

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 19th Sept - 5th October—School Holidays
- October - Month of the Rosary
- **Tuesday 6th Oct—Term 4 Begins**
- Wednesday 14th October - Prep Transition Session #1 @ 9am

TERM 4 REMINDERS

- We will begin using the new, temporary bus stop on Moffat St. Please keep clear of parked cars.
- Our new fence will be installed over the holidays. Entry to the school between 8:50am and 2:50pm will be via Rankine St.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Friday 20th Nov - End of Year Concert @ 1:00pm
- Tuesday 1st Dec - Year 6 Graduation Mass @5pm

St Teresa's Got Talent!

Students wowed the audience at this year's St Teresa's Got Talent, showcasing an incredible range of skills and creativity. The variety of acts included singers, musicians, a drummer, guitarist, percussion group, DJ, stand-up comedian and even a roller skater, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy.

We were privileged to welcome our judges, Catholic Education Executive Director Durm O'Riordan, Bishop Joe Caddy and Jacinta Roberts (Identity and Outreach Consultant), who generously gave their time to support and encourage our students. It was also wonderful to see so many family members attend and cheer on our talented performers.

The show was a fantastic celebration of confidence, creativity and community spirit. Congratulations to all of our performers for sharing their talents and helping make the event such a memorable success.

We can't wait to see what talents take the stage next year!



From the Principal's Desk

What an incredible term it has been at St Teresa's! As I reflect on the past ten weeks, I am amazed by how much we have accomplished together. From learning opportunities and sporting events to performances, celebrations and community gatherings, we have certainly packed a lot into the term. I think it is fair to say that we all deserve a well-earned rest before returning refreshed and ready to make even more wonderful memories in Term 4.

I would also like to share how truly blessed and grateful I feel to have been appointed as the permanent Principal of St Teresa's School. It has been a privilege to lead this community, and I am excited to continue the wonderful work we have already started together. Most importantly, I am delighted to remain part of such a supportive, faith-filled and welcoming school community.

I would like to sincerely thank our families, staff and parish community for their faith, trust and support during what has been an uncertain time for the school. Your encouragement, kindness and commitment to St Teresa's have meant so much and have been instrumental in helping us move forward with confidence and optimism.

A special thank you also goes to the many volunteers who have generously given their time and talents throughout the term. Whether helping at events, supporting classrooms, assisting with fundraising or contributing in countless other ways, your involvement enriches our school community and is deeply appreciated.

Finally, thank you to our parents and carers for continuing to prioritise school attendance and sending your children to school each day ready to learn. Regular attendance plays a vital role in student success, and your partnership in supporting your child's education is invaluable.

I wish all our families a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting Term 4.

Katrina Miller
Acting Principal

Fortnightly Focus:

We try to do our best work.



When we return for Term 4, our Focus of the Fortnight will be "We Try to Do Our Best Work." This focus encourages students to take pride in everything they do by showing effort, persistence and a positive attitude towards learning. Doing our best work does not mean being perfect. It means giving our best effort, learning from mistakes, staying focused and continuing to improve. Parents can support this focus at home by encouraging children to complete tasks independently, praising effort rather than results, establishing routines that support homework and reading, and talking about the importance of perseverance when things become challenging. By working together, we can help our students develop confidence, resilience and a strong commitment to learning.

Catholic Identity In Action

Today, our school community gathered to celebrate the Feast Day of St Thérèse of Lisieux, our patron saint. It was wonderful to welcome Bishop Joe who presided over our Feast Day Mass. We also extend our sincere thanks to the parents, families, parishioners, and invited guests who joined us for this special celebration. Your presence helped make the day a meaningful expression of faith and community.

St Thérèse of Lisieux, often known as The Little Flower, dedicated her life to loving God through simple acts of kindness, humility, and trust. Her mission was to show that even the smallest actions, when done with great love, can make a difference. As a school community, we are called to follow her example by caring for others, showing compassion, and using our gifts to serve those around us.

Looking ahead to next term, we are excited to participate in Socktober, an initiative that raises awareness and funds for vulnerable children and communities around the world. Through fun activities and acts of generosity, Socktober encourages us to put our faith into action and support those in need. We look forward to embracing this important mission as we continue to live out the values inspired by St Thérèse.



The splendour of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent, nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."

St Thérèse of Lisieux

Parish News

October is the Month of Mary, a special time in the Church dedicated to honouring the Mother of Jesus. Throughout the month, our school will join with the parish community each Tuesday to pray the Rosary, reflecting on the life of Christ through Mary's eyes. Families are welcome to join in celebrating Mary's faith, trust, and loving example of discipleship.



Year 6 CAMP HIGHLIGHTS



ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

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 14th of October 9am	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 20th of October 9am	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 26th of October 9am	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 3rd of November 9am	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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18 September 2026

Dear Bishop Joe Caddy, clergy, staff, parents, carers and students of the St Teresa's School, Ravenshoe community,

Re: Appointment of Ms Katrina Miller as Principal of St Teresa's School, Ravenshoe

I am pleased to formally announce the appointment of Ms Katrina Miller as Principal of St Teresa's School, Ravenshoe. Katrina, who has been serving as Acting Principal, has been successful in securing this appointment on a permanent basis.

Katrina is a highly experienced Catholic educator and leader who has served the Diocese of Cairns with distinction, dedication and faith. Throughout her career, she has held a range of significant leadership roles, including Acting Principal, Assistant Principal Religious Education, Curriculum Coordinator and classroom teacher. She holds a Master of Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Education (Primary), and brings to the role a deep commitment to Catholic identity, excellence in learning and teaching, pastoral care, and the holistic development of every student.

Katrina's leadership has been demonstrated through her acting principal appointments across a number of school communities, including St Teresa's School, Ravenshoe; St Francis Xavier's School, Manunda; St Joseph's School, Parramatta Park; St Augustine's School, Mossman; and St Thomas' School, Mareeba. In each of these contexts, she has provided considered, faith-filled and capable leadership, working collaboratively with staff, families, students and parish communities to support continuity, strengthen relationships and advance school improvement.

During her time at St Teresa's, Katrina has already demonstrated her capacity to lead with stability, care and purpose. She has worked closely with the school community to strengthen relationships, support staff, nurture Catholic identity, and honour the proud story of St Teresa's as a welcoming and faith-filled community in Ravenshoe.

Please join me in congratulating Katrina on her permanent appointment as Principal of St Teresa's School, Ravenshoe. We give thanks for her generous leadership and pray God's blessing upon Katrina and the St Teresa's community as they commence this next chapter together.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Diarmuid O'Riordan
Executive Director

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LIBRARY CORNER

Thank you everyone for a fantastic term, with the highlight in the library being Book Week and Book Fair. The new books that were purchased from Book Fair with our rewards, as well as the new Book Week Shortlisted books are now available to borrow. Thank you to Miss Karina, Miss Vicki and Mrs Smith for helping cover all the new books. The students have already started borrowing them with plenty still to check out. I hope you find a great book to enjoy over the holidays!



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A Message from the ILO

NAIDOC Week

This term was a big one for our Indigenous community as we celebrated NAIDOC Week.

Our Year 6 students were invited to attend the MSB NAIDOC Celebration where they enjoyed a fantastic day of culture, connection, food, face painting, community stalls and games. A highlight of the day was watching the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance groups proudly perform and share their culture.



In Week 5, we held our own school NAIDOC celebration and were fortunate to welcome the MSB dancers to perform for our students. We also enjoyed local Jirrbal dances performed by Ravenshoe State School students. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate culture, strengthen community connections, and connect with Country.



Good Quick Tukka Program

Our Indigenous students in Years 4-6 also participated in the Good Quick Tukka Program delivered by Deadly Choices this term.

Over six weekly sessions, students learned about healthy eating, nutrition, and making positive food choices. They took part in a variety of fun activities, including guessing the sugar content of popular drinks, making healthy fruit cups and wraps, and a blindfolded fruit and vegetable taste test that had everyone laughing!

Students also learned about the different food groups and how healthy foods help fuel our bodies and minds. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to participate each week.



Next term, our Prep to Year 3 Indigenous students will have the opportunity to take part in the Deadly Choices Indigenous Games Program, beginning in Week 2 of Term 4. If you have not yet returned your child's permission slip, it is not too late. Please return it to the school office.

Grace Reynolds
Indigenous Liaison Officer

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SENIOR St Teresa's **STARS REPORT**

It is cool to BEE a senior at school.

Oscar



Oscar is eleven years old and he started at St Teresa's in 2020. Oscar said the best part of being in Grade 6 was school camp to Cobbold Gorge. The camp is actually Oscar's favourite memory at school. He stated that at St Teresa's School, the people are nice. Oscar is looking forward to meeting new people in high school.
Reported by Brookie

Drew



Drew is eleven years old and has been at St Teresa's since Prep! Drew enjoys the privileges and the responsibility of Grade 6. Drew's most fond memory of the year was Mrs Miller telling him he was going to be House Captain for 2026. Drew thinks the best part of St Teresa's School is that students go on lots of excursions. He is looking forward to taking on harder work in high school.
Reported by Kesley and Shiloh

Joel



Joel is eleven and he started in Grade 3 at St Teresa's. The best part of Grade 6 for Joel is all the sports he gets to play. Joel will always fondly remember his class mates. He thinks that St Teresa's puts on fantastic events. Joel is looking forward to high school as he will get to see friends from last year.

Reported by Theo

Freya



Freya is eleven and she started Prep here. Freya said the best part of Grade 6 is her friends, school camp and 3 o'clock. She is looking forward to doing music and drama as high school subjects. Freya said that St Teresa's has kind staff, teachers and her favourite memory of primary school is playing Dungeons and Dragons with her friends.

Reported by Ivy

Q: How do bees get to school? A: On the school buzz!

COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS COOKING WORKSHOP

Ravenshoe Community Centre
3 Bolton Street, Ravenshoe
Thursday 24th September, 2026
9:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Ravenshoe QCWA are hosting a **FREE** Country Kitchens healthy cooking workshop for kids. Learn interesting food facts, cooking skills, and prepare some delicious food together!

What's included?

- Morning tea
- Recipe booklet
- Apron

Places are limited!
Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code OR contact Ravenshoe Community Centre on 4097 6726



Open to primary school aged children, however families with younger children can be accommodated. Remember to wear closed in shoes.



RSVP by 22nd Sep

Maalan Monster Community Art Competition

The Maalan Monster Art Competition closes at 5.00 pm on Friday 2nd October so plenty of time to get creative over the school holidays! 😊

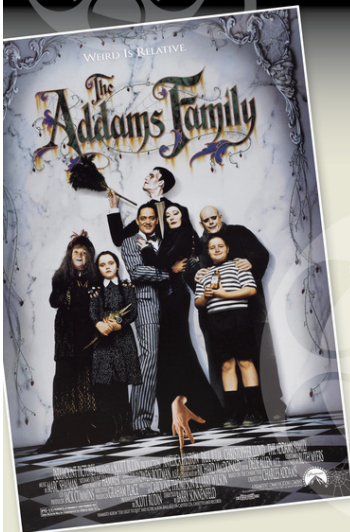
Entries can be drawings, paintings or sculptures of the Maalan Monster and need to be dropped off at the Ravenshoe Post Office. (Entry forms will be available at the Ravenshoe Post Office.)

Entries will be displayed at the Torimba Pop Up Gallery under the Ravenshoe Town Hall (on Herbert Street) from 10 to 24 October.

The \$2,100 prize pool for the Maalan Monster Art Competition is as follows:

Kindy, Prep & Year 1	First Prize: \$50 cash Second Prize: \$30 cash Third Prize: \$20 cash
Year 2 & 3	First Prize: \$50 cash Second Prize: \$30 cash Third Prize: \$20 cash
Year 4, 5 & 6	First Prize: \$50 cash Second Prize: \$30 cash Third Prize: \$20 cash
Year 7 & 8	First Prize: \$200 cash Second Prize: \$150 cash Third Prize: \$100 cash
Year 9 & 10	First Prize: \$200 cash Second Prize: \$150 cash Third Prize: \$100 cash
Year 11 & 12	First Prize: \$200 cash Second Prize: \$150 cash Third Prize: \$100 cash
Open Category	First Prize: \$200 gift voucher Second Prize: \$150 gift voucher Third Prize: \$100 gift voucher





Priors Creek *Live!*

Creekside Family Cinema

6.30pm Saturday 3 October
@ Priors Creek Parklands Amphitheatre

Priors Creek PARKLANDS
Mabi Way, Atherton



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Eligibility

Parent Pathways is for parents and carers who:

- have a child aged under 6
- are not in paid employment
- live in an area where there is a Parent Pathways provider

You must also be getting:

- Parenting Payment
- Carer Payment
- Special Benefit

You are also eligible if you're not getting a Centrelink payment, and are either:

- under 22 years old
- an early school leaver (parents who don't have a Year 12 qualification)
- a First Nations parent or carer

dewr.gov.au/parentpathways



Supporting parents and carers in planning their future

We're here to support parents' goals while they're doing the most important job of all.

Where to find more information

You can find more information on Parent Pathways at: dewr.gov.au/parentpathways

Need extra support?

Many parents and carers experience extra challenges from time to time. You can talk to your mentor about finding practical, emotional, or personal support, as well as information and advice. If you need to exit Parent Pathways or take a break you can do that too. If you need immediate help you can call Lifeline Australia on 13 11 14.

Voluntary. Personalised. Flexible.





National Parent Survey

The Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) 2026 Parent Survey on **Student Wellbeing and Learning** is interested in the perspectives of parents/carers of one or more children who attend a Catholic School in Australia.

Parents/carers who would like to share their views on existing and emerging concerns and interests they may have in relation to their child/children's wellbeing and learning are invited to consider completing this anonymous, confidential, and completely voluntary online survey.

More information about the study, how to have any questions answered and how to participate can be found by clicking the link [here](#).

Thank you for your interest.

This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of New England (Approval No. HE-2026-3196-6429, Valid to 18/12/2026).

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What is Parent Pathways?

Parent Pathways is a voluntary service that can help you identify and achieve your future goals. The service is flexible, accessible and considerate of your individual circumstances.

You'll work with a mentor who will support you throughout your time in Parent Pathways. You'll receive tailored advice, guidance and resources in a supportive and safe environment, where your children are always welcome.



dewr.gov.au/parentpathways

What your Parent Pathways mentor can help you with



Local services

- Family and domestic violence support
- Joining local community groups for connection and support
- Access to or help finding child care
- Linking you with services to support the health of you and your family

Financial assistance

You can get help to cover certain costs towards your future goals. This could include assistance to purchase a computer, get your licence, buy tools, equipment or a uniform to help with getting a job. The amount of financial support depends on your unique needs, future goals and current circumstances.

Skills and training

Your Parent Pathways mentor will work with you to think about what you might like to do now and in the future. Your mentor can support you to do a training course, get a certificate or qualification or develop a new skill.





Services Australia

Australian Government mobile service centres



Serving regional Australia

Visit the mobile service centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

We can also help veterans and their families connect to the Department of Veterans' Affairs phone line and online services.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

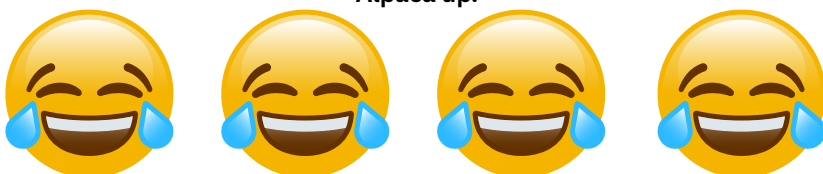
JOKE CORNER

Why can't basketball players go on summer vacation?

They'd get called for travelling!

What did one llama say to the other when it was time to go on vacation?

"Alpaca up."



RAVENSHOE

Thursday, 1 October 2026 9 am to 4 pm

Friday, 2 October 2026 9 am to 2 pm

Near the train museum, Grigg Street

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



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QCWA Ravenshoe Branch
CLOTHING SALE
Cheap, Cheap, Cheap!

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER | **SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER**
 From 10am onwards
Ravenshoe Branch Hall
 15 Herbert Street, Ravenshoe

Bring a bag or 2
 find something you like
 or find something
 for a friend.

Everyone Welcome!

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 QCWA Ravenshoe Branch

A stronger community, together.



Breast Cancer RAFFLE
3 TICKETS FOR \$5
 SUPPORTING BREAST CANCER

Three wonderful prizes to be won!

1st Prize
 Crystal Art
 Millstream Falls Picture

2nd Prize
 Lap Patchwork Quilt
 Compliments of Ellen Parker

3rd Prize
 Pink Flamingo Soft Toy
 Made by Concen

Tickets on sale from **15 SEPTEMBER 2026** | Drawn Saturday, **17 OCTOBER 2026**
 at Torimba Dessert Day

Tickets available locally around Ravenshoe
 in place of the \$100 board during this period.

Thank you for supporting
 QCWA Ravenshoe Branch
 and this important cause.

Community Cares

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 12 differences between these two pictures?

