Port Douglas State School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians the Irrikandji and Kuku Yalanji Tribes of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past and present.

HUGE thank you to Jenna & Nikki Rumney (past PDSS students) along with Dean Miller who returned to the classroom to share with the Yr 6/7’s ‘Expedition Eye to Eye: Swimming with Giants’ their latest challenge and Adventure For Change, a local team of scientists, adventurers and filmmakers who are exploring the world in search of amazing wildlife and people working toward a sustainable future. Yr 6/7 students are now engaged in learning more about the projects and are closely following the expedition on Facebook. If you would like more information or to follow Jenna, Nikki and Dean.

Adventures for Change Facebook Page:
https://www.facebook.com/AdventureForChange

Yr 6/7 Garden has thrived and expanded this term. The students have settled in nicely with our feathered farmyard friends who are entertaining the lunchtime crowds regularly. Thank you to all who contributed to the new garden shed to help with the safe storage and easy access of garden tools and supplies.

Congratulations to Students of the Week

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene.

Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
Thanks for a great term

As I was drafting the Principal’s P and C Report for June I realised what a great Semester 1, 2013 our school has had and how many high quality educational programs and opportunities we have provided to the students of our community. During the holidays take some time to chat with someone over your favourite beverage about one or two of the many positives about our school. Let’s make the important things interesting!

Here’s just a few!

- School captains and House captains
- Guided Reading program – supported by Teacher Aide team
- Mr Drippy and school water bottles
- AFL coaching and success in Gold Coast Suns state wide competition
- Explicit Instruction
- NAPLAN action plans
- 92% attendance rate (very good... still aiming for 95%)
- Cross-Country success
- Volunteers Induction (early stages)
- Year 6 and 7 Camp to Darradgee – returned home with chooks and ducks... and all the students
- Teacher professional development in consolidations (Warm-Ups)
- PDSS float in the Carnivale Parade
- School renewal – Administration, fence, etc
- Use of Cyclone Shelter
- Outstanding support from the P and C funding;
  - New readers ($5000)
  - ICT – Audio Visual Renewal ($15000)

Semester 1 outstanding students

As I look over the report cards at the end of every semester it is pleasing to see the achievement and improvement that every student makes. I wish to recognise the following students for achieving either a “Very High” or “A” in the three key learning areas of English, Mathematics and Science.

Congratulations: Holly Dowell, Audrey Gaske, Daisy Colbridge, Kalan Poole, Rosa Johnson, Samantha Byrnes, Emma Hudson and Connor Berzinski.

New Q School app

You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.

Every Student, Every Classroom, Everyday!

Have a happy and safe holiday break.
Hello, my name is Robyn Lee and I began in my role as the Support Teacher (Literacy and Numeracy) at PDSS at the beginning of term 2. My role is to work within our school team to assist classroom teachers, the Head of Curriculum and the Principal to develop and effectively implement responses to students with learning needs, across the key learning areas, with a focus on literacy and numeracy.

In consultation with the school leadership team, I am responsible for the following activities and key tasks:

- Work within our school team and with students to improve student achievement;
- Assist with planning, preparation and delivery of effective learning and teaching programs for identified students to improve their learning outcomes, with a focus on literacy and numeracy;
- Maintain up-to-date knowledge of evidence based, effective teaching practices to improve student learning across the KLA’s with a focus on literacy and numeracy;
- Provide support to school teams and individual teachers in identifying patterns of achievement and selecting evidence based intervention strategies at whole school, cohort and individual students levels for underachieving students, including students with learning disabilities;
- Support teachers in assessing and monitoring the progress of students underachieving in the literacy and numeracy demands of the key learning areas.
- Provide professional development at whole school, cohort and individual teacher level to support improved student achievement;
- Provide support and advice on the teaching of students with learning disabilities;
- Support documentation of intervention responses for students requiring additional support;
- Participate in and promote networking of Support Teachers (Literacy and Numeracy) to share examples of best practice; and
- Work collaboratively with other specialists (e.g. guidance officers, speech language pathologists) to coordinate services which improve students’ learning.

In term 2 I have had the opportunity to work with teachers and students at all year levels. I look forward to continuing in my role as ST:L&N at PDSS in term 3 and 4, focusing on selected school based priority planning, monitoring and assessment activities and tasks that will, in turn, benefit students across the school to reach their learning potential.

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**TUCKSHOP HELPERS NEEDED!!**

**CLASS:** __________________

**TUCKSHOP DATES**

Monday ________ Friday _________

Paula desperately needs helpers in the Tuckshop on Mondays and Fridays - even if you can only spare an hour of your time!

We have decided to try a roster system, whereby each class is assigned one week in each term to provide adult helpers for Paula. That's only one morning every 10 weeks that you need to commit to..... Surely we can all find the time to ensure our Tuckshop keeps running!

HELPERS 1 HELPER 2

**MONDAY** ____ _____

**FRIDAY** ________

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER

THANK YOU FROM THE P&C

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**Community Announcements**

**Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child’s Diabetes?**

**Research into parenting children With type 1 diabetes.**

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child’s diabetes.

**If you are a parent of a 2to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!**

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: [https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes](https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes)

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi.Lohan@uqconnect.edu.au or phone Amy Mitchell (07 3365 7305) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.
Community Announcements

James Turner Soccer Camp
Cassowary Park, Cassowary, Mossman Home of the Dragons

2013 June School Holidays
Monday-Friday
Junes 24-28 & July 1-5
9.00 am-12.00 noon U6-U15
$100 a week or $25 a day

James Turner's Qualifications:
England: F.A. Coaching Level 1 USA: NSCAA National Diploma
F.A. Coaching Level 2 NSCAA Special Topics Course
Soccer Parent Certificate
QLD Blue Card Holder Senior Dragons Coach Junior Dragons Coach

Improve your skills, make new friends and have fun playing

Is Parenting becoming painful? Tell us about it!
P5 is a six week parenting program where parents can discover tools to turn things around and discover pleasurable parenting!
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For: All Parents and carers of children from baby to teenagers
Where: Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre
When: starts Friday July 19th Time: 11.30 - 2.30 pm
Runs till: Friday 23rd August 2013 (must attend all 6 sessions)
Cost: $60 per course, Covers course materials & lunches
Babysitting: Limited babysitting available - please contact us.
All Welcome © Call 4099 5518 to book Email - family2@pdnc.org.au
See www.p5australia.com.au for more info

Mossman NAIDOC committee invites you to get involved in the annual NAIDOC Street March and Family Fun Day.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND TAKE PART IN THIS CELEBRATION OF OUR LOCAL INDIGENOUS CULTURES.

PRIZES FOR STREET MARCH PARTICIPANTS:
* Individual Best Dressed * Group Best Dressed * Float Best Dressed
* Loudest Celebration * Lucky March prizes (Junior & Senior)

Friday 19th July 2013
Street March: 10am to 10.30am From CRC council chambers
Family Fun Day 10.30am to 1pm At George Davis Park
The program will include:
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* Torres Strait Island dancers
* Contemporary dancers
* Street march & business shop front presentations

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Sunday 14 July from 2-4pmVenue in Port Douglas TBA
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