A word from the Principal

As Semester 2 approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students for their dedication to both their learning, activities and the broader school community throughout Semester 1. It has been a busy and productive Semester, and we are incredibly proud of the energy and enthusiasm demonstrated by our students. Filled with meaningful events and opportunities for engagement, it has been wonderful to see so many students actively participating in what we have offered. To our staff, thank you for the energy, care and professionalism you bring to each day, every lesson, activity and opportunity at our school. To our Carers, thank you for your partnership, encouragement and support. We are truly proud of our school community and we thank you for your part in that.

As we move into semester Two our school will be placing a relentless focus on:

1. improving student attendance and
2. handing your phone in to the bus driver or at the front office every day

Students who attend school every day are far more likely to succeed not just academically, but also socially and emotionally. While we are proud of the many students who attend regularly, we are equally committed to working with families to support those whose attendance needs improvement.

We are asking for your support in this important work.
You can help by:

- Establishing strong sleep routines and morning routines to ensure students get sufficient sleep and arrive on time every day
- Reaching out to the school if your young person is feeling anxious or disengaged so we can help

Every day matters! Each lesson builds upon the last and even one or two days missed each fortnight can add up to a significant loss of learning overtime. Let's work together to ensure every student is at school, on time, and ready to engage with learning every day in Semester Two. With your continued support, we know we can make a real and lasting difference. Use of phones and all electronic devices are banned in Queensland Schools.

Our students have two options, hand your phone and other devices in every morning for secure keeping in the office or leave your phone and other devices at home. This is non-negotiable.

All students must follow this rule. No student should have a phone or device on their person during school hours. Students who cannot work with us regarding phones and devices will be asked to remain on reflection until they can agree to this regulation. We have a 'three strike rule' regarding phones. Our days are short and busy. Students need to be engaged with classes and staff when at school without the distraction of phones and other electronic devices. There will be no exceptions.

Jane Greenland
Principal

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A Word from our Deputy

I'm excited to introduce myself as a new member of the teaching staff here at Carinity Education Gladstone. My name is Marianne Geoghegan, and I bring with me a diverse range of experiences from working in various school settings and with students across different age groups. I started in the role of Deputy principal at the beginning of 2025 and have already had the pleasure of getting to know many of our students and parents.

Much of my background comes from teaching and managing SAS schools in South Australia, where I've had the opportunity to develop a strong foundation in supporting student learning and social, emotional growth.

Outside of the school environment, I'm a big fan of the outdoors. Whether it's walking, running, riding my push bike or simply enjoying the natural environment, I find that spending time outside helps me stay grounded and refreshed. I'm always eager to bring that same energy and enthusiasm into my role as deputy.

As we commence term 2, I wanted to emphasise the importance of attendance. The more our young people attend, the more they are going to build connections with their peers and the staff.

Furthermore, regular attendance will support their academic progress. I wish all staff and students the best for this very short term and look forward to the rest of 2025 here at Carinity Education Gladstone.

Marianne Geoghegan
Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

14 July	Pupil Free Day
15 July	First Day, Term 3
11 Aug	Public Holiday
5 Sep	Pupil Free Day
22 Sep	School Holidays
6 Oct	Public Holiday
7 Oct	First day , Term 4

Chaplain's Address

Hi everyone!

I'm Ruby, the school chaplain, and I'm so glad to finally introduce myself here in the newsletter.

As your chaplain, I have the privilege of walking alongside students, staff, and families – offering a listening ear, a safe space, and a little bit of hope where it's needed most. Over the past term, I've been running lunchtime programs like Chappy Chats.

My hope is to continue building a school community where everyone feels seen and heard. I believe small acts of kindness, encouragement, and connection can make a big difference. If you would like to know more about what I do (or just want to say hello!) I'm always up for a chat.

May you walk ahead with peace in your heart, strength for the challenges, and joy in the little things. May God's love surround you and may hope find you – even on the harder days.

Standing with you in hope,

Chappy Ruby.

CMERC Excursion

Fishing on Fridays

Bush Walking for HPE

English this Term

Punch Fit

Pi Day

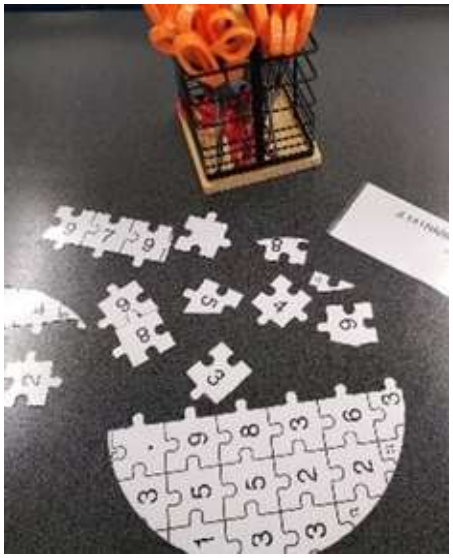
This year, Pi day fell on our Friday Fun Day! Pi day is celebrated by mathematicians world wide on March 14 – 3.14. Get it? Karen D had several activities including a jigsaw puzzle with the first 100 numbers of Pi, and colouring in. She also decorated the room with Pi Day posters.

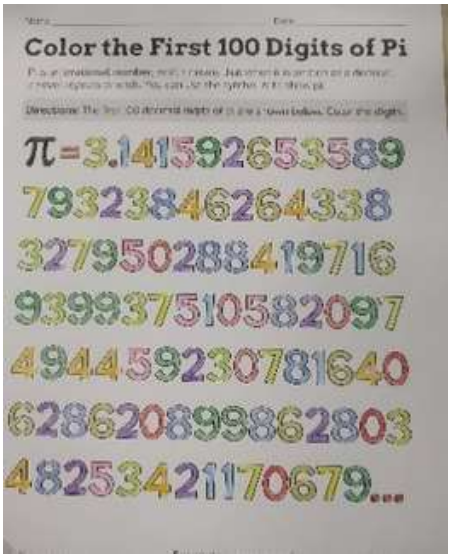
We all got a bit "irrational" however a fun time had by all.

Pi jokes were all the rage:

What do you call a snake exactly 3.14m long?
A pi-thon.

Did you know eating too much pi increases your circumference?





Harmony Week

We celebrated Harmony Week in a variety of ways. Pictured here is the mat in Karen D's room ensuring students know they are entering a safe space. Note the inclusive language of "our classroom" as a sense of ownership to all that enter.

This week our school celebrated Harmony Week midweek with the students at lunch time. It's a week to think about, discuss and promote inclusivity and diversity in our school. The theme this year was "Everyone Belongs".

Students had the opportunity to have their photo taken in front of a lovely set of wings, with the sign 'let Carinity give you wings' and 'Everyone Belongs'. The message of respect and belonging can be lived by each of us. Students loved getting their instant photo taken with their favourite teachers and friends. An instant photo was a good way for them to remember the message of inclusivity and their friends.

IT This Term

Year 11 Water Testing

Last week of the term, our Year 11 Science students took their learning outdoors, heading to Tondoon Botanical Gardens for an engaging field study on water quality and ecosystem health. As part of their Ecology unit, students conducted water testing in the gardens' natural waterways, examining key indicators such as pH levels, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and nutrient concentrations.

Guided by their Staff from Gladstone Harbour Watch and using professional-grade testing equipment, students applied their classroom knowledge to real-world environmental monitoring. Their results provided insights into the health of the local aquatic ecosystem, highlighting the importance of maintaining water quality for both plant and animal life.

This hands-on experience not only reinforced scientific skills but also fostered an appreciation for environmental stewardship. Students were able to discuss the impacts of human activity on freshwater ecosystems and explore sustainable solutions for preserving biodiversity.

Well done to all participants for their enthusiasm and dedication to fieldwork. We look forward to seeing how their findings contribute to future environmental discussions in our school community!

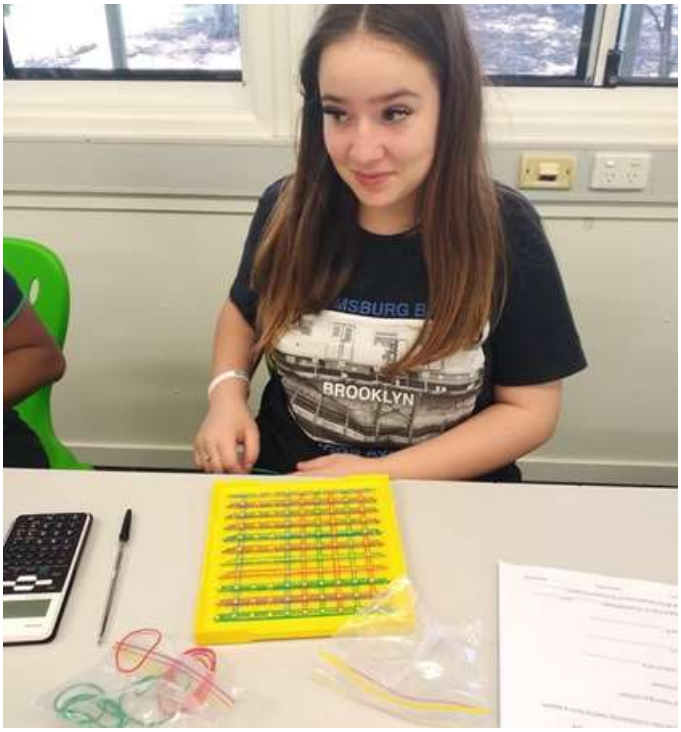
Senior Camp

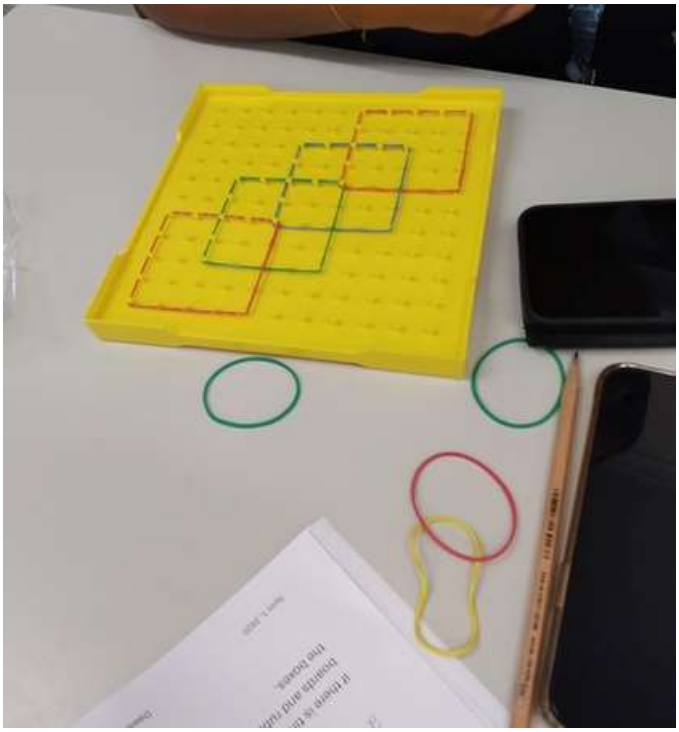
Art on Fridays

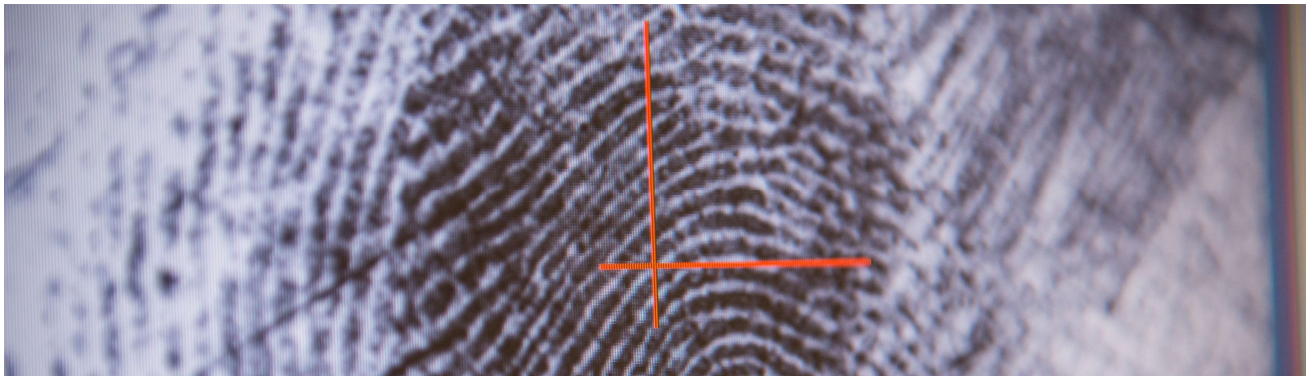
This week our students got to create designs for t-shirts. They enjoyed learning the skills of stencilling and painting. Their excitement for this project was evident when they said that they wanted to paint more clothing, including their shoes. Here are just a couple of the shirts.

Dawson Maths

Students in Dawson Maths used creative ways to understand square numbers. We used geoboards with rubber bands to make squares, and counting the spaces between the spikes. Using these types of resources provides a visual and practical representation of the mathematical concept, ensuring students have a fuller and deeper understanding. Plus, they can be great to make all kinds of shapes with!







Year 12 Forensic Science

A crime has rocked the school's forensic science unit—thankfully, it's only a mock investigation! Year 12 students have been busy unravelling the mystery behind the staged case of The Murder of the Mayor, applying real-world forensic techniques to uncover the truth.

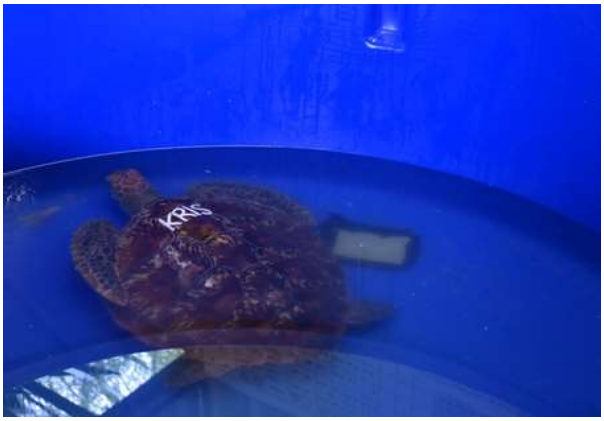
The simulated crime scene, carefully set up by teachers, challenged students to examine evidence such as fingerprints, blood (DNA) samples and entomology. Working in investigative teams, they analysed witness statements, reconstructed timelines, and used forensic technology to piece together the puzzle. "This hands-on experience is an incredible way for students to apply their scientific knowledge in a practical setting," said their forensic science teacher. "They're developing critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills—all essential in real forensic investigations." As the case unfolds, students will compile their findings into a forensic report, presenting their conclusions on the identity of the 'culprit' and the events leading to the crime. This immersive experience has not only sparked enthusiasm for forensic science but also highlighted the real-world applications of STEM in criminal investigations. Will justice be served? Stay tuned as the Year 12 students bring their case to a close!

Cookie Decorating

Integrating back into school after a long break can be difficult. At Carinity, we provided many activities to ensure a smooth start to the year. Sonya led the way by providing the opportunity for students to decorate "kindness cookies". Students could decorate the cookies with faces or with kind words.

Easter Break Up

Quon Island



Sports Carnival

Welcome to Carinity Education Gladstone

At Carinity Education we accept every young person for who they are. Each of our students has value and the right to hope and dream. We've created an alternative schooling option for students who are seeking a community environment: a place for them to **aspire** to a future full of possibility.

In our schools students are **accepted** as unique people, gifts from God, with their own needs and **aspirations**.

Our doors are wide open. Our staff live and breathe what we stand for.

We work with our students to help them identify their own **aspirations** and guide them to **achieve** so they become a reality.

Learning programs are tailored to individual goals, encouraging academic **achievement** and transforming lives.

Student Absence Procedure

A friendly reminder to please contact the school before 9am on **4970 9701** if your young person is going to be away on any given day.

This assists us to manage our student attendance and means you don't receive any absentee message from us. Please be advised that if your young person is absent from school and you have not contacted Admin, you will receive a text message asking for you to call the school or reply with your child's name and the corresponding reason number for their absence. A further reminder that students must not be dropped at the school before 8:30am as we do not have staff on duty before this time to supervise students on site.

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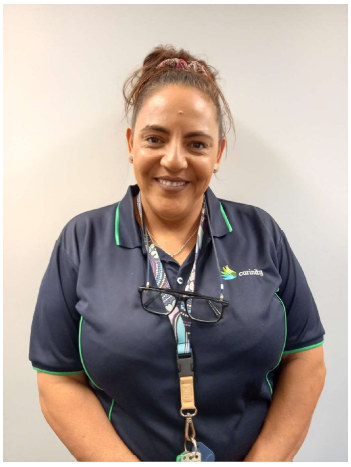

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