



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

December 1st, 2022

Here is the earth, here is the sky, here are my friends and here am I.

Thank you to the oceans, animals and plants. Thank you to the sun, moon and rain.

Thank you to the Wulgurukaba and Bindal people whose land we play and learn on all day.

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians and their Elder's past, present and emerging.

A Message from the

Director of School Campus

As this is the final newsletter for the year 2022, I would like to congratulate and thank all the students for their contribution, involvement, and participation this year.

Parents and caregivers, I thank you for your faith and dedication to our school. Your trust and support of Carinity Education Shalom drives the College, and we will continue to place your child at the centre of all that we do.

Staff members are to be commended for the positivity, energy, and enthusiasm they bring to the school every day. I am privileged to be a part of a college with highly capable and committed teachers, administration, support, and maintenance staff.

I want to thank the Leadership Team of Stuart Todd, Toni Simmonds, Pastor Andy Bollom, and Gaynor O'Sullivan for their extraordinary contribution to the College. Each day, they lead, model, and support students, staff, and parents. I feel fortunate to work with such talented people, and as each term, semester, and year goes by, I hope they get to see the amazing results of all our planning, hard work, and teamwork. It is certainly a team effort.

Our whole staff are good examples of Shalom's guiding principles of Accept, Aspire and Achieve. They show that they follow the '**Accept**' guiding principle by being friendly and accepting of everyone. Our staff shows the second Shalom principle of '**Aspire**' by trying so hard to do their best, and they show the third Shalom principle of '**Achieve**' by never giving up, no matter how hard things get.

One of our long-serving Youth Workers, Dagona Pedder, will leave us at the end of the year. Throughout the years, Dagona has made significant contributions to the College. She is devoted, dedicated, genuine, and compassionate, and always has the best interests of the students in mind. Her thoughtfulness, compassion, and spirituality will be greatly missed. We will also be saying good bye and thank you to Rochelle Russell who joined us on a short term contract in the Secondary School; Rochelle will finish on 2 December 2022.

On Friday we said thank you and farewell to groundsman Kevin Spencer. Kevin has played a significant role in keeping our grounds well maintained over the past three years and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

To the families and students who are leaving us, thank you for being a part of the Shalom family community and may God continue to bless you at your new school.

To everyone May the joy of Christmas and the peace that Jesus' birth brings to the world remain in your hearts forever. Have a blessed, joyful, and safe Christmas.

Peace and Grace

Sharyn Ive



Year 6 at Turtle Rock

Last week, Pastor Andy and Chappy Irene had the pleasure of taking our Year 6 class to Turtle Rock—out on country. This experience was enjoyed by all students, as they learnt from Uncles and Aunties, about their culture through shared stories, a smoking ceremony and rock art, which was left by their ancestors.



Whole School Transition Day

Last week all classes enjoyed meeting their teachers and youth workers for next year. Pictured above are the Year 2's for 2023!



Secondary winners of the Mega Gotcha Draw!

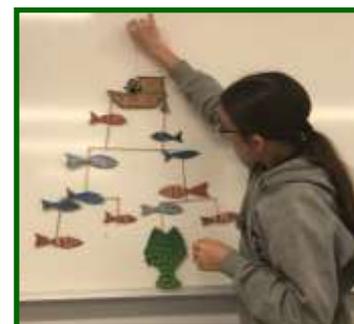
During term 4 secondary students have been working hard to earn 'Gotcha' cards from staff. All Gotcha cards were kept and placed in the mega draw, which was drawn this week. The student who won, was able to have 5 friends join them for a morning of gaming on a PS 4 and served party food by staff

Pictured left were the lucky winners!



Primary Attendance Party!

Students who reached 90% attendance for this term, were treated to a fun time on the water slides, during the week. Congratulations to the students who were invited!



Secondary Art Class

Year 9 students were inspired by the work of Alexander Calder to create their own mobiles. Pictured above is Lukeah's mobile called *Little Fish, Big Fish!*



The office will close on the **16th Dec** and re-open on the **3rd Jan 2023**

School will resume on **Tuesday 24th Jan 2023**

Happy Holidays

Secondary celebrating the end of 2022!

Secondary students were treated to an afternoon on the water slide, to celebrate the end of the school year! Everyone enjoyed cooling down on such a hot day!



Awards Ceremony



Prep

This week we celebrated students achievements at our annual Awards Ceremony. Awards were given for Academic Achievement, Attendance, Sportsmanship, Most Improved and Christian Citizenship.

Congratulations!



Year 1



Year 2/3



Year 2



Year 3/4



Year 4/5



Year 5/6



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Today we celebrated the **gift** of **Jesus** from heaven to earth to bring forgiveness, grace and peace to us all.

Our Primary students performed and danced with full hearts!

And our Secondary enjoyed ice cream sundaes, games and testimonies of God's goodness.

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

May the wonderful counsel and *Shalom* peace of God fill your homes this holidays and Christmas!

See you in 2023!

Blessings,

Pastor Andy and Chappy Irene



Year 6 Graduation

Last night our Year 6 class, along with their families and staff celebrated their Graduation from Primary! Congratulations students and staff on a wonderful night!

