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.

PORT’S GOT TALENT

SINGING  DANCING  ACTING
MUSICAL  PERFORMANCES
MAGIC  SOLOS  DUETS

Clear your calendar and be prepared to be blown away by the sheer talent that has been waiting to go on show during this fun filled talent quest.

Auditions have been pencilled in to take place in weeks 5 – 8 with Miss Scanlan in the music room. Only 10 acts will be chosen to go through to the finals of Port’s got Talent.

The finals will be held in week 9 on Friday the 6th of December during the middle session (11.45 – 1.15pm). The winner will get to perform at the end of year concert.

Congratulations to Students of the Week

Yr 4/5 KF In technology this week we have been examining the materials used for different purposes in planes. We constructed our own paper planes and tested their effectiveness and had a lot of fun doing it :) We have been regularly using these Active Expression devices to record our individual responses to various questions in class. We have really enjoyed using these hand held devices that look similar to mobile phones. These devices are enabling this ‘IT’ generation to continue to be engaged with our curriculum. In this picture the kids are concentrating hard on a spelling quiz.

On October the 31st, over 600,000 students across Australia will gather together to sing the same song at the same time, to celebrate music in the curriculum. The song is KEEP ON. The students at Port Douglas have been learning the song during music lessons and will gather in THE CYCLONE SHELTER on OCTOBER 31st at 11.20am.

2014 Mossman State High School Enrolment forms MUST be completed and given to Administration at Mossman High School immediately.

Please be advised the fax machine 40843 200 at PDSS has permanently retired due to old age. We will not be replacing this method of communication. Our schools email address’ are theprincipal@portdougss.eq.edu.au or admin@portdougss.eq.edu.au Thank you for your support.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS
To assist Staff in an emergency situation PLEASE notify Administration immediately with your details should they have changed recently.

i.e. new phone numbers
Changed emergency contacts
New address

This week as part of World Teachers Day, we acknowledge Mrs McCoist and Mrs Campbell 25yrs of Teaching. Ms Loomes 10yrs and Ms Swindley 5yrs.
End of Year Concert

The end of year concert will be held on the 12th December 2013 in the Cyclone Centre. Arrival from 6:00pm and Commencing at 6:30pm. All students in all year levels will be involved in the end of year celebration. There will be performances and presentations of awards. Please mark the date in your calendar. Further information and programming will be communicated soon.

World Teachers’ Day 25 October

This Friday we celebrate the great work of our teachers on World Teachers’ Day. The quality teaching in effect in our classrooms every day has a powerful effect on students’ performance. Special congratulations to following teachers for reaching significant milestones in their teaching career:

- Kim Swindley – 5 years
- Karena Loomes – 10 years
- Anita McCoist – 25 years
- Lorraine Campbell – 25 years


Every Student, Every Classroom, Everyday! TARGET 95%

Our Term 4 attendance rate has started strong on 93.16%. That keeps us in the green area. Our goal is still to achieve a 95% rate for the term.

Term 4

Can you see a trend? Which day of the week is our strongest? Which day of week do we need to improve?

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 Q Schools App available on iTunes and Android devices.

Student Leadership 2014

For the 2014 school year, elections for the School Captains shall occur in term 4, 2013. House Captains and Reef Guardians will be elected in term 1, 2014. School Captain elections will be carried out in the order below.

The method of election for the School Captains shall involve written application to the principal from Year 5 and 6 students. The top 16 applicants (male and female), will be eligible to be interviewed for the position.

The applicants must also be prepared and present a speech in front of current School Captains, House Captains, All Year 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 students, and staff. A secret ballot of the groups mentioned will then determine the School Captains for the coming year.

Year 7 students will not cast votes in the election. There will be 2 school captains (male and female) elected from the from year 6 and 2 from year 5, with 2 vice captains (male and female) from year 6 and two from year 5.
Classroom News

Around the School

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

On November 12, 2013 from 6—8 PM, Queensland Fire & Rescue Service will be conducting a Search & Rescue drill in the Resource room. There will be 3 Fire Trucks, Ambulance, Police and Media in attendance.

Should you reside near the school please do not be alarmed.

The School’s 25th Anniversary will be conducted early in 2014. The official opening was on 29 May 1989. P&C member Janice Ruffles has offered to co-ordinate activities but is seeking support from other interested members of the school and wider community. If you are interested please contact the school. It would appear that the initial thoughts would be to open the school to past and present students and staff and their families with the opportunity to share photographs and stories. Copies of any photos (class, sports, concerts etc), and uniforms from the past would be appreciated.

Air conditioning of the First Aid/Sick bay is imminent with the purchase of a unit for that room.

The final P&C meeting of the year will be conducted at the school on Tuesday 19 November.

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>STOP DROP and GO</td>
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<td>SEE KIDS then STOP PICK UP and GO</td>
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Flexischools—the ordering of uniforms and lunches from home computers and mobile devices is almost in place and, initially, a trial will be conducted with P&C members. Following that, ordering will be open to everyone.

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Prospective Douglas Shire Councillors will have the opportunity to address the general community at a meeting in the Cyclone Shelter at 6:30 on Monday evening (28 Oct).

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NOTES SENT HOME

Graduation Letters
Yr 7
Swimming notes
All

Our School Rules

Be a learner
Be respectful
Be safe

Port Douglas State School
Endeavour to Succeed

For all uniform and hat sales.
Monday
8.30am—9am
Friday
8.30am—9am

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Community Announcements

You are invited to take part in a research project that aims to explore the relationship between farmers or agricultural producers and the broader community. By exploring this relationship, it is hoped that the sustainability and well-being of rural/regional communities can be enhanced.

If you agree to be involved in the study, you will be invited to complete a questionnaire on the roles you have in your community and what you think about the relationship between farmers/agricultural producers and the wider community. The questionnaire should only take approximately 20 minutes of your time. An online version is also available for your convenience (http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1314836/Contribution-and-Value-of-Agriculture).

By taking part in this study, you are eligible to go into the draw to win 1 of 3 $100 gift vouchers to be drawn at the end of September, October and November. Please go to (http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1314836/Contribution-and-Value-of-Agriculture) to register your details for the draw.

Taking part in this study is completely voluntary and you can stop taking part in the study at any time without explanation or prejudice. By returning a completed questionnaire, you are indicating that you consent to partake in this study.

If you know of others that might be interested in this study, can you please pass on this information sheet to them so they may contact one of the investigators to volunteer for the study.

Your responses and contact details will be strictly anonymous. The data from the study will be used in research publications and reports to Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA). however you will not be identified in any way in these publications.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact:

Principal Investigator:
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James Cook University Phone: (07) 4042 1879
Email: jim.turnour@jcu.edu.au

Entry forms for the Christmas Card Competition can be obtained from Administration

How will you celebrate Grandparents Day?
Sunday 27 October 2013