Dear Parents & Community Members,

Our students had a wonderful first session at Spring Loaded on Tuesday, and again on Wednesday at the National Marine Science Centre. We all enjoyed learning about our precious and beautiful marine life. Thank you to those parents who accompanied us on the excursions, and assisted with transport. We have a quieter week ahead with our second trip to Spring Loaded being our only excursion.

**Bunnings BBQ**

This Sunday our school P&C will run the fundraiser barbeque at Bunnings in Coffs Harbour. Thank you to those parents who have already put their name down for a shift. The roster is as follows:

- **8—10** Cindy, Michele, Jason
- **10—12** Pete, Pauline, Jamie-Lee, Jason & Michele
- **12—2** Glenda, Trevor, Jason & Michele, Kell
- **2—4** Lara, Christine, Jason & Michele

**Pie Drive**

Don’t forget to remind friends and family about our Pie Drive fundraiser. Order forms were sent home a couple of weeks ago. Please contact Cindy with any questions or queries. Orders and payment have to be returned to the school by Monday 24th August, and pies will be ready for collection at the school on Tuesday 1st September.

**Information Evening**

I would like to hold another information evening this term and am seeking feedback on what time suits most members of our school community. I am looking at running the session either soon after school (4pm) or later starting at either 6 or 7pm. Please let me know what suits best and I will try to schedule the meeting so that the majority of parents can attend.

**TERM 3 CALENDAR**

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**P&C Meeting**

There will be a P&C meeting at school this Wednesday at 3pm. This will provide an opportunity to finalise plans for the Bunnings BBQ and discuss other agenda items. Please do your best to attend.

**Marine Parks/Fire Station Excursion**

Next Monday our students will have a particularly busy day with our second Marine Parks excursion, and a visit to Coffs Harbour Fire Station on the way back to school. A permission note will be sent home shortly. Please return the signed note as soon as possible. There will be no cost for this excursion.

**Herb and Flower Beds**

What a huge difference the new herb and flower beds near the sports shed have made already to the school grounds, giving a welcoming first impression to new visitors. Thank you Mrs Peart for your efforts in establishing the new gardens and we look forward to trying out some of the home grown herbs on our cooking days. I would also like to acknowledge the Coffs Harbour City Council and Live Life Well who through funding also made this possible.

I wish everyone a fantastic week!

Peter Rundle, Principal
On Wednesday the 12th August Crossmaglen Public School went to the Marine Science Centre. We all went in cars and met there.

First we met a man called Stefan. Stefan was a marine biologist. He led us to watch a movie about fish, sharks and other sea creatures like turtles and Mangrove Jacks.

Next we met some sea animals. We got to touch a sea urchin, sea cucumbers and sea stars. The sea urchin was very spikey. If you take off the sea urchins spikes it will die. The sea cucumber felt squishy like jelly. The sea stars are very interesting because if they were cut in half it can clone itself and regrow into two sea stars. They are called sea stars not starfish because they are not a fish. We saw an octopus called Squirt. He was called Squirt because he was so tiny when he was a baby. Then we looked at lots of fish in different fish tanks. There were fish that I recognise from the movie Finding Nemo. I saw fish that looked like Nemo, Dory, Gill and Tad. The fish in real life looked and acted like their characters.

After our time at the Marine Centre we went and had lunch. We had lunch in the park and then went for a walk on the beach. We took off our shoes and splashed in water up to our ankles. Finally we went back to school. I learned some interesting facts from the excursion. I learned that sea stars can spit out its intestines. I also learned that the octopus can open bottles and get food out of it. I found it interesting that the octopus has 240 suction cups. I had a good time on the excursion.