



Term 1 Week 3: 13th February 2025

**Welcome
Back**
for 2025



AGM & Meeting

Wednesday 19th February 2025

3:15pm

Where: Crossmaglen PS Library

Members needed

ALL positions available.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Everyone is welcome!

Calendar Term 1 2025

TERM 1

Week 3

Friday 14th February

Yrs 3-6 OzGreen - Rethink Waste incursion
(in school)

Week 4

Monday 17th Feb

School Sport- Gymnastics at Springloaded

Wednesday 19th Feb

P&C AGM and meeting - 3:15pm

Week 5

Monday 24th Feb

School Sport- Gymnastics at Springloaded

Bellinger/Nambucca District Swimming

Carnival - Macksville Aquatic Centre.

Friday 28th Feb

MNC Zone Swimming Carnival

Week 6

Monday 3rd March

K-2 Get Grubby Excursion - Coffs Harbour

Botanical Gardens (note to follow)

School Sport- Gymnastics at Springloaded

Friday 7th March

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 7

Monday 10th March

School Sport- Gymnastics at Springloaded

Wednesday 12th March

NAPLAN window opens Yr 3 & Yr 5

Friday 14th March

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 8

Monday 17th March

School Sport- Gymnastics at Springloaded

Friday 21st March

Kids in the Kitchen

HARMONY DAY

A note from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! All staff and students have enjoyed reconnecting with each other after our summer break. We are welcoming new students and families to the school, which includes our five new Kindergarten students, as well as new students to Years 1, 2 and 5. We have a minor change to our Student Support Learning Officers (SLSOs). Sharon Geaney has left the Coffs region. Consequently, from Week 4, Jane Koster will join our team as an SLSO Mondays and Tuesdays.

New Lunch and Recess times: As many students ate most of their food at first break time, we have changed the timings of these breaks. Learning sessions and break times will remain the same duration. New break times are: Lunch – 11.00-11.45 and Recess – 1.15-1.45.

Term 1 Curriculum Overviews: will shortly be sent home. PE this term will be six-weekly gymnastics sessions at Spring Loaded, which will take place on Mondays, commencing 17th Feb (Week 4 – next week). Please return permission slips asap, if you haven't already done so.

Wellbeing - Life Skills GO: To continue to support our students' wellbeing, we will be commencing regular digital check-ins with students in class, using the Life Skills Go program. Information obtained through check-ins will enable teachers to further support students. Please read more about Life Skills Go on page 6 of this newsletter.

School Bytes: Many thanks to those of you who are already utilising School Bytes for communication and payments. I encourage those of you who haven't yet downloaded this App to do so, as it makes payments simple, you can notify the school of any absences, download payment receipts, view all historical payments and request a refund if necessary. This service can be accessible at your convenience at anytime, day or night. Eventually we would like all notes to be via School Bytes, which would eliminate the need for paper copies. Please speak to Emma if you would like assistance with this.

Ways in which you can help your child to be successful in school:

- Attendance: ensure your child attends school every day, unless sick. Try to book any non-urgent appointments after school or in the afternoon, to ensure your child doesn't miss literacy or maths sessions and let your child's teacher or myself know if you are having difficulty getting your child to school.
- Home Reading: At Crossmaglen, home reading is our only form of home learning. As such, please support your child by ensuring they read every school day. For Kinder-Year 2 students, this should be 10 minutes/day. For Year 3-6 students, this should be 15-20 minutes/day. Having a book your child enjoys is essential. Please inform your child's teacher if they are not enjoying the book sent home. Many students will be on decodable books, to consolidate their phonic skills. However, books you read to (with) your child may provide a greater range of interest for them, whilst creating a love of literature.
- Following our daily Morning Movement session, students return to class and eat their 'Fruito' snack. To save learning time, we ask that you please chop larger pieces of fruit up, as we will no longer be providing apple cutters and plates in class.
- Ensure your child leaves their hat in school so they have it for every playtime.

Voluntary Contributions: Voluntary contributions from parents and carers enhance educational programs that public schools are able to offer. The capped amount for 2025 remains at \$51, however, we understand that cost of living expenses may prevent some families from making this contribution. Therefore, ANY contribution parents are able to make will be greatly appreciated. Please note, *that this is entirely voluntary and no student would ever be denied the opportunity to meet syllabus requirements because of non-payment of this voluntary school contribution.*



Kristina Stewart

What a wonderful week!

Yellow Cottage had a fantastic first week back! The students have been busy revisiting our school expectations, learning the importance of taking turns, listening to each other, and playing safely on the playground. We've also introduced our new Kindergarten students to these important values, ensuring they feel welcomed and excited to be part of the Yellow Cottage. Fun activities and team-building games have helped everyone bond and get to know each other.



Small School Swimming Carnival

We had an absolutely fantastic day at the Small Schools' Swimming Carnival on Tuesday at Bellingen Pool. The storms held off until after we were finished and we had a brilliant sun shiny day. We had some incredibly enthusiastic swimmers in the pool with several students choosing to participate in every event, even the individual medley. Thank you to Mrs Meenahan, from Raleigh Public School for organising this event. I felt incredibly proud of those students who were nervous at the beginning of the day but found the courage to do at least one race. There were many successful races by our students and I would like to congratulate Elise on winning the Junior Age Champion. Once again our Crossmaglen students were so well behaved and made me proud to be a Crossmaglen teacher.

Mrs Wain





To further support our commitment to creating a safe, supportive and engaging learning environment for our students, we have partnered with Life Skills Group to implement the Life Skills GO program. This evidence-based, online platform is designed to nurture the social, emotional, and physical development of your child, equipping them to thrive both in school and in life.

It involves the students checking in regularly in class with their teachers, using a digital check in tool. Our decision to adopt Life Skills GO is driven by the need to implement trauma-informed practices that enhance student engagement, improve classroom behaviour, and boost learning achievement. By doing so, we aim to create a positive classroom environment that supports student attendance, fosters a safe and supportive atmosphere, and ensures that every student feels secure, valued, and capable of academic success.