

Cohuna Consolidated School

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16th February 2023

Dear Families & Friends,

SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

A reminder that we have an earlier start to our Carnival this Friday, due to the expected high temperatures. **We will start the event at 9.30 am** and expect this will be completed by 1pm. I would like to thank our Parent helpers in the lead up to the event as well as our Swimming and Carnival Program Coordinator, Michelle Howard for her diligent preparations. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

SWIMMING TRIALS:

Thank you to Finn, Will K, Zylee, Bayly, Jayla, Evie F, Toby, Jaeda, Jackson L, Brock, Archer, Cooper and Kieran for representing the school at the Kerang Swimming Trials this week. All the best to Kieran and Archer who will compete at the Mallee Division Swimming Finals in Swan Hill on Monday.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website <http://www.cohunacs.vic.edu.au>

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents.

SMILE SQUAD:

Please note that the Smile Squad van will be located in our carpark from this Friday. We are very lucky to have this excellent program on-site for the next few weeks.

Have a great weekend.

Valerie Lobry

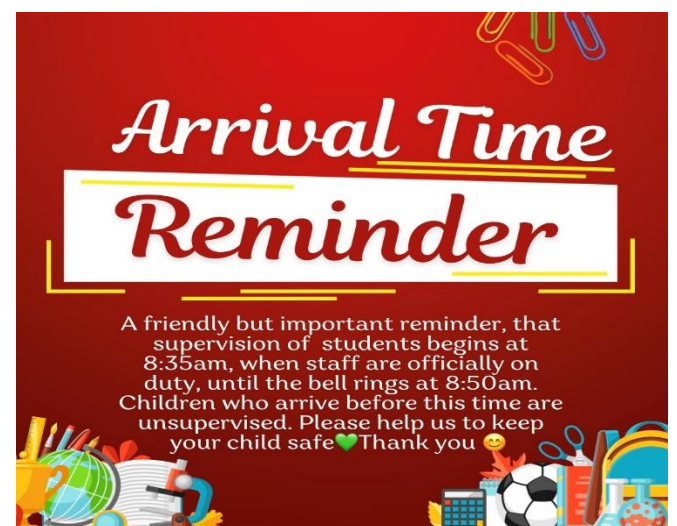
Yes! We're open!

Please note: **The canteen will be operating tomorrow, Friday 17th February for the Junior unit (F-2). The normal canteen menu will be on offer.**

Our Gr. 3 - 6 students will be attending the CCS Swimming Carnival and will require a packed lunch.

PAYMENTS:

Just a reminder to families that the purchase of uniform, Voluntary Curriculum Contributions, camps and other payments can be made over the phone by contacting the office.



**Arrival Time
Reminder**

A friendly but important reminder, that supervision of students begins at 8:35am, when staff are officially on duty, until the bell rings at 8:50am. Children who arrive before this time are unsupervised. Please help us to keep your child safe ♥ Thank you

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ATTENDANCE ALTERATIONS

Please read the following information in regard to your child's attendance and alterations to your child's calculations procedures.

To meet your and our legal obligations, if your child is absent please ensure:

- You enter their absence on the compass App
- You include the reason for their absence

Attendance is a priority for our school this year as Everyday Counts. Importantly, if the process is followed every time your child is absent, no letter will need to be sent home requiring an explanation for unentered or unexplained absences

We are also writing to inform you of changes Compass have made to our attendance calculation procedures in consultation with the Department of Education.

- 2 hour rule - With regard to half-day attendance data, a student needs to be at school for at least two hours prior to 12pm to be considered 'Present' for the AM, and two hours after 12pm to be considered 'Present' for the PM

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTION

Thank you to the families who have already paid their Curriculum Contributions for 2023.

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

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

12:40 - 2:00PM

Friday, 17th March – Amanda Drury

Friday, 24th March – Rebecca Traynor



FEBRUARY

26th Keegan Fehring

29th Kobi McLeod

MARCH

1st Erin Bertos



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

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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 (30th January 2023) or term two (24th 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.



FEBRUARY

Friday, 17th – Gr. 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Monday, 27th – School Council meetings

MARCH

Sunday, 5th – Bridge to Bridge

Friday, 10th – Crazy Hair Day

Monday, 27th – School Council AGM

APRIL

Monday, 3rd - Parent-Teacher interviews

Thursday 6th - Easter Parade and last day of Term 1

Friday 7th – Good Friday Appeal

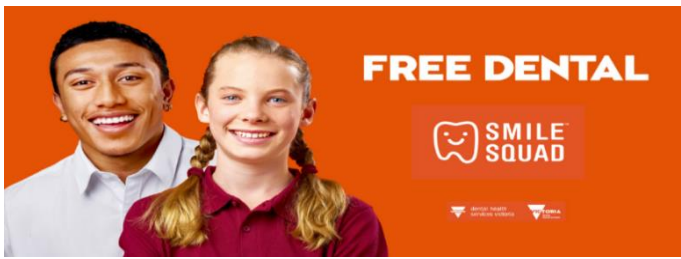
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WWCC (Working with Children Check)

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

Smile Squad is on the way to our school!

Smile Squad School Dental Program. Smile Squad is a Victorian State Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian public primary and secondary schools students.

The Smile Squad has a simple and effective philosophy – to eat well, drink well and clean well to achieve good and lasting oral health.

All children deserve a healthy smile and the Smile Squad are coming to your Shire to help make sure this happens.

Smile Squad is a \$321.9 million Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian public primary and secondary school students.

The friendly RFDS Smile Squad dental team will let you know when they will be coming to conduct a free dental health examination for every student and provide free follow up treatment as needed.

Who is Smile Squad?

The bright orange Smile Squad vans are staffed by experienced oral health therapists, dental therapists, dental assistants and dentists. They all have lots of experience treating children and a passion for improving their oral health – for life.

Learn more about the Smile Squad by visiting www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au or contact the team at smilesquad@dhsv.org.au.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at:

<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>
OR use the below QR code:



If you are new enrolments Please complete and submit the consent form by Friday Feb 17th, 2023. The Royal Flying Doctor Service Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Consent forms previously completed and returned in 2022 are still current.

- 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.

JOIN OUR PARENTS CLUB

Would you like to be more involved in your child's school? We would love you to consider joining our wonderful Parents Club.

Parents Club facilitate parental participation in their child's school and work together with staff and the school council to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for the benefit of all students.

Parents Club not only benefits students, but also can enrich and contribute to the wellbeing of the whole school community through their positive interactions and support.

Parents participating in the club activities can gain an understanding of the operations of a school, can use, and build on, existing skills and expertise, develop friendships and work collaboratively with other parents interested in supporting the school, whilst helping to raise valuable funds for our school.

If you would like to join our wonderful Parents Club, please contact the office 5456 2361

COHUNA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CRAZY HAIR DAY!



FRIDAY 10TH MARCH 2023
CASUAL DRESS

GOLD COIN DONATION
ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT LEUKEMIA
FOUNDATION

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MACORNA FNC IS CALLING ALL JUNIOR NETBALLERS!

NET SET GO

UNDER 12

UNDER 14

UNDER 17



Tigertime

Express your interest in playing in season 2023 by contacting us today!

Facebook Messenger the following coaches:

NET SET GO: LEEZA WISHART

U12: JO BEAR

U14: LAURA BENNIE, JACINTA FERRIS

U17: CAT WHINFIELD, BRIELLE OMEARA

HEAD OF NETBALL: LEAH LACY

Please note if our coaches have already been in contact no need to contact again.



COHUNA KANGAS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

CALLING FOR JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS

UNDER 17.5 Must be 17 or under as at 30th June

UNDER 14.5 Must be 14 or under as at 30th June

UNDER 12 Must be 12 or under as at 1st January

All Expressions of Interest or for more information please call Steven Spring on 0407 231 415

30th Cohuna
Bridge to Bridge
Sunday, March 5



Ride / Run / Walk

Apex Park, Island Rd. Cohuna

- Mawsons Kids K
- thegannawarra.com.au 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- North Central CMA 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- AWMA Water Control Solutions 6.5km Junior Cycle
- 25km Cycle
- 50km Cycle
- Virtual options for each event



Major fundraiser for the



with proceeds going towards an upgrade to the outdoor area for the aged care residents in the nursing home.



Neighbourhood Houses
The Heart of Our Community

Organised by the
Bridge to Bridge Committee, under the
auspices of Cohuna Neighbourhood House.

www.bridgetobridge.org.au for full details and to enter
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Saturday, March 4 at 3pm



A FEW SPOTS LEFT

FIRST AID COURSES

Infant & Child First Aid

Empowering education for families.

[Book Now](#)



Register your interest with CohunaCo
ASAP for the course on 22/3/23