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# The Sentinel

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# Farewell Helena E Thank you so much!



#### Official Rainfall 2021 / 2022

#### Clarence Town Rainfall Station 061010

January 85.0 mm February 114.2mm March 334.2mm April 104.6mm May 72.4mm

Tim Gorton

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At the end of June 2022, Helena Morris will retire from the Post Office/Shop to pursue other activities, including travelling with husband Alwyn. The elder of those curly-haired little girls, Dannielle, will then become our new Post Office Licensee and that will be a blessing for the town because Dannielle has the same work ethics as her Mum.

What a life of service to Clarence Town, Helena has provided over that time, some 36 years. During that time, Helena has seen a lot of changes in Clarence Town. She was a natural.

Nothing was ever a bother. She would do what-ever was necessary to help everyone. When she became the PM, there was no town mail delivery, so everyone had to come to the Post Office to collect their mail and buy all their postal requirements. There were deliveries out of town though - every day around Glen Martin and Glen William, and twice a week out at the Woerdens Road area.

In 1992 Helena moved from the old Post Office building to a little room in the little grocery store at 47 Grey Street. Oddly, she and Alwyn used to live in the premises there previously, for a time.

In 1993 Australia Post decided to provide an in-town delivery, so everyone rushed out to buy a letterbox. Helena was very concerned about this delivery because it meant that people would not be coming to the Post Office to collect their mail and so may purchase their stamps and other postal products when shopping out-of-town, as people mostly travelled to Maitland and Raymond Terrace to do their shopping. She need not have worried. Everyone still come to her Post Office to buy their postal needs, for which she continues to be very thankful to the town for their continued support. She loved it, and still does. That welcoming smile and willing heart endeared her to everyone. After a little while, Australia Post moved from being manual accounting, to computers, so another way of accounting had to be learned. Again, Helena was a natural, and mastered that process guite easily.

Another huge step for her was to purchase the premises in Prince Street (where the Post Shop is now). In 2004, she opened her new Post Shop, and she could indulge another passion - shopping! Because she had so much more room, she went on a spending spree and filled the shop with beautiful gifts, postal needs, toys, books and much much more.



It was in 2004 that she applied to open on Saturday mornings as well This coincided with the Newcastle Permanent coming to town and it was opened on a Saturday morning. Helena became the manager of the "Perm" as part of the Progress Association, which established the Rural Transaction Centre with a government grant, in 2004 and who purchased 2 shops alongside the Post Office. Helena was responsible for the running, not just of her own business, but the "Perm" as well, hiring staff and arranging for them to be trained in the 'banking business'. She held this position for some 9 years, until the 'Perm' pulled out!

In 2018 Helena was honoured with the Dungog Shire Citizen of the Year Award for her services to her community. A well-deserved award. Overall those 36 years, Helena has been one of our town's greatest assets. No-one will every really know all the little kindnesses she extended to people - the lengths she would go, to make sure mail is delivered (no matter how scant the name and address was, and there were some doozies). She has been passionate about her work and has been in no rush to let go. A more loyal friend you will not find.

We love you Helena and we wish you and Alwyn good health and many happy holidays - all so well-deserved.

There are many ways our community can continue to support the Post Office. One in particular, is paying our bills there and doing banking. It is so easy now to pay everything online, but each time we do that, we take business away from our Post Office as they receive a commission on transactions done over the counter. If your bill has a Post BillPay barcode, please consider paying it in person at the Post Office and not online. Actually, when you think about it, we can do most things, and get most things in Clarence Town (except fuel – and it is coming!) so please support local businesses wherever possible, it will help our town thrive!



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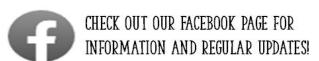
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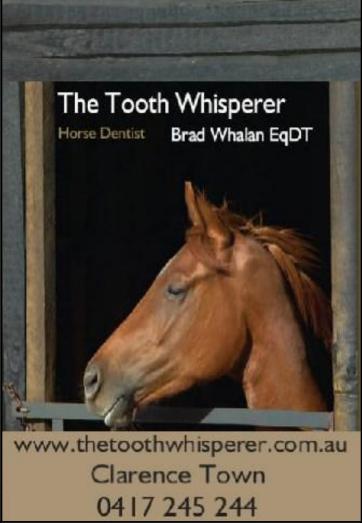
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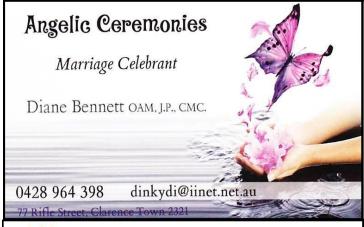
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#### **Around the Churches**

#### St. John's, Clarence Town.

My, how time flies. Time for another report. With the winter chills about especially that blow-through wind we were experiencing in late May and June, people have been visiting our Op Shop and buying our winter jackets, jumpers etc. to try and keep warm. Thank you. We really do have some lovely, warm winter clothes.

We are very fortunate to have air conditioners in our church and in our hall, so it is very pleasant when we come together for worship on a Sunday morning and for morning tea in the hall afterwards.

We had a visit from our Bishop Sonia Roulston, in June. It is always lovely to have her come and be with us all. We also had our first 'Pub Lunch' at the Erringhi Hotel in June. (no details at the time of writing). Our Parish has decided to introduce these lunches where we can all come together from all over the Parish and get to know each other better. The first 'Pub Lunch' was in Dungog in May and was very well attended. These lunches are to encourage anyone from the Parish, which includes Dungog, Bendolba and Clarence Town, to come together in fellowship and love as the body of Christ.

We were also privileged to offer morning tea in our hall for the ANZAC Committee and others who attended the Boer War Memorial Service on the last Sunday of May. Our Rev'd Kimbalee was Padre for that service. This is another opportunity for church and community to come together in fellowship, and my congratulations to Di Bennett for organizing yet another successful memorial service. She is so gifted and a blessing to Clarence Town.

We continue to pray for our community and sister churches in Clarence Town. If you have any particular prayer-points you would like us to pray for, please contact us on 4996 5528 and you can remain anonymous if you wish. We will happy and honoured to pray for you. Stay safe and keep warm.

Sue Flannery

# St David's Presbyterian Church Clarence Town.

Coming up in the life of CTPC, 'Anchored Youth' the Clarence Town
Presbyterian Church youth group will launch on Friday 22nd of July! Anchored Youth is designed to reach those in years 7 through to year 12 and will consist of games, food and learning all about Jesus. For enquiries regarding Anchored Youth, please contact our Youth Leader Nicole Cumming on 0468 826346.

From the pulpit we have recently completed a series on the Trinity, and over the month of June we will be exploring topical sermons on God's mercy for sinners, living in God's love and what happens when we die, followed by Philemon and returning to Galatians in July. On the social calendar, the CTPC fling to the Aberdeen Highland Games was held Saturday 2nd July after a 2 year hiatus. Great to be out sharing God's beautiful Creation with each other again!

Last Sunday we had an extra special celebration two brothers being Baptised. It was so good to be reminded of God's covenant promises to his people and the new covenant sign and seal that Baptism is. Many thanks to all who helped make the day special including the musicians and those helping out in the kitchen.

We continue to pray for our town, our leaders, country and world, both in private and when we meet together and, all the more as we see the great Day of our Lord Jesus approaching. May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

In Christ, Rev Allan D. Welch 0402 387 690

#### St. Patrick's, Clarence Town.

The Holy Spirit is working in mysterious ways this Pentecost in our little parish. As parishioners, we have been asked to put our faith to the test and accept change. Father Derek is moving on and has accepted the post of Parish Priest at Merriwa/Denman.

Speaking, not only on behalf of our congregation, but also on a personal level, we have been blessed to have had Father Derek as our parish priest for as long as we have. Each week, he inspires us to be better people and lead better lives. He is always there to comfort and guide us in good and hard times, and we wish him every blessing in his future. We won't forget him.

We also pray for his successor, that he settles in well and is happy in his new parish.

God Bless, Marilyn Amos

#### From the Parson's Pen

Are Australians a faithless lot? I don't think so. I notice the heartfelt reactions to the situation in Ukraine. The heartfelt reaction to mass shootings in the U.S.A., and other places in our world. The God-part of us cries out in pain, and deep feeling for those killed, maimed or mourning. These "heart reactions" indicate to me that we understand that things are not meant to be that way. That there is a greater good somewhere.

Some will say that those tragedies indicate that God is not there, that evil dominates. Perhaps an understandable comment?? But then I look at the hero-stories that abound in these situations, the God -inspired responses. For example, Anthony Borges used his body to hold a classroom door closed during a Florida school shooting protecting 20 other students inside as the gunman fired through the door.

The other side of the story often gives us an insight into faithful, caring and courageous actions. I can't help but think of the courage of Ukrainians in the face of powerful, murderous bullies. The scene of a priest celebrating Holy Communion in the ruins is a powerful image for me. A faithful people to be sure.

Love one another, said Jesus, as I have loved you. Hymns often lead us right back to the basic teaching of Jesus, and a hymn by Bob Dufford S.J. says it all

> Love one another as I have loved you. Care for each other, I have cared for you. Bear each other's burdens. Bind each other's wounds; And so you will know my return.

My friends, do you know what I have done for you? I have washed your feet with my hands. If I, your Lord, have knelt at your feet, You should do at each other's feet as I have done for you.

Love one another as I have loved you. Care for each other, I have cared for you. Bear each other's burdens. Bind each other's wounds; And so you will know my return. When the world will hate you and revile you When they laugh at your care for the poor, When they hold you in darkness and imprison your tongues, Remember how they listened to me. Love one another as I have loved you. Care for each other, I have cared for you. Bear each other's burdens. Bind each other's wounds; And so you will know my return.

Good deeds are energized by our faith.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) lived out her faith with hands that cared for the dying. Her good works were evidence of her faith. I hope and pray that our 'heartfelt reactions' will lead us to a closer walk with God and a living faith.

Peace, love and strength to you all.

Blessings,

Rev'd. Colvin Ford

#### Christ Church, Dungog.

Christ Church Dungog has had a busy month at the Op Shop during May as open on the Election weekend and then open on the Saturday afternoon that the Picnic Train came to Dungog for 2.5 hours. We had Judy playing the organ as well to entertain them. There were people from Sydney and Gosford on the Train. The town was busy with the 300 that came.

We held a successful Market Day on the 4th of June even after the rain on the Friday. We lost 10 Stallholders due to sickness, Covid etc but it still went well. Our Next two markets are July 2<sup>nd</sup> and August

We begin our Contemporary Service on Sunday 12 June at 5 pm in the hall and then on 26th June also. It will be held in the Hall at 51 Dowling Street, Dungog. This service will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 5 pm.

Mother's Union will be holding a fundraiser on Thursday 11th August at 2 pm in the hall at 51 Dowling St.

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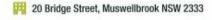
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#### **Around The District**

The Museum continues to be supported by the community via more BBQ's, and constant visitors. There was even a new



family to town who visited recently when the museum wasn't open as such but the windy weather had necessitated a clean-up and the Museum looked open. Indeed it was: the front door had blown open for almost 24 hours, but nothing was missing. We are an honest lot here in Claro!

Mr Ford's book about the history of Clarence Town and environs continues to be a best-seller. The amount of information it contains is extraordinary, particularly when we consider his research pre-dated electronic means and the Australian invention of the internet, or at least wifi. That new family to town bought a copy. Many of the items you can see in the Museum are from the late Mr Ford, and his family. He was a great supporter by word, by deed, by donation.

The late Ian Lyall, also a Past President of the Association, was working on an update, so to speak, but died before its completion. His knowledge was extensive and, in terms of my own connection to Clarence Town, established why there remains no burial sites for my ancestors at the cemetery. Only local knowledge could solve that puzzle.

Sadly, the President has resigned. There will be elections in a few months, of course, as the financial year draws to a close and all memberships lapse, if not renewed within two months. Our Treasurer continues to persuade corporate sponsors to support the Museum. How does she do it? I wonder if she once worked for the Tax Department!

Chris O'Neill (Secretary) on behalf of The Museum committee

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#### **Council Report**

#### Why Portholes?

There are many reasons why Dungog Council is unable to maintain its roads network to the satisfaction of the community, but incompetence is not one of them. Many of our sealed roads have exceeded their useful life of approx. 30 years and require excessive and uneconomic levels of maintenance.

Accordingly, has a Roads Maintenance Strategy to optimize the expenditure of available funding. Extract: "Dungog Shire Council owns and maintains in excess of 700 km of public roads... Clearly it is not possible for Council to maintain all of this road network".

At the May ordinary meeting, in response to the ongoing wet conditions Council allocated \$250,000 from the timber bridge maintenance budget (2021-22) to help address the growing list of road repairs and safety concerns until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. While this was absolutely necessary, filling portholes is an expensive operation. This funding could have resealed a 5km length of road to prevent potholes forming. The Dungog Shire 2022-23 Budget includes \$737,000 for resealing almost 14 KM of bitumen roads. The breakdown is 5KM Regional, 7KM local rural and 2KM of urban roads, which is less than 50% of what is required.

We have 458 KM total length of sealed roads comprising 123 KM Regional, local rural 293 KM and urban 42KM which should all be resealed at least twice during their useful life. Sadly, much of the network has deteriorated beyond the point where resealing is feasible.

At a cost of about \$1,500,000 per KM Council cannot afford to rehabilitate the sealed network in a timely manner so potholes are inevitable. The Commonwealth and State governments have provided millions in special grants and we are most grateful, but when all these newly built roads need to be resealed after 10 or 12 years, the money will not be there and so they will deteriorate faster than they should. Special grants cannot be obtained for maintenance.

#### Banfield Bridge.

Tenders have been called for the replacement of this bridge with works scheduled to begin later this year. The new structure will be a bit higher but it will still flood at times.

It is one of 23 timber bridges in Dungog Shire being replaced with a grant of \$16.4 million under the NSW Government's Fixing Country Bridges program. The cost of each bridge had to be quoted separately and if a final cost is less, we return the excess and if it's more Council has to pay. It is unreasonable that we cannot transfer excess funds between projects.

There is so much work around for contractors in NSW that prices are increasing. This also applies to roadworks and is compounded by materials shortages of gravel, lime and concrete pipes.

#### Roadworks.

Council has commenced Initial preparations for rehabilitation of Queen Street between Grey Street & Rifle Street, and Duke Street between Rifle Street & Durham Street. Total cost \$1,141,050.

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#### More Around The District

#### From the Lion's Den.



At the markets in May there were over 25 stalls even though the ground was still very wet and there was a threat of rain. We had many people come along and buy some wonderful home-made items, books and second-hand treasures and we had 4 plant stalls that did a roaring trade. If you have not been to the markets in a while, come and have a look. They are on the last Saturday of the Month in the Bowling Club Carpark. The more customers we get the more stalls that will come so please come and support the stall holders and keep the markets alive. You may be surprised what you will find.

The Lions Club recently donated a Defibrillator to the Senior Citizens group so there is now another Defibrillator in town if needed. On the day of installation Sonja Medcalf was on hand to explain the way the equipment worked and everyone at the Senior Citizens was very pleased with the donation. For everyone who supports the Lions Club this is an example of where the money raised by us is spent to support the local community.

The Lions Team recently assisted with the Biggest Morning Tea and also donated \$500.00 to the wonderful cause. This is an amazing community event, and we are hoping to have our annual Pink Ribbon Morning Tea in October that we have been unable to hold for the last couple of years. Once we have more details we will advertise around town and on Facebook. It would be wonderful if the town could support this event to raise money for Breast Cancer research.

Our Next raffle will be for Father's Day so watch out for our team outside the IGA selling tickets and stop by for a chat.

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There are a surprising number of roles available. First, consider the kind of volunteer work you would like to do, and the time you can spare. You need to be a team player. It's also a good idea to discuss your intention to volunteer with your family, and employer – their support can be crucial.

Not everyone wants to go to a fire so some of your options would be Communications Brigade (manning the Radios) – Support Brigade, Catering Brigade – just ask, there will be something for you.

#### Step 2

#### CONTACT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

The next step is to contact your local rural fire brigade. The members of the brigade are all volunteers and can help you decide whether volunteering is right for you. If you're not sure where the brigade is located, ask your nearest Fire Control Centre or email volunteer@rfs.nsw.gov.au.

For anyone in the Dungog Shire your **Control Centre** can be contacted on **4015 0000**. Anyone in the Clarence Town area can contact the **CT Brigade 4996 4454** 

#### STEP 3

#### THE APPLICATION

Complete the Volunteer Membership Application Form. If you are over 16 you will also be asked to complete a National Police Checking Service Consent Form and provide identification. The Brigade will point you in the right direction.

#### STEP 4

#### THE INTERVIEW

You will be invited to attend an interview with the brigade you are seeking to join. The interview will cover the types of things you can expect as a volunteer, what your role in the brigade will involve and what the NSW RFS expects from its members.

#### STEP 5

#### PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP

If both you and the brigade wish to proceed, your application will be sent to the District Manager for endorsement. At that point you become a "probationary member pending clearance"

#### STEP 6

#### CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK

It is important for the NSW RFS to make an assessment about each applicant's suitability for membership because our volunteers hold a position of trust within the community, so a criminal history check will be conducted after your application form is endorsed. Your privacy will be protected in this process.

#### STEP 7

#### COMMENCE INDUCTION

While you wait for clearance, you can commence some activities with the brigade under supervision. During this time there are some restrictions on the types of activities you can participate in.

#### STEP 8

#### OUTCOME OF APPLICATION

If your application for membership is successful, you will receive a letter containing your membership number. You can now participate in more activities as a volunteer member of your brigade.

#### STFP 9

#### TRAINING FOR YOUR ROLE

The NSW RFS provides training opportunities to all members free of charge, giving you the knowledge and skills to work safely in your chosen role. Once trained, you will be provided with the appropriate clothing and equipment for your role.

#### STEP 10

#### ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

You will remain a probationary member for a minimum of six months, and at the end of the probationary period your brigade will vote on whether to accept you as an ordinary member.

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*Brad Elloy 0417 651 577* 

# Clarence Town Tennis Club

On Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of May the tennis club held its AGM where all committee members were returned to the same positions.

Last Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> of June) our night competition finished up with team Dewey (Peter Horn, Andy de la Cerda, Leanne Welch and Kathryn Flannery) taken out the final.

We have enjoyed some better weather and fun tennis activities with the kids for our Saturday morning Hot Shots. It's always fun to see the kids on the court enjoying each others company and playing some tennis.

We will be breaking now for the School holidays with Hot Shots returning on Saturday the  $16^{\rm th}$  of July.

Names are now being taken for the Winter Night Competition starting on the week of the  $18^{\rm th}$  of July.



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#### **Clarence Town School of Arts News**

It was wonderful to see the Hall set up for the "Biggest Morning Tea " a few weeks ago! It certainly has been a long time between events. Attendance numbers were down due to covid, but those present had lots of fun, and almost \$4,000 was raised!



Thanks to all of the hard workers who co-ordinated this event, and everyone who donated goods, cooked yummy food, and, of course, spent lots of \$\$\$\$ on the day!
Thanks to Scott for a great job as MC and Auctioneer!

It seems that the Hall has become a wet weather alternative venue over the last few months. A Christening and several kids birthday parties have been celebrated. What a great place, with the playground just next door!

Nourish playgroup is also back again. Every 2nd Monday. Details available on Dungog Shire website.

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# 1st CLARENCE TOWN SCOUTS

We continue to meet every Tuesday evening during the school terms starting at 6pm. At the moment our Joeys, Cubs and Scouts all meet the same night.

Lots of fun activities for our youth members. This is our last week (28th June) for this term and we hope everyone has a great school holidays. We will start back for term three on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of July.

Our group needs some energetic, caring and fun adult leaders to help with our scouts program. If you are interested in being part of a great group, please get in touch with us. All training is provided and you just need a police check and WWCC.

New Members Welcome! **Brad Elloy** 

We meet on Tuesday nights between 6.00pm and 7:30pm during school terms.

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Joeys - 5 - 8 years old Cubs - 8 - 10 years old Scouts - 11-15 years old

#### **News from Glen William Public School**

Term 2 is normally considered the wet term. Unfortunately this year the rain has not let up and cancellations and postponements are inevitable. Our staff are managing our physical education and sport programs to cater for the elements as best we can.

This term our school reports will be finalised and sent home on Thursday 30th June. Conferences will be scheduled for early Term 3.

GRIP Leadership Day: Our Stage 3 students participated in a leadership day at Civic in Newcastle. This day teaches our students lots of skills in relation to leadership roles, integrity, ideas and teamwork.

All values that align to life skills as we mature. It was a very insightful and motivating day, where students learned lots of new ideas and strategies to

implement at Glen William PS as our school leaders. A great day was had by all.

Tocal Excursion: Our school visited Tocal Homestead .The students experienced life in the olden days, and learnt more about food production and what has and hasn't changed across time. Highlights of our day include the hunt for food, making a meal and visiting the dairy. Thank you Miss Parr for your organisation of this wonderful day.

STEM: Glen William students participated in science activities with students from Mt Kanwary. The day focused on refraction, creating tornados in a glass bottle and maze creation. Also they participate in a Colour Run. A great day was had by all, including parents. A big thank to our P&C for catering our delicious lunch, well done!!

Our students are enjoying breakfast club on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Our thanks go to FoodBank for their support of this initiative, and to our school leaders for their assistance in the delivery of this program. Studies have shown that students who have breakfast before school begins are better equipped to learn in the classroom. The new canteen is being well used for this purpose as well as providing an attractive and functional space for our canteen volunteers to provide lunches on Fridays.

The students are enjoying their dance classes on Friday afternoon with Miss Libby immensely. All are participating with enthusiasm, and are improving each week as they become more familiar with the dance steps. We look forward to presenting this dance item during Education Week in Term 3. Watch this space.

We are still taking Enrolments for 2022 & 2023. Please contact the school office for an information pack, visit the school website to complete online enrolment.

Glen William Public School 4996 5507 E-Mail glenwillia-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



# Clarence Town Public School



#### From the Principal's Desk

With only two weeks remaining for the term, our calendar is looking very busy. Our soccer team has had an eventful start to their week. We are looking forward to hearing the results from the day. Today the final camp information will be sent home with our Stage 3 students. This will have departure times and a packing list for families to make arrangements across the holidays.

Last week we had some students participate in PSSA events. Matilda represented Clarence Town and the Port Stephens zone at the regional cross-country carnival on Friday. She did very well, placing 26th in the 8/9-year age group, and is looking forward to bettering her result next year.

Darcy represented our school at the Hunter Soccer trials. Darcy made it through to possible and probable's and played really well all day, but unfortunately didn't get selected for the final team. There were over 100 kids there and he got down to the last 20. A wonderful achievement. Congratulations Matilda and Darcy.

Our Athletics Carnival organisation is well underway, thank you to our P&C for your assistance with canteen on the day. We hope that the weather holds off and our day will run without any interruptions. All families are invited to attend and share in our day.

Stage 2 Reptile Park excursion is this Thursday. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to assist with this day. I am sure our Year 3 and 4 students are excited and are all looking forward to the day. Please ensure students arrive at school in time to ensure a swift departure for all.

Congratulations to our students who received awards at our school assembly last week. It is wonderful to see our students achieving both inside and outside the classroom.

At our last P&C meeting, it was discussed to only send a formal newsletter home fortnightly. This will start in Week 2 of Term 3. On the odd weeks a one-page notification of events and or updates will be sent home.



Have a wonderful week Mrs Kristy Bultitude Relieving Principal

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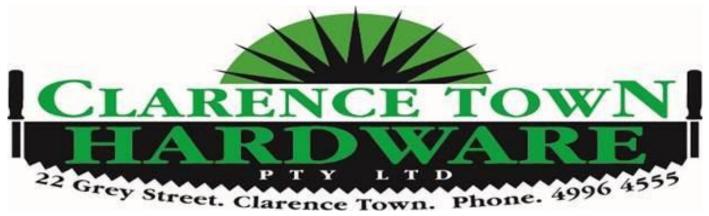
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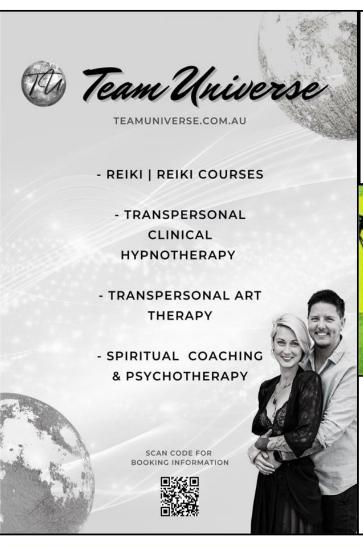


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