

Principal's Report

Welcome to term 1 2017.

It was great to see all the students settle back into routine very quickly. Thanks to the parents who attended their SSGs. The teachers are currently writing Individual Learning Plans and will send them home next week for you to sign.

We welcome Joseph Nieuwenhout to our teaching staff. He is teaching the Hume room students. Welcome back Kerry. Kerry has had a year's leave and is working with Joseph.

Thanks to the parents who purchase their child's uniform from the school as they look very smart. **It is an expectation that school uniforms are bought through the school.** We take pride in our school and when students are dressed in different style of uniform and shades of navy it doesn't look as good as if they were all in the same uniform.

This year Abby Lawrence is back as our speech pathologist. We value her extensive experience working in special schools.

We look forward to a great year of learning with the introduction of the Victorian Curriculum. We will continue to introduce more components of the COMPASS management system and we hope to have parents connected very soon.

Leah Willis
Principal

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Thursday 16 th February	P&F Meeting 2.00pm in Art Room
Friday 3 rd March	Camps Sport & Excursion applications due back to school
Monday 13 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday-No School
Friday 24 th March	Last Day Term 1

Student Awards

3rd February

Milkshake Uniform Award

Taylor & Jordan Gravener

10th February

Respect

Dean White & Jesse Beresford

Safety

Caitlyn Koopman & Sam Donnelly

Try Your Best

Archie Shannon

Milkshake Uniform Award

Archie Shannon, Tearnna Allcroft & Seth Mumford



FOOD FOR LUNCHES

Please note that students are not to bring food to school which requires heating as it is an OH&S issue. Alternate lunch box suggestions include sandwiches, wraps, salads, boiled eggs, fruit, yoghurt. We have fridges available to students in all classrooms for their lunch boxes.



Hovell Room

What a great start to the year. We have settled back into the school year and are already working hard. We had our first excursion to the library where many of us were surprised that we were allowed to bring the books back to school. We sat beautifully and listened to a story and then read some by ourselves.



We have welcomed two new students to our grade 'Ella' and 'Archie' who are both experiencing their first year of school.

Hume Room

Hume Room has had a great start to the school year. It is fantastic to see everyone being involved in swimming on Monday, and everyone had fun at sport with Kerry and Leah on Friday. All students have really enjoyed using some new apps in the classroom. We have used Quiver this week to help us learn about Australia, and parents can download this to use at home, it is a free app with most pages being free.



Mitchell Room



What a great start to the year Mitchell room has had! Everyone has settled in really well, starting our first week off with lots of 'get to know you' activities. This week, we have started following the term 1 timetable. So far, so good! We will start swimming next Wednesday. Well done everyone on such a terrific first couple of weeks!



Senior Rooms



Gwynne Room

Gwynne has had a busy start to the year with the seven students all enjoying setting up their weekly timetable and organising their individual resources. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have returned their forms and helped us get organised for term one. We are excited about our busy year ahead.

Ebony

I have enjoyed moving into the VCAL program and catching up with my buddy after the school holidays.

Jazmin

My year has been good so far. It is my last year at school and I am going to make it a good one!

Mitchell

I have really enjoyed joining the buddy program this year.

Shakaya

School is amazing I love it and I have met my buddy and she is cool.

Will

I have enjoyed the start to the year so far, Kool Skools is fantastic we are going to record again this year in the July holidays.

Dean

School has been busy already and it is good.



Sturt Room

Lisa, Faye and James are back along with Ross, Adam and Jayanna who will be working in the room across the week. There is a new look Sturt room this year as Laurie, Nathan, Peter, Jesse, Tori and Stephen welcome 3 students from the Mitchell room (Nick, Cody and Matthew) into the Senior area. Gus and Darci have moved across from the Gwynne room and Jordan only joined us at the end of last year. Together, the class has already worked well in organising and starting many of our programs. Students have been involved in fitness testing and tracking (thanks to Kaitlyn, our OT), swimming and also started our Inclusion program with the Year 10's from Cobram Anglican College at the Cobram Stadium. We look forward to a great year.

Lunches- our lunches program will take place again this year on most Friday's. We will be responsible for the orders, preparation and delivery of the lunches and hope that you will support this program again. The group will also make birthday cakes for all staff and students throughout the year and provide the milkshakes for the Uniform Awards given out at Assembly each week. With the proceeds from last year's lunch orders, we have purchased 5 sets of boxing gloves and mitts, a microwave and other equipment for the kitchen. All of this equipment is important to the health and wellbeing of our students so again we thank you for your support.



Parents and Friends



Parents & Friends would like to welcome all new families to our school. Our group meets once per month (twice per term). We are looking for new members, it would be great to see some new faces at our meetings. Please come along for a cuppa and afternoon tea on Thursday, 16th February at 2.00pm. Our group is a great way to meet other parents and assist with fundraising for the school. Last year we had numerous fundraisers which included raffles and a chocolate drive.

Office News

Attached to today's newsletter is a Camp, Sports & Excursion Fund application form. If you have a healthcare card or pension card in a parent/carer's name you are able to claim for this money on your child's behalf from the government. The card must have been valid on first day of term 1, 30th January, 2017. Please return forms by Friday, 3rd March.

Primary school aged students receive \$125

Secondary school aged students receive \$225

REMINDER TO PARENTS

The Department of Education & Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

