HIGH SCHOOL VISIT – DECEMBER 3 2013

Mossman State High School has arranged for Year 7 students to visit the high school for the whole day on Tuesday December 3rd as a part of the Transition Program.

Information has been sent home with Yr 7 students.

Sharks, sea snakes, turtles, clams... These are just some of the things the year 7s saw on last Thursday !!! Quicksilver kindly offered to take the year 7s out to Low Isles for snorkelling on the ‘Wavedancer’.

We said G’day to some turtles and watched sharks circle the boat. We went on a glass bottom boat ride and had a tour of the island! But the most amazing part of the trip was... the buffet lunch!! It was a great day!!

Thanks to the Parents who helped supervise groups, Mr Alley who kindly spent the day with us and Quicksilver for their ongoing generosity.

Congratulations to Students of the Week

Our School Rules
Be a learner
Be respectful
Be Safe
Planning for 2014

It is at this time of year that I turn some of my attention to next year, 2014. I welcome and invite any input from our school community and local community that may support a strong effective plan for the coming year. Areas you may like to provide information include; major events 2014, the individual needs of your son/daughter, areas you would like to contribute to in 2014. I ask that you call to make an appointment or send an email to share your ideas or requests. the.principal@portdougss.eq.edu.au

Class allocations are often a “hot topic” during this time of year and I am happy to talk with parents or caregivers about the needs of their son/daughter before the teaching staff position the students into class grouping that will ensure the best learning environment for all of our students. Again please make an appointment and/or email your request to the.principal@portdougss.eq.edu.au

Class groupings will be advertised during the week beginning January 20, 2014 both on the notice board outside the Tuckshop and on our school website. http://www.portdougss.eq.edu.au

As always our school will be relentless in our focus on continued improvement for every student every day and every decision made must first pass this criterion to ensure our school remains a high-performing school.

Enrol Now for PREP 2014

It is vital that all student beginning as PREP students in 2014 enrol now so that they are guaranteed a placement at our school. Please visit our website www.portdougss.eq.edu.au or the administration office and complete an enrolment package. Enrolling will also add you to our email list ensuring that receive all relevant information in the lead up to next year.

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.

Every Student, Every Classroom, Everyday! TARGET 95%

Our Term 4 attendance rate has dipped slightly down to below 93.00%. We can be proud to be in the GREEN ZONE. We can still strive for our goal 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 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. Please take a few minutes to add our website to your favourites and download and install the QSchools app on your device.

It’s Movember and the time for change is now. As a part of Generation Mo, I’ve committed my face to the cause and will be growing a moustache for the entire month of November to raise funds and awareness for men’s health.

I’d like you to support me as I fight the good fight. I’m restless for change and would love you to support my passion with a donation. You can donate to my moustache by: 1. Donating online at: http://mobro.co/DougBarnes11
2. Writing a cheque to ‘Movember’, referencing my registration ID: 1798024 & mailing it to: Movember Foundation PO Box 60 East Melbourne VIC 8002 Australia

Your donation will support world class men's health programs that combat prostate and testicular cancer and mental health challenges.

These programs, directed by the Movember Foundation, are focused on: - awareness and education - staying mentally healthy - living with and beyond cancer - living with and beyond mental illness - research. All working to achieve our vision of an everlasting impact on the face of men’s health. These funded programs are spread across Australia, please visit the Funded Programs page for all the hairy details.

http://au.movember.com/programs Thanks in advance for supporting my Mo and helping to change the face of men's health.

United we Mo  Doug Barnes
If anyone needed proof of the value and function of the P&C as a support organisation for the school they only had to attend the meeting on Tuesday evening where:

* approval was given for in excess of $13,000 worth of concreting to be done for an area beneath the bike racks plus the extension of a couple of walkways. This will make the bike racks mud-free during the wet season and will connect the bike area to existing pathways.

* approval for given to purchase, at a cost of $2,115 a new sturdy, environmentally-friendly table and seat set for use by groups and classes as an alternative to working inside.

* approval was given for $3,300 to be spent on an automatic sprinkler system that will ensure adequate water will be delivered to the Butterfly Garden and surrounding gardens.

* as well, P&C gave monetary support to a Welcoming Evening and an end of year Thankyou to volunteers. Speaking of volunteers, teacher Anita McCoist explained a draft copy of a new Volunteer Induction Policy to be introduced in 2014.

* Flexischool's, the new on-line Tuckshop and uniform ordering system has struck a computer connection problem and will now be introduced from the start of 2014.

* Kent Janson requested a letter of thanks be sent to the Sheraton and Papillon for the donation of some seats to be installed at the new tennis court and a shade sail. Scott Hudson was, I believe, also instrumental in securing the seats for the school.

P&C is to sponsor 26 awards to be made across the school towards the end of the year.

**TEXT BOOK SALE**. Text books will no longer be sold from the school after the current stock is sold. Textbooks for 2014 are listed on the school’s website and it will be incumbent on parents to acquire these books from local suppliers in Port Douglas and/or Cairns. So, buy your writing, spelling, and maths textbooks, dictionaries, prep materials from the P&C while you can on Friday mornings from 8:30 am at the Tuckshop (when uniforms can also be bought).

Principal’s Report Important information from Ben Gaske, the Principal included:

* **Class Lists for 2014** will be available on the school’s website from 20 January, one week prior to school commencing.

* Booklists are already available on that site for all classes.

* A quick look into and an explanation of **NAPLAN results** highlighting where the school is at, goals for next year and targets that have been set.

* The positive nature of the **swimming program** under teacher Deanne Hoye along with volunteer assistants.

* A new fence and renovation to the Front Entrance Shelter including the addition of two notice boards has been approved.

* Parents also gave Ben feedback on issues such as any Day 8 changes that need to made to classes, behaviour in school and what constitutes an ‘incident’ and a suggestion of introducing Mandarin Chinese to the school.

P&C IS THE BEST (only?) FORUM TO HEAR OF SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND TO MAKE YOUR THOUGHTS KNOWN TO THE PRINCIPAL. So make attendance at monthly P&C meetings in 2014 your priority!

Treasurer Joan Berzinski delivered a comprehensive report which included the recording of a $3,500 profit from the Tuckshop (without excess from sale of uniforms. Over the year, the P&C has supported the school through the following:

$ 494 Butterfly Garden $ 5,000 Readers $ 1,095 New fridge for a classroom $ 4,774 Swimming Program $ 11,300 Interactive whiteboards $ 260 Sponsorship of awards $ 600 Seating for tennis court

A Grand Total of over $41,000! Ray Pitman P&C President

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**NOTES SENT HOME**

Yr 7 - to Yr 8 Transition Mossman High

Cautionary spraying of School for Dengue Eldest in family

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**Volunteers Blue Card**

If you are interested in being a volunteer at PDSS you will require a Blue Card. In readiness for 2014 application forms can be downloaded from http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/bluecard/applications/formsnewapplicants.html

Admin staff are willing to assist with lodge-ment. Call to arrange a suitable time for assistance. 40843 222

The school jumpers have arrived so could any parents who have ordered and paid for a school jumper for their child please collect them from Joan at the tuckshop on either Monday or Friday mornings from 8:30am to 9am.
2014 PDSS School Magazine

Recap the year that was! Check out each class’ double page spread and much more.

Only $5. Pre-order at office.

I would like to order __ copies of the 2014 PDSS School Magazine.

I have enclosed $_____

Student Name & Class:

MOSSMAN MEMORIAL BOWLS CLUB

$5 Entry Fee (includes sausage on bread)

6-13 Years Food & Drinks on sale
6.30pm-9.00pm Dance Comps/Games/Prizes

FREE BUS
Wonga Beach State School - 5.45pm
Wonga Beach Service Station - 5.50pm
Drop at Bowls Club 6.15pm
Mossman Gorge - 6.20pm
Drop at Bowls Club 6.30pm

Return - all board together - 9.30pm
Mossman Gorge - 9.15pm
Wonga Beach School - 9.40pm
Wonga Beach Service Station - 9.45pm

Volunteers Welcome!

Enquiries: Mossman Police 4002 2477 / Port Douglas Police 4087 1000

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PDBC Inc

MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE MUSICAL RED CARPET PREMIERE

DIVIDED

When: 27th November at 6.30pm
Where: Indoor Sports Centre
Adults $10, Students / Concession $5
Allocated Seating
Tickets available at MSHS Office / Tickets at the Door

DIRECTED BY: PHOEBE VAN MIN

STARRING

STEPHANIE BYRNE

JAYDEN MAGUIRE

WILL TRUE LOVE TRIUMPH...

The tale of a pair of “star crossed” lovers, their love thwarted by feuding family and friends. A story based on Shakespeare’s “Romeo & Juliet”

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