Thank you, everyone for all your hard work and dedication throughout this term.

Attendance:
**Congratulations!!!** Our school for Semester 1 achieved an overall attendance average of 94.1%. This is **above** the Far North Queensland target levels. This is also an improvement on this time last year when we were on 89.8%.

**Congratulations to the following students who achieved 95% or higher:**
Patrick Cockburn, Jade Diamond Lee, Dominik Fred, Glenanne Fred, Justine Johnson and Caitlin Lowmow.

**Congratulations to the following students who achieved 100%:**

**Walsh River District Athletics Day** was held on Friday 17th June in Dimbulah. Our students all did our school community incredibly proud. Overall Chillagoe State School came second.
Patrick Cockburn—12 year old boy Age Champion and Recipient of ‘The Spirit of the Carnival’ award.
Kira Lowmow—12 year old girl Age Champion.
Danika Diamond Lee 12 year old girl Age Champion runner up.
Norwina Diamond 10 year old girl Age Champion runner up.

Students who achieved a placing of First, Second or Third in any event will now represent the Walsh River District in the Mareeba District Athletics Carnival next term.

**School Camp:** Our school camp for students in Years 3-6 took place 31st May—3rd June. Our camp this year was combined with students from Walkamin State School and Mutchilba State School. Our destination this year was Daradgee Environmental Education Centre, near Innisfail. All students participating had a wonderful time and had lots of wonderful stories to tell upon their return.

**School Holidays:**
The last day of Term 2 is Friday 24th June. **School resumes for Term 3 on Monday 11th July.** The school will still be available for election voting on Saturday 2nd July.

**Playgroup Commencing in Term 3**
We are extremely pleased to announce that Chillagoe Community Playgroup (Operated under Playgroup Queensland) will start operating at Chillagoe State School each Friday morning from 8:30am until 11:15am. 12 month memberships start from $40 per family. For more information or to obtain a Playgroup Registration Application form please contact the school’s office or come along with your child or children for up to two free sessions.

We hope you have a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you in Term 3.
**Reading in the Holidays**

**Helpful tips when reading with your child.**

- **DO READ** first if your child wants you to.
- **DO TAKE TURNS** reading parts of the story with your child.
- **TRY LEAVING OUT** the last word in the occasional sentence, letting your child anticipate the word.
- Let your child **JOIN IN** with you. This gets easier with practice.
- **PRAISE** your child’s efforts.
- **TALK** about the book after reading it.
- **DO** make reading **FUN**!

**Children could be asked any of the following questions when they have finished reading a book:**

- **Q** Did you **enjoy** the book? Why?
- **Q** How did you **choose** it?
- **Q** Who were the **characters** in this book?
  - Who was the character you **liked** the most?
  - How could you **describe** this character?
- **Q** Was there anything about it you **did not like**?
- **Q** Could you read the part of the book you **enjoyed** the most?
- **Q** Could you think of another **ending**?
- **Q** Did you come across any **unusual words**?
  - Can you find them?
- **Q** Are there any words you **did not know** the meaning of?
- **Q** Can you **retell** what happened in the story?

**Some Secrets for Success**

Praise every effort in reading, especially if your child’s confidence is low.

Don’t compare your child’s performance with that of friends or relatives.

If your child sees you reading every day this will develop lifelong **positive attitudes** to reading.

Involve your child in the selection of a story or a book. Ask your child to tell you about something that interests him/her. Use this information when selecting reading material for your child.

We as adults seldom read something we don’t want to, so why force young children to read something they are not interested in?

This is not to say that there is not a time and place for compulsory selection and reading of books. You must balance that yourself.
End of term Photo Album

School Camp - Daradgee Environmental Education Centre
Chillagoe State School Athletics Carnival