Dear Parents,

After another busy week and with the weather showing signs that summer is on the way, the remainder of this term promises to pass quickly with a number of exciting events lined up for the coming weeks. I’d like to thank the students, staff, and parent community for making this school so fantastic.

Student Birthdays

Last week we celebrated the birthdays of Isabella and Josh, congratulations we hope you had a nice time celebrating with your friends and families.

Thank you to the Gibbins Family

Thank you to the Gibbins family for supplying fruit and vegetables to our school free of charge. This generous donation allows the school to implement a sustainable cooking program that is of immense benefit to our students. Furthermore, a huge thank you to Chris for volunteering his time and tractor to help distribute mulch around the school last Friday. We really appreciate your support and generosity.

Bushwalking Excursion

Last Friday morning the students and myself, accompanied by Rom, Terry and Craig Lawson, ventured out into the wilderness behind our school in an attempt to reach Bonville Peak. The walk was challenging at times but the students pushed on and rose to the occasion. We didn’t quite make it to our planned destination but we did manage to locate a smaller peak that gave us fantastic views of the beautiful Crossmaglen Valley and beyond. Along the way we encountered steep slopes, huge trees, enormous spiders and one or two friendly leeches. I was particularly impressed with Craig’s swift footwork after feeling a twig brush against his ankle.

School Planning

Last week I sent home a parent survey as part of the consultation process for our school plan. The survey responses together with those from staff and students, will inform the development of a school vision and strategic directions for the future. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and please do your best to attend the next P&C meeting where findings and the school vision will be discussed.

Cooking

A gentle reminder for those who may have forgotten that the school requests $3 per week or $30 a term to cover the costs of ingredients and materials.

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Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Our ever-enthusiastic Year 6 students have decided on a date and location for their farewell dinner. The event will be held at Maria’s Restaurant on Tuesday evening December 16th commencing at 6pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the Year 6 Students and staff members to reminisce over their years at Crossmaglen Public School, to share stories and to wish the departing students well in the next phase of their lives.

Presentation night

As reported in the last newsletter our school presentation night will be held on Thursday evening 11th December at school. Please mark this special date in your calendar to ensure you are able to attend this important annual event. The children have already been learning some new drum beats and their rhythmic skills will be incorporated in the end of year performances.

THS visit and orientation

A small number of staff and students from Toormina High School will be visiting our school next Thursday to meet and talk with those students who will be attending THS next year. We look forward to their visit.

Music

CPS has taken delivery of three beautiful Djembe drums to compliment Mr Rundle’s collection. Students have shown a great interest in drumming and we are looking forward to building our skills and showcasing them at the end of year performance.

Have a fantastic week everyone!

Peter Rundle
Principal
Top Left to Right – the children are embracing the art of drumming and are very keen to showcase their new rhythmic skills at the end of year presentation evening.

Left and Bottom – On Friday staff, students and parents enjoyed a challenging adventure through our local native bushland. What a wonderful environment for our children to receive their education!