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Originally known as 'The Spotlight,' it was established in 2000 by the Anglican Church under the leadership of Sue Flannery. More recently, The Sentinel has been steered and crafted by Dannii Jeffery and now Samantha Zuber – both from the Post Office, who generously volunteer their time.

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JANUARY 2024

Mon 1st **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Wed 24th 8.30am-12pm : *Clarence Town Op Shop & Treasure Centre* reopens for 2024 (Opens thereafter every Wed 8.30am-12pm).

Fri 26 **AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Sat 27 8am-12pm : *Lions Club Markets* at the Clarence Town Bowling Sport and Recreation Club

FEBRUARY

Thurs 1st **BACK TO SCHOOL! First day of Term 1 for Public Schools**

Sat 3rd *Hot Shots Kids Tennis* resumes at Clarence Town Tennis Club for 2024

Tue 6th *Clarence Town Scouts (Joeys/Cubs/Scouts and Venturers)* returns for 2024

Wed 7th Clarence Town Presbyterian Church *Mainly Music Program* Back in Session for 2024

Sat 10th 10am : Clarence Town Courthouse Museum reopens for 2024

Sat 24th 8am-12pm : *Lions Club Markets* at the Clarence Town Bowling Sport and Recreation Club



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Clarence Town Courthouse Museum

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Situated on the corner of Grey and Prince Streets, the Courthouse Museum reflects a rich history dating back to the establishment of Clarence Town (originally titled 'Erringhi') in 1826 as a timber cutting hub on the Williams River.

The Town Courthouse erected in 1869 served its legal purpose until approx 1970. After years of dormancy, a bi-centenary initiative in 1986 restored the courthouse.

Now a heritage-listed property, the museum, managed by a passionate not-for-profit historical society, preserves the town's legacy. Donations for its upkeep are welcomed, emphasizing the community's dedication to maintaining and sharing the fascinating history of Clarence Town and its surroundings. A visit to support this heritage hub is an invitation to appreciate and cherish local history.

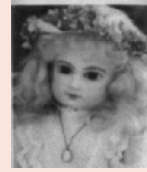
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Clarence Town First Responders (CFR)

Become a Hero: Join Clarence Town First Responders

The CFR team has maintained an active availability to help the community over the holiday period, and continues to do so.

Have you ever considered becoming a crucial part of this life-saving team? The CFR team is actively seeking individuals who are passionate about helping others to join us. This is a unique opportunity to contribute directly to the welfare of your community, making a meaningful difference in times of need.

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Clarence Town Lions Club Report

From the Lion's Den



The Clarence Town Markets continues to be a success thanks to the efforts of our hard-working Lions Club members, stall holders, and our wonderful community.

Once again, thank you for supporting our Zero Tolerance approach and abiding by our Code of Conduct policy to ensure our community spaces remain safe and inclusive for all. We are excited for the coming year, with our next Markets on Saturday 27th January (Australia Day Weekend) 2024.

Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings

Thank you so much for supporting our community through the purchase of our delicious Christmas cakes and puddings!

Lions Christmas Raffle

At the time of writing this, the Raffle is yet to be drawn! We look forward to finding out who the winners will be and including them in our next article. Thank you again to the community for all your support.

New Members

We would love to encourage anyone in the community who might be interested in becoming a Lions Club member to join our wonderful group in 2024. We are starting to plan for a variety of community fundraising events. It's amazing what a difference even one person makes, and the reward in helping others is life-long.

Bill Pitkin

Lions Club President

0448 428 087

Clarence Town Op Shop and Treasure Centre

Welcoming 2024 with Open Doors, Community Giving, and Volunteer Opportunities!

Welcome to 2024 everyone. We will be 'back in business on Wednesday, 24th January from 8.30am to noon.

We shared a lovely end-of-year lunch together on our last 2023 day and are currently enjoying a much-needed rest.

We have quite a few Clarence Town School clothes and we are still collecting for various charities – used stamps for Missions – 8 ply wool – white T-shirts – ring pulls – plastic lids. Volunteers are always welcome. If you feel you can give some of your time, please call in and see me in the New Year.

Gillian Finch

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Before travelling you should check:

- Fire Danger Ratings and Alerts at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or on the Fires Near Me Smartphone app. Weather conditions at www.bom.gov.au
- Caravan has a smoke alarm, fire extinguisher and fire blanket.
- Electrical and gas equipment is secure, fitted, in good working order, and turned off while travelling.
- How you can call for help.
- Survival kit includes a working battery operated radio, protective clothing, woollen blankets and water.
- Let someone know your plans and contact them if the plan changes so they know where you are.
- Secure and prepare your home. Don't put on FB that

you're going away. Tell neighbours you trust. Don't forget plans for your pets and stock.

Don't travel through remote areas on Total Fire Ban days. If the conditions aren't good, DON'T GO!

Setting up your camp fire or BBQ:

Verify if it's a total fire ban day. Keep fires and BBQ's 3 metres away from flammable materials, in a cleared area with wind blowing flames away from tents. Ensure a responsible adult is present, have a water supply and extinguish fires, candles and lanterns before bedtime.

A fire can be terrifying, with strong winds, intense heat, flames, and thick smoke. If you're caught in a fire: Call Triple Zero (000):

Park away from trees, facing the fire. Switch off the engine, turn on headlights and hazards. Close windows and vents. Stay low, cover with a woollen blanket and use a damp cloth over your mouth. Wait until the fire passes, then exit the hot car, move to a safe, burnt area without trees and hydrate.

Merry Christmas from all at the RFS. Stay safe.

Di Bennett OAM, J.P., CMC. Lower Hunter District Community Engagement Team.
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1st Clarence Town Scouts

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Clarence Town Scouts (Joeys/Cubs/Scouts and Venturers) will return on the first Tuesday of the first school term in 2024.

Our Scouts attended Corroboree in January in Stroud. We are looking forward to another fun year ahead for our youth members and Leaders. We are always keen to chat with any adults who would like to help our group as an adult helper or Leader.

Please contact Robyn (0400 033 873) or Mark (0408 425 092) for any further information about our scout group.

Clarence Town Tennis Club

Game On! Enjoy Social Tennis and Kids' Hot Shots in 2024

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year break.

With the warm weather and holidays it is a great opportunity to grab a racquet and hit the court for some tennis with your friends and family.

Social tennis court hire is available on all days. As school returns, we will be running our social night competition. Anyone interested in having a fun couple of hours of weekly social tennis, let me know. Hot Shots for our kids will start up again on the first Saturday after school returns in 2024.

**Brad (0417 651 577)
Gai (0419 600 219)**



Clarence Town Bowling, Sport & Recreation Club

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- Tuesday- Euchre 6:30pm
- Thursday- Bingo 11:30am
- Friday - Meat Raffles & Members Draw (tickets on sale at 6pm and drawn at 7pm)
- Saturday - Meat Raffles (tickets on sale at 2pm)
- Last Sunday of every month- Meat Raffles & Members Draw (tickets on sale at 5pm and drawn at 6pm)



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Safeguarding Your Home Against Snakes

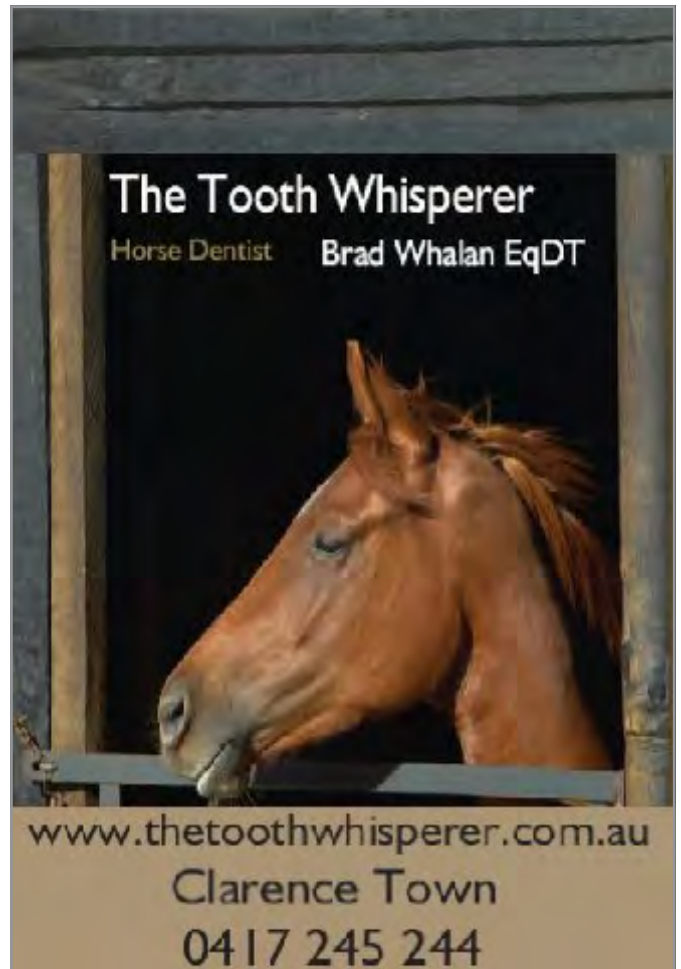
As warmer weather arrives, the increased presence of snakes inside homes or garages becomes a concern. To minimize this risk, consider the following precautions:

Snakes tend to travel along structures like walls and fences, exploring open doors or gaps, so keep doors and windows closed. Install fly screens or gauze doors. Identify and seal any potential entry points by applying weather strips to doors, including those connecting to the garage. Address rodent presence, as snakes may follow their scent trails.

Equip your home with a snakebite first aid kit and learn essential first aid measures.

If a snake is found indoors, ensure safety by relocating pets and people, confining it to a room, and calling a professional snake catcher. Remember, under the Wildlife Act 1975, it is illegal to harm or kill snakes.

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Dungog Council Report

Swift Approval for Clarence Town Bridge Amid Rising Costs

As most people would be aware, when the design phase was completed last December, the estimated construction cost had risen by \$4.86 million. Council approached the Commonwealth, but even their original \$8.8 million was included in their review of infrastructure spending.

Council investigated numerous options to contain project costs such as removing a traffic lane or the walkway and substituting other materials such as steel for concrete members etc. The results demonstrated that the best long term option was to continue with the final design.

A few months ago, Senator Deborah O'Neill inspected the site and considered it to be the most worthy project in NSW that was under consideration in the review. Her visit was most helpful as the Commonwealth increased the original commitment by \$781,000 with the expectation that the NSW Government will increase its commitment of \$5.5 million to match the \$9,581,000 from the Commonwealth. Council is awaiting a response from the NSW Government.

We urgently need a favourable decision because further delay will increase costs, and Transport for NSW cannot postpone restoration of the Brig O Johnson indefinitely. They have been most cooperative throughout by delaying those works pending completion of the new bridge.

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Dungog Council's Digital Shift for Development Applications

The processes of submitting a DA have changed dramatically since the state government introduced the NSW Planning Portal which is mandatory for councils to use.

The aim is to improve application determination times, increase transparency of the planning system and ensure greater accountability of all stakeholders. Last financial year 253 DA's worth a total of \$56 million were approved in Dungog Shire.

The whole process has gone online and hard copy applications are no longer accepted.

DA's can be submitted using Council's website, which has direct links to the planning portal. Alternatively you can go direct to: pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au to lodge a DA. There is a kiosk area in council's administration building for town planning staff to assist with using the planning portal, and this free service has been well received.

The portal features a complete range of digital planning information and services, along with mapping and reporting tools. The "Application Tracker" allows you to search and track the real-time status of DA's from lodgement to determination. Under "have your say" you can search for DA's on public exhibition in Dungog Shire. Persons wishing to make a submission concerning a DA must log in and use the planning portal. Council will still write to neighbours when a DA is submitted next door.

Despite the stated intention of reducing determination times for DA's, there is an inherent delay of about 7 days in making the payment before processing begins. And the portal has been troublesome and time consuming for staff compared with the previous system. Council's website is being updated to better align with the new arrangements and explain the operation of the planning portal.

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From the Parson's Pen

Well friends... as we take a moment to reflect on the joy and warmth that filled our hearts during the Christmas season, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for each and every one of you who were able to attend church at this time. The spirit of love and community that surrounded us was a testament to the strength of our parish family, and we want to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who joined us in celebrating the birth of our Saviour.

Your presence brought an extra layer of warmth to our festive gatherings, and we are truly blessed to have such a caring and dedicated community. Christmas is a time of togetherness, and it was heartening to witness the unity and love that radiated throughout the Anglican Parish of Dungog during this special season.

As we embrace the new year, join us on a spiritual journey in our "Summer Psalms" series, exploring the timeless teachings of the Psalms. These verses, a source of comfort and guidance for generations, resonate with the human experience's beauty and complexity. Through this series, we aim to delve into the profound wisdom of these sacred texts, drawing strength from messages that have sustained believers for centuries. "The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). Together, let's explore the Psalms for solace, inspiration, and a deeper connection with the divine amid life's ebb and flow.

As we gather to explore the Psalms together, be reminded of the power of community and the unyielding love of Jesus, guiding us in our faith journey through the challenges and joys of the coming year.

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A New Year with new beginnings. It reminds me that God gives us the opportunity to begin again, each new morning. To be able to put away the old and look forward to the new, knowing that we are forgiven, loved, encouraged and so richly blest each day.

Hopefully we have all had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends over Christmas. To enjoy the company of those whom we love; to give thanks that they are a part of our lives; to be able to cherish time together in love and fellowship is so important.

Our Church Communion Services here at St. John's are at 10am each Sunday with morning tea in our hall following the service. It is a time of fellowship and being able to catch up with everyone and being able to share our joys and sorrows knowing that we are upheld in prayer by those who attend.

If anyone in the community is in need of prayer, please contact Rev. Kimbalee on 0491 007 193. It would be an honour to pray for you. Our church hall is available to hire – please contact Barrie Edwards on 4996 4174 and he will help you with that.

A happy, healthy and peaceful New Year to all and if you don't know God yet, I pray that you will find Him this year. He is waiting for you to do that. Blessings.

Sue Flannery

Christ Church, Dungog

Dowling Street, Dungog

Service Times: Every Sunday 8.30am

Things will continue and then start up as the New Year comes.

The Op Shop will be open each Friday during January except that the last week as it is Australia Day so we shall open on Thursday 25th January. There are no markets in January so we will restart the Markets on Saturday 3rd February. March Markets will be held on Saturday 2nd with the Op Shop open then also.

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Service Times: Every Sunday 8am

What a beautiful time of year as we commemorate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We hope that all in the Clarence Town and surrounding area had a blessed Christmas, and that the joys of the Holy Season filled your hearts.

We ask that God, in his mercy, may grant peace in our world, both here and overseas. We hope that this New Year will bring everyone good health, happiness and love.

From everyone at St. Patrick's, this is our wish for you.

Our service times continue at 8am each Sunday and you will be made most welcome. Sending love and blessings to all in our beautiful area.

**God Bless,
Marilyn Amos**

Clarence Town Presbyterian Church

29 Marshall Street, Clarence Town
Pastor: Rev Allan D. Welch

Service Times: 10am Every Sunday

The Christmas do we had at CTPC on Saturday the 18th of November was so much fun.

Best guess is there was well over 250 people through the gate who enjoyed the live reptile encounter, camel rides, jumping castle and heard about how the real meaning of Christmas is all about Jesus the Saviour.

The old school games (egg and spoon race, three-legged race, sack race and tug-o-war) were a big hit, as was the Pretty Amazing Jono, Devonshire teas, the Mainly Music kids and community singing carols along with music provided by Maitland City Brass Band. It was such a huge effort, practically everyone from the congregation played a part which was just fantastic to see, not to mention the generosity of local businesses in promoting the event and discounting goods etc.

We love our town, and can't wait to see how God will use CTPC to be a further blessing to Clarence Town in the future.

Mainly Music had a great year in 2023, with the end of year MM Christmas party extra special – lots of shepherds and angels running around! Mainly Music will start back on 7th February 2024 running each Wednesday. If you would like to register for 2024 please contact our Mainly Music Co Ordinator Mrs Lesia Bignill on 0419 205 755.

In the New Year, from the pulpit we will be having four guest preachers through January before continuing in our series in Genesis focussing on Joseph - a man after God's own heart.

After Joseph, we hope to explore more from John's Gospel, followed by a series on Philippians where among other things, we are reminded by Paul how much joy there is from being in union with Christ!

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.

"And what does the LORD require of you? To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

In Christ, Rev Allan D. Welch 0402 387 690



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Rural Real Estate Renaissance to continue in 2024...

As 2023 concludes, Clarence Town and its surroundings showcase robustness in the real estate sector, supported by tangible statistics.

RP Data reports a significant 15% surge in property transactions, underscoring heightened demand, while CoreLogic data reveals a consistent 10% average growth in residential property prices. This positions Clarence Town as a top choice for potential homeowners and investors eyeing substantial returns. The town also experienced unprecedented sale prices, with select properties appreciating by an astounding 20%. Looking ahead to 2024, industry experts anticipate the real estate market to sustain its upward trajectory, projecting continued growth in property values and sustained demand.

This optimistic forecast bodes well for residents, marking a promising trend in the ongoing rural real estate renaissance.

Data sources: RP Data, CoreLogic. Forecasts for 2024 are based on insights from real estate analysts and market researchers.

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Clarence Town Primary Public School

Triumphs of 2023 and Anticipation of 2024...

We trust everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year and were able to spend time with family and friends making new memories, reliving old memories and relaxing.

The end of 2023 was about Celebrating Success at Clarence Town Public School and recognising the amazing achievements of our students across the year.

Our 2023 Presentation Day Ceremony saw students from each class recognised for their hard work, application, and determination. There was an Acknowledgement of Country from KC, a Choir Performance and speech from the winner of our Stage 3 Public Speaking Competition, *Ella Humphries*. There were also addresses from our P&C President, Mrs Sarah Beynon, current School Captains, *Molly Booth* and *Taj Metham*, and of course a Principals Address.

This was a major celebration of our year, supported by community members Mr David Layzell (Member for Lyne), Mr Steven Harper (Dungog High School Principal), Mrs Lisa Ziliotto (Clarence Town IGA), Mr Neil Tickle (Dungog RSL), Mrs Anne Boyton (CTPS Community Champion), Mr Bill Pitkin (Clarence Town Lions Club); Ms Allison Caldwell (Clarence Town CWA) and Sue Pomeroy (representing Clarence Town Bowling Club). We congratulate all students who received awards at this event and throughout 2023.

Our Lions Club Dux Award for 2023 was tied between *Marshall Beeton* and *Ella Humphries*, similarly our Lindsay Stibbard Citizenship Award was shared between *Amalia Ziliotto* and *James Ryan*, while *Clementine Egan* received the K-2 Citizenship Award. *Dre Miller* received the P&C Sportsmanship Award and *Shea Egan* was presented with the

Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal. The Principals Award for Effort & Achievement acknowledges a K-2 student who applied themselves to all aspects of school life throughout the year. This year the award went to *Arlo Beynon* and the Principals award for Most Improved is presented to a student from Years 3-6 who made the most significant progress this year. This year that student was *Sophie Heard*.

We also farewelled our Year 6 students and wish them all the best for their High School Careers and future endeavours. In addition to the Presentation Day Ceremony, the final assembly for 2023 featured a captivating Christmas Play by classes 1/2K and 1/2E, demonstrating their impressive acting, singing, and stage presence. The assembly also included the annual Kindergarten Graduation and the Year 6 Memories of School assembly.

The growth our students made in 2023 in academic, social and cultural aspects has been phenomenal and we're well on the way to meeting our growth targets for our 2021-2025 School Plan. Congratulations to students, staff and our community for making this possible.

As we head into the new school year, our anticipated numbers for 2024 show excellent growth with 145 students. Of these students 31 are new Kindergarten students, who completed an extensive Transition to School Program and are very excited about coming to 'big' school! We are proud to announce that the 2024 student body will be led by *School Captains Shea Egan* and *Jordynn Martin*, who will be supported by our *Student Leaders James Hile* and *Laura Bagnall*. We are also looking forward to celebrating our 175th Anniversary and know, as always, our community will support us. We are looking forward to a great year of Learning, Safety and Respect, underpinned by our motto 'Kindness, Honesty and Effort'.

The 2024 school year begins on Thur 1st Feb, for students in Years 1 to 6 and on Fri 2nd Feb, for Kindergarten students. The school will be open from Tues 30th Jan, for Staff Development and any enquiries.

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Glen William Primary Public School

Congratulations On Another Unbelievable Year

We congratulate our students on a fantastic year of learning, thank our staff for an excellent year of teaching, and thank our parents and community for supporting our small school in 2023.

Our Presentation Day Assembly saw a special congratulations to our perpetual award winners:

- Junior Library Award - Eliza**
- Senior Library Award - Ava H**
- Sports Award - Jed**
- Premier Sporting Challenge Medal - Carla**
- Junior Encouragement Award - Theodore**
- Senior Encouragement Award - Benjiman**
- Junior Citizenship Award - Alice**
- Senior Citizenship Award - Cuda**
- Junior Academic Effort Award - Vincent**
- Senior Academic Effort Award - Ava JC**
- Junior High Achievement Award - Dusty**
- Senior High Achievement Award - Isabella**

We thank our outgoing Year 6 leadership group on an incredible year of leading our school, as they now hand over the baton to next year's school leaders. With great excitement and pride, we congratulate 2024's leaders. We know you will do a fantastic job leading our school!

- School Captain - Rylan**
- Vice Captain - Carla**
- School Leader - Holly**

Congratulations to our students for displaying the school values of respect, cooperation and excellence throughout Term 4.



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Students celebrated their achievements by participating in a massive game of hide and seek with 1 minute to hide throughout the school. Each teacher showed their competitiveness, taking turns to seek students in their clever hiding spots. It's safe to say Miss Parr is the 'Reigning Hide and Seek Finder', despite a few sneaky students avoiding her capture. What a fantastic afternoon of laughs, smiles and camouflage.

Students had the opportunity to participate in Art Club once a week at lunch time during Term 4, creating 'Peter Cromer' inspired collage, and Christmas ornaments from clay.

Thank you to Justin Ridgeway, our students, our staff, our families and our community for joining us as we officially opened our Yarning Circle. We basked in a special smoking ceremony using leaves from our country, before yarning with mates. What a special place. We also thank Nan Marg and Gav for helping to paint the path to our Yarning Circle. We can't wait to see the finished product!

Our Orientation for the incoming Kindergarten children was a great success. They enjoyed sharing Christmas stories, making reindeer craft, and painting a brick to add to our yarning circle. We can't wait to see you in uniform on Day 1 next year!

Staff and students from Glen William Public School wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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