



Thriving, Christ-Centred, Learning Community

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Carlisle Families,

Last week I had the opportunity to spend time in Cairns at the Adventist Business Professionals Conference, which brought together people from a wide range of Adventist organisations. It was a really valuable few days and a great opportunity to connect with others who are serving in different parts of the Adventist system.

We heard from some excellent keynote speakers who challenged our thinking around leadership, change, resilience, technology, mission and how we work with and support people. There was a lot to take in, but one of the key reminders for me was the importance of staying grounded in who we are and why we do what we do. In the middle of a world that is changing quickly, our mission remains the same.

One of the things I appreciated most was the chance to talk with other Adventist business professionals and leaders from schools, churches, aged care, health and other ministries. It is always helpful to hear what others are working through, what they are learning, and how God is leading in their context. Those conversations are encouraging because they remind us that we are part of something much bigger than just our own school.

I came away grateful for the opportunity to learn, reflect and be encouraged. I was also reminded again of how blessed we are at Carlisle to be part of a Christ-centred learning community, and of the privilege we have to serve our students and families each day.

Blessings,
Dale Skinner



Dale Skinner

Term 2, Week 8
12 May, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

MULTI-CULTURAL DAY
Saturday, 13 June

METEORS VISIT
Wednesday, 17 June

SHOW DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday, 18 June

**AUSLAN SPELLING
COMPETITION**
Tuesday, 23 June

LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Wednesday, 24 June

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
25 June - 19 July

CARLISLE WAY



Compassion

**“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”
— Colossians 3:12**

Achievement



Respect

Effort



NOTICES

YEAR 10 SET PLANNING AND SENIOR PATHWAYS

As our Year 10 learners prepare for Work Experience in Term 3, we will also begin the Senior Education and Training (SET) Planning process.

Families will soon receive a Parent Senior Education Guide, Subject Selection Guide, and a survey to help us understand learners' interests and possible senior pathway options. This survey is not a final subject selection.

Key Dates:

- Term 2, Week 10 – Information and survey sent home
- Term 3, Week 2 – Work Experience Week
- Monday 3 August, 5:30pm–7:00pm – Senior Subject Information Night and Work Experience Celebration
- Term 3, Weeks 4–6 – SET Planning interviews

We encourage families to read the information, discuss future pathways with their learner, complete the survey, and save the date for the information evening. We look forward to supporting students and families through this exciting next stage of their learning journey.

REMINDER: NO SCHOOL – THURSDAY 18 JUNE

A friendly reminder to all families that there will be no school on Thursday 18 June due to the Mackay Show Day public holiday.

Whether you're heading to the show, enjoying a relaxing day at the beach, or taking a few extra days away for a camping adventure, we hope you have a wonderful break and make the most of the time with family and friends.



COMMUNITY



“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” – Psalm 133:1

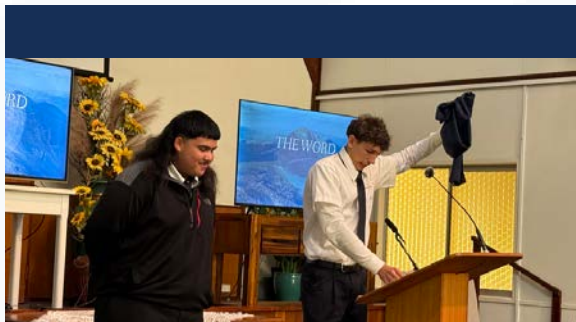
Last Sabbath, Carlisle students had the privilege of leading the church service at North Mackay, sharing the meaningful theme of Togetherness. The service reminded us that we are stronger when we stand alongside one another, offering support, kindness, and encouragement.

Jordan shared a powerful children’s story using a simple demonstration: while a single stick can be easily broken, a bundle of sticks bound together is much stronger. It was a wonderful reminder of the strength found in unity, friendship, and community.



Throughout the service, our students shared their faith and talents with confidence, highlighting the importance of belonging and growing together as God’s family. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented Carlisle.

The service was also a special occasion as Seth and Ben were ordained as deacons. We pray that God will bless them as they serve their church family and wider community.



COMMUNITY

LOOKING BACK TO LOOK FORWARD

Recently, we were delighted to welcome back Hunter to the Carlisle community. Hunter graduated from Carlisle as part of the Class of 2022 and has now returned in a new role as a Learning Support Officer.

Currently studying to become a teacher, Hunter is gaining valuable experience in the classroom while supporting students in their learning. While our staff have enjoyed having him back on campus, our primary students have especially loved having him in their classrooms and working alongside him each day.

It is always encouraging to see former students return and invest in the next generation. We are proud of Hunter's journey so far and look forward to seeing where his passion for education takes him in the future.



CHAPLAINCY



WE RISE UP – WEEK OF WORSHIP WOW ACTIVITY

During our Rise Up and Believe Week of Worship, our school community has been focusing on growing in faith, courage, and connection with God. Throughout the week, students have been encouraged to consider what it means to “rise up” in their daily lives - showing kindness, listening well, choosing to do what is right, and trusting in God in both big and small moments.

Alongside powerful worship times led by our chaplains and special speaker William 2nd year Theology student at Avondale University, students have also been engaging in a range of interactive activities designed to bring the theme to life in a meaningful and memorable way.

One of the highlights of the week has been our special WOW (Week of Worship) activity: Where’s Carl? Each day, students set out on a school-wide search for Carl the ping pong bat, who was carefully hidden in different locations around the school. With only one clue provided each day, students were challenged to think creatively, work together, and persist even when the answer wasn’t immediately clear. The excitement quickly spread through the school as students discussed ideas, shared theories, and explored different areas in their search.



CHAPLAINCY



It was wonderful to see students of all ages taking part, encouraging one another, and demonstrating strong teamwork. Many students showed patience and determination, while others stepped up as leaders within their groups, helping to guide and include others. These moments reflected the heart of our Week of Worship theme—rising up not only in individual effort, but in community and unity.

Most importantly, the activity provided opportunities to reflect on how God calls us to rise up in our everyday lives. Just as students worked through challenges to find Carl, we are reminded that God walks with us as we navigate challenges, encouraging us to persevere, trust Him, and support one another along the way.

This activity was just one part of a powerful Week of Worship, filled with worship, reflection, creativity, and joy. As we continue through the week, we look forward to seeing our students continue to rise up in faith and live out God's love in our school community.



PRIMARY



YEAR 3 BOATS

This semester, Year 3 students have been exploring Design Technologies through an exciting unit focused on First Nations watercraft. Throughout the term, students investigated traditional watercraft used by First Nations Peoples and learned about the important role these vessels played in transportation, fishing and daily life.

As part of their learning, students developed an understanding of production processes, including production lines and a variety of joining techniques. They then applied these skills and knowledge to design and construct their own model First Nations watercraft using a range of materials.

The project encouraged creativity, problem-solving and hands-on learning while helping students develop an appreciation for First Nations cultures and technologies. We were incredibly proud of the effort, persistence and innovation demonstrated by all students as they brought their designs to life.



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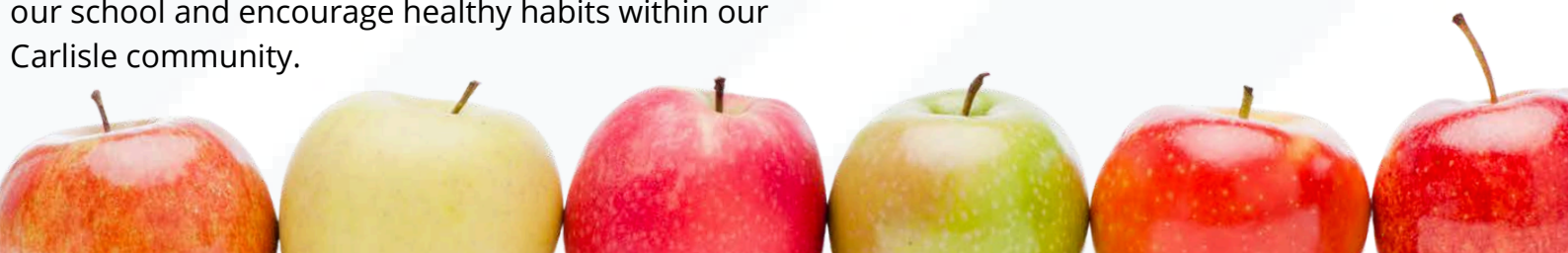
QUEENSLAND DAY FRUIT FRIDAY



Our primary students were excited to take part in a special free Fruit Friday, organised by Nigel Dalton MP as part of Queensland Day celebrations.

Students enjoyed a delicious selection of fresh fruit while learning about the importance of making healthy food choices. Nigel spoke with students about how eating a variety of fruits and vegetables helps our bodies grow, supports learning, and keeps us active.

We are grateful to Nigel Dalton MP for organising this wonderful initiative and for taking the time to visit our school and encourage healthy habits within our Carlisle community.



SECONDARY

YEAR 9/10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY CELEBRATES MULTICULTURAL DAY

As part of Multicultural Day celebrations, our Year 9/10 Food Technology students created a wonderful array of dishes representing countries from around the world. Each student selected a country of their choice and prepared a meal that reflected its culture and flavours.



The classroom was filled with incredible aromas and excitement, with dishes including Japanese mochi, South African bunny chow, and Filipino-style fried rice. Students were also encouraged to invite a guest to share in the experience, with many staff and students happily coming along to enjoy the food and celebrate together.

It was a beautiful opportunity to recognise and appreciate different cultures through food, while also building connection, conversation, and community across our school.



SECONDARY



YEAR 11/12 SPORT AND RECREATION – GYM PROGRAM LAUNCH

Our Year 11/12 Sport and Recreation students have recently begun their gym sessions as part of their current unit of study. As part of their assessment task, students have been designing and implementing their own personalised health and fitness workout routines.

With thanks to City Fitness, our students are gaining valuable real-world experience by accessing gym facilities and programs. This opportunity allows them to trial their routines in an authentic setting and observe how different approaches work for their classmates.

It has been a great learning experience as students recognise that fitness is not one-size-fits-all - everyone has different goals, abilities, and training needs. Through this process, they are developing not only their physical fitness but also their understanding of safe, effective, and individualised training practices.



ELC

Each fortnight, Mr Skinner has a very important meeting in his calendar that he almost never misses. He heads across to the ELC to spend time reading with our Kindy Roos students.

This special time together helps build connections between Kindy and the “big school,” with students getting to know Mr Skinner and becoming familiar with the caring community they will soon be part of.

With many of our Kindy students currently completing their Prep 2027 interviews, these weekly visits are a wonderful way to help them feel comfortable, confident, and already known before they even start their journey at Carlisle.

It's a simple but meaningful tradition that shows the importance of relationships and belonging within our school community.





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OSHC HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Holiday Activities

- ✓ Petting Zoo
- ✓ Creative Art
- ✓ Cooking Class
- ✓ Outdoor Play
- ✓ Trip to the movies

6.30am - 6.00pm Mon - Thurs

6.30am - 5.30pm Fri

\$64.00 Normal Day Rate

\$84.00 Incurssion/ Excursing

CCS available for eligible families

B O O K N O W

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WELLBEING MATTERS

SMALL CHOICES, BIG IMPACT

In the busyness of school life, it is easy to become focused on schedules, tasks, expectations, and the constant rhythm of “what’s next.” Our days can move quickly, and sometimes without realizing it, we slip into simply getting through rather than truly being present. But wellbeing reminds us that how we are doing as people matters just as much as what we are doing.

Wellbeing is not about everything being perfect or life feeling easy all the time. Instead, it is about balance - learning how to care for our minds, bodies, and relationships in ways that help us thrive, not just survive. It is about noticing what we need in small ways and giving ourselves permission to pause, reset, and refocus when necessary.

Sometimes wellbeing looks simple. It might be a good night’s sleep, choosing to drink more water, stepping outside for fresh air, or taking a break from screens. Other times, it looks like checking in with a friend, having an honest conversation, asking for help, or offering support to someone who is struggling.

In a school environment, wellbeing is something we build together. We see it in small but powerful moments each day:

- A student encouraging a classmate.
- A teacher taking time to listen.
- A kind word shared in the playground.
- A moment of patience when things do not go to plan.

These moments may seem small, but they shape the culture of our school. Over time, they build trust, safety, and connection, reflecting our CARE values - Compassion, Achievement, Respect, and Effort - in action.

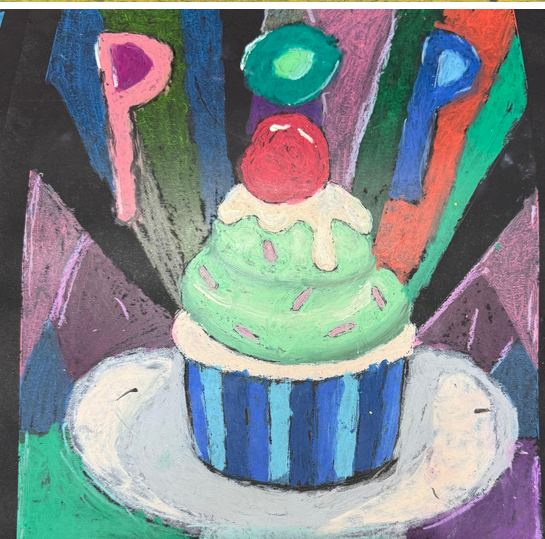
It is also important to remember that it is okay not to be okay. Everyone experiences times of stress or feeling overwhelmed. What matters is that we do not carry those moments alone and that we feel safe to reach out for support when needed.

As we continue through the term, let us be intentional about looking after ourselves and one another. A simple “How are you really going?” can make a big difference. So too can choosing to listen well and respond with kindness.

Let us continue to build a school community where wellbeing is valued, kindness is normal, and everyone feels seen, supported, and valued.



STUDENT WORK



UPCOMING EVENT

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

BOOK WEEK

24 - 28 AUGUST

- Story time
- Guess game
- Scavenger hunt
- Costume parade
- Bookmark competition
- Short story competition

UPCOMING EVENT

AUSLAN COMPETITION



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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.**



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEKEND



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!



13 June



5:30 - 8:00PM



School Shed



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



JUST FOR FUN

RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

I have hands
but cannot clap.
I have a face
but cannot smile.



What am I?

Answer: A clock!



WORD SEARCH CHALLENGE





Can you find these school-themed words?

- LEARN
- CARE
- FRIENDS
- BOOK
- SPORT
- MUSIC
- FLOURISH

L	E	A	R	N	X	C	A	R	E
Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P
A	S	D	F	R	I	E	N	D	S
Z	X	C	V	B	O	O	K	K	L
P	O	I	U	Y	T	R	E	W	Q
S	P	O	R	T	A	S	D	F	G
H	J	K	L	Z	X	C	V	B	M
M	U	S	I	C	Q	W	E	R	T
F	L	O	U	R	I	S	H	Y	U


SCHOOL JOKE CORNER

Why did the student
eat his homework? 

Because the teacher
said it was a piece
of cake! 



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

How many dogs
are there? 



Answer: 6

THIS OR THAT?

Would you rather...



Have pizza
for breakfast

OR

Have ice cream
for dinner?



DRAWING CHALLENGE!

This week's challenge:

**DRAW YOUR
DREAM PLAYGROUND!**

What would you include?
Giant slides? Treehouses?
A petting zoo?
Let your imagination
run wild!



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



“I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me.”

– Philippians 4:13



God is with you in everything you do.
Be kind, be thankful,
and always do your best!

RECIPE

PESTO PASTA LUNCH BOX SALAD

A simple, healthy vegetarian lunch that can be made ahead and packed cold.

Ingredients (Serves 4)

- 250g pasta (spirals or penne work well)
- 3 tbsp basil pesto
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 cup baby spinach, roughly chopped
- ½ cup grated Parmesan or tasty cheese
- ½ cucumber, diced
- Optional: ½ cup canned chickpeas, drained

Method

1. Cook pasta according to packet directions. Drain and allow to cool slightly.
2. Stir through pesto while the pasta is still warm.
3. Add tomatoes, spinach, cucumber, cheese, and chickpeas if using.
4. Mix well and refrigerate until needed.

Lunch Box Tips

- Pack with fresh fruit such as grapes or apple slices.
- Add veggie sticks and hummus on the side.
- Keeps in the fridge for up to 3 days.
- For extra protein, add chickpeas, edamame, or a boiled egg.

Quick Homemade Pesto

Blend together:


- 2 cups basil leaves
- ¼ cup pine nuts or cashews
- ¼ cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 garlic clove
- ⅓ cup olive oil

A great make-ahead lunch that's filling, colourful, and easy to adapt with whatever vegetables you have on hand.

If you have a recipe you would like to share please send through to newsletter@carlisle.qld.edu.au.





Three hot air balloons are shown against a clear blue sky. The top balloon is red and orange with a checkered pattern. The middle balloon is partially visible on the left, featuring yellow, green, and blue stripes. The bottom balloon is yellow and red with a checkered pattern. Each balloon has a basket hanging from its base.

**Trust in the
Lord with all
your heart
and lean not
on your own
understanding.**

Proverbs 3:5