Dear Parents,

We’ve had a fantastic week at school despite some continued wet weather. The place is buzzing with the energy that our new students have brought to the school and it’s great to see the entire school joining in for games during break times.

**Dancing on Mondays**

Kelly Stoner has offered to run dancing lessons with the students at school on Monday Mornings. The students appeared to really enjoy the session and were quick to pick up the Salsa rhythm. To avoid certain embarrassment I usually distance myself from the dance floor but on Monday morning something came over me and even I got up to have a little boogie. Thank you Kelly for donating your time and expertise.

**Piano on Tuesdays**

Leanne from the Coffs Harbour Conservatorium gave her first round of piano lessons on Tuesday. Students seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to engage in the lessons and I am pleased that our school is able to offer such a great program. I look forward to performances in the not too distant future. At this stage the cost of lessons and books has been covered by the school and this will continue for as long as it remains sustainable.

**Swimming Carnival**

Our small schools swimming carnival will go ahead tomorrow regardless of rainy weather, it will only be cancelled in the event of an electrical storm. Thank you to Christine Gibbins and Lara Lawson for assisting with the transport of students. We need to leave school at 9am at the latest so please don’t be late. Our K-2 students will remain at school with Mrs Champion.

**Sport**

Sport/PE has been scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Sports uniform is optional for Tuesdays and recommended for Thursdays.

**Parent Information Evening**

I have scheduled a parent information evening for next Wednesday, 11th February, at 7pm-8pm. I’d like to hold discussions around school planning, camps and general school business. Your attendance would be thoroughly appreciated.

**Homework**

Homework will be sent home next week. It will consist of nightly spelling and maths practice, as well as a project grid from which students will choose the projects that they wish to complete over the course of the term. I encourage each family to develop a nightly routine that includes spelling, maths and reading.

**Library/Cooking**

Library will continue on Thursdays with Mrs Champion. We have recommenced our cooking program each Friday with Mrs Peart, and the cost will be $3 per week, commencing in Week 2 (or $24 for the term).
Voluntary Contributions

Our school voluntary contributions have been set at $35 for each student for the year. The school contribution assists in covering costs such as classroom consumables and resources.

Technology Levy

There will be no text book levy in 2015, but a technology levy of $50 per child for the year is required for technology. This levy covers online subscriptions for Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Minecraft. Invoices will be sent home to each family shortly. Please be assured that these amounts do not have to be paid all at once, you may pay them off during the course of the year.

Mrs Champion admired this lovely scene last week of the students watching a cow with her newly born calf near the school boundary. What a lovely learning environment Crossmaglen Public School is. Thank you Mrs Champion.