Dear Parents/Caregivers,

If all goes to plan, our newsletter will be published in a different format from Week 4. Carole and I have training next week so we can let you know more when we do. In the next few weeks, we will be in the position to roll out what is known as Parent Paper Work; whereby we can send you forms and you can reply immediately, ticking appropriate boxes and signing permission forms. Debbie, Carole and I will be in Cairns on Monday, February 12 to learn more.

Our teachers have almost finalized their class websites and we will let you know when they are up and running. Katie Ball has provided help and support to the teachers in this venture.

Next Tuesday, February 6, we are running our annual Parent Information Session. This year, the format will be different. You are invited to join us in the library where different staff members will speak to and demonstrate the following:

- Morning Routines
- Our Social and Emotional Learning resource
- Class Websites
- Reading
- Homework
- Our Annual Improvement Plan

We will hold two sessions. Session 1: 3.30pm—4.30pm
Session 2: 4.45pm—5.45pm.

Basically, this is an opportunity to find out why we do what we do. Your children are welcome to play outside while the meetings are being held. Tea and Coffee will be available. Please give this careful consideration. As I say ad nauseum, your children cannot exist in two learning worlds. It is imperative that you know the language of learning in this context.

The AGM of the P and F was held on Monday and I have to say, attendance was really disappointing. Your new committee is as follows:

President: Jo O’Connell
Secretary: Nicole Yuen
Treasurer: Sharon Tresize.

Apart from Katie and myself, these ladies were the only three who attended. The next meeting will be held in the lead up to the fete on Monday, March 12.

Our Senior students who are hoping to be elected as sports captains and the cultural captain will deliver their speeches on Friday at 9.30am in the library. Because we have such a small cohort, there may be no need to vote. Please join us as it gives our young people valuable experience in speaking in front of an audience.

Preparations have begun for the St Patrick’s Day fete on Friday March 16. As usual, we are looking for helpers to either convene or help out with the stalls. Even an hour of your time will be greatly appreciated. Please add your name to the roster sent home yesterday so that our convener, Deacon Peter can sleep easily knowing all the stalls are organized. Students are permitted to wear coloured clothes tomorrow in return for bringing either a gold coin, a 1.25litre bottle of soft drink or something appropriate for the cent sale.

Thanks again for a wonderful start to our year and hopefully we will see you on Tuesday afternoon.

Warm regards,

Catherine.

“Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.” Aristotle.
Welcome back to the new school year and I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new students and families who have joined us at St Teresa’s this year.

**Friday 9th February - Opening School Liturgy**
Our first whole-school liturgy for the year will be celebrated next Friday morning at 9am. It will provide an opportunity to pray together as a school community for the coming year and is also a special celebration for our School and House captains who will receive their badges and be officially inducted into their roles and commit to being outstanding role models of our school community. The student leaders have already been busy in their roles organising the weekly assemblies.

**2018 – Year of the Youth**
2018 has been declared the Year of the Youth with the theme “Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy”. Each class will prepare something small to present at our opening liturgy based on the theme.

**Wednesday 14th February—Ash Wednesday**
Liturgy in the church at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome.

Warmest wishes,
Katie Ball

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Rustin & Savannah hard at work in the Year 2 room.

Our birthday students this week!
Erin, Tye, Charlie, Jackson, Braeden, Isabella, Savannah, Hasmin & Kira-Pearl.

Our first Visible Learner awards for the year.
Congratulations to you all!!
**LIBRARY TIMETABLE**

- **Tuesday**—Year 1, Year 3/4, Year 2
- **Wednesday**—Prep, Year 6
- **Thursday**—Year 5

Students are asked to bring their library bag in on these days to help protect their books.

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Could we please ask that tuckshop orders for Big Lunch and Little Lunch are put in separate bags. Also if you only want to order Little Lunch or just Big Lunch you may do so.

For parents who are on home bake—

Children just love chocolate or vanilla cupcakes with sprinkles on top!!

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**LUNCH TIME—ACTIVITIES**

- **Monday**—STEAM with Ms Ulanus
- **Tuesday**—Brainiac with Mrs Ball
- **Wednesday**—Choir with Mrs McKechnie
- **Thursday**—Chess with Mr Tyler

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We would like to welcome Ms Katherine Porche to St. Teresa’s School. Ms Porche is teaching our Year 1 class.

Welcome also to all our new students for 2018. We really hope you enjoy your school life here at St. Teresa’s.