



Thriving, Christ-Centred, Learning Community

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Carlisle Community,

Welcome to the beginning of Term 3! It's been a joy to see our students and staff return with energy and purpose. Classrooms are buzzing, routines are settling, and we're already seeing growth in learning, relationships, and faith.

Over the break, I had the privilege of joining an Adventist heritage tour across the U.S., visiting sites like Battle Creek and Andrews University. Standing in the places where early Adventist pioneers prayed, planned, and launched a movement reminded me of the deep purpose behind our work in Adventist education. We don't just teach for today, we teach for eternity.

That same spirit is alive here at Carlisle. From student-led worships and staff collaboration to our Year 12 service trip preparations, our community continues to reflect Christ's light in action.

Thank you for your continued partnership, encouragement, and prayers. Let's keep working together to create a school where every student grows in knowledge, character, and faith.



Dale Skinner

Term 3, Week 2
1 August, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

P&F MEETING
Monday, 4 August

MECC CAREERS EXPO
Thursday, 7 August

YEAR 10
WORK EXPERIENCE
Monday, 11 - 15 August

FARLEIGH CHURCH
SERVICE
Saturday, 16 August

BOOK WEEK
CELEBRATION
Monday, 18 August

ELECTIVE SUBJECT
INFORMATION NIGHT
Monday, 18 August

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Thursday, 4 September

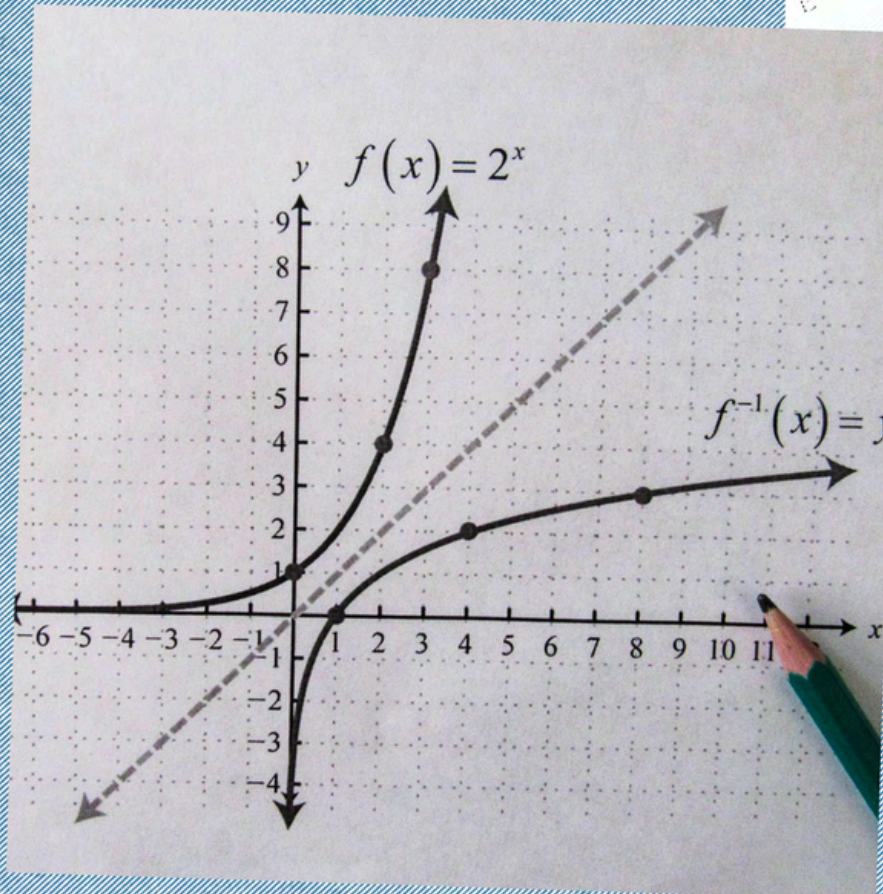
THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD
PERFORMANCE
Thursday, 7 September

CARLISLE WAY



NOTICIES

MASTERING MATHS MADE EASY



Maths homework club is available each week for all secondary students who would like extra support or extension. Sessions are held in E2 at the following times:

Monday afternoons: 3:30 – 5:00pm

Tuesdays: Lunchtime

Thursdays: Lunchtime

Students are encouraged to come along with questions, homework, or topics they'd like help with. All are welcome!

NOTICIES

Book Swap

As part of the activities taking place during Book Week, 18 August – 22 August, we will be hosting a Book Swap event. Children can bring in up to 3 books from home that they have outgrown or finished reading. They will receive one book token for each book.

Those tokens can then be used to choose new-to-you books that have been donated by someone else. This is a great way of sharing much-loved books while also encouraging the love of reading. Books should be clean and in good condition for the swap.

Students can bring their books to the library any time until Wednesday August 20 ready for the event on Thursday August 21.

CHAPLAINCY



Our Year 8 to 11 students had the exciting opportunity to engage with the Life Choices Foundation program last Thursday afternoon. This was a powerful and inspiring initiative designed to challenge and encourage the minds of young people. Through real stories of resilience and miracles, students were reminded that despite the odds, our choices shape our future. The message is simple yet profound: life is what you make of it. May our students continue to be encouraged as they navigate through their journey.



PRIMARY SPORTS



PRIMARY GYMNASTICS HAS TUMBLERD INTO ACTION!



Our Primary students have just tumbled into their gymnastics program for the term, and excitement is in the air!

In their very first session, students explored basic skills such as stretching, balancing, and simple movements designed to build confidence and coordination. With mats rolled out and plenty of encouragement from instructors and teachers, students are already showing great enthusiasm and a willingness to give everything a go.

It's the beginning of an exciting journey as they develop strength, flexibility, and body awareness—all while having lots of fun! We look forward to seeing how their skills grow over the coming weeks.



SECONDARY SPORTS



GETTING BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS!

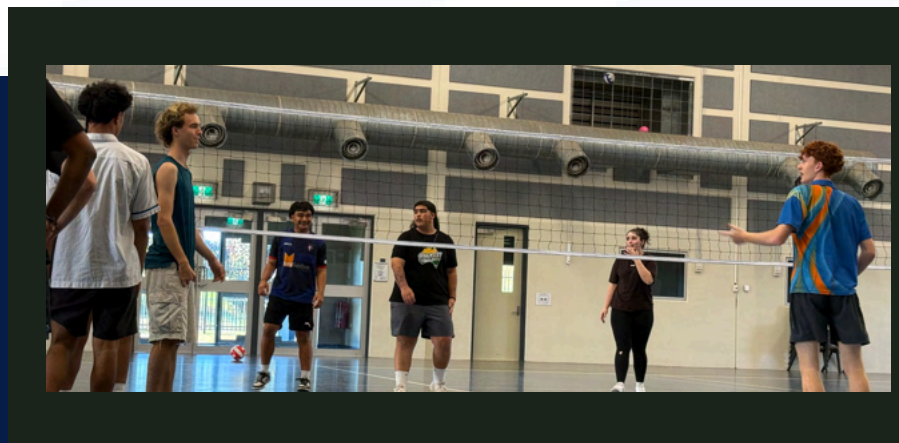
It's only the first fortnight back at school, but our students are already hitting the ground running!

Our Senior Volleyball team has been up early training with Northern Beaches State High School in preparation for the upcoming Inter-school Volleyball Competition, which started last week. These joint sessions are not only sharpening their skills but also building positive connections with peers from other schools.

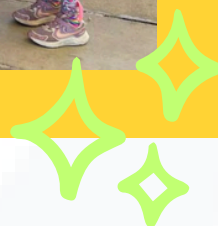
Last Thursday, our Carlisle USO team resumed training as they prepare to take on their weekly competitions with energy and determination. Their commitment and teamwork continue to impress!

Meanwhile, in the Girls Opens Inter-school Basketball Weekly Competition, both our girls' and boys' teams had fantastic wins against Northern Beaches yesterday. It's a great start to the term, and we're so proud of their efforts on and off the court.

Go Carlisle!



PRIMARY



100 DAYS OF PREP

This year, our Prep students celebrated a very special milestone, their 100th day of school! The theme for the day was “100 Days Brighter,” and our youngest learners certainly lived up to it. Dressed in their brightest clothes and coolest sunglasses, the Preppies lit up the classroom with colour, laughter, and joy.

The day was packed with hands-on activities that reflected just how much they've learned so far. Students worked together to build pyramids using 100 cups, constructed tall towers with 100 blocks, and created imaginative artworks using the number 100. A delicious highlight was sharing (almost) 100 strawberries, a healthy treat to mark the occasion!

It was a joyful day of celebration, creativity, and teamwork. We're so proud of how far our Prep students have come, and we can't wait to see all the incredible learning and growth that will take place in the next 100 days of school!

PRIMARY

YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS REPRESENT CARLISLE AT MACKAY MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE

A group of selected Year 5 and 6 students recently took part in the Mackay Primary Schools Mathematics Challenge, hosted at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

This annual event aims to foster interest in creative problem solving, spark enthusiasm for mathematics, and provide students with a day of intellectual fun in a scholarly environment.

Our students represented Carlisle with enthusiasm and determination, working collaboratively in teams to tackle challenging problems and test their mathematical thinking in a supportive and engaging setting.

Thank you to the staff and families who supported the students on the day. Opportunities like this continue to encourage our learners to think critically, work together, and enjoy the journey of learning.



SECONDARY



Week 3 Thursday

Spelling bee

Bears vs Lions vs Eagles vs Staff

Week 4 Mon, Wed, Fri

Touch comp

Bears vs Eagles, Lions vs Staff, Finals

INTER-SCHOOL HOUSE COMPETITION – CELEBRATING TEAM SPIRIT AND HEALTHY RIVALRY

Students from across year levels recently took part in our inter-school house competition, a highlight on the school calendar and a wonderful opportunity to come together in the spirit of teamwork, perseverance, and friendly competition.

The event was coordinated by our dedicated Sports Coordinator, Noema, and featured a range of activities designed to challenge and engage students while building house pride. From start to finish, the day was filled with energy and excitement, with students giving their best effort and cheering one another on.

A big thank you to Noema for her organisation and to all staff who helped make the event run smoothly. The competition not only encouraged physical activity but also strengthened connections across year levels and houses.

COMMUNITY

Principal's Day – Celebrating Our Leaders



This Principal's Day, we pause to recognise and appreciate the dedication, wisdom and leadership of our school's guiding team – Mr Dale Skinner and Mr Daniel Spero.

Mr Dale Skinner – Principal

With over 15 years of experience in education, Mr Skinner always brings a calm, thoughtful presence to Carlisle. His leadership is marked by a strong commitment to nurturing students in an environment that values faith, learning, and character development. Mr Skinner is passionate about supporting our community and works each day to ensure Carlisle remains a place where students and staff are known, valued, and encouraged to flourish.

Outside of the school grounds Mr Skinner enjoys bushwalks with his family and friends, fishing, diving and takes every moment to reflect on what god has given him.

Mr Daniel Spero – Deputy Principal

With over a decade of experience in the classroom, Mr Spero brings energy and passion to his role. He taught in the state system for nearly 10 years before joining Carlisle and has a heart for guiding students spiritually and academically.

Outside of school, Mr Spero enjoys music, fishing, and helping on the family farm. Together with his family he brings a strong sense of purpose and service to our school community.

Mr Spero is committed to preparing students for the future always keeping their academic and spiritual growth at the centre.

To Mr Skinner and Mr Spero – thank you

We are incredibly blessed to have leaders who serve with integrity, compassion and purpose. On behalf of the Carlisle community – thank you for all you do.

COMMUNITY

Welcome to Our Newest Blessings

We are overjoyed to share the wonderful news of two precious new additions to our Carlisle community.

Pastor Pat and his wife Maria welcomed their fifth blessing, a beautiful baby girl, on 2 July at 37 weeks. They have named her Talimailelagi Maria Tualii.

Her name, meaning “from heaven,” is a beautiful reminder of God’s goodness and grace. We celebrate with the Tualii Pupualii family as they welcome this precious gift into their lives.

Mrs Tanisha Hale and her husband Lauchlan are also thrilled to announce the arrival of their baby girl, Eiora Seraphina Tiare Kehlani Hale, who made an early entrance on 26 June at 36 weeks. Eiora means “God’s light,” and they couldn’t think of a more perfect name for their little blessing. May she always shine His light wherever she goes.

We extend our warmest congratulations to both families and look forward to watching Eiora and Talimailelagi grow within our loving community.



EVENTS



CARLISLE
ADVENTIST COLLEGE

FARLEIGH CHURCH *Service*

16TH AUGUST

10AM - START

12PM - LIGHT REFRESHMENT

12 Wainai Rd, Farleigh QLD



RENOVATIONS

SHED PROGRESS UPDATE

Our shed transformation is nearly complete! Over the holidays and the past few weeks, significant progress has been made. The sandblasting is finished, and the new purlins have been installed. Painting is also almost complete, so you may have noticed the red is officially gone! The fresh new look has certainly brightened the space.

We're now just waiting on the roof sheeting to go on, along with the final touches for plumbing and electrical. Not long to go!



ACHIVEMENTS

DISTRICT ATHLETICS: RECORDS BROKEN AND DREAMS IN MOTION

Our athletes made an unforgettable impact at the District Sports Competition this week, showcasing determination, talent, and school pride across both days of competition.

Day 1 Highlights:

- Sonny stormed to victory in the 1500m, breaking a 30-year-old record.
- Jackson leapt his way to 3rd place in the long jump.
- Wynn delivered a powerful performance, finishing 1st in shot put, 3rd in javelin, and 4th in long jump.

Day 2 Highlights:

- Sonny continued his record-breaking streak, this time smashing a 40-year-old record to win the 800m.
- May Li Bobongie earned a fantastic 2nd place in the shot put.
- Oscar Poots claimed 2nd in javelin.
- Wynn Tapp added to his medal tally with 4th in triple jump and a 1st in discus.

All four athletes have qualified for the Capricornia trials as part of the Mackay District team an incredible achievement!

Congratulations to Sonny, Jackson, Wynn, May Li, and Oscar! Your hard work and sportsmanship have made us proud. We look forward to seeing you soar at the next level of competition.



ACHIVEMENTS

OSBORNE DUO MAKE STATE!

We're thrilled to celebrate an incredible achievement from two of our basketball superstars! Congratulations to Sam and Mercy Osborne, who have both earned a place on the State Basketball Team, a remarkable accomplishment and a first in our school's history for siblings to be selected together!

Their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship on and off the court have truly paid off. We can't wait to see them shine as they represent our school and state with pride.

Well done, Sam and Mercy we are cheering you on all the way!



UPCOMING



Children's Book Week
16–23 August 2025

BOOK AN
Adventure



Tuckshop Volunteer Needed

Would you like to help make a difference and support our kids helping in the Tuckshop.. We are looking for Volunteers to support our Tuckshop convenor on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with the hope to open Daily/ No experience needed.

We Need Help With

Food Prep
Packing online orders
Serving during lunch breaks

TIME NEEDED:

All day from 8am till 2pm if available or just an hour or two in the morning to help with online orders and set up for the day.

URGENT HELP NEEDED

Email:
Pnf@carlisle.qld.edu.au



[Parent Portal](#)

FUN DAY FRIDAYS IN KINDY

Building Connections and Creating Joy



Fridays in the Kindy room are always full of fun, laughter, and learning. Whether it's running, jumping, or hopping around, our students bring energy and joy to every activity—even when a few trips and tumbles happen along the way! Kindy students consistently demonstrate kindness, helping hands, and encouraging words toward one another.

Each week, reflections shared on the Pray board highlight the beautiful thoughts of our children. Whether it's giving thanks for family or appreciating the safety and friendship of classmates, their words are heartfelt and meaningful.

Fridays are also made special by the involvement of staff and visitors. Miss AJ regularly joins the Kindy room to support learning activities, from drawing and colouring letters to joining in dance games like Freeze Dance. These shared moments bring smiles and strengthen relationships.

Storytime is another highlight, with books like *The Very Itchy Bear* and *Dinosaur Stomp* tying into our PreLit learning while sparking imagination and conversation.



A new and exciting addition to Fridays is the visit from our Year 5 students. As part of the Buddy program for 2026, they will be connecting weekly with our Kindy learners. Each Friday morning, Year 5 students head across to the ELC to build friendships, share activities, and support our younger students as they begin their journey towards school readiness. Visits will alternate between the Kindy room and the Year 5 classroom, helping foster strong connections and a smooth transition into the school environment.

Fun Day Fridays continue to be a highlight for our Kindy students, filled with meaningful experiences, caring connections, and joyful learning.





*But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8





TAKE THE PLUNGE & JOIN OUR POD

BECOME A PIONEER DOLPHIN TODAY!

Whether you are just looking for **fun, fitness & friendship**, a chance to dip your toes in the water as a competitive swimmer; or your goal is to mix it with the best swimmers in Queensland and Australia - swimming with **Pioneer Swim Club** is *phintastic!*

Overseen by accredited coaches, our swim program builds skills, confidence & character in a safe & supportive team environment.

JOINING PSC - EASY AS 1, 2, 3

1 Contact @secretary@pioneerswimclub.com.au to arrange a free come-n-try training session & coach assessment.

2 Join the squad for training as a non-club member for up to 1 month.

Monthly coaching fees*:

Up to 10 sessions	\$80
Over 10 sessions	\$150

**reduced rate available for multi-child families*

3 Make it official! Apply to join the club to unlock a heap of benefits*

9 years & Under	\$123
10 years & Over	\$232
Late season (after 01/01/2026)	\$127

**multi-child membership discount for 3 or more memberships*

CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY:

- discounted pool entry to Pioneer Swim Centre
- free "Club Nights" (non-competitive races) - 16 over the season
- free "Club Championships" at season's end with awards up for grabs
- access to swim meets locally or anywhere in Australia
- our annual Christmas party, presentation evening & other activities

Swimmer's club night, club champs & swim meet results are available on online platforms allowing you to track your swimmer's progress & watch their improvement!

Please contact the club secretary (email below) for information on the membership application process.

SWIMMING PRE-REQUISITE FOR JOINING THE TRAINING SQUAD:

While our club caters for a wide range of ages & swimming abilities, we do not offer a learn-to-swim school. To join the training squad, swimmers must be competent & able to hold a recognisable version of the four strokes for 25 metres.

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