ST TERESA'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Learn Bravely | Love Kindly | Live Truthfully

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 17th Oct - Torimba Parade - Meet at Ravenshoe Mower shop @ 2.15pm
- 20th Oct - Prep Transition Session # 2 @ 9am
- 23rd Oct - Crazy Sock Day
- 26th Oct - Prep Transition Session # 3 @ 9am
- 30th Oct - Day for Daniel - Wear red
- 30th Oct - World Teachers Day
- 4th November - Family and Community Meeting @ 8:45am

SAVE THE DATE!

- Friday 20th Nov - End of Year Concert @ 1:00pm
- Friday 27th Nov - Christmas Disco @ 6pm
- Tuesday 1st Dec - Year 6 Graduation Mass @5pm

Our 2027 Preps Are on Their Way!

There was plenty of excitement on Wednesday as we welcomed our 2027 Preps to their very first transition session! Our future students had the opportunity to begin getting to know their new school, while parents learned more about St Teresa's, the Prep curriculum and what a typical school day will look like.

There were some very happy faces when each child received a goody bag and their very own Prep uniform shirt to wear to the remaining transition sessions and, of course, to school next year!

We loved welcoming our newest little members of the St Teresa's community and can't wait to see them again at our next transition session.










From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Term 4!

I hope all of our students, families and staff enjoyed a relaxing holiday break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends. It is wonderful to welcome everyone back to St Teresa's for what promises to be another busy and exciting term.

As we begin the term, I would like to remind families about the importance of regular school attendance. Every day at school matters. Consistent attendance supports learning, friendships, wellbeing and students' sense of belonging. Thank you to our families for continuing to make regular and punctual attendance a priority.

A reminder also that students are expected to wear the correct school uniform each day. Wearing our uniform correctly helps build a sense of pride, belonging and identity as members of the St Teresa's community. I appreciate parents' support in helping us maintain these expectations.

Thank you for your patience

I would like to sincerely thank our families for their patience, understanding and cooperation with the introduction of our temporary bus stop arrangements. Changes such as these can take a little time to become familiar, and I am grateful for the way families have worked with us to support the new arrangements. Your cooperation helps us keep arrival and departure times as safe and orderly as possible.

Family & Community Connect

Parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to our next Family & Community Connect meeting on Wednesday, 4th November.

This is an opportunity to come along, hear about what is happening at St Teresa's, learn more about our current priorities and activities, and stay connected with the life of our school. One of the great strengths of St Teresa's is our sense of community, and we value the contribution and involvement of our families. We would love to see you there!

Complaints and Grievances

Finally, I would like to remind families that we are committed to respectful, open and constructive communication. From time to time, parents or carers may have a concern or issue they wish to raise. Families are encouraged to communicate with the school so that concerns can be appropriately addressed.

Information about the formal Complaints and Grievances process is available through the Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns Conduct, Complaints and Grievances webpage.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of St Teresa's. I am looking forward to another positive term of learning, growth and community, and to seeing our students continue to Learn bravely, Love kindly and Live truthfully.

Warm regards,
Katrina Miller
Principal

Catholic Identity In Action

This year, St Teresa's will once again take part in Socktober, a fun and meaningful initiative that supports the work of Catholic Mission. On the 23rd of October, students are invited to wear their silliest, brightest, or most colourful socks to school for a gold coin donation. To add to the excitement, we will also hold a soccer shoot-out during morning tea, bringing our school community together for some fun while supporting an important cause.

Socktober encourages young people to put their faith into action by raising awareness and funds for vulnerable children and communities around the world. Through Catholic Mission, the funds raised help provide access to education, healthcare, nutrition, and safe living environments for children and families experiencing poverty and hardship.

By participating in Socktober, our school community is living out the Gospel call to care for others and make a positive difference in the world. We look forward to seeing everyone get involved, wearing their silly socks with pride, and helping support children in need.



Parish News

Throughout October, the Month of the Rosary, St Teresa's students have been joining parishioners each Tuesday to pray the Rosary and will continue to do so for the remainder of the month. The Rosary is a cherished Catholic prayer that invites us to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through Mary's eyes. As we pray, we are reminded of Mary's faith, trust, and love for God. It has been wonderful to see our students praying alongside parish members, strengthening the connection between our school and parish communities as we grow together in faith.



Day for Daniel – Wear Red, Educate & Donate

On **Friday 30 October**, our school community will recognise Day for Daniel, Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day.

Students and families are encouraged to **wear RED** and help us promote the important message of keeping children safe. Day for Daniel supports children to learn how to **recognise, react, and report** when something doesn't feel safe.

Families who would like to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation can also make a donation. Donations help support the Foundation's work in child safety education and resources for children and families.

- **Wear Red**
- **Educate**
- **Donate**

Every contribution helps support the important message that ***keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility***.

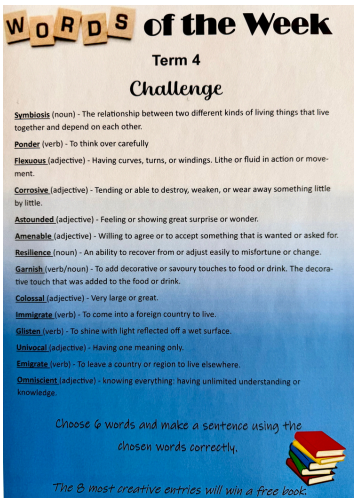
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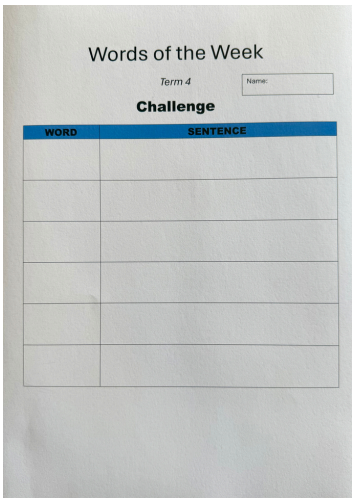
Term 4 already! As this term is only 9 weeks long, library borrowing will finish in week 7 and we aim to get all books returned in week 8. This allows me to put all the books back into the library and ready for next year. If you have any concerns about any books that you can't find, please feel free to come and see me.



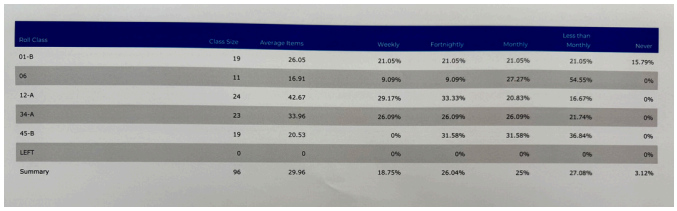
We have new non-fiction books in the library from one of our subscriptions which are now available for borrowing.

The Term 4 Words of the Week challenge is out and ready for those who want to challenge themselves. New books up for grabs for eight students with the most creative sentences entered. Forms are in the library.





Some borrower stats for the year so far: Congratulations to the year 1/2 class for having the most students borrowing every week and fortnight. Other classes weren't far behind. As the term continues, I will be getting reports on who our best borrowers are in each year level. Prizes up for grabs!



Roll Class	Class Size	Average Items	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Less than Monthly	Never
01-B	19	26.05	21.05%	21.05%	21.05%	21.05%	15.79%
06	11	16.91	9.09%	9.09%	27.27%	54.55%	0%
12-A	24	42.67	29.17%	33.33%	20.83%	16.67%	0%
34-A	23	33.96	26.09%	26.09%	26.09%	21.74%	0%
45-B	19	20.53	0%	31.58%	31.58%	36.84%	0%
LEFT	0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Summary	96	29.96	18.75%	26.04%	25%	27.08%	3.12%

World Food Day is today! The 2026 theme is, "Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow." You may wish to talk to your kids about where their food comes from and thank a farmer. Here are some ClickView clips to watch and enjoy:

[BTN: Farm Kids]

[The Fourth Industrial Revolution - Food]

[Change Champs: Let's Visit a Farm]



Have a great weekend!
Morgan Reynolds

Fortnightly Focus:

We show care through fair play and helping others.



This means treating others with kindness and respect, playing by the rules, taking turns, including others and offering a helping hand when someone needs it. At school, students can demonstrate this by being a good sport, encouraging their classmates, sharing fairly, helping someone who is finding something difficult and noticing when others may need support. Families can reinforce this at home by encouraging children to help with everyday tasks, play games fairly, celebrate others' successes and talk about how their words and actions can make others feel valued and included. Small acts of kindness make a big difference!

School Fees Reminder

Term 4 2026 School Fees & Levies have been sent to families / caregivers, the due date for payment is Friday, 23 October 2026. Please contact the finance department via email secretary.ravenshoe@cns.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions.

Should families wish to enter into a Direct Debit arrangement, forms are available at the front office.

Thank you to the families that have already paid!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme

Student Travel Rebates
Semester 2

Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your **family** spend more than **$40/week*** on bus/ferry fares to and from school (*$30/week if you, the parent, hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not owned or chartered by the school?

Students With Disability

- Was your child **included on the latest Commonwealth Census** as a student with a disability requiring **supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustments**?
- Does your child's **Personalised Learning Plan** confirm their transport needs are demonstrably different to those of their same aged peers by reason of their disability?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **Travel Capability Rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for our financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and **apply at SchoolTransport.com.au during October.**

Late applications cannot be accepted after 31st October.





CRICKET BLAST

4 WEEK PROGRAM
RAVENSHOE
FREE!

WHAT TO EXPECT:
- CRICKET BLAST ACTIVITIES & GAMES
- MODIFIED EQUIPMENT
- FUN AND INCLUSIVE

SCAN TO REGISTER!

PROGRAM DETAILS:
- STARTS TUESDAY 20TH OCT
- ROOKIES (GRADE 1&2)
- 3:15PM - 4:00PM
- CHALLENGERS (GRADE 3-6)
- 4:00PM - 5:00PM
- RAVENSHOE STATE HIGH SCHOOL CRICKET OVAL

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

CRICKET BLAST · CRICKET AUSTRALIA · QUEENSLAND CRICKET · Woolworths

PARADE DAY

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026
RAVENSHOE MAIN STREET

MARKET STALLS · DELICIOUS FOOD · LIVE MUSIC · KIDS ACTIVITIES · AND SO MUCH MORE!

ROAD CLOSURE REMINDER

SOFT ROAD CLOSURE BEGINS 12:30PM
FULL ROAD CLOSURE TAKES EFFECT 1:30PM

LIVE MUSIC KIDS OFF 1:45PM
TRUCK PARADE BEGINS 2:30PM
FIREWORKS TO FINISH THE EVENING

COME UP THE HILL AND SUPPORT OUR SMALL COMMUNITY

Children's Week Fun Afternoon Activities

Ravenshoe Community Centre Inc.

Children of all ages
Friday 23rd October 2026
2.30pm - 4.30pm
Craft, Face Painting, Activities, Sausage Sizzle

Youth (12-21yrs) Activities will continue
4.30pm - 6.00pm
Basket Ball, Table Tennis, Pool

Ravenshoe Community Centre
3 Bolton Street
Phone: 07 40976726 for more details

Children's Week 2026
24 October - 1 November