

RAVENSHOE

FRIDAY 6[™] SEPTEMBER, 2024.



John 8:12

I Am the Light of the World

²² 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 3, 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

It seems that August has just started, but next week will be the start of September already.

It has been a huge month for our Diocese especially with the ordination of our new Bishop on the feast of the Assumption, a significant day for the church but especially for those schools in the Marist tradition. We celebrated the Feast of the first Australian saint, St Mary MacKillop and for those who are emersed in the Franciscan tradition, they would have noted the feast of St Maximillian Kolbe. The stories of all saints are celebrated because they were ordinary people who did extraordinary things.

August also contains other significant dates which reminds us to remember history lest we repeat it. August 6 is remembered as Hiroshima Day, when the first atomic bomb was used against people in the city of Hiroshima. August 15 also marked the end of the Second World War or victory in the pacific. It is significant however that historians would say that there has never been a day of peace in the world since, or before the world wars.

We pray for peace but the challenge for all of us is peace begins with us. Not governments or organisations but with us personally in our lives and relationships.

I believe we live in the era of the "They". *What are "they" going to do about this? "They should do something about homelessness.*

Like Mary the mother of Jesus, St Mary Mackillop, and St Maximilian Kolbe and all the Saints, the word "they" was changed to "me". These people did not wait for others to do, they took up the personal challenge and in those famous words, saw a need and personally did something about it.

The Peace Prayer of St Francis of Assisi reminds us that we need to be "me" people.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love. where there is injury, pardon. where there is doubt, faith. where there is despair, hope. where there is darkness, light. where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Many Blessings for the week ahead.

Ian Davis

Deputy Executive Director

Principal's Message



<u>The St Teresa's Way</u>

The **St. Teresa's Way** is a foundational document that captures the heart and soul of our school community. It announces the three core pillars that guide everything we do: **knowledge**, **love**, **and truth**. These pillars are not just ideals but are the very essence of our mission to be the voice and actions of Jesus Christ in our community.

On these pillars sits our four core values:

- 1. Treat ourselves with respect
- 2. Treat others with respect
- 3. Treat the environment with respect
- 4. Treat property with respect

These values reflect what we hold dearly in our hearts and serve as the compass that directs our daily actions. They are not only the foundation of our school's unique identity but also the principles through which our community will recognize and celebrate who we are as people on our way to God.

By living out these values, we create a community that not only echoes the teachings of Jesus Christ but also serves as a shining example of His love and truth. The **St. Teresa's Way** is more than just a set of guidelines; it is a commitment to embody the values that define us and to inspire others to join us on this sacred journey.



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



<u>St Therese's Feast Day Friday 13, September, 2024</u>

TIME	
8.45-10.15	CLASSROOMS
10.15-10.55	Whole School Liturgy
10.55-11.30	Normal FIRST BREAK- (free sausage sizzle lunch)
11.30 - 12.45	CLASSROOMS
12.45 - 1.00	Pack up classrooms – students will not be back into rooms.
1.00-1.10	STUDENTS GET DRESSED FOR WATER PLAY ACTIVITIES & MEET ON THE OVAL
1.10-2.00	WATER PLAY ON THE OVAL (slip n' slide & water pistol game) OR LIBRARY ACTIVITIES Parents are welcome to join in, we have plenty of water blasters.
2.00-2.30	BACK TO OWN ROOMS:
	- Get changed into dry school uniforms.
2.30-3.00	STUDENTS AND TEACHERS MEET BACK ON THE OVAL. ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE A PIECE OF CAKE AND ICY POLE TO CELEBRATE ST. THERESE'S FEAST DAY.

<u>School Fees</u>

Term 3 2024 school fees were issued on 17th July 2024, with the due date for payment being 2nd August 2024. If you have not received your Term 3 fees or require an extension to pay, please email <u>secretary.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au</u>. Should families wish to enter into a Direct Debit arrangement, forms are available at the office.

<u>Prep Enrolments 2025</u>



<u>Eligibility - children born between July 01, 2019, and June 30, 2020</u>

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.



Phone 4095 9050 or more information

<u>National Child Protection Week 1-7 September 2024 - Parent Resources to share</u>

National Child Protection Week is fast approaching, and as part of our commitment to safeguarding children, the Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office (PSSO) offers several webinars by Maggie Dent. The webinars are a resource for parents and have been funded by PSSO.

The three webinar topics and special links are listed below;

A special link is available to access the webinar free of charge.

https://commonsenseparenting.com.au/p/when-parenting-gets-reallyhard?coupon_code=CESC!WPGH&product_id=5463587 A special link is available to access the webinar free of charge.

https://commonsenseparenting.com.au/p/plugged-in-tunedout?coupon_code=CESC!PITO&product_id=4832982

A special link is available to access the webinar free of charge.

https://commonsenseparenting.com.au/p/calmingteenanxiety?coupon_code=CESC!CTSA&product_id=4589408

Below is some additional information regarding Child Protection Week and a link to the NAPCAN website, which has posters, activity sheets, etc. We will also be providing some resources to students and staff in the lead-up. We would love to hear what you are doing in this space.

National Child Protection Week: 1-7 September 2024

Overarching message: 'Every child in every community needs a fair go'

This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message '*Every child in every community needs a fair go*'.

This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future.

Many of our supporters may choose to continue to focus on this overarching message. However, many of our partners tell us that they value having a fresh annual theme to focus their local conversations each year.

So.... to build on last year's theme of 'Where we start matters', this year's theme will be: 'Every conversation matters'.

National Parent Survey is now open and will close on 11 October 2024.

The CSPA 2024 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is seeking your perspective as parents/carers of children who attend a Catholic School in Australia.

You are invited to share your views on existing and emerging affirmations and/or challenges in relation to your child/children's wellbeing and learning. Please consider completing this anonymous, confidential, and completely voluntary online survey.

More information about the study, how to participate, and how to have questions answered, can be found <u>here</u>.

Thank you for your interest.

2024 NATIONAL PARENT SURVEY

Catholic School Parents AUSTRALIA

HAVE YOUR SAY Catholic School

Parents Australia is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) acknowledges the funding received from the Australian Government to support this work. The CSPA 2024 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is seeking your perspective as parents/ carers of children who attend a Catholic School in Australia.

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Survey link

Scan QR code above for Parent Survey

<u>2024 Enrolments – 02.09.24</u>

Classes	Teachers	Current		
Prep	Sylvia JUHAS		17	Prep
Year 1	Eleanor	9	9	Year 1
	MABIN			
Year 2	Wendell	18	18	Year 2
	Majer			
Year	Kristie	Year 3 = 12	25	Year 3/4
3/4	HENDERSON	Year 4 = 13		
Year	Katie COLE	Year 5 = 6	17	Year 5/6
5/6		Year 6 = 11		
			= 86	

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX COOKING WORKSHOP

QCWA Ravenshoe Hall

15 Herbert St, Ravenshoe

THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Want to learn how to make delicious, healthy, lunchbox items? Come along to our cooking workshop and bring the kids for free!

\$10 per adult Includes morning tea and lunch, as well as an apron, recipe booklet and shopping tote!

PLACES LIMITED! RSVP to secure your spot

Contact: Annette McKinley Phone: 0414 732 509 Email: ravenshoebranch@qcwa.org.au









St Teresa's Primary Ravenshoe - Life of the School Calendar – Term 3, 2024

	WK	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		NAIDOC Week		ATHERTON	Staff Meeting	NAIDOC Day	Principal's	
				SHOW DAY		Celebrations	meeting	
	2	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Deputy Executive	Staff Meeting	Rhyme time	Musica Viva	
				Director Ian	Principal's	Andrew CHINN		
				Davis visit	Debrief – Mike in	Concert		
				Assembly	Cairns	Year 3-6		
≻	3	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
JULY	-	Counsellor	Mike in Cairns at	Assembly	Staff Meeting	Principal's Zoom	MSB NAIDOC	
		not in School	Catholic			•	Day	
		Catholic	Education Week					
		Education	Mass					
		Week						
		28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	4	20	29	Assembly	Staff Meeting	- Mike away	- Mike away	5
				Lockdown Drill	Jun Meeting	Track & Field	Track & Field	
						Mareeba	Mareeba	
	-		-	1 pm 6	_	8		10
	5	4	5	o Assembly	7 ILO Network Day	ð Senior	9 Senior	10
				Assembly	_			
					Staff Meeting	Leadership	Leadership	
					Principal's	Conference -	Conference -	
					Debrief	Mike	Mike	
					Mary of the Cross		-	
	6	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Counsellor	Parent, student,	Assembly	Staff Meeting	Rhyme time		Cent Sale
F		not in School	teacher note out	cancelled		I&O: ACU		
AUGUST			to parents - PTO	1.50 pm.		Professional		
Ň				Feast of the		Study - Mike		
4				Assumption Mass				
	7	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Book Week,		Fire Drill 1 pm	Assembly – Book			
		Reading is			week			
		Magic			Staff Meeting			
	8	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				Assembly	Staff Meeting	Father's Day	Professional	
						Liturgy	Learning Day	
							Pupil Free	
	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Father's Day		Assembly	Staff Meeting		Under 8's Day	
		Parent Student					Senior	
l.		Teacher					Leadership	▶
ER		meetings					Intensive	
SEPTEMBER	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
TE			Executive	Assembly	Staff Meeting		St Theresa's Feast	
ЦЦ			Director Bill				Day Liturgy	
Ś			Dixon Visit					
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S		Parent Student						
S		Parent Student Teacher						

The Principal's Book Pick





"Lost Connections: Uncovering the Real Causes of Depression – and the Unexpected Solutions" by Johann Hari explores the root causes of depression and anxiety beyond the traditional focus on chemical imbalances. Hari argues that disconnection from meaningful aspects of life, such as meaningful work, relationships, nature, and a sense of purpose, is a significant contributor to mental health issues. The book delves into the social and environmental factors that lead to these disconnections and presents potential solutions that involve reconnecting with these vital aspects of life. Hari also critiques the overreliance on antidepressants, advocating for a more holistic approach to mental health that emphasises community, lifestyle changes, and social reform.

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 Wow! Congratulations everyone, our Book Fair is closed now and together our school community purchased \$3182.00 worth of books and accessories. With that we then were rewarded with \$954.00 worth of books for our library for all to enjoy. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair and another thank you personally to Karina and Vicki who helped me with setting up and in the shop during purchasing

time. Over the next few weeks I will be working on cataloguing and covering those new books ready for everyone to borrow. We also have new books from all the Book Week finalists and the winners plus new books from one of our subscriptions which are ready to borrow now. Come in and borrow one!

Warm regards Have a great weekend Morgan Reynolds





















UNDER 8'S DAY















