



ST TERESA'S  
— SCHOOL —  
RAVENSHOE

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024.**

Dear St. Teresa's Community,



Every year parents, staff and students are asked to complete the annual Feedback Survey. The Feedback Survey is an important tool in providing information and data which assists in determining and refining all aspects of our operations and offerings at both the school and system levels. The results of the survey are also reported to the government as part of our compliance obligations.

On the 20th May you will receive an email with full details and instructions for the completion of the survey, including a link to the survey. We look forward to receiving much useful data from the surveys and will report the broad results in due course.

On Thursday and Friday this week, I had the opportunity to work with our colleagues from the Cairns Diocese at the Term 2 Senior Leader's Conference. The focus of the conference was to allow time to reflect on school improvement, embedding systems and processes that drive our School Annual Improvement Plan. These conferences are always a fantastic opportunity for leaders from across the Diocese to work together and discuss issues that are present in our schools and in the Education sector in general.

Our P&F volunteers have organised a Movie Night for families. The fun will begin next Friday night (24th May) at 6pm, with the movie starting at 6:30pm. There is no admission charge for the movie, and some food and drinks will be on sale. Please support this community event.

On Monday, Mike will return from his leave and take over the reins. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to lead this amazing school for the past 5 weeks. I thank each and every one of you for the way you have welcomed me into your school community. St Teresa's is a fantastic school and it has been a privilege to get to know you all.

Wishing you every blessing for the remainder of the term and beyond.

Katrina Miller  
Acting Principal

## **RE News**

In recent weeks, the church celebrated the Ascension of the Lord, and will celebrate Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday over the coming weeks. As Catholics it is essential to reflect upon and celebrate the profound significance of these moments in our faith journey. The Ascension of Jesus, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the revelation of the Holy Trinity on Trinity Sunday hold great importance and offer us valuable lessons as we deepen our relationship with God.

### **The Ascension of Jesus**

The Ascension marks the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry and signifies His return to the Father in heaven. Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus, in the presence of His disciples, ascended into heaven. This event holds immense meaning for us as believers. It reminds us of Christ's victory over death and His exaltation as the King of all creation. Moreover, the Ascension assures us of our own hope for eternal life with God.

The Ascension also serves as a call to action. Before ascending, Jesus commissioned His disciples to go forth and spread the Good News to all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is a reminder of our duty as Catholics to be witnesses of Christ's love, mercy, and teachings, sharing His message with others through our words and actions.

### **The Feast of Pentecost**

Pentecost, often referred to as the "birthday of the Church," commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and disciples of Jesus. This event took place fifty days after Easter and transformed the early Christian community. The Holy Spirit empowered them to boldly proclaim the Gospel, inspiring unity and diversity among believers from different nations and languages.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost remains relevant for us today. The Spirit's gifts, such as wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fortitude, and fear of the Lord, continue to guide and empower us as we navigate our Christian lives. The Holy Spirit is the advocate and helper Jesus promised, strengthening us to face the challenges of our time and enabling us to live out our faith authentically.

Pentecost is a reminder of the Church's mission to be a beacon of God's love, mercy, and salvation. Just as the disciples were sent forth to share the Good News, we are called to proclaim the Gospel in our families, workplaces, communities, and beyond. Pentecost invites us to be open to the Holy Spirit's promptings, so that we may be effective witnesses of Christ's transformative power in the world.

### **Trinity Sunday**

On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity—the belief in one God who exists as three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While the concept of the Trinity may seem complex, it is at the core of our Catholic faith. The Trinity reveals the nature of God as a loving community of persons, an eternal exchange of self-giving love.

The Trinity teaches us the importance of unity, diversity, and relationship. It invites us to reflect on the unity and diversity within the Church and to embrace the richness that comes from different cultures, backgrounds, and spiritual gifts. It reminds us that just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are in perfect relationship, we are called to foster loving relationships with one another.

Trinity Sunday encourages us to ponder the mystery of God's love and deepen our understanding of the divine. It invites us to contemplate the profound reality that God is present in our lives, guiding us, and sustaining us through His grace. It also reminds us of our call to participate in the divine life through prayer, worship, and acts of charity.

As we reflect on the celebrations of Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday, let us open our hearts to the lessons these occasions offer. May we be inspired by the Ascension to be faithful witnesses, empowered by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to share the Gospel boldly, and enlightened by the mystery of the Trinity to deepen our love for God and one another.

# 2024 Sacramental Program - Expressions of Interest

St Teresa's Catholic Parish is seeking expressions of interest from parents who would like to enrol their child in this year's Sacramental Program. The Program is open to all children who have been baptised in the Catholic Faith in Year 4 or above. Please email [principal.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au) by 31st May if you are interested in participating in this year's Program. *The program can only run if we have enough interested participants.*

## REMINDER - Safety on School Crossing

All adults picking up students are reminded to wait behind the yellow line until the whistle is blown before stepping onto the crossing. Parents and carers are also asked to be mindful of parking only in designated car parks when dropping off, or picking up children from school.

## P&F Update

An Executive Meeting of the P & F meeting was held on 8th May. During this meeting Acting Principal Katrina Miller advised the committee about changes to the new Australian Curriculum. The teaching staff had an Inservice from a curriculum advisor informing them about the new changes in which the curriculum is to be delivered. With these new changes there are several resources that need to be purchased such as decodable reading texts for guided reading from Prep to Year 2 to ensure we are delivering learning at the current standard.

It was previously mentioned at assembly that the P & F were going to purchase new fridges and robot vacuums for classrooms. But after further investigations into ongoing costs and maintenance of these items they are no longer going to be purchased and once the current fridges reach their end of life they will not be replaced.

A TV panel is also going to be purchased for the Year 2 classroom (the same as what the P & F had previously funded for the 3/4 classroom and 5/6 classroom in 2023).

In 2024, the key focus of the P & F funds will be:

1. To support the teaching staff with resources to deliver the new curriculum changes.
2. Putting aside \$15-20K per year to fund a new playground as the current playground will need to be replaced within the next 5 years. Note this has a starting cost upwards of \$80,000 and this money needs to be totally fundraised.

If anyone would like to coordinate any fundraising events to help the P & F achieve these goals for our students, please get in contact with P & F Committee or Mike Aitken.

Regards  
Kylie Madsen  
P & F President



## LIBRARY NEWS

Hello Everyone, Book Club went out this week, thank you for your support. We have a great selection of new books ready to be borrowed. Come in and have a look! Readers Cup is in three more weeks, the team are busy reading.



Have a great weekend!

Morgan Reynolds

St Teresa's P&F

# MOVIE NIGHT MENU

Snacks		Drinks	
Bag of Popcorn	\$1.00	Soft Drink	\$2.00
Lolly Bag	\$1.00	- Coke	
Chocolate Bag	\$1.00	- Coke Zero	
Honey Soy Chicken		- Lemonade	
Chips Sml Pkt	\$1.00	- Lemon Squash	
		Water	\$2.00
		Flavoured Milk	\$2.00
		- Chocolate	
		- Strawberry	
		Juice Popper	\$2.00

St Teresa's P&F

# MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY MAY 24TH, 2024  
TUCKSHOP OPENS AT 6PM  
MOVIE STARTS AT 6:30PM

BYO  
PICNIC RUG  
BLANKETS  
CHAIRS

PRE ORDER SAUSAGE ON BREAD VIA FORM SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS. ALTERNATIVELY BYO DINNER.

SOME SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE CASH ONLY.

FREE ENTRY

Adult supervision required. Join us for a fun night. Please note this is an alcohol free event.

## **YEAR 6 CAMP**

**What a wonderful three days we had – we had sunshine and rain.**

**We travelled over 700km on our 3 day adventure into the outback.**

**The students absolutely loved Discovery Parks at Mt Surprise and really enjoyed going through the Terrestrial Museum in Georgetown. They had a quiz to do but there was so much information to be shared about Georgetown and the surrounds. If you are ever travelling out that way it is a fantastic place to explore. Talaroo Hot Springs was very interesting with the stories that Thomas shared with us. Cheryl took us around the top of Kalkani Crater – Mrs Cole and Mrs Smith even learnt some more interesting facts about the crater. Cheryl portrayed the information about the crater in such an interesting way for the students! Another great place to visit is Pinnarendi Farm Stay and Café which is where we enjoyed pizza! Then off to home with some sleeping students. We think they had an amazing time!!**

**I liked everything and Talaroo Hot Springs. – Hayden**

**I really liked the cabins, Cheryl and Thomas our tourist guides and especially the food. – Callum**

**I loved socialising with my friends and all the food. – Max**

**I really loved the cabins and didn't realise the camp would be filled with so much fun, fun and fun. – Savannah**

**The weather was good and warm, I liked the cabins and the games and the chocolate. – Stella**

**Everything was so much fun, Talaroo Springs and the Crater were interesting. – Aaliyah**

**I liked the whole experience of the Terrestrial museum, cool gems, rocks, quartz, a helicopter room and 14 carat gold ring. – Alex**

**I loved the stories about Talaroo that Thomas shared with us. I loved everything and loved telling Mum about it. – Summer**

