youth groups to bring projects together.

Each group attending the conference will bring with them an idea or project they would either like to create in their local area or they already have and would like to improve. These ideas are then put to attendees of the workshop and the young people work together to improve/create these ideas.

Mary Spora, Upper Hunter Shire Youth Services Supervisor said she is pleased with the way the young people have engaged in similar forums recently and is sure this group will come back from the conference with new skills and confidence in their abilities.

“Upper Hunter students are taking the Youth Beat Concert as their project for workshopping so keep your eye out for the next Youth Beat event, which we are sure will be bigger and better with ideas from the weekend workshop,” Ms Spora said.

Ms Spora will be attending the workshop with students and assisted by Merriwa Central School teacher, Ms Rebecca Hopkins.

Wayne Bedggood
MAYOR
Principal’s Report

Once again we ask “Where did the time go?” as another Year 12 cohort graduate from their secondary studies, and venture out into the big wide world. The last week of school is always an exciting, exhilarating, yet cautious time for Year 12 full of the unknown. The security and routine of school life, friends and teachers is replaced by uncertainty of Higher School Certificate exams, university entry requirements, domestic and overseas adventures, variable job prospects, and tentative steps to stand on their own as independent citizens. We wish Year 12 all the best, and hope they look back on their school days with great fondness.

SECONDARY CANTEEN

Earlier in the term I raised concerns held by the P and C in regard to the continued viability of the secondary canteen. I can now report the P and C have been successful in finding someone to take over the Voluntary Canteen Manager position. The canteen manager is a critical position responsible for keeping the accounts, paying wages and insurance of the canteen supervisor. Thank you to Tammy Bradley for agreeing to take on this responsibility, and to the outgoing manager Maria Cameron. Without parents taking up these voluntary positions the canteen, and many other P and C activities would cease to operate.

WESTPAC RESCUE RIDE 4 CHOPPER

On Monday we hosted the Ride 4 Chopper bike riders. The event was organised to raise awareness and fundraise for the Westpac Rescue helicopter which is well known to Merriwa residents. It provides critical emergency medical rescue services to residents in remote rural locations like ours. Please make a donation if you can, details can be found on their Facebook page.

KINDERGARTEN 2016

Parents attended our Kinder 2016 information session during the week. The session provided parents with an outline of the Kinder orientation program which will commence next term. If any parents were unable to attend on the day, or were caught up with a mix up with dates, please feel free to contact Assistant Principal Megan Sinderberry, or the Primary Office for further information.

YEAR 7 2016

Letters have been sent to all Year 7 2016 parents this week with details of the parent information evening for our new cohort of secondary students. The parent information evening will be held on Year 7 parent information evening is Thursday October 8. If you have not yet registered your child’s expression of interest for Year 7 please contact Year Adviser Chad Grant, or the Secondary Office.

GONSKI FUNDING

Parents may have noticed several extra-curricular activities that have been organised for students lately, with the cost of each being subsidised using the additional Gonski funding rolled out to all schools this year. The use of this funding significantly reduces the cost of these activities to parents, ensuring all students have access to exciting learning opportunities. The latest of the activities include a trip to the Belvoir Theatre in Sydney to view a live theatre performance of Ivanov for students in Years 10-11, and a field trip for primary students to the coastal Awabakal environmental education centre at Dudley.

Enjoy the warmer weather of the school holidays, a great chance to get outside in the glorious sunshine. School resumes on Tuesday October 6 for staff and students.

Darren Noonan
Principal

Coming Events

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Well as the term comes to a close I would like to thank all the wonderful staff at the Primary Campus for all their hard work in what was a very busy term. Our highlights were Variety Night, Public Speaking, NAIDOC Week celebrations, Quintet performance, Touch Footy Gala Day, Little Sprouts and of course our weekly Wakagetti dance activities. Next term we look forward to preparing for end of year reports, Presentation Day and the Year 6 Dinner

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our latest Students of the Week. We hope you enjoy the book awards donated by our supportive P and C. Well done to the following students:

Kindergarten: Isla Murphy
Year K/1: Jack Cook
Year 3/4: Damien Constable
Year 5/6: Harrison Amidy

REWARDS ACTIVITIES

Tomorrow the primary campus will be holding its footy-themed Rewards Activities which is combined with our ‘Footy Colours Day’. Please remember your gold coin donation to raise money for the ‘Fight Cancer Foundation’. Students who are eligible will be walking to the Merriwa Sports Fields to participate in lots of fun football activities. These students must remember to bring a suitable hat and running shoes as well as a bottle of water. Students who are ineligible will remain on the primary campus with teacher supervision to participate in classroom activities. All students will need to bring recess and lunch as normal. If you have any queries regarding these activities please see your child’s class teacher.

CHOIR TERM 4

Next term the choir will resume rehearsals to prepare for two events: Presentation Day and the Merriwa Christmas Carols in the Park. Students must attend all rehearsals or they will be unable to join the choir for these performances. Students will receive some lyrics to take home and rehearse in their spare time. All students Kinder-Year 6 are welcome to join the choir next term, even if they haven’t done it earlier this year. If you have any queries regarding choir please see Mrs West.

WESTPAC RESCUE RIDE 4 CHOPPER

The Westpac helicopter bike riders that are riding to raise money for this great cause stopped by the Primary campus on Monday September 14 to have a chat and we were happy to cheer them on their ride. It was great to see just how many people are dedicated to this cause, especially when Merriwa often relies on this important service. Thank you to all the riders for stopping in to visit us and let us see what a great job you are doing! If you would like to donate to the Westpace Helicopter service (any donation is greatly valued, big or small) please go to their website at http://www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/SupportUs/Donate

This term has been an amazing time for the Year 3/4 class. So many students have achieved goals they set for themselves and have set new personal bests in Literacy and Numeracy. The best part of my day is hearing students cheer each other on when they achieve something new. To celebrate the Premier’s Reading Challenge we read a hilarious book called ‘Thai-riffic’. It’s a story about Albert (Lengy) Lengviriyakul, who is fed up with
being Thai. His parents own a Thai restaurant with the cheesy name of Thai-riffic! and Lengy is sick of being his father’s curry guinea pig, longing to just eat pizza! This book was short-listed for the WAYRBA awards 2014 and was an honour book for KOALA awards 2012 and 2013. The author, Oliver Phommavanh, sent the Year 3/4 class a special video message that they watched while tasting some Thai food that is featured in the story. Through this story we were able to learn a lot about culture in Thailand and what it’s like to be an Aussie with a background different from other people. Thank you so much to Oliver Phommavanh for sending us such a wonderful personal message!

Photo courtesy of http://www.oliverwriter.com/base/

This term we have also been studying State and Federal Government. Students have been looking into the roles of these two levels of Government and have reflected on how issues in each have affected their own lives. Last week we went on a virtual excursion to Canberra. Using the connected classroom we visited Parliament House and reviewed our learning on how bills are passed and the roles of different members of parliament. Year 5/6 students spent last week sharing their presentations on Australian Prime Ministers. I am very impressed with the quality of the students’ speeches and how much effort they have put in to researching their chosen Prime Minister.

Alyssa Moore
Class Teacher
Merriwa Ringer

Over the years this group have had many Year Advisers; In Year 7 they had Ms Tolley, Ms Ninness and Ms Whitley-Wright; In Year 8 they had Ms Brennand, Mr Horner and myself.

There have also been many students who we have said goodbye to; Kory, Harley, Sam, Thomas, Liam M, Kane, Jenica, Drew, Alex, Lance, Joshua, Connor, Jay-me, Jeannie-Belle, Selena, Isaac, Melissa, Billie-Jane and Clara.

Some of the students have been at Merriwa Central School since they were in Kindergarten; Taylah, Courtney, Ayesha, Matthew O and Travis. Others joined along the way; Liam, Elizabeth, Lachlan, Matthew Mc, and Michael.

Thirteen years of schooling all up and now it is time to say goodbye.

With their final exams taking up the remaining months of their school life, followed by the anxious wait to get the results. Some of this group will be going to University and others are keen to get apprenticeships and jobs working in a trade. There is a wide variety of ambitions in this group; we have mechanics, armed forces, working with animals, elderly and disabled care, teaching, sport’s science and world travel.

I look forward to hearing of all of their adventures and hope that they look back at their time at Merriwa Central School with fondness and many happy memories.

KINDER/YEAR 1 REPORT

Kinder/Year 1 students have been very busy this term. Between practising for the Variety Night and attending numerous events such as Little Sprouts, the students have still managed to make great progress in class. During reading group sessions, students have continued to enjoy reading in our peaceful garden and listening to stories on the computer and ipads.

During Literacy lessons, we have been focusing on writing informative texts. Students have learnt about different animals such as sharks and crocodiles. Before Little Sprouts, we watched youtube clips and read books to improve our knowledge about countries from around the world. If you ask the students about countries, including France and Mexico they should be able to provide you with some facts about their major landmarks, food and traditional clothing. This understanding along with some very creative parents, would explain why students from Kinder/Year 1 had such amazing costumes for our Little Sprouts day.

Currently, we are learning to write procedural texts. We have been exploring simple kid friendly recipes and students have had the chance to demonstrate their culinary skills by creating some delicious fairy bread.

**Crocodiles**

- Appearance
  - Crocodiles have a tail to swim.
  - Crocodiles have a mouth.

Jayden McPhie’s information about crocodiles

**Fairy Bread**

Inara West’s recipe for how to make Fairy Bread

Megan Sinderberry
Assistant Principal
LSV 2015 – NSW School Vaccination Program

School vaccination clinics continue into Term 3.

Final Vaccination clinic date is in Week 1, October 9.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE?

If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinics at their school.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2015

Any Year 7 student with missed doses of vaccine can be caught up in 2016.

Additionally – any Year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in Year 7 and are yet to finish all three doses of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at their school.

Don’t forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.


Lana Grant
Supervisor of Girls - Vaccinations Coordinator

UPPER HUNTER YOUTH COUNCIL - 2015 NSW YOUTH COUNCIL CONFERENCE REPORT

The NSW Youth Council Conference was held on September 11-13 near Batemans Bay and three Merriwa Central students - James Hagely, Hanna Byfield and Kyle Mudge represented the Upper Hunter Youth Council along with two students from Scone Grammar. There were Youth Councils from all over NSW such as Cobar, Dubbo and Strathfield for example. The weekend was made possible for our students thanks to Mary Spora from Scone Shire Council, sponsorship from Merriwa Central School SRC, fundraising from St Marys Public School in Scone and our wonderful parents!

“Each day there were sessions which helped us improve our project organisation and management skills and improve our people skills. The Conference was organised this year by Eurobodalla Youth Council and was a really fun experience.”- Hanna

“I recently attended the 2015 Youth Council Conference in Eurobadalla. There were guest speakers, workshops and activities which all were aimed at bettering our community. My favourite activity was stand-up paddle boarding which was at a local estuary. Overall, it was an extremely beneficial weekend for both myself and the Upper Hunter Youth Council.”- James

Rebecca Hopkins
CAPA Teacher
STATE ATHLETICS

Olivia McLean was our sole representative at the NSW-CHS Athletics Championship on September 5. She was quite excited to the Sydney Athletics Centre because “It was the second time I have been to State Athletics and it is such a great experience!” She competed against the best of the 12 year old girls discus throwers.

In the first round, Olivia threw “fair throws” with every attempt and her best throw was measured at 22.34m. This was good enough to qualify for the “top 8” round. In this finals round, Olivia was entitled to throw for another thee attempts. Her best throw was 22.67m and she finished eighth overall. The school is incredibly proud of Olivia’s outstanding achievement.

In further pleasing news, Olivia is very motivated to qualify for next year’s event. So she is committed to practise more in order to further improve her performances. This is an important life lesson – in order to chase your dreams and perform well – you need to practise, take advice and have a determined attitude. So I hope that this is a “watch this space” story.

Alison King

BENEFACTORS REPORT

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Why I want to be in ROAR: So I can get physical and mentally fit
Favourite Subject: Sport and Mathematics
Favourite sport: Football
Favourite team: Canberra Raiders
Favourite Sports Person: Blake Austin
Best personal sporting achievement: Going to Zone for 100m sprint
Who inspires you: My family
Advice to young players: Always try your hardest and never give up.

Sarah Bendall
SRC Student Liaison Officer

CAREERS NEWS
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

GTES in conjunction Commonwealth Bank is currently seeking expressions of interest from students starting Year 11 in 2016 who are looking to kick start their career in finance/banking/business by commencing a school based traineeship.

You will be required to work one day per week at the bank during the school term and also half of your school holidays. The position is in Muswellbrook. If you successfully gain a position you will be required to attend a week-long training course in Sydney and be escorted by your parent/guardian for the duration. It’s the best part time job you can have!

To register your expression of interest please contact Amanda (School Liaison Officer) at GTES on 0409 593 740 or ahooper@gtes.com.au

Expressions of interest close on Friday October 16

NEW CAREER EVENTS

Engineering Scholarship Program for Year 12 Girls Brown Consulting - Opens late September. Receive $1,500.00 to $3,000.00 per year, paid work experience, a graduation bonus ($3,500.00 per year for two years) and mentoring. Contact: (07) 3895 3444. http://www.brownconsulting.com.au/dreambig

Nursing and Allied Health Undergraduate Scholarship and Support Scheme - Closes September 21 - $5,000.00 per year for full time ($2,500.00 for part time) for study costs. Contact: 1800 117 262 or scholarships@acn.edu.au. http://www.acn.edu.au/nahsss_ug.

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

Mark Beiers
Careers Advisor

to everyone who attended the benefactor’s breakfast. It was lovely to start the day with everyone and participate in a tradition that thanks our community.

Sarah Bendall

SRC REPORT

This weeks meeting was full of gratitude, tears and a very impressive cake! Week 10 of Term 3 marks the final week in the 2014-2015 SRC calendar and the final meeting in which we have our amazing school leaders Elizabeth Hagley and Courtney Gibbons running the show. These two students have both been in the SRC for many years and have gone above and beyond in their duties as SRC President and Vice President. They have volunteered and assisted with every event, fundraiser and campaign and really endeavoured to make a positive change in our school community by addressing mental health issues. Elizabeth and Courtney have made my job very easy this year and will leave big shoes to fill.

On behalf of the SRC I’d like to wish them the very best with their upcoming exams and in their future aspirations. Thank you for all of your efforts and hard work girls, we’ll miss you!

Rebecca Hopkins
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Principal’s Report

Term 3 has been a very memorable one with much learning taking place at St Joseph’s. A strong emphasis has been on Creative Arts this term culminating in the performance evening last Wednesday. Students had an amazing opportunity to learn new skills in drama, dance and singing throughout the term under the guidance of our ASPIRE teachers and their own classroom teachers. We thank the Catholic Schools Office once again for providing us with the wonderful resource of the ASPIRE program. Mr Collins said of the ASPIRE program “A quality learning program involves teaching, practice, problem solving, group work, friendship and fun just to name a few key ingredients.” The same is true of our program. The students have been encouraged by Anna and Lauren to create sequences themselves. The Stage 3 students have overcome many obstacles in their play by developing problem solving skills. It is all part of the learning. Talented students from Years 5 through to Year 10 in our Diocesan Schools are able to audition for parts in the ASPIRE program. This year we have two students from Merriwa auditioning for ASPIRE. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to see one of our own students on stage next time we travel to ASPIRE? Good luck girls!

The St Joseph’s Primary School play night was sensational. The students displayed great learning and entertained their audience throughout the evening. The costumes were simple and very effective and the dances were very well presented by all students. What a wonderful feat. It was amazing seeing all students so engaged and so genuinely happy performing in their roles. Thanks once again to all the teachers for their perseverance and dedication, parents for your help with costumes, set and supper. Thank you to the P&F for preparing the children’s supper and for all who helped pack up and clean on the night. Thank you also to the Parents and guests who have given us such positive feedback about the play night. We are buoyed by your support!
Thank God for the wonderful gifts he continues to provide. We each have so much to be thankful for. We keep those in our prayers who are suffering at present especially the many, many refugees and displaced persons around the world who are desperately seeking a home.

Congratulations to Darcy Taaffe who competed at the Polding Athletics carnival last week. Darcy represented the Diocese of Newcastle-Maitland in the 100m run. At Polding she competed against the best athletes from all dioceses north of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. We are very proud of you Darcy!

We value every opportunity we get to broaden our minds and learn about people from all different cultures and walks of life. We were thrilled and thankful to have Lotta Peedimaa spend the day with us last week and speak to the children about her country and her life.

Lotta is a Long Term Rotary Exchange student living in Merriwa for 12 months. She is from Estonia. The primary classes were absolutely enthralled with the information they learned about the geography, politics, economy and culture of Estonia. They worked in collaborative groups after the presentation to complete a research project on Estonia. The infants children enjoyed learning about Estonia and about Lotta’s lifestyle and hobbies there.

Trees have been on the agenda for some time now and this week we will see the removal of the old, rotting pepper trees from the playground. As was discussed at the P and F meetings in June and August the proposed new trees are Silky oaks, Chinese elms and Chinese pistachios. These trees are all fast growing and thrive well in our local area. They also provide good shade and are not prone to limb loss. If you have any other ideas re types of trees that would be suitable, we would love to hear from you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AWARD WINNERS

Kindergarten - Alana Telfer – for being able to identify 3D objects in the environment

Year 1/2 - Ben Patterson – for his great recount of preparing and performing our school play

William Collins – for sharing his interest and knowledge with others about seasonal changes

Bethany Wightman – for demonstrating her understanding of Area using different informal units

Braeden Halse – for being inclusive of all students in all learning activities

Year 3/4 - Bobby Keegan – for a great effort in the school play

Will Henderson – for great knowledge of 3D objects.

Year 5/6 - Rebecca Keegan - for a fantastic effort in our school play!

Jonathan Keegan - for the correct use punctuation and grammar in his writing

Principal’s Awards - Sam Arfan - for his enthusiastic approach to school and learning

Roy Lawler - for trying very hard in writing lessons with Mrs Whale last Friday.

Helen Whale
Principal
This is the last week for Term 3. Our year is just flying by. I would like to wish students and staff a safe and relaxing holiday. We want to see everyone back (in one piece) ready to begin Term 4 on Tuesday October 6.

We will have quite a busy first week of Term 4 with Milo Cricket on Thursday and the Cassilis Sports Workshop on the Friday. Thank you to all parents who have offered to help transport children.

As you are well aware, I will be on long service leave for the first four weeks of the term. I will be replaced by Mr Glen Kite, Assistant Principal at Scone Public School. I met with Mr Kite last week to discuss the classroom program to ensure continuity. He has some interesting activities planned for technology.

Christina Darlington
Principal

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
Ms Bullock has been busy conducting interviews with our prospective Kindergarten children for 2016 and their families. Kinder Orientation will be held on Wednesday and will commence in Week 2. A parent information session will also be conducted in Week 2.

SKOOLBAG APP
Sandy Hollow Public School now has its own App. The App is available for all smart phones - including Apple, Android and Windows. It can be downloaded from the appropriate App store.) The App will allow parents to check the calendar, return permission notes, contact the school regarding absences and refer to the newsletter. The school will also be able to send out alerts and reminders about upcoming events. We will start uploading information over the school holidays ready for Term 4. Please contact the school if you have any difficulty downloading the school’s App.

MERRIWA CENTRAL YEAR 7 ORIENTATION
A parent information evening will be held at Merriwa Central School on Thursday October 8. Further details to follow.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Thank you to all that have returned the stickers. We now have 19,000 and still counting. Any leftover stickers/sheets please return by Thursday Page 12

October 17.

WEEKLY AWARDS
- Hunter Marsh - being a great role model for younger students
- Ayden Marsh - working hard in mentals
- Natasha Marsh - having a go
- Declan Adams - a great effort in writing
- Jobee McCandless - working co-operatively with her peers

WORKERS OF THE WEEK
Kinder/Year 1/2 - Tyson Marsh, Isabelle Pike and Andy Olive
Year 3/4/5/6 - Reece McCandless, Sam Thompson and Amy Thompson

Student of the Week – Nicholas Terrell

Sportsperson of the Week - Mikayla Borradaile
Having a positive attitude in all areas and great improvement in skipping.

Pauline Bullock

Ringer Deadline!
Merriwa Ringer is now on leave for two weeks, articles are to be sent in by October 6 by 9.00am as it will be a short week due to the Public Holiday

Merriwa Ringer
The last eight weeks have just taken flight and I am sad to say that my time at the Yellow Cottage is coming to an end. Tomorrow we are holding a disco party afternoon for the children as we celebrate a fabulous term which has seen winter turn to spring. Never in my wildest dreams could I have envisaged such an awesome experience, the heart and soul of the cottage are the tremendous educational team and the beautiful children, who have welcomed me without hesitation. It felt like I had always been there, so seamless the transition to a new pre-school. It has been some years since I have enjoyed the freedom to fully immerse myself in the programme and develop it with children. What a luxury and a privilege to observe a Directorship handled with such poise and generosity. Thank you is not sufficient to express my fondness for all those I have met and worked alongside at the cottage.

Thank you Kim Wolfgang for coming in on a Friday and Miss Jessyca and Miss Heidi for sharing the load on the floor and ensuring that all at Merriwa ran smoothly.

We have been busily making our show display, there has been a lot of effort put in so come down and check out your child’s artworks.

We are also doing the steak hut from Friday to Sunday, so any volunteers are extremely appreciated, please come in talk to one of the Educators in Pre-School or Merriwa Activity Centre and they will assist you with times, as there is a roster.

We have a raffle that will be drawn on Sunday September 20 at the show, tickets $2.00 each of three for $5.00.

This is the last week of Term 3; last day will be Friday September 18. Term 4 will commence Tuesday October 6.

Merriwa Activity Centre’s vacation care days are Tuesday-Thursday, 8.30am to 5.00pm, please ring 6548 2082 to secure a spot for your child.

There are casual vacancies within the Pre-School and Activity Centre for a diploma trained Educator, please drop your resume into the Pre-School and Merriwa Activity Centre during the school holidays.
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.
BEING AN EARTH BEING

I am not only a human being, I am also an Earth being, one among millions of other Earth beings, past and present and future.

And I am composed of the same matter that makes this planet what it is – both earth and Earth.

I am made of the very orange clay that permeates this planet. Or as Macy says, ‘Matter is made of rock and soil. It too is pulled by the magma that circulates through our planet heart and roots such molecules into biology. Earth pours through us, replacing each cell in the body every 7 years... we ingest and excrete Earth, are made from Earth I am that. You are that.’ (Macy, 1996, 501)

I belong to the fragile web of interconnected and interdependent fragments and forces on this planet. And the matter that emanated from primordial times in the cosmos evolved into conscious Earth beings, who reflect the spiritual imbedded in the material. Matter and spirit are not separate.

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb and naked I shall return there”. Job 1:21

RAINBOW OF MYSTERIES

by Norman Habel

Focus....God’s glory – the creative power that gives everything life – is present with us, in all the ordinary and not-so-ordinary places in which we find ourselves. In PSALM 19, God’s glory is proclaimed in two ways – through creation and through God’s law.

The psalm ends with the prayer often made by preachers before delivering their sermons – “May my words and my thoughts be acceptable to you, O God, my strength and my redeemer.” This prayer recognises that just as creation and the law proclaim God’s glory, we are likewise called to proclaim God’s greatness through our own words and actions, no matter who or where we are.

Rosalie Drew

Volunteer Eco Students Abroad Program

JADE’S VOLUNTEERING!

I have been accepted on to the Volunteer Eco Students Abroad Program, and in January 2016, will be volunteering in South Africa, addressing the major issues faced by the village and the local schools such as a lack of fresh running water, dilapidated schools and generally poor infrastructure. I am seeking sponsorship to enable me to participate in the program, and complete essential volunteer work in an African village.

Your donation will help facilitate the means for implementing a major community development project, which will encompass construction in addition to educating the community on matters of conservation, sustainability, health/hygiene and English proficiency.

By sponsoring me, you will be directly assisting with the costs involved in participating in the program. These costs are significant and include hiring local skilled tradespeople to assist in building projects, building materials, and donations to local organisations.

This community development program is vital, and donations of any amount are appreciated. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me to make a difference. If you are able to help, even in the smallest way, it would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made via http://www.gofundme.com/jadesvolunteering or at Merriwa Hardware.

For more information on the VESA program please visit www.vesabroad.com or contact VESA on 02 8005 6755.

Thank you for your support!

Jade McConnell
Brad Cox and family would like to thank everyone in the Merriwa community that have helped us, either through donations, baking, lending a hand or just being supportive while Brad is in hospital.

The cards, messages and phone calls have been well received as well as uplifting. We would also like to thank Kim, Liam, Barbara, Caroline’s Cafe, Merriwa CWA, Julie at Merriwa Sports Club, Bits and Pizzas and all the businesses of Merriwa for all your help.

All funds raised have, and will, go towards Brad’s treatment and ongoing medical expenses after he comes home, as well as a few little fun adventures in Sydney to help cheer him up after being in isolation for so long. Please forgive me if I have missed anyone and accept this as a personal thank you.

Vanessa Cox

**Thank You**

On the evening there will be a BBQ cooked by Scone Lions and birthday cake from sponsor Café La Luna plus other food stalls. There’s also some great raffle and auction items up for grabs including donations from Melanie’s Matthews Family Jewellers, Pukara Estate, Hunter Belle Cheese, AirSpeed Aviation and Pharmasave Scone Chemist and more. TransCare is still looking for other businesses to get on board to support its major fundraiser for the year.

TransCare offers a range of community services in Merriwa, Muswellbrook and the Upper Hunter including transport to medical appointments, Meals on Wheels, in-home assistance, respite care and social support. The organisation relies heavily on the kindness of volunteers and donations from the local community.

“We wouldn’t be able to hold a fundraiser like the Barefoot Bowls Night if it wasn’t for the generosity of local businesses,” continued Mr Gordon. “The money raised from the evening will go straight back into providing much needed services for our community.”

To enter a team or to donate towards the evening contact TransCare on 6545 3113 or promo@transcare.org.au.

For more information contact Lauren Taylor on 6545 3113.

Lauren Taylor

**TransCare CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF BAREFOOT BOWLS**

When: October 1
Where: Scone Bowling Club

“The Barefoot Bowls evening is always a great night and we’re hoping that this year, with the support of local businesses, we’ll have even better prizes and better items up for raffle and auction,” said TransCare CEO Alan Gordon. “We only have space available for 28 teams so make sure you get in quick to secure you place.”

Teams of four can register for $40.00 per team and it isn’t necessary to have bowling experience – it’s all about having fun! This year there is also a prize for best dressed team so put your heads together and come up with a theme for your team. Think superheroes, 80s rockstars or even the Kardashians!

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Lauren Taylor
Community Notice Board

Thank You
MERRIWA DOCTORS - DR JAWAAD AND DR JASEM

My wife and I would like to send a big thank you to Dr Jawaad and Dr Jasmeen and the wonderful nursing and support staff of Merriwa Hospital for their skill, hard work and determination to keep me alive on Monday August 31. Also thank you for the kind support and consideration shown to my wife at this time. We are truly grateful.

Michael Warner

Thank You
FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES BENEFIT STREET STALL

Thank you everyone who contributed to and supported the Festival of the Fleeces Street Stall for our local lad, Brad Cox, on Friday September 11.

Raffle winner was Janet Taylor.

Barbara Campbell

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

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

Merriwa Relay for Life
CALL FOR HELPING HANDS

When: Saturday November 7
Time: 10.00am – 9.00pm

If you are a community group, high school student passionate about events, or an individual who would like to help join the fight against cancer in the Merriwa area, we would love you to get involved with this year’s Relay! If you would like to join the committee to help organize the event, assist with running activities, put together some entertainment in the form of song, dance or otherwise, or simply volunteer your time on the day please contact Mark Sparrow on 0407 488 560 or 6548 8584 or email Pausha Prigent from the Cancer Council Upper Hunter on pausha.prigent@nswcc.org.au. Thank you in advance. We look forward to hearing from you.

Pausha Prigent

Merriwa CWA
COOKERY CAPERS FOR CHILDREN – FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday September 23 from 10.00am to 2.00pm Merriwa CWA will be running cookery session making chocolate chip cookies, followed by craft activities for school aged children and students. All children are to be accompanied by a responsible adult, and entry is free. Simply turn up at the CWA Rooms at 10am on the day.

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AT THE MERRIWA SPRINGTIME SHOW

Merriwa Branch of CWA will be operating the CWA Kiosk and will open early over the three days of the Merriwa Springtime Show weekend. Freshly made sandwiches, cappuccino, tea coffee and cold drinks will be available. Call in and take a break to recharge your batteries.

MEETINGS

The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday October 12 starting at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street. New members are always welcome. Enquiries to Barbara Campbell on 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131 or Robyn McAlister on 6548 3274.

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

Penelope Fenley
Merriwa Cricket Club

To all interest in playing Cricket this year, training has started in the nets at No1 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

Help Fight Motor Neurone Disease

On October 4, I will be among a group of Fire and Rescue NSW Fire fighters who are trying to raise money in aid of research into Motor Neurone Disease which has sadly affected too many people especially around the Merriwa district.

We will be climbing the 1504 stairs of the Centre Point Tower in Sydney, only 98 Floors! in our Fire fighting gear, with air cylinders on our backs which weigh 20kg. It will be a challenge, but nothing compared to the struggle the sufferers of MND have to go through.

I hate asking for donations, but I feel that this is a worthy cause, so any small donation would be gratefully appreciated. If you get the urge, please follow the link below. Or you can leave a donation at the Merriwa Pharmacy.

https://firiesmnd.everydayhero.com/au/annie

Many thanks,

Annie Rodgers

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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

Save the Date

CHISTMAS 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
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 Kraeftt 0418 478 890.

Annie Kraeftt

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

Cassilis Guild Hall

The restoration of the Cassilis Guild Hall is nearly complete. Dilapidated to the point of disintegration but soundly constructed, it stirred the community for miles around to come to its rescue.

One of three tiny, historic timber buildings between the Royal Hotel and the Cassilis Hotel (since burned down), the hall is an integral part of the unique streetscape. It was originally built about 1915 as the office of James Piper, Stock and Station Agent and over its 100 year lifetime it has also housed the CWA, Girl Guides, a coffee shop, Opportunity Shop and the workroom of the Anglican Women’s Guild.

When Reverend Mandy of St Columba’s suggested that Cassilis find a community purpose for the hall, a committee was formed to oversee its restoration and establishment as a museum to tell the story of its own past and that of the local families. The Guild Hall has been restumped, structurally repaired, guttered, cleaned, painted and fanced and the signs installed. Future plans include floor covering, furnishing for display purposes and outdoor paving and planting.

Now is the time for past and present residents to contribute their community and family histories as photos or documents or audio recordings (copies only please). Copies of any past maps of the district would also be greatly appreciated (or the museum committee can organise copying). For further information please contact Jenny Riley, phone no. 0429000911 or come and see us at our first Open Weekend on October 3 and 4.
We can officially wave goodbye to winter and give a warm welcome to Spring. Canola crops are lighting up the landscape, while wattles are blooming in gardens and bushland. What a happy and busy time of the year it is, with the Merriwa Springtime Show just around the corner providing an exciting opportunity to experience the wonderful produce of our district.

MHEG will once again be holding an information stall at the Show and will be joined by representatives from Bylong Valley and Wollar (our neighbours). Do call at our stall and meet our visitors. You can also find out the latest on wombats and be involved in research.

Recycling and Special Prize in Craft Section of the Show. We live in a throw-away society where most unwanted articles are tossed out or stowed away in the back of forgotten cupboards. This is a great opportunity to show your ingenuity by creating a masterpiece from out-of-date e-junk, and at the same time participating in the Craft Section of the Merriwa Show. MHEG urges every would-be-artistic creator to have a go. You never know you might make a name for yourself and at the same time win a prize. (First $100.00; second $50.00).

**Class 38:** Best article made with recycled technology; eg mobile phones, monitors, connections, etc. Anything goes! (See show schedule for further details or contact Ted on 6548 5171).

Contact Libby Morrow on 6376 1183 or by email on morrow.runnymede@bigpond.com.

Libby Morrow

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In addition, we have produced a brochure to welcome visitors who happen upon the village and to give them a sense of its past. This brochure is a first edition, and the committee welcomes any corrections and suggestions for its improvement.

The district from Coolah to Merriwa and its visitors have given wonderful support to the project. Upper Hunter Shire Council has waived rates, people have organised and come to fund-raising events, offered catering for clearing sales, rodeos and campdrafts (and made and purchased phenomenal numbers of sandwiches, sausages and cakes), donated food, materials, skills, advice, cash and above all, time. The committee takes this opportunity to thank each and every one of these wonderful and often anonymous folk. The Cassilis district can be very proud that they have achieved so much and without any financial grants.

*Merriwa Healthy Environment Group Inc*

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**Ringer Deadline!**

*Merriwa Ringer* is now on leave for two weeks, articles are to be sent in by October 6 by 9.00am as it will be a short week due to the Public Holiday.
This category has been introduced by Enid Holt who as a member of MHEG, and now no longer living in Merriwa, is still concerned about waste and the impact on our environment.

Let’s all take a leaf out of Enid’s book, and do our best to make the world a better place!

In the meantime you can follow MHEG on the Merriwa portal: www.merriwa.nsw.au > Clubs and Groups > Merriwa Healthy Environment Group

Ted Finnie

Merriwa Rotary

Like many people in Merriwa, I was woken, a week or two ago, by the sound of the Rescue Helicopter circling low over the town before landing at the hospital. As always, we wonder what has happened, who is seriously ill, or injured enough to need to be flown out. Is it someone we know?

To Merriwa Rotarians it also brings back the memory of the construction of the Helipad as our club’s major undertaking on the mid 1980s.

This life-saving project was probably the most important work of the club in its near 50 year history.

The ability to take patients quickly to major hospitals when this is needed has led to the survival and recovery of many.

Long time members of Merriwa Rotary remember especially the efforts of the late Alvin Hunt, in his role as service director of our club, in passionately promoting the construction of this important facility to us. The Helipad continues to serve our district and is an ongoing memorial to Alvin.

By the time this edition of the Ringer is printed, our NZ exchange students Teianna and Paige will be back in Merriwa with their families. We look forward to welcoming them back to our club.

As this will be the last Ringer before the school holidays, it is time to give notice of the annual Rotary Melbourne Cup Eve Calcutta/Sweep.

Our ticket sellers will soon be out in Bettington St. selling the tickets. If you cannot make it to Flemington.... make the most of the next best thing..... Cup Eve at the Merriwa Sports Club!

Help Rotary help Merriwa and maybe win a small fortune.

Mark Smith

Dr Noman Jawaad Medical Practice

HUNTER MEDICAL PRACTICE
Dr Noman Jawaad
Dr Cho Oo Maung

WE ARE OPEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK

Our hours currently are:
8.00am – 6.00pm
Monday to Friday.
For all appointment please phone 6532 5013.

Dr 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
A date to keep in your diary is for Saturday October 12 where ‘A Country Palette’, an exhibition of artists (and sisters) Michelle Power, Maureen Ward and myself will be held at Plough Inn to Cassilis. Due to the popularity of first the ‘Power Connection’ exhibition in 1996, then the ‘Home Town’ exhibition in Merriwa in 2008, we’ve decided to run another exhibition together, this time at Cassilis. This exhibition combines all things country in a collection of oils, acrylics, glasswork and mosaic.

The official opening will be at 7.30pm with free entry and everyone is welcome. 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

RELAY for LIFE is on again this year on November 7. We are entering a TEAM VIEW so Elaine will have the paperwork with her at our dinner for anyone wishing to join Team VIEW. Cost is $20.00 registration. There will be plenty to see and do on the day and more in the Ringer after the school holidays. Team VIEW needs you and your husbands, partners, children and friends to join our team and remember that all funds raised through Relay For Life allows Cancer Council to continue to support cancer Survivors, their Carers and families throughout their cancer journey and all funds raised in Merriwa stays in Merriwa to support those in need of assistance from our own community.

See you all at VIEW Dinner. Thursday September 24 – meet at the Council Chambers at 6.20pm for the courtesy bus. Will pick up on the way if you live between Merriwa and Sandy Hollow. Any questions contact Elaine on 6548 8560.

Elaine Sparrow

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.

Dr Emad Jasem
Merriwa Ringer
It is only days until the start of the school holidays, which means a couple of weeks without a Ringer! We look forward to seeing you in the shop during the holidays to stock up on puzzles, books, colouring books and accessories, craft goodies and more - all great ways to keep the kids occupied and entertained during the next two weeks.

We wish everyone luck if they have an entry in the show - be it cooking, photography, livestock or an event to participate in. It is always a great weekend and so far the weather is looking like it will keep things nice and warm this year.

Lay-by

It is now time to start your Christmas lay-by. It is a great way to keep track of your budget. It allows you to pay off an item you would not be able to buy otherwise. It means that the kids can’t find it when they are snooping around trying to find their presents. A lay-by allows you to enjoy the lead-up to Christmas without any of the last minute time and financial stresses that seem to stalk the biggest holiday of the year.

There are a few rules when starting a lay-by.

1. Payments must be made regularly - preferably weekly or fortnightly
2. There is a deposit that must be paid when starting a new lay-by or adding an item to an existing one
3. If you are having difficulty making the payment or it will be a bit late, please let us know so that the products are not defaulted back to the shelf.

We are able to be a lot more flexible than most of the big companies when it comes to working out a suitable payment plan for you, however, we are not able to keep stock aside indefinitely if no payments are being made. Do not hesitate to come in and talk to us about any questions you have in regards to lay-bys.

Glassware and Giftware

We have a brand new shipment of beautiful and striking glassware on the shelves. They include:

Perfume Atomisers - these are colourful and unique and are a great addition to any stylish dressing table

Perfume Bottles - slightly different to an atomiser, these resemble a decanter, with the lid being used to dab the scent onto the wrists etc. They are also colourful and stylish and make a great gift for someone special who may seem to have everything!

Vases - our vases are happy, unique, striking and create a great focal point in any home. They are substantial and will not get knocked over by a slight breeze in the air. They reflect their colours in well-lit areas and are works of art in their own right.

Cuff Links - never let it be said that we only have ladies jewellery. We have cuff links available that are suitable for the serious occasion as well as the light hearted occasion. There are stylish and understated pairs, as well as fun ones that show off a vibrant personality.

Keepsake Boxes - these are great for keeping precious bits and bobs of all descriptions. With an owl on a pink box or a fox on a blue box, there is one for every tweeny-bopper out there!

Photo Frames - in a digital age, it is easy to take thousands of photos and only look at them when the computer is turned on. We have some beautiful frames that will demand that you print a favourite pic and display it for all to see!

Cheese Knives and Platters

We have some beautiful platters that would be great at any dinner party, along with stunning and understated cheese knives. The platters shouldn’t restrict your imagination though. They would make a fabulous trinket tray on a dressing table, a great place to put keys and change in the entrance of the home or at the end of a bench. Check them out today.

Phonecards - all cards are now available including Telstra, Optus and Vodaphone

Cash or Eftpos only

Leanne Hook

Merriwa Ringer

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Merriwa Auto Electrical
YOUR LOCAL FULLY QUALIFIED AUTO ELECTRICAL SERVICE

We do repairs to vehicle electrical systems such as starter motors, alternators, batteries, electric brakes, charging systems and much more!

We have a supply of Kenwood radios and UHF radios at great prices.

We have a supply of vehicle and machinery batteries at competitive prices to suit your needs and if we don’t have it we may be able to get it.

• AUTOMOTIVE AIR CONDITIONING All your air conditioning needs come to the shop or we’ll come to you!
• TV and VAST INSTALLATION available
• Key Cutting Services also available.

Look forward to seeing you soon at 30 Bow Street Merriwa or why not call for an appointment on 6548 2114.

Sally and Michael Hagley

No Bake Recipe
WOMAN’S WEEKLY RECIPE NO-BAKE RASPBERRY CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES

Makes: 8
Prep time: 2hrs 15mins (includes chilling time - at least 2 hours)
Skill level: Bit of effort
Costs: Mid-price

These cupcakes are a great recipe to make with the kids as they require no baking - you simply chill a mixture of Madeira cake, raspberries, chocolate and cream cheese with a few store cupboard ingredients

INGREDIENTS

• 100g bar white chocolate
• 300g (10oz) Pre cooked cake
• 1 medium egg white
• 60g (2oz) caster sugar
• 200g tub cream cheese
• 100g (31/2oz) raspberries.

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

• 5.5cm (21/4in) cutter
• 8 muffin cases in muffin tins.

METHOD

1. Put the chocolate in a bowl over a pan of simmering water and leave until it melts. Stir and set aside to cool

2. Meanwhile, cut the Madeira cake into 8 slices, then roughly crumble each slice at a time and pack the cake crumbs into the cutter. Press it down really well to form a disc of cake. Put this in a muffin case and press into the base. Repeat with the rest of the cake slices

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4. Chill until firm — about 2 hours or overnight is fine.

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WOMAN’S WEEKLY RECIPE NO-BAKE RASPBERRY CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES

Makes: 8
Prep time: 2hrs 15mins (includes chilling time - at least 2 hours)
Skill level: Bit of effort
Costs: Mid-price

These cupcakes are a great recipe to make with the kids as they require no baking - you simply chill a mixture of Madeira cake, raspberries, chocolate and cream cheese with a few store cupboard ingredients

INGREDIENTS

• 100g bar white chocolate
• 300g (10oz) Pre cooked cake
• 1 medium egg white
• 60g (2oz) caster sugar
• 200g tub cream cheese
• 100g (31/2oz) raspberries.

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

• 5.5cm (21/4in) cutter
• 8 muffin cases in muffin tins.

METHOD

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Cassilis Library Hours Survey

Council is reviewing the operating hours of Cassilis Library before filling the vacant Library Officer position at Cassilis.
We wish to consult with the community on the most appropriate opening hours.

Please take a few minutes to complete our online survey by visiting Council’s website, www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au under ‘Do It Online’, ‘Say It’, ‘Cassilis Library Hours Survey’ or visit Cassilis Library for a written survey.

The survey closing time will be extended until 23 September to gain your feedback.
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6548 2119
Once again thank you to all who have supported our fundraiser for Brad Cox. We will be having our last wheel spins on Friday September 18 and our raffle will be drawn after the end of school holidays. Tickets are available at the Club.

Julie Smith

Merriwa RSL Club

The Members Lucky Badge for $500.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 723, this week it jackpots to $550.00. The 7.00pm draw for $460.00 was not won the number was 318, this week it jackpots to $480.00. The 9.00pm draw has now been moved to Thursday and is drawn between 6.00–7.00pm, it was for $380.00 was not won the number was 408, this week it jackpots to $400.00 and will be drawn between 6.00pm–7.00pm. LTPS/14/04323.

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $1350.00 was won last week the number was 276, this week commences at $500.00 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
Friday night raffles
Members Draw, Joker Draw, Meat/vege tray draw, Schooner Draw.

Last Friday’s results – Member’s draw - $55.00
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When: Saturday October 3
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Includes finger food and main meal.

Tables of 8.
The club will have a DJ following the presentation.

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All positions will be declared vacant. Positions are:

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- Snr Vice President
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Merriwa Touch Football Club
PRICING
Pricing for the season will be:

- Seniors competition $65.00
- Juniors $35.00.

So with this in mind:

- 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.

REGISTERING ONLINE
Team registration page can be found at - 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.

Individual registration pages can be found at - https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=39590.

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

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.

REFEREERING
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.

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Tina Taylor
Merriwa Ringer
Merriwa Pony Club

On Sunday Merriwa Pony Club held their second last rally day for the season with a good turn out despite several other events being on in Aberdeen and Quirindi. It was great to see lots of ‘littlies’ on their mounts having a red hot go at sporting events and also a couple of newcomers from Bunnan – Eddie and Fergus - who came to try pony club for the first time. Club instructors Pauline Lawler and De Patterson did a fine job keeping them all in line both in troop drill and team of fours. Thanks girls!

We would also like to say a few big THANK YOU’s…

Firstly, to Merriwa IGA for the fabulous funding that enabled us to purchase a trailer for all our sporting equipment. The trailer has made a huge difference and we sincerely appreciate it, especially at set up and pack up time. The children were very keen to give the Richards family a big ‘thumbs up’ on Sunday.

Another big thanks goes to Paula Hocking for helping us complete all our electrical tagging requirements in the canteen. Every time we turn the urn on, we will be thinking of you and hope you and Ashley will be able to make it to a few more morning teas and rally days next season.

A huge thanks to all the mums, dads, grandparents and kids that have eaten chicken burgers, steak sandwiches, hot dogs, pies and sausage rolls this year at the canteen during rally days and club shows. A few dollars spent by each family in the canteen has collectively helped to raise $900 this year. We have used this money to purchase a new oven for the canteen kindly being installed by Vero’s Electrical this week – and just in time for Merriwa Show!

We also would like to give a really, really big thanks to Merriwa CWA for helping with the remaining money needed to complete the ‘oven project’. We look forward to sampling some scones on show day!

The next – and final – rally day for the year will be held on Sunday 11 October. This will be a great opportunity to practice for our grand finale event, the Zone 7 Jamboree in Murrurundi on October 24 and 25…see you then.

Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club

Annual General Meeting will be held at the Merriwa Sports Club on Sunday October 11, 2015 during our Presentation Day. All positions will be declared vacant and we ask you to consider taking on a position to help this great club of League and Netball. The Presentation will be followed by a free sausage sizzle for all. Come and see the trophies distributed to the best in backs, forwards, most improved, coaches award and best and fairest in the Under 12’s and Under 16’s as well as participation awards to all mini players. Our Netball girls will receive team awards too and who were the representative players in league and netball this year? Who will be The ‘Club Person of the Year’? Come and join us for a great day to acknowledge the wonderful year our netball and league members have had.

We thank our current sponsors who have been with us for three years. Your support has been appreciated and acknowledged by us all. Thank you. Thank you to 2013 - 2015 Netball Sponsors:

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See you all at the AGM/Presentation Day Sunday October 11. Contact Elaine for further questions on 6548 8560.
The countdown is on again, with the little bit of wet weather back in June we had to postpone our annual event and we are now on the **OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND**.

Kicking off on Saturday October 3 at 6.30am with the Hawkesbury River Saddle Co, Fernandes Construction Pty Ltd and Merriwa RSL Club Encouragement draft. Competitors are riding for a saddle donated by Harkersby River Saddle Co, $400.00 and the rider to get the highest cut out will win horse wormer donated by Zoetis.

The Merriwa Engineering Maiden A Draft will follow after the Encouragement Final. Riders will ride for $500.00, and a trophy whip made by Steve Kemp Whipmaker. Cut out winner will also receive drench and horse feed donated by Mitavite. The Merriwa IGA Maiden B Draft will follow with the same wonderful prizes.

Time permitting there will be a Shoot Out Open Jackpot Cut Out. The pressure will be on and heat turned up so the sportsman bar will be open for refreshments along with a sit down meal and music. So if you want to take the family out for a good cheap meal and NOT HAVE TO WASH UP then we will see you Saturday night. The sportmans bar will be open for Happy Hour between 7.00pm and 8.00pm, with music supplied by Jake McIntyre Portable Sound and Audio Hire.

Ring 2 will be run by the Merriwa Pony Club with rider classes, Australian Stock Horse led classes and sporting events. Competitors are to enter on Saturday morning at the main office between 7.30 to 8.30am. All competitors are required to be a financial ABCRA member and if not you need to join up on the day at the main office.

Sunday October 4 will also be kicking off with an early start at 6.30am and the Novice draft which again has another Hawkesbury River Saddle Co saddle up for grabs to the winner of the Novice final. Again horse drenches and feed up for the winner of both the round and final cut out. The Novice competitors are riding for $1000.00 over the round and final.

With the R and G Stanton Juvenile competitors they will take to the course and show their skills. They are riding for a rug donated by Ruggit Rugs, $150.00 and cut out winner to take home horse drench and feed.

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Last event for Sunday will be the YOUNG GUNS. The Junior Enclosed Cut Out winner will be taking home prize money donated by Mrs Dianne Mitchell and a gift card donated by Marsh Carney Saddlery along with the horse drench and feed. (Make room in the truck to take home mum and dad).

Footy food and fever and we are all over it. We have a HUGE TV screen (4.5m x 2.5m) for everyone wishing to watch the grand finals. The sportsman bar will again be holding Happy Hour between 6.30pm and 7.30pm followed by the Novice Calcutta.

Monday morning and daylight savings starts so the Ladies will be kicking off at 7.30am.

The Ladies draft sponsored by RM Property and Livestock, all ladies will be riding for a rug donated by Kerrie Murray Saddler and $500.00 and a service fee donated by Luke and Melissa Clarke to ‘Acres By The Sea’. Cut out winner to again receive horse drench and drench.

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Important dates to add to your calendar for the Merriwa Little Athletics 2015/16 Season:

**October 12** – SEASON STARTS training every Monday night during Terms 4 and 1 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm at No.2 oval

**October 25** – Aberdeen Gala Day (great fun day and tiny tots welcome)

**November 15** – East Maitland Junior Gala Day, Metford Recreation Reserve, Metford (good practise for Zones!)

**December 12-13** – Hunter Zone Championships, Metford Recreation Reserve, Metford (the big one – to qualify for Regionals)

**February 13-14** – Regional Championships, Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale (the really big one – to qualify for State)

**March 5-6** – State Multi Event Championships, Dubbo (no need to qualify, just come and have FUN, excellent experience)

**March 18-20** – STATE track and field championships, Sydney Olympic Park (the REALLY big one, for the BEST athletes in NSW!)

**March 21** – SEASON ENDS - last day of training in Merriwa

Merriwa Little Athletics is for children aged 3 to 16. Come and try it for FREE at our first night of training on the second week of Term 4, Monday October 12. All newcomers very welcome… and to all our athletes from last season can’t wait to see you down the track next term!

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

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**Megan Richards**

**Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club**

Annual General Meeting will be held at the Merriwa Sports Club on Sunday October 11 during our Presentation Day. All positions will be declared vacant and we ask you to consider taking on a position to help this great club of League and Netball. The Presentation will be followed by a free sausage sizzle for all. Come and see the trophies distributed to the best in backs, forwards, most improved, coaches award and best and fairest in the Under 12’s and Under 16’s as well as participation awards to all mini players. Our Netball girls will receive team awards too and who were the representative players in league and netball this year? Who will be The ‘Club Person of the Year’? Come and join us for a great day to acknowledge the wonderful year our netball and league members have had.

We thank our current sponsors who have been with us for three years. Your support has been appreciated and acknowledged by us all. THANK YOU.

Thank you to 2013 - 2015 Netball Sponsors - Merriwa Cakes and Pastry; Max’s Country Cuts; Wayne Smith Automotive; Merriwa Royal Hotel; Rockwell Livestock and Property; Greenarm.

The following people have supported our Junior League: Our Major Sponsor is the Merriwa Sports Club. Jersey Sponsors have been Kingslyn (two jersey sets); Rockwell Livestock and Property; Rosto Olives; Merriwa RSL; Welderup; AAMI; Shorts and jersey sleeve sponsors are Merriwa Newsagents; Boardman and Peasley; Williams Concrete; Morgan’s Maintenance.

See you all at the AGM/Presentation Day Sunday October 11.

**Elaine Sparrow**

**Merriwa Little Athletics Club**

**Ringer Deadline!**

Merriwa Ringer is now on leave for two weeks, articles are to be sent in by October 6 by 9.00am as it will be a short week due to the Public Holiday.

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**Tash Taaffe**
Community Calendar

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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 - Cancelled due to school holidays

OCTOBER

Saturday 3
• Merriwa Campdraft - rescheduled date

Sunday 4
• Merriwa Campdraft - rescheduled date

Monday 5
• Merriwa Campdraft - rescheduled date

Saturday 17
• Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am

Sunday 18
• Parish Picnic and Eucharist Finories “ Eagle Drift” - 11.00am

Friday 30
• Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

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 calender, wish to claim a date or interested in placing an advert in the Ringer?

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