

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Last Saturday, we had the privilege of celebrating 75 years of Adventist Education in Mackay. It was a special opportunity to reconnect, share memories and thank God for His faithfulness throughout our school's history. Behind those 75 years are generations of students, families and staff whose contributions have helped shape the community we enjoy today.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped bring the celebration together. From planning and preparation to serving, setting up and packing away, your time and care were greatly appreciated. It was lovely to see our community come together for this milestone.

As we move through Week 2, our theme of Grounded for Growth continues to guide us. Growth often happens through small, consistent steps: having another go when learning feels difficult, asking for help, taking responsibility or choosing kindness. These everyday decisions help our students grow in confidence, character and faith. Every student's journey looks different, and we celebrate the effort, courage and persistence that help them take their next step.

Galatians 6:9 encourages us to keep doing good and persevere, trusting that our efforts will bear fruit in time. As the term progresses, I encourage our students to stay engaged, recognise their progress and keep working towards their goals.

Thank you to our families for your continued partnership. Taking an interest in your child's learning, encouraging healthy routines and staying connected with their teachers all help support a positive finish to the year. Together, we can encourage our young people to approach each day with purpose and hope.

May God bless our community as we continue learning and growing together.


Dale Skinner

Term 4, Week 2
15 October, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

READY SET PREP
Wednesday, 21 October

WORLD OF MATHS
Thursday, 22 October

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY
Friday, 23 October

ORIENTATION DAY
Wednesday, 28 October

JC ACTION SPORTS
Friday, 30 October

CARLILSE AT CENTRAL
Saturday, 31 October

NOTICES



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT FOR 2027

We are pleased to share that the Northern Australia Adventist Schools Board has appointed Michele Wilson as Deputy Principal of Carlisle Adventist College, commencing in 2027.

Michele brings a wealth of experience in Adventist education, having taught across both primary and secondary classrooms. Her leadership experience also includes serving as a Deputy Principal, Principal and Conference Project Manager within the NNSW Conference.

With a strong commitment to Adventist education, Michele shares our vision of being “a thriving Christ-centred learning community.” We look forward to welcoming her to Carlisle and to the experience, leadership and passion she will bring as she supports our students, staff and families.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Michele to the Carlisle community. We also invite you to keep her in your prayers as she prepares to begin this new chapter with us in 2027.



NOTICES

JOIN THE CARLISLE TEAM!

We're looking for wonderful people to join the Carlisle family! As a thriving Christ-centred learning community, we're always looking for passionate, dedicated people who want to make a difference in the lives of children and young people.

We currently have several exciting employment opportunities available:

- **Early Childhood – Centre Manager**
- **Carlisle Finance Officer**
- **Carlisle Casual Teacher Aide**
- **Carlisle Adventist College – Secondary Casual Teachers**
- **Casual OSHC Educator**

Each role offers an opportunity to contribute to our school community and be part of a team committed to supporting students, families and staff.

Help us spread the word! Do you know someone who would be a great fit for Carlisle? Perhaps a friend, family member or someone in your wider network is looking for a new opportunity. We'd love your help in sharing these vacancies and connecting with people who would be a wonderful addition to our team.

For further details about each position and information on how to apply, please visit the Carlisle website.

Together, we can help find the right people to join our Carlisle family!

CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND?

Our Tuckshop is an important part of life at Carlisle, and we're looking for a couple of volunteers to lend a hand! Whether you can spare a few hours or help out occasionally, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteering in the Tuckshop is a wonderful way to support our students, connect with other members of our school community and help keep things running smoothly behind the scenes.

You don't need any special experience, just a willingness to help and a friendly smile as well as a blue card.

If you have some time to spare or would like to find out more, we'd love to hear from you. Every helping hand makes a difference, and together we can continue to make Carlisle a wonderful place for our students and families.

Please contact the school office if you're interested in volunteering. We'd love to have you on board!

LIVING OUR CARE VALUES

At Carlisle Adventist College, our CARE values are at the heart of who we are and the community we strive to be. Compassion, Achievement, Respect and Effort are more than just words; they are the values that guide how we learn, how we treat one another and how we grow together as a Christ-centred community.

Compassion reminds us to look beyond ourselves and notice the needs of others. It is shown through kindness, understanding, encouragement and a willingness to lend a helping hand. Whether welcoming someone new, supporting a friend or showing patience when someone is having a difficult day, small acts of compassion can make a lasting difference.

Achievement encourages every student to strive towards their personal best. Achievement looks different for everyone. It may be reaching a learning goal, discovering a new talent, overcoming a challenge or developing confidence in an area that once seemed difficult. We celebrate progress, recognise individual strengths and encourage one another to keep growing.

Respect helps us build a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued. It is reflected in the way we speak to others, listen to different perspectives, care for our surroundings and appreciate the unique contribution each person brings to our community. Respect reminds us that every individual deserves kindness and consideration.

Effort is about giving our best, even when things are challenging. It means persevering when learning feels difficult, taking responsibility for our choices and being willing to try again when things don't go to plan. We may not always get things right the first time, but a willingness to learn, improve and keep going helps us grow.

As we continue to live out our theme, Grounded in Growth – Strong foundation. Intentional growth, our CARE values provide a strong foundation for the people we are becoming. They remind us that growth is not only measured by what we achieve academically, but also by the character we develop and the way we positively influence those around us.

Every day brings new opportunities to show CARE — in our classrooms, on the playground, in the staffroom and throughout our wider community.

Together, let's continue to make Carlisle a place where compassion is felt, achievement is celebrated, respect is practised and effort is encouraged. By living these values each day, we help nurture a thriving Christ-centred learning community where everyone has the opportunity to belong, flourish and grow.

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"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

— Colossians 3:23

CHAPLAINCY

We are off to a great start to Term 4! In the coming weeks, we have our Youth Rally and Carlisle's visit to Central Mackay Seventh-day Adventist Church, and we hope all our families can come along and be part of these special opportunities.

On Friday, 23 October, students are invited to attend the MESH High School Rally, followed by the Youth Rally on Saturday, 24 October. Open to our Year 7–12 students and their friends, the rally is a great opportunity to connect with other young people, grow in faith and enjoy fellowship together. Following the close of Sabbath, youth games will be held in the Carlisle shed, so come along and join in the fun!

On Saturday, 31 October, Carlisle will join the congregation at Central Mackay Seventh-day Adventist Church for a special church service. We would love to see our students, families and wider College community come together for a time of worship and fellowship as we strengthen our connection with the local church.

We look forward to seeing many of our families at these upcoming events as we continue to grow together in faith and community.







"And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another."
Hebrews 10:24-25

COMMUNITY

On Saturday, 10 October, our Carlisle community came together to reflect on just how far Carlisle Adventist College and Adventist education in Mackay have come over the past 75 years.

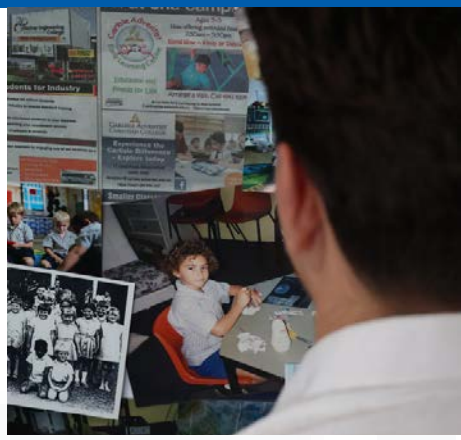
It was a special day of reconnecting, remembering and celebrating the many people who have helped shape our story. We were privileged to hear from those who have been part of the journey from its early beginnings, as well as others who have contributed to the life and growth of our school along the way.

The celebration began with fellowship, before moving into a special ceremony filled with heartfelt stories, treasured memories and reflections from our guest speakers. Each shared something unique about Carlisle's history, reminding us that our school is about so much more than buildings and classrooms. It is about the people, the relationships, the lessons learnt and the lives that have been touched through Adventist education.

A special highlight was the ceremonial cutting of the anniversary cake, alongside a museum display showcasing memorabilia, photographs and reminders of days gone by. These treasured pieces offered a glimpse into our past and celebrated the generations of students, staff and families who have helped make Carlisle what it is today.

To conclude the day, we returned to where the story began, at the old school site on Milton Street, now home to Central Church. As we gathered to close the Sabbath, we shared more stories, memories and connections, bringing the celebration full circle.
Looking back over 75 years, one thing remains certain: God has been faithful every step of the way. Through seasons of change, challenges and growth, His guidance has helped shape our journey and establish the strong foundations on which Carlisle continues to grow.

As we look towards the future, we do so with grateful hearts, knowing that the same God who has brought us this far will continue to lead the way.
Here's to celebrating our history, cherishing our community and continuing to grow together as a thriving Christ-centred learning community.











COMMUNITY





















EXPLORING LETTERS AND SOUNDS AT THE ELC

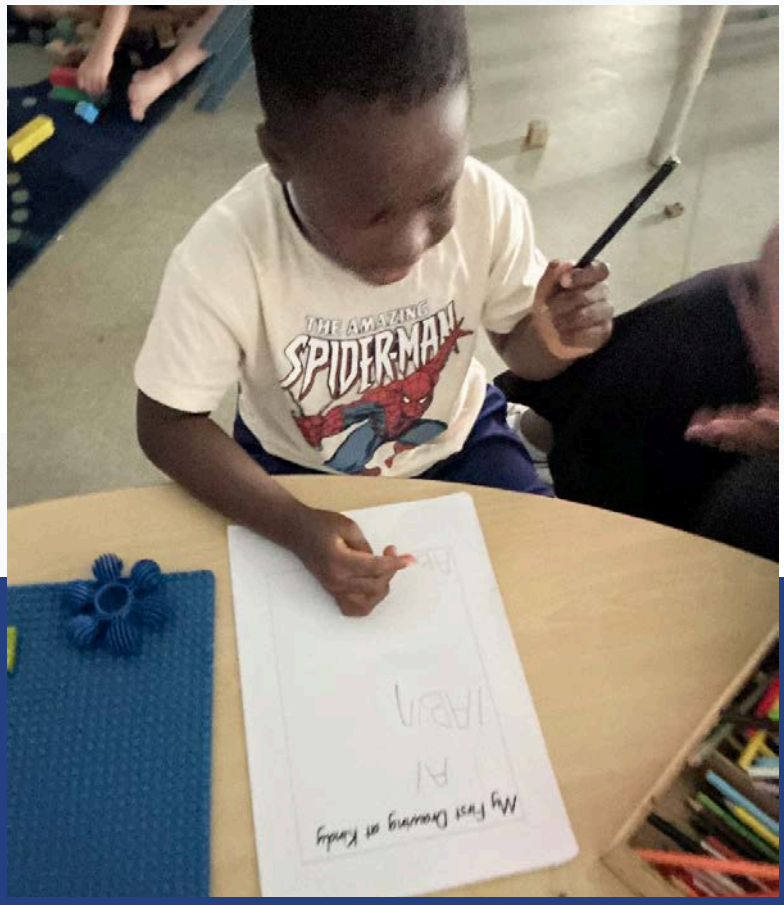
There has been lots of excitement around letters and sounds at the ELC! During a recent experience, the children showed an interest in exploring the writing materials, with some independently sitting at the writing table to experiment with making marks and forming letters. One child, Daniel, confidently began writing letters of the alphabet and even sounded out some of the letters as he wrote. What a wonderful way to see early literacy skills developing!

Experiences like these encourage children to explore letters, recognise familiar symbols and begin connecting letters with the sounds they make. They also support the development of fine motor skills, hand eye coordination, concentration and confidence.

To build on the children's growing interest, we will continue to provide fun, hands on literacy experiences throughout the ELC. The children will have opportunities to form letters using playdough, sand and paint, explore mark making and practise recognising and writing their names. Through play and exploration, we aim to nurture their curiosity and help them develop a love of learning.

It is wonderful to see the children building confidence and discovering the exciting world of letters and sounds at their own pace!





OSHC
Outside School Hours Care



A WONDERFUL START TO THE DAY AT OSHC!

Have you ever wondered what happens at Before School Care at Carlisle Adventist College OSHC? Our dedicated educators arrive bright and early at 6:00 am to prepare for the day, ready to welcome our first children at 6:30 am with a warm smile.

Our mornings are relaxed and welcoming, giving children the opportunity to enjoy breakfast, complete homework and participate in quiet activities. Our breakfast and homework tables are busy little spaces where children can start their day at their own pace.

One of the beautiful things we love seeing is our older children reading their homework readers aloud to our younger Prep and Year 1 friends. Not only does this help develop their reading confidence and fluency, but it also gives our older children a wonderful sense of pride as they help and encourage the little ones.

At 7:30 am, children have the opportunity to head outside to the shed for some active play. Handball is always a favourite! Other children prefer to stay indoors enjoying quieter activities. We respect each child's interests and choices, with educators communicating through walkie-talkies to ensure children are safely supervised as they move between play spaces.

At 8:10 am, we come together for a short group time, sharing about our morning and finishing with a prayer before heading off to school.

At OSHC, we believe that play is an important part of children's learning and development. Our play-based environment encourages friendships, independence, confidence and a sense of belonging.

What makes our Before School Care so special is the beautiful relationships between our educators and children. We really are like one big family, where the older children look out for the younger ones, friendships grow and everyone feels valued and cared for.
What a blessing it is to start each school day together!









MISS HALE'S RUN CLUB IS UP AND RUNNING!

Miss Hale's Run Club is officially up and running at Carlisle! This is a great opportunity for students to burn off some energy before the school day begins while building healthy habits and enjoying time with friends.



Students can enjoy a quick run around the oval, get their bodies moving and learn more about the importance of fitness and wellbeing. It's a fun way to start the morning feeling refreshed, energised and ready to learn!

Miss Hale will make an announcement each morning she plans to run, and all students are welcome to join in. Whether they love running or simply want to get moving with their friends, everyone is encouraged to come along and give it a go.

What a wonderful way to start the day at Carlisle - one step at a time!





UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Our students enjoyed an exciting and hands-on learning experience during the Under the Microscope incursion! They had the opportunity to explore the world around them in greater detail, looking closely at objects and discovering fascinating details that are often too small to see with the naked eye.

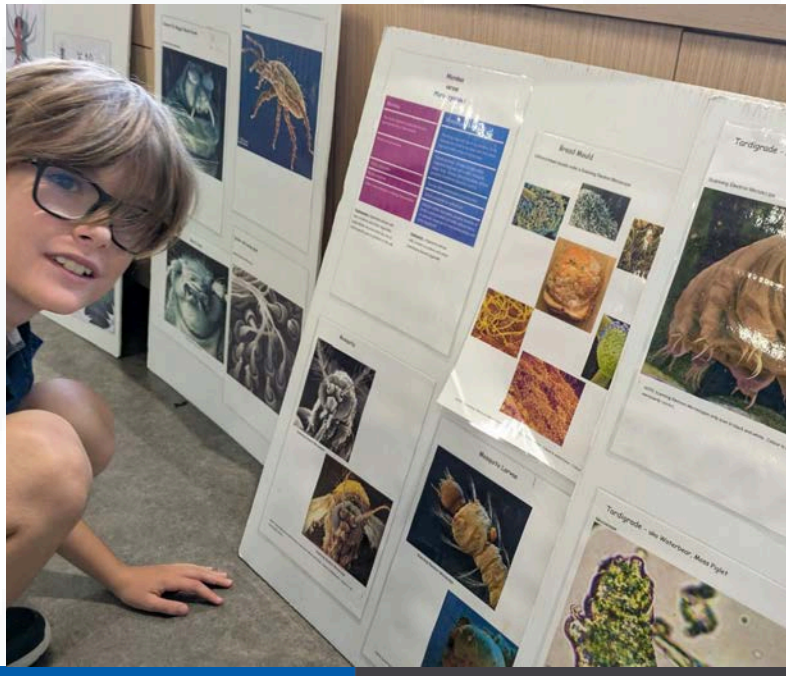


The experience sparked curiosity, encouraged questions and gave students a new appreciation for the incredible details found in the world around us. It was wonderful to see their excitement as they explored, observed and discovered something new!



Experiences like these bring learning to life and remind us that there is always something more to discover when we take a closer look.





SECONDARY



SENIOR AQUATIC SCUBA TRIP TO CAIRNS

Our senior students headed to Cairns for their aquatic SCUBA trip, where they had the opportunity to learn new skills, challenge themselves and experience the underwater world.

A real highlight was seeing our students work hard towards achieving their SCUBA certifications. It was a great opportunity for them to step outside their comfort zones, build confidence and share an experience they will remember for years to come.

A huge thank you to Devotion Dive and Reef Magic for helping make this opportunity possible and supporting our students as they worked towards their certifications. We really appreciate the time and effort that went into helping our students achieve this milestone.

What a fantastic experience for our senior students, and a great way to make memories while learning skills they can carry with them well beyond their time at Carlisle!





YEAR 12 CELEBRATION DAY

Year 12 Celebration Day was a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect and celebrate the journey our Year 12 students have taken to reach this exciting milestone.

The day began with a special breakfast shared with staff, parents and our Year 12 students, followed by a memorable assembly celebrating the years of learning, growth and friendships that have brought them to this point. It was a chance to look back on the memories made along the way, acknowledge how far they have come and look forward to the exciting adventures that await them beyond Carlisle.

As the day heated up, things took a fun turn at recess when the Year 12 students challenged the staff to an epic water fight! Despite the best efforts of Mr Skinner and Mr Spero, the staff were ultimately defeated, much to the delight of the students. It was certainly one way to cool down on a hot day! The celebrations continued with a waterslide and a shared lunch, giving everyone plenty of opportunities to laugh, relax and enjoy each other's company.

With the pressures of study and final assessments never far away, Celebration Day was a chance for our Year 12s to step away from their books, let their hair down and simply be kids a little longer. It was a day filled with laughter, connection and memories that we are sure they will treasure for years to come.
As our Year 12 students prepare to take their next steps beyond Carlisle, we celebrate not only how far they have come but also the wonderful possibilities that lie ahead. We wish each of them every success as they begin this exciting new chapter!

Once a part of Carlisle, always a part of the Carlisle family.





SECONDARY





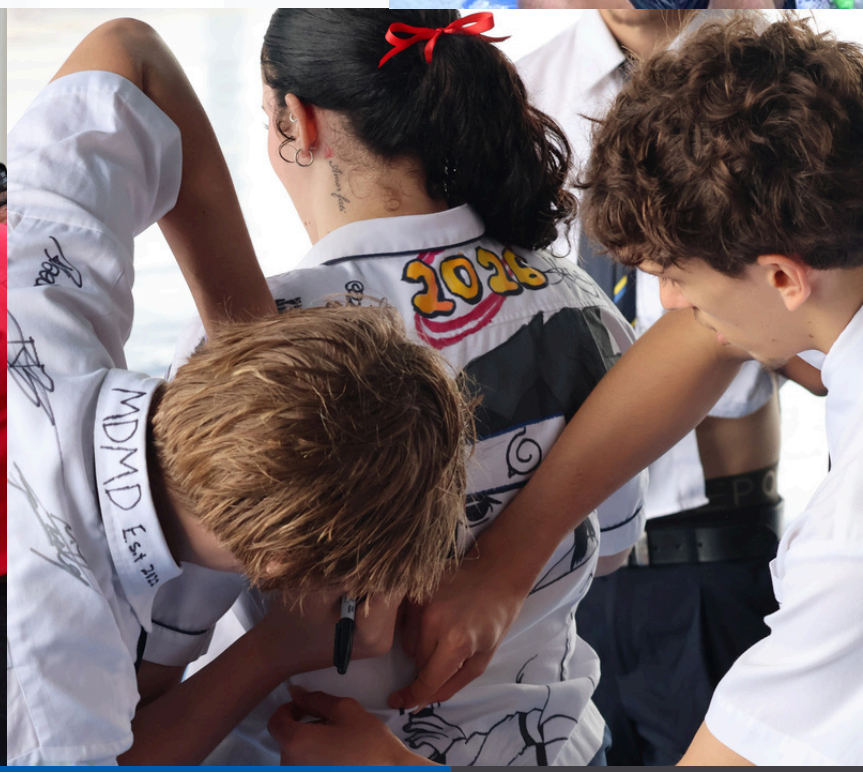


"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

-Jeremiah 29:11







SPORTS

PRIMARY SPORT – TAKING A SWING AT SOMETHING NEW!

This term, our Primary students are trying something new during Friday sport! We are excited to be introducing golf as part of our sports programme, giving students the opportunity to step outside their usual sporting activities and learn a new skill.



Mr Skinner recently joined our Year 5 students to introduce them to the basics of golf. The students learnt how to hold a golf club correctly, practise their putting and develop their swing. There were plenty of opportunities to have a go, work on their technique and discover that golf takes a little patience, concentration and coordination!



Trying a new sport is a wonderful way for students to build confidence, develop their hand-eye coordination and learn the importance of perseverance. While getting the ball to travel exactly where they wanted it to might take a little practice, the students enjoyed the challenge and the opportunity to learn something different together.

Throughout the term, our Primary students will continue exploring the game and developing their golfing skills during Friday sport. The excitement will continue at the end of the term, when students will head to the driving range to put their new skills into practice and experience hitting golf balls in a real golfing environment.
Who knows? We might even discover a few future golfing stars among our young Carlisle students!

We look forward to seeing our students continue to learn, give things a go and enjoy this exciting new addition to Primary sport.



SPORTS

YEAR 7/8 BASKETBALL

What a game! Our Year 7/8 boys faced off against Whitsundays in an incredibly close basketball match, with every point counting as both teams battled hard for victory.

The boys showed determination, teamwork and plenty of heart right to the final whistle, securing a fantastic win for Carlisle!

Beyond the result, it was wonderful to see the camaraderie, team spirit and positive energy the boys brought to the court. They encouraged one another, worked together and represented Carlisle in a way that made us proud.

Congratulations, boys, on a great game and a well-deserved victory! You showed that success is about more than the final score – it's also about teamwork, sportsmanship and the way we support one another.









WELLBEING MATTERS

STAYING WELL AS THE WEATHER WARMS UP

As we move into the warmer months here in Queensland, it's a good time to think about how we can look after ourselves and each other. The warmer weather brings plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, but it also means being mindful of hydration, sun safety and taking time to slow down when needed.

A few simple reminders for the weeks ahead:

💧 Stay hydrated: Keep a water bottle handy and drink water regularly throughout the day, even when you don't feel thirsty.

🧴 Slip, slop, slap, seek and slide: Wear sun-protective clothing, apply SPF 50+ sunscreen, wear a broad-brimmed hat, seek shade and slide on sunglasses.

🌿 Take breaks: Heat can leave us feeling tired and drained. Find some shade, take a break and listen to your body.

🍉 Choose refreshing foods: Enjoy seasonal fruit, fresh salads and other light meals to help keep you feeling refreshed.

💛 Look out for one another: Check in with family, friends and colleagues, particularly on hot days. A little reminder to drink water or take a break can make a difference.

As a community, we can help one another stay safe, healthy and well as the temperature rises. Remember, looking after yourself isn't selfish — it helps you be at your best for the people around you.

A little reminder: Drink water, be sun smart and make time to enjoy the sunshine safely!



"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters."

- Psalm 23:2

CARLISLE
ADVENTIST COLLEGE

SAFE CHILDREN. STRONG COMMUNITIES. BRIGHTER FUTURES.

Child Safe Incident or Concern Reporting

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of every child and young person at Carlisle Adventist College.

If you have a concern, incident or behaviour that may place a child or young person at risk of harm or adversely impact their wellbeing, please use our Child Safe Incident or Concern Reporting Form.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

THE FORM IS AVAILABLE TO:

- Parents & carers
- Staff members
- Volunteers
- Contractors
- Visitors
- Members of the wider community

HOW TO ACCESS THE FORM:

- Via the school website
- Through SEQTA Engage
- Scan the QR code below
- Through direct links provided by the College

Scan here to report a concern

Reports may be submitted anonymously. However, while anonymous reports will be taken seriously and assessed appropriately, anonymity may limit our ability to investigate a concern fully or provide feedback regarding the outcome.

All reports are managed in accordance with our Child Safety Policies and Procedures.

FOR STUDENTS

An Anonymous Submission of Concern Form is also available. You can access this form via SEQTA Learn, in hard copy in Dem 1 corridor.

Together, we can help ensure Carlisle Adventist College remains a safe, supportive and respectful environment for every student.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

NO-BAKE CHOCOLATE CARAMEL SLICE

Looking for a sweet treat to make at home? This easy no-bake chocolate caramel slice is perfect for sharing with family and friends. With a crunchy biscuit base, creamy caramel filling and a smooth chocolate topping, it's sure to be a hit!

Ingredients

- Base
- 250 g plain sweet biscuits, crushed
- 125 g butter, melted
- Caramel filling
- 1 tin (395 g) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- 60 g butter
- Chocolate topping
- 200 g milk or dark chocolate
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Method

1. Line a slice tin with baking paper.
2. Mix the crushed biscuits with the melted butter and press firmly into the base of the tin. Refrigerate.
3. In a saucepan over low heat, combine the condensed milk, golden syrup and butter. Stir continuously for 8–10 minutes until thickened.
4. Pour the caramel over the biscuit base and refrigerate until firm.
5. Melt the chocolate with the vegetable oil, then spread evenly over the caramel.
6. Refrigerate for 2–3 hours or until set. Cut into squares and enjoy!



WHATS ON AROUND MACKAY

MACKAY MAKERS MARKET

Looking for something to do this weekend? Why not head along to the Mackay Makers Market and spend some time supporting the talented local makers, artists and small businesses in our community!

Markets are a wonderful way to discover unique handmade products, find a special gift, enjoy delicious food and connect with local businesses. Whether you're browsing for something special, catching up with friends or simply enjoying a relaxed morning out, there's something lovely about shopping local and supporting the people who make our community thrive.

Bring the family, take your time exploring the stalls and enjoy the atmosphere while discovering some of the creativity Mackay has to offer.

📍 Where: Mackay Showgrounds, Milton Street, Mackay
📅 When: Saturday, 17 October 2026

Before heading out, check the event organiser's social media or website for confirmed opening times, stallholder details and any entry information.

Make a morning of it and support local — you might even find a hidden gem or two along the way!













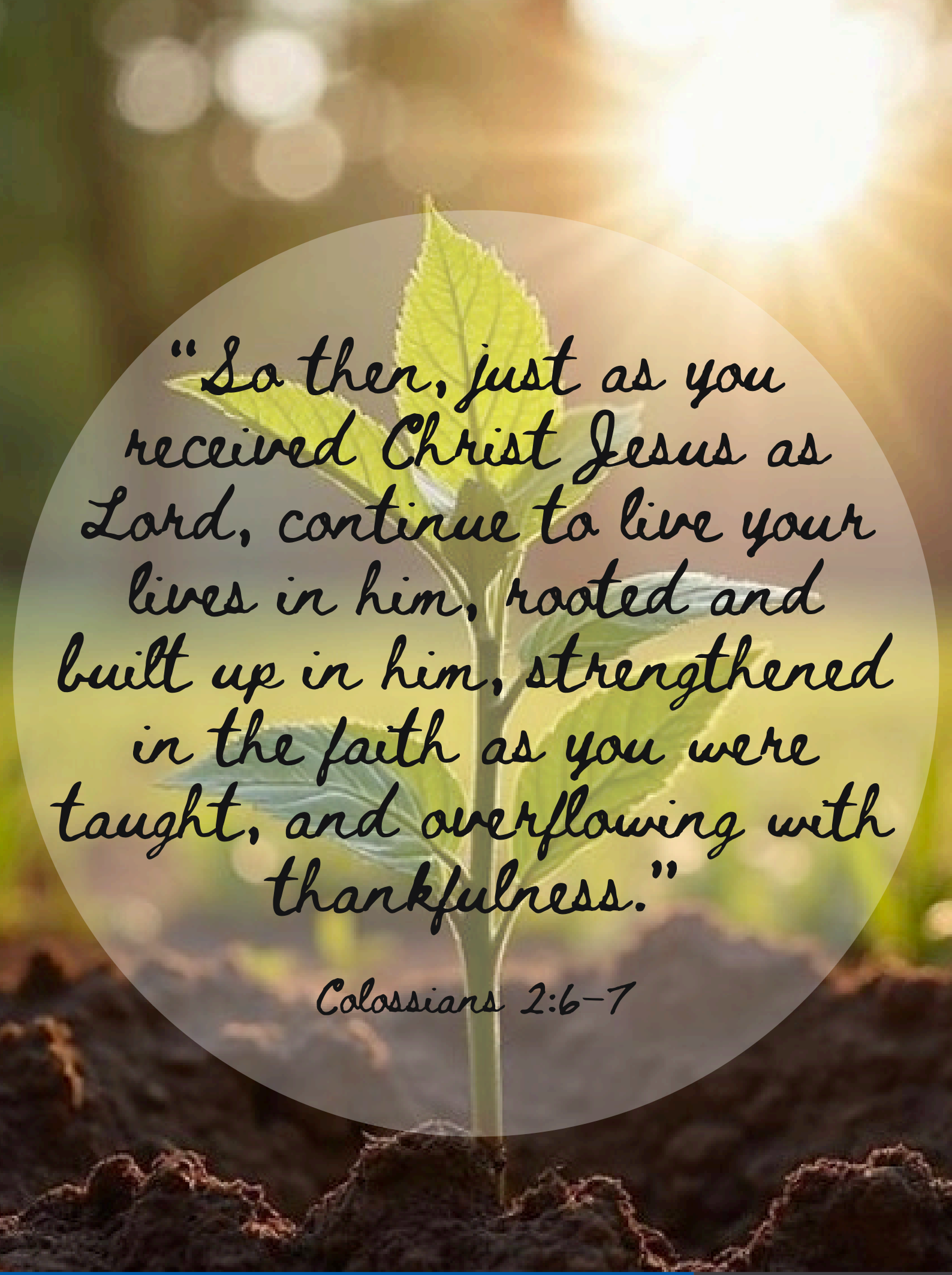

Seventh-day Adventist Schools


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ELECTRICAL CUPBOARD


"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."
Colossians 2:6–7