Welcome back for another term. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter Holiday.

**Cross Country:** Our School Cross Country was held on Thursday 24th March. Thank you, to our P&C for organising the BBQ lunch for students, staff and families. Thank you, to Miss Timmins for organising the events. We have two students who have qualified for the District Cross Country. Congratulations to Te Awhina Kotlowski and Norwina Diamond.

**Cricket:** On Thursday 14th April, we were visited by Far North Queensland Cricket. Our students had a great time, spending the afternoon learning new skills.

**School Camp:** Our school camp for students in Years 3-6 is scheduled for 31st May—3rd June. Our camp this year will be combined with students from Walkamin State School and Mutchilba State School. Our destination this year is Daradgee Environmental Education Centre, near Innisfail. Students will have the opportunity to participate in leadership skills, boating and fishing, low ropes and much more. More information about the camp will be sent home at a later date.

**Book Launch:** On Tuesday 19th April, students had the opportunity to attend the book launch by local ornithologist and author Lloyd Nielsen. Attending the launch of his new book, *Birds of the Wet Tropics of Queensland and Great Barrier Reef and Where to find them*, was a fantastic experience for our students. Thank you, to Sylvia Cockburn for organising our participation at this event.

**NAPLAN:** Our students in years 3 and 5 are busy preparing for their NAPLAN exams. The NAPLAN exams will be held at school as per the following schedule:
- Tuesday 10th May—Language
- Wednesday 11th May—Reading
- Thursday 12th May—Numeracy

It is very important for students in years 3 and 5 to be at school on time for their exams. We recommend students also have a good night sleep and plenty to eat for breakfast. Good luck to all our students participating in the exams this year.

**Attendance:**
**Congratulations!!!** Our school for Term 1 achieved an overall attendance average of 95.2%. This is **above** the Far North Queensland target levels.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved **95% or higher**:
- Jade Diamond Lee, Justine Johnson, Aldoray Thomas, Robert Todd.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved **100%**:
- Patrick Cockburn, Chloe Crossland, Norwina Diamond, Danika Diamond Lee, Lynette Diamond Lee, Dominik Fred, Glenanne Fred, Ellen Gordon, Te Awhina Kotlowski, Caitlin Lowmow, Kira Lowmow and Leshontae Thomas.
In the Classroom

English:
Our students in Prep-2 are creating persuasive imaginative texts. In this unit students read and view elements of persuasion in multimodal texts to create a spoken response (Prep), an innovation (Year 1) or a new blurb (Year 2). Students will publish their work digitally and present their new texts to their peers.

Our 3-6 students are investigating author’s language in a familiar narrative. Students are listening to, viewing and reading chapter books to explore the use of descriptive language in the construction of a character. They will also examine and analyse the language features and techniques used by the author.

Science: All students are investigating The living world
Our Prep-2 students are investigating the properties of materials, how the properties influence a material's use, and ways of changing the properties. Students understand that science involves asking questions about and describing changes to familiar objects and materials. Students pose questions, make predictions, follow instructions to record observations, and share these with others.

Our students in 3-6 are completing a Chemistry unit surrounding the classification of matter to include gasses and to see how matter structures the world around them. Students will be investigating the different properties of solids, liquids and gasses and how they behave in different ways.

Whole school integrated project: Australia
This term students are learning about Famous Australians and people who have had an important impact on society today. Students are starting off with a focus on ANZAC day. Prep-2 are contrasting between celebrations and commemorations and learning about significant symbols. 12 students from years 2-6 were selected to represent a soldier from WW1 who has a connection to Chillagoe. They are navigating and searching the Australian War Memorial data base for information on their soldier and will present their findings on a poster that will be on display in the hall on ANZAC day. Upcoming units will cover other Famous Australians such as Early Explorers, Bush Rangers, Inventors and Prime Ministers.
ANZAC DAY

ANZAC DAY—MONDAY 25TH APRIL

Students participating in the ANZAC Day March are asked to meet Mr Hardy and Miss Timmins at the Ten Acres Reserve at 9:15am ready to march at 9:30am. Please wear your full school uniform.

Sylvia Cockburn has kindly organised for our school to participate in the RSL WW1 Link Project. As part of this project, we have twelve students who will be marching to represent soldiers who died in World War One and are listed on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour as having a connection with Chillagoe.

Below is a list of students and the fallen soldier they have conducted a research project on and will be representing as part of the 2016 Chillagoe ANZAC Day March and Service:

William Able representing Private Herbert James Ball
Patrick Cockburn representing Private Herbert Bridge
Kira Lowmow representing Private William James Bridge
Danika Diamond Lee representing Private John Charles Condon
Jade Diamond Lee representing Lance Corporal Joseph Francis Hocking
Caitlin Lowmow representing Lance Corporal Arthur Ernest Langstone
Norwina Diamond representing Lance Corporal James Martin
Te Awhina Kotlowski representing Private Colville Currie Muir
Lynette Diamond Lee representing Private John O'Leary
Aldoray Thomas representing Sergeant Frederick Pym
Robert Todd representing Company Sergeant Major James Leslie Saunders
Dominik Fred representing Private Cecil Toohey