Dear Parents,

As we approach the half-way point for Term 4, students and staff are busy in preparation for end of year celebrations. Most students have completed their platonic solids and I must say, they look fantastic. I’ve been so impressed to see each and every student rise to the challenges that this project has presented.

‘Give me a place to stand, and with a lever I will move the earth’ Archimedes

This week I will begin to incorporate ‘multiplication tables drumming’ into our weekly music sessions, and for science the students will be experimenting with levers. In English, our daily routine of spelling, writing and reading is firmly established and it has been pleasing to see students develop, even in my short time at the school.

Reading Groups

If there are any parents who are willing and able to assist with reading groups each Monday and Friday morning please let me know. The sessions run from 9.30 - 10am and one or two parent helpers would enable the groups to delve far deeper into the process of learning to read.

Presentation Night

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to move our presentation night forward to Wednesday the 10th of December. We look forward to seeing the school community come together for this special annual event.

Surf Awareness Day

Attached to this newsletter is a permission note for our Surf Awareness Day at Sawtell Beach, at the cost of $12 per student. Implemented by Coffs Harbour Council lifeguard, Sonny Tisdell, this day is a valuable experience for students, building their knowledge and teaching them practical skills relating to surf safety. Please read and sign the permission note, and return it to school as soon as possible. We will be seeking assistance with transport on the day.

Toormina High School Visit

We look forward to a visit from Toormina High School staff and students this Thursday. The visit is the first step in a series of orientation events for students who are transitioning to Year 7 next year.

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Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Maria’s restaurant is currently being renovated and we aim to make our booking for Tuesday evening 16th December as soon as possible.

Parent Survey

Please do your best to complete and return the parent survey that was sent home a couple of weeks ago. Information gathered through the survey will influence school planning for the future and your opinions and input are greatly valued. If you have misplaced your survey, please request another.

Cooking

Students appear to thoroughly enjoy our weekly cooking program, producing simple healthy meals to share. It is always fantastic to see students working together in teams to produce our gourmet lunchtime delights. The cost is $3 each week or $30 for the term. Please forward payment to the school as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Homework

Please ensure that your children continue daily practice of multiplication tables, reading and spelling at home each evening. Homework is sent out each Monday and should be handed back in each Friday.

Raffle and Cookbooks

A reminder that the P&C has our fabulous Crossmaglen Cookbooks available for sale as well as Raffle tickets for our Summer Sport Prize Bonanza!!!! Please encourage friends and family to support our school.
House wanted
We have recently had an enquiry from a prospective parent who is looking to rent a small cottage or house sit in the vicinity of Crossmaglen Public School. If you have any information regarding a local cottage available for rent, or somebody requiring a house/property sitter, please contact Meera Moyne on 042 178 7419. Meera is a very experienced and professional house sitter.

Phone troubles
We have recently been experiencing problems with our telephones at school. We have requested with the service provider on several occasions to rectify the problem, but a long term solution has so far evaded us. Email communication is still functioning reliably and at the moment the school phone calls are being diverted to Glenda’s mobile. In case of emergency, where you need a message delivered to the school, for example to change your child’s method of getting home in the afternoon, you may also call Pauline Ford on 66 534062 or 0423 889 789 who has offered to relay urgent messages. Fingers crossed that the issue will be resolved today, as promised.

Position Vacant - School Cleaner
Recently the school advised local parents and community that we are in need of a new cleaner. A local would be ideal and there were a few people who expressed an interest. If you are still interested, or know of someone who might be, please contact David Purchase on 0407 212 935. David is very keen for someone local and reliable to take on the cleaning here and he can certainly give you more information if you are still thinking about it.

Have a great week everyone!

Peter Rundle
Principal