New same day Attendance Notification System—Our school is now using MessageMedia’s SMS same day absent notification. Parents and Caregivers now have the option to send a text message to the school to inform us about any student absences. Of course, everyone is still more than welcome to continue to phone the school. Our school’s dedicated absence notification number is 0448242643.

In the event that your child is away without a reason being provided, parents will be informed via SMS as soon as our morning attendance is verified.

Our current year to date attendance level is 94.6%. This time last year was 89.8%. Congratulations and Thank you everyone! Our attendance figures continue to be outstanding!

Sport Congratulations to the following students who represented Chillagoe State School at the Mareeba District Athletics Carnival on the 28th and 29th of July. Danika Diamond-Lee, Jade Diamond-Lee, Kira Lowmow, Caitlin Lowmow, Norwina Diamond and Patrick Cockburn. Patrick is now progressing through to represent the Mareeba District at the Peninsular Trials in Cairns for high jump and long jump.

School Photos Our school photo day is on Tuesday 30th August 2016 commencing at 8:30am. Please ensure all students are dressed in full school uniform and are on time for school. Please return your photo orders to school as soon as possible.

School Health Checks– The Royal Flying Doctors are currently conducting our annual student health checks. Parents and Carers will shortly receive results of eye sight and hearing tests. I would like to thank all of our Parents and Carers for your continued support with this very important program.

Under 8’s Day– is being held at Chillagoe State School on Friday 9th September. All children under the age of 8 are invited to attend. Our under 8’s Day also involves Dimbulah State School, St Anthonys School, Mutchilba State School and Dimbulah Kindy. The event will be operating between 10:15am and 1:30pm.

NAIDOC Day– Our family NAIDOC Day is being held on the last day of term 3—Friday 16th September. We are looking forward to a day full of wonderful activities and a Kup Murri lunch. Thank you, to our P&C for organising this event.
In the Classroom

**English:**
Our Prep-year 2 students have been exploring Australian texts. Students have been listening to, reading and viewing informative and narrative Australian texts. They are learning to respond to questions about different stories and to create a retell of a character from their favourite book.

Year 3-6 students have been listening to, reading and analysing extracts from literary texts set in earlier times. They will demonstrate their understanding of how the events and characters are created within historical contexts. They will create a literary text that establishes time and place for the reader, and explores personal experiences.

**Science: All students are investigating The living world**
Throughout this term, students in years 3-6 have been looking at Earth Science. Students have been studying natural processes and human activity, which cause weathering and erosion of the Earth's surface. They are learning to relate this to our local area and predict how natural processes and human activity may affect future erosion.

Our P-2 students are exploring a variety of landscapes, different types of weather, considering the effects of weather on people's daily lives. They are investigating the Earth's resources and the importance of conserving them for the future of all living things. Students will use their science knowledge to propose and explain actions that can be taken to conserve Earth's resources, and decisions they can make in their everyday lives.

**Whole school integrated project: Australia**
This semester our projects are based on the Olympic Games. We started off looking at Australia's sporting mottos and values; the boxing kangaroo and ASPIRE program. Students have gone back in time and discovered how it began with the Ancient Olympics and have now moved onto the Modern Olympic era (1896-2016). Our next topics will be the Olympic Rings, the Olympic Torch origin and relay and then taking a closer look at the host nation of Rio De Janiero, Brazil.

*Thank you to Mareeba Shire Councillor Nipper Brown, for attending and donating a tree for National Tree Planting Day on Friday 29th July.*
Hello everyone,
What a fabulous job our Idol Students did on the Country Music Weekend performance. There was a lot of positive feedback coming in from the public which is always a great boost for our young performers’ confidence. We are all very proud of their huge dedication and efforts leading up to the event as well, especially while I was away. Now that performance is done and dusted, we are busy preparing for the up and coming Presentation performance.

Just a quick reminder, we have guitars at school for students who do not have their own, so they can practice at home. Students should be practicing a minimum 20mins, three or four times a week. This is very important as one practice a week, during their lesson time, is not nearly enough for students to progress or be prepared for a performance. Lesson times are designed for learning new skills, then they should spend the week practicing what they have learnt. If you need a guitar from school you only need to come in and sign for it then encourage them to practice. Students learning to play the drums are completing their weekly practice at school during playtimes or before school.

Cheers
Penny

Chillagoe Playgroup
Chillagoe Community Playgroup (Operated under Playgroup Queensland) has started operating at Chillagoe State School each Friday morning from 8:30am until 11:00am.

Memberships are free!
For more information or to obtain a Playgroup Membership form, please contact the school’s office or come along with your child or children.
Dimbulah State School Year 7 Transition

Parent information evening Tuesday **30th August 2016** from 6:00pm.

Year 6 student transition day **Thursday 15th September** (in conjunction with James Cook University working with students around life skills). This will be a full day at Dimbulah State School for prospective 2017 year 7 students.