

Cohuna Consolidated School

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Dear Families & Friends,

When Mariah Carey's Christmas album starts resonating in our ears everywhere we go, it must be time to take stock and look at the year that was. 2022 was the déjà vu of the déjà vu in some respects, with Covid finally reaching us.

The first half of this year was marked by illness (Covid, but also the gastro and the flu), resulting in widespread disruptions in our area. Despite the challenges, we minimized disruption to learning by maintaining a calm and engaging learning environment.

It often took three or four trials for activities such as incursions or excursions to take place, with the floods creating a new level of disruption in the last two months. Despite it all, we finally were able to have our first camp since Term 4 of 2019: the Grades 5 and 6 Camp in Sovereign Hill (Ballarat).

We saw excellent programs coming to our school: the Kaleidoscope program (Dance and Wellbeing), The Ultimate Frisbee program... as well as the Soccer Clinic program, just to name a few.

We updated our learning environment with carpeting in the Library and Room 9 and all our wet areas getting a revamp. The Shade Sail program awarded us with a brand-new shade sail in the Grades 5 and 6 courtyards.

After such a busy year, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the CCS team of teachers who maintained their dedication and level of care in another tumultuous year. It is a privilege to work with such a team.

I would also like to wish all the very best to Rob West as he prepares to finally enjoy his well-earned leave for 2023. Rob will be greatly missed by all as a fair, calm, highly accomplished teacher and team player. We will also miss his great sense of humour!

My gratitude also goes towards our fantastic Education Support Team: Leah, Tanya, Naomi and Hayley who consistently brought their skills and positivity during a challenging year and ensured our students' needs were met. Our school could not function without them!

Thank you to Karl Johnson for cleaning and maintaining our building and grounds to a high standard and with extra care.

A huge well done goes to our students who continued to give their best effort despite the disruptions. Well done to School Captains Kaiya Wishart and Noah Mathers and to Vice-Captains Shae Taylor and Dempsey Wells for the support they offered to their peers and for their leadership during this disrupted year. Their humour, energy and kindness were excellent attributes which will be missed.

Last but not least, thank you to Paul Lacy for his unwavering support as our School Council President, our wonderful School Council and Parents Club and all our CCS families for maintaining our precious partnership.

On behalf of our CCS Team, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy a safe and joyous Summer! Time to crank up that Christmas album!

See you all on Monday 30th January 2023!

Valerie Lobry

Merry Christmas



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THANK YOU

Thank you to Rob West and the Grade 6 students for putting together a great Graduation event at the Bowling Club on Wednesday night.

The evening was an opportunity to reflect on our Grade 6s' journey so far, from little Preps to the confident young students they have become. I would like to wish them all the best as they begin a new chapter at Secondary School. Thank you to every staff and family member who helped them along the way. We hope our Grade 6 students do stay in touch!

Thank you also to the Leo Lions who catered for the event with great professionalism and delicious offerings.

FAREWELL

Cohuna Consolidated School farewells and thanks the following families: Burns, Butler, Ford, Grogan/Harper, Martin, Neivandt, O'Connell/Aitken, Taylor, Thompson, Vasko, Wells, Williams/Cherry.

We are also farewelling and thanking Bec Thompson after 10 years of unwavering service as part of our Parents' Club. What a great contribution to our school!

CANTEEN ROSTER

12:40 - 2:00PM

Friday, 9th December – Kelsey Poole

Friday, 16th December- Closed

Dim Sims are not available from the canteen until next year.



DECEMBER

15th Bayly Young
 18th Evie Sutherland
 19th Toby Robe
 20th Ace Dell'Aquila
 21st Mollie Cowan
 23rd Aasrith Vatsavi
 23rd Mabel Johnson
 29th Reece Baddeley



JANUARY

4th Scarlett Strong
 5th Bowie Strong
 6th Brock Smith
 9th Brydie Hack
 9th Finn Bowman
 13th Paige Opie
 14th Ava Gundy
 15th Fletcher Rooney
 18th Demi Mathers
 20th Taylah Huppert
 22nd Sophia Gillingham
 27th Sienna Young

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REMAINING EVENTS

Please note: State-wide Transition Day (Special Lunch Order) is on Tuesday, 13th December.

We will have our Concert on 14th December at 7pm (optional BYO picnic or buy from a food van from 6pm). Christmas Hamper raffle drawn.

The Swimming Carnival is happening on Monday 12th December for our G3-6 students while our Grades 1 / 2 students will be on their Twisted excursion.

Rooms 2 & 11 Pool Party Thursday, 15th December.

Our final assembly for the year will take place on Friday 16th December at 8.50 am.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2023

At assembly this morning, we were delighted to announce that Ileana Dayag and Jackson Lacy will be our new School Captains in 2023. Congratulations to Jaeda Church and Kieran Jameson who have been elected as Vice-Captains. Congratulations to all the students who presented their speech this week. These were very well prepared and enjoyed by all. How lucky are we to have so many leaders in the making?



The Christmas Hamper Raffle will now be drawn at the school concert on Wednesday, 14th December.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Please note: Students will be dismissed at 12.15pm on Tuesday 20th December to fit in with the bus schedule.

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GRADE 6 GRADUATION



AWARD WINNERS FROM GRADUATION:

- Cohuna RSL Citizenship – Girl – Evie Green
- Cohuna RSL Citizenship – Boy – Noah Mathers
 - Cohuna Secondary College
 - Literacy Award – Noah Mathers
 - Mathematics Award – Will Fletcher
 - Excellamus – Shae Taylor
 - Lions Club Award – Tayla Lewis
- Ned & Eileen Turnour Literacy Encouragement Award – Dempsey Wells
 - Colin Peel Award – Olivia Barker
- Cohuna Community Club Award – Jaida Randall
 - Leitchville Bunyips Sporting Club – Chad Kirk
- Don & Sandra Hancock PE & Sports Award – Dane O’Connell
 - Valerie Lobry Paris Award – Will Fletcher

CCS Christmas Concert

Venue: Cohuna Consolidated School

Date: Wednesday, 14th December

Onsite: Food vans to purchase food
& drinks or BYO tea



Time: 6pm for tea (Optional)

7pm for concert

Bring your deck chair, purse and sit
back and enjoy a wonderful
night of entertainment.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Presented by Cohuna Combined
Churches

THE GATEWAY COHUNA
7:00 PM, DECEMBER 17, 2022

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS & KIDS ACTIVITIES
FOLLOWED BY SUPPER
BYO CHAIR/PICNIC RUG & MOZZIE REPELLANT

DETAILS: REV SUE ALLEN 0417365386

WET WEATHER LOCATION: COHUNA UNITING CHURCH HALL



**COHUNA
NYE**
In the Garden Park
Saturday Dec 31st

B.Y.O
Picnic blanket, chairs, food + drink

**GLOW
TOYS**

**Face
Painting**

**CHILL AIR
STUDIOS**

Entertainment by
ENDANGERED SPECIES
8PM - 12PM
Fireworks @ 12pm
(Only)



30th Annual Geoff Swim School Holiday Program

Cohuna Pool

Starts January 9th 2023

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 3 weeks

Phone Geoff 0428 563395

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