



Thriving, Christ-Centred, Learning Community

## FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Hello Families,

It's been great to see the positive energy around our school this fortnight. Our students are working hard, supporting one another, and continuing to grow in their learning.

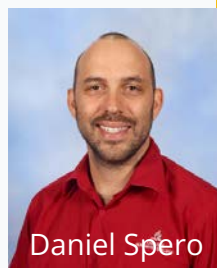
Outside of the school's control, there have been delays in the completion of the sports shed. Despite this, it's been wonderful to see students adapting and joyfully using the resources available to them. This is a great example of students showing appreciation for what they have. We've seen a noticeable increase in lunchtime participation in volleyball, touch football, OzTag and soccer. More updates on the shed will be provided in due course, it is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

A major focus for us this term has been maintaining clear communication and building consistent approaches to the instruction giving sequence, effective pedagogy and classroom management. Teachers have been sharing strategies that help keep students engaged and motivated. All teaching staff recently participated in professional development aimed at enhancing positive outcomes and learning conversations. Known as the Essential Skills for Classroom Management, this training has helped staff continue to build their 'teaching toolboxes'—all with the goal of improving the teaching and learning experiences. It's exciting to see the difference this is making.

I've also been really encouraged by the way students are living out our values of Compassion, Achievement, Respect, and Effort. These small, everyday choices make our school a better place for everyone, and I want to thank families for reinforcing these values at home.

There's plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks, including the Year 2 sleepover and senior mock exams. Please stay connected by checking the school calendar and following our social media platforms for updates.

Thanks again for your ongoing support it truly makes a difference in the life of our school.



Daniel Spero

**Term 3, Week 6**  
**29 August, 2025**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**LEARNING SUPPORT  
APPRECIATION WEEK**  
Monday, 1 September

**READY SET PREP - S1**  
Wednesday, 3 September

**DONUTS WITH DAD**  
Thursday, 4 September

**YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER**  
Thursday, 4 September

**STUDENT FREE DAY**  
**Friday, 5 September**

**YEAR 7 / 8 CAMP**  
8 - 12 September

**YEAR 12 FORMAL**  
18 September

**LAST DAY TERM 3**  
19 September

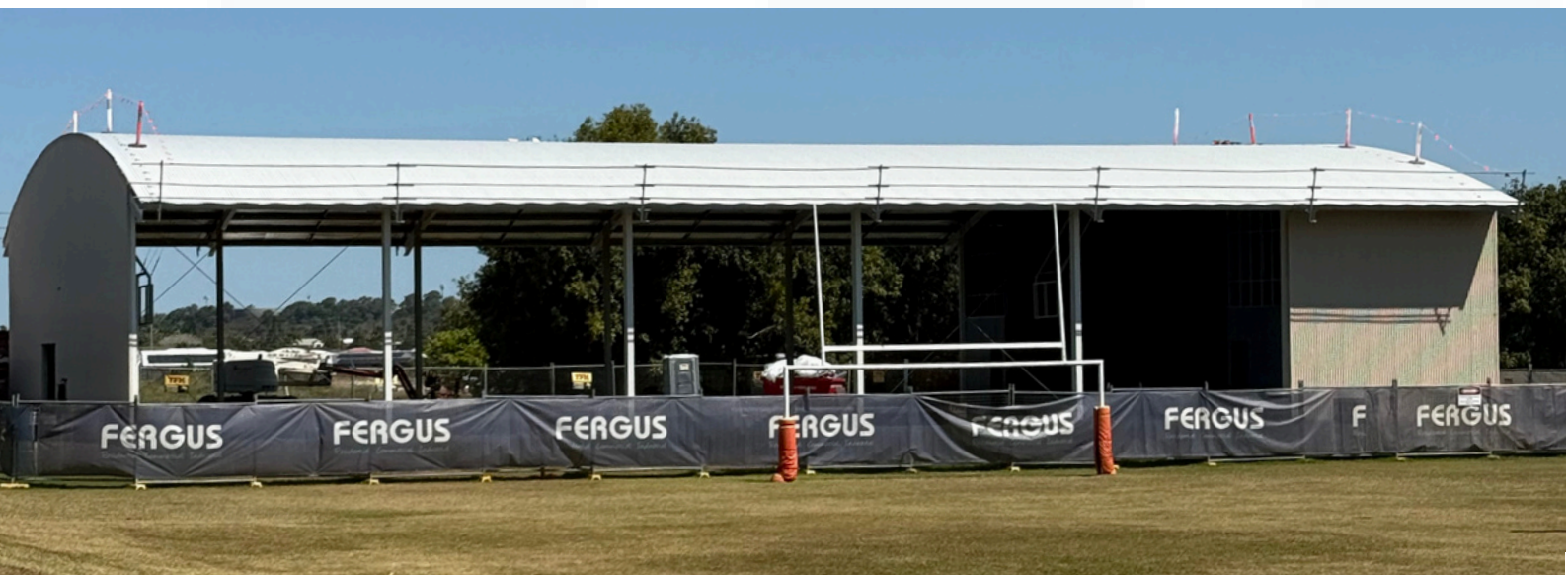


# NOTICIES



## RENOVATIONS PROGRESS REPORT

The shed is looking more like a finished product this week. With the roof now back on, it's a big step forward in the project. Students have also enjoyed watching the crane in action throughout the week, adding some extra excitement to the process. While there's still a little work to go, electrical installations are set to begin within the next couple of weeks.





# NOTICES

## YEAR 2 SLEEP OVER

A reminder that our Year 2 Sleepover will be held next Thursday, 4 September. Students will stay overnight at school with their classmates and teachers for a fun evening of activities.

Please make sure your child brings along their packed bag with all items listed on the sleepover information sheet, including bedding, toiletries, pyjamas, and a change of clothes for Friday morning. Dinner and breakfast will be provided.

We are looking forward to a wonderful night of friendship and fun together.



## STAY HEALTHY



A reminder that we stay vigilant and continue to support our vulnerable students by keeping those with sore throats, runny noses and/or temperatures at home until symptoms pass.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping to keep our School Community as healthy as possible. While it is impossible to avoid all infections, by taking precautions we can lower the risk of catching and spreading them to each other and to particularly vulnerable classmates.



# CARLISLE WAY



This fortnight we've seen a large number of students showing care in so many ways across our school. It's been wonderful to celebrate these acts of kindness and effort through the Carlisle Way Awards. Well done to all our students who are living out our CARE values each day!



**Compassion - Achievement - Respect - Effort**





# EVENTS

# ***Donuts with Dad 24 September***

**Secondary  
12:45 - 1:25**

**Primary  
1:30 - 3:00**

**Photos  
fundraiser - \$5**

**Located in  
Quad**





# POSITION AVAILABLE

## WE ARE HIRING!

We are currently looking to fill the following position;

- **Casual Primary and Secondary Teachers**

[reception@carlisle.qld.edu.au](mailto:reception@carlisle.qld.edu.au)



[www.carlisle.qld.edu.au](http://www.carlisle.qld.edu.au)

## WE ARE HIRING!

We are currently looking to fill the following position;

- **Part time Administration**

[ELC@carlisle.qld.edu.au](mailto:ELC@carlisle.qld.edu.au)





# CHAPLAINCY

## Farleigh Church Service – August 16

A huge thank you to our Carlisle community for joining us at Farleigh SDA Church, where our students led a beautiful and meaningful service. Your support made a lasting impact, especially for our students who stepped up to lead. It was a powerful moment where they translated what they've been practicing in "school land" into "church land," with different classes contributing to the worship experience. The church service reflected our commitment to cultivating thriving relationships and empowering a Christ-centred community.



## Student-Led Chapels

Our chapels continue to be led by students, giving them the opportunity to grow in confidence, leadership, and spiritual expression. This initiative not only strengthens their faith but also equips them with skills that extend beyond the school environment fostering leadership skills and preparing them to lead with purpose in their communities.

## Service Projects – Year 12 Leaders

Our Year 12 student leaders are currently planning a service project to take place later this term, where they'll visit a local nursing home. This initiative is a beautiful example of living out our values showing compassion, building connections, and serving others. Service is at the heart of our faith journey.



## Bible Studies

Our Bible studies are well underway with more than half of our school participating so far—and the number continues to grow! It's encouraging to see students engaging deeply with their faith and exploring the Bible in meaningful ways.

## Community Input

If you have any suggestions or ideas that you would like to see happen in our school faith journey, please feel free to come and chat with our chaplaincy team. Your valued input is important to us and helps shape a thriving, Christ-centred community.

Thank you for your continued support as we nurture faith, leadership, and service in our students.



# CHAPLAINCY

Dear Families,

Our Breakfast Club is running every Monday and Wednesday morning, and we'd love your support to keep it going strong!

We're currently seeking:

- Food donations (e.g. cereal, fruit, bread, spreads, juice)
- Volunteers to help with setup, serving, and clean-up

Whether you can help once a term or more regularly, your contribution makes a big difference in ensuring our students start their day with a healthy meal and a smile.

If you're able to assist or donate, please contact Pastor Pat or the school office at 07 49427455.

Thank you for your continued support!





# PRIMARY SPORTS



Our primary gymnastics program has been going from strength to strength this term. Students have been actively engaged in developing their skills, gaining both knowledge and confidence as they participate in a range of activities.

Through balance, coordination, flexibility, and strength-building exercises, students are learning the foundations of gymnastics while also improving their overall fitness. The program has provided plenty of opportunities for teamwork and encouragement, with students cheering each other on as they achieve new milestones.



It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and determination of our young gymnasts as they challenge themselves and celebrate their progress. We look forward to seeing their continued growth as the program develops.



# SECONDARY SPORTS



Last weekend, our senior touch team travelled to Brisbane to take part in the Adventist Touch Competition, joining schools from across Queensland. The competition was strong, but our students gave their best in every game, showing determination, teamwork, and great spirit.

The event was a valuable opportunity for the team to challenge themselves, develop their skills, and enjoy representing our school on a bigger stage. We were very pleased with the way they carried themselves both on and off the field and thank the staff and families who helped make the trip possible.





# BOOK WEEK 2025



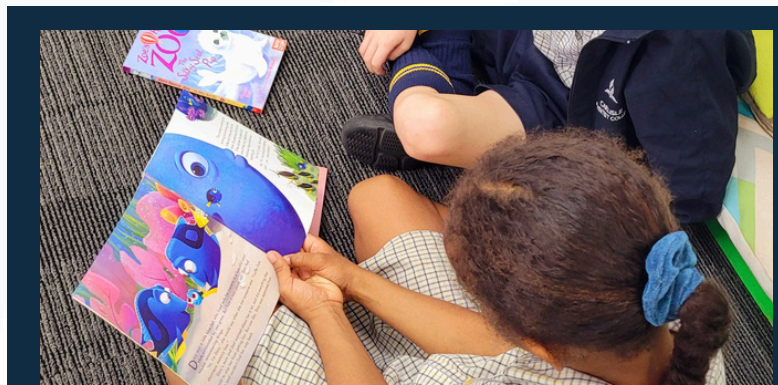
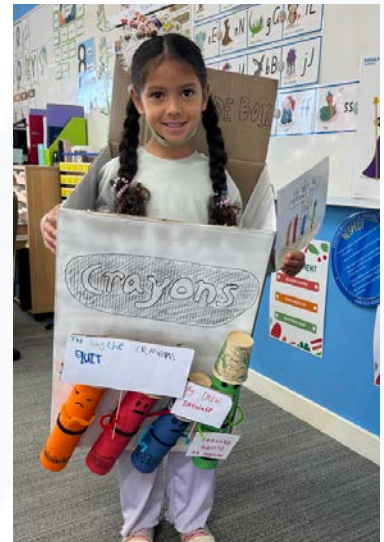
Book Week was a wonderful celebration of stories, imagination, and fun across our school. From the colourful costume parade that filled the campus with characters from every corner of literature, to the excitement of book swaps that encouraged students to share and discover new favourites, last week was filled with wonder. A highlight was the friendly tug-of-war and bingo, which brought plenty of laughter and teamwork.

A huge thank you to Mrs Abell for her creativity and effort in making Book Week such a great success and for inspiring our students to keep discovering the joy of reading.





## A large group of children in costumes posing for a photo. Costumes include Whodunnit, Star Wars, Batman, and various other characters. Some children are holding books or props.



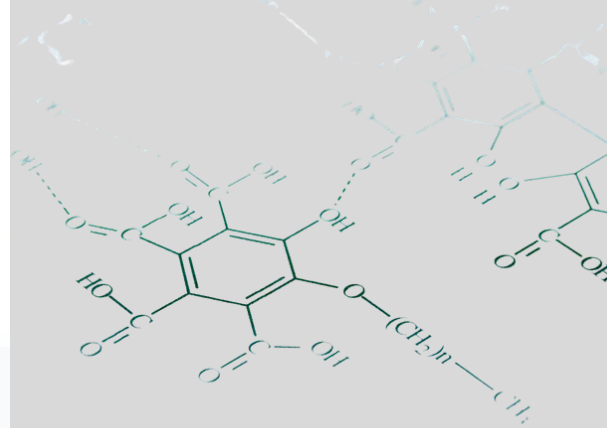


# SCIENCE WEEK



Throughout Science Week, students across multiple year levels have been actively engaged in scientific inquiry and experimentation. Investigations ranged from exploring chemical reactions and physical processes to applying the principles of observation, measurement, and prediction.

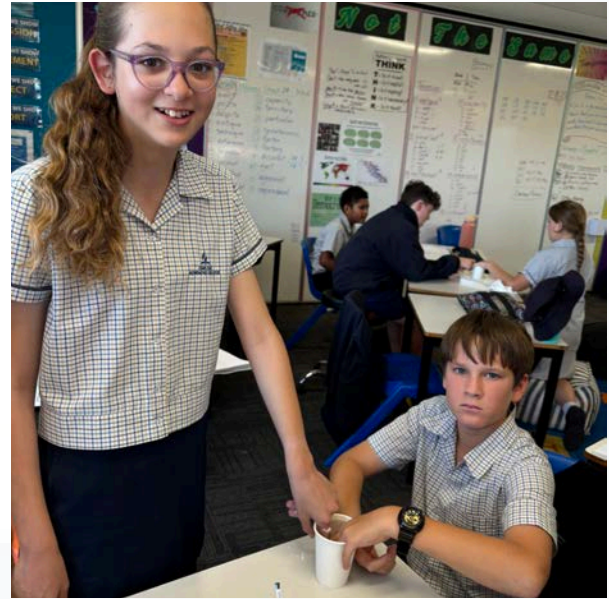
On Wednesday, our Year 10 science students facilitated a special outreach session during recess, inviting primary students into the laboratory. The Year 10s demonstrated a range of scientific concepts through practical experiments, encouraging younger learners to observe variables, record outcomes, and ask questions about the phenomena they witnessed. This peer-led activity not only enhanced the Year 10s' ability to communicate scientific ideas but also sparked curiosity and engagement among the primary students.



Science Week at Carlisle has provided an opportunity for students to experience the investigative nature of science, highlighting the importance of collaboration, discovery, and critical thinking in scientific learning.



# SCIENCE WEEK



My name is Dylan. In Year 6, we have studied biome diversity this Term. Biomes are large areas of the Earth with similar climate, plants, and animals, like deserts, rainforests, grassland, taiga, ocean and tundras. God carefully designed each biome to support life in different ways. In the tundra, animals survive the freezing cold by growing thick fur, storing fat, and hibernating or migrating to warmer places this proves God is amazing in every way. That is why, this week, we coated some of our fingers in a lot (or a little) of some animal fat to test whether fat would be insulating with our freezing cold cups of water. thankfully, I can report, the answer is YES! (Gross, but true!)





# PRIMARY

## ORAL HEALTH VISIT YEARS 2 - 4



**ELITE DENTAL CARE**  
Our Pride In Your Smile



In line with our focus on keeping healthy, we were fortunate to welcome Elite Dental Care's dentist Brittney and her assistant Niamh to our school. They spoke with students about the importance of oral hygiene and looking after our teeth every day.

The session included practical tips on brushing and flossing, making healthy food choices, and how good dental care supports our overall wellbeing. Students enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions and left with a better understanding of how small daily habits can make a big difference to their health.

We are grateful to Brittney and Niamh for sharing their time and expertise with us.



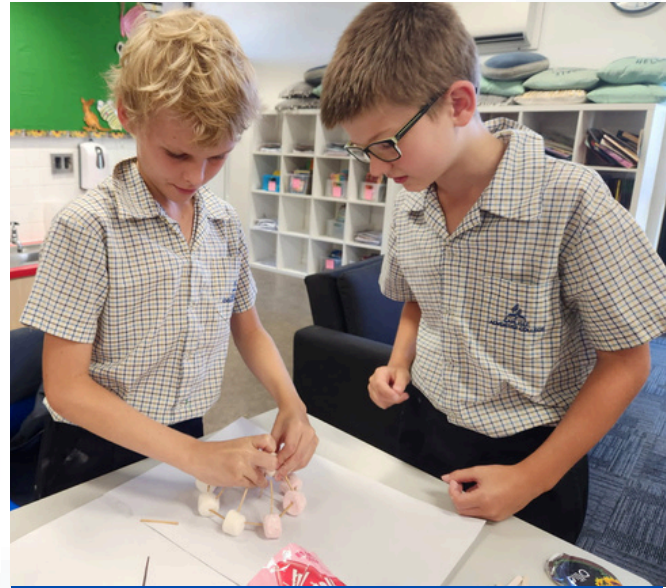


# PRIMARY

Our Year 4 students recently put their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills to the test with a Marshmallow and Toothpick Challenge. Armed with toothpicks and marshmallows, each group worked together to design and build something unique.

The challenge encouraged students to experiment, test out ideas, and adapt quickly when their structures wobbled or collapsed. There were plenty of laughs, cheers, and “back to the drawing board” moments throughout the activity.

In the end, students discovered that success came through communication, persistence, and thinking outside the box. Whether their designs stood tall or toppled over, every group walked away with stronger teamwork, resilience, lots of fun memories, and of course, a few marshmallows!



JUST FOR FUN





# SECONDARY



Our Year 8 students have been busy in the workshop this term, learning valuable woodworking skills as they design and create their very own jewellery boxes. This project has allowed them to explore the full process of craftsmanship, from selecting and measuring timber, to cutting, joining, and carefully assembling each piece.

The students have particularly enjoyed the hands-on experience of using the sanders to smooth and shape their boxes, preparing them for finishing. The workshop has been buzzing with the sound of saws and the steady hum of sanders as they've worked hard to perfect their projects.



For many, this has been a chance to see their skills soar as they gain confidence in using tools and applying techniques. Each jewellery box is unique, reflecting the creativity and dedication of its maker. The pride on students' faces as their work takes shape is a clear sign that the effort and patience required in woodworking is paying off.



# SECONDARY



Last week, our school hosted a special Information Night for Year 8 and Year 10 families. The evening provided an opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the journey ahead and the many opportunities available within our secondary program.

Year 8 families received valuable guidance as they begin considering subject selections for 2026. Teachers outlined the wide range of learning pathways on offer and explained how students can align their choices with their strengths, interests, and future goals. This session helped families gain a clearer understanding of how subject selection plays an important role in shaping future learning opportunities.

For Year 10 students, the evening was a time of celebration and preparation. Students were proudly presented with certificates recognising their successful completion of work experience, a program that allows them to explore career interests, develop practical skills, and gain insight into the workplace. Their achievements highlighted the maturity and dedication shown by our students as they begin preparing for life beyond school.

In addition to the Information Night, Year 10 families have been attending SET Plan meetings throughout the week. These personalised sessions provided each student with tailored advice and support, ensuring they are equipped to enter their senior years with confidence. By mapping out their academic pathway and discussing future aspirations, students are set up for success in Years 11 and 12.

The Information Night, together with the SET Plan meetings, offered families a valuable opportunity to work alongside staff in planning for the next steps in their child's education. We are excited to see our Year 8s continue to grow as learners, and we congratulate our Year 10s as they take these important steps toward their senior schooling journey.





# SECONDARY



On Wednesday 27 August 2025 we welcomed Mrs. Nicole Bobongie into our senior Religion and Ethics classroom as a guest speaker. During our lesson Mrs. Bobongie spoke of the many ways reconciliation frameworks have been put into place in Australia on a pathway to peace.

As part of their course in Year 11 and 12 Religion and Ethics students have been studying spiritual, religious and ethical approaches to peace building. The topics discussed with Mrs. Bobongie with the class included truth-telling, Reconciliation Action Plans, the stolen generation, Naidoc Week, statement of the heart, Voice Referendum and ways of working towards future justice.

This opportunity allowed students to gain valuable knowledge and ask questions on related topics such as land rights, connection to country and structures to future peace which directly link to their assessment for this term.

Throughout the lesson students experienced prayer, acknowledgement of country, shared stories and pathways to peace through mutual respect and understanding of all peoples. A time to reflect on spiritual traditions and religious teachings gave way to re-enforce the care values of compassion and respect behind our college community and how we put these into action on our lives.

With gratitude we thank Mrs. Bobongie for her time, honesty and willingness to openly share her culture in a spirit of collaboration for reconciliation efforts here at Carisle.





# WELBEING MATTERS



**ROCK & WATER AUSTRALIA**  
GADAKU INSTITUTE

## ROCK AND WATER PROGRAM COMING TO OUR SCHOOL

Recently, members of our Wellbeing Team participated in a training session with Rock and Water Australia. The Rock and Water program is an internationally recognised initiative that helps young people develop self-awareness, self-confidence, and self-control through a mix of physical activities, reflection, and discussion.

We are excited to share that this program will soon be introduced at our school. Rock and Water provides students with practical skills to manage emotions, build resilience, and develop positive relationships. It encourages them to find a balance between standing strong like “rock” and being flexible and cooperative like “water.”

Our team looks forward to working with students to explore these strategies and support their social and emotional wellbeing in a fun and engaging way.

For more information about Rock and Water, you can visit [www.rockandwater.com.au](http://www.rockandwater.com.au).





# ACHIVEMENTS

Gabriel had a fantastic day representing Mackay School Boys at the Capricornia Trials in Rockhampton. He made it through to the possibles/probables stage and gave it his all, but unfortunately just missed out on a spot in the Capricornia team. Well done, Gabriel – we're proud of your efforts and the way you represented our school.



Jillian had a fantastic weekend at our local horse trials, taking out 1st place overall and being awarded Best Performed Off The Track Horse in her age group!



Congratulations to Melpha who has recently completed her training in Health and Disability. This achievement is a wonderful milestone and a reflection of her commitment to developing her knowledge and skills. We are very proud of her dedication and the effort she has put into her studies, and we look forward to seeing her use these skills to support and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

If your child/ family have anything you like to share please email through a photo and a short description.  
[katie.pringle@carlisle.qld.edu.au](mailto:katie.pringle@carlisle.qld.edu.au)



# Celebrate Father's Day at Our School Stall!



THE SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO PURCHASE THAT PERFECT GIFT FOR DAD OR THE MAN IN THEIR LIVES.

Children will be given the opportunity with their class to attend the Fathers Day Stall run by the P & F to pick and purchase gifts for Fathers Day.

**DATE: 4TH SEPTEMBER**

There will be a variety of products available to purchase on the day ranging in price from \$1 to \$10

Cash is preferable but eftpos will be available.



Follow us on Facebook to find out what's happening in and around your P&F - Tuckshop, Fundraising and more.

@CARLISLEP&F





# OSHC



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We've had a wonderful time recently in our Before and After School Care programs! The children have been busy enjoying a wide range of activities with their friends, from playing footy on the oval and handball in the quad, to climbing trees and exploring the playground. There's never a dull moment!

Our afternoons have also been productive, with many students making the most of their time by working on homework with the support and guidance of our dedicated educators. It's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and teamwork shine through in everything they do.



As we approach the school holidays, there's a growing buzz of excitement! Our Holiday Program is now available, and we're looking forward to more fun-filled days ahead. If you'd like to book your child in, please don't hesitate to get in touch, we still have a few spots available.

If you have any questions or would like to secure a place in the Holiday Program, don't hesitate to get in touch with me directly:

Sandra Wilde

Email: [Sandra.wilde@carlisle.qld.edu.au](mailto:Sandra.wilde@carlisle.qld.edu.au)

Cost \$60.00 per day

Excursion/ Incursions \$80.00 per day

Child care Subsidy available for Eligible families.

Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 6.30 am - 6.00 pm

Friday 6.30 am -5.30 pm

Monday, 22nd

**Incursion**

**Bush Foods**

Aunty Mel from Younga Yarns will be joining us to share her knowledge about native foods. She will also prepare Myrtle tea for the children to sample, with parental permission.



Tuesday, 23rd

**Excursion**

Let's go to the movies to watch Kangaroo and have popcorn with our friends.



Wednesday, 24th

**Incursion**

Join us for a fun day filled with jumping castles and wonderful company



Thursday, 25th



**Incursion**

**FOSSIL DIG**

Come and be archaeologists and take time to dig and discover Brontosaurus or a Stegosaurus, T. rex, or gems with your friends



Friday, 26th

**Incursion**

**Petting Zoo**

Join us for a delightful time with the animals! Please remember to wear sports shoes.



Monday, 29th

**Incursion**

**Create Your Own Slime**

Join us for a fun-filled session where you can make colourful slime alongside your friends. You'll also have the chance to enjoy some sensory sand!



Tuesday, 30th

**Incursion**

**Stuff-A-Pillow**

Join us for a delightful day with friends where you can select a pillow skin, fill it with fluffy stuffing.



Wednesday, 1st

**October**

Join us to unleash your creativity with beads, bag charms and origami!



Thursday, 2nd

**Incursion**

Children will have the opportunity to decorate sun hats, followed by a visit to the ELC, where they can read books and engage in playtime with the kindergarten children.



Friday, 3rd

**Incursion**

Children can enjoy their final holiday day with various activities, a movie, and pizza with their educators.





Last week we were thrilled to celebrate National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day with our community!

The highlight of the day was a vibrant performance by the talented North Mackay State School dance group. It was wonderful to welcome our Year 5 buddies, along with their teacher, principal, and chaplain, to share in this special celebration. Together, we built meaningful connections while embracing the richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.


A heartfelt thank you to Aunty Shorty and the North Mackay State School dance group for sharing your gifts with us. We are so grateful for the opportunity to come together and celebrate the uniqueness and diversity of our community.









A group of children in a church sanctuary, some standing and some sitting, with a large quote overlaid on the image.

**“Great are the works  
of the Lord; they are  
pondered by all who  
delight in them.”**

Psalm 111:2 (NIV)