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 DOUGLAS STATE SCHOOL
Invites all to our 2014 MEET & GREET
Wednesday February 12, 6.00pm
P&C Sausage sizzle $2.00
See you there!

Classroom volunteer induction
Helping in your child’s classroom?
Thinking about helping in your child’s classroom?

Friday 21 February Resource Centre
11.15am-12.30pm

You are invited to attend a morning tea and classroom volunteer induction. The focus of this session will be READING and GUIDED READING. All classes engage in guided reading three times per week and teachers would love to have volunteers assist with these groups. In the upcoming session, you will learn how to help younger students begin to read as well as how to help all students improve their reading comprehension. You will also receive copies of the reading resources that teachers use in the classroom to take home with you. Everyone welcome! So we can prepare catering and supply adequate resources, please phone Kerry at the school office 4084 3222 to register your attendance.

PDSS Students engaging in class activities.

The Australian Curriculum
The implementation of the Australian Curriculum through C2C units is in its third year at our school. What are the C2C units? C2C is an acronym for ‘Curriculum into the Classroom’ and refers to units of work in English, Maths, Science, History and Geography that have been written by teachers from Education Queensland. The English and Maths units are five weeks in duration while the Science, History and Geography units are taught for 10 weeks. This means that each year, students in Years 1-7 will study eight units of English and Maths, four units of Science and two units of History and Geography in alternate terms. Prep classes also engage in the C2C units; however each English and Maths unit is 10 weeks in duration.

Currently, all students are midway through unit 1. Task descriptions and assessment guides have been sent home to parents. These tasks will be completed at school. This information keeps parents informed of their child’s learning at school. Please see your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding these tasks. The results of unit assessment tasks will inform your child’s overall achievement level on the end of semester report card.

The other Key Learning Areas (KLA’s) continue to be taught in our classrooms. Each semester, students will engage with units of work in Health, Technology and The Arts. 2-3 assessment items from each unit will inform an overall grade for these subjects. Information and Computer Technologies (ICT’s) are embedded in all learning areas. Each class has access to the two computer laboratories within our school.

Our school also provides Physical Education (PE), Music, and Japanese. These lessons are taught by our dedicated specialist teachers.
Welcome to 2014

We have hit the ground running at Port Douglas State School in 2014! It has been fantastic to see so many smiling faces, both students and mums and dads. I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you during the term.

Our School Mantras this year are:

- Every Day Counts
- Every Student Matters
- Every Student Can Achieve

We make the difference
I, and my team, believe wholeheartedly in these mantras and we invite our whole school community to get behind them to ensure that this year is the best for all of our students.

New Year… New Look!

You may have noticed the new physical additions to the front of school. Thanks to the Port Douglas P and C we have had and new fence erected, a new bike area established and new sprinkler system installed. With the 25th Anniversary upon us this year it is nice to have our front of school and gardens getting a little TLC. Special thanks to Project Manager, Cathy Nutt, for her time and her commitment to overseeing these projects over the holiday break.

Our School Rules

- Be a learner
- Be respectful
- Be safe

This year Justine Edward joins Port Douglas State School on a part time basis. She is working with Miss Beth teaching Prep P. Justine moved to Port Douglas with her family 2 years ago and worked here casually for a large part of 2013. Justine has three children aged 11,10 and 4. Her youngest is at Port Kindy this year thus facilitating her return to work. She has taught in the ACT and Victoria, is a qualified Austswim instructor and last year she published her first children’s book; Shine. Justine is excited to be joining our school community and looks forward to a wonderful year of teaching and learning.

Port Douglas State School Website and QSchools App

The PDSS Website is best first point of contact for all of your school needs 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. Stay Informed... DOWNLOAD QSCHOOLS TODAY!!

If you have any feedback or suggestions for the website please contact Mrs Loomes at the school.

Attendance

Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

Principal – Classroom Days and Office Days

Tuesday and Thursday are the days when you will find me in class working with the students and teachers, I call them “Classroom Days”. This week I spent some time in each of the classrooms as the teachers went about setting classroom routines and expectations as well as teaching the students the school rules. The Explicit Teaching Model continues to drive our curriculum so it was exciting to see how it was used to engage students in the learning immediately.

If you wish to make an appointment to meet with me please contact Kerry (Secretary to the Principal). Monday, Wednesday and Friday are “Office Days” and are the days you will be able to make an appointment with me during the school day. Please inform Kerry what you would like to discuss so that I can be prepared for our meeting and ensure that we have a purposeful and effective meeting. Please be assured that any information shared with my secretary, Kerry, is treated with professional confidence.

School Uniforms

The first few weeks of school demonstrated that we look great in our school uniforms. Please continue to show pride in our school and ourselves and wear the correct uniform. The school uniform policy can be obtained from the Port Douglas P and C. Visit the Port Douglas State School website www.portdougss.eq.edu.au

NOTES SENT HOME

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TUCKSHOP

Volunteers are urgently required, please collect
Volunteers registration form & Blue Card
application from Administration.
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Classroom News

P&C NEWS

Do you want to be involved in your child’s school?

Besides reading, helping in classrooms, assisting in the Tuckshop, attending school sports days and the like you might want to consider joining the P&C which meets monthly (third Tuesday in the month), at 6:30pm at the School.

This is an excellent opportunity to know about what is happening and why.

Principal Ben Gaske makes a report at each meeting and is there to explain goals and priorities.

These monthly meetings of parents and citizens determine ways the students and staff can be supported, and ways to fund special projects. In 2013 P&C supported the School by:

- Co-ordinating both the Uniform Shop and the Tuckshop (open Mondays and Fridays commencing 7 Feb).
- Spending $5 000 on readers.
- Donating 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.

Spending over $11 000 on white boards.

Purchasing, at a cost of $2 155 a new sturdy, environmentally-friendly table and seat set for use by groups and classes in the Butterfly garden as an alternative to working in class.

Allocating $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.

Monetarily supporting the Welcoming Evening and an end of year Thank you to volunteers.

Introducing Flexischool’s, the new online Tuckshop and uniform ordering system introduced from the start of 2014.

Sponsoring 26 awards to be made across the school towards the end of the year.

AND, 2014 sees more projects to be completed. New play equipment to replace older and rusted out equipment is sought, the School’s 25 Anniversary is being celebrated on 3 May, and we hope to boost community use of the Cyclone Shelter.

The P&C relies on the support of families both as volunteers (particularly the Tuckshop), and in the form of a donation ($60 first child, & $100 for a family), to maintain support and service to the School. Some parents say ‘education is free’, which it is but to make the school environment the most interesting and beneficial it can possibly be for your child we rely on your assistance. Installments can be arranged through the office as can the lump sum.

YOU would be very WELCOME to attend the next meeting of P&C at 6:30pm on Tuesday 18 Feb at the School.

Ray Pitman 0418 221 901
TUCK SHOP MENU 2014
@ Port Douglas State School

HOW TO ORDER

ORDER ONLINE:
www.tuckshops.com.au is our preferred method of ordering with special and discounts available.

Write on a paper lunch bag
Students name and class, lunch order, total money enclosed (change is available please ask)

Prep: the separate bags for 1st & 2nd lunch

AVAILABE MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS

BREAKFAST (available until 6.40am)
Juice or plain milk, fruit & raisin toast $2.00

BREAD OR WRAP (Fresh or Toasted)
Bread or wrap $1.50
Add Meat (ham or chicken or tuna) $2.00
Add Egg $2.00
Add Cheese $0.50
Add Tomato $0.50
Add Lettuce/carrot/cucumber $0.50
Add Vegemite $0.50

BREAD SALAD
Base Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot and cucumber) $1.50
Add meat (tuna or ham or chicken) $1.00
Add Egg $0.50
Add Cheese $0.50
Add beetroot $0.50

PASTA & RICE
Pasta (pasta, sauce & grated cheese ( glutens free available on request) $3.00
Fried rice $3.00

AVAILABE MONDAYS ONLY
Mini Pizza (% bread roll with tomato paste, ham or chicken & cheese-pineapple on request) $2.00
Custard Nuggests (6) $3.00

AVAILABE FRIDAYS ONLY
Sausage rolls (6 pack) $2.50
Meat pies (6 pack) $3.00
Small meat pies $2.00
Lasagne $3.00

OVER THE COUNTER (Available Mondays & Fridays / 1st and 2nd breaks)

Fruit (Fresh and dried) $6.50
Popcorn $6.25
P arsnips Chips (Salt & Vinegar, Cheese, BBQ) $1.00
Frozen yogurt $2.00
 Sorbet $2.00
Frozen mango $2.00

Second Break only
Baked treats $0.50
Ice Poles $0.50

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheerleading

!! NEW CLASS !!

Come 'n Try

Geared towards high school students, this brand new high-energy program teaches the fundamentals of the sport of cheer. Students can expect to learn the basics of tumbling, jumps, stunts, and dance while in a supportive and fun team setting.

Mondays
6.30pm - 8.00pm
@ Mossman Indoor Sports Center

HEAT
PORT DOUGLAS BASKETBALL CLUB INC

JUNIOR BASKETBALL - 2014

BOYS & GIRLS - 11/14YRS

SIGN-ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH @4PM

BOYS & GIRLS - 6/10YRS

SIGN-ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH @9AM

WHERE? - PDSS STADIUM
WHAT TO WEAR? - SHORTS, SINGLET/SUITABLE TOP & GOOD RUNNERS
WHAT TO BRING? - BASKETBALL (IF YOU HAVE ONE) DRINK BOTTLE & PARENT
MORE INFORMATION - NICK – 0419 022 692 OR STEVE – 0408 741 529

Email – douglasheatbasketballclub@hotmail.com

CAIRNS

BMX

COME & TRY DAY
Sunday 23 Feb 2014
TIME 9am – Noon
PLACE Scott St Cairns
BRING Bike, helmet, gloves, enclosed shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirt

More Details call 4031 2728
www.cairnsbmx.org.au

Mossman Community Centre

PLAYGROUP

Fridays 9.30am-11.30am 0-5 years old
Educational Activities Free Play

Come and meet some other parents and carers while your children play

For more information call the Mossman Community Centre on
4095 2005
Or drop in at 20 Mill St, Mossman