



ST TERESA'S
— SCHOOL —

RAVENSHOE

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 2024.



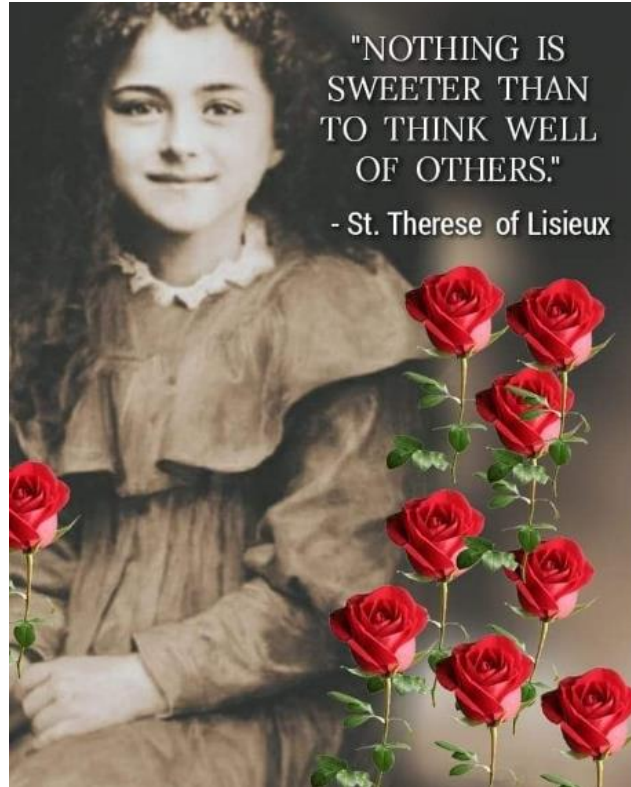
John 8:12

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 5 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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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.

Term 4 2024 school fees due date was 25th October 2024. If you have not received your 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.

With warm regards,

Michael Aitken

Principal



Are You Ready

3 Steps to Get Ready

[3 - steps - get - ready](#)



A Prayer for Parents as Leaders By Joan Chittister

Give us, O God,
leaders whose hearts are large
enough to match the breadth
of our own souls and give us
souls strong enough to follow
leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us
seek more than development
for ourselves— though
development we hope for—
more than security for our
own land— though security
we need— more than
satisfaction for our wants—
though many things we
desire.

We beg you, Great God,
give us the vision as a people
to know where global
leadership truly lies,
to pursue it diligently,
to require it to protect human
rights for everyone
everywhere.



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?



SEARCH *for a* CHAMPION

Think
MENTALS

Daily Mental Maths

$12 \times 11 = \underline{\quad}$
 $9 \times 9 = \underline{\quad}$
 $8 \times 7 = \underline{\quad}$
 $6 \times 9 = \underline{\quad}$
 $12 \times 6 = \underline{\quad}$

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

**LET'S DO
MENTAL
MATHS**

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



**All Saints Day - 1 November and
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
- 2 November**

*Resurrection. Jesus, Adam and Eve, Vienna, Austria, Europe.
Photography. Britannica ImageQuest, Encyclopædia Britannica, 25 May
2016. quest.eb.com/images/151_2512134. Accessed 2 Oct 2024.*

Grandparents' Day

Liturgy – 2.15 pm November 12

Generations

“God, you have blessed me indeed, as the child I love, has had a child I love with all that is within me.”

MELBOURNE CUP – TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER, 2024.

Students are invited to wear Melbourne Cup Attire (This includes being sun-safe, no sleeveless dresses or shirts) And we would ask that the students wear socks and shoes!



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.

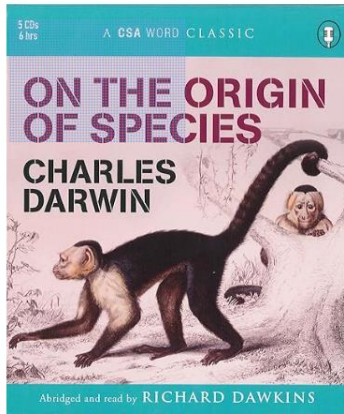
St Teresa's Primary Ravenshoe
STR Life of The School Calendar – Term 4, 2024

	Week	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/WP services	18 School Support meetings	19 Assembly	20 Non-Contact Mike away Staff Meeting Report Writing	21	22 Reports to Buddies	23
D E C E M B E R	9	24 **Student files to be updated this week. ++ ODP/WP 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
	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.	6

- 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 book **On the Origin of Species** was written by Charles Darwin in 1859. However, Richard Dawkins, a prominent evolutionary biologist, has explored and expanded on Darwin's ideas in his own works.

In **On the Origin of Species**, Darwin introduced his groundbreaking theory of evolution by natural selection, proposing that species evolve over time through a process where advantageous traits become more common within a population. This mechanism, he argued, drives the diversity of life observed in the natural world, as organisms best suited to their environments survive and reproduce. Darwin's work provided foundational evidence for the theory of evolution, challenging prevailing beliefs of his time and sparking major shifts in scientific and philosophical thought about life and humanity's place in nature.

Every Child
Every Classroom
Everyday

LIBRARY NEWS Hello Everyone,

This week, on Tuesday we had the privilege of having author Steven Herrick visit our school. A huge thank you to Steven for visiting our little community. We were also joined by Ravenshoe State School students who also enjoyed this experience. Thank you to Ravenshoe State School staff for helping make this happen. When asked what they liked most about Steven's visit, this is what our students had to say:

Year 3/4's

"I liked one of his poems called 'Henry at the Zoo.'" – Russell

"I liked how most of Steven Herrick's poems were super funny. He made a poem about me. My favourite poem was 'Lost in the Fog.'" – Henry P

"I liked Steven Herrick because his poem 'Lost in the Fog' was very funny." – Felix

"To Steven Herrick, I like your actions and 'Parents in Love' and the 'Football Game' poems." – Reign

"I liked the poem about Miss Morgan when her eyes popped out and she said the potato is very hot!" – Freya

"To Steven Herrick, I think it was amazing. I hope you can come back and do some new ones. I liked all of the poems. They were awesome. Steven Herrick is so funny and cool. My favourite was 'School Rules. I loved it.'" – Brookie

"I liked when he did his poem on the Football Match." – Stella F

"What I liked about the poet is that he was funny and a bit weird." – Oliver

"I liked how he made me laugh." – Henry K

"My top four favourite poems (or short stories) from when Steven Herrick came are:

1. The one where a three-year-old went to the zoo.
2. Running in the Mist.
3. Getting a signed book from Steven
4. School Rules" – Corbyn

"I liked the way he talked really fast and used actions when he got hit by the tree, explaining one of his poems." – Lawrence

"What I liked about the poet, my favourite one was the 'School Rules'. It was very funny, I liked it. I was saying yaaay!" - Ruby

"The poet Steven Herrick, I liked the poem 'School Rules', it is so funny." – Ivy

"I liked Miss Morgan's poem and the 'School Rules' poem. They were funny." – Olivia

"I liked Steven Herrick because he is funny." – Maiya

"I loved how he talked fast and asked people for their permission if he can make up a poem using their name. I liked the way he does the actions when he would get hit, while explaining his poems." - Drew

Year 5/6's

"I like how Steven used real life experiences and turned them into really funny and relatable poems. I also like how he used no rhyme, and he managed to still get a laugh out of you. I also liked how he could use the same poem and make it about different people." - Hayden

“He was very funny and he remembered all of his poems and he could make one up fast about Miss Morgan.” – Hannah C

“One thing I loved about Steven Herrick was that he was able to come up with an excellent poem straight away!!” – Summer

“Steven Herrick was funny, kind, a good poem maker! I really enjoyed the time we spent with him.” – Hailee-Rose

“The funny stories Steven Herrick told, especially the one about ‘10 Things Teachers Will Never Say.’” - Nathan

“He was funny, thank you Steven.” – Max

“I liked listening to his poems and they were good!” – Aaliyah

“Steven Herrick is funny and his poems stood out to me.” – Airlie

“Well, the best thing about Steven Herrick was that he was very funny.” – Glacies

“Steven Herrick was a really funny person and he was a joyful person.” – Callum

“What I liked about Steven Herrick was how he could make poems quickly and on the spot.” – Savannah

“I loved his limericks.” – Alex

“Steven Herrick’s poems were very funny.” - David

Have a great weekend!



Warm Regards,
Morgan Reynolds

NETBALL COVER

Celebration

3.30–5.00PM

WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Sausage sizzle supported by TRC,
Ravenshoe Chamber of
Commerce and Bendigo Bank.

Play a game of mixed netball!

Shot the hoop and win a prize!

Everyone welcome



CRICKET AUSTRALIA

Students are enjoying Cricket every Friday. We were able to secure a grant through Sporting Schools to receive this program!

