Dear Parents and Community Members,

Thank you Glenda and Rom

This week is **SASS Recognition Week**. It is a special time for us to thank our amazing and talented School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) and to congratulate them on providing our beautiful school with love, care and an outstanding service to all our teaching staff, parents, community members and most importantly all of our wonderful students.

**Glenda the Good Witch of the Crossie Valley**

We would like to thank you Glenda for all the hard work that you do. Thank you for being the smiley face that greets the students, staff and visitors. Thank you for all the hard work that you put in “behind the scenes” to make sure that our school is running smoothly, all our bills are paid, all the parents are informed, all our records are up to date, all the supplies are ordered, permission notes are written, banking and finance is done.... But most importantly just for being you. We appreciate you each and every day and we are so lucky to have you at our school. Thank you Glenda!

**Rom Our Super Awesome School Learning Support Officer**

We would like to thank you for all the time that you spend making sure that the children get all the extra attention, learning, guidance and support you provide. Thank you for all your help making resources, organisation, help with the cooking program, providing both individual and classroom support, guidance and assistance for each and every student. The world is a better place because of you and you have made such a positive impact on the school, staff, students and community. We are so lucky to have you at our school and appreciate all that you do and all that you are.

**Milo Cricket Gala Day**

Wednesday 17th September is our Milo T20 Blast School Gala Day at Sport and Leisure Park at Coffs Harbour. These days are conducted in a fun, safe and learning environment, with girls and boys teams competing with other schools in a participation based format. The children will be exposed to cricket in a fun, inclusive, learning environment, and will also receive a giveaway pack plus other information on how they can continue a healthy and active lifestyle. All children are involved and it is a great opportunity for them to learn new skills, enjoy exercise and socialise with students from other schools. Permission notes will be sent out today. You can find out more at www.playcricket.com.au.

**Fundraising Cook Book**

Please assist the P & C in creating this wonderful fundraiser, the Crossmaglen Public School Cook Book. The P & C are still seeking your favourite recipe/s to be published in the book. You could take a photo of your favourite recipe and send it via MMS to Michele or Kim . Email shell.bake303@gmail.com or krroofing@bigpond.com (or mobile 0400 534872 - Kim, 0417 542849 - Michele). Recipes need to be submitted no later than Friday 5th September. There is also advertising space available in the books (half page $30 and full page $50). If your would like to advertise or know of a business that you think might be interested, please contact Kim or Michele. The P & C are aiming to start selling the recipe book at the beginning of Term 4 so start saving your coins for your Christmas shopping! A must have in everyone’s home.

**Cooking**

Last Friday we made yummy toasted wraps. These consisted of shredded chicken, tomato, rocket/baby spinach and grated cheese. These wraps were very nutritious and comforting for such a cold and drizzly day. Thanks again to the Gibbins family for your provisions this week. The children certainly enjoyed all the lovely fruit and definitely ate a rainbow on Friday.

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2015**

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. If you know of anyone in the area who has a child ready to start Kindy next year, please let them know that we are now taking enrolments. We would like to commence some orientation days shortly with prospective students. Spread the Word!
On Tuesday 26th of August Crossmaglen students went to the Archaeology Exhibition at the Coffs Harbour Showground.

The archaeology exhibition was called “Mysteries of Ancient Empires”. When we arrived we were introduced to archaeology by being given a piece of pottery to hold. The dark coloured pottery was from Egypt and the light coloured pottery was from Israel. Our tour guide Don then started the tour.

Don told us about very old lanterns and showed us the Egyptian mask that the mummies wore. We then looked at all the layers that are on top of an Egyptian tomb. We then learned about the baboons that were required to look over the tombs and to show day and night.

We learned all about the Egyptian Gods and that there are over 2,000 different gods. The Egyptians had a god for everything they did. For example if someone wanted to cross a crocodile infested river they would have to pray to the Crocodile God to ensure they didn’t get eaten.

We learned about ancient Hieroglyphics and how they were carved into stone or painted onto papyrus paper. We also saw the very first tablet that is very different to our iPads and iPods. The first tablets were made out of wood and covered in wax. You would carve writing into the wax with a small metal rod and then to wipe the tablet clean you would need to heat it over a fire.

We were shown some very beautiful jewellery made of gold, silver, bronze and semi-precious stones. There were necklaces, bracelets and amulets. Amulets are small jewellery items that are thought to protect the wearer from harm.

The last part of the journey was to look at a giant timeline on the wall. The timeline had events from countries from all over the world. It was very interesting to see history in a visual way. We all had an interesting time it was a good opportunity to learn about the ancient land of Egypt and the science of archaeology.