Carnivale parade was enjoyed by all who participated this year under the theme of “What does Carnivale mean to you?” We would like to thank Heather Denslow, Nicole Smith, Skye Thomson and Racquel Limbrick, Deb Bozhoff, & Amanda Moulds for their willingness to be involved, their donation of time, patience and glow products.

We have settled back in to school life from camp at Daradgee with a few surprises as you can see, we are holding the newest enrolments to Port Douglas State School. We didn't just bring back chickens though we also brought back 2 ducks including a drake (male). We are hoping that our duck & drake will breed and we could have ducklings joining our class before long.

Last week our new Chicken Tractor arrived that is where our new poultry will live. By the way a chicken tractor is a chook house on wheels. Our chickens and ducks have been very popular with all the students at school.

Not only have our fantastic teaching staff been extremely busy and sleep deprived with reporting, all staff including Teacher Aides and Cleaners have been updating their skills with CPR and Anaphylaxis training after school.

The Catch of the Day

At the year 6/7 Daradgee school camp, Fauve Salleras caught a BIG fish. Being on a boat sailing towards Coconuts the group stopped at a 'secret' place to go fishing..... We were all hand reeling off the side of the boat quietly, suddenly Fauves’ reel starting to pull viciously. 'I've got something!!' shrieked Fauve. The line on her reel spun as fast as race horse. Fauve tried to grab on but it was too slippery. But that line just kept on going. Deep cuts and bruises were on her hands and fingers for the rest of camp. The boat zoomed off. Steve the instructor looked slightly annoyed. He had told everybody to keep the reel in the boat before we met this monster. Blob blob blob, the reel was on the surface of the water. Steve fished the fishing reel out. The whopper had used all the line!!! Sadly we never got to see it........ by Cassia Jansen

Congratulations to Students of the Week
Every Student, Every Classroom, Everyday!

Our schools attendance for Term 2 is currently 93.5%. (an improvement of 0.2%) Our goal is to achieve 95%. The graph shows a short term improvement in the trouble days of Monday and Friday. That is WONDERFUL!! Parents please keep up the good work ensuring that you are planning for your child to attend Monday through to Friday of every week. Weekends and Holidays are never far away.

Special Well Done to:
- Prep B for 100% attendance for every day last week!
- Year 2’s you are very close to goal 95% - Currently at 94.5%
- Year 4’s you are wonderful! Currently attending at 96.2%
- Year 5’s you are wonderful! Currently attending at 96.2%

Before School Arrival
Reminder to all families, the first bell rings at 8.30am. Students should not arrive until after this time. If a student occasionally needs to arrive at school before this time they must immediately go to the eating area and sit and wait for the first bell at 8.30am. I remind parents that there is no formal supervision provided before 8.30am so these before school procedures are in place to ensure your children’s safety. You support in this would be greatly appreciated.

Contacting Your School and Regional Office
The Far North Queensland School Region and Port Douglas State School is committed to improvement in Reading all Year Levels, specifically 3% improvement in students meeting National Minimum Standards and 4% improvement in students achieving in the Upper Two Bands.

As a function of this, district administrators and school principals will be spending two full days every week in classrooms in order to help improve the teaching and learning that happens on a daily basis.

Therefore, we may not always be able to speak with you when you drop in or telephone us.

However, we really do value communicating with you.

So, when you want to speak with your school principal, an assistant superintendent, or the superintendent, please contact our secretaries/assistants, who will schedule a time for us to talk.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our schools and your patience and understanding as we implement these practices.

Students from Port Douglas have been busy competing in a variety of sports around the district. Last Sunday Charlie Dowling, Jack Carr, Jake Read and Mitch Ralston competed in the Peninsula Football (soccer) trials in Cairns. The Douglas team went exceptionally well, finishing 4th in the carnival. The boys from PDSS all performed admirably on the day.

Students have been competing in Peninsula Tennis and on Wednesday June 5 they will be participating in the Douglas Team for the ARL Development Cup.
Who’s chatting to your kids?

The internet today contains many sites that are designed to encourage children and teenagers to communicate by messaging each other in real time. Many of these sites contain areas where children can post personal information about themselves including their name, age, location, photographs, and contact details. Please take some time to discuss these on-line safety tips with your children:

- Never give out personal information on the net, like your full name, address, phone number or school, even sporting events attended, or locations of extra-curricular activities.
- Ensure your screen name does not reveal personal information about you.
- Review your online profile. Predators can use this personal information to find you.
- Only allow your friends to view your personal blog and profile.
- Never send your picture to someone you don’t know.
- Don’t accept invitations to view webcams from unknown internet users.
- Never arrange for face-to-face meetings with people met online.
- Understand predators ask personal questions and attempt to become friends quickly.
- Time chatting online to a person does not equal trust or knowing the person.

Teach children the 5 R’s:

- REALISE – people you chat with may not be who they say they are, nor what age/sex they give.
- REFUSE – requests for personal information and ensure your internet profile is private.
- REVIEW – your contacts. It’s not “kool” to have contacts you don’t know.
- RESPOND – quickly if you ever feel uncomfortable while on-line. Close the program, Tell your parents or a trusted friend.
- REPORT – Cairns School Holiday Science Events

Curriculum News

PDSS Website

The Port Douglas SS website will be launched today! You can view:
- Recent photos
- News stories
- Calendar events
- Teaching and learning audit reports
- Newsletters

Please ensure you have returned all Media Consent forms to the office (these can also be accessed on the website!)

REPORT

Teachers are busy finalising the semester one report cards. These will be printed and sent home in week 10.

REPORT

Port Douglas State School has a new Adopt-a-Cop!

Constable Kate will be introduced to the school at assembly on Monday 8th July.

General Duties Officer, Port Douglas Police Station

ADOPTED SCHOOL: I am the new Adopt-a-Cop at Port Douglas State School.

WHERE HAS YOUR POLICING CAREER TAKEN YOU SO FAR: I started my policing career at the Smithfield Police Station. Since then I have spent time at the Cairns Police Station and Edmonton Police Station. In October 2012 I made the move to Port Douglas and have loved every minute of it.

WHAT AREAS OF POLICING HAVE YOU WORKED IN? General Duties.

WHAT TYPES OF THINGS DO YOU DO AS AN ADOPT-A-COP? I will be visiting the school to do classroom talks as well as occasional assembly appearances. I look forward to visiting during lunch hours and coming along to events such as sports days. I encourage the kids to approach me at lunch hours and have a chat. I look forward to getting to know everyone.
Community Announcements

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.

* Individual Best Dressed * Group Best Dressed * Float Best Dressed * Loudest Celebration* Lucky March prizes (Junior and Senior)


Friday 19th July 2013 Street March: 10am to 10.30am
From CRC council chambers Family Fun Day 10.30am to 1pm

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!

P5 stands for Participatory Program Promoting Pleasurable Parenting
Come along and explore the challenges we all face as parents. Discover some new responses to children’s behaviour and feel renewed confidence in your relationships with your child/ren. And have some fun!

For: All Parents and carers of children from baby to teenagers
Where: Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre
When: starts Friday July 12th
Time: 11.30 -2.30 pm
Runs till: Friday 16th 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

Fascinating Fairies and Caped Crusaders Picnic
When: Saturday, June 22nd 10:30am – 12:30pm
Where: CWA Hall Port Douglas Cnr. Davidson St & Blake St

Come along and join the fun!
Jumping castle Sausage sizzle
Make your own fairy wand or super shield
Decorate a fairy cake Do it yourself fairy bread
Refreshments of tea, coffee, drinks
Cost: A gold coin donation for each activity
All proceeds to KIND (Kids In Need Donations)

KIND - About Kids in Need of Donations
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Secretary: Jenny White Parent Liaison: Denise Landers
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KIND was established in 2008 in the Douglas region as a not-for-profit organisation, by local people for local people, to raise, administer and distribute funds to assist children in need of support who have been diagnosed with a terminal or debilitating illness or injury.

Discreet, immediate, short term and long term support is provided by KIND to assist affected children and their families.

Monies are primarily raised through fundraising ventures, community donations, the assistance of other agencies and the application of grants.

KIND provides a bridge between the child’s needs and the assistance provided via other external agencies. KIND aims to provide help where government and/or other agencies are unable to so.

Your support of this organisation is vital to the continuing success of our mission; the children of the region thank you for your assistance.

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