

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **School Resumes Monday 13th July**
- **No Home Reader Borrowing this week (stocktake)**
- **Tuesday 14th July—Year 4/5 class excursion (St Carlo Acutis Relic in Atherton)**
- **Friday 17th July—Pre-Year 2 100 Days of Learning Celebration**
- **Thursday 23rd July—Year 4 Formation Day in Mareeba**
- **Thursday 23rd July—Musica Viva Performance**

And the winner is ...

Students took to the track today for our annual Athletics Carnival, with Oak emerging as this year's overall champions after a day of spirited competition against Cedar.

The carnival saw students enthusiastically competing across a full program of sprint races and field events, showcasing both athletic skill and strong team spirit.

The day concluded with the much-anticipated traditional round-the-field relay, drawing the crowd together for an exciting finale and capping off a lively and enjoyable event.

A strong turnout of parents added to the atmosphere, with many on hand to support their children and celebrate their efforts throughout the day.

A special thanks to local supporters, including Barista in the Mist for providing the coffee van, and Ravenshoe State High School for generously



From the Principal's Desk

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our entire school community for the part you have played in making it such a successful one. Whether through volunteering at events, supporting classrooms, assisting behind the scenes, or simply encouraging your children each day, your contribution is deeply valued. Our school is stronger because of the partnership we share with our families.

I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful feedback received through our recent annual parent survey. We are grateful for the time and thoughtfulness that families put into sharing their perspectives. The feedback affirms that when school and family work together as a team, our students are the greatest beneficiaries. This strong sense of collaboration is something we are very proud of at St Teresa's.

In staffing news, Ms Majer has extended her leave until 21 August. We continue to keep her in our thoughts and wish her well. Mr Zahra will remain in the Year 4/5 classroom, providing continuity and stability for students. We are currently in the process of recruiting for a specialist HPE teacher and will keep families updated as this progresses. Our school counsellor, Chantell, will also be on leave during Term 3. We wish her all the very best in her travels and hope she enjoys a well-deserved time of rest with her family.

Student reports were made available to parents on Thursday via the School Portal and the MyCE app. **Please note:** the Portal will be retired at the end of this month, and moving forward, reports and other important information will only be accessible through the MyCE app. We encourage all families to download and regularly use the app to stay informed and connected with school communications.

Thank you again for your continued support throughout the term. I wish all of our families a safe and restful holiday break and look forward to welcoming everyone back when school resumes on 13 July.

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Holidays are about creating
cherished memories with
loved ones and finding magic
in the simplest moments.

JEREMIAH SAY

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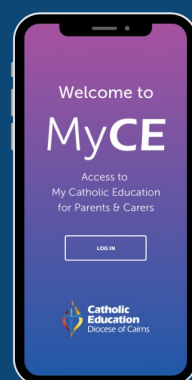
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School info from
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Catholic Identity In Action

It has been a very busy term, and there is much to look forward to next term.

In Week 1, our Year 4/5 students will visit St Joseph's Church in Atherton to experience the St Carlo Acutis Relic and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. This will provide a wonderful opportunity to learn about the life of this inspiring young saint and deepen their understanding of the Eucharist.

Our Year 6 students will also join Mount St Bernard College for their NAIDOC celebrations. This annual event provides an opportunity to honour and celebrate the histories, cultures, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to strengthen our commitment to reconciliation.

We are also excited to welcome Gen Bryant, liturgical musician, back to Far North Queensland for Catholic Education Week. Our Year 4 students will take part in this celebration, forming part of the Western Deanery Choir for Mass. This year's Catholic Education Week theme, "Share Your Light, Inspire Others," encourages us all to recognise our God-given gifts and use them to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

We will finish the Term with a celebration of our Patron Saint, St Therese of Lisieux.

Keep an eye out for further information via future newsletters, on the MyCE App and via InForm emails (the new EdSmart).

Nathan Zahra

Assistant Principal Catholic Identity (APCI)

Parish News



Come. See. Believe.

St Carlo Acutis

Travelling exhibition and first class relic

Atherton | St Joseph's Catholic Church | Tuesday 14 July

Step into the story of a saint for our times. The St Carlo Acutis Exhibition showcases over 130 Eucharistic miracles from across the world, offering students a powerful encounter with faith, science, and the mystery of the Eucharist. Featuring a First Class relic from Assisi, this is a unique opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of holiness in the digital age.

- Exhibition and Relic will be hosted in the Church and a Marquee
- Open to schools and public from 11.00am - 6.00pm
- Suggested duration: approx 60-90 mins
- Educational display boards, prayer/reflection spaces
- Presentations on the Life of St Carlo by Kate Hobbs 11.00am, 1.30pm
- Teachers remain responsible for student supervision at all times
- Bookings will be managed for venue capacity. Please email youth@cairns.catholic.org.au to advise number of students/staff

Additional resources for teachers and students available on our website including: What is a relic? Who is St Carlo? Activity packs and more

Free entry - all welcome
cairns.catholic.org.au

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This week, we celebrated a significant milestone in the faith journey of our sacramental candidates. On Tuesday afternoon, three St Teresa's students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Reconciliation is the sacrament that invites us to reflect on our choices, seek God's forgiveness, and experience His love and mercy. It was wonderful to witness the students approach this sacrament with reverence and courage, as they deepened their relationship with Christ. We congratulate each of them on this important step and thank their families, catechists, and parish community for supporting them throughout their preparation. Please continue to keep these students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist later this year.

A Message from Our School Counsellor

Dear Families,

I would like to inform you that I will be taking an extended period of leave at the end of this term. I will be away for the duration of Term 3 and plan to return in Week 1 of Term 4.

During my absence, the usual process for raising any concerns or seeking support will remain in place. Parents and carers are encouraged to begin by contacting their child's **classroom teacher** to discuss any wellbeing or learning concerns. The teacher can then work with the school's support team to determine appropriate next steps.

Accessing the School Counselling Service (CEDC Process)

Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns (CEDC) follows a structured process for accessing counselling support. This includes:

- Initial discussion with the **classroom teacher**
- Consultation with the school **leadership or wellbeing team**
- Completion of a **referral to the School Counsellor**, including parent/carer consent
- Allocation of support based on student needs, priority, and availability of services

This process helps ensure that students receive appropriate and coordinated support within the school context.

Support Services During My Absence

If your child or family requires additional or more immediate support, the following services are available:

Crisis and Helpline Support:

- **Kids Helpline** – 1800 55 1800 (24/7 support for children and young people)
- **Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS), Atherton** – 4091 0211
- **Parentline** – 1300 30 1300 (support for parents and carers)
- **Lifeline** – 13 11 44 (24/7 crisis support)
- **DV Connect** – 1800 811 811

Local Community and Therapeutic Services:

Better Together Atherton – 4091 3850

Ravenshoe Community Centre – 4097 6723

VPG Atherton – 4091 6411

Birdwing Therapies Malanda – 0475 618 756

These services can provide a range of support for children, young people, and families within our local community.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Chantell

School Counsellor



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Save the Date!

We are seeking the support of our school community for our upcoming Cent Sale, which is one of St Teresa's major fundraisers for the year. Funds raised go directly back into supporting resources and opportunities for our students. We would greatly appreciate any donations of prizes, big or small, to help make this event a success. If you are able to contribute, please drop your items into Renae at the school office. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our school.

LIBRARY CORNER



Executive Director's LOVE TO READ Challenge

START Start reading Week 1, Term 3
FINISH Finish reading Week 6, Term 3

Join our Diocesan-wide reading initiative! Help your child build confidence, expand their reading horizons, and develop strong literacy skills.

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Celebrate Book Week in Week 7

Don't forget to start reading for the Executive Director's Love to Read Challenge which starts next term.

There will be no home reader borrowing in Week 1, Term 3 due to stocktake.

COMMUNITY NEWS



CWA School Holiday Fun!

Atterton Tablelands Division
QCWA Ravenshoe Branch

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- MEMORY BOX CREATIONS**
Bring along a box with a lid to decorate and create your own special keepsake memory box.
- SIMPLE MACRAMÉ ACTIVITIES**
- COLOURING & CRAFTS**
- INDOOR & OUTDOOR GAMES**
- Games & Challenges**

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY & WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY
10:30AM - 1:30PM

QCWA RAVENSHOE BRANCH
15 HERBERT STREET, RAVENSHOE

FOOD: HOTCAKES, TOASTIES, TEA & COFFEE

ALL AGES & FAMILIES WELCOME!

GOLD COIN DONATIONS APPRECIATED

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