

Principal's Report

This week Melissa started long service leave and will then resign at the end of the year. Melissa has run an engaging and creative art program for the past few years. We wish Melissa luck in her future ventures and hope to see her around for the odd casual day. Jacquie Crap will replace Melissa for the rest of the term.

Staff are currently assessing students and writing their reports. It has been a very busy year transitioning to the Victorian Curriculum and the Compass management system. It seems that most people involved have adjusted well to the introduction of both.

The consultative committee have met to start planning staffing and classes for 2018. As there are new enrolments coming and going it is hard to finalise these plans. We hope to have it all sorted in the coming few weeks.

This year we will have two transition days: Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December. Students and teachers will be in their 2018 classrooms.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Leah Willis
Principal

*ATTACHED TO TODAY'S NEWSLETTER IS YOUR FAMILY INVITATION TO OUR
END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CONCERT & AWARD CEREMONY*

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

13 th November	School Photos
16 th November	Yachting-Mitchell Room
14 th December	School Concert 6pm
19 th December	Pool Monster-Hovell, Hume & Mitchell Rooms
20 th & 21 st December	Transition Days
21 st December	Last Day of School

Fundraising Group



Our paver fundraiser has sold 71 pavers so far, which is great. Sales will continue until the end of this year so please consider purchasing a paver if you haven't already done so.

Our group is looking for input from parents for fundraising ideas for 2018. We welcome any ideas you may have, please write these down in your child's communication book and we will consider them in 2018.

Student Awards

20th October	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Matthew Peters</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Nick Harbrow</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>James Carey & Ned Quinane</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Dylan Schmager & Nick Harbrow</i>
27th October	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Anikia Welch & Hayley Hendrie</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Archie Shannon, Dean White, Mitchell Viney, Ebony Lowrie & Shakaya Graham</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Dean White</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Archie Shannon</i>
2nd November	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Jazmin Clarke</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Tearna Allcroft & Ned Quinane</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Paul Murray, Gus Ryan & Darci Mayfield</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Matthew Peters & Boston Haimona</i>
10th November	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Boston Haimona</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Mitchell Viney & Stephen Martin</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Sam Donnelly</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Gus Ryan, Ayjah Nathan & Peter Fitzpatrick</i>

Christmas Concert-Costumes



Jess is busy helping all the classes practice for their end of year routines. They are coming along well, you may have had some impromptu performances at home!! Jess has made up a list of items needed for each class, please read through the items for your child's class and start

gathering items over the next couple of weeks. If you are experiencing difficulty in sourcing an item please contact your classroom teacher.

Hovell Room

Theme is 'Jungle Safari'-please wear brown or khaki coloured clothes.

Hume Room

White t-shirt, black shorts and pull on boots (if possible).

Mitchell Room

Bright colourful and crazy clothes.

Sturt & Gwynne

Red and green clothes or Christmas clothes. If you are a reindeer-brown clothes or a Grinch-green clothes.



Hovell Room

The Hovell room students have been busy learning about how to ask and answer questions. Each morning we ask our friends, 'What is your name?' and 'How are you?'. When we have visitors, we practise asking the same questions. The students are pleased when they have conversations with visitors.

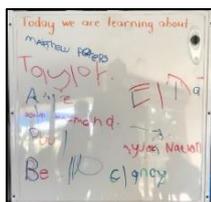


We have also enjoyed participating in data collection during Maths lessons. We have looked in our lunch boxes and collected our fruit, and then placed it in the correct position on our classroom graph. We have then been answering questions such as 'Which fruit has more?', 'Which fruit has less?', 'How many people have apples?' etc. We are now starting to collect data on different things



such as colours and shapes.

Look at us writing our names! We sign in each morning and we have all made improvements with writing our name.



Hume Room

This term Hume Room has been very busy. Sam has written our classroom report for this newsletter to let everyone know the things we have been doing.

We went to Blueearth with Swannie and we did lots of fun exercises and games.

At the end of Term 3 we went to the movies and watched Lego Ninjago in Yarrowonga. We had popcorn at the movies it was a fun day.



Everyday at school we have been playing lots of games including Farmer Sam and basketball.

Last week we had sports day the events were high jump, long jump, vortex throwing, running 100 metres. It was a great sports day.

We also made playdoh for science.

Mitchell Room

Mitchell room have had a flying start to Term 4. We have been lucky enough to participate in a Cricket Victoria Clinic, All Abilities Basketball Tournament, our school Athletics Day and next week we will be participating in the All Abilities Sailing Day. Last Tuesday the 31st of October, our class visited Cobram IGA, where they put on an awesome Halloween display and handed out lots of lollies! We were very lucky!

We have been very busy in the classroom too, with our assessments for the semester in full swing.

Mitchell room are looking forward to enjoying the rest of the year!





Sturt Room



Last week, we set off to Licola Wilderness Village for our 4 day camp. We stopped at Healesville Sanctuary along the way and were lucky enough to see the Birds of Prey show, be guided around by Lisa who let us get up close to a Tawny Frog Mouth and see their vets at work with an echidna. After having a good walk around this wonderful Sanctuary, we continued on



our journey to Licola. This took longer than expected due to a few little problems but everyone was patient and understanding and travelled very well, considering the distance.



In the morning, it was all worth it as we were treated to a beautiful sunrise over the hills and were able to explore the wonderful facilities the Village had to offer. We had timed runs though the obstacle course, played mini golf and had goes on the trampolines, all before the yummy lunch we had prepared ourselves. We then met the other Special Schools who had arrived



and prepared for our two activities-bush cooking and canoeing. Students were given a recipe and supplies to make damper and then had to make their damper curl around a stick before cooking it over the fire. This was really enjoyable and we enjoyed putting honey on the damper before eating. Our canoeing session was right at camp on the beautiful McAllister River and saw Darci being hoisted into the canoe which then slid down the ramp and into the river for a truly memorable experience. Somehow, no-one fell out despite there being some unsteady canoes and lots of splashing but the water was quite warm so we didn't mind at all. That night, we had a huge, yummy tea provided for us before a movie was put on for the whole group.



After a big sleep in, we quickly got up and had scrambled eggs for breakfast before starting the next of our activity rotations for the day. The low ropes course proved challenging as did the group see-saw challenge but we now hold the record of 5mins and 9 secs with 14 people, which was a great team effort. It was then time to put on a harness



and helmet and be raised up as high as an electricity pole and then let go on the giant swing. Initially, the looks on some faces were of terror but they soon turned into delight as students enjoyed swinging on the banks of the river. Yummy baked potatoes were on the menu for lunch before our last two rotations which were archery (Charles, Nick and Tori finished in the top 3) and the flying fox. We really enjoyed the concert that was put on for us that night after a yummy lasagne tea



where students took up the opportunity to dance with those from other schools.

A big thank you to the local Lions clubs that helped make it all possible by subsidising the cost of the camp and to Kerry for assisting and Zoe (placement student) for coming along with us.



Silver Duke of Edinburgh Camp- Cobram Regional Park

For our Silver Duke of Ed camp we rode our bikes down to the river for our 2 night camping trip. Big Mick met us there with tents. Dean and I put our tent and swags up within 5 minutes and the longest went to Nathan and Laurie we stopped counting at 1 hour. Once our campsite was set up we went for a ride around the bush. We went to the pool to have a swim then back to camp to cook dinner.

The next day we went for a morning walk and bike ride and the rain came in the afternoon so we went back to the pool and picked up some fish and chips. It rained and was windy all night, the next day we packed up and went back to school.

By William



Moira Shire Youth Council

Last week the Gwynne room, went to the Cactus Country in Strathmerton for our final Youth Council. When we arrived we were met by Hollie and Sharon from the Shire and they gave us all

sombreros to wear! We went into the courtyard where we had morning tea which was nachos and fruit. John the manager, took us all for a tour around the cactus gardens. John told us the backstory of some of the cactus in the big garden, where they came from and he even told us about him running into a cactus and the

time he fell and sat on one. Afterwards went back for lunch, we had burritos. During lunch we had some local entertainment from guitarist Justin, who was great. Shire Mayor Gary Cleveland presented awards to all the schools that were at Youth Council this year.

Jazmin

Relay For Life

The first time we learnt about Relay for Life is when Ken and Brenda came in to talk to our VCAL class about this and volunteering in your community. On Friday the 1st of September we all went to the riverside and cleaned up at Thompsons Beach on the launch of Relay for Sun Country. We met our team from Oasis Movers and Shakers for the first time.



The school team of teachers and students did many fundraisers during the weeks before the main event in Yarrowonga at the end of October to help our team raise money.

Some of the team also made it out to Oasis Village for morning tea and had a great time.

Thanks to everyone who donated to our fundraisers.



Art-Cobram Show



Once again our school had great success at the Cobram Show winning 'Best School Exhibit' as well as numerous other individual prizes. It is a great experience for our students to enter their works of art in a competition with other schools and they should all be very proud of their efforts. Thanks to Mitchell, Shakaya, Jazmin and Ebony for helping set up the display prior to the show.

Office News

The Cobram Uniting Care/Target Christmas Tree Appeal is operating again this year with the support of the Cobram Community House. The appeal is offered to families that are in need of assistance at this time of the year.

If you are interested please complete the attached form and return to the school by **Thursday, 30th November.** Please take note of the dates and collection times from Cobram Uniting Church Hall, 10 Hay Avenue, Cobram.



COBRAM UNITING CHURCH & TARGET

With support from Cobram Community House
& Cobram Support & Information Services

APPLICATION FOR CHRISTMAS TOYS 2017

Application details

Name: _____
(Surname) (Christian name)

Address: _____

Town _____ Phone _____

Partners Full name _____
(Only if listed on your card)

CHILDREN (14 years and under only). Show ONE age only in each box

BOYS GIRLS

I give permission for Cobram Uniting Church to cross-check my name and that of the family with other organisations. I understand that I am not eligible to receive these gifts from more than one organisation.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

This form MUST be returned no later than Friday December 1st

Details checked Form accepted _____
Application submitted via (insert organisation if known) _____

Cut along line below and return the bottom section to the client.

**COLLECTION FROM COBRAM UNITING CHURCH HALL, Hay Avenue, Cobram
at the following times ONLY.
Please do not bring children when picking up toys**

WEDNESDAY, December 13th or **THURSDAY, December 14th**
10.00am - 3.00pm **10.00am - 3.00pm**

For any further information please ring: Heather - 0423937187, Jan - 0439893737,
Cobram Community House - 0358722224 or fax 0358711036

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