

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10th August—St Teresa's NAIDOC Celebration (11:40-1:40pm)
- 11th August—St Teresa's Family and Community Connect Meeting @ 9:00am
- 11th August—Whole School Mass @ 9:30am
- 12th August—St Teresa's Open Day 10-11am
- 17-28th August—Parent Teacher Interviews



A Week to Share Our Light

What a jam-packed Catholic Education Week at St Teresa's! Guided by this year's theme, "Share Your Light, Inspire Others," our school community celebrated faith, learning, and connection in many wonderful ways.

We proudly congratulated Mrs Smith, who travelled to Brisbane to receive her Spirit of Catholic Education Award and was recognised again at the Docemus Awards on Friday evening.

Fr Roy celebrated our Catholic Education Week Mass, reminding us to use our gifts to make a difference in the lives of others.

Our Lunch by the Labyrinth was a tremendous success, with lots of families gathering for lunch, fun, and fellowship. Students also represented our school beyond Ravenshoe, with Year 6 attending NAIDOC celebrations at Mount St Bernard College, and Year 4 and 6 participating in the Western Deanery Mass at St Stephen's Catholic College, Mareeba.

It was truly a week of faith, community, and shining our light for others.



From the Principal's Desk

The term has been incredibly busy so far, and there is certainly no sign of things slowing down, with a number of exciting events coming up over the next few weeks.

We would love to see everyone at our NAIDOC Celebration on Monday 10 August from 11:40am to 1:40pm. This special event will include First Nations dance performances from students at Ravenshoe State High School and Mount St Bernard College, Herberton. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate culture, history and achievement.

Parents are warmly invited to attend our Family and Community Connect Meeting on Tuesday 11 August at 9:00am. These termly meetings provide a valuable opportunity to hear what is happening across the school, ask questions, and share ideas for the future.

On Wednesday 12 August at 10:00am, we will be holding our Open Day. While this event is aimed at families who are still deciding which school to enrol their children in, it is certainly not just for future Prep families. Anyone interested in learning more about what makes St Teresa's such a special place is welcome to attend. If you know of families who may be interested, please help us spread the word.

As we begin planning for next year, we ask families to let the school know as soon as possible if their child will not be returning in 2027. This information is extremely helpful for budgeting, staffing, planning and resourcing for the year ahead.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held during Weeks 6 and 7. These interviews provide an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress and learning journey. From next Wednesday, parents will be able to make bookings through Booked, either via the link on the school website or through the MyCE App. Further information will be sent home this week.

This is also a timely reminder for all parents to download the MyCE App if you have not already done so, as it is our primary communication platform. If you need assistance installing or accessing the app, please contact Renae in the office, who will be happy to help.

One of our major fundraising events, the Cent Sale, will be held on Saturday 22 August. We would love to see our families supporting this important community event. Thank you to everyone who has already donated prizes or offered assistance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Finally, we ask parents to please reinforce with children that toys should not be brought from home to school. These items can often become a distraction during learning time and can sometimes cause disappointment when they are lost or damaged. The school provides a range of toys and activities for students to enjoy during break times, so there is no need for additional toys to be brought from home.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing these upcoming events with our school community and appreciate all that you do to support your children's learning and wellbeing.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Katrina



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Catholic Identity In Action

Catholic Education Week was a wonderful celebration across our Diocese and a special opportunity to reflect on what makes our school community unique. This year's theme, "Share Your Light, Inspire Others," was evident throughout the week as students and staff embraced opportunities to use their gifts to support and encourage one another.

During our Catholic Education Week Mass, Fr Roy shared The Pencil's Tale. Like a pencil, each of us has been created with purpose and possesses gifts that can make a positive difference in the lives of others. The story reminded us that mistakes can be corrected, our true value comes from within, and every action we take leaves a lasting mark. Fr Roy encouraged us to use our God-given talents to shine Christ's light in our school and community.



Our Lunch by the Labyrinth was another highlight of the week. It was wonderful to see students, staff and families come together in a welcoming environment. Events like these strengthen the bonds within our community, and we look forward to hosting more opportunities for connection in the future.

Next week, our school community will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, with Mass commencing at 9:30am on Tuesday. The Assumption celebrates our belief that Mary was taken body and soul into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. This feast reminds us of Mary's faith, trust, and obedience to God and encourages us to follow her example as disciples of Christ. We warmly invite our families and parish community to join us for this special celebration.

Parish News

On Tuesday evening, Catherine, Clayton, Elijah, Imelee, Lachlan, and Theo achieved the important milestone, receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Bishop Joe, Fr Roy, and Fr Santhosh joined our parish community for this special celebration.

In his homily, Bishop Joe reminded the candidates that they are never alone. Through these sacraments, they are strengthened by the support of their family, friends, parish community, their chosen Confirmation saint, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus, who journeys with them each day.



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LIBRARY CORNER

I have had a couple of students return their LOVE to READ Challenge forms already! I hope everyone is enjoying it and perhaps finding new books to try for this challenge. There is still time to complete this, as it doesn't finish until the end of week 6. If you need another form, please see me in the library.

We have three weeks until Book Week and we have purchased and received all the shortlisted books for this year. I am in the process of cataloguing them and they will be available after Book Week celebrations. Maybe one of them might inspire your costume this year! I can't wait to see what creations you come up with this year. The staff have chosen their costumes already! I wonder how many students will recognise what book we're from.



COUNTRY OF THE WEEK:

France



Here is a link to a short video on France: <https://clickv.ie/w/pk5AnS6>

ClickView link for a short video on the Globe: <https://clickv.ie/w/lmUGeAd>

Warm regards,
Morgan Reynolds



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Fortnightly Focus:

We use strategies to solve problems.

This means helping students learn that when they face a challenge, they can pause, think about different options, and choose a positive way forward rather than giving up. Families can support this focus at home by encouraging children to talk through problems, asking questions such as, "What could you try?" or "What are some possible solutions?" Celebrating effort, persistence, and problem-solving helps children build confidence and resilience when faced with everyday challenges.

AT ST TERESA'S WE ...

LEARN BRAVELY, LOVE KINDLY, LIVE TRUTHFULLY

	KNOWLEDGE	LOVE	TRUTH
ALWAYS	- We don't give up when things are hard - We use a positive growth mindset to keep learning	- We care for ourselves and others every day - We use positive self-talk - We support and include others	- We are trustworthy by telling the truth. - We acknowledge our strengths and weaknesses
INSIDE	- We are ready to learn with an open mind - We try our best in our learning - We keep going when learning feels hard	- We care for ourselves and our belongings - We use kind and respectful words	- 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 keep trying when play or activities are challenging We use strategies to solve problems	- We show care through fair play and helping others - We look out for others during play and movement	- We act responsibly and follow rules - We use kind words when speaking to others

Celebrating 50 Years Deadly

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK 2026

DATE:
Monday, 10 August

TIME:
11:40 am – 1:40 pm

LOCATION:
St Teresa's Ravenshoe

COME AND ENJOY

- Arts and Crafts
- Music and Dancing
- Community Connection
- Food and Refreshments

NAIDOC WEEK THEME

50 YEARS DEADLY

50 years of visibility, resistance, pride and deadly achievement

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Students, families, carers, staff and community members are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration.

WALKING TOGETHER • LEARNING TOGETHER • CELEBRATING TOGETHER

Under 8's day

WE ARE ON THE MOVE!

HOBBY HORSE RODEO

FACE PAINT

ROADWORKS CREW

BUILD A BOAT

PAPER PLANE AIRPORT

STORY TIME

THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

9:30 - 11:30 Activities

11:30 Sausage sizzle

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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!

Help US Prepare for 2027

Planning for the 2027 school year is already underway. If your child/ren will **not be re-turning to St Teresa's in 2027**, please notify the school as soon as possible. This information is essential for staffing, budgeting and class planning to ensure we can best meet the needs of our students.

If you know of families considering enrolling at St Teresa's next year but who have not yet submitted an enrolment application, we encourage you to ask them to do so as soon as possible. Early enrolment information assists us greatly in planning for another successful year. Thank you for your support.



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Be Prep ready for 2027!



Do you have a child starting Prep in 2027?
Why not come for a visit we'd love to show you around.

St Teresa's invites you to come and participate in our Prep Transition mornings in Term 4.
See dates below.



St Teresa's School, Ravenshoe		
Any time before beginning school	Book a health check for your preschool age child with your GP or at the Mamu Health Clinic. Hearing and Vision checks are advised before beginning school.	
Any time	Book a school tour with Principal, Ms Katrina Miller. Enrolment packs and information are available at the School Office.	
Date	Prep Transition Session	Parent Session
Wednesday 15 th of October	Prep Classroom Exploration - join us for number games, number search pattern activities, craft and classroom play with our current Prep students. We will also enjoy a morning tea together. Please bring a hat, snack, drink and lunchbox.	Meet and Greet: Principal's Welcome & Curriculum Chat
Tuesday 20 th of October	Teddy Bears Picnic - bring your favourite soft toy to visit as well as a hat, snack, and a drink in a lunchbox. - visit St Teresa's Library & share a story.	Meet Our Support Team: Leader of Diversity, Speech Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist & School Counsellor
Monday 26 th of October	Come and learn about your Specialist classes - who you will meet, where you will go and how to feel comfortable when moving around the school.	School Systems and Processes: Learn about the school systems and process that keep you up-to-date with what's happening at school
Tuesday 3 rd of November	Outdoor Fun - Bring a hat, snack, and a drink in a lunchbox. - Explore the playground and have a go on our obstacle course.	VPG (Guest speakers): Anxiety and Transitioning to Prep & Healthy Lunchboxes



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OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY
12TH AUGUST

10am - 11am

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The Big 6 of Reading at St Teresa's Part 3

Phonics is the understanding that there is a relationship between the individual sounds (the phonemes) of spoken language and the letters (graphemes) that represent those sounds in written language. The aim is to systematically teach students the relationship between the sounds and the written spelling patterns, or graphemes, which represent them.

At St Teresa's students are taught using the Get Reading Right resources and sequence of letter-sounds.

Simple ways we can help our children learn phonics:

- Practise learning the sound that a letter makes.
- Showing or writing a letter and asking children what sound the letter makes.
- Blending sounds together to form simple words eg. c-a-t
- Say a sound and ask children to write the letter down that matches the sound.
- Encourage children to borrow books from the library and sit with children while they read.
- Read to children and point out the letter that is making you say that sound.

Some words children encounter will not follow the simple letter-sound correspondence. Some words need to be learnt by rote (eg. said, the).

- Practising how to read and spell these words is essential.



St Teresa's STARS REPORT

Mia



Mia is 5 years old, her favourite colour is blue. Her favourite foods are sushi, pizza and spaghetti bolognese. She hates onions! Her hobby is basketball. Finally her favourite animal is a wolf.

By Drew and Lawrence

Cohen



Cohen is 7 years old. His favourite colour is orange. The best food in the world is prawns. The worst food is steak. Cohen likes long jump. Minecraft is his favourite game.

By Stella

Tahmani



Tahmani is 8 years old. She loves purple and pink. She goes crazy for chips, toast and pasta, but she dislikes broccoli. In her free time she likes to play with her puppy. She loves puppies and kittens. Tahmani loves to make new friends.

By Hannah

O'Shea



O'Shea is 10 years old. His favourite colours are purple and black. He thinks chips, pizza and sushi are the bomb. He does not want to ever eat raw meat! He likes the sport baseball. His favourite animal is a pademelon!

By Henry K

Fun question: Would you rather be an echidna or a platypus?
By Freya

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mobile Women's Health Service



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 19th August	Ph: 4097 6223
Mount Garnet Primary Health Centre	Thursday 20th August	Ph: 4097 4800

EVERY FAMILY TABLELANDS TERM 3 2026 SCHEDULE

After Hours - Responding to Behaviour - ZOOM
Tuesday 28th July - 5:30 - 7:00pm

Triple P Parenting Program - ZOOM
2 x Thursdays 30 July & 13 August | 9:30am-11:30am

Triple P Parenting Program - MALANDA
3 x Tuesdays - 4th, 18th August & 1st September - 1:15 - 2:45pm

Circle of Security (Abridged) - MAREEBA
3 x Tuesdays - 11th, 25th August & 8th Sep - 10:30am - 12:45pm

After Hours - Navigating Screen Time - ZOOM
Thursday 27th August | 5:30pm-7:00pm

Raising Resilient Children - ATHERTON
Friday 28th August - 9:30 - 11am

Raising Respectful Children - ZOOM
Thursday 3rd September | 1:00pm-2:30pm

Digital Parent Toolkit - ATHERTON
Friday 11th September - 9:30 - 11:30am

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WITH CHILDREN AGED 0-12