



ST TERESA'S  
— SCHOOL —  
RAVENSHOE

FRIDAY 6th MARCH, 2026



## From the Principal's Desk

### Countdown to the St Teresa's School Fete – Only 2 Weeks to Go!

Our annual school fete is fast approaching, and excitement is definitely building! With only two weeks to go, preparations are well underway. A heartfelt thank you to all parents who have already nominated for a job on the night—your generosity and willingness to help are truly appreciated.

If you haven't yet signed up but are able to lend a hand, please contact the school office. Every extra pair of hands makes a huge difference and helps ensure our major fundraiser is a great success.

#### Upcoming Free Dress Days

To support our fete preparations, we will be holding two more free dress days:

- **Friday next week (13<sup>th</sup> March):** *Bring a gold coin donation*
- **Fete Day Friday (20<sup>th</sup> March):** *Bring baked goods for the Cake & Sweets Stall*

We are grateful for your ongoing support—these contributions directly help us create a wonderful community event for everyone.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**There will be no Tuckshop on Fete day.**

#### School Fees

Term 1 2026 School Fees & Levies have been issued, the due date for payment was Monday, 2nd March 2026. If families did not receive their 2026 School Fees & Levies, please contact the finance department via email [secretary.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au).

*Thank you to the families that have already paid!*

## **ST. TERESA'S SCHOOL & PARISH FETE**

**FRIDAY MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**



**PLEASE** add your name if you wish to be the organiser of a particular stall and we also need volunteers to work at the various time slots.

<b>STALL</b>	<b>ORGANISER</b>	<b>5:00-6:00pm</b>	<b>6:00pm – 7:00pm</b>	<b>7:00pm – 8:00pm</b>
<b>Bar</b>		<b>Brett Provis</b>	<b>Brett Provis</b>	<b>Sean Maybury</b>
<b>Shamrock Goose Club</b>				
<b>Anicia</b>	<b>Doreen Mortimore</b>	<b>Ivan &amp; Anne Doreen</b>	<b>Ivan &amp; Anne Doreen</b>	<b>Ivan &amp; Anne Doreen</b>
<b>BBQ</b>	<b>Waddell/ Strang families</b>	<b>Waddell Strang</b>	<b>Waddell Strang</b>	<b>Waddell Strang</b>
<b>Soft Drinks</b>	<b>Anna Feher-Holan</b>	<b>Attila &amp; Anna</b>	<b>Attila &amp; Anna</b>	<b>Attila &amp; Anna</b>
<b>Churro</b>	<b>Nathan Zahra</b>	<b>Nathan Zahra</b>	<b>Nathan Zahra</b>	<b>Nathan Zahra</b>
<b>Sweets/Cakes</b>		<b>Katie Cole</b>	<b>Rylee Venables Katie Cole</b>	<b>Katie Cole</b>
<b>Bust a Balloon</b>			<b>O'Dell Platte</b>	
<b>Crazy Hair</b>	<b>Sam Smith</b>	<b>Sam Smith Grace/Hannah</b>	<b>Sam Smith Grace/Hannah</b>	<b>Sam Smith Grace/Hannah</b>
<b>Pick A Number</b>		<b>Nicole Drew</b>	<b>Nicole Drew</b>	<b>Nicole Drew</b>
<b>Mini Cent Sale</b>	<b>Renae Volpe</b>	<b>Renae Volpe</b>	<b>Renae Volpe</b>	
<b>\$100 Board</b>	<b>Tom Vosoba</b>	<b>Tom Vosoba</b>		

<b>Choc Dip</b>		<b>Danaya Cahill</b>	<b>Carmel Kidner</b>	<b>Morgan Reynolds</b>
<b>Face Painting</b>	<b>Sarah Cortis</b>	<b>Anne Vosoba Leia Almond Sarah Cortis</b>	<b>Anne Vosoba Leia Almond Sarah Cortis</b>	
<b>SET UP</b>	<b>THURSDAY 19/3/26</b>	<b>1:00pm- 3.00pm</b>	<b>Sofhie Livens Brett Provis Beck Selfe</b>	<b>Kaycie Sutton</b>
<b>SET UP</b>	<b>FRIDAY 20/3/26</b>	<b>9:00am - 12noon</b>	<b>Sofhie Livens Brett Provis Beck Selfe</b>	<b>Kaycie Sutton</b>
<b>CLEAN UP</b>	<b>SATURDAY 21/3/26</b>	<b>8:00am</b>		

## **NAPLAN Begins 11 March – Supporting Our Year 3 & 5 Students**

From 11 March, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the annual NAPLAN assessments. National assessments like NAPLAN play an important role in helping schools and families understand how students are progressing in essential areas such as literacy and numeracy. These tests provide consistent benchmarks that allow us to compare student achievement against national standards, identify strengths and areas for growth, and set meaningful learning goals. By using this information, teachers can tailor their teaching more effectively, and parents gain a clearer picture of how to support their child’s ongoing development.

Parents can help their children arrive ready for success by ensuring:

- A good night’s sleep
- A healthy breakfast
- Arriving at school on time
- Offering positive encouragement. Your support at home helps set students up for a confident start each day.

### **St Teresa’s School Ravenshoe NAPLAN Test Timetable 2026**

	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
Monday 9 March		
Tuesday 10 March		
<b>Wednesday 11 March Day 1</b>	<b>9:00am Writing (paper)</b>	<b>9:00am Writing (online)</b>
<b>Thursday 12 March Day 2</b>	<b>9:15am Reading  Catch-up test → Writing</b>	<b>9:30am Reading  Catch-up test → Writing</b>

Friday 13 March Day 3	Catch-up tests → Writing & Reading	Catch-up tests → Writing & Reading
Monday 16 March Day 4	Catch-up tests → Writing & Reading	Catch-up tests → Writing & Reading
Tuesday 17 March Day 5	Conventions of Language  Catch-up tests → Writing & Reading Final day for catch up Yr 3 Writing	Conventions of language  Catch-up tests → Writing & Reading
Wednesday 18 March, Day 6	Numeracy  Catch-up tests follow test sequence: Reading → Conventions of language → Numeracy	Numeracy  Catch-up tests follow test sequence: Writing → Reading → Conventions of language → Numeracy
Thursday 19 March Day 7	Catch-up tests follow test sequence: Reading → Conventions of language → Numeracy	Catch-up tests follow test sequence: Reading → Conventions of language → Numeracy
Friday 20 March Day 8	Catch-up tests follow test sequence: Reading → Conventions of language → Numeracy	Catch-up tests follow test sequence: Reading → Conventions of language → Numeracy

## St Teresa's Family & Community Connect – Afternoon Tea | 12 March

All parents and carers are warmly invited to our Family and Community Connect Afternoon Tea on 12 March. The leadership team will present the State of the School, followed by an opportunity for parents to ask questions, share feedback, and enjoy an informal chat over a cuppa.

We strongly encourage all families to come along—your partnership is invaluable to us.

### Volunteering at St Teresa's

At our Catholic schools, family is at the heart of everything we do. We know that when home and school work together, students feel more supported and their school experience becomes even more positive.

We're proud to be a welcoming, inclusive community where parents and carers are encouraged to get involved. Being part of school life often leads to great friendships and support networks that enrich family life too.

There are lots of ways parents and carers can join in and stay connected with the school community, including:

- Chatting with teachers and staying in touch
- Helping out with things like tuckshop, the library, working bees or excursions
- Joining classroom activities and celebrations
- Coming along to school liturgies and events such as fetes and sports carnivals

Being part of our school community also means helping us keep it safe, and we appreciate everyone who contributes to that shared responsibility. It is therefore important that all volunteers complete the following training module:

<https://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/school-communities/volunteer-training/>

Attached to this fortnight's newsletter is the Code of Conduct for Parents, Volunteers and Visitors. This document outlines the behaviour we expect from everyone who supports and engages with our school community.

## **State Census Completed – Thank You for Your Support**

Our State Census has now been completed, and we extend a sincere thank you to all families who ensured their children attended school in the lead-up to this important day.

The Census plays a vital role in determining school funding. Attendance on Census day directly affects the resources and support we can provide for our students. Simply put: the more students we can count, the more funding we receive—providing greater opportunities, programs, and support for all children at St Teresa's.

Your commitment to daily attendance is genuinely appreciated.

## **Measles Alert**

Please be aware a measles alert has been issued for the Cairns region. Members of the public who have been to any of the places listed [here](#) at the specified times may have been exposed to measles. If you have been to any of these places at the specified times, please follow the information provided by Public Health [here](#).

Finally, thank you to all our families for your continued support, enthusiasm, and partnership in the life of our school. Everything we achieve is made possible through the strong relationships we share with our community, and we are truly grateful for all you do. Wishing you all a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Katrina



## Assistant Principal's Message to Our Community

Dear Parents, Carers and Students of St Teresa's,

With the beginning of Lent, our school community has been reflecting on the values of prayer, generosity and service to others. Students have enjoyed participating in several special events that mark the beginning of this important time in the Church's calendar.

**Shrove Tuesday:** On Shrove Tuesday, our Leadership Team cooked up delicious pancakes for students to enjoy. The smell of freshly cooked pancakes filled the air and students thoroughly enjoyed this special treat as we prepared to begin the season of Lent together.

**Ash Wednesday:** It was beautiful to see many wonderful people celebrating Ash Wednesday with us. Fr Mathew's homily inspired everyone to take part in the true meaning of Lent through almsgiving. Almsgiving is giving to those in need, whether through charity, generosity, or simple acts of kindness.

During this Lenten season, our school supports Caritas Australia through the Project Compassion appeal. This initiative helps support vulnerable communities around the world by providing access to food, clean water, education, and opportunities for families to build a better future.

Even a small donation can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We encourage families to support this important cause throughout Lent. Together, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we can help bring hope and compassion to those who need it most.

**Upcoming School Mass:** Next Tuesday, our Year 3–6 students will celebrate the third Tuesday of Lent. Mass will start at 10:00 am at our school Church and everyone is welcome. This is a beautiful celebration for us to connect as a family and gather in prayer as a faith community. We warmly invite parents, carers and parishioners to join us in celebrating the Eucharist.

**Walk for Caritas:** On Monday, our school will participate in an awareness activity for Caritas Australia by carrying bottles of water around the school oval. This act of almsgiving will allow our students to walk in solidarity with communities around the world who must travel long distances for clean water and recognise how our support can make a meaningful difference in their lives. Thank you for all the milk bottles for this to happen.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

Nathan

# Shrove Tuesday



Ravenshoe Raiders Football Club

IS HAVING A

# SOCCER OPEN DAY!

to gather interest in 2026 season

**MARCH 14 • 10AM TO 1PM**

**RAVENSHOE HIGH SCHOOL OVAL**

**BBQ and drinks**

**Novelty and Outdoor games  
Inflatable Soccer field  
+ Raffle**

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
Contact Brett on 0439265888 or  
Visit or Ravenshoe Raiders Facebook page



## Library News



Good Afternoon Everyone,

This term we are getting ready for Readers Cup selection. Our year 5s and 6s are eligible for selection. A note will have gone home with those students who are interested in trying out for the team. The note will explain what the event is and what is involved in Readers Cup. The first part is for the tryouts, from everyone who tries out, four students will be selected to represent St Teresa's in this year's Readers Cup. Readers Cup is in week 8 of term 2 (Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June). Peace Lutheran College in Cairns will be hosting the event this year. Around 40 plus schools in the Cairns and Tablelands area compete each year. The winner of the FNQ Readers Cup will travel to Brisbane to compete in the State Competition. This is an event made for people who love to read. It is a great opportunity for those who like a challenge and working in a team. Once your child has returned the permission part of the note, they will receive a book to read. At the end of this term, those who are trying out will do a quiz based on their book. The four highest scores will make this year's St Teresa's Readers Cup Team. Thank you to those students who have shown interest this year. Good luck to you all!

Library Lovers Month is now over. Here are a few photos of some of our students enjoying the library and a few more students' favourite things about the library. No, I didn't pay them to say these things. 😊

"I love the library because I love reading, thank you Miss Morgan." – Tahmani

"My favourite thing is borrowing books. I love the adventures in the books." – Ivy

"My favourite thing in the library is Miss Morgan, Be Kind." – Ciana

"My favourite thing about the library is Miss Morgan. I also like how you get more books on Book Club and Book Week." – Brookie

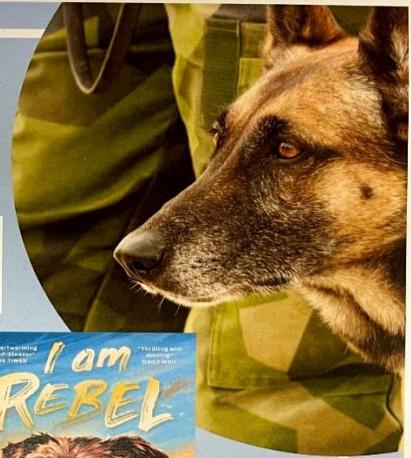
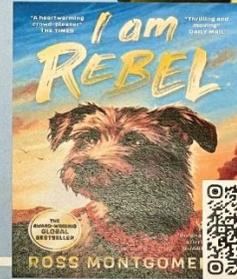
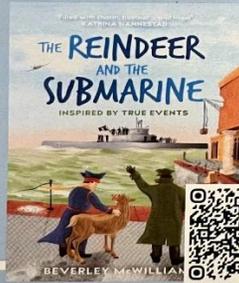
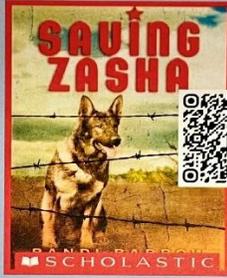
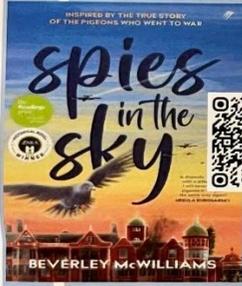
Sora ebooks to look out for.

Have a great weekend!

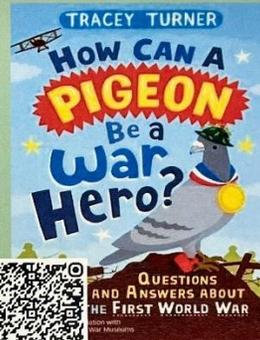
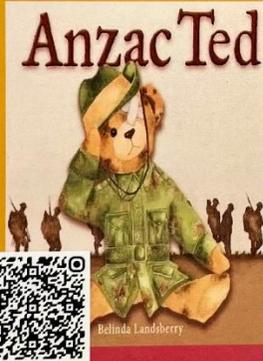
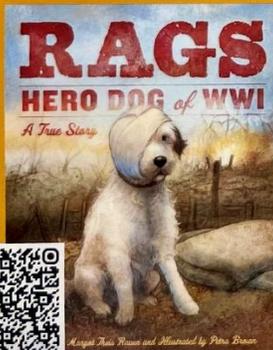
Warm regards,

Morgan Reynolds

# Primary Reads



# Junior Reads



**Simpson's Donkey**  
A wartime journey to Gallipoli and beyond  
PETER STANLEY





# LIVE WEBINAR



CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS  
QUEENSLAND

## THE RELATIONSHIP ADVANTAGE

### How Connection Shapes Behaviour, Resilience & Wellbeing

In this practical, neuroscience-informed session, Psychologist Karen Young, 'Hey Sigmund', explores why strong relationships are the most powerful driver of children's behaviour, resilience, and wellbeing.

Parents and carers will gain simple, effective strategies to respond to big emotions, reduce anxiety, and set loving boundaries that build calm, trust, and connection.

Register today for this free event.



**Online**  
**Thursday 12 March 2026**  
**6.30-7.30pm + 30 mins Q&A**



**Register to attend**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

