Dear Parents and Community Members,

Happy Birthday Tayla!

Tayla is 11 today. Have a fantastic birthday!

**Travelling Hands on Maths**

The ‘World of Maths Roadshow’ was held at Bonville School last Friday. The children really enjoyed the great hands on activities. Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport, very much appreciated.

**Cooking Around the World**

Last week the children went to India to cook Pakoras (an Indian appetiser). Most of the work this week was in the preparation of the meal. It was definitely a little spicier than the children have tried before and there was a mixed response. It is great to see the children trying new and different foods each week.

**Restaurant Excursion Week 10**

Tomorrow, Tuesday 1st April, the students will travel to Amalfi’s in Coffs Harbour to work in a real kitchen. They will be working with the staff to cook and eat pasta and pizzas from 12:30. Permission notes were sent home last week. The cost of the excursion has been paid for with the weekly cost of cooking. If your child pays by the week, this will need to be paid as usual.

**Cooking Week 11**

Unfortunately Mrs Peart will be away at a Professional Learning Course for our school in the last week of term so cooking will not be available. All cooking money will be transferred to term 2. Please ensure you supply lunch on Tuesday in the last week of term.

**Easter Hat Parade**

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 10th April at 10:30am under the C.O.L.A. Students have taken home a hat provided by the P&C for decorating. If your child wishes to make their own that is fine but please do not buy a commercially made hat.

**Easter Egg Raffle**

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Hat Parade assembly. Please ensure all tickets and money are returned to school by this date. If your child has sold all tickets and would like another book please see me. Jorjah is definitely in the running for the most tickets sold so far. Well done Jorjah!

**ANZAC March**

On April 25th (during the school holidays) we will be marching to commemorate ANZAC Day in Sawtell. Students are to be in full school uniform. We will meet at 10:30am in Second Ave and Fourth Ave adjacent to the Sawtell RSL Club. At 11:00am we will march through the streets of Sawtell for the 11:30am Commemoration Service at the Lyle Rose Memorial Park.

Please ensure your child has sunscreen and water for the day.

**Term 1 Calendar**

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**Lunch Orders**

Next term Lara and Craig Lawson are offering a lunch order service on Mondays through their business ‘BACIO’. Lunch order bags will be available at the office and need to be returned by Thursday of the week preceding the order as Lara will collect them from the school on Thursday. Orders will be delivered on Monday of the next week. The order is a set menu which students can order from. It is in line with the ‘Nutrition in School Policy’ for healthy canteens. This is not mandatory but available to those who choose to be involved.

**Coffs Council Grant**

During the term I have applied for and have been successful in securing a $1000 grant for a sustainable garden in the school grounds. The garden will be designed to use sensory plants and a quiet sitting area and use sustainable practises to stop the runoff of the sloping block. This garden will be built where the old Moreton Bay Fig stood. Garden Mania representatives visited the school last week to help me design the new sensory garden for this area. I am organising for the children to be involved in most of the process as part of the grant, but will require some parent and community support, if possible, to help us plant and implement the design into the school. If you can help in any way – time, man/woman power, machinery, resources – plants, path or boundary materials or anything else of that nature please contact me to organise a day to suit all interested groups.
Congratulations Mrs Booth

Mrs Booth has recently been published in the DEC online journal, SCAN. [http://scan.nsw.edu.au/](http://scan.nsw.edu.au/) This is an online leading refereed journal that focuses on the interaction between information in a digital age and effective student learning. It offers engaging professional support for all educators. In Volume 33 Issue 1 Mrs Booth discusses her experiences using virtual world technology in the classroom with educators across NSW and uses Crossmaglen Public School and her other schools as examples in the article. An image of Lachlan Gibbins’ blueberry farm is on the cover page of the journal. What a fantastic effort Mrs Booth! We are very proud of you and humbled that you are sharing your expertise with our school community.

Enrolment Details

Many families’ circumstances change during the time from enrolment to the end of their child’s time at primary school. If this is the case for you both in income and residence/contact details, please advise the school. The funding we receive to run the school from the DEC is based on current, up-to-date information. Please do not exaggerate in what you hope to receive in income but what was your last income tax amount. This information is not used for any other purpose than to support the school and we do not use it or share it with others due to privacy laws. Please contact me if you are having difficulty with what is required and I will endeavour to assist.

Mobile Phone App

I have been approached to trial a mobile phone app from myauschools.com. This app is linked to our school calendar and can be set up for other areas such as photos. We have a free trial for one month. If you would like to download the app for free go to your phone’s app store and type in Crossmaglen in the search button. I will make a decision as to whether it is a good option for the school at the end of the trial.

Amart Sports Community Kickbacks

We have registered with Amart’s Community Kickbacks, a community program that passes rewards back to the school. If you purchase any items from Amart Sport please nominate Crossmaglen School for the points.

Blog Posts

Don’t forget to regularly look at the school website and the blog. Students work is regularly posted with imbedded videos and links. Students in yr4 – 6 have individual blogs where their work is posted. Please make comment if you like the students’ work.

Crossmaglen Playgroup

Playgroup has officially started at Crossmaglen School on Monday between 9am and 10:30am. If you are interested in joining please contact the school on 66534295.

Ness Cavanagh
Principal

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**Pakoras (Indian appetiser)**

**Ingredients**

- 1 cup chickpea (gram) flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon chilli powder
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- Oil for deep frying
- 2 onions sliced into rings
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon garam masala
- 3/4 cup (190 ml) water
- 1/2 head cauliflower cut into florets
- Other vegetables of your choice eg, sweet potato, corn, peas etc

**Method**

Preparation 15 minutes, cooking time 10 mins

- Sift the chickpea flour into a medium bowl. Mix in the coriander, salt, turmeric, chilli powder, garam masala and garlic.
- Make a well in the centre of the flour. Gradually pour the water into the well and mix to form a thick, smooth batter.
- Over medium high heat in a large heavy saucepan heat the oil to approximately 190 degrees C
- Coat the cauliflower, onions and other vegetables in the batter and dollop batter mixture into frypan. Fry in small batches until golden brown, about 4 to 5 minutes. Drain on kitchen towel before serving.