Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

It is with sadness that I announce the departure of Emma Peart from our team at Crossmaglen Public School. Emma has been offered a full-time teaching role at Upper Orara Public School until the end of the year and she has decided to accept. Emma has been a fantastic asset to our school and while we will certainly miss her, we wish her all the best in her new role and hope to see her back at Crossmaglen in the future. Kate Lemmes will fill Emma’s position for the remainder of the term while we find a quality replacement to commence in Term 2. Mrs Peart will return to school for a farewell afternoon tea with the children within the next week or so.

Surf School

A permission note for our two surf school sessions was sent home last week. The first of these sessions begins next Monday so please ensure the note is sent back to school as soon as possible. Most students will travel by bus, and I will be transporting two in my vehicle.

Reminders

Students have settled into the new routine of library on Tuesday and piano lessons and sport on Thursday. Please do your best to remind students to bring their library bags and books each Tuesday and piano books each Thursday.

Parent Information Afternoon

A parent information session will be held on Thursday afternoon 10th March, commencing at 3pm until approximately 4pm. I will provide an overview of activities and subjects covered this term as well as give you the opportunity to raise questions. I will send an invitation email to each family later this week so please let me know if this time does not suit. I know it is difficult to find a time that suits everyone so will do my best to find an option that suits the majority. It would be great to see you there.

Senior Camp

Permission notes and information regarding our senior camp to Point Lookout will be sent home later this week.

A Fantastic Community!

A huge thank you to Lara Lawson who has been assisting with reading groups over the last few weeks. Thanks also to Mrs Elaine Bull and Daphne Dutton from the Bonville CWA, and Pauline Bake for their kind offer to volunteer to help our younger students with reading and writing.

Classroom Happenings

Our senior students were excited to read letters sent back from our mystery pen-pal school this week. We have gathered from the clues within their letters that the mystery school is located in an inner city suburb of Sydney, is under a busy flight path and has a population of 650 students. We are currently writing our next round of letters and will be giving a few clues of our own.

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Last week our students discovered interesting facts about the northern and southern hemisphere. Did you know that 88% of the world’s population live in the northern hemisphere? This week in science/geography we will look at earth’s major continents and oceans.

Have a great week everyone!
The simplest way
...to encourage healthy eating.

If you’ve got a fussy eater in the family, a behaviour reward chart can be a great way to get them eating and enjoying new foods and more fruit and veg.

Praise from parents or the offer of small rewards is a good motivator for many children.

A behaviour reward chart can work wonders too. Remember to decide on rewards and goals in advance and keep them realistic and motivating.

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The simplest way
...to save time packing lunches.

We know parents are eager to pack healthy, nutritious lunches.

But doing it five times a week, and getting the kids keen on healthy options such as fruit and vegetables, can feel like a chore.

Plan ahead to get organised and save time:
- Make sandwiches at the beginning of the week and freeze, then add fresh salad on the day.
- Cook extra at dinner and use leftovers for lunches – baked veg, stir fry, pasta and rice work well.
- Chop up sticks of carrot, capsicum, celery or cucumber and store in a container in the fridge until ready to use.
- Let the kids help prepare and select, saving you time and getting them interested.

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