Dear Families and Community Members,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. It’s hard to believe that we have already passed the half-way point of Term 1 with Easter drawing closer. Crossmaglen Public School is a hive of activity at the moment with all sorts of fantastic activities and learning experiences taking place.

**Surf School**

By the time you read this our students will have enjoyed their first of two surfing lessons for the term. Next Monday students will again head down to Sawtell Beach for our final surfing foray for the season.

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**TERM 1 CALENDAR**

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**Parent Information Afternoon**

Thanks to those parents who have indicated their intention to attend our get-together this Thursday afternoon. I plan to share information about the teaching and learning that is currently happening at school, as well as respond to any questions or queries parents may have. It would be great to see you there. The meeting will begin at 3.10pm and probably run for approx. 1 hour.

**Senior Camp**

The trout hatchery tour has been booked and the students of Ebor Public School are looking forward to our morning tea visit. Momentum and excitement is certainly building for our senior camp in the last week of term. Thanks to those who have already returned permission notes. Information and permission notes for our junior excursion will be sent home soon.

**Coffs Harbour Network Principal’s Meeting**

I will be away from school this Friday while I attend the Coffs Harbour Principal’s meeting. These meetings occur once each term and involve professional learning and training as well as the opportunity to share and learn from other principals in our local area. Kate Lemmes and Rom Murphy will ensure smooth running in my absence.

*A reminder that there is no cooking this week.*
Volunteer Teachers
Thanks to Mrs Morris who has been volunteering her time at our school. Mrs Morris was employed at our school last Friday and will volunteer again on Wednesday this week. Thanks also to members of the wider community for their support. Special mentions go to Pauline Bake, Elaine Bull and Daphne Dutton for their support with reading. We also really appreciate the efforts of Lara with reading groups and Cindy with cooking.

Introducing Mark
This is probably a little overdue but I need to introduce to you Mr Mark Grebert who has taken up the reigns while Terry Crossland travels the countryside. Thanks Mark for keeping our school ship-shape.

Easter Hat Parade
Our annual Easter Hat Parade will take place on Thursday before the long weekend. I look forward to seeing the marvelous creations that emerge.

Classroom Happenings
Last week students began to learn the game RACE. While the Hebrew instructions proved a little bit challenging for our young readers, the game provides opportunities for students to practice some important maths skills. Fortunately the game is also lots of fun and seems to be popular already.

Our seniors put their brains and pens into top gear on Friday during a quick game of dictation races.

I hope you all have an enjoyable week,
Peter Rundle
Principal