Welcome to a new school year. It is exciting to see the many new faces who have joined our school family. As I outlined to our students in the first chapel, the main question in the mind of any new student is will I be welcome and find friends in this new school? Will teachers and students be kind and accepting, or will I be lonely and maybe even picked on?

In our first chapel students were challenged to think of others and ways they can make each other feel welcome and secure. I am delighted that there have been many indications in the first week that students are being friendly and accepting.

This year we want to focus on the Golden Rule, treating others the way we would like to be treated. I want to challenge teachers, students and parents to aim for the stars in regard to how we treat others, being kind and thoughtful in our words and actions.
It is exciting that due to the growth in our school we have appointed new teachers to allow Year 1 and 2 to split into two classrooms and Year 7 and 8 to also split.

Providing an extra two classrooms and teachers has meant the library has been moved to the newly purchased house next to the carpark and our current rooms are used almost 100% of the day! We are very impatient for our four new classrooms and we are already applying for government funding for more classrooms! We also need to open up the Holmes Drive access to the school.

A special thank you to the parents, staff and students who spent a very long day on the Sunday before school started moving the library out and setting up the new Grade 1 classroom!

It is an exciting time as our school grows and we wish to thank our school family for supporting our school in so many ways.
Welcome to our new teachers:

Mrs Sharlene Cole is teaching High School Maths. Mrs Cole is very passionate about expanding the numerical capacity of our students!

Mrs Vanessa North has also joined the high school staff, teaching Year 7 Science. Mrs North excels at all she does! (non-biased Principal’s opinion).

Mrs Marcia Forbes is the new Year 1 teacher. Mrs Forbes has taught at our school before and we are delighted that she has returned after a year studying for a Masters Degree, we may soon have to call her Dr Forbes!

Mrs Cindy Young is helping out in the Prep room, providing much needed support to Mrs Racquel Markwell as she “trains” the Prep class.

Mrs Carli Cameron has joined staff to provide aide support in the 3 and 4 classroom. Mrs Cameron will also provide some Computer Tech support which will help Mr Ken McClintock out.

Ms Janine Lawrence is providing aide support in the Year 5 and 6 room.

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We have an exciting opportunity to get involved in Auskick, an AFL program available to those students who turn five this year all the way through to Year 6 students. Representatives from Auskick will visit our school next Thursday the 11th of February during primary lunchtime to promote the program to our students. (Sign up forms will handed out)

**START DATE**  Thursday 18th February  
**END DATE**      Thursday 24th March  
**PROGRAM LENGTH** 6 Weeks  
**TIME**         In School (lunch time)  
**COST**         $25

Registration cost includes a football and some other give aways for each student. This is a great opportunity to promote an active, healthy lifestyle in our students, which is something we value here at Carlisle.
In Term 1 a Soccer Coach will be coming to Carlisle once a week at lunch time to run a coaching clinic for our Primary Students. **This activity is FREE!!!!** We look forward to seeing our students out on the oval involved in this clinic.

**VIOLIN CLASSES RESUME...9TH FEB...**

Violin classes will restart next week and will be run on **TUESDAY.**

For any new students wanting to learn violin:
- Violin is offered as a group-taught lesson once a week
- It is available for Grade 4-10 students
- Private lessons are also available
- Cost: $50 per term plus cost of violin

For more information please email:
Miss Dye - mdye@carlisle.adventist.edu.au
We will be offering a School Choir option again this year. There is no additional fee to join choir. There will be a compulsory **Year 1 to 4 choir** with Mrs Aay on Wednesdays.

There will be a Year **5 to 10 choir** on Mondays with Mrs Hopal. The secondary choir is optional and only available to well-behaved and motivated students. **Please book your child in at reception.**

Private music lessons are also available on a user pays basis.

- Piano with Mrs Mary Hawkins on Mondays.
- Woodwind, brass and percussion with Mrs Gwenda Aay (our primary choir leader) and she is also offering singing lessons and Piano lessons on Wednesdays or other times by negotiation.
- Guitar lessons with Mr Claudio Pinochi On Tuesdays.
- Violin lessons with Miss Dye on Thursdays.

**Please register for private lessons at reception ASAP as lessons have already started!**
We would like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful ladies who gave of their time to come and do a massive spring clean, sort and tidy of our Home-Ec and Tuckshop Room. Also followed by a big bake afternoon in preparation to begin Tuckshop for 2016.

We have had such an amazing amount of people put their hands up to volunteer at our Tuckshop which we are truly grateful for. This has allowed us to open the Tuckshop twice a week (Wednesday and Fridays). Thank you Amiee and Rachael for taking on Tuckshop Co-ordinators!!

“VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT PAID — NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE WORTHLESS, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE PRICELESS.”
The school operates a ‘homework club’ after school Monday and Wednesday afternoons. This is available free of charge for our students. It operates from 3.10 till 3.40pm. Your child needs to be booked into the homework club through the office. There are limited places so be quick!

**Homework Club Rules:**

- It is for homework and school work
- Be on time with the materials you need
- No leaving prior to 3:40 pm unless your parent comes to collect you
- No head-phones or music
- If you have finished your homework early – you will be then asked to simply read a library book quietly till the end of the block.

Office hours are 8am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday.

A reminder that the primary school is concluding at 2:55 pm each day with the high school finishing at 3:05. Please consider parking before you pick up your child, so that we avoid the congestion in the car park as much as possible.
We are very keen for our students to wear their uniforms proudly and properly. A couple of things that will be helpful.

**Sport uniform:**
- Primary – Fridays only.
- Secondary – Mondays and Fridays only.

Hats are available for $10 from the front office. There is a “no hat no play” policy so please make sure your child has a hat every day. We will not be loaning hats, if an extra one is needed please organise this at the office.

If for some reason your child is unable to have the complete uniform on when they should, please send a note to indicate reason for this. If your child arrives with incomplete uniform and no note, Mr North will issue a uniform pass and then ask your child to do some kind of task at one of their breaks that day to remind them of the importance of correct uniform and of a note from home.

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**EATING PROCEDURES AND IDEALS**

With our eating procedures we ask that our students are seated for the first ten minutes of lunch, and then dismissed once the bell goes and their area is checked for cleanliness. Could we also ask that we try and provide healthy food to give your children the best nutritional advantage.

As you can appreciate, students operate best with good healthy nutritional food – so please make sure they have a good breakfast before leaving home, have wholemeal or multigrain sandwiches, and plenty of fruit.
All students arriving late (after 8:50am) or leaving early must go via the office to be processed on our attendance register, this is a legal requirement. Please provide a note of explanation or notify reception (note/email/phone call or SMS). Please notify the Principal or Admin staff of any absences.

The Principals phone can be used for notifying by sms of absence/lateness etc..., this number is 0490 158070.

The school number is 07 4942 7455. Email – reception@carlisle.adventist.edu.au

Carpark access gate – The gate from the carpark is the main way most students and parents access the school. There is a sign to direct visitors to the front gate, so they must come past the office. We have a concern that school access during the day (after school starts and before home time) should be via the front gate and past the office. Also we have some concerns about some of our new, smaller students (Preps!) who seem to have the capacity to escape through the carpark gate during the day.

We are proposing to keep the carpark access gate locked during school hours, meaning that after 9am and before 2:50pm all entry and exit to the school will need to be via the front gate, by the office. This will help improve our school security.
STARTING FRIDAY NIGHT 12TH FEBRUARY!!!

Be sure to invite your friends along...

Starting 5:00pm till 7:30pm

Also plan for our Next Mesh

Friday 18th March
Carlisle Adventist Christian College is fortunate to be affiliated with an outstanding global outdoor education program called Pathfinders. Pathfinders is for all children aged 10 – 15. There are many interesting activities, where you can find lifelong friends and develop skills both indoors and outdoors.

There is a registration evening on Saturday night February 20 at Mackay Central SDA Church from 6:30-8:30pm.

A brochure and more information is available from the school office. Please note that Mr North went to Pathfinders between the ages of 10 and 15, also Mr North will be one of the leaders in the Pathfinder Club this year. So we want to recommend this outstanding opportunity to our students!
Caught Being Good Award!!!

This award is a classroom achievement, at the end of the week we tally up all the students individual Caught being good acknowledgements. The Class with the highest amount is presented the Trophy and some Natural lollies for the class to share on Friday assembly.

PREP WON THIS WEEK….CONGRATULATIONS!!!
Class Room Awards