

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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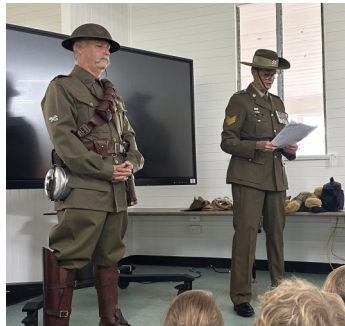
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Public Holiday: Monday 4th May**
- **District Cross Country Trials: Thursday 7th May**
- **Mother's Day Pampering Session: Friday 8th May (from 8:15am)**

St Teresa's Commemorates ANZAC Day

Last week, St Teresa's commemorated ANZAC Day through a number of meaningful learning and community experiences. We were honoured to welcome Sergeant Pam Dillon from NORFORCE and David McKinley from the Ravenshoe RSL, who visited the school in full Army dress to speak with students about the important contribution animals made during times of war. Our ANZAC liturgy provided a reverent opportunity for reflection, and we were grateful to be joined by members of the Ravenshoe RSL, who generously presented our school with the book *Born to the North and the Rising Sun*. In addition, several of our students proudly represented St Teresa's at the Dawn Service and participated in the Ravenshoe ANZAC March on Saturday morning, demonstrating respect, gratitude, and a strong sense of community.



From the Principal's Desk

We have had a wonderful start to the term, with a high level of engagement and learning already well underway across the school. It has been pleasing to see students settled back into routines and approaching their learning with enthusiasm. We also warmly welcome Grace Reynolds, our new Indigenous Liaison Officer, and Nicole King, our Arts teacher, to the St Teresa's team. We are delighted to have them join our community and look forward to the support and opportunities they will bring to our students.

School Uniform Reminder

As the mornings begin to feel cooler, we have noticed an increase in clothing items being worn to school that are not part of the St Teresa's school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform helps promote a sense of belonging, pride, and consistency across our school community.

The St Teresa's school uniform consists of:

- Blue St Teresa's collared school shirt
- Black shorts or skort
- Plain navy blue school socks
- Black lace-up or Velcro school shoes

During the cooler months, the uniform may also include:

- Plain navy-coloured cardigan or sweater (no hoodies)
- Plain navy-coloured track pants
- Girls may wear plain navy-coloured ribbed stockings or tights

To support families, there will be a two-week grace period to allow time to organise correct uniform items. Following this period, teachers will be following through with notes home, and students wearing incorrect uniform items will be sent to the Wellbeing Hub to borrow the appropriate items for the day.

We would also like to remind families that hair must be tied back if it is below the collar. Teachers will be consistently following this through with students in the coming weeks.

Thank you to the many families who consistently ensure their children attend school in full, correct uniform each day. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated and helps maintain the high standards we value at St Teresa's.

Families are reminded that **next Monday is a public holiday for Labour Day**, and as a result, St Teresa's School will be closed on this day. We hope families enjoy the opportunity to rest and spend time together, and we look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Katrina





Catholic Identity In Action

I hope everyone enjoyed their well-deserved Easter break. Easter Sunday was celebrated at St Teresa's Church, and it was lovely to see some of our families join us. Fr Mathew is enjoying a much-earned break in India. We wish him safe travels and keep him in our prayers.

Next Friday, we warmly invite all mothers and mother figures to join us for our Mother's Day Pampering Morning, commencing at 8:15 am. Bring your children along and enjoy a relaxed and welcoming start to the day. Throughout the morning, your child will have the opportunity to help spoil you and make you feel extra special, with plenty of smiles along the way. It is a wonderful chance to share time together, celebrate the important role you play, and start your day feeling appreciated and cared for. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Parish News

2026 Sacramental Program



Dear Parents and Guardians,

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>. Submissions are due by the 22nd of May.

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 Kochuveettil



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Term 2, 2026 School Fees



Term 2 school fees for 2026 have now been issued. Payment is due **Monday, 11 May 2026**.

If you have not received your fees notice or require an extension to make payment, please contact the school by emailing secretary.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au.

Families who wish to enter into a direct debit arrangement can collect the required forms from the school office.

A friendly reminder to please notify the school if your contact details have changed.

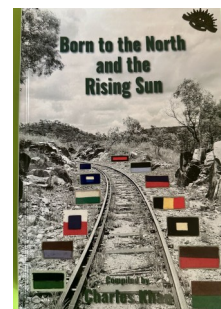
Thank you to the families who have already made their payment—your prompt support is greatly appreciated.

LIBRARY CORNER



Welcome to term two. We have some new books that will be ready to borrow soon.

We were also lucky to receive a wonderful book presented to us by Mrs Doreen Mortimore and Mr Duncan McDonald from our local RSL. The book has been compiled by a local Dimbulah man named Charles Khan. He has dedicated this book to those who were born in the Far North-West of Queensland and answered the call for King and Country. The men and women acknowledged in this book served and defended the crown and Australia from the Boer War in South Africa to Gallipoli, the Western Front and Middle East and even the territory close to our own shores, Papua New Guinea. Some served in more than one war and in many separate locations. This book is available to borrow.



We have had several children interested in borrowing books about our ANZACS and War Times. Here are just a few we have in our library.



Have a great weekend!

Morgan Reynolds



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At St Teresa's School, we learn bravely, love kindly, and live truthfully—every lesson, every day. Enrol today and be part of a community that nurtures confident learners and caring citizens.

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APPLY ONLINE:

<https://cns.bne.catholic.edu.au/cnsenrolmentspublic?schoollid=961#/enrolment-clean/home>

CENT SALE

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2026
RANKINE STREET RAVENSHOE
DOORS OPEN 10AM
DRAWING STARTS 11.30AM
\$5.00 Entry

Lucky Door Prize Raffle

Light Lunch, Tea and Coffee

SAVE THE DATE!

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

TUESDAY 5th MAY
WEDNESDAY 6th MAY
FRIDAY 8th MAY

Students have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their Mum from our Mother's Day Shop. Gifts will be priced from \$2 through to \$10. Mrs Smith will take students to the stall! It is such a joy to see the smile on their faces as they choose a gift for Mum!

School Annual Improvement Plan Update



Our first round of DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessments has been completed and analysed with staff and reading expert Professor Sarah McDonagh. Teachers have identified clear learning targets, refined interventions, and are implementing best-practice instruction, including daily fluency and focused library lessons that promote reading for pleasure. Through this work, we are living our motto, **Knowledge, Love and Truth** each day as students learn bravely, love kindly and live truthfully through a strong culture of reading.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

PLAY LEAGUE STARS:

WHEN: 5/5/2026 - 9/6/2026
TIME: Tuesday 3.10pm - 4.10pm
WHERE: Ravenshoe State School
12 Ascham St
QLD 4888

Sessions will run every Tuesday after school from the 5th of May - 9th June. **Starts next week!**

This is a free program, but you can purchase a League Stars pack for \$49.

Register your child via leaguestars.com