**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS**

A great place to be!

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**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

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Term 1 Hand Ball Competition was once again very competitive.

Congratulations to the overall winners.

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Paula from Tuckshop thanks and appreciates all the volunteers who have assisted this term and looks forward to welcoming more volunteers next term. As you can see from this photo everyone is welcome.

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A Happy & Safe Easter to all from the P&C and Staff of Port Douglas State School.
Thanks For A Great Term 1 2014

During Term 1 our school has had provided many high quality educational programs and opportunities to the students of our community. During the holidays take some time to chat with someone over your favourite beverage about one or two of the many positives about our school. Let’s make the important things interesting!

- Individual Learning Plans were established and to support students in achieving benchmarks
- Teachers engaged in professional development of their practice with our Head of Curriculum and Support Teacher: Literacy & Numeracy to SIFT, SORT and PRIORITISE their teaching to get the best out of the students in their class based on the needs of the students.
- Planning is underway for the PDSS 25th Year Celebrations – don’t forget to check out our website to details and links – thanks to the PDSS P and C and facilitator Janice Ruffles
- The school has undergone some exciting maintenance and facelifts including the fence, entrance area, office/admin, amenities, and bike area. Special thanks to Cathy Nutt.
- Active After-School Communities Term 4 program – Thanks, Mr Alley and to the Community Coaches and Volunteers
- Bookclub is back! Well supported and highly successful thanks to Mrs James (Regular Relief Teacher and Parent)
- Year 6/7 School Leadership Camp was held. The camp was highly successful thanks to Mr Barnes. The students experienced Tinaroo and had the opportunity to practice their leadership skills.

A series of “best lesson” observations were held by Mr Gaske and Mrs Loomes to support teaching staff to identify areas to further improve their explicit teaching practice.

- The lunch-time Craft Room saw the creation of some wonderful and creative pieces thanks to Mrs Barnes.
- Teacher Aide games were also successful with students from PREP-Year 7 playing organised games in the cyclone shelter. Thanks to Mrs Cooper and Ms Devine

The monthly Principal Morning Teas have had more and more parents and guest attending each time it was held - thanks to Mrs Budgen for organising.

Please Note: This is not an extensive list, more a summary of some notable programs

Progress Towards our 2014 Goals

**In the last newsletter the table below was omitted by mistake… I have updated some of the areas for this week’s newsletter.**

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 you class teacher or contact the school to make an appointment to speak with me.

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<th>Goal</th>
<th>Progressive Results and Comments</th>
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<td>100% of students achieved the benchmarks set in the PDSS Assessment Schedule</td>
<td>Measured end of Term 1 Estimated end of Term 1 Measured end of Semester 1</td>
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<td>English, Mathematics and Science end of semester results:</td>
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<td>• %As were greater than %Ds</td>
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<td>• %Es = ZERO</td>
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<td>100% of students have clear learning goals related to:</td>
<td>All students have learning goals are part of the ongoing assessment and curriculum expectations</td>
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<td>• Assessment Schedule, and</td>
<td>Student identified as below benchmark and significantly above benchmark have an Individual Learning Plan (ILP)</td>
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<td>• Australian Curriculum (C2C)</td>
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<td>100% of parents to be involved in a discussion about their child’s learning goals</td>
<td>Parent Information sessions were held Approx. 65% of ILPs sent home to parents 100% of SWD ILPs established</td>
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<td>• PTI, phone call, communication book, email, blog, etc.</td>
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<td>Student attendance 95% with ZERO unexplained absences</td>
<td>92.7% as at 1 April 2014 25.5 days unexplained</td>
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<td>Positive Behaviours recorded greater than 5.00 per day</td>
<td>February – 9.65 per day March – 8.10 per day</td>
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<td>Behaviour Incidents recorded less than 1.00 per day</td>
<td>February – 1.95 per day March – 2.05 per day</td>
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<td>100% of teaching staff to assess themselves as being “highly accomplished” in:</td>
<td>Explicit Teaching –</td>
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<td>100% of school staff to agree that they have good access to quality Professional Development</td>
<td>95%</td>
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<td>100% of school staff to agree that staff morale is very high</td>
<td>27% *Please note this a measure of responses in the VERY HIGH area. 0% of staff indicated Low or Very Low.</td>
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<td>100% of parents/caregivers agree that their child is getting a good education at school</td>
<td>Measured end of Term 1</td>
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<td>100% of parents/caregivers agree that this is a good school</td>
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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.

CARNIVALE: probably the most important community event in Port Douglas is the annual Carnivale which involves a procession through the streets in the evening of Friday – May. We would love to support a group of mums/dads with time to put an entry together so kids from the school can be involved. Basically, it would involve kids colourfully dressed, marching on or beside a truck(?), music blaring, kids being happy and dancing. Obviously there are many variations and alternative ideas. Interested? Let me know!

Prepared to assist the school by selling raffle tickets through your business? Privately? P&C has a raffle with major prizes to be drawn at the Anniversary that we’d appreciate your help to get out there to the community. Contact Janice Ruffle if you could help out!

As well, the Courthouse Hotel has kindly offered to support this fundraiser by allowing us to sell raffle tickets from 4-6pm on Friday 2 May. We’d appreciate assistance from any mums (we have several men already) to help sell as many tickets as possible.

The Carnivale Blue light Disco will be held at the Cyclone Shelter on Friday 23 May. Watch for posters around the school for details!

P&C’s next meeting will include:
- details of Anniversary Family Afternoon,
- a presentation on Autism
- a presentation on one aspect of NAIDOC week

Coming soon to the Cyclone Shelter: Karate-senior and junior, Senior Basketball-interested? Contact Lucas Teasdale 0422 292 693, Futsal (indoor soccer).

NB-PD Basketball Club is currently on Easter Break until the new term.

Ray Pitman 0418 221 901

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).

See Janice Ruffles or Admin staff for extra Raffle tickets.

NOTES SENT HOME

| Parent & Teacher Interviews | Yr 1/2 BG  
| Yr 5 GR |
| School Leaders  
| U12 Basketball trails |
| Instrumental Music Students performing at Assembly |

ANZAC DAY 2014

Our school ANZAC day ceremony will be held on Thursday 24 April from 2.15pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Students are invited to attend the Port Douglas ANZAC day march on Friday 25 April, meeting at Coles at 10.00am. Please be advised it may be a long ceremony and it maybe difficult for younger students to participate in a reverent manner.

Students will need to be dressed in full school uniform and have a school hat.
Community Announcements

Relationships Australia

POPPERS

6 WEEK CHILDREN'S GROUP for 5-9 YEAR OLDS experiencing parental separation

POPPERS aims to support young people in their experience of parental separation, conflict and change in their family situation.

Activities include:
- Reading story books
- Making treasure boxes
- Making friends
- Art and craft
- Sharing afternoon tea
- Sharing good ideas
- Learning new stuff
- Having fun

STARTS: Monday 20th April 2014
FINISHES: Monday 2nd June 2014
TIME: 3:30-5:00 pm (Afternoon tea provided)
PLACE: Relationships Australia FNQ, 125 Stuflin Street, Cairns
COST: Free of charge

To register please phone 1300 364 977 and ask to be put through to the Relationships Australia FNQ venue.

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INVITATION
WIN $200 FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Here is a great opportunity for your school to make some extra dollars this year simply by encouraging your students to enter the Photography Section (Section 26) at the Cairns Show (Junior Section attached).

There are two prizes of $200
- the winning student entry in the Primary School section
- the winning student entry in the Secondary School section

All you need do is make your budding photographers aware of this great opportunity and have them nominate your school when they enter.

Why not get your whole class behind it!

THE CAIRNS SHOW 16, 17 & 18 JULY 2014
CHECK THE WEBSITE—WWW.CAIRNSSHOW.COM.AU

Prizes are being generously donated by NQ Container Services and FNQ Pride Pty Ltd

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We operate our Giddy-up Horse trail rides twice daily 0900am & 1400pm minimum age 6
Also we operate our Jungle Rumble Quad adventures twice daily 0900am & 1400pm min age10.
Bookings essential see our website for prices & details.

Daintree Station
Po Box 677 | Mossman | TNQ | 4873
p: 07 4098 1149 | m: 0417 988 606
e: info@daintreestation.com
http://www.daintreestation.com

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Wildlife Junior Keepers
Port Douglas

Confirmed Dates:
Tuesday 8th April 2014  Tuesday 15th April 2014
Wednesday 9th April 2014  Wednesday 16th April 2014

Further dates will be opened as required

Time: 11am - 3pm
Ages: 8-14 year olds
Cost: $35 – includes lunch and afternoon tea

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!

Details:
- Wear enclosed shoes, hat, shirt (no singlet) and sunscreen.
- Bring your camera, drink bottle and a positive fun attitude!
- Numbers: Maximum of 15 children per day.
- The program will incorporate animal feeding, presentation, interaction and projects to assist our keepers in their day to day schedules.
- Providing learning, fun and interesting environment to children participating in the program.
- Small groups running the program have existed.
- Blue Cards to meet government requirements regarding child care.
- As numbers are limited bookings are essential.

Please contact the Wildlife Habitat on (07) 4099 3235, payment is required on booking.

Puts you in the Zoo!

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FNQ FC HEAT

School holiday football clinic
Friday 11th April, 9am-3pm
Douglas United FC, Cassowary
Ages 6-13
Cost: $99, including an FNQ Heat jersey.
Register online at www.fnqfc.com.au or
Email community@fnqfc.com.au