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## FRIDAY 8 $^{\text {TH }}$ MARCH, 2024.

## Principal's Message

## OUR FOCUS ON STUDENTS

Our focus is to provide quality education for our students and enrich their human qualities consistent with the key points of difference of a Catholic school. As our students progress and complete their education, they will be:

- Discerning young people, formed in the values of Knowledge, Love and Truth within a Catholic faith community.
- Effective and respectful communicators.
- Creative and critical thinkers who solve problems and make responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.
- Self-directed, responsible, lifelong learners.
- Collaborative contributors who find meaning, dignity and purpose in work and life and who respect the rights of all and who contribute to the common good.


## Our Vision:

To offer every student in every school a world-class education enriched by their lived encounter with the Catholic faith.

With a commitment to the above statements, we are thrilled to share some exciting news regarding our school community.

As a result of our growing enrolments and the increasing complexities in our student's learning needs, we have been authorised to employ a new staff member. With great pleasure, I announce the appointment of Mrs. Wendell Majer, who will commence her role at our school on Monday, March 11, 2024.

Many members of our school community may already be familiar with Wendell, a long-time resident who has taught extensively throughout the Ravenshoe and Tablelands District over many years. Her experience and dedication to education make her a valuable addition to our team.

We kindly ask that you join us in extending a warm welcome to Wendell as she becomes part of our school community. Our staff is eager to benefit from her vast experience, and we are confident that she will significantly contribute to our student's academic and personal development.

Through consultation, dialogue, and careful examination of student data, we will work collaboratively to determine how Mrs. Wendell Majer can further enhance student engagement and support within our school. We are committed to ensuring every child receives the individualised attention and resources needed to succeed.

As always, we value your input and support in our efforts to provide the best possible education for your children. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how Mrs. Wendell Majer will be involved in our school community, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we embark on this exciting new chapter together.

Introduction of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS-E) at St Teresa's Catholic School
Dear Parents/Guardians,
I hope this message finds you well. We are excited to share some significant developments regarding our school's ongoing commitment to enhancing student support and success.

As part of our School Annual Improvement Plan (SAIP) for 2024 and beyond, we are introducing the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support for Education (MTSS-E) framework. MTSS-E is a proactive approach to addressing all students' diverse academic and behavioural needs by providing layered levels of support.

We will commence implementing MTSS-E at a Tier 1 level throughout 2024. This initial phase will involve laying the groundwork and introducing foundational elements of the system across various aspects of our school community.

Over the next two years, until the conclusion of the 2026 school year, we will delve deeper into the MTSS-E framework, gradually expanding its scope and integrating it more comprehensively into our school's practices. This phased approach allows us to ensure that every aspect of the system is carefully tailored to meet the unique needs of our students and aligns with our school's mission and values.

Introducing MTSS-E will benefit our students by providing targeted interventions and support mechanisms that foster their academic, social, and emotional growth. By embracing this framework, we reaffirm our commitment to nurturing a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

As we embark on this journey, we encourage you to stay informed and engaged with the developments related to MTSS-E at St Teresa's Catholic School. We value your partnership and input as we work together to create the best possible educational experience for our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further information about MTSS-E or any other aspect of our school's initiatives.

Please refer to the additional information below.
Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

## Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

## Overview

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) is a comprehensive framework used to provide academic and behavioural support to all students based on their individual needs. The approach utilises data-informed decision-making to identify students who may require additional support, and then provide the support at varying levels of frequency and intensity, depending on each student's needs.

MTSS comprises three tiers. Tier 1 involves universal, high-quality instruction for all students. Tier 2 is targeted support (in addition to Tier 1) which includes small-group interventions. Tier 3 is personalised supports for students who require further support, despite Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 3 are more intensive and personalised interventions.

In Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns, MTSS aligns with the principle of caring for and meeting the unique needs of every child. It's a practical implementation of the church's teachings about the inherent dignity and value of each individual. Through the MTSS approach, Catholic schools and Colleges can ensure that all students, including those who need further support academically or behaviourally, receive the necessary support and resources to succeed. This aids in promoting a truly inclusive learning environment, where all students can reach their full potential and no student is left behind.

## Academic Systems

## Behavioural Systems



## IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY

## Engagement

- Wellbeing \& Learning
(Diversity Inclusive practices, behaviour)

Consistent planning and teaching that is responsive to students and the context in which they live and learn.

## Strategic Directions 2021-2025 Priority

\#8 Significant Learning Needs
Every student with significant learning needs (e.g., disability, EAL/D) receive adjustments and interventions to enable equitable access and participation in learning.
\#3 Learning and Teaching
Documentation
\#4 First Nations
\#5 Extension
\#6 Workforce
\#7 Learning Pathways
\#9 Transitions
\#10 Rural and Remote

SMART GOAL/S

## DIMENSION

The staff of the school demonstrate an understanding of the importance of positive and caring relationships to successful learning and work to build mutually respectfu relationships (based on gospel values) across the school community.

The school has clear strategies to promote appropriate behaviour including agreed responses and consequences for inappropriate student behaviour - and the school provides sufficient support for teachers to implement these policies.

80\% of staff share a common set of beliefs that are an integral part of their understanding of student learning, motivations and psychology.
$80 \%$ of staff share the belief that all students are capable of learning?
$100 \%$ of staff, in response to tracking and monitoring individual learning and wellbeing, make reasonable adjustments to student interactions, teaching and learning.
$100 \%$ of staff identify and address the educational needs of individual students?
Adjustments are tailored, early and sustained interventions in place for students with educational needs.

## STRATEGIES

Identify an 'Internal Coach' (who will lead the work of the team) and a 'Data Manager' (who will lead the collation and analysis of data).

Attend 2 full face-to-face days of PD.

## TBA:

CNS04162:001 MTSS Cohort 3
Tier 1 Day 1
TBA:
CNS04163:001 - MTSS Cohort 3 Tier 1 Day 2

Scheduled team meetings - Usually 45 mins per fortnight. If fortnightly is not achievable, then it is recommended at least 3 per term.

Scheduled staff meetings - A minimum of 1 staff meeting per term is required to provide updates and gather input from your staff to progress MTSS-E. The CES
Consultants Student Engagement (your external coaches) can support your team to plan for these.

In addition to the training, the Consultants Student Engagement will be available to support you on this journey.

## IMPROVEMENT INDICATORS

Academic and pastoral tracking including learning progress and achievement, attendance, and behaviour and appropriate support and intervention.

Data is analyzed, understood and used by teachers to improve educational outcomes?

Support for engagement, progress, achievement and wellbeing is provided for groups of students who may have particular learning needs including:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students Gifted and talented.

Students with a disability
Students with English as a Additional Language or Dialect

Students in Out of Home Care Refugee Students?

Professional learning and training are in place throughout the school year.

The school provides safe and inclusive learning environments.

The school has developed Strategic Improvement Plans

Necessary core documentation exists and is utilized.

WHO/WHEN

PoL - Diversity
Principal
All staff
In 2024
CES Staff

## What's the News?



# Saint Patrick's Day Fete 

15 MARCH 2024

Help is needed to set up on Thursday, 14 March, and all day on Friday, 15 March
Please get in touch with the school or Anna on 0497609884.

## Cross Country Tuesday 26th March.


(We encourage all families to come along and cheer for their children)
9 am Start for 5, 6 \& 7-year-old children (Prep, Year $1 \&$ Year. 2) on the back school oval - with Miss Eleanor Mabin, Mrs Sylvia Juhas, Miss Renae, Miss Jasmin and Rosie. 5-year-olds will run one lap, 6-year-olds will run two laps, and 7 -year-olds will run three laps around the school oval.
8.45 am - Children aged, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 will walk down to Rugby League Fields in Ascham Street with Miss Kristie Henderson, Mrs Katie Cole, and Karina. (Carole will drive with water bottles etc)

Practice will start in Week 7 which is Monday 4th March. The whole school will assemble on the back oval at 1.55 pm after the break and do laps around the oval for about 10 minutes, weather permitting.

Each student at school is in either Cedar (Yellow) or Oak (Green). Teachers will tell the students which house they are in.

On the day of the Cross-Country, students can wear a coloured shirt (Yellow or Green) to represent their House. Students will score points for their team as well. Please, no coloured hair spray for this event. They may wear coloured ribbons and colourful joggers.

A cross-country shield will be presented to the winning team! On Wednesday $27^{\text {th }}$ March at 2.00 pm .

This week, we have been focusing on patterns in maths. We have been finding them, making them and continuing them. During the Hands-on Maths lessons, the children enjoy various items to make their patterns. You can help your child with this mathematical concept by finding and making patterns in the home and the real world.
Please enjoy the photos attached.
Kind regards
Sylvia


## NAPLAN

# NAPLAN <br> National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 

Governments, education authorities and schools use NAPLAN to determine whether young Australians meet essential literacy and numeracy goals. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to sit the NAPLAN tests held in March each year. NAPLAN gives a snapshot of how children perform in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, grammar, and numeracy. It complements other effective classroom assessment and reporting practices.

## Testing conducted 13 March - 25 March

It's that time of year again when we start to prepare for NAPLAN at our school.
NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students can undertake. Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday, 13 March, and finishes on Monday, 25 March 2024. Please see the attached schedule we have in place for the upcoming tests at our school and ensure your child attends school these days for the tests. However, if unavoidable, we have catch-up sessions available (The writing test catch-up window for year 3 is only open until Monday, 18 March).

Please also note that St Patrick's Day is on Friday, the 15th of March - we will have no testing due to the school's St Patrick's Day Fete we are having. Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of the school program and reminding them to do their best. Both Miss Henderson (Grade 3/4 Classroom Teacher) and Mrs Katie Cole (Grade 5/6 Classroom

Teacher) are ensuring students are familiarising themselves with the types of questions in the tests by providing practice tests so that students become more familiar with the kind of online environment NAPLAN has, whilst also providing appropriate support and guidance before the actual tests.

Please feel free to read the additional information we have attached to this letter about NAPLAN, and if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Helen BARKER
NAPLAN Test Administrator
Phone: 0740976173

## St Teresa's test timetable is below:

| Week 1 | Year3 | Year 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monday 1 March, Tuesday 12 March, | Preparation only - NO tests permitted | Preparation only — NO tests permitted |
| Wednesday, 13 March, Day 1 | Writing (paper) Reading (Reading only after writing) | Writing (paper) Reading (Reading only after writing) |
| Thursday, 14 March, Day 2 | Reading $\rightarrow$ Conventions of language $\rightarrow$ Numeracy <br> (Catch-up tests all domains) | Reading $\rightarrow$ Conventions of language $\rightarrow$ Numeracy <br> (Catch-up tests all domains) |
| Friday, 15 March, Day 3 | No Testing - School Fete | No Testing - School Fete |
| Week 2 |  |  |
| Monday, 18 March, Day 4 | Catch-up Reading $\rightarrow$ Conventions of language $\rightarrow$ Numeracy tests (Catch-up tests all domains) | Reading $\rightarrow$ Conventions of language $\rightarrow$ Numeracy <br> (Catch-up tests all domains) |
| Tuesday, 19 March, Day 5 | Follow test sequence: <br> Reading $\rightarrow$ Conventions of language $\rightarrow$ Numeracy (Catch-up tests all domains) <br> (Except Year 3 writing) | Follow test sequence: <br> Reading $\rightarrow$ Conventions of language $\rightarrow$ Numeracy <br> (Catch-up tests all domains) <br> (Except Year 3 writing) |
| Wednesday, 20 March, Day 6 |  |  |
| Thursday, 21 March, Day 7 |  |  |
| Friday, 22 March, Day 8 |  |  |
| Week 3 |  |  |
| Monday, 25 March, Day 9 |  |  |
| Tuesday - Good Friday, 29 March testing window closed | This security period may ONLY be used for testing with written permission from the QCAA. | This security period may ONLY be used for testing with written permission from the QCAA. |

Fun Friday List 2024

| Week | Date | Theme | Donation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Week 2 | $2^{m a}$ Feb | All things Aussie | Gold Coin |
| Week 3 | $9^{n}$ Feb | Pyjama day | Bag of lollies or gold coin |
| Week 4 | $16^{n}$ Feb | Silly sock's \& Hilarious Hair | Block of chocolate or share pack of chocolates or gold coin |
| Week 5 | $23^{\circ}$ Feb | Hawalian day | Fill a jar or bottle or gold coin |
| Week 6 | $1^{4 n}$ March | Super Hero | Cake mix or gold coin |
| Week 7 | $8^{n n}$ March | Western/Emergency worker day | Gold coin |
| Week 8 | $15^{n}$ March | St Patrick's Day | Baked goods for cake stall |

## Important Tuckshop information.

TERM 2, 2024


We need help to make the tuckshop work. Between 9 and 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, contact the school or speak directly with Anna Bevan to register your support and assistance.

The Principal's Book Pick

"What Happened to You?" is a poignant collaboration between renowned psychiatrist Bruce Perry and media mogul Oprah Winfrey that delves deep into the complexities of trauma and healing. This transformative book challenges the conventional narrative surrounding trauma by shifting the focus from "What's wrong with you?" to "What happened to you?"

Perry and Winfrey seamlessly blend scientific insights with personal anecdotes, creating a narrative that is both enlightening and empathetic. Through the lens of neuroscience and psychology, they explore how early experiences shape the brain and influence behaviour, offering invaluable lessons on resilience and recovery.

One of the book's most compelling aspects is its emphasis on the power of empathy and connection in healing. By sharing stories of individuals who have overcome adversity, Perry and Winfrey highlight the importance of understanding, compassion, and support in the healing process.

Moreover, "What Happened to You?" calls for individuals, communities, and institutions to adopt a trauma-informed approach to caregiving, education, and social justice. It challenges readers to reevaluate their perceptions of trauma and foster environments promoting healing and growth.

In summary, "What Happened to You?" is a groundbreaking exploration of trauma that offers hope, understanding, and practical guidance to survivors and those seeking support. It's a must-read for anyone interested in understanding the human experience and unlocking the potential for healing and transformation.


## Every child

Every classroom
Everyday

St Teresa's Life of the School Calendar - Term 1, 2024

| Month | Wk. | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan | 1 | 21 | 22 <br> Student Free <br> Mandatory completion date | 23 <br> School <br> Commences <br> Prep cohort 1 | 24 <br> School <br> Commences <br> Prep cohort 2 <br> Staff Meeting | 25 <br> Whole School Commences | $26$ <br> Australia Day | 27 |
| Jan $\begin{gathered} / \\ \text { Feb } \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 28 <br> Letter of introduction home to all parents. | $\begin{aligned} & 29 \\ & \text { Staff Briefing - } \\ & 8: 10 \end{aligned}$ | 30 <br> Assembly <br> P\&F AGM | 31 <br> Brave Heart <br> Staff Meeting <br> (First Aid refresher) | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & \text { Fete - } \\ & \text { Free Dress } \end{aligned}$ | 3 |
| Feb | 3 <br> Planning upload | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 5 } \\ & \text { Staff Briefing - } \\ & 8: 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & \text { Assembly } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & \text { Staff Meeting } \end{aligned}$ | 8 <br> NRL Class <br> Release | 9 <br> Opening School Mass Student Leader Badges11.50am Fete Free Dress | 10 |
| Feb | 4 | 11 <br> Parent/teacher/ student meetings or phone calls this week, if required | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & \text { Staff Briefing - } \\ & 8: 10 \end{aligned}$ | 13 <br> Assembly <br> Shrove <br> Tuesday | 14 <br> Staff Meeting <br> Ash Wednesday Mass 11.50 am | $15$ <br> NRL Class <br> Release | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & \text { Fete - } \\ & \text { Free Dress } \end{aligned}$ | 17 |
| Feb | 5 <br> First Sunday of Lent | 18 <br> Deb away - <br> 18.03.24 <br> NRL Class <br> Release | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & \text { Staff Briefing - } \\ & 8: 10 \end{aligned}$ | 20 <br> DSE visit. <br> NRL visit - 2.00 <br> - 3.00 pm <br> years 3-6 <br> No Assembly <br> NAPLAN <br> practice | 21 <br> Non-contact Justine <br> Identity \& Outreach visit <br> School Officer PD Day <br> Staff Meeting | 22 <br> Rhyme time. <br> P\&F meeting 3.30 pm | 23 <br> State <br> Census <br> Non-contact Julie <br> Fete - <br> Free Dress | 24 <br> The Labyrinth |
| Feb <br> / <br> Mar | 6 <br> Second Sunday of Lent | 25 <br> NRL Class <br> Release | $\begin{aligned} & 26 \\ & \text { Staff Briefing - } \\ & 8: 10 \end{aligned}$ | 27 <br> Assembly <br> MTSS-E <br> meeting 3.30 <br> pm | 28 <br> Principal's <br> Debrief - Cairns <br> Staff Meeting | 29 <br> Senior <br> Leadership Conference <br> PLP's | $\xrightarrow[\substack{\text { Fete }- \\ \text { Free Dress }}]{1}$ | 2 |
| Mar | 7 <br> Third Sunday of Lent | 3 <br> Cross Country <br> Practise <br> NRL Class <br> Release | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 4 \\ & \text { Staff Briefing - } \\ & 8: 10 \end{aligned}$ | 5 <br> Assembly <br> Fire Drill 1 pm | 6 <br> Staff Meeting | 7 | 8 <br> Fete - <br> Free Dress | 9 |
| Mar |  | 10 <br> Cross Country Practise <br> Planning upload <br> NRL Class <br> Release | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & \text { Staff Briefing - } \\ & 8: 10 \end{aligned}$ | 12 <br> Assembly <br> Lockdown Drill 1 pm | 13 <br> NAPLAN open Staff Meeting <br> Staff Meeting | 14 | 15 <br> Saint Patrick's <br> Day Prayer <br> Assembly <br> Saint Patrick's <br> Day Fete - <br> Green <br> Day | 16 |
| Mar | Fifth Sunday of Lent | 17 <br> Cross Country Practise <br> Deb return 18.03.24 <br> NRL Class <br> Release | 18 <br> Staff Briefing -8:10 <br> Open Classrooms $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{s}$ interviews | 19 <br> Assembly <br> Open <br> Classrooms $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{s}$ interviews | 20 <br> Lenten Prayer <br> No Staff Meeting <br> Open <br> Classrooms $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{s}$ interviews Staff Meeting | 21 <br> Open <br> Classrooms <br> $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{t} / \mathrm{s}$ <br> interviews | 22 <br> Open <br> Classrooms <br> p/t/s <br> interviews | 23 |
| Mar |  | $24$ <br> Palm Sunday | 25 <br> NAPLAN closes. <br> Staff briefing - $8.10$ | $26$ <br> Cross Country | 27 <br> Staff Meeting <br> Cross Country <br> Presentation 2pm | 28 <br> Last Day of Term Liturgy 2pm <br> Rhyme time | $\begin{aligned} & 29 \\ & \text { Good Friday } \end{aligned}$ | 30 |
|  |  | Mike on leave in week 10 to week 6 term 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## OUR VISION

## Strategic Directions 2021-2025

To offer every student in every school a world class education enriched by their lived encounter with the Catholic faith.

OUR FOCUS ON STUDENTS

## Encounter

 - Catholic Identity The formation of staff and students through a Catholic lens and furthering our understanding of irst Nations cultures and ways of knowing, being and doing
## First Nations

## Perspectives

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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our Strategic Directions 2021-2025 invites esch one of us to be informed by, act with and be commitited to the ollowing core prineiple

Be people of Mission and Witness inspiced by whtst is best for all students in our schooks.
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and system lazdesk Clany and the Dioorese
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Accept co-responsibility for stewardatios accountablitis and system sustariabitity
Provide voice and agency for al:

## Our 10 Priorities

Good Afternoon Everyone,
Today I went through Readers Cup with our year 5/6's so we can start the process of forming a team for our school to participate in this years Readers Cup. Good luck to everyone. Notes will come home to those who are interested in trying out. Once permission is given, Mrs Cole and I will start the selection process to pick our final four students who will represent St. Teresa's School next term. Issue 2 of Book Club was ordered today, thank you again. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



Max has an epic couple of weeks with Tableland Trials.

Max was successful in gaining a spot in the Tablelands Rugby League Team

Max is a shadow for the Tablelands Touch Team.

We wish Max all the best when he trials for the Peninsula team.


Savannah had a great day out

when she trialled for a spot in the Tablelands Netball team. Savannah said all the girls were so friendly. I love these kind of athletic days. Savannah put in a great performance for the day. It was a very very hot and humid day!

Thank you to your parents for supporting you and travelling to sport!

