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.

A big congratulations to the following students for their success in the ‘2013 Senior Handball Competition’.

6/7 Girls champion – Kashana Briscoe
   Runner-up - Tiarne Muia
6/7 Boys champion – Leon Wren
   Runner-up – Jack Carr
4/5 Girls champion – Charlotte Dowling
   Runner-up – Melissa Callender
4/5 Boys champion – Quentin Nutt
   Runner-up – Jet McLennan
Champions will receive their prizes on Parade on Monday morning.

Port Douglas State School welcomes:
Robyn Lee  ST: L&N
Debra Bozhoff  Teacher  Yr 4/5
Amanda Moulds  Teacher  Yr 5/6

Yr 6/7 will be holding a ‘Car Wash’ on Saturday April 27 in the School car park to raise money for School Camp T-Shirts.

$10 per car—They will be spotless!
from 9am to 12 pm

Port Douglas State School  ANZAC day ceremony will be held on Wednesday April 24 from 2.15 PM.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Students are invited to attend the Port Douglas ANZAC day march on Thursday April 25, meeting at Coles at 10:00 AM. Please be advised it may be a long ceremony and it may be difficult for younger students to participate in a reverent manner. Students are required to be dressed in FULL school uniform including school hat with shoes and socks.
Welcome Back – Term 2 Here We Go!

There is lots to look forward to this term, don’t blink or you’ll miss it.
- ANZAC Day school service will be held from approx. 2:00pm on Wednesday 24th April
- ANZAC Day community march Thursday 25th April – please encourage all students to show their respect by marching in their full school uniform with the school. More details in this newsletter.
- PDSS Cross-Country is coming up in Week 3 so look out for more details from Mrs Hoye in the coming days.
- NAPLAN testing is happening in Week 5.
- The Port Douglas Carnival is coming up towards the end of term. We are looking for lots of Mums and Dads to help with the float and looking for maximum participation from all students to show off how fantastic our school is. Please contact the P and C to find out how you can lend a hand.

New Staff
We again welcome the new and returning teaching staff to our great school!

- Year 5/6 – Ms Amanda Moulds
- Year 4/5 – Ms Debra Bozhoff
- PREP – Ms Janelle Shrimpton
- Teacher Aide – Ms Rebecca Cook
- Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy – Ms Robyn Lee

If you see new faces around the school please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews continue during the first two weeks of Term 2. Teachers have sent 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 students 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. NOTE: New teachers this term will be conducting Parent Information Sessions with Parent Teacher Interviews occurring Term 3.

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

- 8:30 – Students can enter ground
- 8:55 – Students enter classroom and 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!
Carnivale

Port Douglas State School has traditionally entered a float in the community Carnivale Street Procession to be held this year on Friday 17 May. What we require immediately is for someone to volunteer as the ORGANISER. Someone to organise the children, promote the event in the school community and be responsible for the activity on the night.

The theme this year is "Party" at Carnivale. Our entry, with or without the use of a truck (we have one offered to us), could be as simple as gathering kids to walk dressed in colourful clothes, wearing masks and feathers and marching down Macrossan St, (with or without appropriate music being played). This is a wonderful opportunity to promote the school and to have children enjoy an experience they may otherwise not have the chance to do.

The P&Cs will assist with costs of paints for masks etc. Entries must be received by May 8 but we need to see if there is anyone available with a flair for creativity and the patience to work with kids.

Interested? Contact Ray Pitman at srpitman93@gmail.com

PDSS Gardening Club will be held on Mondays & Wednesdays at the "Vegie Garden" behind Block 3 (Yr 6/7). A hat MUST be worn by the 'Green Thumbs'.

Fire Education Days
Prep/1 AM, 1EL & Yr1 BG
Will be April 26 & May 3

Queensland Country Women's Association
Competition, 2013 Country : Turkey
Closing April 30
All entries to Mrs McCoist Year 1

This is an EdStudio where students can log on to the Learning Place and access their own class' learning page. This page has been designed by the class teacher and may include sight words, messages to parents, homework, assignment dates and learning activities. Please see your child's teacher for more information.

Today is the last day of Book Fair.
Thank you for supporting us.
Thank you to the wonderful Volunteers for managing the sales.

Port Douglas State School Staff & Students wish the AFL players “ALL THE BEST” in the Gold Coast Suns Cup—Round 2 at Cazaly's 4.00 pm Monday April 22.

The players have been training hard in preparation of the game and are excited to be representing their school.
Are your children fighting?

Researchers from the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program at The University of Queensland are interested in seeking the views of parents of siblings.

If you are a parent of siblings aged between 2 and 10 years, with no more than 4 years separating your children, please visit our website:

www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/siblings

Eligible parents will also be invited to register their interest for participating in a FREE Triple P course targeting sibling conflict

Contact
John Pickering
Project Coordinator
Parenting and Family Support Centre
Telephone: (07) 3346 8743
Email: jpickering@psy.uq.edu.au Website: www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/siblings

We want your input and invite you to our Community Consultation Meeting.

The purpose of these meetings is to identify opportunities for improvement and determine priorities to improve health outcomes and reduce inequality in the region. The outcomes of the community consultation roadshow will inform priority health areas for action.

HAVE YOUR SAY In person:
Attend our community consultation Forum
Date: Monday 22nd April 2013
Time: 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Venue: Port Douglas CWA Hall Blake St, Port Douglas
Or online: Complete our survey online:
P5 Parenting Program
Phone 4099 5518

“There are no right answers for parenting problems: there are only strategies that suit the situation and the person using them. “ P5 Australia.

Join us to explore your parenting, gain confidence and have fun doing it.

Participatory Program Promoting Pleasurable Parenting.

6 week program for all parents.
Will be available from the Neighbourhood Centre Family Support Team in Term 3 2013,
email family2@pdnc.org.au to register now.
Let us know whether day time or evenings suit you and we will try to accommodate.

Last opportunity to join the newly formed ‘Douglas Heat Basketball Club’ this Wednesday April 24 at the new indoor stadium (Cyclone Shelter) at the Port Douglas State School.

We are a junior sports club and invite primary school age boys and girls from the district to learn the skills of basketball.

If you would like your child to participate in this fun & exciting sport, just come along on the day, for any prior information please contact us below:

Club President - Nick Gibson - 0419 022 692
Club Coach - Steve Hull - 0408 741 529