Dear Parents and Carers,

Term Three certainly has been a very busy term.

**Chillagoe Festival** was an amazing weekend. Congratulations and thank you to Miss Penny for her passion and devotion to the Chillagoe IDOL program. Our student performers were superstars who entertained and captivated the audience on the Saturday afternoon. The festival is certainly a special way to showcase the artistic talents of our children and adults in the local community.

**Miriwinni State School Visit** occurred on Thursday 13th August. Chillagoe State School welcomed the students and teachers with an outstanding performance by our IDOL students. Miss Timmins then kindly organised a wonderful afternoon of sporting activities combining the senior students from each school.

**National Tree Planting Day** is Australia’s largest community tree-planting and nature care event. National Tree Day aims to inspire, educate and recruit Australians to actively care for our unique land and create future generations of committed environmental custodians. On Monday 10th August, Councillor Allan Holmes from Mareeba Council, kindly spent time with all of our students to mark this occasion with all of our students assisting in the planting of a Burdekin Plum tree.

**Caves Excursion**—Thank you, to Stalena Booth and Mick Cockburn who organised for all our students to visit both the Donna and Trezkinn caves. Our students were overwhelmed with the sights of beautiful columns, calcite crystals and a cave decoration in the form of the Madonna. Our students are now undertaking their follow up assessment items in Geography surrounding this excursion.

**Attendance**
Shirlee Gallo, Assistant Regional Director, has passed on her congratulations and her thanks to our whole school community. We have achieved an outstanding level of 90.6% attendance for Term 3. Thank you to all our parents and the community for your continued commitment to improving students attendance. This in turn, ensures they have the best possible outcome in their learning and achievements.

Congratulations to the following students who are currently at or above 95% for their attendance for the year:

Chloe Crossland
Robert Todd
Patrick Cockburn
Danika Diamond Lee
Jade Diamond Lee
Lynette Diamond Lee
Norwina Diamond
Caitlin Lowmow
Kira Lowmow—100 % Well done!

A reminder to parents that an exemption from compulsory schooling (years 1-6) or the compulsory participation phase (Prep) is available when a child or a young person cannot attend or it would be unreasonable for them to attend school for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days. Exemptions from compulsory schooling can be approved by the principal under medical or exceptional circumstance provided criteria is met.

Regards
Dean Hardy
Age Appropriate Project – This is an exciting new project being conducted over the next six months in order to refocus attention on the importance of age appropriate teaching for children in prep and to identify teaching practices and strategies to empower teacher curriculum decision making across a range of school and community contexts, that delivers curriculum expectations through age appropriate active teaching and learning approaches. It is not about lowering expectations for learning or foregoing the monitoring of students or an exclusive or refocus on play based learning. It is looking at bringing in a range of and using a variety of the 11 characteristics of effective age-appropriate teaching and how these can be successfully implemented. Chillagoe State School is one of 5 Schools in Far North Queensland which have been selected to participate, with 46 schools in total across Queensland being selected to trial this new approach to teaching early childhood education programs.

This term in the Junior Class, we have been studying:

**English:** Our first unit this term was Exploring Australian texts. In this unit students were required to listen to, read and view informative and narrative Australian texts. They then responded to questions about a story and created a multimodal retell of a character from a book. Our next unit is Examining stories and Informative texts. In this unit, students will read, view and listen to a range of stories with animal characters and ask open and closed questions of an animal character. Students will be creating an informative text about a character in a literary text, using ICT.

**Science:** The Earth and us - In this unit, students are exploring a variety of landscapes and examining the ways in which people interact with different landscapes. Students are exploring familiar phenomena, including different types of weather, and are learning to consider the effects of weather on people's daily lives, in particular on clothing, shelter and activities.

**Geography:** Caring for special places - In this unit students will investigate the inquiry questions identified from the Australian Curriculum: geography. For Prep: • What makes a place special? • How can we look after the places we live in? For Year 1: • What are the different features of places? • How can we care for places? For Year 2: • How are people connected to their place and other places? • What factors affect my connection to places?
Well this term sure has been packed full of busy exciting activities! The Senior Class Cooking Show is up to its third group of chefs. I’m looking forward to seeing students build on what they learnt from their first experience and putting it into practice next term...also the tasty recipes we get to taste test!

Congratulations to Patrick, Kelly, Jade, Josey, Kira L, Caitlin and Kira M for being responsible and having their homework always in on time and fully completed. We focus on a different times table each week and extra practice at home will help with their Thursday speed test!

ENGLISH – Humour in Poetry – Students are learning about different forms of poetry and the language devices used to convey humorous characteristics. Their assessments are to create and recite humorous poetry and also evaluate a humorous poem.

SCIENCE – Exploration of the Solar System – In this unit, students are describing key features of our solar system. We discuss how people have contributed science knowledge to space exploration. Students are exploring the place of Earth in the solar system and are using this knowledge to look for patterns and relationships between components of this system.

GEOGRAPHY – Using Places Sustainably – In this unit, students have identified and described how places and significant events are affected by the interconnection between people, places and environments. During our school cave excursion, senior students posed investigative questions, collected and recorded geographical information and will propose actions to improve and protect places of significance.
Well Women’s Clinic – Chillagoe Hospital – Wed 2nd Sept 2015

(This clinic is available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

For appointments phone 4094 7500

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SCHOOL AWARDS

Student of the Week

Week 1: Dominik Fred for effort in reading and maths.

Week 2: Caitlin Lowmow for interacting with Mutchilba students.

Week 3: Leshontae Thomas for trying her best and being a learner.

Week 4: Leshontae Thomas for working well in English.

Week 6: Chloe Crossland for effort in Maths. Lynette Diamond Lee for being committed to learning.

GOTCHAS

Week 1: Chloe Crossland and Kira Madgwick

Week 2: Leshontae Thomas and Aldoray Thomas

Week 3: Robert Todd and Caitlin Lowmow

Week 4: Aldoray Thomas and Robert Todd

Week 6: Dominik Fred and Aldoray Thomas

P&C ANNOUNCEMENTS

P&C Meetings: The next meeting will be held on the 8th September at 2.30pm in the library.

♦ John Kotlowski has been appointed as Vice President of the P&C. Thank you John for taking on this position.

♦ Just a reminder that the Father’s Day raffle ticket are to be returned to school by the 28th August whether they are sold or not. The tickets will be drawn at the Church Markets on the 12th September.

♦ The P&C will be holding the Breakfast Stall at the Church Markets. Please come along and support the P&C.

Music Report

Hello everyone,

Students have nominated their five songs for Idol this year and have been very busy getting ready for their big end of year performance. Just a reminder, there are school guitars available for students to practise on if they do not have one at home. Also please send any out-of-tuned guitars back to school so I can retune them. With the holidays quickly approaching, it is important to get lots of practise happening.