



ST TERESA'S
— SCHOOL —
RAVENSHOE

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL, 2026.



From the Principal's Desk

Thank You for a Fantastic Term 1

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to sincerely thank everyone for what has been a wonderful start to the year. A special thank you goes to all those who volunteered their time in our classrooms, assisted at the tuckshop, or helped in preparation for and during the school fete. Your generosity, commitment, and willingness to support our school in so many ways is truly invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Fete Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our school fete. This includes those who generously donated prizes, helped organise and run stalls, assisted with set-up and pack-down, and those who attended and supported the event on the night. Despite the wet weather, the fete was a very successful and enjoyable evening for our community. Final takings are still being calculated, and we look forward to sharing this information with you soon.

ANZAC Day Commemoration

On Saturday 25 April (the end of Week 1, Term 2), the nation will pause to remember the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who served and died in times of war. Students are invited to represent St Teresa's at the Tablelands Regional Council ANZAC Day Ceremony.

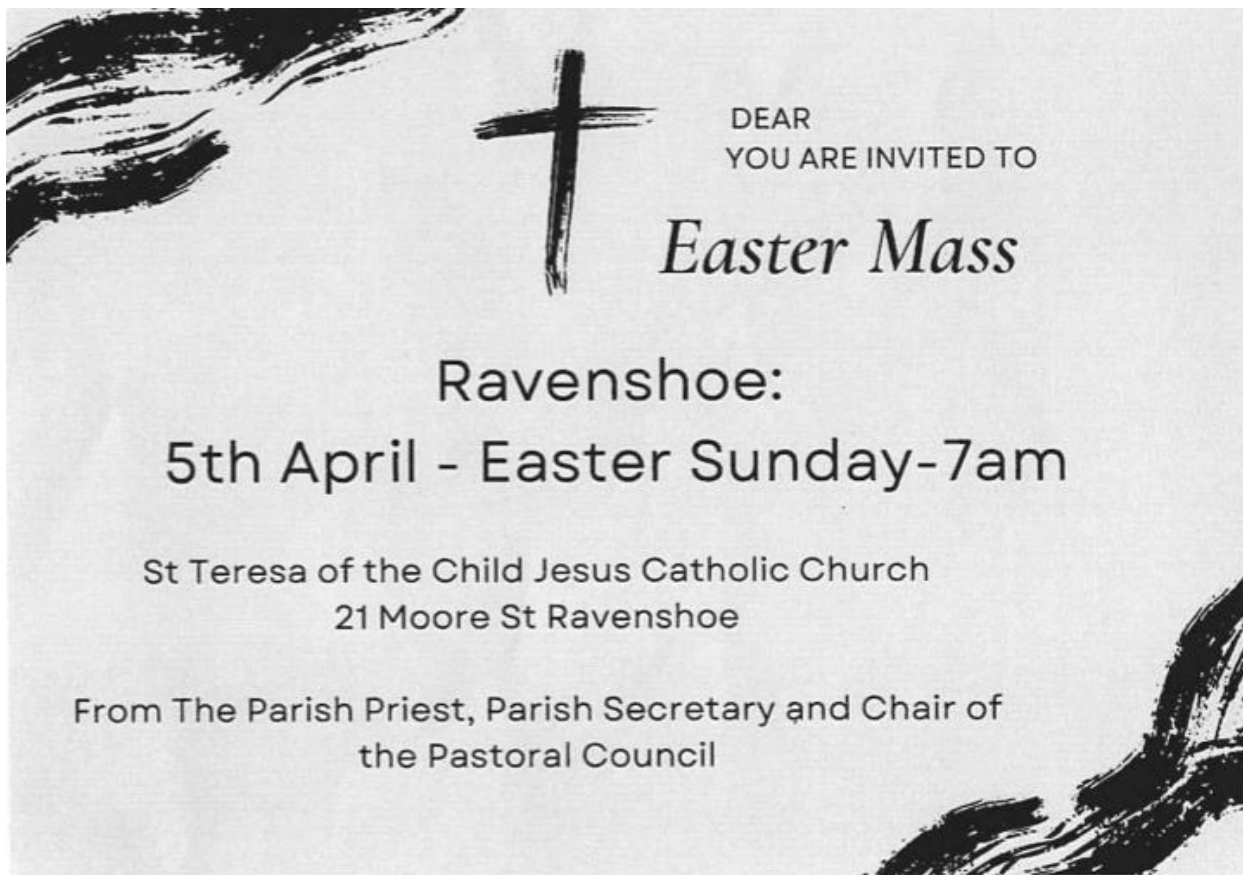
The march and ceremony will commence at 10:00am, with the procession along Grigg Street, concluding at the Cenotaph. Students representing the school are asked to:

- Wear full and correct school uniform, including their school hat
- Bring a water bottle
- Assemble outside the Highland Bakery at 9:40am

We thank families for supporting this important act of remembrance.

Happy Easter

As we enter the Easter season, we wish all our families a safe, happy and holy Easter. A reminder that Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Ravenshoe at 7:00am, and all parishioners and families are warmly invited to attend.



Bishop Joe has also shared his Easter message with our community:

"Easter invites us to look for hope not as an abstract ideal, but as a living presence. Christ goes before us, even when the path is uncertain. As we celebrate his victory over death, may our hearts be renewed with courage, our families strengthened in love, and our communities committed to being places where hope can rise again."

Bishop Joe's full Easter message can be read here:

<https://cairns.catholic.org.au/bishop-joes-easter-message-2026/>

We look forward to seeing you all in Term 2, with school resuming on **Monday 20th April**.

Katrina



From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Dear parents and carers,

As we draw closer to the sacred season of Easter, a time of reflection, renewal, and deep spiritual significance, we are invited to pause and look back on how we can live more fully in the image of Christ. As Katrina shared Bishop Joe's Easter Message, let us be together in Christ this Easter and remember the good news.

Senior Leaders Conference highlights:

I felt very humbled last week when Mrs Miller and I attended the Senior Leaders and Clergy Forum. We were reminded that synodality is not simply an event on the calendar, but a way of being Church—the People of God journeying together through history towards God.

The forum's spiritual conversations offered us a simple yet powerful model for daily leadership and collaboration within our schools and offices. We were especially encouraged by stories of strong parish and school partnerships—real examples of evangelising communities where students and families are known, welcomed, and invited into a deeper relationship with faith.

Fr Mathew also spoke at the forum, noting that Tablelands Catholic Schools are among the best in the region: "Thanks to the rockstar leaders, Catholic Schools in the Tablelands are truly incredible." This is a testament to the wonderful parents and students in our community who help make our school such a vibrant and enriching place to be.

The evening ended with a beautiful mass from Mass at St Monica's Cathedral where new members of the CEDC Executive, school and CES leaders in new roles, and new school and office staff were commissioned for 2026. During the post mass refreshments, I humbly spoke with Bishop Joe about my new role and the opportunities and challenges ahead as I continue to serve our school community. It was a meaningful conversation that affirmed my commitment to serving our community with humility and dedication.

Gratitude of thanks

I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their involvement in our recent school fete. As this was my first time attending, I was truly impressed by the way the Ravenshoe community came together in such a joyful and welcoming spirit. It was wonderful to meet so many people and experience firsthand the strong sense of connection that exists within our school. Events like this highlight the care, generosity, and inclusivity that make our community so special.

Walk for Caritas:

These past two weeks have seen St Teresa's students participate in the walk for Caritas. A total of 319 laps have been walked since the start of week 7, that's almost 48km walked! An amazing achievement. Next term, I would love to start the race around Australia! More news to come.

Have a wonderful Easter break! I hope this special time brings you rest and renewal, and that the hope of Easter fills your hearts with peace and joy.

Nathan



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Peace in Christ.

As we begin this new year in our Ravenshoe parish community, I am delighted to invite your child and family to participate in our **2026 Parish Sacramental Program**.

The celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion is a beautiful and important step in your child's faith journey, and it is our joy and privilege to accompany you through this special time.

This year's program has been prepared with great care to support families, deepen understanding of the sacraments, and strengthen each child's relationship with Jesus and the Church. The program will include parent information, children's preparation workshops, and parish-based liturgies.

If your child is of the appropriate age or year level (Year 3 and above), and baptised in the Catholic Faith, we warmly encourage you to express your interest in the program via this online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/CJukUD5MTb>

If you are unsure or have special circumstances, please feel very welcome to contact us, we are here to support you. Please direct any enquiries to our Sacramental Program Coordinator, **Mr Nathan Zahra** via email: nzahra1@cns.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to walking with your family during this important and grace-filled time.

Be assured of my prayers for you and for all our young people preparing to receive the sacraments this year.

With every blessing,

Fr Mathew Kochuveetil

Parish Priest

From the PE Desk

What an amazing term and such a positive way to finish the first term. Our Cross Country was a very successful day, and it was wonderful to see our superstar athletes racing around the school grounds. A special thank you to all the parent helpers who supported the morning and to those who came along to watch the event. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they play a vital role in making these events so successful.

Below are the results for each age group, along with some photos:

5 Years		6 Years	
1 st Place	Dylan Palmer (B) Payton Payne (G)	1 st Place	Keaton Bevan (B) Shaylee Squires and Mia Shorey (G)
		2 nd Place	James Ollason (B)
		3 rd Place	Fabian Craperi (B) Maise Lee (G)
7 Years		8 Years	
1 st Place	Malakai Bain (B) Claire Kidner (G)	1 st Place	Dominic McPherson (B) Tora Livens (G)
2 nd Place	Arlo Bills (B) Amelia Louw (G)	2 nd Place	Shelby Taylor (G)
3 rd Place	Dustin Darcy (B) Faith Daabre (G)	3 rd Place	Mackenzie Bryant (G)
9 Years		10 Years	
1 st Place	Theo Robinson (B) Indigo Bain (G)	1 st Place	Phillip Perkowicz (B) Hannah Kidner (G)
2 nd Place	Oskar Vosoba (B) Imalee Louw (G)	2 nd Place	Kaidyn Bills (B) Olivia Cole
3 rd Place	Marley Provis-Sibley (B) Ciana Squires	3 rd Place	Tiberius Bain (B) Ruby Lee (G)
11 Years		12 Years	
1 st Place	Lawrence Strang (B) Shiloh Murison (G)	1 st Place	Drew Smith (B) Stella Fitzgerald (G)
2 nd Place	Reign Bell (B) Lilly Platte (G)	2 nd Place	Henry Kidner (B)
3 rd Place	Joel Daabre (B) Brooklyn Taylor (G)	3 rd Place	Felix Vosoba (B)

Mr Zahra

CROSS COUNTRY 2026



Library News



Good Afternoon Everyone,

Wow! Term one is already finished. We have sent home some new Sora bookmarks for each student. On them gives instructions on how to download the Sora App (it is free) and to log in to your child's account. They will be able to borrow eBooks, audio books, read-a-longs and magazines.

We had our Readers Cup Selection Quiz on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who participated, I hope you enjoyed your experience and continue to enjoy reading. Congratulations to our 2026 Readers Cup Team, they are:

- * Oscar W
- * Lilly P
- * Henry P
- * Lawrence
- * Drew

Four of these students will travel to Cairns next term. At this time, we have not decided who the reserve member will be. They are all working hard on reading and working together as a team. Early next term, we will determine who will be our reserve. They are an important team member as they still need to read all the books and work together. If a team member cannot make it on the day, the reserve will be called up. These students will be sent home with a form and new books to start reading in preparation for Readers Cup next term.

I hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

Warm regards,
Morgan Reynolds

Readers Cup Books



HAPPY EASTER



