

Assembly Awards

Term 3

Week 3

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Award at Week 3's assembly:

Yellow Cottage: Oliver - For a huge improvement in reading.

Green Cottage: Ollie - For using critical thinking skills to solve maths equations.

Blue Cottage: Xavier - For making the right choices during learning time and showing resilience with his learning.



Principal's Award: Maverick - For offering to help an adult without being asked, even though it was his playtime.



Calendar Term 3 2025

Week 4

Friday 15th August

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 5

BOOK WEEK

The Book Fair will be open in the School Library all week between 8:30 am - 9:00 am, and 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm

tuesday 19th August

Book Parade - from 9:15 am, parents, families and friends welcome.

Thursday 21st August

Flourish Performance THS - Yrs 3-6

Friday 22nd August

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 6

Check-in Assessment window opens

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th August

3-Way Conferences

Friday 29th August

Kids in the Kitchen

Week 7

Friday 5th September

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 am

P&C Father's Day Stall

Kids in the Kitchen

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

A note from the Principal

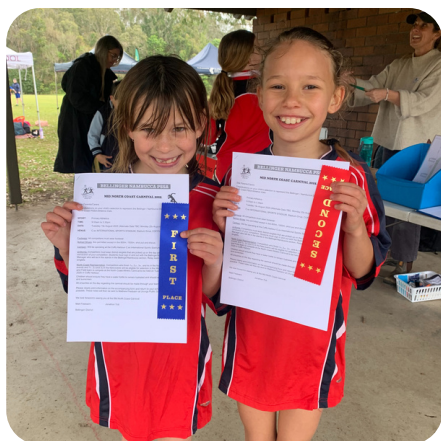
Dear Parents and Carers

NSW Public Education Week 2025: Everyone enjoyed seeing our K-2 students come to school dressed as what they'd like be in their future careers to celebrate 100 days of Kindergarten and this year's Public Education Week theme 'Ignite your potential'. From vets and doctors to racing car drivers, it was lots of fun. Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend our K-2 Maths and 3-6 History drop-in sessions with your children and to those who attended the K-2 parent Phonic and Reading information session last week as part of NSW Public Education Week.



District Athletics Carnival: We are very proud of the following students who represented Crossmaglen at last week's District Athletics Carnival: Victoria, Roebby, Ollie, Vinci, Luna, Maverick, Rebel, Elise, Willow, Nick, Zander, Jacob, Evie, and Charlie.

We wish Elise, Rebel and Vinci the best of luck at the Zone Carnival in Coffs Harbour at the C.E.X Stadium next week.



NSW Department of Education Assessments: In the coming weeks, our Year 1 students will take part in the Phonic Screening Check, which is short assessment that tells teachers how students are progressing in phonics (the sounds that letter combinations make). Students will be individually assessed by Ms Wilson in an assessment which takes 5–7 minutes. Year 3-6 students will take part in online Reading and Numeracy Check-in assessments in the latter part of this term. Year 6 students will also complete a Writing assessment. These results will be shared with parents in students' Semester 2 reports. Like all assessments, these are designed to inform teachers of students' strengths and areas for development which helps to direct future teaching and learning as well as targeted intervention for some students. School-wide areas for development may also direct future professional learning for teachers.

Science Week Activities: This week is National Science Week, and students enjoyed engaging in the following online incursions:

- K-2: National Science Week Storytime featuring the books Lucky's Star and Alpacas in Space
- 3-6: Decoding the Universe with Dr Karl.

3-6 students enjoyed a Q&A webinar, where Dr Karl delved into this year's theme, "Decoding the universe: he explored the unknown with nature's hidden language". Students were able to ask questions about the mysteries of the Universe and the fundamental languages of nature, including mathematics and the groundbreaking field of quantum science.



Book Week is next week and our annual Book Parade will take place at 9.15 on Tuesday, 18th August. All family members are welcome, and we hope you are able to join us. The Book Fair has arrived, and students will be able to purchase books daily between 8.30 am-9.00 am and 3.00 pm-3.20 pm.

Teachers are looking forward to having **Three-Way Meetings** with you and your child in Week 6 on Wednesday, 27 and Thursday, 28 August. Please indicate your first and second preference time on School Bytes or the attached form, and let the school know if you require a different date or would prefer a phone call.

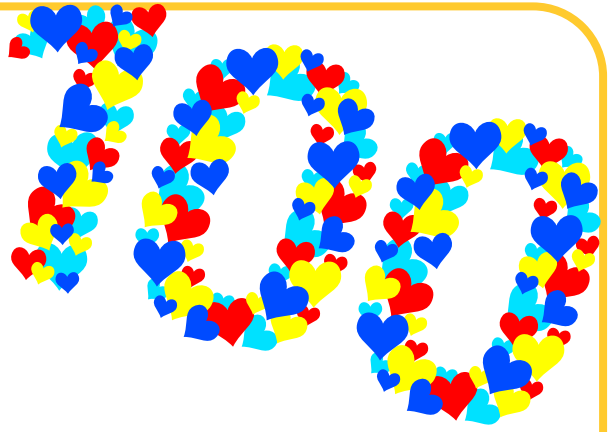
Once again, everyone enjoyed having the incubator in school and experiencing the chicks, who were a bit slower hatching this year, due to the colder weather. We are pleased that the chicks went to Crossmaglen families again this year.

Kind regards,

Kris
Kristina Stewart



Years K-2



K-2 had such an exciting day celebrating Kindergarten's 100 days of learning. The students completed some writing in the morning, describing what they would like to be when they grow up. The middle session was full of fun with activities to further develop their fine motor skills!



Life Education



During last week's Life Education visit, the students had a wonderful time learning about decision-making, forming friendships, managing feelings and emotions, and developing resilience. Of course, their favourite thing was seeing Harold.

Decisions (Years 5-6):

- Investigates myths, facts and social norms.
- Understanding what drugs are around and how they are classified.
- Strategies and skills to be safe

Influences on decision making (peers, family, media, culture, financial and legal)

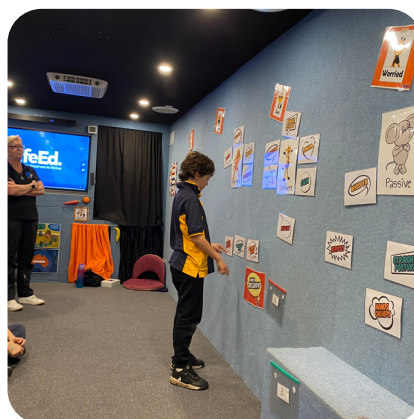
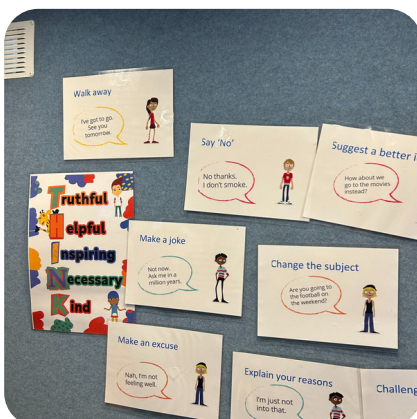
Friends and Feelings (Years 3-4):

- Broadening and developing emotional literacy.
- Identifying and practising assertive communication skills.
- Practising emotional regulation skills such as mindful breathing.

Skills for building positive relationships with friends.

Ready, Steady, Go (Kinder-Year2):

- Identify how resilience and overcoming challenges can boost wellbeing.
- The benefits of physical activity.
- Behaviours that promote health and wellbeing.
- Strategies to manage feelings and emotions.



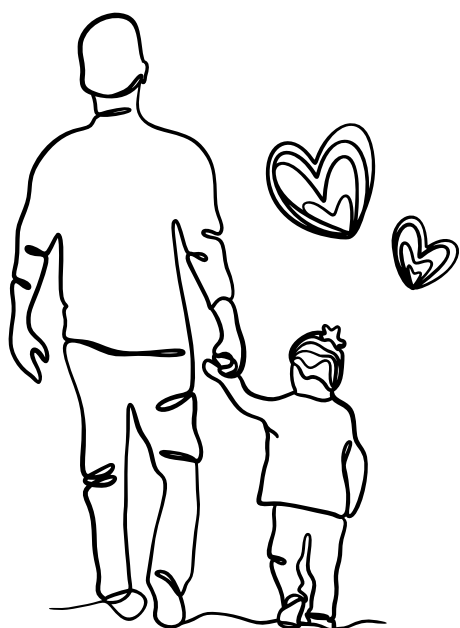
Years 3-6 OZ GREEN CELEBRATION

On Monday, we celebrated the work the Year 3-6 students have done to reduce waste with the premier screening of the Crossmaglen Waste In Schools short video. Thank you to the parents who attended. It was a lovely celebration with a beautiful feast. Students shared their favourite moments of the projects. The song recording, making recycled drums and creating beeswax wraps were the most popular activities. We will be continuing the Lunchbox Champions competition on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please support your children in their efforts to reduce waste on these days. If you would like to watch the video, please check out the link on our Facebook page or click the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImaOuYq37tA>

Lastly, a huge thank you to Tegan from Bohemian Banquets for the amazing and delicious platters. They were a huge hit!





Our annual P&C Father's Day stall will be held in the school library on Friday, 5th September.

Students will be able to go purchase an assortment of gifts for their Father's, Grandfather's or special father figure in their life.

All gifts will be \$5.00

We welcome all our Father's, Grandfather's and father figures to join us on Friday, 5th September, for a pancake breakfast from 8:30 am.



Hello Crossmaglen families,

Book Week is just around the corner, and we will be celebrating Book Week during Week 5. From Monday the 18th - Friday the 22nd of August.

During this week, families are welcome to visit the school library Book Fair from 8.30 am-9.00 am and 2.50 pm-3.10 pm each day, to look at or purchase books with their children. If you cannot make it to school, your children can still purchase books with a form they will be given the week before, during their library lesson. Books can be purchased with the correct amount of cash/money (we do not have change) or online. To purchase books online, you just need to follow the steps outlined on the form. Proceeds from the Book Fair go towards our school library's ability to acquire more books!

On Tuesday, August 19th, we will be holding our Book Week Parade at 9:15 am. This allows students to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. They can also bring their book to school if they have a copy. We encourage creative costumes which don't require costs.

The Book Week theme for 2025 is 'Book an Adventure'!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at school.

Mrs Tune



3-Way Conferences Booking form (Blacked out box = unavailable)

Wednesday 27/8/25	Name	Ms Wilson / Ms Foley	Mrs Wain	Ms Stewart
3:00				
3.20				
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4.40				
5.00				

Thursday 28/8/25	Name	Ms Wilson / Ms Foley	Mrs Wain	Ms Stewart
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