ST TERESA'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3rd November - Final Prep Transition Day @ 9am
- 3rd November - Year 6 Transition Day - RSHS @ 9am
- 4th November - Family and Community Meeting @ 8:45am
- 5th & 6th - Mrs Miller @Senior Leadership Conference

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





Seeing Red for Safety

Our Day for Daniel Commitment

Today, our school community proudly wore red to mark Day for Daniel, Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day. By dressing in red, students and staff joined thousands of people across the country in raising awareness of the importance of keeping children safe. Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe and continues his legacy by empowering children with the knowledge and confidence to recognise, react, and report unsafe situations.

As part of the day, students participated in Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson, a national educational initiative developed by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Through age-appropriate lessons and real-life scenarios, students explored important child safety concepts including speaking up when something does not feel right, identifying trusted adults, recognising warning signs, and understanding how to seek help when needed. The lessons are designed to equip children with practical strategies for staying safe both online and offline.

Day for Daniel is a powerful reminder that child safety is everyone's responsibility. By taking part in activities such as Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson, our students are developing the confidence and skills to protect themselves and support one another. We are proud to stand together as a community that values safety, respect, and wellbeing, ensuring that every child feels safe, supported, and empowered to thrive.

From the Principal's Desk



As we move into the final weeks of the school year, there is a real sense of excitement and celebration around St Teresa's. Today, we joined schools across Australia in celebrating World Teachers' Day, a wonderful opportunity to recognise the extraordinary dedication of our teaching staff. Teaching is far more than a profession. It is a vocation that requires patience, compassion, expertise, and an unwavering commitment to helping young people learn and flourish. Our teachers give so much of themselves each day, often well beyond the classroom, through planning, coaching, supporting, encouraging, and caring for every child entrusted to them. We are incredibly fortunate to have such talented and dedicated teachers at St Teresa's, and I thank them for the difference they make in the lives of our students every single day.

I would also like to remind families about our next Family and Community Connect meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 4th November at 8:45am in the library. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about what is happening around the school, share ideas, and contribute to future planning. One of the key agenda items will be a discussion about plans for our new playground. We hope to see many families there.

Families with children commencing Prep next year are reminded that our final Prep Transition session will be held on Tuesday 3rd November at 9:00am. As we finalise class structures for 2027, I ask families to let us know as soon as possible if they are aware of new enrolments or if their circumstances have changed and their child will not be returning next year. This information is extremely important as we complete our planning for staffing and classes.

There are also many exciting events on the horizon. Our End of Year Concert is fast approaching and will be held on 20th November at 1:00pm. Students have been enthusiastically learning lines, practising songs, and perfecting dance routines as they prepare to showcase their learning in The Arts with Mrs King. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of creativity and talent, and we look forward to seeing families there.

As our Year 6 students prepare for their transition to high school, families are reminded to keep an eye on the key transition dates that were sent home earlier this week, as well as our Year 6 Graduation Mass and Celebration on 1st December. On Friday 27th November, we will hold a special Fun Day at school to celebrate the end of another wonderful year of learning and recognise the hard work and achievements of our students throughout 2027. A highlight of the day will be a League Tag Showcase Match, where our Year 6 students will take on a mixed-age team. The Year 6 students have been training hard and are excited to demonstrate their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The celebrations will continue into the evening with our Christmas-themed School Disco, beginning at 6:00pm. There will be prizes for the best-dressed students, plenty of festive fun, and a wonderful opportunity for our school community to celebrate together. Please keep an eye out for the RSVP email that will be sent home shortly. We look forward to seeing many families join us as we bring another successful school year to a close.

Have a great weekend
Katrina Miller
Principal

Catholic Identity In Action

This fortnight, our school community enthusiastically participated in Socktober, with students arriving in their silliest, brightest, and most colourful socks. The celebrations continued with a soccer shoot-out in the shed, where students enjoyed some friendly competition while supporting a worthy cause. Funds raised from the day will be donated to Catholic Mission, helping provide education, healthcare, and essential support to vulnerable children and communities around the world. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the day such a success.









During assembly, we also launched our Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Hampers have been placed in each classroom, and we welcome donations of non-perishable food and Christmas items to support local families in need this festive season. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to put their faith into action through generosity and service. Donations will be collected until Week 9, and we thank families in advance for their support.

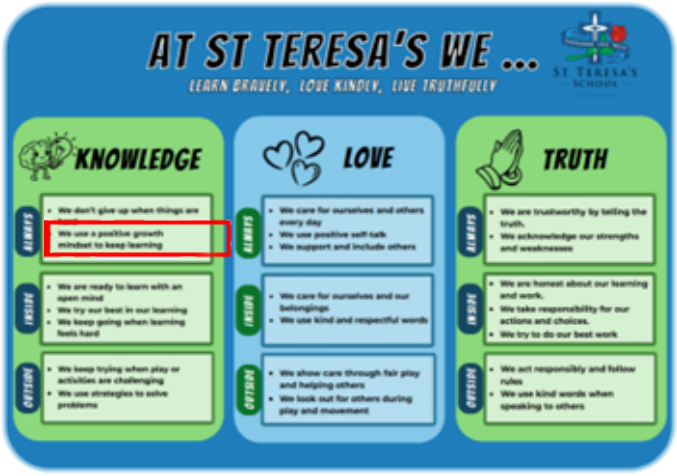
Parish News

This week also marked the conclusion of our Month of the Rosary celebrations. It was inspiring to see students, staff, parishioners, and families come together in prayer throughout October. We extend our sincere thanks to Fr Roy, Fr Santhosh, and the Ravenshoe Parish Community for joining us each week and helping strengthen the connection between our school and parish communities.



Fortnightly Focus:

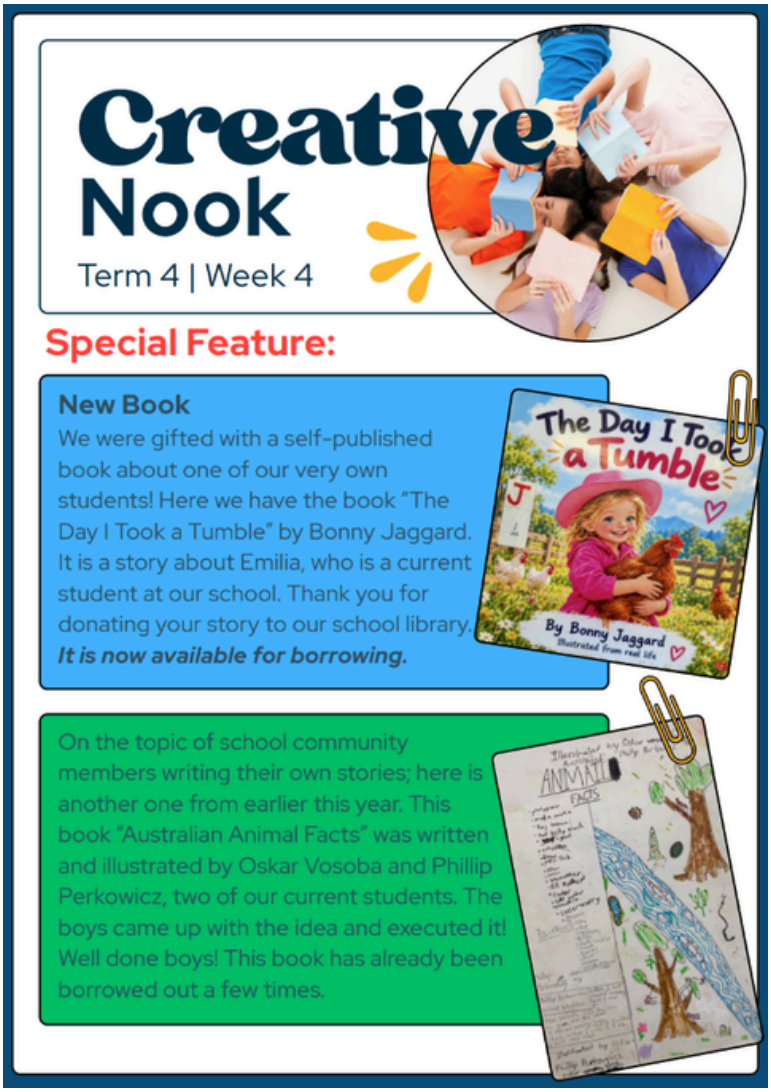
We use a positive growth mindset to keep learning.



As students move into the Semester 2 assessment and reporting period, we are focusing on the message: "We use a positive growth mindset to keep learning." A growth mindset helps students understand that learning takes effort, practice and perseverance. Challenges and mistakes are not failures. They are opportunities to learn and improve.

You can support this at home by encouraging your child to keep trying when work feels difficult, praising their effort, and reminding them that progress takes time. This positive attitude will help students approach assessments with confidence and continue growing as learners.

LIBRARY CORNER





COMMUNITY NEWS

Non-State Schools
Transport Assistance Scheme

Student Travel Rebates
Semester 2

Bus Fare Assistance

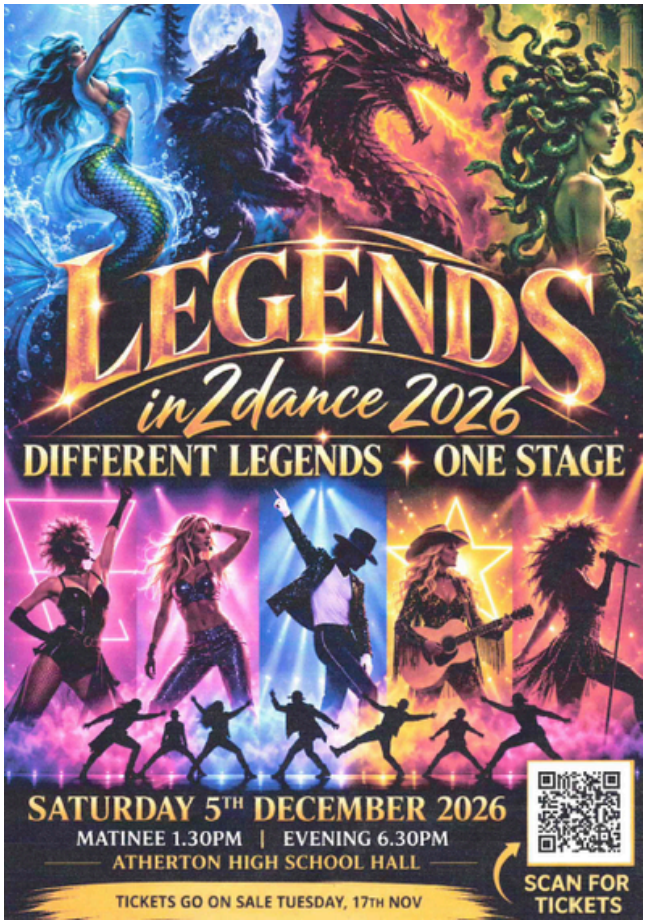
- Does your child attend a **non-state school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your **family** spend more than **$40/week*** on bus/ferry fares to and from school (*$30/week if you, the parent, hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available service** not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





Atherton Performing Arts is proud to present their 2026 Youth Theatre production of "Treasure Island" this November! "Treasure Island" follows young Jim Hawkins as he finds a map to buried pirate gold and faces off against the double-dealing Long John Silver.

This exciting new adaptation of the classic book by Robert Louis Stevenson brings all the action, adventure and intrigue of the original story into a fast-paced and atmospheric theatrical experience, in a show suitable for audiences of all ages.

This is a great introduction to theatre for children; however, it does contain some scenes of mild violence and threats.

Performance dates are November 13th, 14th, 15th, Nov 20th, 21st, 22nd

The role of Young Jim will be played by:
Charlee Twine - 14th, 20th, 22nd November
Wren Fogarty - 13th, 15th, 21st November

Tickets available at:
Tableland Books - Atherton
Online via Trybooking - "Treasure Island Atherton"
or at the Theatre Ticket booth (Cash only venue)

Mobile Women's Health Service
Queensland Government

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 25th November** Ph: 4097 6223
Mount Garnet Primary Health Centre — **Thursday 26th November** Ph: 4097 4800