In English, Yr 2 have been writing poems.
The children reconstructed a poem.

**Tiny Cats**

Two tiny cats stuck up an oak tree
Then one slipped down as scared as can be
She grabbed the tree with her long sharp paws
The other one screeched and hung with her claws
Slipping and sliding down the old oak tree
Trembling with fright at what they could see
Down beneath, a big black dog was yapping
Then I came and made him quit the snapping
by Sofia and Kiah

**Six Fluffy Kittens**

Six fluffy kittens sleeping on a mat
Cuddly and fluffy as she sat
Snoring and yarning with big sleeping eyes
Under the moon that hung in the skies
The cuddly kittens wakes up to play
They may have a fantastic day today
They played and chased a big round red ball
They chased the big ball into a hall
By Hilton, Lyra and Brianna

**Four Cheeky Pups**

Four cheeky pups in a bed that’s warm
Keeping nice and dry as there’s a storm
Thinking and winking scared as could be
Four frightened pups came over to me
As I crouched down low I could hear one bark
They were all scared as they were in the dark
They saw a shadow in the dark, dark night
They went to bed they dreamt a big fright
by Toby and Bailey

**In Science we combined materials to make a lunchbox that could hold an orange and a sandwich. It had to be water resistant so we could wipe it out with a wet cloth.**

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful P&C who have donated $5000 towards the purchase of Home & Guided Reading books.

We have spent almost half of this money so far and will order additional books next term.

Our Library would appreciate parent helpers to cover these books next term. See Virginia or Phil if you can assist.

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

To assist Staff in an emergency situation PLEASE notify Administration immediately with your details should they have changed recently.

I.E. NEW PHONE NUMBERS

CHANGED EMERGENCY CONTACTS

NEW ADDRESS
Our Outstanding School

It was fantastic to read in the Port Douglas Gazette about how well all the schools in the Douglas Cluster are performing, especially our school, Port Douglas State School. Don't forget to tell you family and friends while enjoying the break! I hope you have a safe and happy Easter!

Farewells and Welcome

Our school is will be saying goodbye to some staff members and welcoming some new. Here are the In's and Out's:

- Year 5/6 – Ms Amanda Moulds is replacing Bill Ridderhof (career change) until the end of the school year.
- Year 4/5 – Ms Cara Beadle is replacing Loraine Campbell on a term by term contract until the end of the school year.
- PREP – Mrs Janelle Shrimpton returns from leave replacing Ms Naomi Arthurson.
- Teacher Aide – Bec Cooke is replacing Megan Pooley on the Teacher Aide team.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during the last week of Term 1 and the first two weeks of Term 2. Teachers will send out information about interview times with families to discuss the individual progress of your child. I recommend that, where possible, parents and students attend the interview. After all, this is the student's learning journey and it is vital that parents, teachers and students work as a team to encourage continued improvement. Please plan to take this opportunity to talk about teaching and learning.

Term 2 Bell Times

School Bell times will be adjusted for Term 2 to ensure accuracy and maximisation of teaching and learning time. They will be as follows:

- 8:30 – Students can enter School grounds
- 8:55 – Students enter classroom to prepare for the day
- 9:00 – Instruction Begins
- 11:00 – First Eating Break (all students sit and eat)
- 11:15 – First Play Break
- 11:40 – Warning Bell to return to class (wash hands, go to toilet etc.)
- 11:45 – Instruction Begins
- 1:15 – Second Play Break
- 1:30 – Second Eating Break (all students sit and eat)
- 1:40 – Warning Bell to return to class
- 1:45 – Instruction Begins
- 3:00 – End of Classroom Day
- 3:15 – End of Bus Duty
- 3:30 – End of Day

Every Student, Every Classroom, Everyday!

This graph shows our student attendance rate has dropped from 91.5% to 91.0% over the past fortnight. Our goal for outstanding attendance is 95%. Let's reverse the downward trend!! Individual student attendance information will be sent home early in Term 2.

It's holiday time so please contribute to keeping our school community safe by reporting any suspicious behaviour to our local police.

HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAYS TO ALL, Term 2 commences Monday April 15, 2013
PDSS New Website

Our school’s new and improved website will be up and running mid Term 2. Our website has been developed using the ‘Website for Schools’ initiative. The ‘Websites for Schools’ team used findings from a parent research study to create a consistent site structure based on the information parents wanted to see on a school website. We have been able to personalise our website to reflect the true spirit of our school while meeting the Queensland Government’s website standards. Newsletters, news items, key dates and a picture gallery will feature on our website. Thank you to Stephen and Cathy Nutt who volunteered their time on Tuesday to take photos for our website. Stay tuned...

All staff and students of Port Douglas State School wish Mr R all the best on his retirement. We know he will be happily paddling along the Coral Sea and look forward to seeing him out and about in Port Douglas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Students of the Week

P & C Meeting
Resource Centre
6.00 pm
Tuesday April 16, 2013
New members welcomed

NOTES SENT HOME

Parent/Carer’s Letter 5/6 BR
Parent Interview letters All classes
Expressions of Interest Y6/7 A.F.L team

TUCKSHOP WILL BE OPEN
MONDAY APRIL 15
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

MISSING iPod Shuffle
Please phone Brianna on 0417 467 643 or contact Administration at Port Douglas State

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Port Douglas State School are proud to announce the Year 6/7 A.F.L team for winning round 1 of the Gold Coast Suns Cup. On Assembly, April 15, an A.F.L. representative will be coming to present a shield to the Team. The players will be contesting round 2 at Cazaly’s in Cairns at 4 P.M. on April 22. We wish them success.

Congratulations to Lachlan Buzza and Connor Berzinski who have been selected in the Douglas Cluster Rugby League Team and will compete for the Peninsula Team.

In A.F.L. Leon Wren has been selected in the Peninsula team and will travel to the Gold Coast to compete in the State Championships. Congratulations Leon.

The Port Douglas State School biannual handball competition is well underway, with the first and second round of the 4/5 boys, 4/5 girls, 6/7 boys and 6/7 girls divisions having been played over the last fortnight - the competition is heating up! Strategic game play, peak levels of physical fitness, cat-like reflexes and a dash of luck have ensured some narrow victories and help deal out some devastating losses. This week will see the final and grand final rounds being played. I for one am looking forward to more high calibre games. Good luck to those still in the competition!
James Turner Soccer Camp

Dates: Ages 6–16 1st April – 5th April 8th April – 12th April
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
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Time: 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Place: Cassowary Park, Mossman  Fee: $20 per day or $75 per week

How the camp works: We are running a fun week of soccer for kids ages 6-16 during the Easter break. We will be running the camp Monday to Friday from 9-12pm. Kids will have a snack break around 10:20pm which they are asked to bring with them from home. The week will consist of a few light soccer drills and plenty of fun soccer games and competitions. It will also feature a mini World Cup! Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

About Me: I am currently the Head Coach for the Douglas United premier soccer team and I have a wealth of experience teaching kids’ soccer across three continents. The curriculum for the camp has been a huge hit with kids all around the world!

To register: Please contact James Turner on 0488 260 916 or Adrian North on 0407 413