FRIDAY 8TH MARCH, 2024.

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Principal's Report Week 7 Term 1, 2024.



Principal's Message

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- Collaborative contributors who find meaning, dignity and purpose in work and life and who respect the rights of all and who contribute to the common good.

Our Vision:

To offer every student in every school a world-class education enriched by their lived encounter with the Catholic faith.

With a commitment to the above statements, we are thrilled to share some exciting news regarding our school community.

As a result of our growing enrolments and the increasing complexities in our student's learning needs, we have been authorised to employ a new staff member. With great pleasure, I announce the appointment of Mrs. Wendell Majer, who will commence her role at our school on Monday, March 11, 2024.

Many members of our school community may already be familiar with Wendell, a long-time resident who has taught extensively throughout the Ravenshoe and Tablelands District over many years. Her experience and dedication to education make her a valuable addition to our team.

We kindly ask that you join us in extending a warm welcome to Wendell as she becomes part of our school community. Our staff is eager to benefit from her vast experience, and we are confident that she will significantly contribute to our student's academic and personal development.

Through consultation, dialogue, and careful examination of student data, we will work collaboratively to determine how Mrs. Wendell Majer can further enhance student engagement and support within our school. We are committed to ensuring every child receives the individualised attention and resources needed to succeed.

As always, we value your input and support in our efforts to provide the best possible education for your children. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how Mrs. Wendell Majer will be involved in our school community, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we embark on this exciting new chapter together.

Introduction of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS-E) at St Teresa's Catholic School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. We are excited to share some significant developments regarding our school's ongoing commitment to enhancing student support and success.

As part of our School Annual Improvement Plan (SAIP) for 2024 and beyond, we are introducing the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for Education (MTSS-E) framework. MTSS-E is a proactive approach to addressing all students' diverse academic and behavioural needs by providing layered levels of support.

We will commence implementing MTSS-E at a Tier 1 level throughout 2024. This initial phase will involve laying the groundwork and introducing foundational elements of the system across various aspects of our school community.

Over the next two years, until the conclusion of the 2026 school year, we will delve deeper into the MTSS-E framework, gradually expanding its scope and integrating it more comprehensively into our school's practices. This phased approach allows us to ensure that every aspect of the system is carefully tailored to meet the unique needs of our students and aligns with our school's mission and values.

Introducing MTSS-E will benefit our students by providing targeted interventions and support mechanisms that foster their academic, social, and emotional growth. By embracing this framework, we reaffirm our commitment to nurturing a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

As we embark on this journey, we encourage you to stay informed and engaged with the developments related to MTSS-E at St Teresa's Catholic School. We value your partnership and input as we work together to create the best possible educational experience for our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further information about MTSS-E or any other aspect of our school's initiatives.

Please refer to the additional information below.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

Overview

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) is a comprehensive framework used to provide academic and behavioural support to all students based on their individual needs. The approach utilises data-informed decision-making to identify students who may require additional support, and then provide the support at varying levels of frequency and intensity, depending on each student's needs.

MTSS comprises three tiers. Tier 1 involves universal, high-quality instruction for all students. Tier 2 is targeted support (in addition to Tier 1) which includes small-group interventions. Tier 3 is personalised supports for students who require further support, despite Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 3 are more intensive and personalised interventions.

In Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns, MTSS aligns with the principle of caring for and meeting the unique needs of every child. It's a practical implementation of the church's teachings about the inherent dignity and value of each individual. Through the MTSS approach, Catholic schools and Colleges can ensure that all students, including those who need further support academically or behaviourally, receive the necessary support and resources to succeed. This aids in promoting a truly inclusive learning environment, where all students can reach their full potential and no student is left behind.



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IMPROVEMENT	SEF	SMART GOAL/S	STRATEGIES	IMPROVEMENT	WHO/WHEN
PRIORITY	DIMENSION		Identify an 'Internal Coach' (who	INDICATORS	
Engagement	The staff of the school demonstrate an	80% of staff share a common set of beliefs that are an integral part of	will lead the work of the team) and a 'Data Manager' (who will lead the		PoL – Diversity
- Wellbeing &	understanding of the	their understanding of student learning, motivations and	collation and analysis of data). Attend 2 full face-to-face days of	Academic and pastoral	Principal
Learning	importance of positive and caring relationships	psychology.	PD.	tracking including learning progress and achievement,	All staff
(Diversity –	to successful learning and work to build		TBA: CNS04162:001 MTSS Cohort 3	attendance, and behaviour and appropriate support and	In 2024
Inclusive practices,	mutually respectful relationships (based on	80% of staff share the belief that all students are capable of learning?	Tier 1 Day 1	intervention.	CES Staff
behaviour)	gospel values) across the school community.		CNS04163:001 - MTSS Cohort 3 Tier 1 Day 2	Data is analyzed, understood and used by teachers to improve	
Consistent planning and teaching that is responsive to students and the context in which they live and learn. Strategic Directions 2021-2025 Priority #8 Significant Learning Needs Every student with significant learning needs (e.g., disability, EAL/D) receive adjustments and interventions to enable equitable access and participation in learning. #3 Learning and Teaching Documentation #4 First Nations #5 Extension #6 Workforce #7 Learning Pathways #9 Transitions #10 Rural and Remote	The school has clear strategies to promote appropriate behaviour - including agreed responses and consequences for inappropriate student behaviour - and the school provides sufficient support for teachers to implement these policies.	100% of staff, in response to tracking and monitoring individual learning and wellbeing, make reasonable adjustments to student interactions, teaching and learning. 100% of staff identify and address the educational needs of individual students? Adjustments are tailored, early and sustained interventions in place for students with educational needs.	Scheduled team meetings - Usually 45 mins per fortnight. If fortnightly is not achievable, then it is recommended at least 3 per term. Scheduled staff meetings - A minimum of 1 staff meeting per term is required to provide updates and gather input from your staff to progress MTSS-E. The CES Consultants Student Engagement (your external coaches) can support your team to plan for these. In addition to the training, the Consultants Student Engagement will be available to support you on this journey.	educational outcomes? Support for engagement, progress, achievement and wellbeing is provided for groups of students who may have particular learning needs including: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students Gifted and talented. Students with a disability Students with English as a Additional Language or Dialect Students in Out of Home Care Refugee Students? Professional learning and training are in place throughout the school year. The school provides safe and inclusive learning environments. The school has developed Strategic Improvement Plans Necessary core documentation exists and is utilized.	

What's the News?



Saint Patrick's Day Fete

15 MARCH 2024

Help is needed to set up on Thursday, 14 March, and all day on Friday, 15 March

Please get in touch with the school or Anna on 0497 609884.

<u>Cross Country Tuesday 26th March.</u>



(We encourage all families to come along and cheer for their children)

9 am Start for 5, 6 & 7-year-old children (Prep, Year 1 & Year. 2) on the back school oval – with Miss Eleanor Mabin, Mrs Sylvia Juhas, Miss Renae, Miss Jasmin and Rosie. 5-year-olds will run one lap, 6-year-olds will run two laps, and 7-year-olds will run three laps around the school oval.

8.45 am – Children aged, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 will walk down to Rugby League Fields in Ascham Street with Miss Kristie Henderson, Mrs Katie Cole, and Karina. (Carole will drive with water bottles etc)

Practice will start in Week 7 which is Monday 4th March. The whole school will assemble on the back oval at 1.55 pm after the break and do laps around the oval for about 10 minutes, weather permitting.

Each student at school is in either Cedar (Yellow) or Oak (Green). Teachers will tell the students which house they are in.

On the day of the Cross-Country, students can wear a coloured shirt (Yellow or Green) to represent their House. Students will score points for their team as well. Please, no coloured hair spray for this event. They may wear coloured ribbons and colourful joggers.

A cross-country shield will be presented to the winning team! On Wednesday 27th March at 2.00pm.

PREP - Patterns in Maths

This week, we have been focusing on patterns in maths. We have been finding them, making them and continuing them. During the Hands-on Maths lessons, the children enjoy various items to make their patterns. You can help your child with this mathematical concept by finding and making patterns in the home and the real world.

Please enjoy the photos attached. Kind regards Sylvia



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NAPLAN



Governments, education authorities and schools use NAPLAN to determine whether young Australians meet essential literacy and numeracy goals. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to sit the NAPLAN tests held in March each year. NAPLAN gives a snapshot of how children perform in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, grammar, and numeracy. It complements other effective classroom assessment and reporting practices.

Testing conducted 13 March – 25 March

It's that time of year again when we start to prepare for NAPLAN at our school.

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students can undertake. Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday, 13 March, and finishes on Monday, 25 March 2024. Please see the attached schedule we have in place for the upcoming tests at our school and ensure your child attends school these days for the tests. However, if unavoidable, we have catch-up sessions available (The writing test catch-up window for year 3 is only open until Monday, 18 March).

Please also note that St Patrick's Day is on Friday, the 15th of March – we will have no testing due to the school's St Patrick's Day Fete we are having. Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of the school program and reminding them to do their best. Both Miss Henderson (Grade 3/4 Classroom Teacher) and Mrs Katie Cole (Grade 5/6 Classroom

Teacher) are ensuring students are familiarising themselves with the types of questions in the tests by providing practice tests so that students become more familiar with the kind of online environment NAPLAN has, whilst also providing appropriate support and guidance before the actual tests.

Please feel free to read the additional information we have attached to this letter about NAPLAN, and if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Helen BARKER NAPLAN Test Administrator Phone: 07 40976 173

Week 1	Year3	Year 5
Monday 11 March,	Preparation only — NO tests permitted	Preparation only — NO tests
Tuesday 12 March,		permitted
Wednesday, 13 March,	Writing (paper)	Writing (paper)
Day 1	Reading	Reading
	(Reading only after writing)	(Reading only after writing)
Thursday, 14 March,	Reading \rightarrow Conventions of language \rightarrow	Reading \rightarrow Conventions of language
Day 2	Numeracy	\rightarrow Numeracy
	(Catch-up tests	(Catch-up tests
	all domains)	all domains)
Friday, 15 March, Day 3	No Testing – School Fete	No Testing – School Fete
Week 2		
Monday, 18 March,	Catch-up Reading \rightarrow Conventions of	Reading \rightarrow Conventions of language
Day 4	language \rightarrow Numeracy tests	\rightarrow Numeracy
	(Catch-up tests	
	all domains)	(Catch-up tests
		all domains)
Tuesday, 19 March,	Follow test sequence:	Follow test sequence:
Day 5	Reading \rightarrow Conventions of language \rightarrow	Reading \rightarrow Conventions of language
Wednesday, 20 March,	Numeracy	\rightarrow Numeracy
Day 6 Thursday, as Marsh	(Catch-up tests all domains)	(Catch-up tests all domains)
Thursday, 21 March,	all domains)	an domains)
Day 7 Friday, 22 March,	(Except Year 3 writing)	(Except Year 3 writing)
Day 8	(Except rear 5 writing)	(Except real 5 writing)
Week 3		
Monday, 25 March,	1	
Day 9		
Tuesday – Good Friday,	This security period may ONLY be used	This security period may ONLY be
29 March	for testing with written permission from	used for testing with written
testing window closed	the QCAA.	permission from the QCAA.

Fun Friday List 2024

Date	Theme	Donation
2™ Feb	All things Aussie	Gold Coin
9 th Feb	Pyjama day	Bag of lollies or gold coin
16 [®] Feb	Silly sock's & Hilarlous Hair	Block of chocolate or share pack of chocolates or gold coin
23ª Feb	Hawaiian day	Fill a jar or bottle or gold coin
1 [#] March	Super Hero	Cake mix or gold coin
8 th March	Western/Emergency worker day	Gold coin
15* March	St Patrick's Day	Baked goods for cake stall
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Important Tuckshop information.



TERM 2, 2024



We need help to make the tuckshop work. Between 9 and 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, contact the school or speak directly with Anna Bevan to register your support and assistance. The Principal's Book Pick



"What Happened to You?" is a poignant collaboration between renowned psychiatrist Bruce Perry and media mogul Oprah Winfrey that delves deep into the complexities of trauma and healing. This transformative book challenges the conventional narrative surrounding trauma by shifting the focus from "What's wrong with you?" to "What happened to you?"

Perry and Winfrey seamlessly blend scientific insights with personal anecdotes, creating a narrative that is both enlightening and empathetic. Through the lens of neuroscience and psychology, they explore how early experiences shape the brain and influence behaviour, offering invaluable lessons on resilience and recovery.

One of the book's most compelling aspects is its emphasis on the power of empathy and connection in healing. By sharing stories of individuals who have overcome adversity, Perry and Winfrey highlight the importance of understanding, compassion, and support in the healing process.

Moreover, "What Happened to You?" calls for individuals, communities, and institutions to adopt a trauma-informed approach to caregiving, education, and social justice. It challenges readers to reevaluate their perceptions of trauma and foster environments promoting healing and growth.

In summary, "What Happened to You?" is a groundbreaking exploration of trauma that offers hope, understanding, and practical guidance to survivors and those seeking support. It's a must-read for anyone interested in understanding the human experience and unlocking the potential for healing and transformation.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?



BRUCE D. PERRY, MD. PhD OPRAH WINFREY





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Month Wk. Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 1 21 22 23 24 27 25 26 Jan Student Free School School Whole School Australia Day Mandatory Commences Commences Commences completion Prep cohort 1 Prep cohort 2 Staff Meeting date 2 28 29 30 31 1 2 3 Jan Letter of Staff Briefing -Brave Heart Assembly Fete introduction 8:10 **Free Dress** / home to all **P&F AGM** Staff Meeting parents. (First Aid Feb refresher) 3 4 10 5 8 6 7 9 Feb Planning Staff Briefing -Assembly Staff Meeting **NRL Class Opening School** upload 8:10 Release Mass Student Leader Badges11.50am Fete -Free Dress 4 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 Feb Parent/teacher/ Staff Briefing -**NRL Class** Fete -Staff Meeting Assembly student 8:10 Release **Free Dress** Ash Wednesday meetings or Shrove phone calls this Tuesday Mass 11.50 am week, if required 5 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 Feb First Deb away -Staff Briefing -DSE visit. Non-contact Rhyme time. The State Sunday 18.03.24 8:10 Justine Labyrinth of Lent NRL Class NRL visit - 2.00 P&F meeting Census Release – 3.00 pm Identity & 3.30 pm Non-contact years 3-6 Outreach visit Iulie Fete -No Assembly School Officer Free Dress PD Day NAPIAN practice Staff Meeting 25 6 26 27 28 29 1 2 Feb Second **NRL Class** Staff Briefing -Assembly **Principal's** Senior Fete Sunday Release 8:10 MTSS-E **Debrief - Cairns** Leadership Free Dress Staff Meeting of Lent meeting 3.30 Conference pm Mar PLP's 7 8 9 7 3 4 5 6 Mar **Cross Country** Staff Briefing -Staff Meeting Third Assembly Fete -Sunday Practise 8:10 Fire Drill 1 pm **Free Dress** of Lent **NRL Class** Release 10 11 12 14 15 16 8 13 Mar Forth **Cross Country** Staff Briefing -Assembly **NAPLAN** open Saint Patrick's Sunday Lockdown Drill Practise 8:10 Staff Meeting **Day Prayer** of Lent Assembly 1 pm Staff Meeting Saint Patrick's Planning upload Day Fete -**NRL Class** Green Release Day 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 9 Mar Fifth Staff Briefing Cross Country Assembly Lenten Praver Open Open Sunday Practise - 8:10 Classrooms Classrooms No Staff Meeting p/t/s p/t/s of Lent Open Deb return -Open Classrooms interviews interviews 18.03.24 Classrooms p/t/s Open p/t/s interviews Classrooms p/t/s interviews NRL Class interviews Release Staff Meeting 10 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 Mar Holy **Palm Sunday** NAPLAN **Cross Country Staff Meeting** Last Day of **Good Friday** Week Term Liturgy closes. **Cross Country** 2pm Staff briefing -Presentation 8.10 2pm Rhyme time Mike on leave in week 10 to week 6 term 2

St Teresa's Life of the School Calendar – Term 1, 2024

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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our Strategic Directions 2021–2025 invites each one of us to be informed by, act with, and be committed to the following core principles:

- Be people of Mission and Witness inspired by what is best for all students in our schools.
- Move forward together strengthening relationships between families, staff, school and system leaders, Clergy and the Diocese.
- Be accountable for student learning through a commitment to continuous improvement.
- Be courageous encountering possibilities and engaging in dialogue to achieve excellence in all we do.
- Embrace and enhance individual gifts, talents, wisdom and capabilities.
- Accept co-responsibility for stewardship, accountability and system sustainability.

Provide voice and agency for all.

Strategic Directions 2021-2025

Encounter – Catholic Identity

The formation of staff and students through a Catholic lens and furthering our understanding of First Nations cultures and ways of knowing, being and doing.

3. Learning

and Teaching documentation

The Catholic Education

Community co-creates

consistent system Learning and Teaching documentation.

2. Religious

Education

Every student benefits from an

engaging, contemporary and personally relevant religious education curriculum.

4. First

Nations

First Nations communities and families are honoured, their cultures and beliefs respected, and our schools committed to

Closing the Gap imperatives for every First Nations

student.

First Nations Perspectives

Understand the cultures of the First Nations peoples and provide learning environments which are culturally safe and embrace culturally responsive and high impact pedagogies, with a strong emphasis on engagement, wellbeing and success.

5. Extension

Every student accesses opportunities that extend

their learning and personal

horizons

Zoom

1. Encounter

Our Catholic Education

community experiences a

Catholic Faith formation that deepens our understanding

of the Church's mission and

which invites an encounter

Jesus

with the person of

Engagement – Wellbeing & Learning

Consistent planning and teaching that is responsive to students and the context in which they live and learn.

Capability

Recruitment, retention, development and professional learning to build an inspiring, engaged and highly effective professional staff.

Our 10 Priorities

8. Significant learning needs

Every student with significant learning needs (eg disability, EAL/D) receives adjustments and interventions to enable equitable access and participation in learning.

6. Workforce

Every student benefits from inspiring, engaging, and highly professional teachers, school and CES leaders and support and professional staff.

7. Learning pathways

Every student's learning pathway is enabled by adjustments to learning experiences, targets, interventions and initiatives, and monitors improvement over time.

10. Rural and remote

Every student from rural and remote communities benefits from targeted support for their schools.

9. Transitions

Every student experiences a seamless and positive transition through and across schools.



LIBRARY NEWS



Good Afternoon Everyone,

Today I went through Readers Cup with our year 5/6's so we can start the process of forming a team for our school to participate in this years Readers Cup. Good luck to everyone. Notes will come home to those who are interested in trying out. Once permission is given, Mrs Cole and I

will start the selection process to pick our final four students who will represent St. Teresa's School next term. Issue 2 of Book Club was ordered today, thank you again. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Born: 26th May, 1977 San Francisco, California, U.S.A

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Readers Cup 2023



Warm Regards,

Morgan Reynolds

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Max has an epic couple of weeks with Tableland Trials.

Max was successful in gaining a spot in the Tablelands Rugby League Team

Max is a shadow for the Tablelands Touch Team.

We wish Max all the best when he trials for the Peninsula team.





Savannah had a great day out

when she trialled for a spot in the Tablelands Netball team. Savannah said all the girls were so friendly. I love these kind of athletic days. Savannah put in a great performance for the day. It was a very very hot and humid day!

Thank you to your parents for supporting you and travelling to sport!