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.

For Facebook If you see anything suspicious at our school over the holidays, call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. For Twitter If you see anything suspicious at our school over the holidays, call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. Please don't attempt to intervene.

In our school’s vegetable garden we have two chickens and two ducks which have been laying healthy looking eggs. The chicken’s eggs are only good for your breakfast sandwich though! A couple of weeks ago our school purchased an incubator which has 8 duck eggs in it currently. You can tell the difference between the duck and chicken eggs because the eggs laid by Jemima, our female duck, are long, oval-like white eggs. The chicken’s eggs have been laid by Moonbelly - our fully grown female chicken. These are your average supermarket eggs. There are 10 eggs which haven’t yet gone rotten! Midori our other chicken is a little bit too young to be laying eggs but she is a crowd favourite despite her rude attitude. The male duck, George, is also a crowd favourite being the cleanest and nicest animal, even the mucky ladies can get dirtier than him! These poultry pets are great fun and are amazing educators. We love them, and they love us almost as much as they love their food. By Kira L’Estrange and Emma Hudson

Congratulations to Students of the Week

Our School Rules
- Be a learner
- Be respectful
- Be safe
Principal in the Classroom

Tuesday and Thursday are my favourite days! On these days I am in classrooms, I am in the playground, AND I am rarely in an “office”. These are the days that I have the best seat in the house to observe amazing students, learning; great teachers, teaching; and support staff doing above and beyond.

These are also the days that students share their achievements in learning and give me feedback about what they need and in return I get to hand out Principal Happy Grams.

These are also the days that teachers share their achievements and give me feedback about what they need and in return I get to discuss professional practice and innovation.

But best of all on these days I know that every classroom is our school is focused on what is best for students, what is best for teachers and what is best for learning!

Let’s continue to make the Import Things Interesting... and not the other way around.

Have a safe and restful holiday.

Every Student, Every Classroom, Everyday! TARGET 95%

As we move closer to the end of Semester 2 Attendance is holding above the 92%. Please remember every day counts!
Also the number of late students is worrying on the increase. Late arrives disrupt the teaching and learning in classrooms so please plan to be on time.

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.

Hints for being emotionally available to your children:

➤ Minimise distractions by turning off TV, radio, the internet and iPods.
➤ Ensure every child gets some one-on-one time with just you.
➤ Ask questions, listen, suspend judgement.
➤ When one of your children says something to you, stop what you’re doing and really take in their words.
➤ Try to look past the things they say to see their heart and the intent behind their words.
➤ Recognise that challenging behaviour may be your child using her limited communication skills to send a signal that she needs you.

Dr Justin Coulson is a parenting expert and the author of What Your Child Needs From You: Creating a Connected Family. He blogs at happyfamilies.com.au and offers parenting coaching and workshops.
Congratulations to all students, teachers and teacher aides for a successful term three. Classroom visits have highlighted the continuing improvements in both learning and teaching. Curriculum planning sessions with Head of Curriculum (HOC) and teachers for Unit 7 - English and Maths are scheduled for week 11. Student task sheets and Guide to Making Judgements (GTMJ) will be sent home to all parents at the beginning of term four to highlight the learning focus for the upcoming five week units. NAPLAN results for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be available early in term four.

P&C - Around the School

Next Meeting – Tuesday September 17, 2013 at 6.30pm Resource Centre PDSS – all welcome

Uniform sales – Joan has been available on Monday & Friday mornings 8.30-9.15am at the Tuckshop. Stocks are low at this time of the year so purchase while you can.

New fabric trial shirts – With the end of the term approaching could the families who participated in trialling the new fabric please make sure the shirts you were trialling are clearly marked with your child’s name and return them to the school office for collection by Wednesday 18/9/2013 at the latest. The sooner we can get them back to Shirts North for quality inspection, the sooner you will have them back so the kids can continue to wear them.

Tuckshop – Paula will appreciate any assistance you can give on Monday and Friday mornings. Amazing what can get done in an hour. Please contact Paula or drop in.

We thank you for your support and hope everyone enjoys the September Holidays and we look forward to a busy and productive Term 4. Cheers from your P&C

Terrific Tennis Takes To Town

On Friday the 13th our schools new hard blue Tennis court will be open for the school students to use. The opening will take place 3:00pm (after school) on Friday and we will have a sausage sizzle, a tennis demonstration and some cardio tennis for the adults afterwards. The whole school has been waiting for the tennis court to open. All the tennis players are excited to have a hard court to practice on; because we only have synthetic grass courts at the tennis club, and when tennis players play in tournaments, almost always the courts they play on are hard courts – like that of our schools. Now Port Douglas Tennis Players can improve, the school can find new tennis stars and mainly just have loads of fun!

GALADAY 20/9/2013

Students attending Gala Day events from Years 4—7 are required to wear full school uniform including hat & shoes. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

Permission notes & money to be returned to class teacher by Tuesday 17/9/2013

NOTES SENT HOME

Gala Day Yr4—Y7

Class update P/1 AM
Community Announcements

**DUFC Social 6-a-Side Summer Comp**
Cassowary Park
October - December 2013
Thursday Evenings 6pm Onwards

**Ladies Get Your Boots on!**
Get your friends, business, sporting group to gather a team. Mix 10 players per team - Men's & Mixed Social Compns

Seeding Games Thursday 3 & 10 October 2013
Season 17 October – 12 December 2013
Contact Sandy Buncombe to register & queries:
4098 9299 (Anh) email on buncombe11@bigpond.com
BAR & CANTENE AVAILABLE

**C&K Port Douglas 2013 Open Week**
9.15am – 12.15pm Everyday
Mon 16th Sept to Fri 20th Sept
Come along and see what C&K Port Douglas is all about.
- Meet teachers and assistants
- Learn about C&K training opportunities
- Learn and apply guidelines
- Explore our great play space
- Enjoy our new 2014 kindergarten classes
Sports children born between 1st July 2011-30 June 2013

Who: C&K Port Douglas
On the Port Douglas State School Premises
4 Endeavour St
W - Sat: 8:30 - 12:30pm
Mon - Fri: 8:30 - 3:30pm
Fri: 8:30 - 12:30pm
Email: peggy@bigpond.net.au

**Disability Action Week**
8 - 14 September 2013
Imagine the positive affect even a small change could have.

**Port Douglas Community Kindergarten Fundraiser**
Saturday 21st September
Fun kicks off from 5pm
Jumping Castle, Face painting,
Glow Sticks, Sausage sizzle, Fairy floss
Lucky Door Prize

Movie starts 7.15pm

Tickets:
$16 Adults,
$12 local Adults & children,
FREE children under 5

Pre Book so you don’t miss out!