



ST TERESA'S
— SCHOOL —
RAVENSHOE

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 2024.



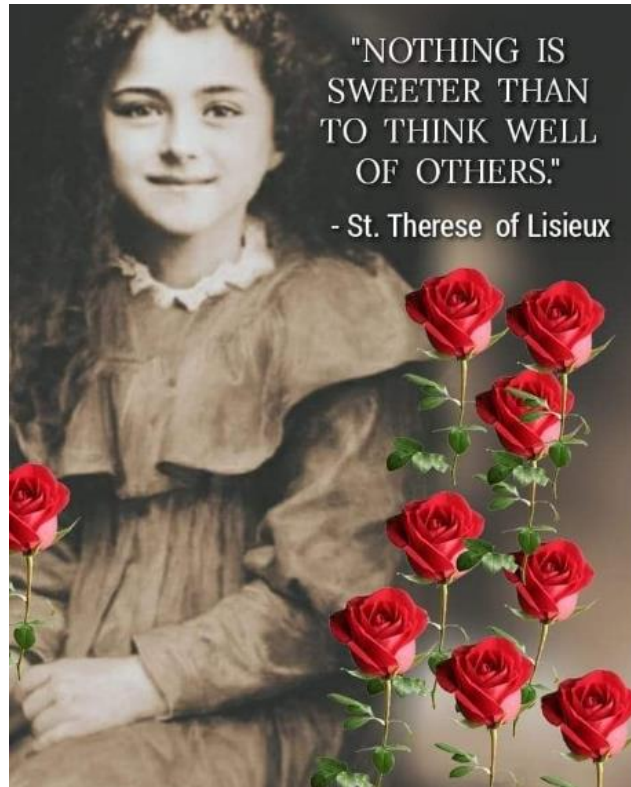
John 8:12

I Am the Light of the World

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

Principal's Report

Week 9 Term 4, 2024.



Our Three Pillars

Knowledge Love Truth

Our Shared Vision:

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

We are 75 in '25



Celebration Dinner

Saturday 13 September 2025



The St Teresa's Way

Our Three Pillars

Knowledge, Love and Truth

VALUES

TREAT OURSELVES
WITH RESPECT

TREAT THE
ENVIRONMENT
WITH RESPECT

TREAT OTHERS
WITH RESPECT

TREAT ALL PROPERTY
WITH RESPECT

Principal's Messages



Christ the King Feast Day – 24th Nov

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

John 18:37

The Year That Was and Will Always Be in Our Memories

Dear Parents and Community Members of St. Teresa's Catholic School,

As we approach the end of this remarkable year, it's important to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've been on. 2024 has been a year of incredible progress and beauty, showcasing the best of humanity. Across the world, this year has truly been a testament to our collective potential and brilliance, producing groundbreaking advancements in technology and medicine and inspiring acts of kindness and unity.

Let me name just two expressions of human endeavour:

1. **Electric Vehicle Battery Technology:** Researchers have made significant strides in improving the performance and sustainability of electric vehicle batteries, addressing critical challenges and paving the way for more efficient electric vehicles.
2. **Cell Therapy for Melanoma:** The approval of Amtagvi (am-tag-vee), the first cellular therapy for aggressive forms of melanoma, marks a significant breakthrough in cancer treatment.

With such expressions of human endeavour worldwide, let's bring it closer to home and reflect on our own achievements.

In the midst of the final weeks of 2024's busyness, let's pause and consider a few self-reflective questions: What is something new you tried this year? What has been your greatest learning? What was your greatest challenge? What do you wish you had spent less time doing? What do you wish you had spent more time doing? What songs would be the soundtrack to your past year? What are you most grateful for?

As I reflect on 2024, I wish to acknowledge my gratitude for these moments:

The commitment of our parent body is truly remarkable. Your willingness to give time and effort to support our little school is a testament to your dedication and love for our community. I am deeply grateful for the dedication and professionalism of everyone working within our school and community. The unwavering support of our parents has greatly enhanced us, and the camaraderie among my colleagues has been just as remarkable and invaluable. The deep love of humanity and for humanity is the same wherever you go in the world; the Ravenshoe community beautifully exemplifies this. It has united us all in a shared commitment to gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness.

St. Teresa's Catholic School is a vibrant community where our collective spirit shines through in every event and celebration. Our annual St. Patrick's Day Fete brings together families and friends in joyous festivity, showcasing our unity and enthusiasm. The creativity and teamwork displayed in our Torimba Festival Float exemplify our commitment to excellence and community pride. The making of the spiritual labyrinth stands as a testament to our dedication to mindfulness and spiritual growth, providing a serene space for reflection and connection. Our wonderfully celebrated liturgies are a cornerstone of our school life, fostering a deep sense of faith and togetherness. These events, among many others, highlight the unique strengths of St. Teresa's, making it a place where every member can thrive and feel a profound sense of belonging.

I cannot overlook this community's greatest gift: its diversity. At St. Teresa's, we embrace the diversity of our Ravenshoe community, recognising the unique challenges and profound rewards it brings. We commit to Catholic social teachings that are rooted in our pillars of knowledge, love, and truth. We particularly emphasise the core value of "RESPECT". We recognise the sacredness of life and that every person has inherent dignity and worth. We understand that we all have a responsibility for one another in our lives together and are called to work for the common good of all. Unconditional regard.

So, having briefly reflected on this remarkable year and our unique community, we celebrate the incredible progress and unity that have defined 2024. As we move forward, let us continue to embrace our diversity and ensure that every member of our community can flourish. Let's carry the spirit of this wonderful year into the future, inspiring hope and positivity in the hearts of our young people. Dr. William Glasser says, "You are where you are because of the decisions you make."

As we conclude this year, let us carry forward the lessons we've learned, the gratitude we've shared, and the unity we've fostered. May we continue to support one another, celebrate our diversity, and strive for excellence in all that we do. Together, we can create a future filled with hope, compassion, and endless possibilities. Thank you for being an integral part of our St. Teresa's community. Here's to a bright and promising 2025!

Warm regards,

Mike

Staffing 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare for the 2025 school year at St. Teresa's Catholic School, I am pleased to share with you the exciting staff arrangements that will guide our community forward. This year, we will see a blend of our dedicated remaining staff and the introduction of new, highly qualified educators who will bring fresh perspectives and energy to our school.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our departing staff members. Their dedication and hard work have laid a strong foundation for our school, and we are deeply grateful for their service. Their legacy will continue to inspire us as we move forward.

We are delighted to welcome Tommasina Doris Cuda to our teaching staff. Doris brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to our students' success. She is a dedicated and hardworking teacher who consistently goes the extra mile for her students, advocating passionately for them. With her expertise in information technology and the arts, along with her experience as an Assistant Principal of Religious Education, Doris's versatility and initiative will greatly benefit our school community. We are excited to see the positive impact she will have on our students.

We are thrilled to welcome Anne Vosoba to our team. Anne is a highly reflective teacher, always keen to identify areas for improvement and act on them. She is committed to providing an inclusive and supportive learning environment, and her willingness to try new concepts and strategies demonstrates this. Anne thrives in collaborative settings, taking on advice from her peers and implementing it effectively. Her innovative teaching methods and strong sense of collegiality will undoubtedly enrich our school community.

We are excited to welcome Sarah Cortis. Sarah comes highly recommended as an excellent teacher and a tremendous asset to our school. Her conscientious nature, exceptional organisational skills, and meticulous planning have earned her respect and admiration. Sarah's talent for art and creativity shine through in her teaching, where she employs various strategies to engage and support every student. Her commitment to excellence and innovative teaching methods will undoubtedly enrich our school community.

We are fortunate to have Wendell Majer and Kristie Henderson continuing with us, providing stability and continuity. Their ongoing dedication and professionalism are invaluable as we integrate our new staff members and continue to build on our strong foundation.

The renewal of our staff with dedicated professionals like Doris, Anne, and Sarah builds on the strong foundation laid by those who have come before. It is through this continuous infusion of new ideas and energy that we honour our past while looking forward to a bright future. Together, we will continue to grow and flourish, ensuring the best possible education for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead.

Warm regards,

Mike

Staffing and Predicted Enrolments 2025 (as @ 21.11.24)

Classes	Teachers		
Prep Yr 1	Sarah Cortis	15	Prep = 10 Year 1 = 5
Year 1/2	Anne Vosoba	21	Year 1 = 11 Year 2 = 10 +
Year 3	Kristie Henderson	16	Year 3
Year 4	Wendell Majer	15	Year 4
Year 5/6	Doris Cuda	21	Year 5 = 11 Year 6 = 10
		= 88	

2025 Tuition Fees

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we have carefully reviewed the expected costs for 2025. We understand that financial pressures can be challenging, so we are pleased to announce that ***tuition fees at St Teresa's School will remain unchanged at \$400 per year per student (billed as \$100 per term, with no sibling discount)***. This decision is part of our commitment to keeping education as accessible as possible for our families.

To enhance our curriculum offerings, there will be an ***additional levy of \$100 per student*** to help purchase resources that will support our newly developed programs in Mathematics and English. This levy will be included with the term 1 fees in 2025.

Camps, excursions, water safety lessons, and other activities will continue to be billed separately as they occur. This allows us to manage these specific costs effectively while keeping general tuition fees stable.

We are especially grateful to have the support of the Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns, which has recognised the unique financial circumstances in our community and worked to ensure that St Teresa's can continue offering education at a reduced rate, even as fees may increase in other schools. Our ongoing commitment is to ensure that no child is ever denied the opportunity of a Catholic education due to financial barriers.

We understand that some families may still face difficulties covering tuition and additional costs. If you find yourself in this situation, please know that we are here to support you. You are encouraged to reach out to the Principal for a confidential discussion about how we can help.

Thank you for your dedication to Catholic Education and your continued support, whether through fee contributions or the many ways you enrich our school community. We are proud to offer a high standard of education and remain deeply appreciative of your partnership in making it possible.

St Teresa's Primary School – 2025 Commencement

O Week – Teachers only, Office Open – Monday - Thursday				
Monday – 20 th January	Tuesday – 21 st January	Wednesday – 22 nd January	Thursday – 23 rd January	Friday – 24 th January (Office Closed)
WEEK 1 of Term 1				
Monday - 27 th January Public Holiday	Tuesday - 28 th January Student Free Day	Wednesday 29 th January School Commences Day 1	Thursday - 30 th January Day 2	Friday - 31 st January Day 3

Looking to the Future in 2025

QLD 2025 school holidays	QLD public holidays 2025
First day of school: Wednesday 29 January	Australia Day: Monday 27 January
Autumn holidays: Saturday 5 April – Monday 21 April	Good Friday: Friday 18 April
Winter holidays: Saturday 28 June – Sunday 13 July	Easter Saturday: Saturday 19 April
Spring holidays: Saturday 20 September – Monday 6 October	Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April
Summer holidays: Saturday 29 November – Saturday 24 January	Easter Monday: Monday 21 April
First day of school 2026: Wednesday 28 January	Anzac Day: Friday 25 April
	Labour Day: Monday 5 May
	King's Birthday: Monday 6 October
	Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24 December
	Christmas Day: Thursday 25 December
	New Year's Day: Wednesday 1 January
	Australia Day: Monday 26 January



P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

\$2 a Ticket

Available Tonight



ST TERESA'S
End of Year
Christmas
Concert

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

UNDERCOVER SPORTS SHED

6:30PM

(please arrive at 6:15pm)

Join us as we celebrate our students and families for the 2024 school year with an evening of wonderful music and performances!

Cyclone season outlook and preparedness

Are You Ready

3 Steps to Get Ready

3 - steps - get - ready

What is the News?



D E C E M B E R	10	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Handover and transition Day + Advent activities (2.00 pm - 3.00 pm) R.S.S. Transition Day 2 for Year 6	Assembly Year Six Graduation Mass 5 pm Dinner 6.30 pm (7.30 finish)	Non-Contact Furniture cleaning day Furniture movement Staff Meeting Report final check/General discussion. Student files to be updated this week	Reports release Classrooms organised/cleaned/all belongings home!	Last Day of School Christmas Liturgy 9 am Volleyball Challenge 10 am Farewell and time tunnel 11.50 am School dismissed. 12pm finished! Staff Lunch.

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER, 2024

School will finish at 12noon on Friday 6th December, 2024. Students will need to be picked up by their parents. Buses will not run at this time.



Prep Enrolments 2025



**Prep - Year 6
Enrol Now**

Email: principal.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 4095 9050
Website address: stteresas@qld.edu.au

Eligibility - children born between July 01, 2019, and June 30, 2020

St. Teresa's Leadership has started planning for 2025 in anticipation of the arrival of our new Prep students. Several students are already indicating their attendance at our school next year, with others possibly unaware that they need to enrol early so the school can make the necessary preparations for their commencement and induction into our school. These early preparations ensure a smooth start to the formal education life of our students. If you are contemplating St Teresa's for your student, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school and arrange an opportunity for an interview, a tour, or an enrolment application.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

DONATE TODAY

St Teresa's Vinnies Christmas Appeal - Share the Joy of Giving

How Can You Contribute?

We invite you to participate in our classroom donation drive. The idea is simple: we encourage each family to donate grocery items to their child's classroom. Our school will then use its connections to ensure that these items reach families in need during the Christmas season. Your generosity can make a real impact on the holiday experience of those less fortunate.

What to Donate:

- Non-perishable food items (canned goods, pasta, rice, etc.)
- Toiletries and hygiene products
- New, unwrapped toys

When to Donate:

Please send in your donations to your child's classroom by Friday 29 November. Your child's teacher will collect and store the items until they are ready for distribution.

Why Your Contribution Matters:

Your donations will help bring warmth, comfort, and joy to families who may be facing difficult times during the holiday season. By participating in the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, you are teaching our children the true meaning of generosity, compassion, and community spirit.

We are grateful for your willingness to join us in this wonderful initiative. Let's come together as a school community to make this holiday season a little brighter for those in need.

Thank you for your kindness, and let's make this Christmas a time of giving and sharing that our school community can be proud of.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Principal's Book Pick



MJ Little

Every Child
Every Classroom
Everyday

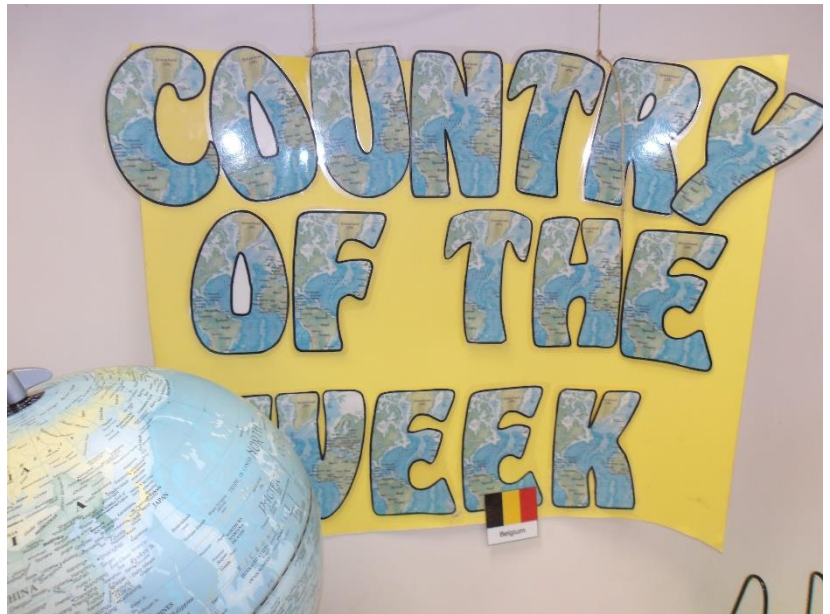
LIBRARY NEWS



Hello Everyone,

This is the last library newsletter for the year. I hope everyone is excited about the holidays. Library borrowing has finished for the year and as we get closer to the end of term could you please have a look for any library books that may still be at home, thank you. We have a lot of new books ready for the start of next year.

Thank you everyone for a great year! I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and a very Merry Christmas.



Warm regards,
Morgan Reynolds