

Principal's Report

Our teaching team has spent dedicated time unpacking the Principles of Instruction and what they look like in action across our classrooms. At Innisfail State School, we are committed to explicit teaching practices that ensure every child becomes a confident and capable reader. Explicit instruction in reading means our teachers carefully model new skills, break learning into clear and manageable steps, check for understanding, and provide guided practice before students work independently. You will see this through daily reading lessons that include vocabulary development, decoding strategies, fluency practice, and deep comprehension discussions. Our staff are working collaboratively to ensure consistency from Prep through to Year 6, building strong foundations and extending students as they grow. Reading is the key to success across all learning areas, and we are proud of the focused, evidence-informed work happening in every classroom.

How families can support reading at home:

- Model reading – let your child see you read for enjoyment.
- Read together daily – even 10–15 minutes makes a difference.
- Visit the local library and explore new authors and topics.

When home and school work together, our children thrive. Thank you for partnering with us to build strong readers and lifelong learners.

Together we achieve greater things.

Jemma McClafferty
Principal

BEHAVIOUR FOCUS Week 7 & 8

We use positive self talk.

1. I will come to school with a **positive outlook** for the day.
2. I will think and talk about myself in a positive way.
3. I will have a **growth mindset**.
4. If I am not feeling ok, I will let someone know.

Positive Self Talk
Take care for a great day tomorrow!
Let's show off myself tomorrow!

Everyone Belongs.

1. I will look for things I have in common with others.
2. I will appreciate and discover differences in others.
3. I will allow others the freedom to have their own beliefs and traditions.
4. I know **everyone belongs** at Innisfail State School.

HARMONY DAY
Harmony Day Friday 20 March

REBOOT FOCUS TERM 1- The Three Brains



Smart Brain
(Neocortex)



Emotional Brain
(Limbic System)



Wild Brain
(Brain Stem + Cerebellum)

This term, our reboot focus is **The Three Brains**, which helps us understand how we think, feel and respond.

Students will learn that the brain has three main parts and that all three brains work together, and each one is important.

We Learn, Play and Teach on Mamu Country.

Events Reminders:

Breakfast Club- Every morning from 8am

Homework Centre- Mon, Tues, Wed 3-4pm

Playgroup- Every Wednesday 9-12 noon

Stay & Play- Every Thursday 8:30-10am

House Shirt Challenge- Every Thursday

Parade - Every Friday 2:30pm

• TERM 1

Wednesdays- Deadly Choices Y1/2

Thursdays- Deadly Choices Y2/3

11/3- 23/3- NAPLAN (Year 3 and 5)

19/3- School Photos

20/3- Harmony Day – **Wear orange**



ATTENDANCE, ABSENTEEISM and ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE REMINDERS

Late Arrivals

Any student who arrives after 8:50am will need to report to the office for a late note before going to class.

End of Day

The school day officially finishes at 3pm. Students should not loiter in the grounds but make their way home by bus, car, bike or foot. There is no staff supervision after the final bus.

Absenteeism

If your child is away, please contact the office by phone (4061 0333) or text 0429 070 419. Absentee information is required for legal and audit purposes.

School Refusal

Please speak with your Class Teacher or Mrs Carroll if you are having issues with school refusal.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Statewide target= above 90%

Our current attendance is 84.8%

LEGENDS OF LEAGUE VISIT

We welcomed International Legends of League to our school! Students had the chance to hear firsthand about the importance of the C.A.R.E Factor – Compete, Attitude, Resilience and Effort and the value of- Dream ~ Believe ~ Achieve.

A huge thank- you to everyone involved in supporting this visit and making it possible for our students.



TERM 1- THREE WAY CONFERENCES



Three- way conferences will be held on Monday 16th March from 3pm. Parents and carers are invited to book a time with class teachers, specialist staff and support staff to discuss their child's progress in term 1.

If you have trouble booking, please call the office (07) 4061 0333.



Playgroup is on every Wednesday from 9am- 12noon. For more information, please call the office on (07) 4061 0333.



PARADE AWARDS



YEAR 456A MATHS

Our 456A students have been revising previously learnt concepts through engaging maths rotations. Revisiting skills helps move learning from short-term to long-term memory while building confidence and fluency.



YEAR 1 BOOKWORK

We had some very excited students visit the office to share their amazing maths bookwork. We love celebrating these special moments and acknowledging the effort our students put into their learning every day.



CURRENT VACANCIES

There are currently no vacancies

SCHOOL GATES

Our school gates are locked from 9am until 2:50pm every day. Please enter and exit via the main gate on Emily Street.



CHESS CLUB

It's been great to see so many students getting involved in Chess Club this term. The room has been full of concentration, friendly competition and some very clever moves! As our club continues to grow, we'd love a little extra support. If you're a keen chess player in our community and would be happy to volunteer some time to play a few games or help guide our students, please contact the school office.



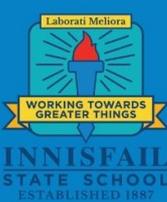
P&C UPDATE



P&C MEETING

All Welcome

Wednesday 18th March
2pm - Meeting Room



SCHOOL PHOTOS



**Innisfail State School
School Photo Day!**

Thursday 19th March



Order at www.nqsp.com.au
using shoot key: **S2X8VN2H**

Sibling Photos can be ordered online
(Please place sibling order by 12pm
the day before photo day)

info@nqsp.com.au
(07) 4035 5388
4/90 Aumuller St, Cairns




House Points Winner

Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Cassowaries	Crocodiles	Cassowaries	Crocodiles

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Community Embedded
learning hub

JOIN OUR 9-WEEK
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Start your journey to a

Certificate III in Individual Support

Start your career in aged care with confidence. Centacare FNQ, in partnership with Ageing Australia, Skills Generation and Benchmark Group, is delivering a 9-week training program designed to support you on your pathway to a Certificate III in Individual Support.

The course is free and includes training and employment support to assist you in finding work. Spaces are limited so please apply today!

Reegan 0428 975 609 or Penny 0418 537 310

Enquire
Now




MONDAY 16TH - SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2026

**DOMINO'S
CUSTOMER
APPRECIATION WEEK**

LARGE VALUE PIZZA FROM \$4 PICK UP	LARGE VALUE MAX PIZZA FROM \$6 PICK UP	LARGE TRADITIONAL PIZZA FROM \$8 PICK UP	LARGE PREMIUM PIZZA FROM \$10 PICK UP
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CODE: 137756

GARLIC BREAD 2227kJ FROM \$3 PICK UP CODE: 507911	1.25L DRINKS FROM \$3 PICK UP CODE: 641118
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THE AVERAGE DAILY ENERGY INTAKE IS 8700kJ

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