



Term I Week 5: 27th February 2025

Assembly Awards

Term I

Week 4

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Award at Week 4's assembly:

Yellow Cottage: Melody - for making an amazing effort in her work and playing with her friends! A wonderful role model in Yellow Cottage.

Green Cottage: Evie - for her amazing sportsmanship and encouragement of her peers at the swimming carnival. Evie gave 100% effort all day!

Blue Cottage: James - for having a positive attitude towards his learning and showing great effort in tasks.



Principal's Award: Zander - for showing leadership skills and kindness by teaching a new Kindergarten student how to play handball.



Calendar Term I 2025

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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

Tuesday 4th - Wednesday 4th March

3 way Conferences from 3:15 pm

Friday 7th March

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 7

Monday 10th March

School Sport- Gymnastics at Springloaded

Tuesday 11th March

School Photos

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

Week 9 - Thinking Skills Week

Monday 24th March

School Sport- Gymnastics at Springloaded

Friday 28th March

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 10

Friday 4th April

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 11

Thursday 10th April

Sharing Assembly and Easter Hat Parade

Friday 11th April

Last day of Term I

A note from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to Elise, Fred, Evie, Victoria and Willow, who represented Crossmaglen Public School at the District Swimming Carnival in Macksville. Elise will be representing our school in Friday's Zone Carnival.

Teachers have noticed that some students seem tired during the school day. This tiredness might be because students are getting used to the school routine again. Another reason could be that they are spending too much time on screens, like phones, tablets, or computers.



The NSW Department of Health recommends no more than 2 hours/ day of screen time for children aged 5-17. Please support your child to have healthy habits by following this advice and not allowing them to use devices before school. The raisingchildren.net.au website provides useful information on managing screentime for children aged 3-11, as well as other useful information to support families.

eSafety Learning: This week students have taken part in eSafety learning, using resources from the eSafety Commissioner. Year 3 and 4 students' took part in an online live webinar titled 'Be an eSafe kid: Back to school – pack your online safety toolkit', in which they learnt how to navigate online friendships by being respectful and responsible. Our Year 5 and 6 students' online live webinar 'Be an eSafe kid: Back to school - Truth or Trap? - Cyber marvel provided opportunities to investigate fake information and fake friendships online. Students developed critical thinking skills to identify misinformation, disinformation and fake online identities like impersonator and catfishing accounts. All eSafety learning highlights how children can stay safe and where to get help and support.

eSafetyparents

The eSafety Commissioner website:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> provides an abundance of useful information including webinars, newsletters and suggested ways of supporting your child to stay safe online. There are suggested activities for creating a Family Tech Agreement in your house, which is a set of rules about how devices, like smartphones, tablets, computers, TVs and gaming consoles are used in your home. I encourage you to take a look.

In focus: Cyberbullying



My child is being bullied online



Is my child bullying others?



Parental controls



Real stories



Support for young people



Report online harm

Home Reading: Teachers are delighted with students start to our Reading 500 Club this term. Please support your child by getting them into the habit of reading as soon as they've had a snack and before they get busy playing. Establishing this routine will ensure your excels through their reading booklets and is rewarded, maybe even reaching Morning Tea with the Principal, or lunch out at a restaurant.

Reading booklets are being checked in school Tuesdays-Fridays and students who have not had their booklet signed by an adult for the previous day's reading will be required to read for 10 minutes during Lunch playtime. We understand that families are busy, particularly on weekends, which is why we are not checking reading booklets on Mondays, however, students must have their reading folders in school every day, for books to be changed. Students wishing to achieve the morning tea or lunch out will need to read on weekends.

NAPLAN: Students in Years 3-5 will take part in National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments during Weeks 7 and 8. Students will be assessed in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy. Please see information attached for parents of these students and feel free to speak to myself or Mrs Wain if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris".

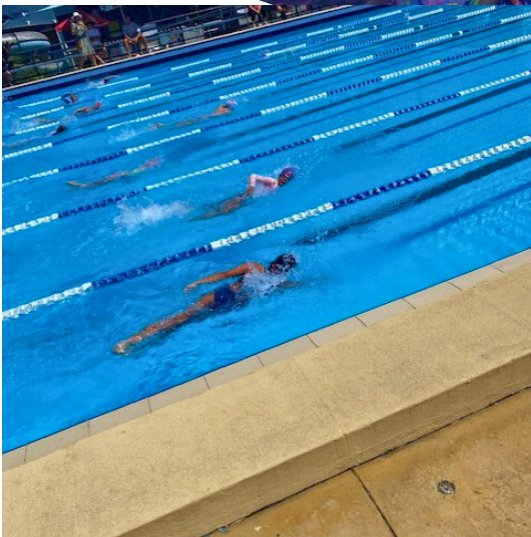
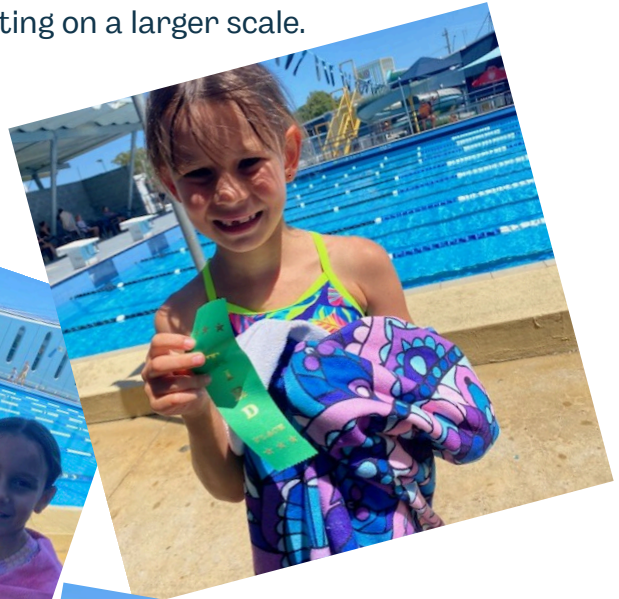
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Bellinger / Nambucca District **Swimming Carnival**

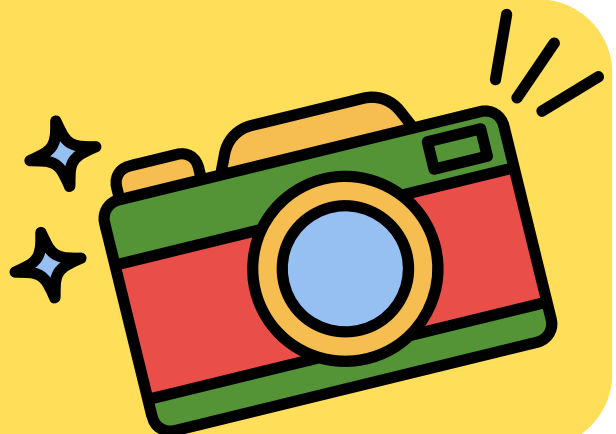


Well done to these amazing swimmers representing our school at the District Swimming Carnival at Macksville pool.

They all had an amazing day and enjoyed the experience competing on a larger scale.



SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tuesday 11th March
Please see attached
form for details



Term 1 Week 4 Assembly

Year 6 Leaders: Last Thursday, we revelled in the joy of honouring our Year 6 Leaders for 2025, Sophia and Xavier. At Crossmaglen Public School, we cherish the esteemed role of Year 6 Leader, recognising its significance. These exceptional students will now grace our assemblies and embody the spirit of the Crossmaglen Way as shining role models.



Library Monitors: Each term, two students are selected to assist Mrs. Tune and Rom in the library. These students are responsible for preparing the borrowing tub for returning books, scanning books and facilitating the borrowing process for their peers.

To become a Library Monitor, students are required to complete an application form in which they identify their strengths and why they believe they would excel in this role.



Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Neve	Summa	Sofia	Flynn
Olivia	Victoria	Willow	Rylan

CWA Citizenship Award: We also had the pleasure of presenting Olivia with the CWA Citizenship award from 2024, as she was absent at our Presentation Assembly last year. This award is for being an outstanding role model by consistently demonstrating the Crossmaglen Way of being responsible, thoughtful and safe.

A very big thankyou to Fran and Peggy from CWA Bonville for returning in 2025 and presenting this award to Olivia.



Springloaded!

The students at Yellow Cottage have been having a fantastic time during their weekly gymnastics sessions at Springloaded. Each week, they work closely with the instructors, engaging in activities designed to enhance their core strength, balance, and coordination. The students have enjoyed pushing themselves to try new activities that help develop their skills. They've continued to support one another, working hard while having fun along the way!



Rethink Waste School's Program

This term we have been lucky enough to secure a funded position in the Rethink Waste School's program where 3-6 students will become more familiar with what waste is, why it matters, how we can minimise it and how to inspire others to take action. Students have already participated in an incursion and an excursion including activities to understand the circular economy and have collected data on the waste at our school. The students are now excitedly designing group projects to tackle the waste problems within our school and to promote waste solutions.

Mrs Wain

