



ST TERESA'S
— SCHOOL —

RAVENSHOE

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 2024.



John 8:12

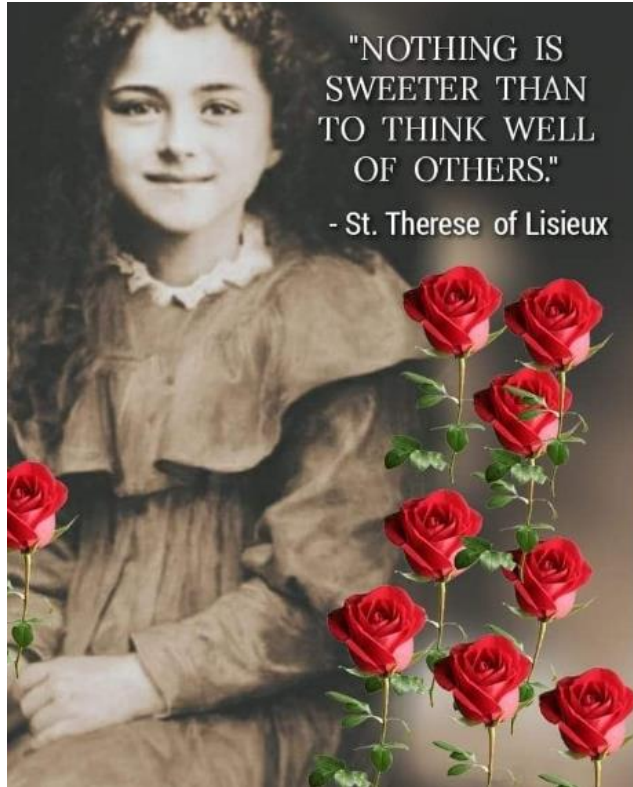
I Am the Light of the World

“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 3 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

Principal's Message

“Lord, we ask that you give us the wisdom and fortitude to choose kindness whenever there are opportunities to do so. Too often, kindness is overlooked, with assumptions made and energies channelled in less useful directions. Choices that may appear weak could in fact be the right choices to make, the best choices to make, leading to real change and to us making a difference in our world.

Lord, give us the willingness and capacity to choose kindness in what we say and how we say it. To choose kindness in what we do, and how we do it. To choose kindness in how we think and how we act. Let us do this without expectation of reciprocation or of personal recognition. Let us do this because we want to do it, and because we believe it to be the right thing to do, the best thing to do.”

Anniversary of the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop - 17th October

Holy God, source of all goodness, you chose Mary MacKillop, an Australian woman of faith, to bring healing support and liberating knowledge to your people. Through the power of the cross, awaken us to ever greater compassion. May we reach out, like Mary, to all who are in need of our help. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Erica Marshall (2024) St Mary of the Cross MacKillop prayer on [Liturgy Ritual Prayer](#). Published 9 June 2024. Accessed 2 Oct 2024. © 2020 All Rights Reserved.



Mary Helen MacKillop R SJ was an Australian religious sister of Scottish descent. She was born in Melbourne but is best known for her activities in South Australia. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: 15 January 1842, Fitzroy

Died: 8 August 1909 (age 67 years), Sydney

Buried: 27 January 1914, Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel and Museum

Siblings: Annie MacKillop, Alexandrina MacKillop, Alick MacKillop · See more

Parents: Flora MacDonald, Alexander MacKillop

Beatified: 19 January 1995, Sydney, New South Wales by Pope John Paul II

Canonized: 17 October 2010, Vatican City by Pope Benedict XVI

Food for Thought

(Cairns Post October 2024)

What if our children are taught too much?

Gary Martin



We often hear about teachers leaving the profession in droves, with inadequate salaries, unruly students and demanding parents often cited as the main reasons for their departure.

While these factors are undeniably significant contributors to the loss of teachers from schools, there's another issue lurking in the playgrounds of Australia: curriculum creep.

The relentless addition of new subjects without trimming existing content – which is often referred to as curriculum creep – has made teaching not only more demanding but also increasingly unmanageable and less fulfilling.

Increasingly we expect schools to shoulder the burden of addressing every new issue that arises in our society.

Parents expect the schools to tackle issues including consent education, cyber-bullying, mental health awareness, vaping and drug prevention, animal welfare, modern slavery, equity and inclusion, body image and eating disorders, sustainable energy, gambling addiction, climate change, artificial intelligence, genetic engineering, and

the ever-increasing threats of cybercrime and the plague of identity theft.

With this ever-expanding list of responsibilities placed on educators, the pressure on schools – and teachers – is making the profession less attractive.

Many principals and teachers argue that the curriculum as it stands to day is already at full capacity, leaving little room for any other matters to be covered.

As some experts have described the phenomenon, schools in Australia are left with a curriculum that is “a kilometre wide but a centimetre deep”.

One potential solution is to engage parents in meaningful discussions about who should take responsibility

for different aspects of their child's education.

Schools are well-positioned to lead these conversations, determining what belongs in the classroom and what matters are better addressed at home.

However, this conversation needs to go beyond just parents and schools.

If we are serious about education – not just schooling – then we need to involve a much broader range of voices.

The more we ask of schools, the more we risk diluting the education they are tasked with providing.

Otherwise, the system might just flunk its most important test yet.

Professor Gary Martin is a specialist in workplace and social trends

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**

What is the News?



Friday 25th of October is Day for Daniel.

Day for Daniel is Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day.

This year marks 20 years since the Daniel Morcombe Foundation was launched by Daniel's parents Bruce and Denise Morcombe.

To assist in raising both awareness and funds for the Foundation students at St Teresa's are encouraged to wear a red shirt on Friday 25th of October.

Students are allowed to wear a red shirt for a gold coin donation. Please Note: It is not free dress, normal school shoes, hat and shorts or skorts are required.



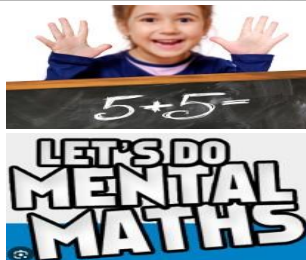
SEARCH *for a* CHAMPION

Think
MENTALS

Daily Mental Maths

12 × 11 = _____
 9 × 9 = _____
 8 × 7 = _____
 6 × 9 = _____
 12 × 6 = _____

13 - 7 = 12 + 5 = 13 + 9 =



WE ARE SEARCHING FOR A 'basic math facts and tables' CHAMPION

in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

Finals conducted on Thursday, 28 November 2024

St Teresa's School Ravenshoe P&F



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Why didn't the skeleton go to the disco?

Because he had NO BODY to go with

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
5PM - 7PM

6 Moffat Street, Ravenshoe

Please ensure all children attending are accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.



2024 NATIONAL PARENT SURVEY






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.

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.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

During Term 4, Vinnies begins its annual Christmas Appeal, seeking donations and funds to help support people during the festive season. It is estimated that there are over 750,000 children across Australia living in poverty with many families and individuals feeling socially isolated. The Christmas Appeal aims to support families and individuals who are struggling by helping to pay bills, provide food, clothing, hampers and presents during the festive season.

School Fees

Term 4 2024 school fees were issued on Friday, 11th October 2024, with the due date for payment being Friday, 25th October 2024. If you have not received your Term 4 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.

Thank you to the families that have already paid their fees.

P & F SAUSAGE SIZZLE & SUPER DOOPER FRIDAY

We need two more volunteers for this term please?

We have Friday 1st November 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.

Prep Enrolments 2025



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Prep - Year 6

Enrol Now

Email: principal.ravenshoe@crs.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.

2024 Enrolments – 02.09.24

| Classes | Teachers | Current | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------|-----------------|
| Prep | Sylvia JUHAS | | 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 = 19 | 15 | Year 5/6 |
| | | | = 83 | |



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.

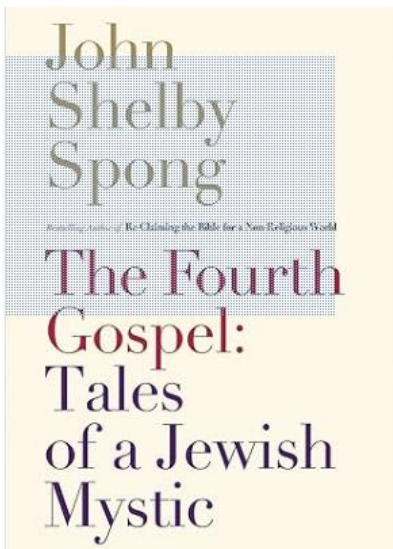
St Teresa's Primary Ravenshoe
STR Life of The School Calendar – Term 4, 2024

| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 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. ** ODP/MP Overview</small> | 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



The Fourth Gospel: Tales of a Jewish Mystic by John Shelby Spong is a reinterpretation of the Gospel of John, exploring it not as a literal account of Jesus' life, but as a mystical and symbolic narrative. Spong, a liberal theologian and retired Episcopal bishop, argues that the Gospel is rooted in Jewish mysticism and was written to convey deep spiritual truths rather than historical facts. He challenges traditional Christian interpretations, emphasizing themes of inner transformation, divine presence within humanity, and the Gospel's radical vision of life and love. Spong encourages readers to see the text as a guide to spiritual awakening rather than a historical record, inviting a more metaphorical and contemplative reading of the New Testament.

M. J. Luth


Every Child
Every Classroom
Everyday

LIBRARY NEWS



Hello Everyone,

The new books that were the rewards from our Book Fair are ready to go! Come in and have a look. Book Club orders went out today, thank you everyone for supporting it. Only 12 sleeps until our author visit with Steven Herrick. We have some of his books in the library for those who would like to be familiar with his work before he comes. Thank you. Have a great weekend!



Steven Herrick
Born: 31 December 1958, Brisbane

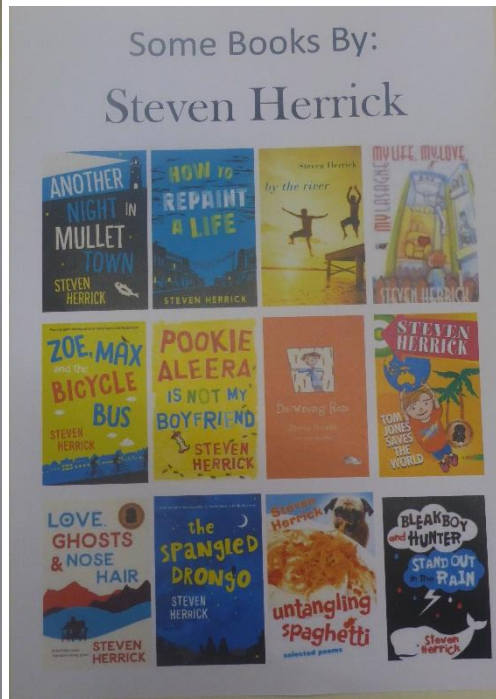
Herrick has published twenty-six books for adults, young adults and children. He is widely regarded as a pioneer of verse-novels for children and young adults.

Herrick was born the youngest of seven children. His first published poem, written at age eighteen, was called *Love is like a gobstopper*. He left school in year 10. He studied poetry at university, and gained his B.A. from the University of Queensland in 1982.

In 1984, he moved to Sydney and spent time performing his poems in the pubs and clubs of the inner-city, often as a support act for local bands. Soon after he was approached by Mighty Boy Records to record an independent record of his poetry, titled 'The Esoteric Herrick'. This record gained airplay on alternate music radio stations and was quickly followed by the release of his second record, 'The Herrick Manifesto'.

He regularly visits schools throughout Australia where he talks with students about poetry and soccer, which he has loved since childhood. He has also performed in the United Kingdom, USA, Singapore, Canada, Croatia, Spain, Vietnam, Germany, The Netherlands and the Czech Republic.

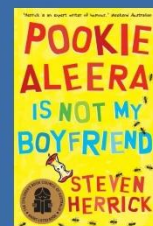
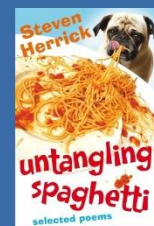
He lives in Katoomba in the Blue Mountains with his wife, Cathie. They have two adult sons named Jack and Joe.



Warm regards,
Morgan Reynolds

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.



TORIMBA FESTIVAL

WOOHOO – GRAND CHAMPION 2024 – “A MOMENT IN TIME” – “STONE AGE”

Congratulations St. Teresa’s Staff and families on a very creative float. Thank you to Morgan and Karina for their creativity! Thank you to Red Bend Farming for giving our school the loan of their truck so we could participate in the Parade. Also huge thanks to Brian McNamara(Macca) who drove the truck for us in the Parade.

