

## **EXCELLAMUS**

*'Let Us Excel'* 

ISSUE 05-1st March, 2024

Cohuna Secondary College Child Safe contact is the Principal If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.

#### Student Investiture

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." John Quincy Adams



Our guest speaker at the Investiture Ceremony on Monday was past student Bridget Bottcher. Her journey since leaving Cohuna Secondary College is particularly interesting. Bridget completed Year 11 and then chose to undertake an international student exchange in Costa Rica. Bridget spent twelve months immersing herself in the culture and life of a Costa Rican. She lived with a host family that didn't speak English and Bridget didn't speak Spanish. She adapted! She persevered! She had an amazing experience! On returning to Australia, Bridget decided to enrol in the William Angliss Institute to complete Certificate 3 in Patisserie and then a Certificate 4 in Commercial Cookery. Cooking was always a passion and in Year 11 she completed VCE Food Tech with a study score of 40.

Bridget was employed by several high-end restaurants including Crown Cullinarium, chef de partie at Nobu and then went on to work as a chef at Tarrawarra Winery, a hatted paddock to plate restaurant in the Yarra Valley.

Alas, Covid came and severely interrupted the hospitality business which meant that Bridget was unemployed for large chunks of time. Not content to accept periods of unemployment if something similar ever happened again, Bridget decided she needed a career with job security and one whose hours and conditions were just a bit better than what she had experienced as a high-end chef.

Bridget enrolled in a pre-apprenticeship with Women in Trades and is now in her second year as an apprentice electrician. She has worked on the Melbourne Metro Tunnels and is currently working in Data Communications at Tullamarine Airport.

Bridget is a great example of a young person from rural Victoria who has embraced every opportunity that has come her way. She has faced huge challenges as a female working in male dominated industries but has not let those challenges impact on her careers of choice. The company that she works for has no tolerance for gender-based discrimination. Bridget is resilient, respectful, brave and a great role model for the young people of Cohuna Secondary College.

To our newly inducted leaders, I sincerely wish you all the very best for the year and I look forward to working with you and the college community throughout 2024.



Excellamus - Let Us Excel!

Mrs. Fíona Miller - Principal

"I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and our school is built, the Barapa Barapa people. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, traditions and the culture of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia. Cohuna Secondary College is committed to acknowledging, building and sustaining respect and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

#### Senior School Update

#### SAC (School Assessed Coursework) attendance

A reminder that students are required to complete SACs (school assessed coursework) at the scheduled time, on the scheduled day. If this is not possible, they will need to apply to have their SAC rescheduled.

#### **Approved reasons include:**

Medical (with a medical certificate provided, or a phone call from a guardian on the morning of the SAC) School event/excursion

Family reason – funeral, wedding, etc. This does not include family holidays.

### **Elevate online parent sessions**

The next online Elevate session is Wednesday, March 13th

## How You Can Make Technology an Ally (& Not the Enemy!)

#### Wednesday 13th March 6:30-7:30pm (AEDT)

#### Click here to register for free

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- Reducing your child's dependence on technology
- $\ensuremath{\checkmark}$  Using apps to prevent your child procrastinating
- Using technology to enhance your child's learning

There are days where a young person's absence is unavoidable - to ensure their absence is coded correctly, **PLEASE** submit an absence or send a message on Xuno.

Alternatively please inform the

front office of the absence.

Contact can be made by:

Phone - 5456 2555 or

Email - cohuna.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Families are asked to contact the office directly and not the teaching staff.

Thank you for your assistance.



## Have you thought about nominating for School Council?

If you would like to nominate for school council, nomination forms are available from the front office. If we receive more nominations than positions, a vote will need to be conducted.

Being on School Council is a great way to obtain an in depth understanding of the way that the college operates.

Please consider nominating for a place on School Council by 4pm on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**.



SCHOOL SHORTS \$32

Sizes: Small to XXL



**SCHOOL JACKET \$85** 

Sizes: Ladies 8-18, Mens S-5XL



CSC Jackets, Shorts & PE/Sport t-shirts are available from the front office.

Plenty of sizes in stock.

EFTPOS available

PE / SPORTS SHIRT: \$30

Sizes: Childrens 10-16, Ladies 8-24, Mens S-XL+





## IMPORTANT DATES: TERM 1 - 2024

Monday	4th	March	Quantum Discover Engineering
Wednesday	6th	March	Summer Sports
Thursday	7th	March	LMR Lawn Bowls
Monday	11th	March	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday	12th	March	LMR Swimming
Wednesday	13	March	NAPLAN
Thursday	14	March	NAPLAN
Friday	15	March	NAPLAN
Tuesday	20	March	GTAC (Biology) Excursion
Thursday	28	March	End of Term 1



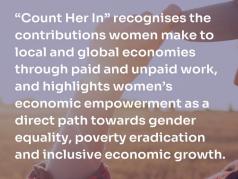
Term 1 break -29th March (Good Friday) to 14th April 2024



Term 1 Canteen Roster	Friday ~ 10.30am to 1.00pm ~
Friday 8th March	Family of Lachlan Gray
Friday 15th March	Family of Zephan & Zara Hensley
Friday 22nd March	Family of Oliver & Noah Mathers

REMINDER: Canteen will only serve snacks and drinks on Wednesday this term.

# ~Community Notices~







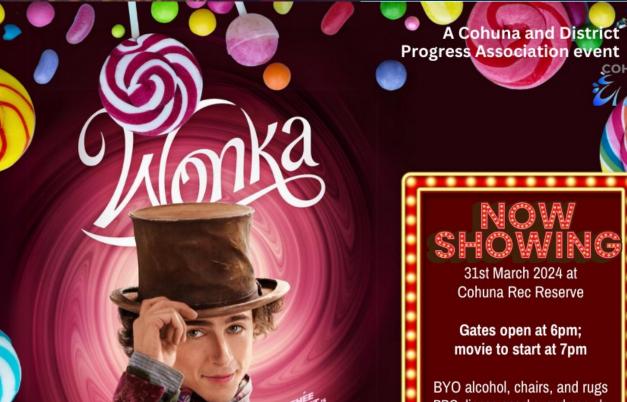
NDCH is celebrating the women of Gannawarra by organising an International Women's Day event on Friday 8th March 2023.





Kerang Quilters Inc
Quilt Show
COLOURS OF KERAING
EASTER 2024
Saturday March 30th 10am - 5pm
Sunday March 31st 10am - 4pm
KERANG MEMORIAE HALL
Admission \$5
Raffle Quilt
Speak Reatures
Sont Else Quilts
Vorkshop in a Box Quilts
Light Refreshments available

**Enquiries Merril Scriven 0419325294** 



BYO alcohol, chairs, and rugs BBQ dinner, snacks, and non-alc drinks available for purchase

\$5pp or \$15 for family