

Cohuna Consolidated School Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends,

The tinsel and the baubles are up for all of us to enjoy, it is time to draw the curtain on the year that was.

This year was about more normality for us all, with all planned activities such as excursions, camps, sporting days and incursions being able to take place. 2023 certainly brought its challenges with Cohuna being hit hard again with a variety of viruses, including lingering Covid. We continued to minimise disruption to learning by maintaining our calm learning environment.

Some highlights included the STOMP and Bush Dance performances, the completion of our unique Indigenous mural and re-concreting of multiple courtyards, great sporting success and another very successful Fun Colour Run last Friday as well as our school concert last week. I would like to thank all our students for giving it their all and thank the many family members who came to enjoy the food and atmosphere. A huge thank you to Kathryn Curry and her helpers for all the preparations leading into the performance. How lucky were we to get Santa's visit, as the cherry on top? This brought much joy and excitement on the night and we thank Santa for his visit at this very busy time of year.

I would like to express my gratitude to the CCS team of teachers who continued to deliver excellent teaching in an engaging environment for our students.

Our Education Support Team is second to none, which I am very grateful for on a daily basis. A huge thank you to Leah, Tanya, Mel, Hayley and Naomi for their dedication.

Thank you to Karl Johnson who continues to be dedicated to the care of our indoor and outdoor environment. Our beautiful grounds and clean spaces are often noted by visitors to the school.

Well done to School Captains Ileana Dayag and Jackson Lacy and to Vice-Captains Jaeda Church and Kieran Jameson for the support and leadership they offered to their peers. I have appreciated their commitment to being the best leaders they could be. Our students are a credit to their families and to our school, something that was duly noted during our recent school review. They are kind, inclusive and focussed on their learning, always aiming for progress. We are immensely proud of them.

Last but not least, we are farewelling two long-standing members of our school community this year. Di Wyatt is retiring after spending the last 17 years with us. Di has held multiple roles throughout her career, with the last few years dedicated to being the Foundation Teacher on Fridays and completing a lot of casual relief teaching for us. We will miss her positive attitude, flexibility and expertise.

Jaccie Harbinson is also retiring after over 40 years in Education, half of which was dedicated to our school. Jaccie has held many different roles including more recently Grade 6 Teacher, Numeracy Leader, Bus Coordinator and she has been a key part of our Leadership Team for a number of years. We will miss her outstanding organisational skills, her whole school thinking and her sense of humour. We thank both Jaccie and Di for their invaluable contributions to Education and more particularly to Education in Cohuna, with many of our past parents having been taught by one or both. Finally, on behalf of our CCS Team, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy a safe and marvellous Summer!

See you all on Tuesday 30th January 2024!

Valerie Lobry

**Merry
Christmas**



THANK YOU

PARENTS CLUB

We are lucky to have an enthusiastic Parent's Club Committee who come together to provide our students with exciting opportunities, such as the recent Colour Run. I would like to thank Janelle Ladson in her role as President over the past two years. We have appreciated her drive and organisational skills and will miss her at the helm. Thank you also to our CCS families, local businesses and the wider community for supporting our raffles and other fundraising efforts throughout the year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to our wonderful School Council and to our School Council President Paul Lacy for their ideas and unwavering support of our school community.

MELBOURNE CAMP & PIONEER SETTLEMENT EXCURSION

Thank you to Kathryn Wilson and Emily Campi for organising an action-packed Melbourne camp two weeks ago. It is always a pleasure to hear compliments about our students' behaviour and curiosity and it is wonderful to see our school values transposed in a different context. Thank you to staff member Naomi Tatt and parents Karl Johnson and Clarke Fehring for giving up their time and contributing to the success of this camp. Well done also to Rachael Munzel and Katrina Toma who organised the Pioneer Settlement excursion and to Michelle Howard for accompanying the group and parents Jaclyn Sandford, Kym Priest and Steph Dehne.

Sorry **WE'RE CLOSED**

The canteen will be closed Tomorrow, Friday 15th December. Students will need to bring their lunch on this day.



DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

9th Finn Bowman
13th Paige Opie
14th Ava Gundy
15th Fletcher Rooney
18th Demi Mathers
22nd Sophia Gillingham
24th Ella Boorer-Dalton

FAREWELL

Cohuna Consolidated School farewells and thanks the following families: Baddeley, Dehne, Fletcher, Jameson, Hodgkinson-Degney, O'Brien, Shutt, Smith & Wilson.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Due to low or no stock of uniform and end of year procedures school uniforms will not be available to purchase until next year (only in an emergency will uniform be sold eg ripped clothing).

REMAINING EVENTS

Rooms 13 & 14 Echuca end of year class party tomorrow, Friday 15th December.

Our final assembly for the year will take place on Monday 18th December at 8.50 am. Students of The Term will be announced.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Thank you to Jaccie Harbinson and the Grade 6 students for organising a delightful evening at the Bowling Club on Wednesday night.

The evening was an opportunity to reflect on the year that was and to farewell our students as well as Jaccie. We wish our Grade 6 students all the very best as they start their secondary school journey. Thank you to every staff and family member who helped them along the way. Thank you also to the Leo Lions who catered for the event with talent and appetizing offerings.

RESUMPTION OF SCHOOL IN 2024

- **Teachers** officially resume on – **Monday, 29th January**
- **All Students** resume on **Tuesday 30th January.**
- **Prep Students** in the first week come **Tuesday 30th Jan, Wednesday 31st Jan and Friday 2nd February.**

The school's office will open on Monday, 29th January. Grades 3-6 families are required to collect their child's Booklist from the office on this day. Foundation – Gr.2 Booklist will be distributed to the students by their classroom teacher for labelling purposes. Uniform orders can also be collected and purchased.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Please note: Students will be dismissed at 12.05pm on Wednesday 20th December to fit in with the bus schedule.



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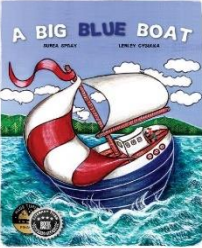


AWARD WINNERS FROM GRADUATION:

- Cohuna RSL Citizenship – Girl – Sienna Young
- Cohuna RSL Citizenship – Boy – Houssin Sobah
 - Cohuna Secondary College
 - Literacy Award – Ileana Dayag
 - Mathematics Award – Evie Fletcher
 - Excellamus – Jaeda Church
 - Lions Club Award – Tilly Curry
- Ned & Eileen Turnour Literacy Encouragement Award – Kieran Searle
 - Colin Peel Award – Tilly Curry
- Cohuna Community Club Award – Brock Smith
- Leitchville Bunyips Sporting Club – Mollie Wilson
- Don & Sandra Hancock PE & Sports Award – Hayden Bullock-Hovendene
 - Valerie Lobry Paris Award- Jaeda Church
 - Ledendairy Award – Xavier Watts

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPECIAL STORY TIME WITH
AUTHOR SUSEA SPRAY





Join us for a special Story Time session featuring award-winning children's author Susea Spray, reading her book *A Big Blue Boat*.

Recommended for children 4-8 years of age
Session includes an activity
Book available for purchase

Wednesday 17 January
10.30am, Kerang Library
2.30pm, Cohuna Library

Bookings essential - call 5452 1546



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Adults to accompany children
Bookings essential - Call 5452 1546

THE ACTIVITIES

- Sand Art**
Kerang - 10.30am & 2.30pm, Tuesday 9 January
- Dinosaur Fossils**
Cohuna - 10.30am, Thursday 11 January
Kerang - 2.30pm, Thursday 18 January
- Australia Day Animals**
Cohuna - 2.30pm, Tuesday 23 January
Kerang - 10.30am, Wednesday 24 January

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES



STOP MOTION ANIMATION WORKSHOP

With Elaine Keely

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN
3hr CREATIVE WORKSHOP FOR KIDS
Beginners Class
Thursday 11th January 9.30am - 12.30

Learn the basics of this creative medium.
Ages 8-12yrs Places limited
COST \$10 per child - Materials supplied
(iPads and iMotion App Required)



COHUNA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
The Heart of Our Community

TO BOOK
Call Cohuna Neighbourhood House
5456 4666



31st Annual Geoffswim Program

January 2024

Starts 8th January

Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

All ages and abilities.

Contact Geoff

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For information & enrolment form