

# ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Learn Bravely



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Feedback Surveys Open
- 27 May-3 June - Reconciliation Week
- 2 June—Fr Mathew's Farewell @ 2:30pm
- 11 June—Reader's Cup
- 18 June—Year 3/4 Excursion

### Faith in Action

Our Year 5 and 6 students recently travelled to St Stephen's Catholic College in Mareeba to participate in a Youth Ministry Day, where they joined with other Tableland schools for a day of faith, music, and community. The highlight of the day was working with Catholic singer-songwriter Gen Bryant, whose engaging and uplifting sessions encouraged students to reflect on their faith and recognise the gifts they have to share.

Gen Bryant has been involved in music ministry across Australia for many years, sharing messages of hope, love, and faith through her music and workshops. Through singing, prayer, and reflection, our students had a wonderful opportunity to deepen their connection to their faith while experiencing the wider Catholic community.



## From the Principal's Desk

It has been a very busy and enjoyable fortnight at St Teresa's, with many opportunities for learning, connection and celebration. Our students have participated in a range of special events including National Simultaneous Storytime, our fun State of Origin Dress Up Day, Peninsula Cross Country trials, and our beautiful Pentecost Mass—just to name a few. These experiences enrich school life and bring our community together in joyful and meaningful ways.

Thank you to families who have already completed the Annual Feedback Survey. All parents should have received an email invitation, and we strongly value your input as it helps guide our future direction and decision-making. We have also commenced Prep interviews for 2027. If you know of families considering enrolment, please encourage them to contact the office. Word of mouth remains one of the most powerful ways to promote our wonderful school, and we appreciate your support in sharing the positive experiences of St Teresa's within our community.

Our teachers are currently very busy finalising assessments and preparing report cards. At this important time in the term, regular attendance is essential to ensure students have every opportunity to demonstrate their learning. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your children attend school each day, ready to learn.

We are continuing to make strong progress in our MTSS-E (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support – Engagement) journey. As a staff, we have now completed the development of our behaviour matrix, which clearly outlines expectations for both students and staff, establishes a common language across the school, and is closely aligned with our school values. The next phase of this work will focus on refining our acknowledgement (reward) systems and developing resources to explicitly teach these expectations and values. This is a three-year journey, and we are confident it will lead to a consistent and supportive approach to student behaviour and engagement across our school.

**AT ST TERESA'S WE** ...  
LEARN BRAVELY, LOVE KINDLY, LIVE TRUTHFULLY

**KNOWLEDGE**

- ALWAYS**
  - We don't give up when things are hard
  - We use a positive growth mindset to keep learning
- INSIDE**
  - We are ready to learn with an open mind
  - We try our best in our learning
  - We keep going when learning feels hard
- OUTSIDE**
  - We keep trying when play or activities are challenging
  - We use strategies to solve problems

**LOVE**

- ALWAYS**
  - We care for ourselves and others every day
  - We use positive self-talk
  - We support and include others
- INSIDE**
  - We care for ourselves and our belongings
  - We use kind and respectful words
- OUTSIDE**
  - We show care through fair play and helping others
  - We look out for others during play and movement

**TRUTH**

- ALWAYS**
  - We are trustworthy by telling the truth.
  - We acknowledge our strengths and weaknesses
- INSIDE**
  - We are honest about our learning and work.
  - We take responsibility for our actions and choices.
  - We try to do our best work
- OUTSIDE**
  - We act responsibly and follow rules
  - We use kind words when speaking to others

Looking ahead, we are excited to be progressing several important building projects. A new boundary fence is planned to enhance the safety of our staff and students, with completion expected by the end of the year. In addition, bird-proof netting will be installed on both sheds, with work commencing on 8 June—an important step in addressing a long-term issue for our school. I look forward to sharing updates with you as these projects get underway.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Katrina

## Catholic Identity In Action

Our Year 5 and 6 students had a wonderful opportunity to deepen their understanding of faith through a special visit from Catholic singer Gen Bryant. I had the privilege of taking them with Mrs Cole and it was inspiring to see her engaging storytelling and music. Gen brought the message of Pentecost to life, helping students explore the meaning of this important feast in a personal and memorable way. Her faith journey inspired everyone to see how living out the Gospel can be expressed through our unique gifts and talents.



As a school community, we also came together to celebrate Pentecost Sunday on Tuesday. It was a joyful and spirit-filled liturgy that truly reflected the celebration of the birth of the Church. The singing was vibrant, the participation wholehearted, and there was a genuine sense of unity as we gathered in faith. Fr Mathew presided over the celebration and expressed his delight in seeing so many students actively involved, sharing their gifts with enthusiasm and reverence.

As we continue through the liturgical year, may the spirit of Pentecost remain alive in our hearts, guiding us to live with courage,



## Parish News

Congratulations to Elijah and Imelee Louw as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. This special step in their faith journey marks their welcome into the Catholic Church. We rejoice with their families and pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and bless them always.



Next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30pm, we will gather once more as a community to bid farewell to Fr Mathew. While we are saddened to see him leave, we are grateful for his leadership, guidance, and the joy he has brought to our school. Fr Mathew will be taking up a new role in Cairns as Dean of St Monica's Cathedral, and we wish him every blessing in this important ministry.



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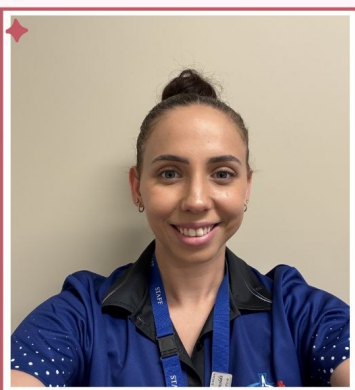
Term 2, 2026 school fees are now overdue. If you have not received your fee statement, please email [secretary.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au).

Reminder statements will be issued to families in the coming days. If you receive a reminder statement and have already paid, please disregard it.

*Thank you to the families that have already paid.*

## Introducing Miss Grace

### OUR NEW INDIGENOUS LIAISON OFFICER (ILO)



#### ABOUT ME

**Name:** Miss Grace

**Favourite colour:** Pink

**Favourite food:** Chocolate

**Favourite book:** Harry Potter

**Heritage:** Torres Strait Islander, Papua New Guinean, Australian

**Other interesting facts:** Miss Grace has two children and a sausage dog called Slinky

#### WHAT AM I LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST?

"I'm looking forward to building beautiful relationships with the students and families of St Teresa's."

#### WHAT IS MY PLAN?

NAIDOC celebrations, spotlighting a First Nations family's connection to place through storytelling, build strong connections with local First Nations organisations and families, develop a Reconciliation Action Plan for St Teresa's.

#### WHEN AND WHERE TO FIND ME

**Workdays:** Every Monday

**Location:** Wellbeing Hub

## National Reconciliation Week 2026

From 27 May to 3 June, we acknowledge National Reconciliation Week, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to reconciliation.

This year's theme, "All In," invites us to work together in building respectful relationships and a more inclusive future. Throughout the week, classes will take part in a colouring competition, giving students a creative way to reflect on the importance of unity, respect, and understanding.



## LIBRARY CORNER

On Wednesday this week we had National Simultaneous Storytime (N.S.S). The book was Luna Roo: the Kangaroo Baller by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd and illustrated by Jake A Minton. We gathered as a whole school to watch the live reading by both authors and the illustrator along with over 2 million people nationwide for this annual event. Thank you Mrs Cortis for being our illustrator for the event. During the live event, the illustrator guided the viewers to draw Luna from the story.

There is a jersey design competition associated with the book through (animalworldcup.com). Students who were interested in participating will have been given a printout of the template to complete along with instructions on how to enter. Parents/ Carers are to upload their child's entry.

Some of our Prep and Year 1/2 students have already created some jersey designs here at school for our library display.



Also, this week was World Bee Day and World Turtle Day. Our Year 3/4 students created some beautiful turtles which are also on display. Come and borrow some books to learn more about these creatures.

We have new books from our Book Club rewards, thank you everyone. They are catalogued and nearly finished being covered. They will be ready next week for borrowing.



*Congratulations*  
*Mrs Smith*  
on your  
**Spirit of Catholic Education  
Award Nomination**



**CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION WEEK**  
26 JULY - 1 AUG 2026

**Share  
the  
light**  
inspire  
others

REMINDER ↷

✓ 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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# PRE-ORDER YOUR



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Embroidered Logo

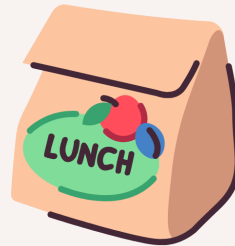
**ST TERESA'S SCHOOL**

**BEANIE**

**\$20 EACH**

# 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



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## 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

RUN BY Evelyn NETBALL ASSOCIATION

STUDENTS / CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

MAKE 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!

## 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



# MATCH DAY

RAVENSHOE RAIDERS

HOST MALANDA & ATHERTON TEAMS

BBQ & RAFFLE COFFEE VAN TIL 11 AM

VENUE RAVENSHOE HIGH SCHOOL OVAL

DATE SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY

KICK-OFF TIMES: 9:30 10:30 11:30 AM

FREE ADMISSION CASH EVENT ONLY

COME SUPPORT YOUR TEAM! BYO CHAIRS