

Thriving, Christ-Centred, Learning Community

FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

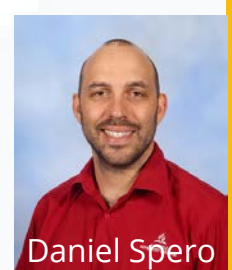
Hi Families, and welcome to Week 9!

This year, we have continued building on our high expectations for learning, behaviour, and uniform. Research shows that clear, consistent expectations help students feel secure, build confidence, and achieve strong outcomes. When paired with positive relationships, these expectations help students engage fully and develop a genuine sense of belonging. We believe every student is capable of success.

This term, we have been explicitly teaching positive behaviours through whole-school PB4L lessons and supporting students to uphold uniform standards. These expectations aren't just rules - they guide students to care for one another, take responsibility, and strive for excellence. We don't seek high expectations only because we take pride in our school - although we do, but because we belong.

Grounded in our biblical worldview, each student is created in God's image and deeply valued (Genesis 1:27). As a community, we are called to "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). High expectations, combined with CARE, create a place where every student feels known, supported, and able to grow.

Thank you to our families and wider community for supporting our students on this journey. You are loved, you are valued, and most importantly - you belong.



Daniel Spero

**Term 1, Week 8
20 March , 2026**

IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 11 CAMP
Thursday, 12 - 19 March

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Wednesday, 25 March

PRIMARY SWIMMING ENDS
Friday, 27 March

YEAR 7/10 IMMUNISATIONS
Friday, 27 March

20 YEARS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
Friday, 27 March

LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Friday, 2 April

CARLISLE WAY



NOTICES

IMMUNISATIONS

The Queensland Health Immunisation Team will be visiting the school on Friday 27 March to deliver the School Immunisation Program for Year 7 and Year 10 students.

As part of the Queensland Government program, Year 7 students will be offered vaccinations for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough). Year 10 students will be offered the meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

If you have not yet returned your child's consent card, please do so as soon as possible. Only students with a completed consent form indicating "Yes to Vaccination" will be able to receive the immunisations on the day. If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, or they have already received these vaccines, please complete the "No to Vaccination" section and return the form to the school office.

PREP VISION TEST

Our Prep students will take part in the Prep Vision Screening Program on 4 June. This program is funded by the Queensland Government and provides a free vision screening for children in their first year of school.

The screening helps identify any possible vision concerns early, supporting students with their learning and development. Further information will be provided to families closer to the date.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - ROADS

We ask everyone to please be aware of private driveways and the importance of keeping them clear. Residents rely on unobstructed access to enter and exit their homes safely, and blocked driveways can cause frustration, delays, and even safety concerns. Whether you are dropping off, picking up, or just passing by, please take a moment to ensure that driveways are not blocked by vehicles, bicycles, or other items. Your consideration helps maintain safe access for everyone and supports our community in respecting each other's property. Thank you for being mindful and keeping driveways clear at all times.

STUDENT HEALTH

At our school, we are committed to keeping all students safe and healthy. If your child requires any medication during school hours, a Medical Consent Form must be completed and submitted to the school. This ensures that we can administer medication safely and in accordance with school policy.

Additionally, we kindly ask that if your child is unwell, they remain at home until they have fully recovered. This helps prevent the spread of illness and supports a healthier learning environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation in prioritising the well-being of our school community.

CHAPLAINCY

INTRODUCING NEW CHAPLAINS



Meet Tutaraki Williams

Tutaraki Williams is a devoted husband to his wife Reina of 12 years and a proud father of four beautiful children. Born in Auckland, New Zealand, he is of Cook Island descent and proudly calls NZ his homeland. Tutaraki and his family later moved to Australia and now call Mackay home.

Tutaraki has a strong passion for serving God and leading young people closer to Him. In 2025 he had the privilege of serving as the Adventurers Leader and has also served in various roles within his church.

This year he is excited to step into the role of Chaplain, sharing the position alongside Kale. Tutaraki is guided by Proverbs 22:6: "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

He feels blessed to serve God and the people of the Mackay region.



Meet Kalesita Tikoicina

Hi guys! My name is Kalesita Tikoicina but you can call me Kalie (pronounced Kah-lee), and I'm super duper excited to be the new chaplain here at Carlisle alongside my fellow co-chaplain Tu!

I've just moved here from Sydney, where I worked as a prison officer for over 2 years, so being here in Mackay has been a drastic change but one I'm really looking forward to.

Tu and I have big plans this year for both the students of Carlisle and the greater community, so please keep the school and chaplaincy team in your prayers. Make sure to come say hi if you see me around!

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
Thessalonians 5:11*

COMMUNITY

PARENT TEACHER CONNECTION



Last week's parent-teacher interviews were a wonderful reminder of what makes our school community so special - partnership, care, and connection. These meetings aren't just about reports or grades; they're about understanding each child, celebrating their progress, and dreaming together about what's next.

It was inspiring to see parents and teachers share stories, laugh together, and work as a team to support every student's learning journey. These conversations help us understand our students better, nurture their strengths, and guide them through challenges with care.

A heartfelt thank you to all our families for taking the time to be part of these meaningful conversations. Your support, encouragement, and belief in our students make a real difference. Together, we're helping every child grow, thrive, and flourish!



"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
- Proverbs 22:6

SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY AND COLOUR RUN SUCCESS

Our recent Cross Country and Colour Run was a fantastic day filled with energy, colour and plenty of school spirit. Students gave their best effort on the course and supported one another throughout the event. It was wonderful to see so many students participating with enthusiasm and determination. Congratulations to all students who took part, and a special congratulations to our Age Champions for their outstanding performances.

Well done to all of our Age Champions and to every student who participated. Events like these are a great opportunity for students to challenge themselves, stay active and enjoy being part of our school community.

2026 Cross Country Age Champions

5 Years

Boys: Spencer
Girls: Lillie

6 Years

Boys: Lachlan
Girls: Aaliyah

7 Years

Boys: Halo
Girls: Luangella

8 Years

Boys: Levi
Girls: Zara

9 Years

Boys: Aiden
Girls: Tallullah

10 Years

Boys: Harrison
Girls: Ruth

11 Years

Boys: William
Girls: Matilda

12 Years

Boys: Hayden
Girls: Mikayla

13 Years

Boys: Carter
Girls: Ashley

14 Years

Boys: Oscar
Girls: Jillian and Tayla

15 Years

Boys: Sonny
Girls: Tarni

16 Years

Boys: Nehemiah
Girls: Rylie

17 Years

Boys: William
Girls: Isabella

18 Years

Boys: None
Girls: Lacey



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SPORTS

Our annual Swimming Carnival will be held at the Mackay Aquatic & Recreation Complex from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Students should arrive by 8:15 am and bring swimwear, towel, goggles, sunscreen, water bottle, and a change of clothes. The canteen will be open, or students may bring their own food.

The school will provide a bus for students who require transport from the school to the pool and back to the school. Parents must notify the school if this transport is required.

Please inform the school by this Friday, 20 March (Week 8) if your child requires this transport.

Students using the school bus service for the carnival must arrive at school by 8:00 am, as the bus will depart at 8:15 am sharp. These students will return to school in time for the usual 3:00 pm pick-up.

We look forward to a fantastic day of fun, teamwork, and school spirit!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

CARNIVAL DATE

MARCH 25, 2026

8:30 - 2:30PM

LOCATION

Mackay Aquatic & Recreation Complex
193 Boundary Rd, Ooralea QLD 4740

COME ALONG AND COLLECT POINTS FOR YOUR HOUSE

PRIMARY



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been working extremely well in class and showing great teamwork. Recently, students worked in small groups to design their ideal playground. They collected data and discussed which equipment should stay and which should be removed. As a class, we decided that a swing may not be the safest option, and the slide was voted our favourite piece of equipment.

We also enjoyed cheering on students during the recent Colour Fun Run. It was wonderful to see everyone showing great school spirit and supporting each other.

In class, students have also been stepping up as leaders and helpers. Some have been reading storybooks to their peers and sharing the daily news with the class, which has been a great way to build confidence and responsibility.



PRIMARY

YEAR 3 - MULTIPLICATION AND GROUPING

Year 3 students have been getting hands-on in Maths as they explored multiplication through grouping activities. Using counters and classroom materials, students worked on creating equal groups to help them understand what multiplication really means.

Rather than just learning times tables, students were able to see how numbers work together by building rows and groups themselves. There were lots of “aha!” moments as they discovered faster ways to count and solve problems.



The classroom was full of discussion, teamwork, and problem-solving as students explained their thinking and helped one another along the way. Learning in a practical way has helped make more meaningful and has built confidence as students continue developing their maths skills.

It's been wonderful to see students enjoying Maths while strengthening important foundations for future learning.

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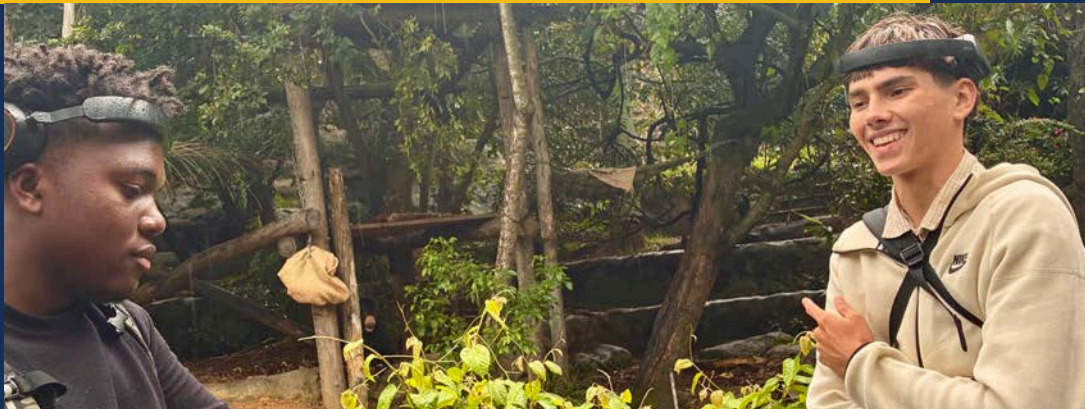
SECONDARY

YEAR 11 CAMP



Our Year 11 students recently returned from an incredible week of adventure, friendship, and a glimpse into life beyond school. From Sydney city sights to university tours, every day was full of experiences and memories that will stick with them for years to come.

The trip began in Sydney, where students visited the SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium. The marine life was amazing, but the students were just as entertaining, with some pretending to be sharks, others trying to mimic the graceful movements of jellyfish. After the aquarium, the group explored Sydney's bustling markets, taking in the sights, sounds, and delicious snacks along the way.



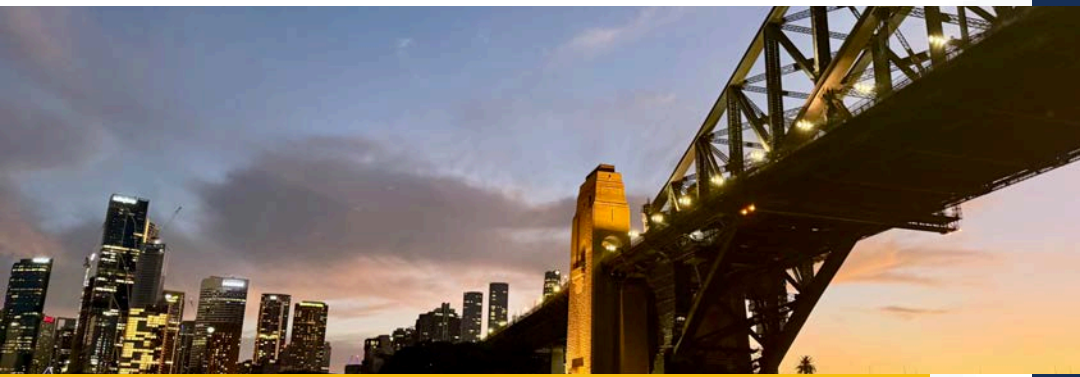
"As our Year 11 students step into new experiences and explore the future, we pray they continue to grow strong, bear fruit, and flourish—just like the tree planted by streams of water."

(Psalm 1:3)



SECONDARY

Next, students experienced the magic of Sydney Harbour and Cockatoo Island, where they stayed for part of the trip. Sydney Harbour itself is a place like no other—sparkling waters, iconic bridges, and endless photo opportunities. Cockatoo Island offered the perfect combination of history, open spaces, and quirky corners. Here, students enjoyed downtime, explored the island, and, of course, the boys immediately found the basketball courts. Laughter, friendly competition, and a few “I definitely got that shot” moments filled the afternoons. There were also quieter moments of sitting by the water, chatting with friends, and soaking up the scenery—a chance to pause and just enjoy being together.



After leaving Sydney behind, the group travelled to Avondale University for a campus tour. Walking through classrooms, exploring facilities, and talking with staff gave students a real sense of what life after school could look like. Some were imagining themselves studying there, while others were more focused on discovering where the best coffee spots might be!



Throughout the camp, students showed independence, curiosity, and care for one another. From packing bags and navigating buses to helping each other settle in, they demonstrated maturity and responsibility. But it wasn't all serious—there were spontaneous basketball games, shared snacks, and plenty of laughs along the way.

This camp wasn't just about sightseeing or thinking about university. It was about friendships, fun, and creating memories together. Our Year 11 students embraced every adventure, supported one another, and represented Carlisle with pride. From Sydney Harbour to Cockatoo Island to Avondale University, every stop offered opportunities to learn, laugh, and imagine the future—and we couldn't be prouder of the way they made the most of it.



EXCURSION

"The earth is the Lord's,
and everything in it."
Psalm 24:1



Students spent a fantastic day at Shoal Point, fishing and learning all about the local marine life. They discovered how to care for our waterways, worked together to reel in fish, and got hands-on experience with sustainable practices.

Fun fact: Did you know Shoal Point is home to a variety of fish species, including whiting, bream, and flathead? Some students even got a close-up look while fishing!



BUS DRIVERS DAY

CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING BUS DRIVERS

On Thursday 19 March, we took a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to three very important members of our school community - Phil, Peter, and John, our dedicated bus drivers.

Each day begins and ends with their friendly smiles as they safely transport our students on morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off runs. Rain or shine, early mornings or long afternoons, they ensure students arrive at school ready to learn and return home safely to their families.

Beyond the daily routes, Phil, Peter, and John play a vital role in school life through the many charters, sports trips, excursions, and camps they support throughout the year. Whether it's cheering students on at sporting events, navigating long camp journeys, or helping excursions run smoothly, their reliability and care make these experiences possible.

Their work often happens behind the scenes, but the impact they have on our school community is significant. They provide not only safe transport but also consistency, kindness, and a welcoming presence for students each day.

On Bus Drivers Appreciation Day - Thursday 19 March, we extend our sincere gratitude to Phil, Peter, and John for the time, commitment, and care they show our students and staff.

Thank you for keeping our school moving!



FUN AND ACTIVE TUESDAY FOR THE WALLABIES

On Tuesday, the Wallabies had a busy and enjoyable day. They began the morning in the Kindy room where they spent time painting. When they moved back to their classroom area, they enjoyed exploring the yard and the different activities that had been set up.

The children started with a fun and energetic obstacle course that challenged their gross motor skills. Afterwards, some children chose to play in the sandpit while others enjoyed creating with playdough. There were also plenty of laughs as the children had races with Miss Charly. A colouring activity was also available and enjoyed by many.

Later in the day, the class participated in a threat drill where they practised what to do if there was a threat within the centre. The Wallaby group did an excellent job listening carefully and following all instructions from their teachers. We were very proud of how calmly and responsibly everyone responded.



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."
Colossians 3:23

OSHC

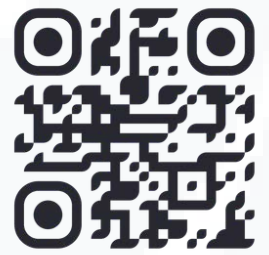
OSHC Spots Available



Our After School program gives students the chance to complete homework and enjoy a variety of fun and educational activities.

During the school holidays, the excitement ramps up with excursions to the movies, play centres, water slides, jumping castles, and even special visits like a petting zoo!

Secure your child's spot today by contacting oshc@carlisle.qld.edu.au or via the Parent Portal. Book now to ensure your children have a safe, fun, and engaging place to be when life gets busy!



WELLBEING MATTERS

SIMPLE WAYS TO THRIVE

Looking after your family's wellbeing helps everyone feel happier, calmer, and more connected. Here are some simple ways to nurture health and happiness at home:

Connect daily: Share meals, go for walks, or enjoy a game night together. Listening and talking as a family builds strong bonds.

Pray together: Taking time to pray as a family can bring comfort, gratitude, and a sense of peace. Even a short prayer before meals or bedtime makes a difference.

Move and rest: Regular activity and a good night's sleep help manage stress and boost mood.

Eat well together: Balanced meals give energy and support focus—don't forget to enjoy treats in moderation!

Mindful moments: Try quiet time, breathing exercises, or a short family meditation to relax.

Celebrate effort: Praise persistence, kindness, and creativity, not just results.

Limit screen time: Tech-free zones at meals or family time help everyone stay present.

Ask for help if needed: Teachers, counsellors, and health professionals are here to support you.

Small, consistent steps make a big difference. A shared laugh, a chat, or a prayer each day can go a long way in keeping your family thriving!



Psalm 127:3-5 - "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them."



RECIPE

RAINBOW VEGGIE WRAPS

Serves: 4 | Prep time: 15 mins | No cooking required

Ingredients:

- 4 large wholemeal or spinach tortillas
- 1 cup hummus (any flavour)
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 red capsicum, thinly sliced
- 1 yellow capsicum, thinly sliced
- 1 small cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1 handful of baby spinach or lettuce
- Optional: sprouts, avocado slices, or shredded purple cabbage

Instructions:

1. Lay out the tortilla on a flat surface.
2. Spread 2–3 tablespoons of hummus over the tortilla, leaving a small border at the edges.
3. Layer the vegetables in rainbow order: carrot, red capsicum, yellow capsicum, cucumber, and spinach.
4. Add any optional ingredients for extra colour and taste.
5. Roll the tortilla tightly, then cut into 2–3 small wraps.
6. Serve immediately, or wrap in foil for lunchboxes.

Tip: Encourage kids to help create their “rainbow” wraps, this makes healthy eating fun and interactive!

Fun Fact: Eating a rainbow of vegetables can help your body get lots of different vitamins and minerals.



FUNDRAISING



On Thursday 26 March, our school will be supporting Epilepsy Awareness through fundraising and learning activities. Students are encouraged to wear purple to show their support.

Epilepsy is a condition that affects the brain and can cause seizures, which are sudden bursts of electrical activity in the brain. It is one of the most common neurological conditions, affecting around 1 in 100 Australians. Understanding epilepsy helps create a supportive and safe community for those living with it.

Students can bring a cold coin donation for wearing purple and an extra \$2 if they'd like to enjoy a tasty cupcake at lunch. All funds raised will go towards supporting epilepsy research and education, helping our community promote awareness and inclusion.

**SEIZE
THE DAY
EPILEPSY
AWARENESS**

**26th
March**

**WEAR PURPLE
TO HELP RAISE
AWARENESS**



COMING UP

Celebrating

20



Years

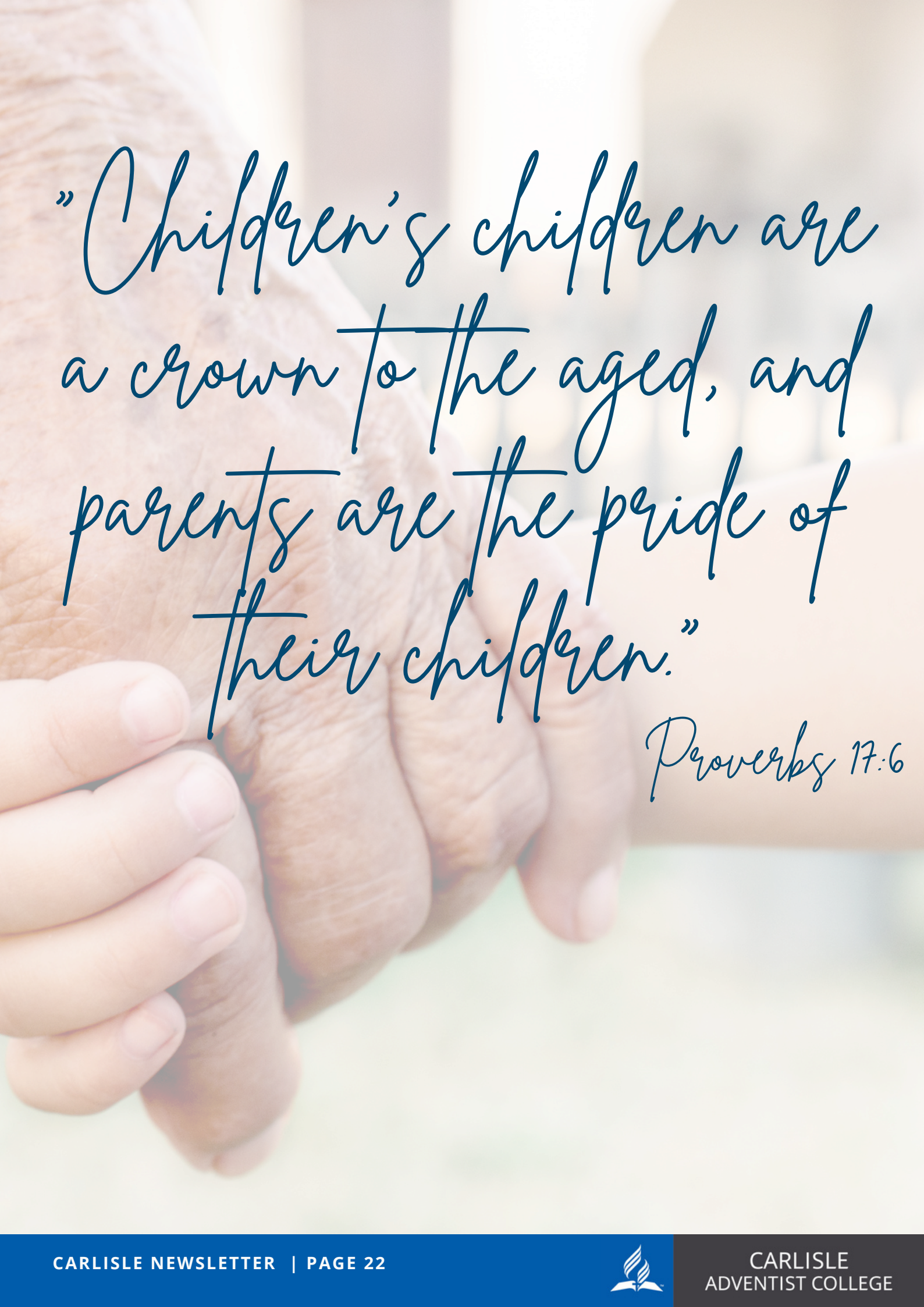
Join us to celebrate

**20 Year of Carlisle at
17 Holts Road**

Friday | 27 March 2026 | 2:30PM

Special Assembly located in Shed.





"Children's children are
a crown to the aged, and
parents are the pride of
their children."

Proverbs 17:6