

# Cohuna Consolidated School

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Dear Families and Friends

We have welcomed everyone back at school for an exciting Term 4 with many activities back on the calendar after nearly three years of pandemic interruptions. Special welcome to Miss O'Neill who is joining Room 3 as part of her teaching course for the next few weeks.

### SEVERE WEATHER:

It is expected we may get some severe weather over the next few days so please stay dry and safe!

### BILLY TEA BUSH DANCE:

Please ensure your dancing shoes are ready for Monday night's family event. We are welcoming the Billy Tea Bush Band who will teach us some line dancing moves. Students will be introduced to the skills during the day with their teachers. I hope you can join us for what should be a relaxed and fun evening. You are also very welcome to bring a picnic, with the workshop itself expected to last from 6-7pm. Please note that children will need to be fully supervised by their parents/guardians. Don't forget the mosquito repellent!

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

CCS would like to express our sympathy and sincere condolences to Sandra Hancock and family following the recent passing of Don. Don worked at the school for many years and will be remembered fondly by our school community.

### SPORTS NEWS:

Congratulations to Olivia Barker (shotput) and Jasper Clifford (200 m) who will go to the State level on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Well done to the 8 students who represented our school on Monday at the Regional level and to Mr West and accompanying parents for their help and encouragement on the day.

### COVID19:

Following the latest developments, it is fantastic to hear we are entering a new phase of the pandemic, with restrictions easing further.

As a school, we now adopt the general common sense approach fitting this stage of the pandemic: the use of purifiers, ventilation, hand hygiene and cough hygiene.

Students and staff can continue to wear masks when/if they wish to.

As per DET advice, it is strongly recommended that students:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result.

Where students become symptomatic at school they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19

Please note that Covid tests are available on request and can be sent home with your child or collected from the office.

I would like to thank everyone of you for your cooperation during the pandemic as we open the next chapter.

*Valerie Lobry*

**Last year's CCS Recipe Books can still be purchased from office for \$20.00 each.**

## SMILE SQUAD

Smile squad has informed us that due to staffing shortages, they have had to reschedule their Term four dental visits for next year. They apologise for the inconvenience and will endeavour to fit us in Term one 2023.

## MOSQUITOES

Like most of you at home, we have also got some unwelcome visitors: mosquitoes. With the Ross River and more recently the Japanese encephalitis risks, this is just a reminder to use repellent before sending your child to school and to put a roll-on repellent in the bag in case it is needed throughout the day.

## COMPASS

While it appears most families have easily adapted to using schools 'Compass' Portal to log your child/ren absences there are still many families who are not. **Please** log your child's absence whether it be illness, holiday or personal reasons, it is **legally required by the Education Department**.

Please note: **If you receive message regarding your child/ren absence you MUST click on the link to provide an explanation.** The link is only accessible until midnight on that day.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

12:40 - 2:00PM

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Stephanie Dehne

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Closed

**THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> STUDENTS WILL REQUIRE THEIR LUNCH ON THIS DAY.**

## BOOKLISTS

Very soon you will receive your child's Book Packs and information on ordering for 2023. As per last year you will be required to go online and order your child's Book Pack from what is now known as COS (Complete Office Supplies) not JI Office and Education.

A letter will come home with the Book Pack list and it is most important that you read the information on the letter.

**It is also important to note that the school no longer provides families with any of the items required in the packs.**

## KALEIDOSCOPE PROGRAM

My name is Miss Rebecca and I am thrilled to be working with your school to deliver the Kaleidoscope program through The Song Room.

Over the last few weeks I have met your fabulous school staff and wonderful students. We will continue to work together into Term 4 on developing our Social Emotional Learning skills through the performing arts including dance, drama and music.

I am so pleased to see how engaged students have been in the initial sessions and I look forward to seeing them continue to learn and grow over the course of the program. I am sure the students would love to share some of the new skills they are learning with you so please ask them about their learning in the program.

I am visiting your school on Thursdays for the majority of our sessions together.

If you would like to find out more about The Song Room please visit the website here: [The Song Room](#)

I am looking forward to working with staff and students again in Term 4.

Miss Rebecca



### OCTOBER

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

The Billy Tea Bush Band excursion

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Grade 6, half day transition.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 1\2 Twisted Science  
Grades 3\4 Kookaburra Camp

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Pupil Free Day

### November

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Public Holiday



**Parents are not permitted** to use the Staff car park for school drop off in the morning or for afternoon pick-ups. This is to ensure the safety of all students.



**6<sup>th</sup> October** Tyler Priest, Jack Jorgenson & Will Neff

**12<sup>th</sup> October** Mila Warren & Seth Butler **14<sup>th</sup> October**

Annabelle Gray, **17<sup>th</sup> October** Bryce Stanton- De Vries &

Dane O'Connell, **18<sup>th</sup> October** Evie Carmichael

**21<sup>st</sup> October** Kaiya Wishart, **23<sup>rd</sup> October** Millah Stirling