Dear Parents, and Community Members,

I hope you all enjoyed the sunny weather over the weekend. Things are now settling well as we hit Week 4 of the term. I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again, there never seems to be a dull moment at Crossmaglen Public School, and this week is no exception.

**Basketball Workshops**

Our students had a fantastic time during our first basketball workshop last Thursday. Coaches Travis and Blake brought some excellent energy to the school and had the kids playing a variety of different skill-building games. The second workshop will be held this Thursday afternoon.

**Happy birthday Sophie and Rahni**

A huge happy birthday to Sophie who turned 5 last Friday, and to Rahni who turns 8 this Thursday.

**District Swimming Carnival**

Good luck to our little (but statistically large) team who are heading down to Macksville for the district swimming carnival this Friday. We hope you have a great time and wish you all the best.

**P&C Meeting**

A meeting of the P&C will be held this Wednesday afternoon at school. It would be fantastic to see you there.

**Timetable Reminder/Update**

A quick reminder of weekly activities for this term. Scripture will now be held on Monday mornings.

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**TERM 1 CALENDAR**

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Library with Kate Lemmes will be each Tuesday (don’t forget books and bags). Piano lessons have moved to Thursdays (piano book day) and sport will continue to be held every Thursday afternoon (Sports uniform day).

**Some Classroom Happenings…**

Amazing Earth!!! Last week students learned about the layers that make up our planet. Each student drew a cross-section of Earth and labeled each layer. Later in the week our older students wrote informative texts providing details on each layer. This week we learn about Tectonic plate shift, how the slow but gargantuan shift led to the separation of super-continents Pangea and Gondwana and the gradual transformation to the world we know today. Our younger students have been busy learning their sounds and working hard to begin the process of learning to write. Very exciting stuff!!
This week in maths we continue to focus on addition and subtraction. For our youngest students the work is around number recognition and counting on, while our senior students have been learning and practicing different strategies and approaches to solving increasingly complex problems. Playing number-based games at home can be a great way to reinforce the learning that happens at school.

Thanks to Lara for offering to help with reading groups on Mondays. Students have been working together brilliantly in reading buddies and in all of the group-based learning that we do at school. It’s great to see our senior students being such mature and caring role models and mentors to our younger students.

We have been so very fortunate to have the help of our Assistant Principal Learning and Support, Nicole Kiwold. Nicole was appointed to her new role at the beginning of term 4 last year and has given our school fantastic support, advice and assistance. Nicole is based at Narranga Public School and is available to support schools over a wide geographical area, so it is likely that once the word spreads, she will be pulled in other directions. However, at the moment we are extremely lucky to have Nicole visiting our school on a regular basis.

I hope you all have an amazing week!

Pete Rundle
Principal

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