

Cohuna Consolidated School

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Dear Parents & Friends,

We have reached Week 5 of Term One and everyone seems to be happily in the routine of school. I would like to thank our staff for maintaining great teaching and structure in each classroom despite a high number of Covid-related absences, in some classes. I hope that if you are reading these lines from home because you are isolating or sick with Covid, you feel better very soon indeed.

As you know, mask wearing is still mandatory in Grades 3-6 and highly recommended in other year levels. **Please also do not send your child to school if they are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms such as headaches, fever, fatigue, vomiting or an upset stomach.**

If your child tests positive to Covid, it is important to notify me (school phone during business hours or email) as soon as possible so that I can take the next steps. Instructions on what to do next are on the letter sent every time there is a new potential Covid-19 exposure on site. This letter, just like any other important information is sent via Compass.

MALLEE ZONE SWIMMING:

In more positive news, I would like to congratulate our swimmers for doing so well at the Mallee Zone Swimming last week. It was a pleasure to see how well they worked as a team and how encouraging they were of each other. Congratulations to Dane (2nd backstroke & breaststroke), Mason, Jacob (2nd Freestyle), Mason (4th freestyle), Evie and Kaiya for representing our school and placing second (Freestyle Relay) and third (Medley).

PANCAKE TUESDAY:

some classes enjoyed Pancake Day this week, delivered the Covid-Safe way! We also had the celebration of a special and rare Day, 22/2/22, with much fun taking place!

STRATEGIC WORKS:

The Strategic work is still happening and I would like to thank Kate McGillivray, Jaccie Harbinson and Rachael Munzel for taking part in our Professional Learning Community work today, with Coach Graeme Luck. Even in busy times, it is important to remain focussed on our strategic goals as a school.

PARENTS CLUB:

I would like to wish all the best to our wonderful Parents' Club as they actively prepare for the Bridge to Bridge Event taking place this Sunday in Cohuna. If you are doing any of the events on offer, please go and get breakfast from them if you can! Have a great weekend!

Valerie Lobry

COMPASS-ENTERING ABSENCES:

We still have a number of families who are not entering their child's absences on the Compass App. Schools are audited by the department randomly on Student Records/Attendance and absences. **If your child has a number of unexplained absences due to parents not entering the absence on Compass, the child is flagged and the school has to get the family to provide information on the absence.**

To avoid this happening to you simply enter your child's absence onto the Compass App. It is a simple App that takes little time to do.

Please do not contact the office or teachers to inform them.

Please note: It is a legal requirement that when students are absent from school parents forward notifications stating their child's absence.

Parent Club News

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the families who have already paid their Curriculum Contributions for 2022.

Payments can be sent in with your child, made over the phone by contacting the office on 5456 2361 or in person. We can bring our Eftpos machine outside to you.

Years Prep – 2 \$100.00

Years 3 – 6 \$140.00

BRIDGE TO BRIDGE

All items that families volunteered to donate to the Parents Club Bridge to Bridge BBQ fundraiser this weekend need to be brought no later than 12pm tomorrow,

If you are unable to meet this deadline please take your items to the stall on Sunday, 6th March as items cannot be left at school after 12pm on tomorrow.

WWCC (WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK)

With the year commencing and upcoming events, excursions and camps parent volunteers must hold a current WWCC (Working with Children Check).

- Log on to:
<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>
- You will need to prove your identity as part of Your Working with Children Check application.
- You can save time by doing this online or take your proof of identity documents to the Post Office for verification in-person.
- Once you have received your WWCC card via the post please pop into the office and we will take a copy of it.

COHUNA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CRAZY HAIR DAY!



FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2022

CASUAL DRESS

GOLD COIN DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT LEUKEMIA
FOUNDATION

FOR SUNSMART AND SAFETY REASONS, NO
SINGLET TOPS OR OPEN TOE SHOES
PERMITTED.

MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE:

Local Police and Highway Patrol will be targeting drivers and issuing tickets for drivers that are speeding through and failing to give way at all school crossings. They will also be targeting students who are not wearing helmets.

It is important that all drivers slow down to the correct speed limit upon approaching all school crossings, be on the lookout for approaching children and stop where necessary. Drivers also need to be aware that at any given time children can walk out between cars and not be seen immediately.

Highway Patrol have access to unmarked cars so just because you cannot see them, it does not mean they are present.



MARCH

Monday, 14th – Public Holiday

Friday, 18th – Crazy Hair Day

Monday 21st – School Council Finance meeting, AGM
and General meeting

APRIL

Friday, 8th – Last day of Term 1

CANTEEN Special

Friday 4th March – Pizza Scrolls \$3.00

Unfortunately due to COVID19 window sales will not be available until further notice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4th Bella Sanford & Dotti Simmonds, 5th Cooper
Dehne, 9th Evie Fletcher, 15th Makenna Thompson
16th Charlie Mathers



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sunday, March 6

Ride/Run/Walk

Factory and Field Waffles

Cohuna Bridge to Bridge

Island Road, Cohuna

www.bridgetobridge.org.au

If the Bridge to Bridge is cancelled, all events will revert to virtual events.

29th annual



- CMA Healthy Gunbower Forest Kids K
- Dunkinway Tyrepower 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- The Bridge Newspaper 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- 6.5km Junior Cycle
- 25km Cycle
- Mawsons 50km Cycle
- Virtual Options for Each Event



A major fundraiser for the



with proceeds going towards a cardiac monitor.

Organised by
the Bridge
to Bridge
Committee
and



PHYSIOTHERAPY



for families and children from birth to 17 years old.

Physiotherapy is available for children who may have difficulty with things such as;

- Rolling
- Running
- Coordination
- Crawling
- Sitting
- Balance
- Walking
- Gross motor skills – these include, throwing, catching, kicking, jumping, hopping, skipping, climbing, bike riding and/or playing sport.

Physiotherapy is available for children with a wide variety of conditions including, but not limited to;

- Cerebral palsy
- Developmental delay
- Down syndrome
- Acquired brain injuries
- Duchenne Muscular dystrophy
- Neurological conditions and genetic disorders
- Cystic fibrosis
- After Surgery or illness
- Toe walking
- Autism Spectrum disorder

If your child may benefit from this service you can contact Northern District Community Health on 5451 0200, alternatively any children with Physiotherapy in their NDIS plan, referrals can be sent to NDIS@ndch.org.au



GET ACTIVE VOUCHERS

Vouchers are available for eligible families and activities.

Applications for vouchers will be opening in March 2022. There will be two ways to apply:

1. GET REIMBURSED

If you have already paid for your child's registration fees or membership you can apply to be reimbursed for up to \$200. You can be reimbursed for expenses incurred between 1 January 2021 and 18 March 2022. Applications for reimbursement will open on 7 March and close 18 March 2022. After this date, you won't be able to be reimbursed for your expenses.

2. APPLY FOR A VOUCHER

Apply for a voucher up to \$200 that you can redeem with a registered activity provider. When you register or pay your membership fee to the activity provider you will provide them your voucher code and they will reduce the cost of the registration and/or membership fee up to the value of \$200.

For more information visit: www.getactive.vic.gov.au