Dear Parents,

It feels like every week at Crossmaglen brings with it something special, but this week we celebrate something of particular significance. IT’S EDUCATION WEEK! The theme this year is “Local Heroes”. It’s a week to reflect on the amazing work being done by staff, students, and communities to support the education of our most valuable asset, our young people. I’d like to thank all members of our school community for their dedication in supporting the values of public education, and also my colleagues at other local primary and high schools for their support, inspiration and friendship.

Our school celebrations of education week began today with our Marine Parks excursion to Woolgoolga. We were very fortunate with the weather and it was a lovely outdoor learning day for all. Thank you to Lara and Glenda who assisted with transport.

On Thursday, 30th July, the children will be treated to a sausage sizzle at lunch time as part of Education Week celebrations. There will be no cost.

District Athletics
Congratulations to Malakai, Josh, Isabella and Charlie who will represent our school this Wednesday at the District Athletics Carnival. We wish these four students all the best and hope they have an enjoyable day.

Welcome Back Mrs Peart
It was fantastic to have Mrs Peart back at school on Friday. Students spent the day engaged in a variety of activities and were obviously very pleased with her return.

Coffs Harbour Council – Green Schools Grant
On Friday students began positioning and filling our new herb garden pots purchased through funding supplied by Coffs Harbour Council’s Green Schools initiative. Once established the herb gardens will provide a resource for the community to use and share. My estimation skills have been called into question by staff members as we still have about 1.5 cubic metres of quality soil left over. Please let me know if you are in need of soil for vegetable garden beds and I’m sure we can come to some sort of arrangement.

Police Youth Liaison Officer Visit.
Senior Constable Jo Brooker will visit our school on Monday 3rd of August at 2pm. She will deliver a short presentation to the children around topics such as the role of police officers in the community, personal safety, cyber safety and road safety. We look forward to her visit.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 5th August. Students are required to be in full school uniform. Order envelopes and payment will be collected on the day.

Coffs Cup
Schools located within the Coffs Harbour City Council area have been advised about the upcoming half day local Coffs Harbour Cup Public Holiday planned from 12.00pm to 5.00pm on Thursday 6 August. Please note that school will operate only until 12pm on that day. Please make arrangements for your child/ren to be picked up from school by 12 midday on August 6th.
Sporting Schools
We have been successful in gaining funding through the Sporting Schools initiative (formerly Active After School Sport) to run sporting programs for Terms 3 and 4. In week 5 we will commence a six week gymnastics and trampolining program at Spring Loaded (Link Gym) at no cost to our students. Students from Upper Orara Public School will also be participating so the sessions will provide great opportunities for our children to meet other students from a similarly small school.

Marine Parks Excursion
Woolgoolga 2015