Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4 and what a busy term it promises to be.

**Surf School**

Our six-week surf school program commences this week. On Thursday students will depart school at approximately 12.40pm and travel to Sawtell for our first surfing lesson with Caspian O'Donnell from Sawtell Surf School. Please ensure your child has all the necessary equipment including sunscreen and a water bottle. A bus will be hired to take students to and from Sawtell when needed, however, it would be great if parents could assist with transport so we can avoid the additional cost. Please let me know if you might be able to assist with transport.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

Kindergarten orientation sessions begin this Friday from 12-3pm. If you know anyone with children of appropriate age who might be interested, please encourage them to contact the school to arrange participation in the orientation sessions.

There will also be kindergarten orientation sessions on 30th October, 13th November and 4th December.

**Book Club**

Book Club catalogues have been handed out today. If you would like to place an order, please return to the office by no later than Monday 26th October with your payment (cash, or a cheque made out to Scholastic Australia). If you wish to pay by credit card you can order electronically (instructions are on the order page).

In this issue Scholastic are offering a quality “Gold Coin Book” for $2. The book is called “The Phar Lap Mystery” (Item No. 608) in paperback. This book is from the “My Australian Story” series.

**TERM 4 CALENDAR**

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**School Blog**

A reminder to have a look at our constantly evolving school blog at [https://crossmaglen.edublogs.org](https://crossmaglen.edublogs.org). Thanks to Kate Lemmes and Cindy Eichmann for the great work they have been doing to maintain the blog. This is a great way to share with our community the amazing learning opportunities that are provided to our students.

**Volunteers needed**

Exciting news! Our school has recently purchased a large quantity of early/home readers. While these are a fantastic resource for literacy instruction, we first must cover and accession each individual title into our library system. We are seeking volunteers to help cover books at school, so if you have a spare 30-60mins we’d greatly appreciate any assistance you might be able to give.

We also have a large pile of wood chip that needs to be spread around our new outdoor classroom area. While I’m quite happy to chip away at this task when I get a chance (I do find it somewhat therapeutic), anyone else who might like to be involved is most welcome.

**Swim Scheme**

We have received confirmation that our intensive swimming lessons will run in Weeks 8 and 9, from 10.15-11am daily at Coffs Harbour Pool. Permission notes and more information will be sent home shortly.

We will be joining in with Bonville Public School this year.
Cooking Term 4
Cooking will resume this Friday. There will be 9 weeks @ $3 per week. The school will be sending invoices and reminders home today.

Grandparents Day
To celebrate our grandparents, we will be holding Grandparents Day next Wednesday 21st October. All grandparents and/or surrogate grandparents are invited to come to the school at 1pm for a sausage sizzle followed by a short activity. Please notify the school of any one who may be attending for catering purposes.

Have a good week everyone.

Peter Rundle
Principal