A word from the Principal

Everyday counts!

This term, we would like to focus on an important issue that has a significant impact on student success—school attendance. We encourage all families to support us in helping every young person develop positive habits by attending school every day.

Did you know that missing just two days of school each week adds up to approximately 80 days per year? This is the equivalent of 16 weeks of learning annually and more than five years of schooling over a student's entire education. In practical terms, a student who misses this amount of school could leave with learning experiences equivalent to only a Year 7 education.

Attendance rates provide a useful indication of a student's level of engagement and risk:

- 90% and above – Regular attendance
- 80–89% – Indicated risk
- 60–79% – Moderate risk
- Below 60% – Severe risk

When students miss significant amounts of school, they can fall behind in their learning, become increasingly disengaged, and may begin to feel less connected to our Carinity school community.

We understand that every student's circumstances are unique and that families may face a range of challenges. That is why we are committed to working alongside you and can provide support or referrals to external agencies where appropriate. If you are experiencing difficulties getting your young person to school, please speak with Shane, our Attendance and Inclusion Support Worker, or one of our Senior Youth Workers.

A word from the Principal continued

As I reviewed student report cards, it became clear that low attendance was a common factor affecting achievement across all year levels. **School attendance** is not only compulsory; it is essential for learning, personal growth, and future success. Students need to be present so we can support them and help them progress from where they are academically and socially.

We ask for your support, your communication, and your partnership. Together, we can improve attendance outcomes for every student and ensure that our wonderful, caring, and community focused small school continues to provide the best possible opportunities for all young people.

Please enjoy this edition of our newsletter. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to working together to improve student attendance. By encouraging regular attendance and staying connected with us, you can help your young person get the most out of their education and achieve their very best. Together, we can make a real difference for every student in our caring school community.

DATES TO REMEMBER	
16 July	Deadly Australians
22 July	Year 12 Afternoon Tea
23 July	Sport's Carnival
07 August	Census Day
10 August	Gladstone Region Show Holiday
4 September	Student Free Day
10 September	R U OK Day
18 September	Last Day of Term 3

A Word from our Deputy

As students at Carinity Education Gladstone, you are presented with many opportunities throughout your school journey. Some may be exciting and familiar, while others may seem challenging or even a little intimidating. My encouragement to each of you is simple: **say yes to opportunities whenever you can.**

Growth rarely happens when we stay in our comfort zone. It is often when we try something new, join a team, perform on stage, take on a leadership role, enter a competition, or meet new people that we discover strengths we never knew we had. While stepping outside your comfort zone can feel uncomfortable at first, it is often where the greatest learning takes place.

Not every opportunity will lead to immediate success, and that is perfectly okay. Every experience teaches us something valuable. Sometimes we learn a new skill, sometimes we gain confidence, and sometimes we learn resilience when things do not go as planned. These lessons become part of who we are and stay with us for life.

The knowledge, friendships, experiences, and personal growth that come from embracing opportunities can never be taken away from you. They help shape your character and prepare you for future challenges and successes. Every opportunity adds another piece to your story and helps you become the best version of yourself.

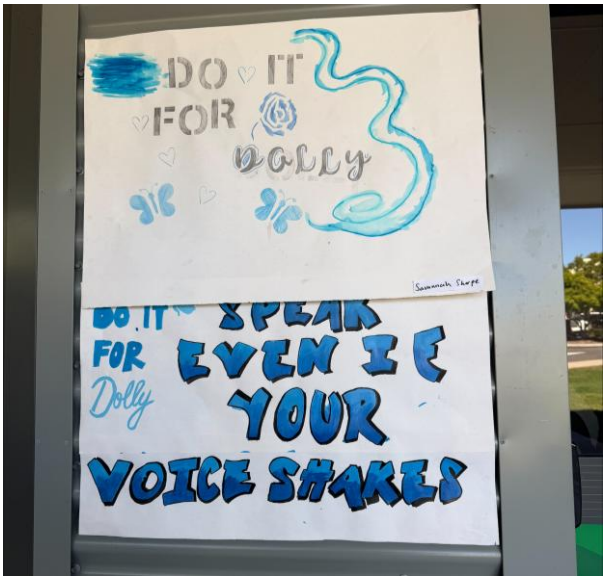
As we move through the next term, I encourage each of you to be brave, be curious, and be willing to try something new. You never know where a single opportunity might lead or what doors it may open in the future.

My husband and I will soon be moving to Adelaide, South Australia, where we will both be taking on exciting new opportunities in our careers. While it is difficult to leave this community, the decision is a reminder that growth often comes from embracing change and stepping beyond what feels comfortable.

I want to sincerely thank our school community for the opportunity to be part of your lives and learning journeys. It has been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated staff, supportive families, and friendly students. During my time here, I have learned so much, and those lessons, memories, and connections will stay with me forever.

As I begin this new chapter, I carry with me the same message I hope to leave with our students: be willing to embrace opportunities, even when they seem challenging. Every opportunity brings new learning, new experiences, and new growth. Those are gifts that remain with us long after the moment has passed. This community will always hold a special place in my heart, and I am grateful for everything it has taught me.

Mrs Marianne Geoghegan
Deputy Principal



Do it for Dolly day

Do It For Dolly Day 💙

Carinity proudly took part in **Do It For Dolly Day**, a national day of action dedicated to standing together against bullying and promoting kindness, inclusion, and respect.

Staff and students wore blue to show their support and spark important conversations about the impact of bullying and the importance of looking out for one another. Throughout the day, everyone was encouraged to spread kindness through small acts of compassion, reminding us that even the smallest gesture can make a big difference.

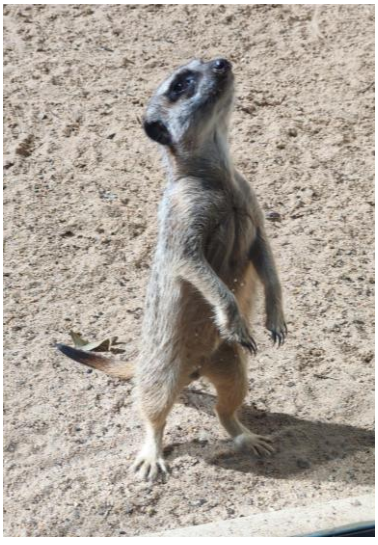
At Carinity, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where every young person feels valued, heard, and empowered. Thank you to everyone who got involved and helped make the day a meaningful reminder that kindness matters every day.

Holiday Zoo excursion

During the school holidays, staff and young people enjoyed a fantastic day out at Rockhampton Zoo, where we had the opportunity to see a range of amazing animals. One of the highlights of the day was meeting the adorable meerkats. While we were tempted to sneak a few back to become Carinity pets, sadly that wasn't possible! We did, however, enjoy some very cute interactions with them.

We were also lucky enough to have lunch in the beautiful gardens, where everyone had the chance to relax, play, and spend quality time together. The day was filled with fun, laughter, and great conversations.

Overall, it was an amazing day for both staff and young people, creating wonderful memories and strengthening connections.



Year 10 Careers Excursion

Laser Tag Excursion

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Murray Anzac Park Excursion

End of semester awards

The Semester One Awards Ceremony was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the success that students have achieved. Academic awards were granted to the student from each year level who attained the highest average results across their subjects. REALS awards were provided to a student from each year level who was nominated by staff as consistently demonstrating respect, engagement, a positive attitude, appropriate language and safe practices. Progress awards were granted to a student from each year level who has demonstrated the most improvement since the beginning of the year. Attendance awards were given to the students with the highest number of days present at school. We are very proud of all of the recipients of these awards and hope they inspire all of our young people to keep persisting to achieve their goals.

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FEELING UNSAFE? GO AND TELL

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Sometimes you may feel unsafe around adults or other students. If you do not feel safe, there are people you can talk to, tell an adult you trust.

REMEMBER, nothing is so awful that you cannot talk about it with someone.
Talk to these people if you feel unsafe at school or away from school.

Jane Greenland

Cassie Benjamin

Marianne Geoghegan

Other people you might choose:

- A Parent
- A Teacher
- A Youth Worker
- A Counselor
- Safe Person

If you don't get the help you need at first, **DON'T GIVE UP!** Keep reporting your concerns until something is done and you feel safe again!

EVERY STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE ALL THE TIME!

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.

WE'RE ALWAYS HERE TO HEAR YOU

Reach us for immediate queries or complaints, our team is ready to assist you!

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