

Oonoonba State School Newsletter



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Our Vision.....'CONNECTING AND ENGAGING THROUGH LEARNING'

Our Belief....."Our Students are worth whatever it takes".

Term 4, Week 10, 10 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 10... Well, here we are. The final week of our school year. There's been so much going on this week as we round out 2025. From class parties and Christmas activities to our Final Parade and Year 6 Graduation (plus much more), students have been having lots of fun.

Year 6 Graduation Evening... Last night we held our Year 6 Graduation evening at JCU, with lots of reflections and celebrations throughout the night. Congratulations to our amazing Year 6 cohort on their achievement and we wish them well as they move on to High School.

Thanks to our Year 6 teachers, Miss Vanderjagt, Mr Robinson, Mrs Walker and all our support staff for guiding our Year 6s through their final year of primary school and then, with the help of Mr Milton and many staff, putting on a wonderful evening for the students and their families.

Goodbye and Goodluck... At our Final Parade on we acknowledged those students whose families are moving on from Oonoonba SS at the end of the year. We wish all our departing students and their families all the very best.

As is the case at most schools at the end of a school year, there are staff changes that happen too. We wish the following staff all the best as they finish up at Oonoonba and move on to their next chapter... Mrs Danielle Walton (Year 5 Teacher), Mrs Rebekah Gilliam (Inclusion), Mrs Debbie Sullivan (TA – Leave), Mrs Sherry-Lee Tuala (HASS – Leave). Thanks for your dedication and commitment to supporting the students of Oonoonba. There is also some exciting maternity news coming to Oonoonba in 2026, so keep an eye out for that in the new year.

Principals Award... Congratulations to the following students who received Principal Awards on parade on Monday:

Farewell from Mr Coey... As my time at Oonoonba comes to an end, I just want to say a BIG, BIG thank you to the entire community for making me feel so welcome in my short time at this amazing school. I've spent this last week reflecting on what's been achieved this semester, and the amazing progress the school has made is a credit to everyone involved.

Thank you, Oonoonba SS... it has been my pleasure to lead the school for the last part of 2025 and I wish everyone all the very best.



Mr Coey's Joke of the Week

Before becoming a teacher, I used to be a baker, but I couldn't make enough 'dough'.

Thanks again everyone. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Take time these holidays to relax, recharge and connect with family and friends. All the best for a safe and successful 2026.



Mr Coey
Acting Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Year 6 students and their families attended the **Celebration Farewell** last night at the Sir George Kneipp Theatre, James Cook University.

I would like to thank teachers Mrs Walker, Mr Robinson, and Miss Vanderjagt for their work in preparing for the evening.

Special guests including John Cordingley (Glencore Port Operations); Lynette Quilliam and Jackson Ball; Holly Jackson, Graham Fowler, Georgia Fowler, Alexandra Fowler; Natalie Fergusson Deputy Principal WRSBS; Nicole Henaway; Maria Cawthorne; Senior Constable Chris Redman; Sharon Weldon, Chloe Bartholomew; Rebecca Dale (School Council); Emina Shailer (P&C); and Anne-Marie Day attended, with many presenting major awards.

The evening was highlighted by the awards presentations and the creative informative audio-visual presentation of students throughout the year and the '2025 Year that was', all of which took many hours for Miss Vanderjagt to create.

Thank you to those school staff who attended the celebration and assisted in many different ways, some including setting up or packing up at the end of the evening. Thank you to Mr Williams, Mrs Firth and Mrs Gough for their work with sports/environment/music student leaders for their reviews of 2025. Mrs Walker 6W and Miss Vanderjagt 6V assisted the school captains so that everyone was ready to present for the evening. Thank you also, to Mrs Warde who took the photos of the presentations.

Thanks Mr Edwards Instrumental Music Teacher, who has worked with our Year 6 musicians for their ensemble performance 'Koala Can-Can'. Mr Edwards pointed out that this was the first time our strings and band students had played together. This was not an easy feat due to the differences in 'key' that strings and band students usually play in. 'Koala Can-Can' was a suitable piece of music that allowed this to happen.

I would especially like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Hoffensetz (school office) who had the task of dealing with all of the administrative and logistics for this event, as well as working to set up before, packing up at the end of the evening and unpacking the car this morning at school. Her very good work, which started during Term 3, has resulted in a very successful evening and an enjoyable send off for our Year 6 students. Mrs Hoffensetz was ably assisted in the office by Mrs Lang on many occasions, especially on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Vice-captains Phoebe Leviston and Eli Agnew as the 'Masters of Ceremonies' guided us well through the proceedings to the end. Our sporting house captains Milla Wilson, Ivy Cox, Chloe Greenan, Amy Firth, Sierra Murphy, Phoebe Kristensen, Mikayla Close and Janis Edgecombe; school music captain Tilly Stubbington; school environmental captains Olivia Mason and Oliver Jorgensen; and school captains Imogen and Konan Guppy gave us a comprehensive review of the 2025 school year.

Below is a list of awards and recipients from last night:

Evie Feather School Spirit Award

Sid Ware Memorial Citizenship Award

The Hon Janelle Poole MP Member for Mundingburra Community Award

Hooper Family Sportsman of the Year

Humanities and Social Sciences Achievement Award

The Jorjah Price Music Award

The Katie Fowler Courage and Enthusiasm Trophy

William Ross State High School Best All-Rounder

Cawthorne Family STEM Achievement Award

Eric and Janelle Ball Academic Improvement Award

Sharon Weldon Academic Achievement Award

Gail Chapman Student of the Year

Book Award - Academic Achievement:

6R

6V

6W

Book Award – All-Rounder:

6R

6V

6W

I would like to wish our Year 6 students the very best moving forward.

2025

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone good health, a Merry Christmas, safe holiday period, and a Happy New Year. Turn your electronic devices off and spend some quality time with each other and be present-not just physically there, but connected.

Wouldn't it be great if your presence was the most important of your presents to your family?

I would like to thank Kelly and Rebekah Gilliam and Jodie Clarke for their work with our Years 1-4 students in our school in the **Religious Instruction** program.

I hope that over the coming weeks that people in our school community can reflect on the real meaning of Christmas and the significance of this time in the year.

To staff and families leaving us at the end of the year, thank you very much for your contributions during your time here. All the best with your future endeavours.

As said during parade on Monday, thank you to Mr Coey Acting Principal and all the best for the future for you and your family, and your school leadership journey.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Enjoy the December/January school vacation period when you get there!

Trevor Milton
Deputy Principal

Tri-Medal Winners

Congratulations to Phoebe, Deacon, Piper, Mikayla, Joshua and Oliver on receiving their Oonoonba State School "Tri-Medal". This award was given to students who represented Oonoonba State School in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics in 2025. Well done kids!



Jump Club

Come along to the final Jump Club of 2026 this Thursday. We'll be playing all the Christmas Hits and celebrating a wonderful year of getting up, getting outdoors, and getting active. Remember, parents and family members are welcome to come and join in on the fun! See you at 8:10 at the Basketball Courts!

Townsville Fire Gala Day

Congratulations to the Oonoonba Girls' and Boys' basketball teams, who competed against teams from all over Townsville and the Burdekin in the annual Townsville Fire Gala Day. Our teams played really well and only got better as the day went on. The girls even got some special coaching tips from Dakota, Catelyn and Alex from the Fire in their semi-final!

It's been a packed year in the sporting world here at Oonoonba. Thanks to all the family members who have come along and cheered, or have just been a part of what we do here at Oonoonba.



Let's do it all again in '26!

Yours in Sport

Matt Williams

mwill247@eq.edu.au

JUMP CLUB IS BACK!

THURSDAYS
8:10 - 8:35 AM
ON THE BASKETBALL COURTS



 **2025**

P&C NEWSLETTER

THANKS A BUNCH!

WHAT A YEAR! The P&C is celebrating 12 months of fundraising and special initiatives for our school. See you in 2026!



CRAZY HAIR DAY



SUNSAFE SHIRTS



COLOUR FUN RUN



ELECTION DAY FUNDRAISER



CPA BOOK TROLLEY



TRIVIA NIGHT



P&C DONATIONS



MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY STALLS



SCHOOL DISCOS



FEEL GOOD EXPO





2026 BOOK PACKS AVAILABLE TO ORDER NOW THROUGH COS



Ordering is now easier than ever! Just follow these simple steps:

Click the link below to enter the COS Parent Portal.

Or visit <https://parent.cos.net.au>

Username: oonoonbastateschool@cos.net.au

Password: BTS2026-Parents

Select your child's 2026 year level.

Review the list and choose what you need.

Add your pack to the shopping cart.

Enter your child's name and delivery details.

Choose your payment method

(credit card, PayPal or Pay4) and submit your order!

 Free delivery for all orders placed before 1st December 2025!

 **Delivery Information:**

Orders placed before 9th December 2025 will be dispatched to your home by 24th December.


Orders placed before 5th January 2026 will be dispatched prior to Term 1, 2026.

Orders placed after 5th January may not arrive in time for the start of school.

 Please order your book packs as soon as possible to avoid any late arrivals.

 **Proudly Local!**

We're a 100% Australian-owned and family-operated business — so when you order, you're supporting local Australian business

Even better, a percentage of all book pack sales goes directly back to our P&C to support our school. How amazing is that?! 

 It's fast, simple, and secure — get your child ready for the new school year while supporting our community!

START YOUR DAY THE RIGHT WAY!



Breakfast Club

is now open 5 days a week!



Tuckshop near the CPA



**8:20am – 8:40am
each morning**

Fuel up for a great day of learning with toast, cereal and fresh fruit – it's the perfect way to start your morning and get ready to thrive at school!



A huge thank you to our amazing supporters:



**Mal's Bakery
Oonoonba**



**Fairfield
Woolworths**



Fuel for Schools

Grades 5–6 students can volunteer (with parent permission) – supervised by staff and volunteers

DEFENCE NEWS

Hello, We are getting closer to the end of the year. If you are posting out or changing schools could you please let myself or Debbie Lang in the office know.

Also, if you have a Defence Kids Passport you would like filled in please bring it to my room and I will get it back to you hopefully the same day. If you have any questions

please come and see me or email me. Till next time take care.

Miss Donna DSM
dward106@eq.edu.au



TUCKSHOP NEWS



A big thank you to the following volunteers:

ELIZABETH, TARA, JULIE, MEL, ADAM, DOT, CHRISTEL, LISA, SINA, HYEJI, MRS BAKER, ALISON, SALLY-ANNE, KATIE.C AND BARBARA

✨ See You Next Year! ✨

As we wrap up the year, we catered for our Prep classes today, will be catering for our Grade One students tomorrow, and will finish the year with staff Christmas catering on Friday. 🎄🍷

If you haven't yet made a payment, tomorrow is the final day to do so via Flexischools or at the tuckshop using card or cash.

Thank you so much for all your support throughout the year – we truly couldn't do it without you! ❤️

Have a safe and festive holiday, enjoy yourselves, stay healthy, and make those special memories. ✨

See you in Term One, 2026! 😊

💛 A Huge Thank You! 💛

A very big thank you to Julie and her family for their incredibly generous gift to our tuckshop volunteers – a pod machine so they can enjoy a lovely coffee, chai, or hot chocolate while they volunteer! 🍰🍵

Thank you, Julie – they are going to love it! Your kindness and support mean so much to our tuckshop team. 💛



TO THE TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS,
Happy Holidays!
from Julie, Rachel
Gibson & Louis



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

TUCKSHOP TEAM 2025

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING, GENEROUS AND HARDWORKING VOLUNTEERS THAT THE TUCKSHOP HAS BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE THIS YEAR.

WITHOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS THE TUCKSHOP WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RUN. THANK YOU FOR PUTTING TIME ASIDE TO COME IN, WHETHER IT BE ONCE A TERM, ONCE A FORTNIGHT, ONCE A WEEK OR MORE.

EVERY MOMENT WE HAVE EXTRA HANDS IS CRUCIAL TO THE OPERATION OF OUR TUCKSHOP.

**Thank you
to the following superstars!**

**Jodie
Katie.C
Julie
Barbara
Adam
Alison
Sina
Hyeji
Sina
Sally-Anne
Tamara
Michelle
Kirsty**

**Elizabeth
Rachel
Kat
Mel
Christel
Dot
Anna
Lisa
Kristy
Tara
Yumiko
Alice
Bianca
Shalyce**

**Torie
Hiroko
Layla
Kate.B**



End of Year Thank You from the Tuckshop! 🎄

As the school year comes to an end, we want to send a huge thank you to our amazing volunteers, staff, students and families for all your support this year. Your help, smiles and hard work have made our tuckshop such a special part of the school community

Please note:

The Tuckshop will be **closed for lunches in Week 10** as we will be busy catering for **class parties and staff events**.

As we run down stock before the holidays, there may be the **occasional substitution**, but we'll always try our best to avoid this where possible.

Thank you all again for a wonderful year of support – we can't wait to do it all again next year!

Thanks,
The Tuckshop Team



Term 4 2025

Tuesday 7 October—Friday 12 December

(Events/Dates subject to change)

Week 10

Monday 8/12

Final Parade for 2025

Tuesday 9/12

Year 6 Farewell Celebration —JCU

Wednesday 10/12

Yr 6 Fun Day

Friday 12/12

Last Day Term 4



Merry Christmas

2026, Term 1—Calendar of Events *(Events/Dates subject to change)*

Term 1 (Tuesday 27 January—Thursday 2 April)

Monday 26 January—Public Holiday

Friday 3 April—Public Holiday

Life Education

Healthy Harold

2026

School calendar

Queensland state schools

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- School holidays
 Public holidays
 Staff professional development/student free days
 Part public holiday after 6 pm

There are 195 school days in 2026.

Semester 1, 2026 commences for teachers on 22 January and for students on 27 January.

Staff professional development days

Staff professional development days for teachers are 22 and 23 January, 16 and 17 April and 4 September 2026. Schools are able to decide when they undertake the required hours for professional development for the flexible days, as long as they are on the flexible days, in the school holidays or out of school hours.

Public holidays

Queensland public holidays are set by the Minister for Industrial Relations.

Public holidays for local show days are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

Final dates for student attendance

20 November is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. 27 November is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the summer holidays on 4 December.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit

www.education.qld.gov.au

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WEEK 1
TERM 1

TOWNSVILLE STATE HIGH SCHOOL DAY ONE 2026

TUESDAY 27TH
JANUARY 2026

Townsville SHS Hall

All year 7 and new
students 9am

All returning
students years 8 - 12
10.20am

First Day 2026 details

Date: Tuesday 27th January 2026

Time: A bell will ring at 8.55am then a song will play to signal time to move to the Hall for a 9am start.

Location: All year 7 and NEW students will meet in the school hall for the 'FIRST BELL' parade at 9am.

All returning students go to the hall at 10.20am



TOWNSVILLE CRICKET HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

BLAST FUN DAY

5-7 & 8-10 YEARS AGE GROUPS

- WHEN: Friday, January 9 @ Endeavour Park, 9am-2pm
- WHAT: Great day of cricket games and fun skills for boys and girls aged 5-10
- Two groups - Rookies - 5-7 years & Challengers - 8-11 years
- COST: \$55 - includes Blast Pack, Sausage Sizzle Lunch + ice block

JUNIOR CRICKET

U11, U13, U15 AGE GROUPS

- WHEN: January 21 - 9am to 2pm
- WHAT: Cricket School Holiday Skillz for Junior Boys & Girls - U11, 13, 15s
- WHERE: Gill Park, Gulliver
- COST: \$40 - includes Sausage Sizzle Lunch + ice block



QUEENSLAND
CRICKET



REGISTER @

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SEARCH: QC PROGRAMS -
TOWNSVILLE



CONTACT:
antony.stewart@qldcricket.com.au



QParents

**Now it's
even easier
to sign up!**

Parents can now register for QParents by:

- Visiting the QParents website and selecting 'Create your account'.
- Following the steps to create the account and complete identity verification.
- Requesting access to their student's information – if the parent's details match with OneSchool records, their student will be suggested, without the need for the parent to enter the student's EQID

What information is available in QParents?

You can access:

- consent forms
- current invoices and payment history
- report cards and assessments
- attendance details - including notifying of absences
- timetable and upcoming event information



QParents is a secure online portal that allows you to access your child's student information, provide online consent, access/pay invoices and stay connected to your school.

For assistance with creating a QParents account, visit QParents webpage or contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68)





- Be part of a team, create confidence and have fun
- Teams for all ages and levels
 - Premier League
 - Seniors (Ladies 15 years+)
 - Juniors (10-18 years)
 - Set & Go (turning 7-10 years)
- Netball academy and development squad
- Umpiring coaching opportunities with A badge umpire Hayley Killer

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

New players please submit an EOI to make sure you don't miss out on any 2026 updates, trial or registration info.



SCAN the QR code
ONLINE jotform.com/243649135480864

  Neptunes Netball Club

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Local to the Burdekin area in North QLD, We believe in ethical egg production that regenerates family farms through sustainable pasture improvement, animal welfare and profitability.

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Sustainably produced, free range eggs from hens that roam on fresh pasture

Our pasture-raised hens are raised within the spacious surrounds of shady mango trees, natural grass and herbage. Feeding only on fresh pasture, predominantly locally grown grains and plant-based proteins, our hens spend their days free to roam – scratching, foraging, dustbathing and exploring a space with only 200 birds per acre. At night, our hens roost in the safety of their trailers which are moved weekly to provide access to fresh pasture and interesting new surroundings.



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Greenacres Farm



FQ x ROAR
**HOLIDAY
CLINICS**

December Clinics: 15 - 17 Dec | January Clinics: 12 - 16 Jan



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLINICS

Summer Holiday Clinics for boys & girls aged 4-12.

REGISTER NOW!

footballqld.com.au/fqroar-holiday-clinics

December Clinics **Early Bird** ends Monday, 8 December | January Clinics **Early Bird** ends Monday, 5 January



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Defence



2026 Defence Welcome & Information Expo

Defence Member & Family Support Townsville invite ADF members and families to our Welcome and Information expo!

Whether you are brand new to Townsville or have been here a while, this is the perfect chance to connect, explore, and discover what's on offer for Defence families in the region.

★ What to expect:

Over 100 exhibitors, including local community and sporting groups, government organisations and service providers.

- Meet the Townsville DMFS team in person
- 2nd hand school-uniform donation tables
- Giveaways, interactive activities, and fun for all ages
- Food and drinks available to purchase



Bring the whole family along – there will be something for everyone!

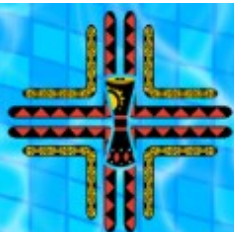
WHERE: Townsville Stadium, Murray Lyons Cres, Annandale

WHEN: Saturday 31 January 2026, 9:30am-12:00pm

REGISTER: [Eventbrite: 2026 Defence Welcome Expo Townsville](#)

MORE INFO: email dmfs.townsville@defence.gov.au or ph 4430 3879





TAIHS

Townsville Aboriginal &
Islander Health Service

KIDS CHRISTMAS



POOL PARTY



17TH DECEMBER
2025 12PM - 4PM
KIRWAN AQUATIC
CENTRE
64 HUDSON STREET,
KIRWAN
ARRIVE EARLY TO REGISTER

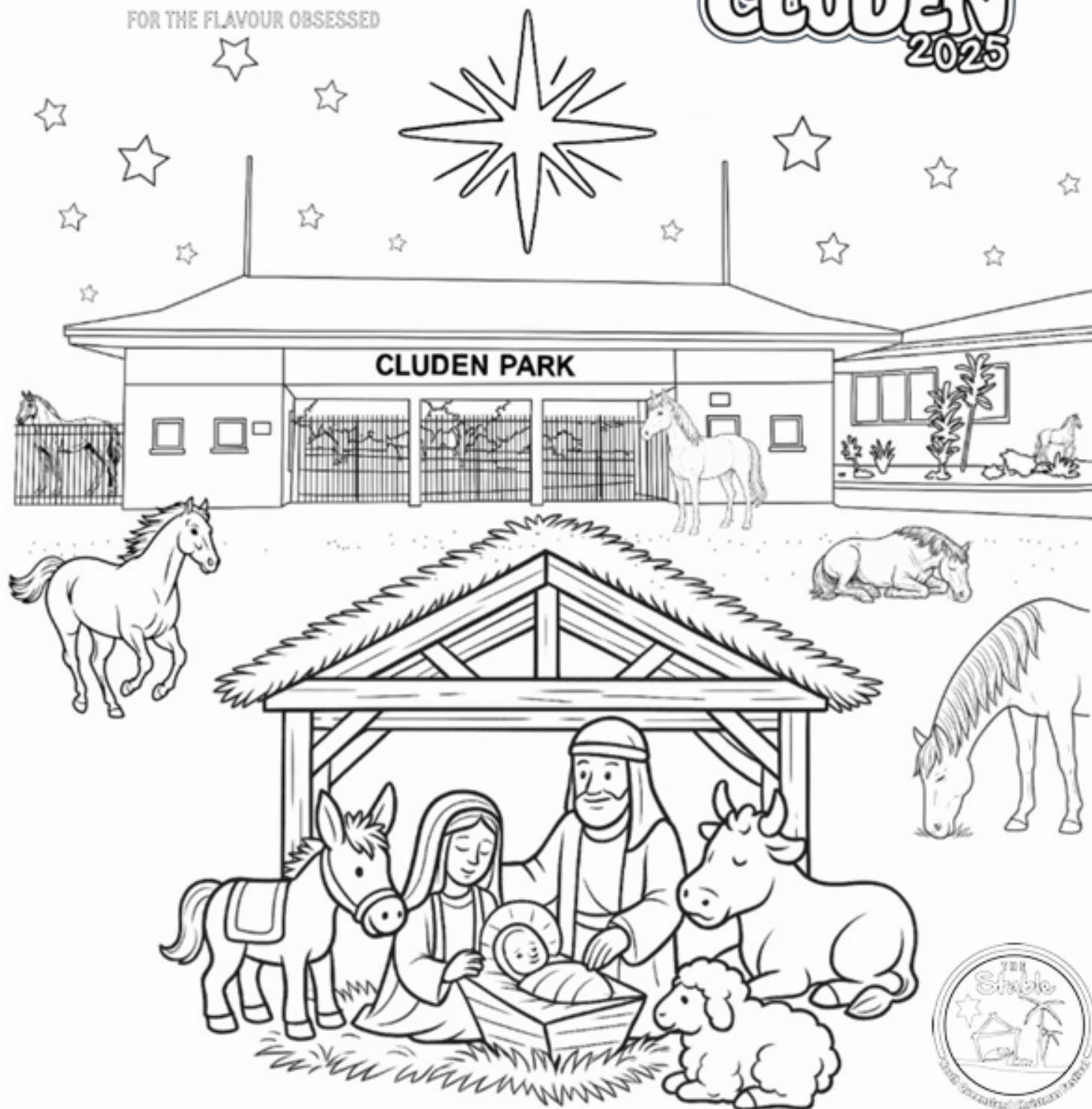
ALL CHILDREN
MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY
AN ADULT
BYO TOWEL - TOGS
WATER BOTTLE



Gelatissimo

FOR THE FLAVOUR OBSESSED

The Stable
CLUDEN
2025



Come and celebrate Christmas at Stable at Cluden

18th - 22nd December 2024

5:30pm - 9:00pm

An event for the whole family not to be missed!

In the lead up to **Stable at Cluden**, Gelatissimo Townsville and The Stable have joined together and are giving each entrant **a free kid's scoop of gelato in a cup or cone.***

To redeem:

1. Follow the map to find the Gelatissimo store off Palmer Street.

2. Drop your entry in store and pick up your free gelato.
(Only one gelato for the artist named on the colouring-in sheet!)

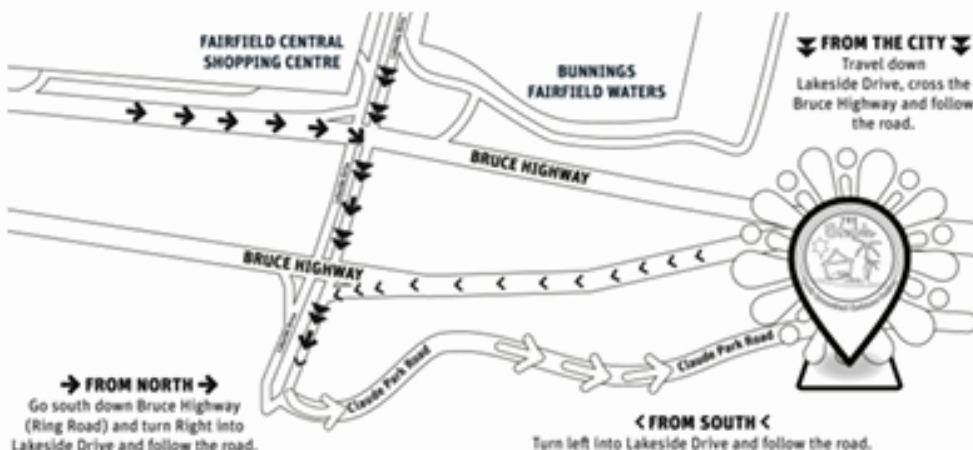
3. Upload your entry to Facebook or Instagram using #stable24 to share your artwork.

4. Enjoy your free gelato!

*Terms and conditions: This competition is not valid with any other offer. Each entrant must present their beautifully completed colouring-in sheet to redeem their prize. One redemption per child throughout the competition period. Competition open to children up to the age of 12. Valid from 1/12/2024 to 18/12/2024 at the Townsville Gelatissimo store only. All rights reserved.



See you at Cluden !



Find out more at
stabilenq.com.au
or scan here

