

# ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 18 June—Year 3/4 Excursion
- 22 & 23 June—Healthy Harold (Life Education Van) will be visiting
- 25 June—Report Cards available for parents to view
- 26 June—St Teresa's Athletics Carnival
- 27 June—School Holidays
- 13 July—Term 3 Commences



### St Teresa's Beanies Have Arrived!

Just in time for the chilly Ravenshoe winter, we are excited to share that our brand new St Teresa's beanies have arrived! These stylish and practical additions to our school uniform have been a big hit, with students eager to wear them and stay warm during the cooler mornings.

We are proud to say that we are confident St Teresa's is the only school in Far North Queensland to offer beanies as part of the uniform—what a special way to show our school spirit while keeping cosy!

Beanies are available for purchase from the school office for \$20. We encourage families to take advantage of this great new uniform option as we head into the colder months.



## PURCHASE YOUR



\$20 EACH

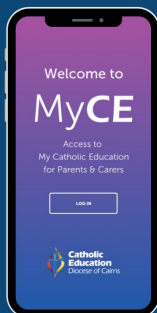
## MyCE

MY CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Parent App

We're online!

Access Student & School info from your phone!



Download our New App



## From the Principal's Desk

As we near the end of term, our teachers are busy finalising student reports. This is always a significant time in the school calendar, providing an opportunity to celebrate student progress and achievement. I would like to remind families that a 'C' on a report card indicates that a student is meeting the Achievement Standard for their year level. This represents solid, expected progress and is certainly something to be proud of and celebrated.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's report, I encourage you to contact your child's classroom teacher. Alternatively, you may wish to arrange a parent-teacher interview when they are offered in Term 3, to discuss your child's learning in more detail.

Report cards will be available to families from 25th June via the MyCE App or the Parent Portal. Please note that the Parent Portal will be retired at the end of this term. To ensure you continue to receive important updates and have ongoing access to student report cards, it is essential that all families download and log into the MyCE App. We are aware that a number of families have not yet accessed the app, and we strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible. If you require any assistance with downloading or setting up the app, our office staff are more than happy to help.

Looking ahead to next term, EdSmart Broadcasts and Parent Slips will be replaced by InForm. This platform functions in a similar way to EdSmart; however, parents will need to log in to view notes. This change introduces an additional layer of security and ensures that communication remains safe and accessible.

In Term 3, our students will take part in the Executive Director's Love to Read Challenge. This initiative strongly supports our school goal of improving reading outcomes, and we encourage all students to actively participate and enjoy the experience of reading.

Our Athletics Carnival is also fast approaching. Mr Zahra and Mrs Smith have been working hard behind the scenes to organise this exciting event. This year, the carnival will look slightly different, with students participating in a range of field events such as shot put, high jump, long jump, and vortex, alongside running events including sprints and the 800m. We are very grateful to Ravenshoe State High School for allowing us to use their running track for some of these events. For students aged 10-12 years, these events will also serve as trials for the District Carnival in Term 3. Further information can be found later in the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all there on the day.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Katrina



The poster features a photograph of three children (two girls and one boy) smiling and holding books in a library setting. Below the photo is a blue banner with the text 'Executive Director's LOVE TO READ Challenge'. A cartoon book character is positioned to the right of the title. Below the title, there are two buttons: a yellow 'START' button with a calendar icon and a red 'FINISH' button with a calendar icon. To the right of these buttons, it says 'Start reading Week 1, Term 3' and 'Finish reading Week 6, Term 3'. At the bottom, it says 'Celebrate Book Week in Week 7'. On the right side, there is a logo for 'Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns' with the tagline 'Learning with Faith and Vision'.

## Catholic Identity In Action

This past fortnight has been a busy and joyful time for our Parish community. Imelee and Elijah Louw were baptised by Fr Mathew with their classmates present to witness this special occasion. Their cousins, Noah and Maddie Louw, were also baptised alongside them. It was a beautiful celebration of faith and an important milestone in their spiritual journey as they were welcomed into the Catholic Church.



Last Tuesday, our school farewelled Fr Mathew. While it brought sadness to say goodbye, Fr Mathew spoke about his devotion to serving the altar and continuing to bring people closer to God. He reflected on the many wonderful changes he has witnessed in our school over the past five years and shared his confidence that our community will continue to grow in faith, learning, and connection. We thank Fr Mathew for his care, guidance, and joyful presence within our school and Parish community and wish him every blessing in his new role as Dean of St Monica's Cathedral in Cairns.

We warmly welcome Fr Santhosh and Fr Roy to our Parish community. We wish them well as they begin their ministry with us and look forward to the ways they will enrich the spiritual life of our school and Parish. May they feel welcomed, supported, and at home in our community.

We are also excited to begin our Sacramental Program, with six students preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This is a significant step in their faith journey as they grow closer to God and deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they begin this special sacramental journey.



## Parish News

### Sacramental Program Dates for 2026

First Reconciliation—23rd June

Confirmation & First Eucharist—4th August

**Healthy Harold is coming!**

**22nd & 23rd June**



**LifeEd.**  
Queensland



**ST TERESA'S  
ATHLETICS DAY**

**Friday  
26th June 2026**

- DON'T FORGET TO BRING...**
- ☘ Sun Safe House Shirt (Oak or Cedar)
  - 👒 School Hat
  - 💧 Water Bottle
  - ☀️ Sunscreen



**LUNCH IS AVAILABLE  
for purchase**

Enjoy a delicious Sausage Sizzle Lunch  
*Barista In the Mist* is onsite!

- LET'S MAKE IT AMAZING!**
- 🌟 Show your HOUSE SPIRIT!
  - 👏 Cheer for your friends
  - 🏆 Have a go, try your best, and have FUN!

**9:30 am** - Sprints at Ravenshoe State High School

**11:00 am** - Track and Field rotations at the School Oval

**1:30 pm** - Relays

## LIBRARY CORNER

Readers Cup has arrived! Yesterday, Henry P, Oscar, Drew and Lilly travelled to Cairns to compete in this year's Readers Cup. Thank you to Blue, Odell and Karina for helping with transport on the day. There were some excited and nervous vibes leading up to and on the day. I would also like to thank the whole team for their efforts over the last 10 weeks. It was a huge commitment. The team consisted of Oscar, Henry P, Drew, Lilly and Lawrence. Thank you also to Lawrence, our reserve team member, who has continued to read all the books along with the team, in the event he got the call up to go. The team got together during lunch breaks at school and found the time to read at home as well. There were 42 teams from Far North Queensland competing this year. We are very proud of our team for participating in this year's Reader's Cup. Our team has won a new book for our library!



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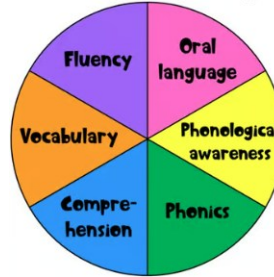


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# The Big 6 of Reading at St Teresa's — Part 2

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 week we look at **Phonological Awareness**

Phonological Awareness is the ability to recognise and manipulate the spoken parts of sentences and words. It includes word awareness, rhyme, parts of words (onset-rime) and syllables. It also includes phonemic awareness. Simple ways we can help develop Phonological Awareness are:

- Read or recite rhymes and simple songs and point out the words that rhyme.
- Play rhyme games – do these two words rhyme? Which word is the odd one out (doesn't rhyme)
- Clap word parts (syllables) EG. rain – bow gar – den car lunch – time
- Play / *Spy* and name the sound the word begins with as well as the letter.
- Name a word that begins with a given sound.
- Do these words begin or end with the same sound?



Phonemic Awareness is the explicit awareness that spoken words are made up of individual sounds. For children beginning to learn to read they need to be able to hear separate sounds 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)



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NOW**



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## Start Your Child's Bright Future Today

**Learn bravely. Love kindly. Live truthfully**

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?schoolId=961#/enrolment-clean/home>

# TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare some time on a Friday morning?



If you can help, please notify Renae in the school office.

Your support makes a big difference

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Homemaker Swap

SUNDAY 21ST  
JUNE 2026  
THE TRAINPARK,  
RAVENSHOE  
10AM

*What to Know*

Bring 5 items of the same thing you've either homemade, homegrown, created or baked.



You take home 5 items of homemade, homegrown, created or baked from the homemakers community event.



No money event - just connecting and swapping

GET ACTIVE! FUN • FITNESS • FRIENDS

# MONDAY AFTERNOON NETBALL!

RAVENSHOE COMMUNITY COURTS!

STARTING  
**TERM 3**  
(MONDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY)

EVERY MONDAY  
**3:30PM**  
— GAMES FROM —  
**4-5PM**

STUDENTS / CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

HAVE FUN  
STAY ACTIVE

MAKE FRIENDS  
BE PART OF A TEAM

BUILD SKILLS  
GROW CONFIDENCE

BE ACTIVE  
FEEL GREAT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE MS WILLIAMS!

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](http://www.athertonshow.com.au)  
Available at the Show Gates - Mon 29th & Tues 30th June 2026!

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