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Clarence Town Public School turns 175!

Last year NSW celebrated 175 years of public education, making CTPS, founded in 1849, one of a handful of schools celebrating this special milestone!

To celebrate, the School and P&C will be opening its doors for a variety of activities to mark this momentous occasion, including a Historical Performance by students in early July and a Special School Open Day during Education Week in early August.

A Special Presentation Assembly and further celebrations will also take

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place during the day on Friday, 13th of September. Save the date as the evening will be topped off with a 'Back to School' Trivia Night at the Clarence Town Sport and Recreation Club with invitations extending to CTPS alumni and the whole community!

The P&C will be raising vital funds in support of our small community and we would love to have your support to see the growing school and students prosper. Any local businesses or families interested in supporting CTPS, please contact us for a copy of our Sponsorship Prospectus or to donate a raffle prize towards our online 'Mega Raffle'. Please follow the CTPS P&C Facebook page for future updates.

Sarah Beynon - President clarencetownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au



CLOSING DATE FOR NEWS & ADS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE IS 10TH JUNE

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Community Events Calendar

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MAY Sat 11 Lion's Club Mother's Day Raffle. Tickets on sale outside the IGA. MOTHERS DAY Sun 12 Sat 18 7pm: Prawn and Chicken Night at Wallarobba Hall. Check Facebook for details or book here: www.trybooking.com/CFLJL Mon 20 4-6pm: Meet your Mayor 'John Connors' at Clarence Town School of Arts Hall Thurs 23 9am: The Biggest Morning Tea to support cancer research. Hosted by the Lions Club. Sat 25 8am-12pm: Clarence Town Markets, Clarence Town Bowling Sport and Recreation Club Sat 25/ The Knitters Picnic Dungog. For more info: Sun 26 www.theknitterspicnic.com.au Sun 26 10.55am: Boer War Memorial at the Cenotaph. All Welcome! JUNE PUBLIC HOLIDAY, KINGS BIRTHDAY Mon 10 Sat 29 June Trivia Night at Wallarobba Hall. Check Facebook for details. 8am-12pm: Clarence Town Markets, Clarence Town Bowling Sport and Recreation Club SAVE THE DATE! – UPCOMING 13 July Teddy Bears Picnic, hosted by the Progress Association Events Committee. 26 July 4-6pm: Meet your Mayor 'John Connors' at Clarence Town School of Arts Hall Spring Clean Markets at Wallarobba Hall. 7 Sept

13 Sept 'Back to School' Trivia Night by CT Public School



Clarence Town & District Historical Museum Assoc.

Vale Peter Doolan

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Peter Doolan. He, and his wife Dorne, were members of the Museum some years ago and Peter had been President of the Museum.

Peter had an extraordinary knowledge gained from both personal and family experience of operating cinemas, to explain in detail how projectors housed at the Museum would have operated for many years when installed in the School of Arts. The rather huge industrial projectors were installed in a tiny room above the main entrance, a room you walk under, even today. I had met Peter, and Dorne, when I joined Dungog Historic Motor Club. His interest in things historic included vehicles as well.

Work continues on a display of kitchen items in a more suitable location in the back rooms of the museum where a fireplace and stove are evident. This frees up space for a revamped display of material related to Anzac Day. This will be finalised by the time this goes to print and is worthwhile visiting.

Chris O'Neill, Museum Committee Secretary CTmuseum@outlook.com, 0491 346 491

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Welcome Autumn/Winter! We have a sale on 'fill-a-bag' for \$15 – shoes, hats, bags, all clothes and linen are included. Footy season is on, come and check out our kid's boots – only \$3. Old, white T/shirts – \$22 for 10kg bag.

We continue to save used stamps for Missions (please leave a good edge around them), ring-pulls for wheel chairs, 8 ply wool for 'wrapped with love' rugs and unwanted or lightly used cosmetics and perfumes for Destiny Haven. Many thanks to our volunteers (also to David who does the big sign for us). All goes smoothly with all your help.

We rely on the help of our community for donations and of course, purchases from the Op shop. We're amazed at the amount of saleable items that are donated. Please note that wet, dirty, torn and broken items are unusable and make our bins damp and smelly. Please don't put them in our bins. Thank you everyone for your support!

Blessings Gillian Finch 4994 9168 / 0477 326 142 St. John's Anglican Church, Cnr of Grey & Queen Sts



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Clarence Town Pharmacy

Did you know you can now order your medicines through an app?

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) is now available throughout the Dungog Shire.

One of the best things you can do for your child is to read to them. Did you know that 50% of our brain development occurs before the age of 3? That is, before a child starts pre-school and long before they start school. By the time they turn 5 their brain is almost fully developed. Babies and children enrolled in the program receive an age-appropriate book in the mail each month until they turn 5. The joy of cuddling up and reading to a child is supplemented by the child's excitement when they receive their very own book parcel every month.

So when should you introduce your child to books? As soon after birth as possible. That's why the DPIL is a program for children from 0-5. Any child in their first year of life and resident in the Dungog Shire can enrol in the Dungog program. Clarence Town parents can pick up/fill out an enrolment form at the Post Office, just ask Dannii, Sam or Helena.

Research shows that the areas where DPIL is operational have shown a marked improvement in literacy rates. The goal is for Dungog Shire to become a shire of readers leading to the success that follows on from that. The rollout of the DPIL in our Shire is being undertaken by Dungog Early Literacy Inc.

Anyone able to assist them with a donation for this wonderful program should contact Lisa Connors on 0408 272 197. No donation is too small.

Enrol your babies up to 12 months of age. Contact Anne Higgins on 0403 029 181 or Lisa Connors on 0408 272 197 or email dungogearlyliteracy@gmail.com for an enrolment form.





Clarence Town Lions Club Report

From the Lion's Den



The Lions are on the hunt for new members! Lions are always looking for enthusiastic people to bring new ideas and energy to the group, so please feel free to come to the monthly meeting at the Clarence Town Bowls Club. It is held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm. All welcome!

So, what's been happening?

The Lions Club recently acknowledged the passing of **Lion Larry Gorton** who was a tireless volunteer for many years supporting the Clarence Town community. A plaque was recently unveiled on the Lions Park BBQ facilities to commemorate Larry.

We have a **Mother's Day Raffle in May**. Tickets will be available outside the IGA on Saturday 20th April and Saturday 11th May. Thank you to all those who supported our Easter Raffle!

The Clarence Town Markets held on the last Saturday of every month are a continuing success. Next Market dates include Saturday 27th April and Saturday 25th May, we look forward to seeing you. Please note that in the event of wet weather, the Markets will be relocated to the Hall of Arts opposite the IGA.

Other projects included Clean Up Australia Day, thank you to all those who volunteered their time to help keep our park areas looking clean and beautiful.

Upcoming events include **The Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 23rd May at 9am.** Please join us to support Cancer Research and have a fun morning with friends. If you would like to bring a plate of food to contribute, it will be gratefully appreciated. Huge thanks to our local IGA who are donating tea, coffee, sugar, milk and a voucher for the raffle!

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it." - William Arthur Ward

Bill Pitkin Lions Club President 0448 428 087 **Clarence Town Tennis Club**

Social Competition Finale & Upcoming Events!

We had another successful Summer of tennis. Our social night competition came to a finale on Thursday the 18th of April.

Congratulations to Donna Boyton, Alex Boyton, Gavin Elloy and Adam Welch. Hopefully we can continue the tennis into the Winter months.

Our club AGM is just around the corner so please keep an eye out for the date of this meeting. Also, the annual tennis club trivia night. This will be held in June. The date will be advertised on Facebook and around the

town. Contact Gai or I to gain access to the courts. Thanks Brad.

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



Clarence Town First Responders

CFR Team's Rapid Response

The first few months of this year has been a busy one for the CFR team with an average of almost a job a day.

Whilst it's not good that so many people are having medical episodes, it is nice to know that our team has been able to respond and provide that initial help before paramedics arrive. We have two new members to our team as well. Karen Drinan has completed her first block of initial training with Ambulance NSW and will start to attend calls now with the team. Claudia Watt has recently applied to join the CFR team and will commence training soon. Welcome to both of you and thank you for volunteering to help this great community.

We are always happy to speak to people interested in joining our team.

Brad Elloy, CFR Coordinator 0417 651 577

From Local Support to National Success: Swim Sensation Update

Have You Heard? The Plant Stall outside Australia Post is Supporting Local Swimming Stars Caitlin and Georgia McDonald. Caitlin shares an update on her journey to Nationals...

"My training for Nationals 2024 started in May 2023, with the 2023 short course season being the start of my competitions. Finishing the winter season at Senior State placing 4th in 2 out of my 3 breaststroke events.

Then we started the 2023/24 summer season where in December at Senior State Age I made the 200m Brst final placing 7th and the 100m Brst final placing 4th. We headed to Orange in January for Country Regionals where I qualified for 9 events at the Country Championships which were held in Sydney in February where I had 6 top 10 finishes and brought home 2 medals. On April 10th my family headed to the Gold Coast for the Australian National Age Championships, I had qualified for the 200m Brst, 100m Brst and 50m Brst. At the 2023 Nationals in the 200m Brst I finished 25th in the nation, 100m Brst I finished 48th in the nation and the 50m Brst I finished 24th in the nation.

This year I had improved significantly and moved up the rankings finishing 20th in the 200m Brst, 17th in the 50m Brst and after qualifying 17th fastest in the 100m Brst I was in the B final which I swam at 7:17pm on Saturday night the 13th of April. I improved my time in the final by 1.15 seconds to finish in 14th place in the nation. I was very happy with my results at this years Nationals and am looking forward to starting training for Nationals 2025 after a short break.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of Clarence Town and the surrounding areas for their ongoing support and for purchasing plants from our local Post Office. Money from all the plants goes towards helping Georgia and myself to keep chasing our swimming goals that we set for ourselves at the start of every winter season."

Regards Caitlin McDonald



Clarence Town Bowling, Sport & Recreation Club

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Socials - FB: Clarence Town Bowling Club IG- @clarencetownbowlingclub_

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



Maria's Kitchen Opening Hours: Lunch: 11:30-2:30 Thursday- Sunday Dinner: 5:30-8:30 Wednesday- Sunday

Courtesy Bus runs Thursday - Sunday from 5pm, call the club and follow the prompts to book a ride!



The Dungog District Chamber of Commerce

From Ideas to Impact: Dungog Chamber's Youth Forum Recap

On the evening of Monday, March 25th, the Clarence Town Bowling Club was abuzz with activity as it hosted The Dungog District Chamber of Commerce's highly anticipated 'Youth Forum'.

The event served as a beacon, drawing together diverse segments of our local community to engage in meaningful discussions aimed at bolstering support for our youth. Attendance surpassed expectations, with over 85 individuals representing a wide array of local organisations, educational institutions, families, and law enforcement agencies.

Heartfelt appreciation is extended to the Clarence Town Bowling Club for graciously providing their venue, especially for their exclusive opening to accommodate this significant gathering, and to Maria's Kitchen for their catering services.

Under the adept leadership of President Therese McIntyre, the evening commenced with warm welcomes extended to esteemed guests, including Mayor John Connors, councilors Digby Rayward and Jess Clark, and representatives from the Port Stephens Hunter Police District led by Superintendent Wayne Humphrey. Despite the absence of Dave Layzell and Dr. David Gillespie, their participation via Zoom and the presence of senior staff members were appreciated.

The forum was enriched by the invaluable contributions of distinguished speakers, each sharing their expertise on various facets of youth welfare. Steve Harper, Principal of Dungog High School, set an optimistic tone by highlighting the significance of communitywide perspectives and evidence-based approaches in addressing mental health concerns among the youth.

Superintendent Wayne, accompanied by colleagues, provided illuminating insights into youth crime statistics, stressing the pivotal role of proactive community engagement in youth outreach efforts. Dave Layzell, though not physically present, emphasized the community's proactive stance in addressing spikes in youth crime and urged active participation in pertinent parliamentary inquiries.

Dan Lyons, hailing from Wangat Lodge, underscored the imperative need for creating safe, inclusive spaces and fostering meaningful engagement opportunities for youth, advocating for community-driven initiatives aimed at empowering young individuals. Jim Doyle shared compelling insights gleaned from the Gresford Community Group and Soccer Club, showcasing the transformative impact of youth involvement in decisionmaking processes and community-driven endeavors.

Martin Thorsby's announcement of \$15,000 in funding for youth initiatives from the Dungog Rumble resonated warmly with attendees, underscoring the community's unwavering commitment to supporting youth-centric endeavors. Kate Murphy offered a comprehensive overview of the Dungog Shire Community Centre's initiatives, shedding light on their youth-focused programs and plans for establishing a drop-in centre.

The forum was further enriched by the perspectives shared by Alison Stewart, Alison Penfold, Max Grieves, and Reverend Allen Welsh, each emphasizing the pivotal role of community engagement, support, and empowerment in fostering holistic youth development.

As the evening drew to a close, participants engaged in reflective discussions and reaffirmed their commitment to translating the wealth of ideas and suggestions garnered from the forum into actionable initiatives. The Chamber, in collaboration with local organizations, pledges to spearhead the implementation of these initiatives, with a keen focus on ensuring inclusivity and comprehensiveness. Input from the wider community is warmly welcomed as we collectively navigate this time of change, rallying together to uplift and support our youth—the cornerstone of our community's future.

Marion Stuart

Secretary -Dungog District Chamber of Commerce Email: secretary@ddcc.org.au





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- Does everyone know that when they are down low and crawl to the door, they must feel the door with the **back of their hand** for heat?
- If the door is hot, there is fire on the other side.
 DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR if it is hot. If you burn the back of their hand you can still use the palm of the hand to open doors and windows
- Have you made up an ESCAPE PLAN with the whole family? Have two ways out of each room. Do not smash the window-open it to avoid cuts. Hang a copy of the plan on the fridge so visitors can see it. Close doors behind you as you are leaving the house, this will slow the spread of fire between rooms.
- Have you chosen a **MEETING PLACE** outside for everyone to go to?
- Have you PRACTICED the ESCAPE PLAN with the whole family? DO NOT GO BACK INSIDE FOR ANYTHING!!!
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- Have **FLUES** and **CHIMNEYS** been cleaned for heaters?
- Do you have a **SCREEN** in front of your open fire? Make sure ashes from your heater are totally extinguished before emptying them in the yard.
- Do you dry clothes in front of the heater? Don't do it! *If you must, keep them at least 'a metre from the heater' and never leave them unattended.*
- Clean lint from **DRYERS** every time you use them!
- Have a FIRE EXTINGUISHER and FIRE BLANKET located near the exit in the kitchen.
- **DO NOT** hang them near the stove.
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- Install a smoke alarm outside of each sleeping area and one inside the bedroom if the door is closed during the night. Don't forget to install one in your caravan.

Fire and Permit season has finished but you will still need to abide by the same rules, you just don't need the permit. You need to comply with the Dungog Council "Clean Air Policy" also. You can find this on the council website. www.dungog.nsw.gov.au/council/councildocuments/council-policies/control-open-burning

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Dungog Council Report

Unveiling the NEW Clarence Town Bridge...

The Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads recently announced an additional \$5.5 Million in funding for the new bridge. Total funding is now \$20.581 Million with \$11 M from the State, and \$9.581 M from the Commonwealth.

When the funding deeds have been executed, the tendering process for design and construction of the bridge can begin, and Council expects to be able to select a preferred tenderer in October this year. Construction is expected to take another 12-18 months.

The schematic picture (SEE NEXT SPREAD) shows the new two lane bridge with a walkway/cycle lane and the Brig O Johnson in use as an optional one way alternative. This has been approved by Transport as the old bridge must carry some traffic after its restoration. Transport for NSW has been most cooperative in assisting with this project and delaying the restoration of the heritage listed Brig O Johnson Bridge, which will require complete closure for an extended period. They also took prompt action to rectify the damage caused to the bridge last year in order to minimize the disruption to our community.

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The NEW Clarence Town Bridge Schematic



From the Parson's Pen

The greatest festival of the Christian Church's year, Easter, has passed for 2024.

Throughout Christendom, in churches everywhere, the themes of love, joy, peace and hope have been explored. Countless sermons have been preached on these themes and the world has been encouraged to take stock and examine its actions under this light. So we might be forgiven if we look at the news each night and wonder why these very themes have been so comprehensively ignored. One commentator recently asserted that we are in a pre-world-war environment. So where does that conflict leave us and what is our role in this strife-torn, fractured world?

To answer this, our first step is to look out of our front door and decide what it is that makes up our world. We are not in a war-torn Ukraine or Gaza, although they are obviously situations which concern us and which we can support in an indirect way. It is, instead, a smaller world of daily relationships and direct contact with people with whom we might or might not have anything in common, other than our shared humanity. The turmoil of this smaller world for us is more likely to be the breakdown of the relationship we once had with a family member, or the distress we feel about a friend from whom we are now estranged.

As a balance to that turmoil, there are the close and loving relationships with family and friends who nurture and support us. This is our world! And this is the world into which we are charged with bringing the love, joy, peace and hope of Easter by showing to those around us the face of the risen Christ. We are each of us, through our baptism, an agent of the resurrected Christ and it is into our own small world that we can and must show the love, joy, peace and hope that are those themes for this time when we remember that Christ is risen. There is the old adage that we 'should think globally but act locally' and for us that is the essence of those four themes. Pray to God and our neighbour for forgiveness for the hurts that we have inevitably inflicted and then make a conscious effort to love more deeply, experience and share joy more often, be an agent of peace in our own small world, and look forward in hope that we can make this, our world, a better place through the power of the Risen Christ..

St. John's Anglican Church

36 Grey St, Clarence Town Pastor: Rev Kimbalee Hodges

Service Times: Every Sunday, Holy Communion at 10am

Hasn't the weather been beautiful! I am so thankful that the season has finally changed and the heat is gone.

Our Easter services were again well attended as people came on Good Friday to remember and give thanks for the sacrifice that Jesus made for us all, so that we can have a full and loving relationship with God, and of course, on Easter Morning as we celebrate the miracle of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus and his triumph over death, again to show us the way to eternal life with God. We had a lovely visit from our Bishop Sonia in April when we had a bring-and-share lunch in our hall following the service.

The road to the Glen William cemetery has now been completed, thank you Steve. As I went to 'check it out' and drove into the cemetery, and looked at the new white crosses there, I became painfully aware of the loss of those near and dear to us recently. Too many! Those of us who attended the amazing farewell to our beloved Kay in God's Cathedral at St. Thomas', Glen William, witnessed not only the outpouring of grief, but the amazing outpouring of love for her. Such a lovely, fitting farewell. She is now safely 'home' in Jesus' keeping and also at her much-loved St. Thomas'. Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your master.

Our love and prayers are extended to all those who have lost near and dear ones. Hold them in your hearts, remember and speak of them often because they will always be a big, living part of our lives.

A couple of concerns have arisen. The house that is in the church grounds is a private residence, so please do not disturb the family who live there. If you have any donations for the Op Shop or Treasure Centre, the bins are at the front of the hall. Also, we have had some damp/wet/dirty clothing placed in the bins recently. We cannot re-sell these and they contaminate clothing and items already in the bins and render them also unsaleable.

If anyone in the community is in need of prayer, please contact Rev. Kimbalee on 0491 007 193. It would be an honour for us to pray for you.

Our church hall is available to hire – please contact Barrie Edwards on 4996 4174.

Reverend Neville Schofield

Sue Flannery

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Christ Church, Dungog

Dowling Street, Dungog Service Times: Every Friday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am Sunday night service: 4th Sunday of every month at 5pm

We thank all those who donate to our Op Shop so that we can help others.

We had a limited Markets on the 6th April as we had some lovely rain and it had made the grounds a bit wet! The Stallholders in the Hall were ok as was the Op Shop but no BBQ or outdoor stalls.

Our next Market will be on 4th May and then the next one will the 1st June. We get a great variety of Stallholders coming and the visitors come to support them.

The Sunday Nite services continue on the 4th Sunday at 5pm with a meal afterward. The next one will be 28th April and then 26th May. Our Bendolba Centre has a night service on the First Sunday at 5pm with supper afterward. The next one will be 5th May and then the 2nd June. Our Sunday morning service continues at 8.30am with morning tea to follow. All welcome

All the best as we enter the cooler weather.

Margaret Flannery

Clarence Town Presbyterian Church

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

Service Times: 10am Gathered Worship Every Sunday

Mainly Music, SRE and Growth Groups (Bible Study) are in recess for the school holiday period.

From the pulpit we have competed our series on Joseph and soon will continue our close look into John's Gospel. On Sunday 24th March it was great to hear from Missionary and Bible Translator Robyn Davies. Many thanks to all who supported the PresAid Easter appeal – funds are going towards a meal hall in Malawi, and a training facility in Dehradun, India.

"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

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

41 Rifle St, Clarence Town Pastor: Rev Andrew Doohan

Service Times: Every Sunday 8am

Once more the beautiful celebration of Easter has passed. It was so wonderful to see a packed church on Easter Morning to celebrate our Risen Lord. Thank you to Father Andrew for celebrating Mass for Patrick's Church at the time of the Saints Feast day. We had a lovely gathering and we all shared a meal together afterwards.

We pray for several members of our congregation who are having medical problems at this time and ask that God sends them healing and blessings. I hope we all took time on April 25th to remember those who gave their lives in the service of this wonderful country so that we can live in the beautiful place that is Clarence Town and surrounds.

All are welcome to our 8am Mass each Sunday.

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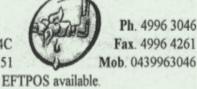
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Celebrating 175 Years of Public Education in Clarence Town

Established in 1849, Clarence Town Public School is one of the oldest public schools in NSW. Clarence Town has a long and fascinating history, and our school is an integral part of this.

We are very proud of our long Public Education standing in the community. The first examination of Clarence Town Public School, in 1852 was a public affair, at which, all were pleased with the quality of both teachers and students. Indeed, in 2024 we are still pleased with the quality of our teachers and students!

As Term 1, draws to a close we have plenty to celebrate:

- Our largest Kinder enrolment in the 2000's and our largest K-6 enrolment since 2010;
- We have 3 bus routes morning and afternoon;
- Teaching Staff have been involved in multiple Professional Learning, including Explicit Instruction, Curriculum knowledge, focusing on new Maths Syllabus and English Syllabus, but including all Syllabii, Maths, English, High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) and Student Plans;
- We are involved in several Hunter Principals Network Initiatives, including Explicit
- Instruction, and HPAGE; as well as multiple Dungog LMG Initiatives, including Cultural Days, STEAM Programs, including Game Jam, Transition Programs, LaST Networks and APCI Networks, and

All of these directly impact our core business – teaching and learning and Student Outcomes. In Term 1 our students have had the opportunity to participate in:

- Explicit daily lessons in Maths and Literacy, along with weekly Science and environment, technology and Library lessons;
- Daily PE or Sport lessons, fortnightly assemblies with class performances and PBL awards;
- Multiple weekly lessons in Geography, technology, Music, Craft/Art, Dance/Drama and personal dev.
- Multiple sporting opportunities through our annual Swimming Carnival, PSSA Sport, including swimming, soccer, rugby league and touch, After School Sport Basketball Program, gala days;
- Multiple CAPA opportunities with Starstruck, HPGE Creative Camp, Assembly performances and music clubs (drumming);
- Multiple Environmental and outdoor education opportunities, including team building, leadership and cooperative learning through Stage 2 and 3 Camp, clean up Australia Day, Gardening Club, and
- Leadership Programs, including School Leaders, Sport House Leaders, Computer, Library and Sound Room Monitors, School Parliament and Junior AECG.

Then our school community events overlay this again and this term that includes:

- Canteen operating 2 days per week
- Easter Mufti Day, Hat Parade and P&C Raffle
- Monthly P&C Meetings and AGM
- 175 th Committee Meetings

So a very busy and successful term has been had by all! Thank you for playing your part in making our school the great place it is. Join us throughout the year to celebrate CTPS and Public Education.

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Louise Blakemore, Principal. Phone: 4996 4156





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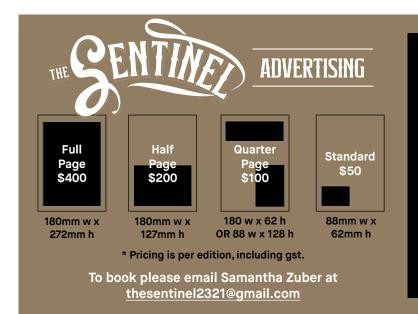
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