Exciting times: Year 7 students from across the entire Douglas cluster had their first taste of high school with a visit to Mossman High School on Tuesday this week.

Congratulations to Students of the Week

Congratulations to all our Inter-School Swimming Champions

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.
Thanks for a Great Year

Thank you to the whole Port Douglas State School community for your support during 2013. I have sincerely enjoyed leading our school and ensuring that we continue to focus on what is truly important; that is ensuring that our teaching is of the highest quality and that our students are able to have every opportunity to learn and to demonstrate what they learn.

I am looking forward to continuing our exciting work in 2014, to ensure that every student is improving and achieving.

Have a happy and safe school holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

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.

Class Allocations for 2014

Class allocations are often a “hot topic” during this time of year. 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 groupings 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 I write today we predict that our classes will be as follows:

PREP O – Mrs Ridderhof
PREP P – Mrs Shrimpton and Ms Hughes
Year 1 O – Mrs McCoist
Year 1 P – Ms Cullen (Teacher transferring in)
Year 1/2 – Mrs Gwynne
Year 2 – Mrs Leydon
Year 2/3 – Miss Fyson
Year 3/4 – Mrs Swindley
Year 4/5 – Ms Johnson (Teacher transferring in)
Year 5 – Mrs Richardson and Mrs Goodall
Year 6/7 O – Mr Barnes
Year 6/7 P – Mr Alley

NOTE: In schools our size it is important to highlight that as student numbers fluctuate the classes may change. Day 8 in 2014 is the day when Education Queensland finalises resource allocations to school.

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.

Every Student, Every Classroom, Everyday! TARGET 95%

Our Term 4 attendance rate has disappointingly dipped slightly down to below 92.00%. 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.

Can you see a trend? Which day of the week is our strongest? Which day of week do we need to improve?
You don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone...

Our Butterfly Friendly Garden is in need of some attention.

If you can spare some time to help keep our gardens looking beautiful, then please call Cathy Nutt on mobile 0400 711 811.

P&C thanks parents and other members of the community for their support throughout 2013 and trust that support will continue in 2014.

Beginning with the AGM in late Feb-early March, a new Committee will be inducted to meet challenges such as:
1. electing a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. deciding on and purchasing another set of play equipment for the yard.
3. organising the May Anniversary of the school.
4. continuing support for the children, principal and staff.

Have a good break!
Ray Pitman
President

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I hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and I’ll see you all in the New Year.

Thanks, Paula

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Wednesday 11th of December 2013
At: Lagoon’s Buffet Restaurant
Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas
Student dinner: 6pm-7pm

End of year reports
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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

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I would like to order ___ copies of the 2013 PDSS School Magazine.
I have enclosed $_____
Student name & Class: _____________________________
Community Announcements

Weekly Programs: Wednesday to Friday:

MUMS AND BUBS PROGRAM
10am - 11am and 12 noon to 1pm
A textural and colour based fun environment for mums & bubs introducing the littlies to art and crafts. $15 per child

GET MESSY 2-4 YEARS OLD PROGRAM
11am to 12 noon and 1:30 to 2:30pm
All the fun and messy activities you can think of that you don't want in your clean home. Lots of paint, lots of glue and lots of mess!!! $15 per child

AFTER SCHOOL MADNESS PROGRAM
3-5pm
School pick-up, healthy afternoon snack and a whole lot of fun filled art and craft making. $20 per child

WEEKEND PROGRAMS

Saturdays 2 to 5 pm
Sundays 10am to 1pm and 1-4pm
Art and craft in a fun and safe environment, including either a healthy morning tea or afternoon snack and a filling lunch. $30 per child

Other times are available so feel free to ask.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Fun filled activities: half and full day programs available. Please contact me for more information.
Parents always welcome!!!
Contact email: pdkidsartsandcrafts@outlook.com