Our chooks (Moonbelli and Midori) and ducks (George and Jemima) are very happy in the veggie garden and are laying lots of eggs. Freddy (George and Jemima’s duckling) has been visiting the school on Wednesdays and there have been lots of kids in the garden for a cuddle. The SRC have also ordered an incubator so we can hatch more ducklings that we will be selling in the future. As soon as it arrives it will be filled with eggs. By Jazz Moran

On Tuesday this week students from 6/7 DB, P/1AM and ½ BG planted native trees in the gardens outside the Cyclone Shelter as part of National Tree Day. The 6/7’s have also been planting bush tucker trees around the veggie garden. Thanks to the Cairns Regional Council, Yuruga Nursery and Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre for supplying us with trees.

Well Done to the Students who received the Mathletics Achievements Award

Keep looking in the Butterfly Garden. A very sharp eyed Prep student found some new additions to our Butterfly family. Everyone is wondering which Butterfly they will be????

Our School Rules
- Be a learner
- Be respectful
- Be safe

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

Congratulations to all the students who competed in our Athletics Day. It was wonderful to see the day supported by high attendance and with parent and community volunteers and spectators. The “Student vs Teacher vs Parent vs Community Relay” at the end of the carnival was a true spectacle. Good luck to those students selected from our carnival to represent Port Douglas State School at the Douglas Cluster Athletics Carnival.

School Opinion Surveys 2013

Each year, the Department of Education and Training (DET) undertakes a survey of parents/caregivers and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. A random sample of students and parents/caregivers have been selected to participate in this survey. If you have received a survey please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire either online or using the form provided.

Every Student, Every Classroom, Everyday! TARGET 95%

Semester 2 has begun with strong attendance. Well Done!

Our best attended cohorts for Semester 2 are: Year 6 with 95.2% just in front of Year 3 with 95.1%

Please remember to inform your class teacher of any unplanned absences and to complete the application for approval if absences extend to 10 or more school days.

Port Douglas State School Website and Q Schools App

The PDSS Website is “live” and will continue to develop into the best information and communication tool for members of our school community. The website directly informs the QSchools App available on iTunes and Android devices.

Please take a few minutes to add our website to your favourites and download and install the QSchools app on your device.

Around the School

Ms Loomes has returned from LSL and is settling back into the routine of school life. This week staff have commenced First Steps in Mathematics. The course is an 18 hour professional development training. Teacher & Teacher Aides will be participating after school hours over term 3 & 4. The course will enable staff to administer diagnostic tasks to assist the students with their mathematical understanding.

Staff have also been busy undertaking CPR & First Aide Training to updated knowledge and skills. We are grateful to Bev Gwynne for arranging Tracey Butland from Mossman High School to deliver the training.

Mr Alley has commenced a Active After School program with the assistance of Mr Ash on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm to 4:30pm for boys and girls from years 5 to 7. The afternoon commences with a fresh fruit platter. Over the past 2 weeks they have been rotating between Hockey and Touch Football. Mr Alley and Mr Ash are focusing on Healthy eating, being active while improving hand/eye co ordination, teamwork, social skills and most of all having fun.

Thankyou to IGA for assembling and delivering the delicious fresh fruit platters.

Should your circumstances, emergency contacts, address or telephone numbers have changed please notify Administration immediately to enable staff to contact you in case of emergencies.
NOTES SENT HOME

Yr5/6 Duck Enterprise AGM & Luncheon

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS
Community Announcements

Car Boot Sale Fundraiser
Port Douglas Community Kindergarten

- 8AM-12NOON, SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2013
- REYNOLDS PARK / CWA HALL PORT DOUGLAS
- Donate your goods to us to sell
- $10 per vehicle and 16% of sales donated to the Kindy

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Family Fun Day
Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre
Mowbray Street

Saturday 10th August
10am - 1pm

Events on the day include:
- Jumping Castle
- Pony Rides
- Face Painting
- Children's Play Area
- Sausage Sizzle
- Devonshire Tea
- Wildlife Habitat
- Community Information Stalls
- Fitness and Gymnastics Displays
- Little Squirt
- Live Music
- Children's Art Display
- Children's Tennis

All welcome!

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Cairns Aquatic Participation Fun Day

- Every child will receive a FREE Participation Pack
- Friday 1 August 2013
- 11.30am - 3.30pm

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Is my child being bullied?
A 2.5 hour information session for parents with primary school aged children

- Trainer includes:
  - Primary school teacher
  - Signs of bullying
  - Rights about bullying
  - What did you do?
  - Your child's view
  - Your child's opinion
  - What did you do?

- Where: UnitingCare Community
- Who: Family Support
- When: Tuesday evening August 13
- Time: 6.30pm to 9.00pm
- Cost: $10 per participant

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Car Boot Sale
Alexandra Bay State School

Saturday 17th August
9am to 1pm

Alexandra Bay P&C Car Boot Sale

All proceeds donated to Bayer + Sons Healthier Living