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.

Friday September 13, 2013 was the official opening of PDSS Tennis Court. The afternoon was celebrated with games of Tennis and BBQ. Another wonderful facility within our great school for the students and community.

Congratulations to Students of the Week

On Thursday October 10, Principal Benjamin Gaske happily accepted a gift of $1400.00 worth of books from the Lions of Australia Reading Action Program. This very welcomed donation was presented by John Muller Chairman of Lions International.

NOTES SENT HOME

Swimming Notes/ All
Term 4 Classroom

2014 Prep Information Night
Tuesday October 15 at 7pm
Parents of 2014 Prep students are invited to attend.
Port Douglas State School Prep Classrooms
Welcome Back: National test results for literacy and numeracy

Earlier this year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from all state and non-state schools across Australia took part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. The tests assessed students’ abilities in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy. A preliminary report on how Queensland students are performing against national standards has been released by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

If your child completed the NAPLAN tests, you will soon receive a report of their individual performance. It is important to remember that these NAPLAN results represent achievements in tests conducted earlier in the year and should be considered along with performance in other school-based assessments. There are some useful resources on the national website at www.naplan.edu.au to help you understand your child’s NAPLAN report. The Queensland Studies Authority makes a summary of the results for every school in Queensland available on its website – www.qsa.qld.edu.au.

If you would like more information, please contact the school.

Our NAPLAN results

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Every Student, Every Classroom, Everyday! TARGET 95%

This week an Every Day Count note has been sent home. Please review the information and inform the school if there are any discrepancies. Our Term 3 attendance rate ended on 92.1%. That keeps us in the green area. Our goal is still to achieve a 95% rate for the term.

Port Douglas State School Website and QSchools 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.
**IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE!**

Our school strives to ensure the safety of every member of school community. However, we need your support. The following Dos and DON'Ts are for YOU (and therefore EVERYONE).

Please follow these Dos and DON'Ts and encourage others to do the same.

**Lead by Example.**

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<td>• Use the gate of the staff car park</td>
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**PEDESTRIANS**

- Use the entries and exits
- Through the gazebo
- Through the gate near the Catholic

**CYCLISTS etc.**

- Wear a helmet... ALWAYS
- Use the bike racks
- Walk bikes from the gate
- Look out for others

**CYCLISTS etc.**

- Ride in the school grounds

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**Cairns Songfest**

On the 12 of September, rehearsals began for this year's long-awaited Cairns Songfest, which aims to connect like-minded young people to experience the joy of singing together. Young aspiring singers across the region were selected to participate in vocal workshops and rehearsals led by Lyn Williams and Chris Burcin. Madison Hardy was chosen to represent Port Douglas State School to sing with over 100 students from primary and high schools within the Cairns region in the Songfest Choir. Six hours of Songfest Choir rehearsals culminated in a polished performance of three challenging songs at the St Monica’s Cathedral in Cairns, and also beautiful performances by the Cairns Gondwana Indigenous Children’s Choir and also the Cairns Gondwana Chamber Choir.

Madison said the experience ‘was so amazing, we learned so much so quickly, I can’t wait to do it next year!’
Community Announcements

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2013

POLICE DISCO

PORT DOUGLAS EVACUATION CENTRE
(BEHIND PORT DOUGLAS SCHOOL)

$5 ENTRY FEE (Iac Sausage on Bread)

6-13 YEARS
6.30PM-9.00PM

FREE BUS

PICKUPS 5.50pm Wonga Beach School
6.00pm Mossman State School
6.10pm Mossman Gorge

RETURNS 9.30pm, Wonga, Mossman, Gorge

FOOD AND DRINKS ON SALE
DANCE COMPS AND GAMES / PRIZES TO BE WON!

Enquiries: Mossman Police 4095 2177 / Port Douglas Police 4087 1999

COME ON A DRAMATIC ADVENTURE WITH TYC
THIS TERM

Journey through the world of theatre with The Young Company, theatre for children, young people and their families this term. With programs for children starting at 5 years right through to 17 years, TYC has something for everyone, whether it be for students interested in performing, playwriting, backstage management, or just general drama workshops. Classes held in Cairns CBD, the Southside and at the Northern Beaches. For more information please phone Mike Elliott on 4041 4066, email info@theyoungcompany.com.au or book online www.theyoungcompany.com.au.

ABSTUDY Things you should know

Is your child starting High School in 2014?

It’s important to enter your child now if they are planning to move to high school, local school or boarding school in 2014. Leaving it to the last minute may mean missing out on a place and will affect ABSTUDY payments.

ABSTUDY claims for 2014 can be lodged from 1 October 2013 by calling ABSTUDY on Freecall® 1800 152 317.

For more information and important advice please visit www.abstudy.com.au

Children are the responsibility of their parents, not the facilitators who run the games.

This is a FREE Program for all to enjoy.

For more information contact Kursty Stephens - 49999 444

FREE Family Active Games in Parks

Mossman
Wednesdays 3.30pm — 5.30pm
9th October to 11th December 2013
George Davis Park

Afternoon tea will be provided

Programs are for the whole family - kids of all ages are welcome.

Parents can join in the games, go for a walk around the park or socialise on the sidelines.

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