

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 9, 3 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 9... and just like that, there's only 7 school days to go. With everything that's happening around the school, from teachers working through end of semester reports to end of year class parties and other celebrations, time is well and truly flying. We had another great turn out on parade with a massive number of '110 Gotcha' awards handed out, 47 in fact. Outstanding!

Enjoy the rest of your week everyone, starting with our Carols event tonight, starting at 6pm in our MPC. See you there!

Kokoda 2026 House Captains named... Due to an unprecedented situation which saw a limited number of applicants for our Kokoda House Captain positions, we have the pleasure of announcing our 2026 captains. Congratulations to Kai Edwards and Harlow Simpson who will proudly lead our green team next year. Well done kids!

Special End of Year Parade... Don't forget that our final parade for the year is on Monday, with some special presentations happening as we recognise our 2026 leaders, farewell various members of our community, particularly our Year 6 cohort. We hope you can join us for what will be a special morning.

Prepping for Prep... If you haven't done so already, don't forget to get your Prep enrolment forms in as soon as possible so we can contact you to arrange an enrolment interview either before year's end or early in 2026 when school opens.

You can find enrolment forms on the [Enrolment/Prep](#) page of our school website. Or, you can contact the school to pick up an enrolment pack from the office.

Please also remember that Oonoonba SS is enrolment managed, so it's best to also check out if you live in our catchment area. Click on this [link](#) to go to Education QLD's School Catchment Map.

Active Families... With all the media coverage about obesity, many parents know that their children need to be more active. However, encouraging increased activity is hard if our children are used to watching TV or playing computer games. Research indicates that children should be involved in more than one hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity a day. Parents are critical in influencing their children's lifelong habits and choices to support a happy and healthy life.

Young people are growing quickly, and they are also dealing with enormous physical, emotional and social change. They are often acutely sensitive to their changing body shape and can feel awkward and uncomfortable about being active. They can also genuinely be tired after a day at school, especially during warmer weather. Therefore, it will require sensitivity when discussing and considering activity and exercise opportunities which reflect the needs, interests and skills of your children. Sometimes this may mean a number of trials in certain areas before they will settle on something which suits them. Not every child will be interested in team sports; some children may enjoy more solitary activities such as photography, bike riding, walking or dance classes. Explore the range of activities that are provided by your local community; I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised by what is on offer. Youth activities are often a high priority for local councils. Try the [Townsville City Council](#) website.

Take time to plan what will work best in your family to increase physical activity and talk about why it is important. Make it do-able; start with small, achievable goals.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Cut down screen time for the whole family to one or two hours per day. Allow the children to negotiate which programs are most important to them.
- Try to fit activity in your day, such as walking to and from school whenever possible.
- Plan times for family walks or outings that involve physical activity such as a game of frisbee or rounders in the park or exploring a new area together.
- Choose the stairs rather than the lift.

- Create a list of outside activities to put on the fridge, e.g. going for a ride, playing with the pet, going for a walk, digging the garden, dancing to some music and get everyone to add new ideas as they arise.
- Instead of dinner in front of the TV, have dinner around the table and talk about the day's events or plan a family activity.
- Plan a walk or a ride after dinner.
- Get everyone involved in family jobs; a great way for children to earn pocket money or learn valuable life skills.

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

Mr Coey's Joke of the Week

Q. What do you get when cross a snowman with a vampire?

A. 'Frostbite'!

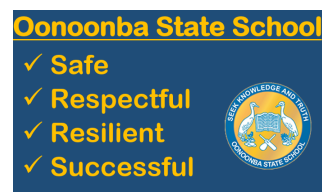
Thanks everyone. Only 7 to go!



Mr Coey

Acting Principal

Mr Coey



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Please note below, some important dates in the final weeks of the year:

<u>Monday 08 December</u>	9:00am	Whole School Final Parade – Multi-purpose court. (Bring own fold-up chair)
<u>By Friday 12 December</u>		2025 Semester 2 Report Cards emailed to parents/carers

2026 Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)

Students moving into Year 3 and Year 5 next year will be completing NAPLAN assessments from Wednesday 11 March to Monday 23 March inclusive. These dates are during Weeks 7-9, Term 1 next year.

Have a great week!

Regards

Trevor Milton

Deputy Principal

HPE News

Oonoonba Swimming Carnival

Wow, what a great day! Over 130 students from Years 1 to 6 attended the final major event on the Oonoonba sporting calendar, and from all accounts, all had a wonderful day competing against their rivals from the other houses. Thankfully the weather played nice!

Tobruk ended up narrowly claiming victory for 2025. Congratulations to the team in yellow!

Fastest swimmers:

Yours in sport,

Matt Williams

HPE teacher

mwill247@eq.edu.au



News From Music

Tonight is the night! Our students have been learning their Christmas songs and actions and are ready to entertain us all. 6pm sharp in the MPC area. Wear your Christmas attire and come with a Christmas attitude to enjoy the night. A folding chair or a blanket to sit on would be a good idea too.

Program is as follows:

Choir - Wonderful Time of the year

Prep - S.A.N.T.A

Year 1 - Santa Claus is Coming (High 5)

Year 2 - Up on the Housetop

Year 3 - Surfin Santa

Year 4 - Jingle Bell Rock (Australian edition)

Year 5 - Aussie Jingle Bells

Year 6 - Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Choir and the Community - Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas.

Students who have applied for Instrumental music next year will find out next week which instrument they will be learning. Mr Edwards and Ms Mclean will send out information to families, including hiring forms, requirements list and bootcamp information. Notes will need to be returned in the new year and please do not pay any fees until the office sends out an invoice in the New Year. We like to let you know what instrument your child is playing so that you have time to purchase any extras that your child may need. We still have some places available in the instrumental program and a further recruitment drive will commence in the beginning of the year so that any new students to our school or students who may have just decided they would like to learn, have an opportunity to be a part of the program.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to being a part of your child's musical journey in 2026.

Yours in Music

Mrs Gough, Mr Edwards and Ms McLean.

O O N O O N B A S T A T E S C H O O L

Christmas Carols

Wednesday 3rd December 2025
6pm-7:30pm approx.
Multipurpose Courts

Choir: Wonderful time of the Year and
Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas

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Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on





P&C NEWSLETTER



RAFFLE NOW LIVE!

DRAWN TOMORROW AT THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROLS!! DON'T MISS OUT ON A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THESE AMAZING HAMPERS ♥

A HUGE THANK YOU TO MORE LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS HAMPER DONATIONS!



Specsavers
A big thank you to Specsavers for their incredible generosity—each of our Christmas hampers includes a range of vouchers and services thanks to them! Your support means so much to our school community.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/17qrPL43cp/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



BJ's Express Moving & Storage
A huge thank you to BJ's Express Moving & Storage, a proud local family-owned business, for their generous donation of a 20% off moving voucher and a beautiful 2026 journal and pen set. Whether you're moving locally or interstate, they're the team you can trust. Your support helps make our Christmas hampers extra special this year!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BiTP8RcKV/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



Sealink
Thank you to Sealink for their wonderful donation of a family pass! Your support brings joy to our community and adds an exciting experience to our Christmas hampers. We truly appreciate your kindness!

<https://www.facebook.com/SeaLinkQueensland/>

Final Reminder!
Don't forget—Christmas Carols is on tonight! We'll be drawing one lucky winner for each of our Christmas hampers, and we'll also be selling tickets at the event so you won't miss out on your chance to win.



BOOK PACK UPDATE

BOOK PACK ITEMS FOR GRADES 1 AND 2 REQUIRE A REPLACEMENT OF THE 18MM RULE BOOKS. FAMILIES AFFECTED WILL BE EMAILED TO REPLACE THESE BOOKS THIS WEEK.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

🎄 ✨ IIIIT'S TIMMMMMMEEEE! ✨ 🎄

(Yes... imagine Mariah hitting that high note 🎵👤👩)

Our P&C Christmas Raffle has officially arrived, and all we want for Christmas... is for YOU to grab some tickets!

Thanks to our generous local businesses – the real MVPs of Santa's workshop – our hampers are overflowing with Christmas magic! Each one is completely unique and packed tighter than Santa's toy sack on Christmas Eve. 🎅🎄

Here's a sneak peek under the tree... 🎄👉

🎁 \$100 Visa gift cards

🎁 \$50 fuel vouchers

🎁 Health & beauty goodies

🎁 Tan Lines products

🎁 Homemade treats

🎁 Christmassy snacks

🎁 Beauty vouchers

🎁 SeaLink pass

🎁 ...and snowww much more!

It's giving festive, it's giving fun, it's giving please let me win one

★ Ticket Prices:

\$2 each

\$10 for 18

\$20 for 35

🎟️ All I want for Christmas is... THIS LINK:

<https://rafflelink.com.au/osspxmasraffle2025>



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!**



STEM Club Semester 2

This Semester a small, dedicated group of year 4, 5 and 6 students have consistently attended STEM club. They have been learning about coding. Stem club students explored picture codes with coding bots before learning to code their agent in Minecraft to complete tasks.

Well done to all students!



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

CLASS PARTY FUN – PREP & YEAR 1 🎉

WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT ALL PREP AND YEAR 1 CLASS PARTIES WILL BE RUN THROUGH THE TUCKSHOP. TO KEEP THINGS EASY FOR FAMILIES, PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE CONVENIENTLY THROUGH FLEXISCHOOLS AND OR OVER THE COUNTER

WE WOULD LOVE A HELPING HAND ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES:

- **PREP H, O & F – WEDNESDAY 10TH (WEEK 10), 11:00AM–11:50AM**
- **YEAR 1 – THURSDAY 11TH (WEEK 10), 11:00AM–12:30PM**

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO SPARE A LITTLE TIME TO HELP, IT WOULD BE SO APPRECIATED AND WILL HELP MAKE THE DAY EXTRA SPECIAL FOR THE KIDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! ❤️

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CHRISTMAS STAFF FEAST 12 DECEMBER

WE'RE LOOKING FOR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS TO HELP COOK A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR OUR AMAZING STAFF AS A THANK YOU FOR A FANTASTIC YEAR.

AS A LITTLE BONUS, AFTER HELPING YOU'LL GET TO SIT DOWN AND ENJOY THE DELICIOUS MEAL TOO AT YOUR OWN BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED TABLE. THE STAFF ALSO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF THE MEAL FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS AS A THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT.

 **HELP NEEDED: 12TH DECEMBER @ 8:00AM – 11:00AM**

 **VOLUNTEERS THEN JOIN US TO ENJOY LUNCH FROM 11:00AM**

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP AND BE PART OF THIS FESTIVE DAY, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

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**.

We are **still open Week 8 and Week 9**, and we would love your help to **sell through our remaining stock**. To help with this, we have activated **Pot Luck Meal Deals** on Flexischools – great value and perfect for using up our end-of-year goodies!

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



Australian

Kookaburra Kids
Foundation

Mental Health
Resilience Education

FREE CAMP FOR KIDS AGED 8-18

Supporting the unique needs of young
people from serving and ex-serving
ADF families

APEX CAMP
TOWNSVILLE

Raft building, Stand up paddle boarding,
Beach olympics/games, Snorkelling,
abseiling and more.

8-10 DECEMBER, 2025

Scan the code
to register a
young person



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Defence Kids



Run by
dedicated
staff



Term 4 2025

Tuesday 7 October—Friday 12 December

(Events/Dates subject to change)

Week 9

Wednesday 3/12

Christmas Carols

Yr 6 into Yr 7 State High School

Transition Day



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

Term 1, 2026

Monday 26 January—Public Holiday

Tuesday 27 January—First Day Term 1

JUMP CLUB IS BACK!

CANCELLED

ON THE BASKETBALL COURTS



Student of the week

Congratulations to the following students.

Certificates will be presented to Students on parade on Monday.



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

Follow us!



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.

GREENACRES FARM

FRESH PASTURE RAISED EGGS



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



Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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Australian Government
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!

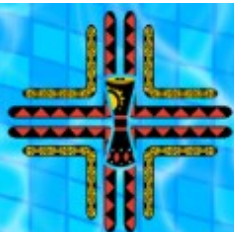
WHERE: Townsville Stadium, Murray Lyons Cres, Annandale

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

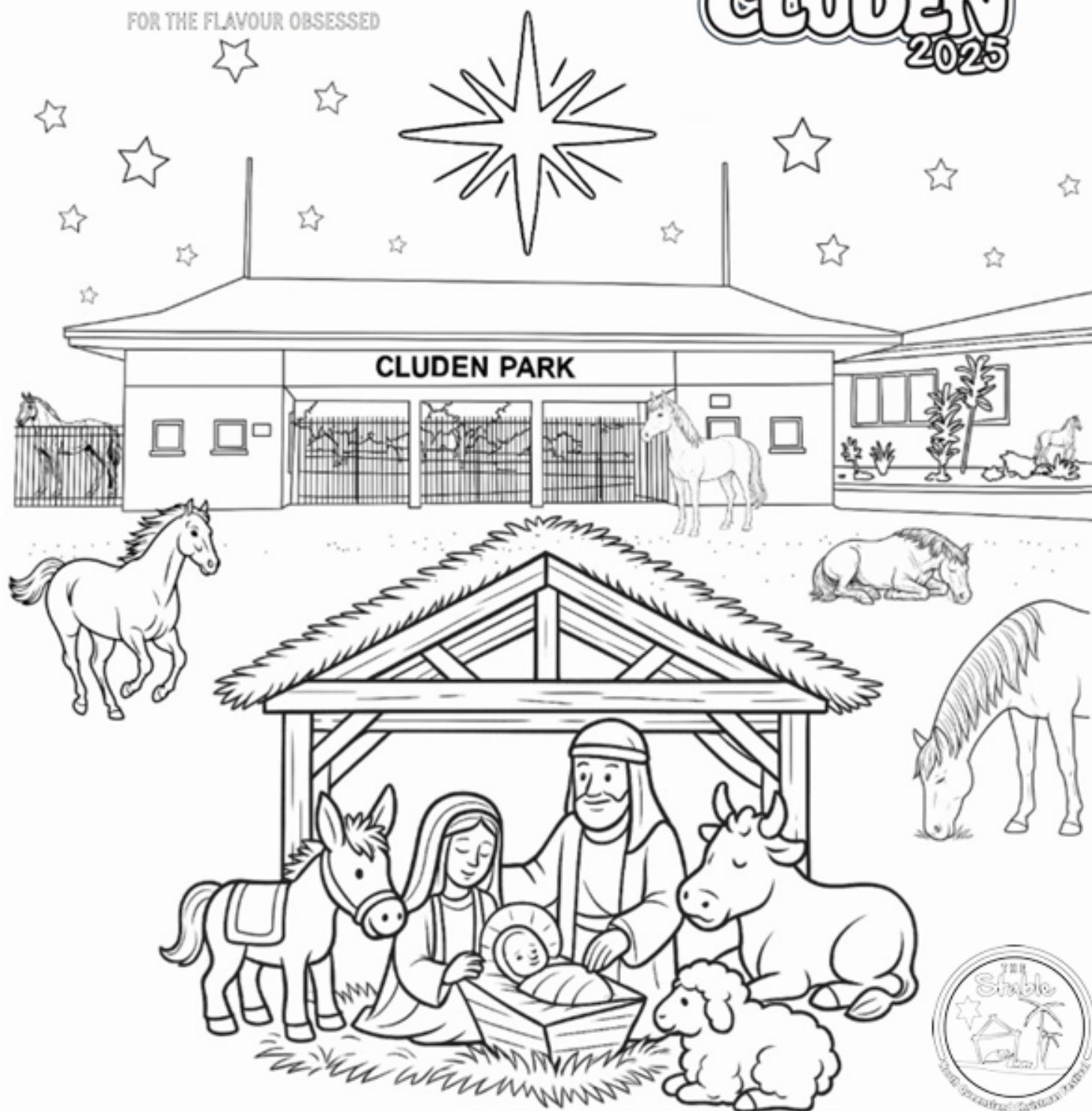
ALL CHILDREN
MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY
AN ADULT
BYO TOWEL - TOGS
WATER BOTTLE



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.***

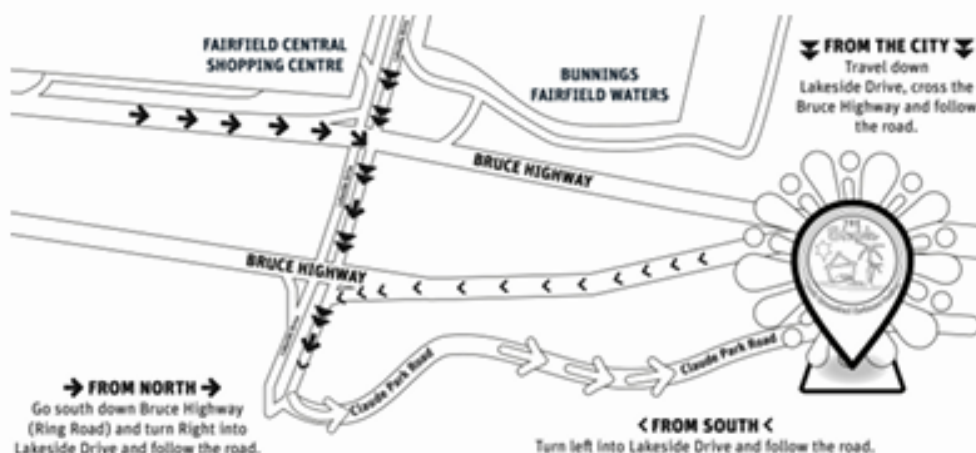
To redeem:

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

