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.

Issue 4-Friday March 21 2014

DATE CLAIMERS
PDSS Morning tea, Monday 24
9.30am Cyclone Shelter
25th Anniversary planning Thursday
April 3rd @6.30pm in Resource Room
Term 2 commences Tuesday April 22, 2014

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

Newspower is again running a colouring competition for Easter, where kids can win a Bunny Rabbit teddy and a Staedtler pack. The winner also goes into a state draw for a $250 Steadtler pack and can win their school a $500 Staedtler pack.

Congratulations to Students of the Week


Around The School
Principal in the Classroom

One of the highlights of the past fortnight was having the opportunity to make a short visit with the Port Douglas State School Student Leaders at the Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre. It was fantastic to see our Year 6 and 7 school leaders representing our school and community in front of many of our partner schools in our cluster.

During my visit the school leaders explained how they had an understanding of what skills are required to lead and how they enjoyed an opportunity to practice these skills with the other schools’ leaders.

Many thanks to the team at Tinaroo EEC and to Mr Barnes, Student Representative Council Co-ordinator.

Progress Towards our 2014 Goals

As part of our focus on school improvement we review our progress toward our school goals every five weeks. Below is a table that was presented at the P and C Meeting that outlines our schools 2014 goals and highlights progressive results and comments about those results. If you have any questions or would like clarification about this information please speak to your class teacher or contact the school to make an appointment to speak with me.

Make every day count in 2014

Our current attendance rate is: 93.2% (Target 95%)

Tuesday this week was the highest attendance recorded this year! Well done!

Late arrivals are recorded as a student absence and parents must provide a reasonable explanation. Students must come through the administration office for a late arrival receipt. Early departures are also recorded as student absence and again students must leave via the administration office. Parents may be contacted by a staff member if the have not notified the class teacher of an absence. *Notes and emails are acceptable ways to notify the class teacher.

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.

www.portdougss.eq.edu.au

The website directly informs the QSchools App (available on iTunes, Android AND WINDOWS *new* 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 kloom1@eq.edu.au.
25th Anniversary

Saturday 3 May looks like being a fun day to celebrate the school's birthday! From 2pm there will be an opportunity for parents, grandparents, friends and community members to join with staff and ex-students from the last 25 years by visiting classrooms and experiencing a range of games and activities on the oval. Snags, snacks and drinks (including a bar), will be available.

The P&C was successful in achieving a grant in the form of a 6x3m marquee from Brothers Leagues Club. This will add to our portable shade shelters.

A further grant application has been made to the Gambling Benefit Fund to replace the outdated prep playground. Unfortunately it will be 5 months before we know the result of this $35,000 application.

P&C is also considering the purchase and installation of fun and fitness equipment to form a circuit primarily for older students. A decision will be confirmed at the April meeting which, because of the school holidays, will be held on 22 April-the day school resumes for Term 2.

P&C member Kent Jansen is well into the installation of some seats outside the tennis courts that will add to the comfort of students and parents using that facility. Thanks Kent!

Watch out for some food specials that will be available only through the online Flexischools! If you haven't tried our new ordering system give it a go. Reports we are receiving certainly give it the thumbs up! (Note too that uniforms and P&C voluntary contributions can be made through Flexischools too!)

A big thank you to the following families who have paid their P&C Voluntary Contribution this year:

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Principal, Ben Gaske, spoke at last Tuesday’s meeting about some maintenance issues to do with classroom fans and air conditioners and the replacement of vinyl flooring in the prep toilet area. He also provided a comprehensive report on academic goals for the year and announced that the school has entered the Queensland Showcase Awards with a focus on the approach the school has taken to Individual Learning Plans. With all the effort staff are taking to these ILP’s we hope they receive just recognition.

Do you have a creative bent? Interested in assisting the school by organizing a float in this year’s Port Douglas Carnivale? Usually, students march in colourful costumes beside/behind a tray truck decked out in colour and music. The general theme is PARTY! Which allows for a wide range of interpretation. The P&C will help out with materials to brighten the float and the school has an endless supply of kids .... All we need is you

The next P&C Meeting will be at 6:30pm on 22 April (held over by one week because the scheduled meeting would fall during the school holidays).

Ray Pitman President PDSS P&C

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Port Douglas Newsagency has new stocks of Handwriting books.

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BLUE LIGHT DISCO
MOSSMAN BOWLS CLUB
6.30PM – 9PM
FRIDAY APRIL 4 - $5 Entry
Community Announcements

**EASTER HORSE CAMP-2014**

Kids Horse Camp at Julatten

From Monday the 7th of April -
Friday the 11th of April

Black Mountain Hideaway

$100 per day or $400 for 5 days

Ages (8-16) - 10 places available

Full instruction by qualified staff.

Ph: 4094 1101 | E: info@blackmountainhideaway.com.au

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**Basketball Starts Here**

**INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS**

**Mossman Basketball Carnival**

18-20 April 2014 - Mixed Teams

**FRIDAY**

Basketball Clinic hosted by Cairns Taipans & PCYC

**SATURDAY**

Junior & Senior Competition, Coaching Clinic hosted by Cairns Taipans & PCYC

**SUNDAY**

All Age Finals

**CONTACT:** Petrina Noller at PCYC Mossman for a Registration Pack. Registrations close Friday 11th April. Phone: 0407 903 165. Email: sportline@mossmann.pcy.org.au

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**Tuckshop Volunteers**

- Add your name to the roster in the tuckshop
- Phone - Paula Terry (tuckshop convenor) Ph: 4099 3839

Leave a message “Hi! It’s ___________. I can help in the tuckshop on _______ from _____ to _____ (day and times)

**Free icy poles for the top scoring class each term!**

Each time a parent of a child in your class volunteers at the tuckshop, your class gets a point for the term.