

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Learn Bravely



Love Kindly



Live Truthfully

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Peninsula Cross Country Trials: Tuesday 19th May
- STR Family & Community Connect Afternoon Tea: Wed 20th May @ 2:15pm
- Mr Zahra attending APCI Retreat: Wednesday 20th May
- Mrs Miller attending Principal Retreat: 21st & 22nd May
- Whole School Mass: Tuesday 26th May @ 10am
- Annual Feedback Surveys Open: Tuesday 26th May
- National Simultaneous Storytime: Wednesday 27th May

A Special Day for Our Special Mums

St Teresa's School enjoyed a heartwarming celebration of Mother's Day last week, with a special morning dedicated to honouring the important women in our community.

Last Friday, our mums and special caregivers were warmly welcomed and treated to a pampering experience delivered by their children. Students took great pride in offering hand soaks, gentle massages, manicures, and serving tea and coffee. It was a joyful occasion, filled with smiles, laughter, and a genuine sense of gratitude.

In the lead-up to Mother's Day, students also enthusiastically supported our annual Mother's Day stall. Throughout the week, they carefully selected gifts to surprise their mums on Sunday, showing thoughtfulness and appreciation in a meaningful way.

These celebrations are a wonderful reminder of the love and connection within our school community. We sincerely hope all mums and mother figures enjoyed a special and well-



From the Principal's Desk

Last week, our school reached an exciting milestone of 100% student attendance. This is a wonderful achievement and a clear reflection of the commitment our parents and families have to their children's education. Ensuring students are at school each day lays the foundation for strong learning, connection, and success, and we thank you for the important role you play in this.

To celebrate this milestone, students were treated to a surprise icy-pole—much to their delight! It was a lovely way to acknowledge their effort and enthusiasm. Let's hope it's not too long before we reach this goal again.



A friendly reminder to all families: if your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the office either by phone, email, or through the MyCE app. This ensures that your child's absence is recorded as explained on the roll and helps us to maintain accurate attendance records.

Looking ahead, our annual feedback surveys will open on 26th May. Parents will receive an email with a link to complete the survey. These surveys are incredibly valuable, providing us with important insights into what we are doing well and where we can continue to grow. Your feedback helps guide our future decisions and directions, and we strongly encourage all families to participate.

Each term, we also take time to remind students about our student protection processes and identify the staff members they can turn to if they feel unsafe or have concerns. This year, our nominated Student Protection Contacts are Ms Chantell, Mrs Cortis, and myself.

At St Teresa's, we take a proactive and preventative approach to child safety, ensuring strong policies and ongoing risk management are in place. We empower students to have a voice, foster a culture of openness, and respect diversity while prioritising safety. We promote appropriate behaviour, carefully select and support staff and volunteers, and ensure students know who they can speak to if they feel unsafe. We are committed to reporting concerns promptly, sharing information responsibly, and working in partnership with families to safeguard the wellbeing of all children.

Finally, I warmly invite you to attend our next St Teresa's Family and Community Connect Meeting, which will take place next Wednesday at 2:15pm. This is a valuable opportunity for parents to hear updates from the leadership team about how our school is progressing and to learn about our future plans. We hope you can join us.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making St Teresa's a vibrant, safe, and successful learning community.

Katrina

Catholic Identity In Action

Last Friday's Mother's Day pampering session was a huge success. I would like to thank everyone for coming along and hope that all the mums in our school felt truly spoiled.

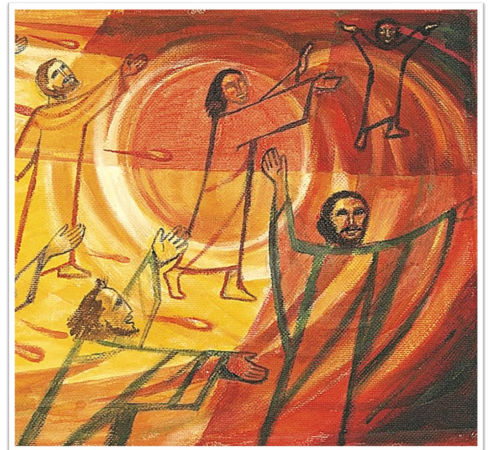
Sunday, 24th May marks a special time in the Christian calendar: the season of Pentecost. Pentecost occurs 50 days after the Resurrection of Jesus and 10 days after His Ascension into heaven. As Easter is a movable feast, Pentecost does not have a fixed date.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts:2 1-4

It was right after this event that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, gave his first homily, which in turn resulted in around 3,000 people being baptised. For this reason, Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church.

As a school community, we are called to live out the spirit of Pentecost by showing courage, kindness, and unity in all that we do. You are warmly invited to our school celebration of Pentecost on 26th May at 10:00 am at St Teresa's Church.

Nathan



Parish News

Bishop Joe has announced a number of movements of Priests within the Diocese.

Fr Mathew Kochuveetil, PP Atherton and Ravenshoe, will become Dean, St Monica's Cathedral (and PP Parramatta Park and Cairns North). Fr Roy Neervelil, Dean St Monica's Cathedral (and PP Parramatta Park and Cairns North) will become PP Atherton/Ravenshoe. Fr Santhosh George, will move to Atherton as Assistant Priest with ongoing responsibility for Pastoral Services in the Gulf Savannah parish.

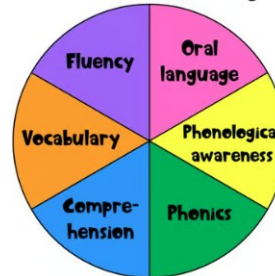
These changes will impact St Teresa's Parish and School. We wish Fr Mathew all the best in his new role and look forward to welcoming Fr Roy in June.

REMINDER: Enrolment Forms for 2026 Sacramental DUE: 22nd May

The Big 6 of Reading at St Teresa's – Part 1

One of St Teresa's goals for school improvement in 2026 and beyond is to improve the reading skills of all students in the school. This segment is to provide parents and carers information on how reading develops. There are SIX components that contribute to learning how to read:

1. Oral Language
2. Phonological Awareness
3. Phonics
4. Vocabulary
5. Fluency
6. Comprehension



This fortnight we begin with **Oral Language**.

Oral language is complex. It is made up of how we understand what we hear and the ability to express ourselves appropriately to others.

As children interact with others, they come to understand language. As adults we have an important role to play. We can model language interactions including the use of vocabulary in context. We can also model how to take turns in conversation and how to listen to and interact with others.

Some simple ways we can help develop oral language for all ages:

- Read to children—picture books; novels; non-fiction texts; poetry
- Recite nursery rhymes and simple songs
- Encourage children to talk and tell their stories
- Ask them questions and encourage them to expand on their answers
- Engage in their conversations and show interest as you listen
- Develop phonemic awareness (the ability to hear, identify and manipulate individual sounds—called phonemes—in spoken words)



Accessing Our School Counsellor

At our school, student well-being is a shared responsibility between families and staff. If you have concerns about your child's social, emotional or well-being needs, the first point of contact is your child's classroom teacher. Teachers work closely with students each day and are best placed to support early conversations and classroom-based strategies.

Concerns can then be discussed at our Diverse Learners Meeting, where the team considers the student's strengths, the strategies already in place, and how best to meet their individual needs. This collaborative process helps determine whether additional supports, including school counselling, are appropriate.

Referrals to the school counsellor are triaged, with counselling support provided on a short-term basis to assist students with social, emotional and well-being concerns that impact learning. Where longer-term or specialised support is required, the school counsellor can also assist families by providing information about appropriate external services and agencies.

By working together, we aim to ensure every student is supported to thrive socially, emotionally and academically.



2025 FEEDBACK SURVEY

Please share your insights to assist us in further developing and refining our operations and offerings at both the school and system levels.

Survey links will be emailed to all participants on the 26th May.



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FEELING UNSAFE?

EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO BE AND FEEL SAFE AT HOME, AT SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY

STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS

Some of the people at school you can talk to are:



REMEMBER

No problem is too big or too small to talk to a Student Protection Contact or trusted adult.

What if you worried about something but don't want to talk to any of the Student Protection Contacts?

You can talk to any of our staff members in your school about your worries. We're here to help you feel safe again.

With help from 1800 555 555 or helpline@ceca.edu.au
Student Protection Contact: 1800 555 555
Helpline: 1800 555 555

Every student has the right to feel safe all the time!

STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACT


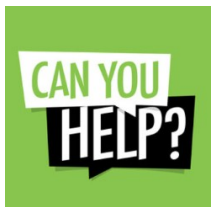
If you don't get the help you need at first, **DON'T GIVE UP**
Keep reporting your concerns until something is done and you feel safe again.

School Fee Reminder

Term 2, 2026 school fees were due on Monday, 11 May 2026. If you have not received your fees or require an extension to pay,

If you feel you may need financial assistance, please

Thank you to the families that have al-

School Uniform Donations Needed

We are currently running low on uniforms in our Wellbeing Hub and would greatly appreciate your support. If you have any school uniforms at home that your children have outgrown, or any items that may have been borrowed in the past, we kindly ask that you consider sending them back to school or donating them. We are particularly in need of school jumpers in all sizes. These items make a significant difference in ensuring all students have access to appropriate clothing and feel comfortable and confident at school. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

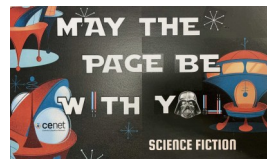
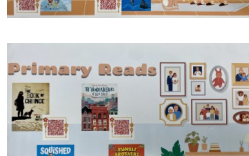
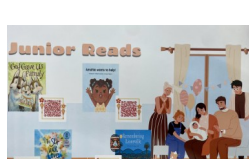
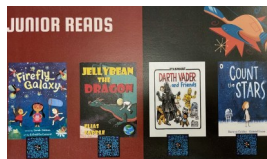
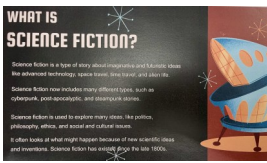
LIBRARY CORNER



Book Club orders went out last week, thank you for your support. In that order. With the rewards earned, we have purchased some new books for our library.

We now have our four team members for this year's Reader's Cup; Henry P, Oscar W, Lily P and Drew. Lawrence is our reserve team member. These students are busy reading all the books and getting together during lunch breaks to have their meetings. Well done team! The team will travel to Cairns in Week 8 to compete with approximately 43 other teams from the area.

Don't forget to check out Sora with these titles below or any subject or genre you like. Sora also has audio books and magazines to borrow.



Sora
The student reading app

HOW WE LOG IN TO SORA HAS CHANGED!!!

DOWNLOAD THE APP TO YOUR DEVICE OR GO TO SORAAPP.COM/LIBRARY/CENETAU

SELECT - FIND MY SCHOOL
SELECT - NO, I'LL SEARCH FOR MY SCHOOL.

YOUR SCHOOL NAMES IS ACEN (AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC EDUCATION NETWORK)

SELECT CATHOLIC EDUCATION CAIRNS ON THE NEXT SCREEN

LOG IN USING YOUR SCHOOL USER NAME AND PASSWORD. SELECT THE CAIRNS DIOCESE.

CEDC Supporting Life-Long Readers

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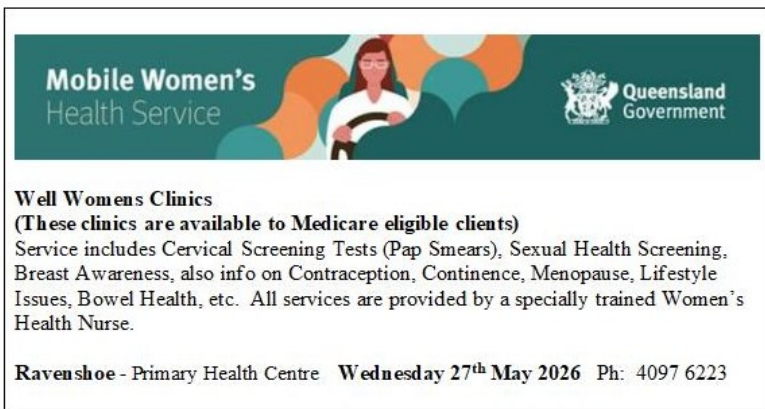
ST TERESA'S SCHOOL RAVENSHOE

Our Parent Portal is Retiring

The **MyCE Mobile App** is becoming our primary communication channel for parents and related persons with portal access, bringing together school news, notices, events, documents, absences and student reports in one secure, easy-to-use app. With the **Parent Portal retiring on 30 June 2026**, it's important that all parents and carers have downloaded, logged into, and are actively using MyCE.

All parents and carers are encouraged to download the MyCE App to avoid missing out on important school news and information. If you need assistance downloading or navigating the App, please call into the office for assistance.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Mobile Women's Health Service
Queensland Government

Well Womens Clinics
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)
Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

Ravenshoe - Primary Health Centre Wednesday 27th May 2026 Ph: 4097 6223



Monday 29th June & Tuesday 30th June

SHOW TICKETS AT THE GATE!

- 1-DAY PASS Adult **\$30**
- 1-DAY PASS Family **\$70** (2 Adults and 2 school aged children)
- 1-DAY PASS Children/ Pensioners **\$15**

Find us on Facebook 'Atherton Show' (fb.me/athshow)
www.athertonshow.com.au
Available at the Show Gates - Mon 29th & Tues 30th June 2026!

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY
Atherton Tableland Agricultural Society



Yungaburra Bush Dance
Yungaburra Community Hall, Cedar Street
Saturday 30 May 2026
Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm start
Tickets \$20 online, \$25 at the door
Under 18s free
Includes light supper, live dance band, dance caller
Cash bar

Fundraising for United Tableland Pipe Band sending two pipers to the World Piping Championships in Glasgow, Scotland in August 2026




Tableland Roller Derby League presents
Pink n Punk ROLLER DISCO
FRIDAY MAY 15
Dress in Pink Punk or Both
\$10 ENTRY \$5 SKATE
6-7 pm Under 10s & "Beginners"
7-9 pm Over 10s & "Intermediate"
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

We recommend that you bring your own protective gear and attend the time that suits your experience level/age