



Thriving, Christ-Centred, Learning Community

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Carlisle Community,

Term 2 is well underway, and it has already been a full and positive few weeks across the College.

Last week we had the opportunity to pause and acknowledge Mother's Day. I hope our mums, grandmothers and the many significant women in our students' lives felt valued and appreciated. Schools are shaped not only by what happens in classrooms, but also by the love, encouragement and steady support that students receive at home. We are grateful for the many women who give so much to our families and community.

It has also been great to see our students involved in a range of experiences outside the normal classroom routine. Our Year 3 and 4 students headed off to camp, which is always a big step for many students. Camps provide opportunities for independence, resilience, friendship and confidence, and I know many returned with stories to tell and memories made.

On Friday night, our chaplains also ran MESH, our vespers-style program for students and families. It was encouraging to hear so many positive comments about the night. These moments of connection, worship and community are an important part of who we are as a College.

I am reminded of Hebrews 10:24–25, which encourages us to “consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” and to keep meeting together. That is part of what makes a school community strong. Learning together, encouraging one another, and creating spaces where faith and connection can grow.

Thank you to our staff for the energy and care they are putting into each week, and to our families for your ongoing support.

Blessing Dale Skinner



Dale Skinner

**Term 2, Week 4**  
**15 May, 2026**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**PHOTO DAY**  
Wednesday, 20 May

**YEAR 7&10 IMMUNISATIONS**  
Friday, 22 May

**DENTAL HEALTH VISIT**  
Friday, 22 May

**RECONCILIATION WEEK  
BEGINS**  
Wednesday, 27 May

**CF AWARENESS DAY**  
Friday, 29 May

# NOTICES

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

As we head into next week, we are looking forward to our annual School Photo Day on Wednesday, 20 May. This is a wonderful opportunity to capture special memories from the school year and celebrate our students and school community.

We ask that all students arrive dressed in their full formal school uniform, with neat presentation including brushed hair and polished shoes. Students who have sport lessons on the day are encouraged to bring their sports uniform to change into after photos have been taken.

Photo order forms and additional information have now been sent home with students. Families are able to place orders online or return completed forms to the school by the due date.

We can't wait to see all of our students smiling proudly and representing our college so well on the day!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The school has partnered with MSP Photography to capture their school records this year, and you're invited to purchase prints of your child. On photo day, every student will be photographed, whether you choose to make a purchase or not. Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope with a secure SHOOTKEY from the photographers. Please take a moment to read and follow the instructions carefully. You can place your order online by SHOOTKEY, QR code or use cash in your student's envelope. Alternately, you can talk to one of the Photographers on the day to arrange payment.

REMEMBER: PLACE YOUR ORDER ON OR BEFORE PHOTO DAY. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and help you avoid any additional fees.

### SIBLING PHOTOS

Sibling photos are available only for siblings attending the same school. A sibling envelope will be sent home with the eldest child in your family. Please follow the instructions on the envelope if you wish to order sibling photos. If your eldest child does not bring home a sibling envelope, you can call your school's office or MSP for their secure SHOOTKEY before photo day to be able to order Online. Alternatively, you can talk to one of the Photographers on the day to arrange the sibling photo and payment. Only pre-ordered sibling photos will be taken on photo day.

NOTE: Online sibling orders close at midday the day before photo day. Cash orders will still be accepted on photo day.

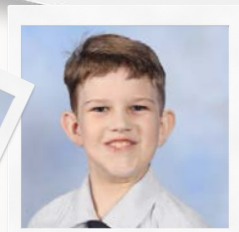
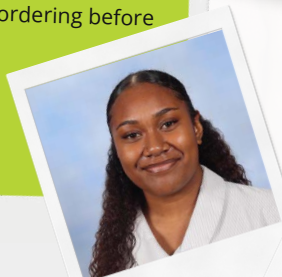
### BLENDED FAMILIES

Please let the school office or MSP know if you wish your photo pack to be picked up from the school office for separated parents, blended families, and grandparents. You can call your school's office or MSP for their secure SHOOTKEY for Online ordering before photo day.

### NEED HELP?

Please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography.

Email: [schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au](mailto:schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au)  
Phone: 07 4921 3355



# NOTICES



## HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ALERT

We have recently had a confirmed case of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease within our school community. We kindly ask all families to monitor their children closely for any signs or symptoms.

Common symptoms may include:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Loss of appetite
- Small blisters or rash on the hands, feet, or around the mouth
- Mouth ulcers

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is highly contagious and spreads easily through close contact. Good hygiene practices such as regular hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and keeping unwell children at home can help reduce the spread.

If your child develops symptoms, please seek medical advice and keep them home from school until they are feeling well and any blisters have dried.

If you have any concerns, please contact 13 HEALTH or see your family doctor. Further information is available on the [Queensland Health website](#).

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community healthy and safe.

# UPCOMING EVENT

## MULTICULTURAL DAY

Our Multicultural Day is coming up on Thursday 4 June, and we are looking forward to celebrating the many cultures that make up our Carlisle community.

Families should have now received an Expression of Interest form via email. We would love for families to get involved by sharing a traditional dish, performing a dance or cultural item, or even creating a cultural display to showcase their heritage and traditions.

This evening is always a wonderful opportunity to come together, learn from one another, and celebrate the diversity within our school community in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

*"So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."*

*Romans 12:5*

We encourage all families to be part of this special evening and help make it a memorable celebration for everyone.



## MULTICULTURAL DAY EVENING

Join us for a vibrant evening celebrating the rich diversity of our community!



FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD



CULTURAL DANCES



WORLD MUSIC & COMMUNITY FUN

Everyone is welcome!



4 June



5:30 - 8:00PM



School Shed



Bring your family and friends and enjoy a night of culture, connection, and celebration!



# UPCOMING EVENT

# AUSLAN COMPETITION



CARLISLE  
ADVENTIST COLLEGE

Students from Years 4, 5 & 6 will showcase their Auslan skills, confidence, and creativity in a fun and exciting competition.

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Auslan signing challenges

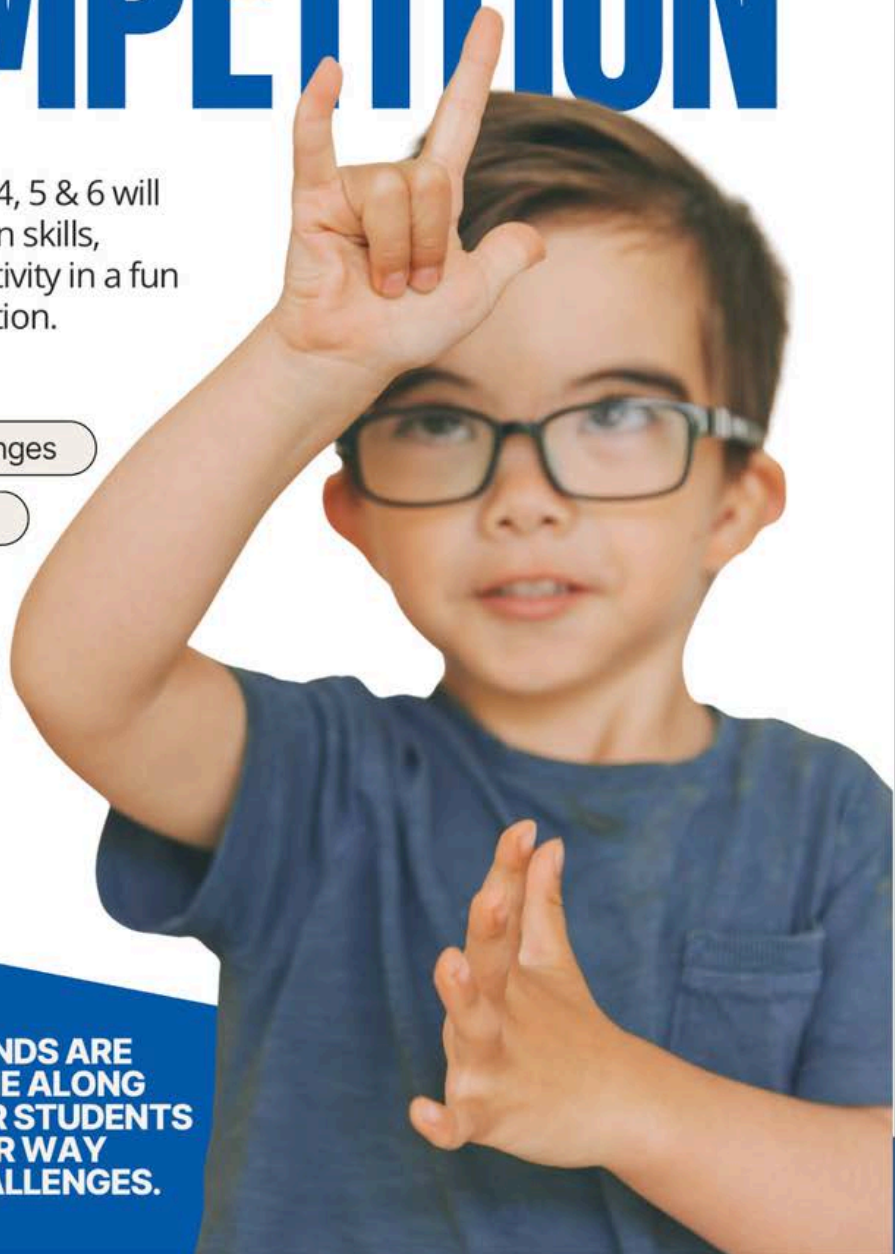
School & house spirit

Team work

**23 JUNE**  
**2 - 3PM**

Located in  
Carlisle's Shed

**FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE  
WELCOME TO COME ALONG  
AND CHEER ON OUR STUDENTS  
AS THEY SIGN THEIR WAY  
THROUGH THE CHALLENGES.**



# UPCOMING EVENT

## BOOK WEEK

**COMING SOON**

This year's theme, Symphony of Stories, is inviting students into a joyful celebration of reading, imagination, and the power of stories to shape our thinking and character. As a Christian school community, we also take this opportunity to reflect on the values found throughout many stories - kindness, courage, honesty, perseverance, and care for others - qualities that align with the way we are called to live.

Students will explore a range of literature and enjoy the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters. Each class will bring their chosen stories to life, celebrating creativity while recognising the positive messages and lessons that can be found in good storytelling.

We look forward to a day filled with colour, laughter, and shared enjoyment, as our school community comes together to celebrate Symphony of Stories—reminding us that every story has value, and that we are all part of God's greater story of love, purpose, and hope.

**Simple Reminder for Families**  
Costumes don't need to be elaborate - a small prop, colour theme, or homemade touch is perfect. The focus is on celebrating stories, imagination, and a love of reading as part of our Symphony of Stories.



## 2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

**SYMPHONY OF STORIES**



**22–28 August 2026**



# CARLISLE WAY



## Carlisle Way Awards – Week 3

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:32

Week 3 saw a wonderful number of students recognised for demonstrating the Carlisle Way and upholding the CARE values. It has been fantastic to see so many students showing kindness, compassion and consideration towards others.

Students were acknowledged for the positive ways they support their peers, respect their learning environments and look out for those around them each day. These acts of CARE, both big and small, help make Carlisle a welcoming and supportive place for everyone.

All students recognised received a certificate along with a tuckshop voucher to celebrate their efforts and commitment to living out the Carlisle Way.

We are very proud of all of our award recipients and encourage every student to continue showing care in all that they do.



# CHAPLAINCY



Our first M.E.S.H was filled with fun, food, fellowship, and most importantly, God.

M.E.S.H stands for Meet, Eat, Share and Hang, and this year we wanted to begin with our secondary students, while our Primary students look forward to their Week of Worship coming up in Week 8.

We began the night with a massive feed, a huge shoutout to Rural View Domino's for their generous pizza donations, which were such a blessing to our school community. From there, we moved into a time of worship with amazing music, followed by an encouraging devotion shared by our cheerful Chappy Kalie about friendship, supporting one another, and uplifting each other in faith.

To finish off the night, students took part in a fun photo and video scavenger hunt that had everyone laughing, interacting, and working together. It was wonderful seeing our students connect, build friendships, and simply enjoy spending time together in such a positive environment.

Thank you to all of our parents for allowing your children to come along and be part of such a special evening. We had so much fun hanging out, laughing, eating, and opening the Sabbath together as one big family. Praise God for a beautiful night together.

Many blessings, Chaplancy Team



**“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another.”**

**Hebrews 10:24-25**



# COMMUNITY

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Last week, students had the opportunity to visit our Mother's Day Stall and purchase a special gift for the important women in their lives. There was plenty of excitement and careful decision making as students explored the range of gifts, searching for the perfect surprise to show their love and appreciation for Mother's Day.

It was wonderful to see the thought and care students put into choosing something meaningful for mums, grandmothers, aunts, carers and other special female role models who support and encourage them each day. Events like these are always a lovely reminder of the important role these women play in the lives of our students and school community.



We also recognise that Mother's Day can look different for every family. Some students may have mums who live far away, while others may be remembering mothers, grandmothers or loved ones who have passed away. During this special time, we send our care and thoughts to all members of our community and acknowledge the many different ways love, support and family are experienced.

We hope all of our families had a meaningful Mother's Day and that the special women in our students' lives felt celebrated, appreciated and loved. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Mother's Day Stall such a successful and memorable event.

# COMMUNITY



## MUFFINS WITH MUM

Muffins with Mum was a wonderful afternoon and a lovely opportunity to celebrate the amazing mums, grandmothers and special women in our students' lives. It was great to see so many families come along to enjoy time together, share a muffin and create special memories with their children. The room was filled with smiles, laughter and lots of happy conversations as students proudly spent time with the important people in their lives.

We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend and help make the afternoon such a success. Your support and involvement in our school community is always appreciated. For those who were unable to make it this year, we hope you still had a very special Mother's Day and were spoilt and celebrated by your children in your own way.

A big thank you also goes to everyone who helped prepare for the afternoon and to the students who were excited to make the event extra special. It truly was a beautiful afternoon of celebration, connection and appreciation for the wonderful women who care for and support our students each day.

Events like Muffins with Mum are a wonderful reminder of the strong sense of community within our school. Watching students proudly welcome their mums and special guests and seeing families enjoying time together made the afternoon even more meaningful. We are grateful for the continued support of our families and look forward to sharing many more special moments together throughout the year.



# STAFF



As Mrs Shelley Tebao finishes her time at Carlisle, we would like to sincerely thank her for the dedication, care and support she has shown our students and staff over the past 12 months, as well as during her time serving as a relief teacher before joining us more regularly.

As our Food Technology and Religion Studies teacher, Mrs Tebao shared her passion, creativity and faith so generously within the classroom and across our school community. She has encouraged students not only in their learning, but also in their confidence, character and understanding of God's love.

We are truly grateful for the positive impact she has made in the lives of many students and families. We pray that God continues to guide and bless her journey ahead and that she will continue to use her voice, talents and love for teaching to inspire and encourage others wherever she goes.

“Commit to the Lord  
whatever you do,  
and He will establish  
your plans.”

Proverbs 16:3





Our children had a wonderful time exploring shapes through a fun and engaging sensory experience this week. The sensory tray was filled with pasta, black beans, and shaving foam, creating an exciting hands-on learning opportunity that encouraged curiosity, creativity, and conversation.

As the children explored the different textures, they identified and named a variety of shapes hidden within the sensory materials. They enjoyed discussing what they could see and feel with their peers and educators, building confidence in their communication and early mathematical understanding.

Sensory play is an important part of learning as it supports cognitive development through tactile, visual, and hands-on exploration. By touching, manipulating, and recognising shapes, the children strengthened their spatial awareness, problem-solving skills, shape recognition, and fine motor development. These meaningful experiences also help support language development and memory retention in a fun and interactive way.

To continue building on this learning, we look forward to exploring shapes further through activities such as chalkboard drawing and painting experiences. These activities will encourage children to identify, create, and experiment with shapes in different ways while fostering creativity and early mathematical skills.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6



# OSHC

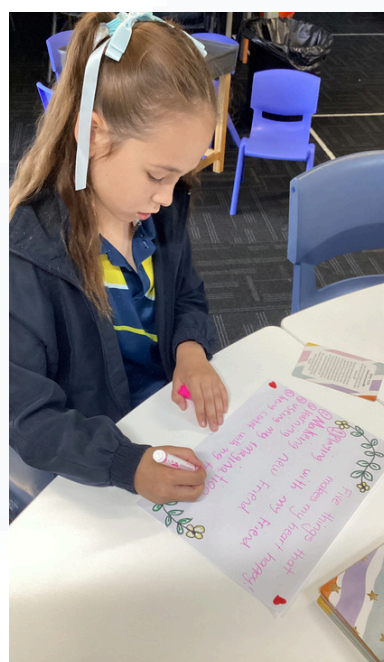
Over the past three weeks at OSHC, the children have been busy engaging in a variety of meaningful and creative experiences. As part of our learning around ANZAC Day, the children explored the importance of remembrance through discussions, craft activities, and hands-on experiences that encouraged reflection and respect.

The children have also enjoyed making their own playdough, participating in child-led magnet investigations, creating artwork and craft, and spending time outdoors enjoying active play and group games. These experiences have encouraged creativity, teamwork, problem solving, and social connections between children of all ages.

One exciting addition to our OSHC space has been the introduction of badges for our Junior Educators. Our older children have proudly taken on leadership roles, supporting younger children and assisting educators throughout the afternoons. It has been wonderful to see the confidence, responsibility, and kindness shown by these children as they help create a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone.

The OSHC room has also recently had a makeover! With guidance and support from educators, the children were actively involved in choosing how they wanted the room to look and function. Together we rearranged the space to better suit the children's needs and interests. The end result is a room that feels much more spacious, calm, and inviting, and both the children and educators are very happy with the outcome.

We are so proud of the children for their creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm and look forward to continuing to build a fun, engaging, and supportive OSHC environment for all.



[Parent Portal](#)



# PRIMARY

## PREP - INCURSION

Our Prep students recently enjoyed an exciting and interactive visit from Bush to Beach, where they learnt all about Australian wildlife and the importance of caring for our environment.

The students had the opportunity to get up close to a variety of reptiles, including snakes, as they discovered interesting facts about native Australian animals and their habitats. There were plenty of smiles and excitement as the children bravely observed and interacted with the animals during the presentation.



As part of the experience, students also planted seeds to take home and grow in their own gardens. This hands-on activity encouraged the children to think about how plants support our wildlife and how we can all play a part in caring for God's creation.

It was a wonderful learning experience filled with curiosity, discovery, and fun for all involved.

**"God saw all that He had made,  
and it was very good." Genesis 1:31**



# PRIMARY



*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

Joshua 1:9

Our Year 4 students recently headed off to camp at Seaforth Pines for an exciting few days filled with adventure, teamwork, learning, and fun. From the moment they arrived and settled into their dorms, the students embraced every opportunity to challenge themselves, build friendships, and create lasting memories.

Throughout the camp, students participated in a wide range of activities including the Gauntlet Run, Catapults, Low Ropes, Orienteering, Team Building, Archery, Raft Building, and the exciting Pines Challenge. Each activity encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones, work together, and develop confidence and resilience.

One of the highlights of camp was gathering together for the bonfire and movie night, where students enjoyed spending time with their peers and staff in a relaxed and joyful environment. These shared experiences helped strengthen connections and created many special moments that students will remember for years to come. We are incredibly proud of the way our Year 4 students represented our college. They demonstrated kindness, courage, teamwork, and respect throughout the entire camp experience.

A big thank you to our staff for their care, organisation, and support in making the camp such a success.



# PRIMARY



## YEAR 3 CAMP

Following on from the Year 4 camp experience, our Year 3 students also enjoyed a fantastic time at Seaforth Pines, where they embraced a program filled with adventure, teamwork and personal challenge.

From the moment they arrived, students quickly settled into camp life, unpacking, meeting expectations, and getting ready for a busy schedule of activities. The camp provided a wonderful opportunity for students to develop independence and responsibility while being supported by staff in a safe and encouraging environment.

Across the week, students participated in a variety of engaging activities including raft building, archery, orienteering, stadium games, low ropes, team building challenges and the exciting gauntlet run. Each experience encouraged students to collaborate, communicate and persevere, while also stepping out of their comfort zones and trying something new.

Evenings were a highlight for many, with shared meals, downtime with friends, and special activities such as movie night and campfire style experiences bringing the group together after full and active days.

It was great to see students supporting one another, showing kindness, and growing in confidence throughout the camp experience. These shared moments helped strengthen friendships and build lasting memories.

A sincere thank you is extended to the staff who attended and supported the students throughout the week, ensuring a positive and memorable experience for all involved.



# SECONDARY



## YEAR 9 & 10 - MANUAL ARTS

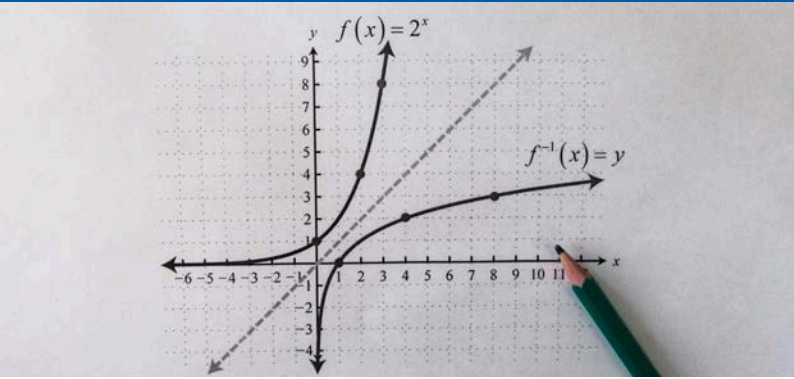
Our Year 9 and 10 Design and Technology students are currently taking part in a hands-on Manual Arts project, designing and creating their own handcrafted letter openers. This engaging task is providing students with the opportunity to develop practical skills while working with timber in a structured workshop environment.

Under the watchful eye of Mr Spero, students are learning to measure accurately, shape materials, and safely use a range of tools and equipment. Throughout the process, they are being encouraged to focus on precision, patience, and attention to detail, which are key skills in both design and practical application.

It has been great to see students problem solving, refining their designs, and building confidence as they progress through each stage of production. Once completed, each student will have a unique, functional piece that reflects their creativity, effort, and growing craftsmanship in Manual Arts.



# SECONDARY



Our Maths support sessions have now been running for some time, and it has been fantastic to see so many students taking advantage of the opportunity that Mr and Mrs A are generously offering. The sessions have created a positive and encouraging environment where students feel comfortable asking questions, revising concepts, and building confidence in Mathematics.

Open to students in Years 7–12, these sessions are designed to support students at all stages of learning. Whether students are needing assistance with current classwork, wanting to strengthen foundational skills, preparing for exams and assessment, or simply looking for extra practice, the sessions provide valuable support tailored to individual learning needs. During a student's first visit, their current understanding is reviewed so learning gaps can be identified and support can be personalised to help students continue growing in line with their year level curriculum.

Morning sessions are held in E2 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00am, with additional lunchtime sessions available on Mondays and Thursdays. All interested secondary students are encouraged to attend. It has been encouraging to see students showing initiative in their learning by attending regularly, asking thoughtful questions, and working hard to improve their understanding and confidence.

We are incredibly thankful to Mr and Mrs A for the dedication and care they continue to show towards our students. These sessions are offered in their own personal time, demonstrating their genuine passion for helping students succeed. Their willingness to go above and beyond to support student learning is greatly appreciated by our school community, and the positive impact of their investment can already be seen in the growth, engagement, and confidence of the students attending.



# SPORT



Over the next five weeks, our Primary students will be participating in exciting MiniRoos PE sessions as part of their Physical Education program. MiniRoos is designed to introduce children to the game of soccer in a fun, supportive, and active environment where all students can build confidence and develop new skills.

Throughout the program, students will learn the fundamentals of soccer through a variety of engaging activities and team games. The sessions will focus on important skills such as dribbling, passing, ball control, teamwork, coordination, and game awareness. Students will also have opportunities to practise communication, cooperation, and sportsmanship while working with their peers.

These sessions are a wonderful way to encourage students to stay active, build resilience, and develop a positive attitude towards health and fitness. We are looking forward to seeing our students grow in confidence and skill over the coming weeks while having plenty of fun along the way.



# SPORT



“TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS, THAT WE MAY GAIN A HEART OF WISDOM.” PSALM 90:12



Our Year 9 students have been exploring the significance of traditional Aboriginal games through Yulunga. Throughout the unit, students have learnt and participated in Edor, Buroinjin, Munhanganing and Gorri, gaining a deeper understanding of the rich cultural traditions and practices of Aboriginal peoples.

These traditional games provide valuable opportunities for students to develop teamwork, communication, coordination and connection, while also fostering respect and appreciation for Aboriginal culture and history. It has been wonderful to see students encouraging one another, demonstrating positive sportsmanship and building confidence through movement and play.

# WELLBEING MATTERS

## RESPONDING TO ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

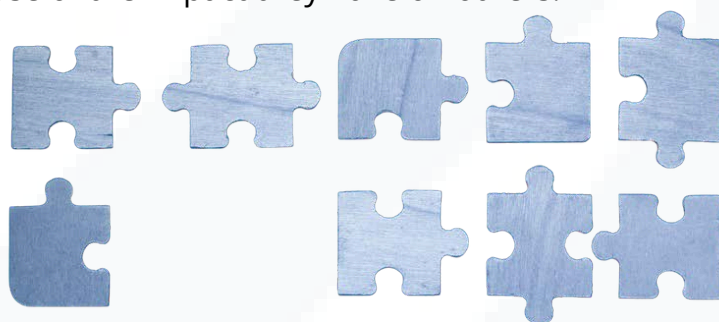
At our school, wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. A safe, respectful and caring environment allows every student to learn, grow and flourish. One area we continue to focus on is supporting positive behaviour and addressing anti-social behaviour in a constructive and educational way.

Anti-social behaviour can include actions such as disrespectful language, exclusion of others, bullying (including online), damage to property, or behaviours that disrupt learning and community harmony. While these behaviours can sometimes occur as part of children and young people learning boundaries, they are taken seriously because of the impact they have on others.

### Why it matters

When anti-social behaviour occurs, it can affect:

- A student's sense of safety and belonging
- Confidence and willingness to participate
- Learning time and classroom focus
- Relationships within the school community



Every student has the right to feel safe, respected and valued at school.

### Our approach

We believe in guiding behaviour through our CARE values - Compassion, Achievement, Respect and Effort. When incidents occur, our response focuses on:

- Clear expectations and consistent boundaries
- Restorative conversations to understand impact
- Teaching positive choices and social skills
- Working in partnership with families
- Supporting students to repair relationships where appropriate



The goal is not only to address behaviour, but to help students learn, reflect and make better choices moving forward.

### Working together

Positive behaviour is strengthened when school and home work together. Families play a vital role in reinforcing respectful communication, empathy and responsibility. If concerns arise, we encourage open communication so we can respond early and supportively.

### A shared commitment

By continuing to promote kindness, respect and responsibility, we help create a community where everyone feels they belong. Together, we can ensure our school remains a place where students are safe, supported and able to thrive.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss wellbeing or behaviour support, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

# RECIPE OF THE WEEK

## CORN & FETA FRITTERS

### Ingredients

- 2 sprigs fresh flat-leaf parsley, leaves only
- 10 sprigs fresh chives
- 70 g chickpea (besan) flour
- 30 g gluten free cornflour
- 2 tsp gluten free baking powder
- ½ tsp paprika
- ½ tsp salt
- 1–2 pinches ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 eggs, separated
- 120 g water
- 400 g canned corn kernels, drained (approx. 250 g after draining)
- 200 g feta cheese, cut into small pieces (approx. 5 mm)
- Olive oil, for frying

### Method

1. Finely chop the parsley and chives.
  2. In a bowl, combine the chickpea flour, cornflour, baking powder, paprika, salt, and pepper.
  3. Add the egg yolks and water, then mix until smooth.
  4. Stir through the corn and feta. Set aside.
  5. In a separate clean, dry bowl, whisk the egg whites until stiff peaks form.
  6. Gently fold the egg whites into the batter using a spatula.
  7. Line a plate with paper towel.
  8. Heat 2–3 tablespoons of olive oil in a large frying pan over medium heat.
  9. Spoon large spoonfuls of batter into the pan and cook for 2–3 minutes each side, until golden brown.
  10. Transfer cooked fritters onto the lined plate to drain. Repeat with remaining batter.
- Makes approximately 20 fritters.

Serve warm topped with avocado cream, chilli jam, and watercress.



A big thank you to the Drew family for sharing this delicious Corn & Feta Fritters recipe with our school community. These tasty fritters make a perfect lunchbox addition and are a great option for a quick snack or family meal. They are absolutely delicious and disappear very quickly, so it's definitely worth making a double batch! We appreciate your kindness in contributing a recipe that is sure to become a favourite for many of our families.

# JUST FOR FUN



## JOKE OF THE WEEK

Why did the student bring a ladder to school?

Because they wanted to go to high school!



## CAMP WORD SEARCH CHALLENGE!

Can you find these words from our recent school adventures?



- MOTHER
- CAMP
- FRIENDS
- CARE
- HIKE
- FUN
- SCHOOL
- ADVENTURE

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## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Ask someone at home to draw two simple camping scenes with 5 small differences — then see who can spot them all first!



## FUN FACT!

Did you know?

A group of flamingos is called a **flamboyance!**



## FINISH THE SENTENCE!

My favourite thing about school this term has been

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## RIDDLE TIME!

I have hands but cannot clap.  
What am I?

Answer: A clock!



## MOTHER'S DAY CHALLENGE!

How many words can you make from the letters in:

**M O T H E R S D A Y**

Example: **day**, heart, story, dream...

Can you find 15 or more?



# WHAT ON AROUND MACKAY

## 2026 Mackay VOLUNTEER EXPO



Free  
entry!

Sunday, May 17  
9am to 12 noon

The Big Shed Pavilion, Mackay Showgrounds



The Mackay Volunteers Expo is a fantastic community event designed to shine a light on the many local volunteering opportunities available across our region, while also recognising and celebrating the incredible contribution volunteers make every day.

Volunteers are often the quiet strength behind many of our community services, events, and organisations. Their time, energy, and commitment help support everything from emergency services and sporting clubs to schools, aged care, environmental groups, and local charities. The Expo brings these organisations together in one place, making it easier for people to discover how they can get involved and make a difference.

Volunteering is not only about giving back—it is also a valuable way to grow personally and professionally. Many volunteers experience increased social connection, as they meet new people and become part of supportive teams. It can also provide on-the-job training, opportunities to learn new skills, and pathways into future employment or career development.

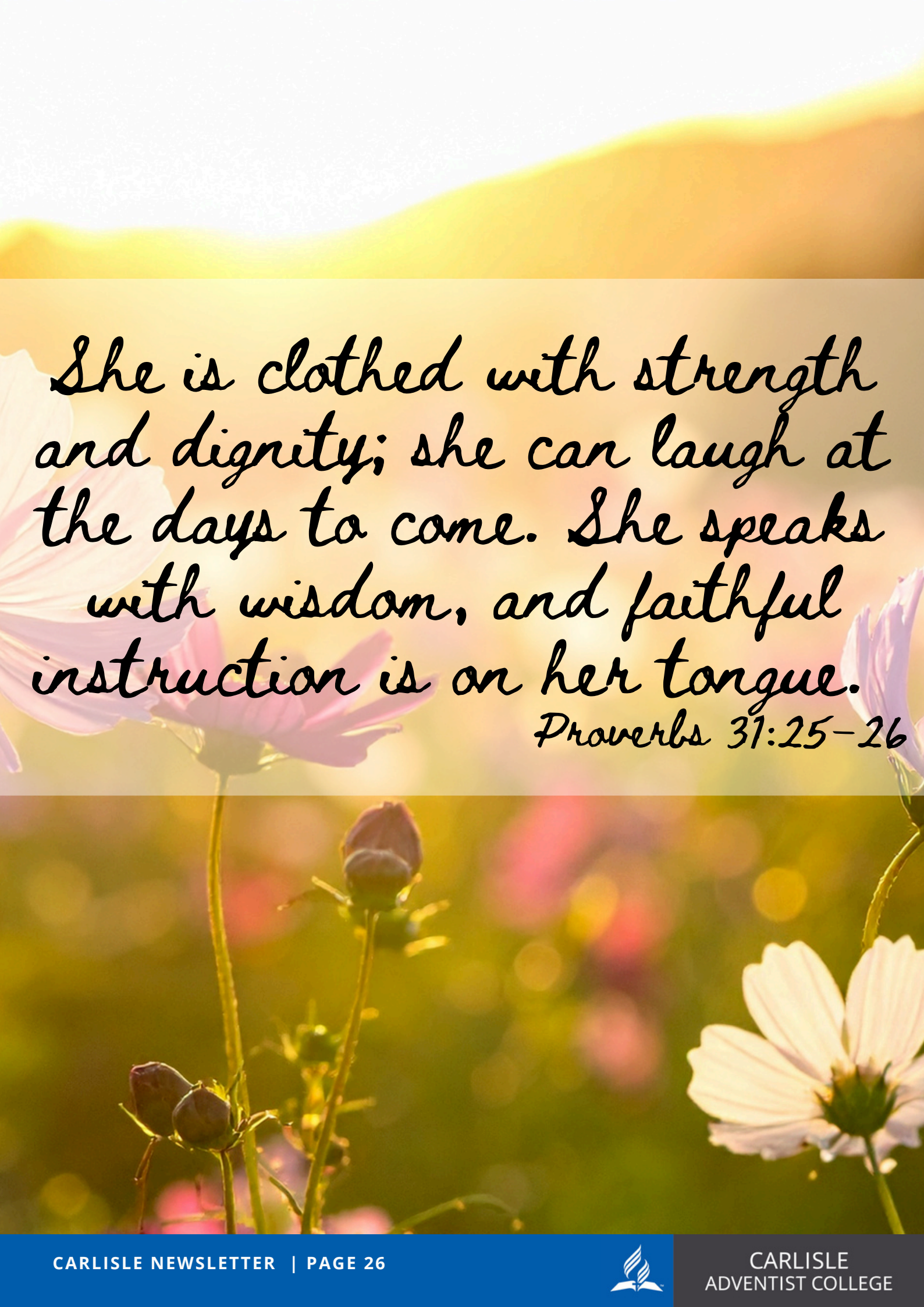
Just as importantly, volunteering has been shown to improve self-esteem and confidence. Being part of something meaningful, contributing to the wellbeing of others, and seeing the impact of your efforts can be deeply rewarding.

The Mackay Volunteers Expo is a reminder that everyone has something to offer, and even a small amount of time can make a big difference in our community. Whether you are a student, parent, retiree, or someone simply looking to connect, there is a place for you in volunteering.

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*She is clothed with strength  
and dignity; she can laugh at  
the days to come. She speaks  
with wisdom, and faithful  
instruction is on her tongue.*

*Proverbs 31:25-26*