



ST TERESA'S
— SCHOOL —
RAVENSHOE

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER, 2024.



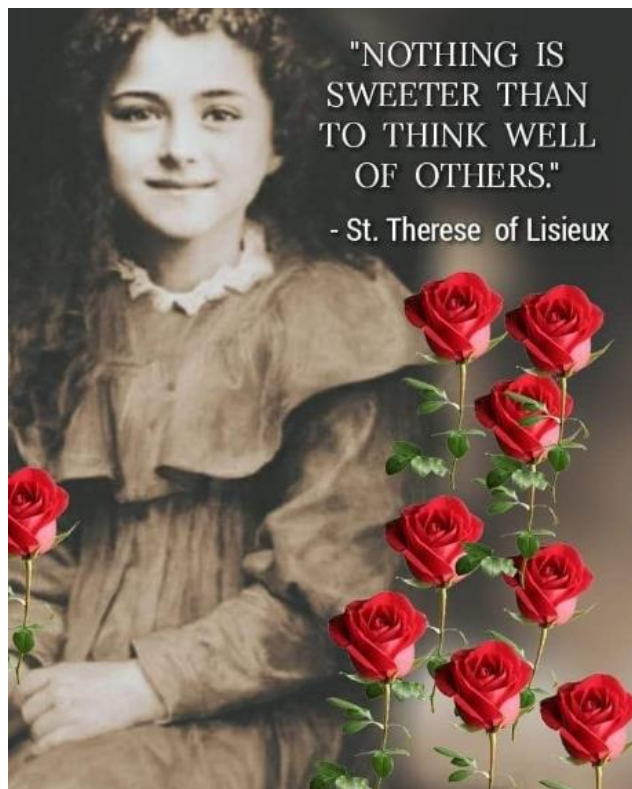
John 8:12

I Am the Light of the World

¹² 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 1 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 Roman Catholic Church celebrates the
feast of St. Therese, the Little Flower,
on October 1st of each year.

This date was chosen because Therese died on September 30th.

**St. Therese,
Flower of fervour and love,
please intercede for us.
Fill our hearts with your pure love of God.
As we approach and celebrate your feast day,
make us more aware of the goodness of
God and how well He tends His garden.
Instil in us your little way of doing
ordinary things with extraordinary love.**

St. Therese Mass

7 pm Saturday 5th October

Presiding Priest - Father Mathew

03.10.2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are pleased to announce that Chantell CAPRA will join our school community as our new School Student Counsellor, commencing on Monday, 7 October 2024.

Chantell was selected through an extensive process led by staff of Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns, and we are confident that she will be an exceptional addition to our team. She comes highly recommended and is well-suited to support the needs of our students and families.

Chantell is a structured and warm counsellor who is highly skilled at building effective rapport with students and their families. Her unique ability to establish strong connections quickly will help ensure a welcoming and supportive environment for those she works with. Chantell also brings a wealth of knowledge about the Tablelands district, making her familiar with the unique lifestyle and needs of our school community.

As a positive influence in any team, Chantell is known for her excellent work ethic and commitment to high standards of clinical practice. Her reliability and dedication to her profession further highlight her as an outstanding choice for our school.

We look forward to welcoming Chantell to our team and are excited for the positive impact she will undoubtedly have on our students and community.

Please welcome Chantell.



Michael AITKEN

Principal St Teresa's Catholic School

Supervision before 8.20 a.m.

I want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your continued support in ensuring that students arrive promptly at school each day. We also recognise and value our students' enthusiasm for arriving early and engaging in social play with their peers before the start of the school day. However, I must draw your attention to a concerning trend we have noticed recently: an increasing number of students arriving at school before 8:20 a.m.

While we understand that early arrival can be convenient for some families, I would like to remind you that formal supervision of students begins at 8:20 a.m. Arriving before this time presents challenges, as we do not have the capacity to provide adequate supervision. Our teachers, school officers, office staff, and I are engaged in important preparation tasks before 8:20 a.m. and are, therefore, unable to supervise students during this time.

The safety and well-being of your children are our primary concerns. We must ensure that all students are supervised while on school grounds, so we kindly ask that you ensure your child arrives by 8:20 am unless prior arrangements have been made. In some instances, exceptions can be made after consultation with myself, and we will work with families to arrange supervision if necessary.

By working together, we can maintain a safe and supportive environment for our students while allowing staff the time they need to prepare for the day ahead. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Kind regards,
Michael Aitken, Principal

The St Teresa's Way

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 recognise 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**

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.

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

Click on the survey link or scan the QR code for more information about the study, how to participate, and how to have questions answered.

School Fees

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 secretary.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au. Should families wish to enter into a Direct Debit arrangement, forms are available at the office.

Prep Enrolments 2025



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.

2024 Enrolments – 02.09.24

Classes	Teachers	Current		
Prep	Sylvia JUHAS	16	16	Prep
Year 1	Eleanor MABIN	9	9	Year 1
Year 2	Wendell Majer	18	18	Year 2
Year 3/4	Kristie HENDERSON	Year 3 = 12 Year 4 = 13	25	Year 3/4
Year 5/6	Katie COLE	Year 5 = 6 Year 6 = 9	15	Year 5/6
			= 83	

What is the News?

TUCKSHOP NEWS

P & F SAUSAGE SIZZLE & SLUSHY FRIDAY

We need two more volunteers for this term please?

We have Friday 25th October and Friday 22nd November available. This involves cooking the sausages and serving them to the students.

If you can ring the school or email Carole (csmith@cns.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you.



TUCKSHOP ROSTER TERM 4

Tuesday 8th October – Akasha McQueen

Tuesday 15th October – Scarlett Weaver

Tuesday 22nd October – Carmel Kidner

Tuesday 29th October – Janine Manning

Tuesday 5th November – Annette Statton

Tuesday 12th November – Sophia McDonald

Tuesday 19th November – Sophie Livens

Tuesday 26th November – Shaelene Spiteri

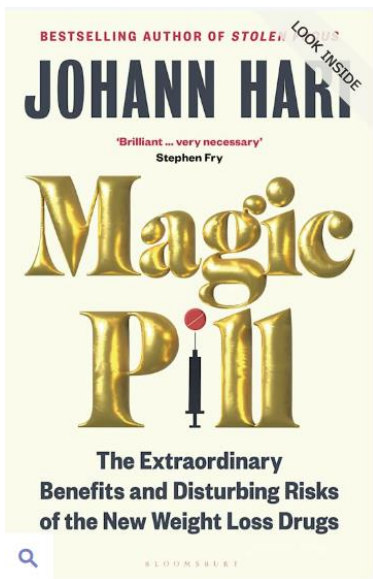
St Teresa's Primary Ravenshoe
STR Life of The School Calendar – Term 4, 2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
O C T O B E R	1 29 PAT Testing window open	30 First Day of Term 4 Dedication for the Holy Rosary	1 Assembly	2 Non-Contact Staff Meeting Prep Ready Day # 1	3	4	5
	2 6 PAT Testing window open	7 King's Birthday Public Holiday Dedication for the Holy Rosary	8 Assembly Prep Ready Day # 2	9 Mike Cairns Staff Meeting	10 Non-Contact Curriculum release	11 Mike principal's meeting - Cairns Silly Sock day for Halloween Disco prizes	12 Torimba Festival Parade
	3 13 PAT Testing window open	14 Dedication for the Holy Rosary	15 Assembly MTSS-E zoom 3.15	16 Staff Meeting	17 Prep Ready Day #3 Non-Contact MTSS-E SAIP meeting 9.30 +	18 PPCT make-up day	19
	4 20 PAT Testing window open	21 Dedication for the Holy Rosary	22 Assembly Lockdown – 1 pm	23 Non-Contact Staff Meeting	24 Prep Ready Day # 3	25 World Teachers Day Staff morning tea supplied. Daniel Morcombe Day Halloween Disco 5-7 p.m.	26
N O V E M B E R	5 27 PLP planning meeting & consultation with parents	28 Assembly?	29 Prep Ready Day # 4 Steven HERRICK – author visit 2 pm	30 SO PD Day I&O staff meeting Mike away Non-Contact Staff Meeting	31 Senior Leadership Conference	1 All Saints Day Senior Leadership Conference	2 All Souls Day
	6 3 Library – classroom observation	4 2024 Prep interviews. Bill Dixon Visit	5 Assembly MTSS-E zoom 3.15 Melbourne Cup <small>handover</small> Dress the Principal	6 Non-Contact Year 5 Leadership preparation of speeches Staff Meeting	7	8 DSE - Visit Remembrance Day Liturgy + RSL service	9
	7 10 Interview Review	11 2024 Prep interviews.	12 Assembly Fire Drill – 1 pm	13 Non-Contact Year 5 Leadership Speeches- Years 3-5 to listen and vote. Staff Meeting	14 MSB Transition Day 9-2 p.m.	15 Billy Slater League Tag	16
	8 17 Cookbook Review meeting ODP/MP services	18 School Support meetings	19 Assembly	20 Non-Contact Mike away Staff Meeting Report Writing	21	22 Reports to Buddies	23
9 24 <small>**Student files to be updated this week. **</small> ODP/MP Overview	25 Report checking and editing.	26 DSE - visit Assembly Report checking and editing Year 6 Reflection Day (Tinaroo)	27 Non-Contact Staff Meeting Upload data on engage Report writing/Buddy Checking	28 Report checking and editing by Mike and Helen	29 Christmas Concert 6.30 – 7.30pm Planning uploaded to engage by today	30	
D E C E M B E R	10 31	1 Handover and transition Day + Advent activities (2.00 pm – 3.00 pm) R.S.S. Transition Day 2 for Year 6	2 Assembly Year Six Graduation Liturgy 5 pm Dinner 6.30 pm (7.30 finish)	3 Non-Contact Furniture cleaning day Furniture movement Staff Meeting Report final check/General discussion.	4 Reports release Classrooms organised/ cleaned/all belongings home!	5 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.	2

- The liturgical season for Weeks 1-8 is Ordinary Time, and your classroom prayer cloth will remain Green. The liturgical season from Sunday 27th November until 24th December is Advent, and your classroom prayer cloth will change to the colour Purple.
- October is the month of the Rosary. Please refer to your Rosary folders as a reference guide and hand them back to the APRE office at the end of October.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Principal's Book Pick



In *Magic Pill*, Johann Hari explores how societal factors, not just chemical imbalances, contribute to mental health issues like depression. He argues against over-reliance on medication, advocating for addressing deeper issues such as disconnection from meaningful work and relationships. Hari also critiques the use of weight loss drugs, especially for young people, warning they offer short-term fixes while ignoring the root causes of obesity, like poor diet and emotional distress. He highlights known side effects, like heart issues, and warns of unknown risks, stressing the need for lifestyle changes over quick pharmaceutical solutions for long-term health.

M. J. Luthke

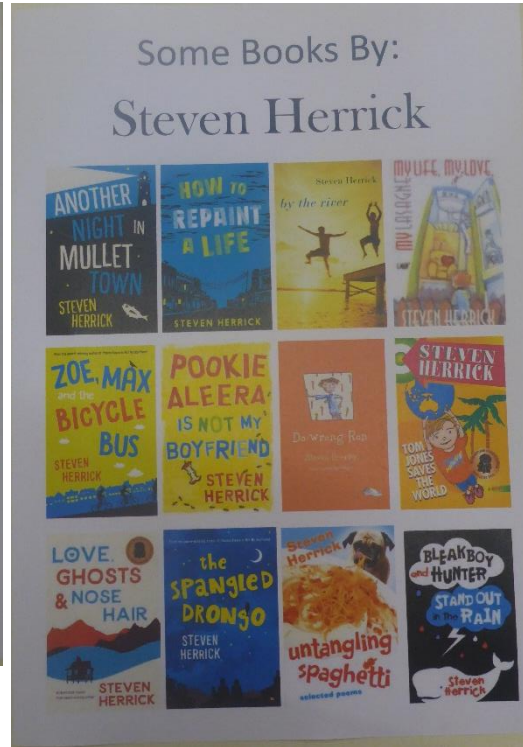
Every child
Every classroom
Everyday

LIBRARY NEWS



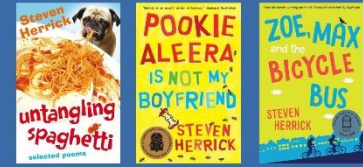
Welcome back Everyone,

The new books from Book Fair are all catalogued and just need to be covered, nearly ready to borrow. This term we are excited about having an author visit our school.



Steven Herrick – author visit

The award-winning author and poet, Steven Herrick is visiting our school soon to entertain the Primary classes. Students and teachers are welcome to purchase signed copies of his books on the day for \$15.



Steven Herrick will be visiting us on Tuesday, 29th of October. His performance is for our year 3-6 students and will begin at 2:00pm. We have also invited the Ravenshoe State School students from years 3-6 to enjoy this experience with us. There is a flyer with information for those students and staff members that are interested in purchasing a signed copy of one of Steven's books, they will be available on the day as well. I have had feedback from other schools who have had the pleasure of seeing one of Steven's shows and thought it was fantastic! The students were really engaged in his performance. We are excited to host Steven in his upcoming visit.



Warm regards,

Morgan Reynolds

TORIMBA STREET PARADE – SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER

This year we have chosen to do “Stone Age” – The theme is a moment in time.

The students can dress in stone age clothing.

Our float is coming from the Tranter and Reynolds family of Red Bend Farming. Thank you very much. Terry Tranter will be driving the truck.

We will meet at Ascham Street at 2.30pm so the students can board the float ready for the procession at 3.00pm.

Once the parade has finished going around the street twice, the truck will pull over and stop. No student will be allowed to leave the truck until a parent comes to pick them up.

If your child is going on another float to support a sporting club or queen, that is quite ok. We love to support our community for the Torimba Festival.

Thank you for your co-operation.

