Dear Parents,

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather, and I trust that all the mums had a wonderful Mother’s Day.

**Cascade EEC**

Our whole-school camp to Cascade Environmental Centre was a great success. For many/most of the students it was their first school camp experience and with that in mind, their behaviour and level of independence was excellent.

The Principal of Cascade, John McQueen, shared his knowledge and expertise while guiding the students through a number of different challenges and activities including 3 separate bush walks, mountain bike riding, low ropes courses, archeological digs and more. I would personally like to thank John for the way he nurtured the children’s learning, and created an enjoyable camp experience for all.

Enormous thanks to the parent helpers who assisted with transport, supervision, cooking, cleaning and caring for the children. Your help made the experience stress free, outstandingly positive, and one that I would like to repeat again in the near future.

**District Cross Country**

Congratulations to Malakai, Isabella, Josh and Charlie who participated in the District Cross Country at Bowraville on Friday. The students performed brilliantly against a highly competitive field with Malakai placing 26th, Isabella 40th, Josh 33rd and Charlie 42nd in their respective events. Congratulations on the great effort kids. Thanks also to Pauline and Les for their student transportation services.

**NAPLAN**

This week students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing. The tests will commence on Tuesday morning with Writing and Language Conventions, on Wednesday students will complete the Reading assessment and then on Thursday testing will conclude with Numeracy. Please ensure that those students who are involved have a good night’s sleep prior to the tests and a healthy breakfast.

**Director Public Schools Visit**

We are fortunate that Jenny Murray, Director, Public Schools, will visit Crossmaglen Public School this Thursday. As my supervisor Jenny provides support and advice to me in regards to the management and operations of our school. I appreciate her assistance and look forward to her visit.

**Piano/Dance Concert**

On Tuesday 2nd of June our students will be showcasing their musical prowess with our first piano concert. The performance will begin at 12.30 and be relatively short in duration. Further to this, students will also demonstrate some of the dancing skills acquired through the expertise of Kelly Stoner who volunteers her time to spend with the class each Monday morning.

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**TERM 2 CALENDAR**

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**No Hat, No Play**

Please remind your child of their responsibility to always having a hat for play in the playground. This is also applicable throughout winter. We do not supply spare hats, and so children who don't have one will have to play in the shade.
Life Education
Thank you to those who have already returned their permission notes, only children who have returned their permission notes by 25th May will be attending. Reminder that Life Education will cost each child $7, payable at our school office.

Peter Rundle, Principal

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