



Ingham State School Newsletter



Welcome Message from Principal :

Natalie Andersen, Dee Swarbrick and I will be attending mandatory professional development for Education Queensland next Tuesday. These types of days are always a concern because we are out of the school, but it is essential we attend as it's a great opportunity for us to reflect on the current circumstances, what has been successful and what needs to change. It is also important that we get to communicate and share with other leaders and observe strategies that other schools are using.

Please remember at this school that an Open-Door Policy is an important part of our school culture so please let us know if you need to make an appointment with teachers or administration regarding any concern or question. We believe that collaborative communication is essential and really appreciate the input from parents. We are very aware that parents understand their child better than anyone and we often benefit from your input.

At the P&C meeting on Monday night I shared data relating to where we are at for our 2025 Annual Implementation Plan. I explained why as a school we are paying for additional swimming instructors and pool entry for all our students. We have taken the cost out of our school budget as the percentage of children drowning continues to rise across Australia. Please ensure that your child has sent in their forms so that we have 100 percent of our students attending these lessons. Please contact us if you have any issues regarding our swimming program.

So many of our students brought in their expressions of interest to go on our Maraka Float. There was so much interest that there are children who have unfortunately missed out being able to ride on the float, as we have to be extremely cautious for risk assessment purposes.

Our district RREAP funding is paying for our students to attend 'Fun with Maths' from the 27th to 29th of October. The small schools from around the district have also been invited to join us. There is also the possibility that we may have an author; Ian McIntosh visit us in Week 10. We will provide more information as soon as we have confirmation.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our Facebook Page and Newsletter this term for all these important updates on events and celebrations – relevant events like the Maraka Festival, Disco, Year 6 Graduation, Music Concert, and Transition days will be posted.

It is terribly hot now, so please remember to encourage your child to be wearing sunscreen whether at the pool or at school and reiterate the importance of continually drinking water throughout the day.

We really want all of our students at school every day. It is very difficult for any student to be able to gain an understanding of the concepts taught if they are continually missing school days, even one day a week missed makes a huge difference in a term. Learning is the key to so many future opportunities!

Kind Regards,

Marianne Mac Donald (Principal)

Date Claimers:

24th October

- ARTIE Party @ 2pm

25th October

- Maraka Festival

27th to 29th October

- Fun with Maths visit

27th October

- Prep Transition Day
9-10:30am

28th October

- Grade 6 Graduation
Meeting 5-6pm

29th October

- ISHS Grade 6
Transition Day

31st October

- 2026 Prep Interviews
- Day for Daniel
- World Teachers Day

4th November

- Interhouse Swimming
Carnival

7th November

- Krispy Kreme
Doughnut Drive
(forms & payment
due)

P&C

General Meeting

Monday 17th

November 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Library

Everyone Welcome





Our Purpose

is to provide quality learning environments in which students improve their academic and social development.

Our Focus

is on building a strong professional learning culture focussed on student progress.

Assembly

Held on *Monday* afternoons commencing at **2:00pm** in the Multipurpose Hall.

Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

BE SAFE

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

Items for Purchase

School Badges \$ 2

School Hats - XS only \$10

Homework Bags \$10

Water Bottle Coolers \$10

Available at the Office - payment by cash or EFTPOS

Bank Account Details

Please contact the office for details of how to pay invoices by direct deposit.

EFTPOS
Available
at office



School Drop Off and Pick Up

It is important that our school remains safe and maintains hygienic environments for all of our community. Parents are asked to respect and adhere to the following measures:

- ❖ **Students who are unwell must stay home.**
- ❖ Parents are to use **MP Hall** area or **STOP, DROP & GO** area to drop students off in the morning. There will be supervision from 8.00am. Please do not congregate in/around school grounds to limit transfer of illnesses.
- ❖ Students can be collected from the **STOP, DROP & GO** area or **BACK GATE** area. Prep students will wait in the MP Hall each afternoon with their teachers.
- ❖ Please organise with your students where pick up will be. If situations change, please **contact the office prior to 2:15pm** to get a message to your child's classroom. Messages after 2.30pm may not be delivered in time.

Student Absences

If your child is absent from school, please advise via the following methods:

- ❖ Sending a text to the SMS number (0418 157 321)
- ❖ Phoning our Absence Line to leave a message (4776 9360)
- ❖ Phoning the Office (4776 9333)
- ❖ You may also email admin@inghamss.eq.edu.au.

Please ensure you include your **CHILD'S NAME/ CLASS/ DATE/** and the **REASON FOR THE ABSENCE**. **If no reason is provided, the absence will be recorded as "Unexplained". If your child is absent for 3 or more days without reason, you will be contacted by the office.**

LATE ARRIVALS

All students arriving late (after 8:40am) to School **MUST** present to the Office and collect a Late Arrival Slip before going to class. Please try to have your students on time for school.

EARLY DEPARTURES

If you are collecting your child from school early, you **MUST** attend the Office and sign the Early Departure Register. Your child will then be asked to meet you at the Office. If possible, please advise your child's teacher and the Office beforehand, **especially when children are being collected at lunch times.**

IMPORTANT

If you are arranging for someone other than yourself to pick up your child from School, **ONLY** people you have listed as an **EMERGENCY CONTACT** may do so. Please visit the Office to complete the relevant paperwork to update your child's record. Changes to emergency contacts must be done in person – we cannot take this information over the phone.

GUIDELINES FOR PARENT ATTENDANCE

- ❖ Parents are welcome on the school grounds; however, it is difficult to have parents in classrooms before school. If you wish to participate in class volunteering, please present to the office to make arrangements and sign in as a visitor.
- ❖ Mornings and afternoons are very busy times for teachers. If you have anything you wish to discuss with teachers, please make an appointment to ensure that any concerns/issues can be discussed.



Stars of the Week Certificates

14th to 20th October 2025

★ PREP AS	Quin	★ 4ES	Oliver
★ PREP BD	Sadie	★ 5EJ	Chace & Gabi
★ 1KK	Brax	★ 5JG	Tyler
★ 1SP	Seth	★ 6SE	Nate, William & Ashlynn
★ 2CP	Beaudi	★ LIBRARY	1SP, 1KK, 4KA & 6LN
★ 2WT	Elijah	★ PE	Prep AS, Prep BD, 1SP and 1KK
★ 3BW	Olivia	★ MUSIC	1KK
★ 3TP	Skylah	★ 100 NIGHTS READING	2WT - Samirah 5JG - Zakariah & Aria



Ingham State School

Token Focus

We are Safe,
We play safely

At Ingham State School, we make safe choices so everyone can have fun and stay safe at playtime.



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Why this matters:

When we play safely, everyone can enjoy playtime, feel happy, and return to class ready to learn.



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What this looks like:

- We use safe hands, feet, and bodies.
- We follow the rules of games and play fairly.
- We are aware of others when running, kicking, or throwing.
- We play in the right areas and stay where teachers can see us.
 - We include others and look out for friends.
 - We stop and walk when the bell goes.
- We tell a teacher if someone is hurt, upset, or playing unsafely.
 - We walk carefully around the pool.

We listen to & follow ALL instructions from teachers & swimming instructors straight away.





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2026

PREP EXPERIENCE DAY #3

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 9-10:30AM



Meet us in the Prep Rooms.

Please ensure children wear covered shoes

& hat and bring along a water bottle.

A healthy snack will be provided.

PARENTS PLEASE REMAIN ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

28 Mc Ilwraith Street (PO Box 388), Ingham QLD 4850
Ph: (07) 4776 9333 Fax: (07) 4776 9300 E: admin@inghamss.eq.edu.au
Ingham State School www.inghamss.eq.edu.au

Good Citizens



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2026

PREP PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 9-10:30AM

Meet us in the Prep Rooms.

Come and learn about all that Ingham State School has to offer your child in Prep 2026.

Parents will attend an information session while the children experience a regular Prep morning routine.

Please return all enrolment forms as soon as possible so class arrangements can be considered for 2026.

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PREP ENROLEMENT INTERVIEWS

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

Please contact the
Office to arrange an
interview time.



4776 9333





Maraka Float Theme Revealed – “Music Through the Ages”

We're excited to announce the theme for this year's **Maraka Float**, happening on **Friday, 25th October**: is **“Music Through the Ages”**

From classical symphonies to rock 'n' roll, disco beats to modern pop, our students will be celebrating the rich history of music across generations. Start thinking about dress ups and costumes that reflect the different music scenes, icons and genres as we journey through the decades!

We'd love your support in helping bring this theme to life—whether it's assisting with costumes or simply coming along to cheer on the day. More details will follow soon, but for now, get ready to groove through the ages with us!

Expression of Interest

Ingham State School would like to participate in the Cane Section of the Ingham Show in 2026.

We are wondering if there are any volunteers who would assist Mrs Naughton and the Year 5's to get planting this year, ready for 2026 Show?

We have the full support of the Herbert River Canegrowers and aside from planting, would mainly need assistance with getting our fine exhibits up to the showgrounds next July

Please contact Mrs Naughton if you are willing to assist by emailing lnaug1@eq.edu.au

2025 Religious Education Program

Please make payment at the School Office as soon as possible for Religion Books

- Catholic \$5.00
- Combined Faith \$4.00

CASH ONLY

Please provide the correct monies in an envelope with student's name and religion.

Save The Date!

End of Year Instrumental / Choir Concert

Week 8 – Tuesday Evening 25 November, commencing at 5:30pm.

Instrumental Music

A reminder that all instrumental students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are now required to attend before school band rehearsals every Tuesday morning from 8:00 am. It has been wonderful to hear the progress that our students are making on their instruments, and all students are looking forward to performing at our end of year concert on the 25th November.

Choir

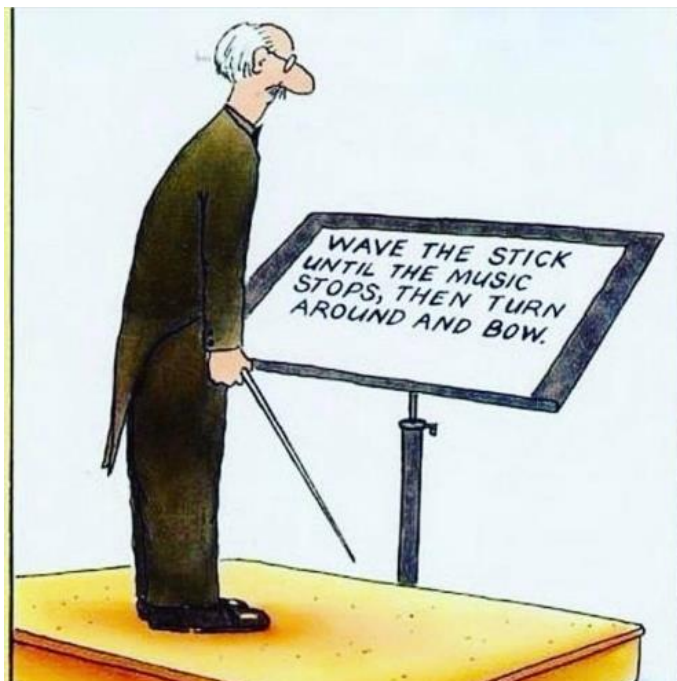
The school choir will be performing in the Maraka Concert this Saturday at approximately 6:45pm. All students have received an information letter regarding our performance. **If any student has not yet returned their note, they need to do so by this Thursday.** Even if students are unable to perform, a note still needs to be returned, so we have an idea of how many students will be performing.

Thank you to those families who have been ensuring their child arrives at rehearsal on time. The choir has a few performances lined up towards the end of the year, so it is important that all students attend.

If you have any questions regarding the Choir or Instrumental Music - Multi program, please contact Mrs Gunston, cguns5@eq.edu.au.

Instrumental Music - Strings

String lessons and ensemble rehearsals will be postponed for a time while Mrs Wright is on leave. Parents and students will be advised when lessons are resuming.





We are excited to share that our students have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons this year in Physical Education! It's been a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their skills and confidence in the water.

We are pleased to announce that we have finalized the date for our inter-house swimming carnival. **Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, November 4th, during Week 5**.** Parent notes regarding the event will be released very shortly, and we kindly ask that you sign and return them as soon as possible once they are sent out.

Additionally, we want to give a special shoutout to Emily-Rae Wilkinson, who recently participated in the QLD Athletics Carnival. We are incredibly proud of her achievements and excited to see her unlock her potential in high jump!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a wonderful swimming carnival!

Warm regards,

Perry Baker

Physical Education Teacher

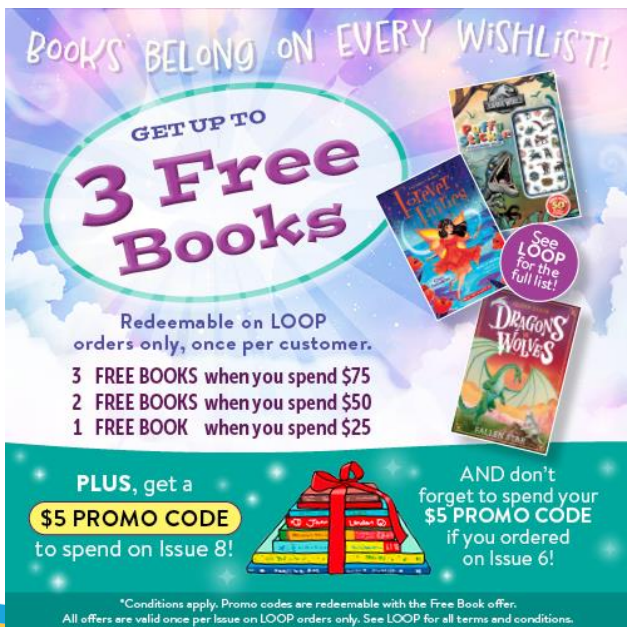
Scholastic Bookclub

REMINDER: ISSUE 7 orders must be submitted via LOOP or with correct money to the office by Monday 27th October at 2:00pm to ensure our school order is submitted on time for quick delivery.

Take advantage of Scholastic's FREE BOOK OFFER* to make gift-giving easy and affordable. LOOP orders over \$25 will be gifted up to 3 free books! *Redeemable on LOOP orders only, once per customer.

And remember to utilise your Regular Reader Reward! Every family that ordered via LOOP on Issue 6 earned a \$5 promo code to spend on this Issue*. Plus, they'll earn another \$5 promo code to spend on Issue 8 by ordering from this Issue.

Given the time of year, our gift functionality (where books are left with the school for discreet collection, instead of delivered directly to the child) has been turned ON for this Issue. If you don't wish to offer this service, you can turn it off manually via your Book Club account.



BOOKS BELONG ON EVERY WISHLIST!

GET UP TO 3 Free Books

Redeemable on LOOP orders only, once per customer.

- 3 FREE BOOKS when you spend \$75
- 2 FREE BOOKS when you spend \$50
- 1 FREE BOOK when you spend \$25

PLUS, get a \$5 PROMO CODE to spend on Issue 8!

AND don't forget to spend your \$5 PROMO CODE if you ordered on Issue 6!

*Conditions apply. Promo codes are redeemable with the Free Book offer. All offers are valid once per issue on LOOP orders only. See LOOP for all terms and conditions.


Book Club LOOP
for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

**At present we require extra volunteers to fill the following dates;
Friday 24th October Friday 31st October Tuesday 4th November**

If you're able to assist please let me know as soon as possible by calling the office and asking for the tuckshop.

Please remember to pack additional ice bricks in your student's lunch boxes now that the weather has changed to HOT. We have seen students with hot yoghurt and cheese products coming from their lunch boxes recently.

As always, THANK YOU for your help with all things tuckshop. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer on a continual or casual basis, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Mrs Rhonda Byers
Tuckshop Convenor



This Week's Roster

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ANNIE	JACQUI	KAREN	KELLY-JANE
		KRISTINE	VOLUNTEER

BREAKFAST CLUB

Only FRUIT will be available
Thursday 23rd October
2025




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Yr 6 Graduation Meeting

Date: Tuesday 28th October
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Place: Yr 6 Classrooms
 All year 6 families are invited to attend



INGHAM STATE SCHOOL

TEMPORARY

Tuckshop Menu

OPEN TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

HOT FOOD

Sausage Rolls	\$4.00
Hot Dogs (Not available Tuesday)	
(with cheese & sauce)	\$4.50
Pies	\$4.50
Sauce extra	\$0.50
Mince Buns	\$4.00
Pizza	\$4.00



TOASTIES

Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken & Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00

SANDWICHES/ROLLS

Ham	\$4.00
Chicken	\$4.00
Egg	\$4.00
Salad only	\$5.00
Ham & Salad	\$6.00
Chicken & Salad	\$6.00
Egg & Salad	\$6.00



SALADS

Salad only	\$5.00
Salad with Chicken	\$6.00
Salad with Egg	\$6.00
Salad with Ham	\$6.00



DRINKS

Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	\$3.50
Apple Juice	\$3.50
Chocolate Milk	\$3.50
Strawberry Milk	\$3.50
Water	\$2.00

FROZEN TREATS

Frozen Yoghurt	\$3.00
Icy Pole	\$2.00

EXTRAS

Fruit Cups	\$2.00
Fruit Cup with Custard	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$0.50



Ordering is available for
both lunch breaks on
each of the days.

Download the Qkr! App
For a super easy way to order
lunches!



DOUGHNUT DRIVE

THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY PLACED THEIR DOUGHNUT ORDERS!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN ALL ORDER FORMS TO THE OFFICE EVEN IF YOU'VE PAID THROUGH THE QKR! APP.

ORDERS CLOSE FRIDAY WEEK 5 NOVEMBER 7

DOUGHNUT DRIVE MENU

ORIGINAL GLAZED DOZEN - \$25



ASSORTED DOZEN - \$35



CHOCOLATE DELIGHT DOZEN - \$35



STRAWBERRY DELIGHT DOZEN - \$35



ORDERS CLOSE FRIDAY NOV 7TH!
ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

ISHS Notices

INGHAM STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Quality Educational Outcomes for all

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER

8:30 AM TO 2:55 PM

Meet at the Auditorium. Pick up and drop off from Marina Parade.

- school uniform
- closed-in shoes
- hat and water bottle
- exercise book with pencils/pens
- lunch or money for Tuckshop

CHECK list



REGISTER NOW

NB: Students enrolled in State Schools are automatically registered!

Enrolments welcome for all year levels!

Contact us today!

(07) 4797 1333



FINAL EXPERIENCE DAY FOR 2025!



INGHAM STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Quality Educational Outcomes for All



WEDNESDAY
29
OCTOBER

PRINCIPAL TOUR & INFORMATION SESSION FROM 8:30 AM



Principal Rod Flood invites Year 6 Parents/Caregivers to a Tour of the School & Information Session!

Come along and have a chat with our Expert Educators and learn all about our wonderful Ingham High community!



Enjoy a free coffee of your choice upon arrival!
(Available from 7:45 am)

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WINDLAB

TRIPL 102.3
TOWNVILLE

MARAKA KIDS BIG DAY OUT

**FENCE PAINTING - PET PARADE
PETTING ZOO - BALLOON ARTIST
FACE PAINTING - LASER TAG - GEL BLASTER**

FREE EVENT

LOOKING FOR MORE DETAILS ON EACH EVENT - VISIT THE MARAKA FACEBOOK PAGE
ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH - BRING YOUR OWN WATER PAINTS

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

9am to 12 noon Ingham Showgrounds

Proudly supported by

PINK RIBBON MORNING TEA

Let's gather to celebrate courage, share stories, and support one another – because no one should walk this journey alone.

join us

Thursday, 30 October 2025
10:00AM - 12:30PM

Connecting The Dots Through Culture
13-15 Palm Terrace, Ingham QLD

JOIN US AS WE COME TOGETHER FOR A MORNING FILLED WITH LOVE AND LAUGHTER - BRING A FRIEND, WEAR A TOUCH OF PINK, BE A PART OF A MORNING THAT REMINDS US THAT COMMUNITY HEALS.

Goes to College

Saturday 8 November 2025 @ 6pm
Sunday 9 November 2025 @ 10am & 3pm

SANTA MARIA COLLEGE

Tickets on sale now at
iLove Boutique, next to Shire Hall

CASH ONLY PLEASE - ADULTS \$30
PENSIONERS/STUDENTS \$20
PRIMARY SCHOOL \$15

Christmas in HINCHINBROOK

4 NOV 2025 - 14 DEC 2025

4 NOV 2025 - 10 DEC 2025

**Mayor's
Christmas Appeal**
9.30AM 14 NOV 2025

**Seniors
Morning Tea**
5.00PM 27 NOV 2025

**Late Night
Shopping**
6.00PM 28 NOV 2025

Forrest Beach Carols

5.00PM 6 DEC 2025

**Taylors Beach
Christmas Party**
5.00PM 7 DEC 2025

Carols in the Park
5.00PM 10 DEC 2025

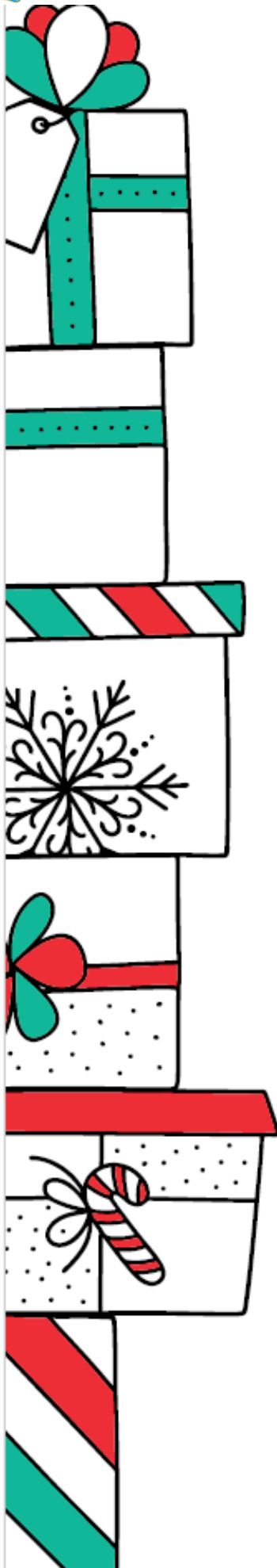
**Lucinda Christmas
Carols**
5.00PM 14 DEC 2025

**Trebonne Christmas
in the Park**

SCAN ME
FOR DETAILS

(4776 4600

council@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au



MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

HOW TO HELP:

ADD ONE EXTRA TOY OR NON-PERISHABLE ITEM AND PLACE IT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT COUNCIL'S CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE AREA AT 25 LANNERCOST STREET, INGHAM DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

NO TIME TO SHOP?

MAKE A CASH DONATION AT COUNCIL'S OFFICE WITH ALL FUNDS GOING TO THE HINCHINBROOK COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRE TO SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES.

APPEAL DATES: DONATIONS CLOSE 5.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2025 TO ALLOW TIME FOR DELIVERY.

GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT – AND MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS MERRY AND BRIGHT!

CALL 4776 4600 OR EMAIL
COUNCIL@HINCHINBROOK.QLD.GOV.AU
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

