

# Cohuna Consolidated School Newsletter

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Dear Families & Friends,

## WELCOME BACK

It is always such a joy to see everyone back after the summer break. Students were excited to see each other again and we have had an excellent start to the school year, with everyone settling in their new classrooms. Well done to our new School Captains Jobe Anset and Charli Crilly who conducted their first assembly on Monday, with the assistance of our Vice-Captains Mitchell Stone and Ava Gundy. This year, we are welcoming 15 Foundation students who also have had an excellent start to their schooling thanks to their teachers and their Grade 4/5 buddies.

Thank you to the CCS team for their preparation in the lead up to our first week back and to Karl Johnson for his extensive holiday cleaning and grounds maintenance.

## STAFF UPDATES

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our newly appointed Assistant-Principal, Ryan Cole. Mr Cole is teaching in the Grade 6 class and he will have a key role in our continuous improvement journey. Here are a few words from Mr Cole:

*My name is Ryan Cole and I would also like to welcome back all our CCS families. A few words of introduction about me: I live in Echuca and grew up in Kyneton. I have an amazing wife and three wonderful children. My hobbies include a range of sports, particularly soccer, golf and football. I also enjoy catching up with friends and family for lunch and breakfast dates. My favourite holiday getaway location is anywhere close to a beach. I am incredibly thankful for the warm welcome I have received over my first two weeks at CCS and look forward to meeting more of you over the year to come.*

We are also welcoming Kate Fehring in the Foundation classroom on Fridays, in addition to her Tutoring role.

We extend a warm welcome to Emily Hay who is working in the Foundation classroom.

I would also like to acknowledge Leah Cooke who is stepping down in her role as Business Manager but who will continue to work in the office two days a week. I would like to thank Leah for her hard work in this very busy role. I would like to welcome Hayley Anset in the role and thank Leah for the seamless transition.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Please note we will hold our next School Council on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. The Finance sub-committee will meet at 6pm and School Council at 6.30pm. The annual School Council election process will start next week. We have four parent vacancies and one staff vacancy. Thank you to Paul Lacy, Lucy McGillivray and staff member Kathryn Curry who have completed their term of office.

The first part of this process is to call for nominations. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent Category. A nomination form can be collected from the front office or emailed by request. These forms need to be lodged at the office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### School Election timeline

#### **Notice of election and call for nominations:**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Close of nominations:**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful year!

*Valerie Lobry*

## SWIMMING PROGRAM

Thank you to Genna Gordon for her excellent organisation of our G3-6 Swimming program, to Geoff Dale and our parent volunteers without whom the program would not be able to run. Please note our Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at the Cohuna pool.

## BADGE PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Badges presentation Night will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February in our multi-purpose room at 7pm. The evening will recognise our new school leaders, including House and Bus Captains, Junior School Councillors and our School Captains and Vice-Captains.

# Opening Soon

The canteen will reopen on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Until further advised the canteen will operate on a limited menu and unfortunately window sales will not be available at this stage.

## VOLUNTARY CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS 2024

Thank you to the families who have already paid their Curriculum Contributions for 2024.

The Voluntary Curriculum Contributions supplies your child with the necessary activities, materials and equipment listed in the Parent Payment Policy.

Years Prep – 2 \$100.00

Years 3 – 6 \$140.00

*Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all you support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the current programs we can offer.*

**Without your support some activities and programs may be impacted in the very near future.**

**We are unable to invoice families for their voluntary Curriculum Contributions unless requested by you, so please contact the office via phone or in person to make payment towards your child's Voluntary Curriculum Contributions.**

## CSEF FUNDING

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

### **Eligibility Date:**

**For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either Term one (30<sup>th</sup> January 2023) or Term two (24<sup>th</sup> April 2023).**

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

**If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.**

If you would like to apply for the first time, applications are available from the school's office or contact the school on 5456 2361 and ask for an application form to be sent home. A copy of your Concession card is required

**Applications must be completed by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

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### FEBRUARY

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>** – Gr. 3-6 Swimming Program

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup>** – Gr. 3-6 Swimming Program

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>** – Kerang Zone Swimming

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>** - Gr. 3-6 Swimming Program

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>** - Gr. 3-6 Swimming Program

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>** – Gr. 3-6 Swimming Carnival

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>** – Swan Hill Zone Swimming

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>** - Badge Presentation night



2<sup>nd</sup> Jamee Ferris, 5<sup>th</sup> Sophia Wilson, 6<sup>th</sup> Skylah Green & Stella Fehring, 10<sup>th</sup> Lily Cockfield