Dear Parents,

After an inspiring first week at Crossmaglen Public School I must say how impressed I am by this wonderful school community. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with the students and look forward to supporting them in their learning and development. Staff at the school demonstrate great passion and skill, and the support offered by the parent community is nothing short of fantastic.

This term students will work their way through a number of programs that promise to be enjoyable and engaging. Science this term will focus on machines and the mechanics of energy and movement. The students worked well on Friday in their first attempts at building pulley systems and it appears that the general consensus is that “Physics is Fun”.

Miss Horwood and Rom will be cooking with the students on Tuesdays and implementing units on personal and environmental health, while Mrs Booth will continue the excellent work she does with ICT and also introduce the students to the mathematics of coding. Mrs Champion will be running library on Thursdays as well as literacy and numeracy in the morning. We are so lucky to have these amazing and dynamic teachers.

A homework matrix has been developed, discussed, and sent home as of Friday last week. I find that this approach allows students some flexibility to follow their interests, and provides opportunities for deep investigation due to the open-ended nature of some of the tasks. I think it is beneficial to continue daily practice of spelling and multiplication tables so that routine will remain unchanged. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding homework.

Year 6 students have expressed a keen desire to organise a special farewell year 6 dinner towards the end of the term. More information on this will be shared as further plans are made.

A P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday afternoon, 15th October, at 3pm. Please do your best to attend. Further to this, on Sunday CPS will be hosting the fundraiser BBQ at Bunnings. Thanks to those parents who have organized this initiative and those who have volunteered their time. We will also be holding a raffle with some excellent prizes acquired from AMART All Sports, including a body board, skim board and other sporting equipment. Tickets for the raffle are being organized and we will advise further when selling commences. Please encourage friends and family to buy a ticket or two. The raffle will be drawn on presentation night.

Terry, our wonderful General Assistant has suggested that we ask the community for help in accessing a bobcat to aid the distribution of mulch around the school. If you know anyone who might be able to help with this task, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let us know. The job is likely to take approximately 2 hours.

We wish Emma a quick recovery in the weeks after her shoulder surgery.

Finally, in the coming weeks I hope to meet with the parent community to discuss the new School Plan. This year has seen some changes made to the model, processes and format of the plan with community consultation being a crucial component. More information will follow shortly.

Peter Rundle
Principal

**TERM 4 CALENDAR**

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The students enjoyed learning about pulley systems. We are looking forward to creating platonic solids with paddle pop sticks.