Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that 2015 is quickly coming to an end. Thank you, to all our wonderful staff, students, parents and carers for a fantastic year!

Congratulations to all of the students for an exceptional Presentation Night last Friday. We have some very talented children in our community. I am very proud of each and every student.

2016 School return date: Please be advised that in 2016 school begins on **Wednesday 27th January**.

It is extremely important that your child attends school from this date. Please remember school funding and hours allocated for teachers, teacher aides, cleaners and administration all depend on students attending school from this date.

2016 classes: Next year will see a change to school operations to cater for the lower number of students enrolled. Next year, we are moving to a team teaching format (based in the current senior/library areas).

This means we will be operating with one school-wide class with two teachers. All students will be working with both Miss Timmins and myself. The current junior classroom area is being set up as a new library and computer room.

This allows a greater ability to cater for individual students through small group rotations and will increase the levels of intervention and support that we can provide. **School will be starting on Wednesday 27th of January.** Students who are not at school from this day, will rapidly fall behind.

Parade: Next year, we will also be trialling moving parade from 8:30am on Monday mornings to 2:15pm on Friday afternoon. This will allow us to operate with four (Mon-Thurs.) uninterrupted structured learning sessions. We are also hoping to introduce parent afternoons leading into parade time.

**Book Packs:** Parents have the choice to supply their own or purchase a book pack from the school. Book packs again are being offered for the very low cost of $50. All students should have their book packs ready by the first day of school. For 2016 only, as part of the school book packs students will also receive:

- One full school uniform (hat, shirt, shorts) kindly being donated and paid for by the P&C and,
- One Chillagoe State School student back pack. These back packs are high quality, double as computer carry bags, worth $35.00 and have a lifetime warranty (parent responsibility to claim). These are being paid for by the school and the P&C. Back packs are not being sold outside of book pack purchases.

Book packs are available for purchase from the school on Wednesday 9th December 2015, Friday 11th December 2015, Monday 18th January 2016, Wednesday 20th January and Friday 22nd January.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas Break and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Dean Hardy
2015 Award Recipients

2015 Senior Academic Award:
Patrick Cockburn
Kelly Crossland

2015 Senior Encouragement Award:
Jade Diamond Lee
Te Awhina Kotlowski

2015 Junior Academic Award:
Chloe Crossland
Robert Todd

2015 Junior Encouragement Award:
Dominik Fred

School Sportsmanship:
Kira Lowmow

Attendance 100% for 2015:
Kira Lowmow

Attendance 95% Target reached:
Patrick Cockburn  Chloe Crossland  Kelly Crossland  Norwina Diamond
Lynette Diamond Lee  Jade Diamond Lee  Danika Diamond Lee  Caitlin Lowmow

Music Achievement:
Patrick Cockburn
Kelly Crossland

Music Encouragement:
Kira Madgwick

Our 2016 School Leaders are:
William Able  Patrick Cockburn  Danika Diamond Lee  Kira Lowmow

2015 IDOL Students
Caitlin Lowmow, Jade Diamond Lee, Kira Lowmow, William Able, Danika Diamond Lee,
Patrick Cockburn, Kira Madgwick, Kelly Crossland and Josey Gill.