Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic weekend and I’m sure most of you, like me, are looking forward to some Autumn weather. A little more sunshine would be nice though we shouldn’t complain about the wet weather. There is a reason this valley is so lush and green….lots of life-giving rain (among other things).

A busy week

I will be out of the school from Monday morning through to Wednesday but school will of course operate as normal. On Monday Emma Peart will be teaching the children while I spend the afternoon with Coffs Harbour Principals at a school planning workshop.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Kate Lemmes will teach the class while I attend a Thinking While Moving in Maths workshop (Tuesday) and day 2 of Best Start Assessment Training (Wednesday).

Some Gentle Reminders

Cooking - Only a very small number of students have brought in money for cooking ($3 a week). Please do what you can to ensure this is paid for.

Piano – Please help students to remember their piano books on Tuesdays. They are making excellent progress but many are forgetting their books which can make it a little challenging for Leanne (our awesome piano teacher).

Library – Please remember to return library books and bring a library bag on Thursdays.

Homework – Please do what you can to ensure students return completed weekly homework to school on Fridays so new spelling words can be added and sent home on Mondays. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about homework.

In Class

In mathematics this week we will begin to look at fractions and decimals. Please use any opportunity at home to discuss fractions, particularly when cooking etc.

In science we are continuing our theme of energy in the form of sound, light and heat. I’ve been saving the more enjoyable experiments for the end of term, particularly those relating to heat.

In writing we have been attempting to create imaginative, informative and persuasive texts. This has involved some challenging tasks but all students are showing signs of progress and development.

We have begun to use creative and physical activities to help transition from one activity to another. Salsa dancing on Mondays is a great way to get the brain warmed up and working (thanks Kelly), and we are always setting new records with our bean bag passing activity. Drumming works well to get the neurons firing and as a group we are working well together, developing a fantastic sense of rhythm.

Thanks to Lara and Jamie-Lee for their ongoing support with reading groups.

Have a great week everyone!

Peter Rundle
Principal
Movement Learning Program

Commencing next week, Pauline will be conducting a movement learning program involving all students, based on the Move to Learn principals. For more information about this program, you can go to movetolearn.com.au.

Knitting Classes

This Friday I will be commencing “Learn to Knit” lessons with the children as part of our art/craft lesson. If there are any mums or grandmothers out there who would like to give some assistance, please come to the school from 2pm to 3pm this Friday.

Cooking— Live Life Well

In cooking last Friday the children made Chinese Fried Rice, which they enjoyed not only making but eating! They even rated it the best meal so far! Some came back for seconds and thirds. Here is the basic recipe. Mrs Peart

Chinese Fried Rice

Ingredients:
Brown rice
Bacon (diced)
Onion
Variety of vegetables including peas, corn, broccoli, carrot
Soy sauce
Honey
Eggs
Spices like Chinese 5 spice, chili etc

Method:
- Fry beaten eggs (cook like an omelette) and slice into squares. Remove from pan.
- Fry bacon and onion together. Add other vegetables
- Cook rice according to packet
- Return all ingredients to pan. Add soy, honey and spices.

School Vision Statement

At Crossmaglen Public School we nurture, nourish and stimulate the individual learning, creativity and holistic development of students. This is achieved through the passionate and dynamic delivery of quality education by staff in partnership with families and the school community.