

Commitment to Child Safety

Cobram and District Specialist School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all students at the school.

We are entrusted with the education of the child, in partnership with parents, guardians and caregivers who are the primary educators of their children.

Cobram and District Specialist School implement the Child Safe Standards to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students at the school and promote an organisational culture that manages the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Principal's Report

It has been a great start to term 2. We welcome four new students, Boe Dougherty, Bentley Garner, Ely Broughton and Courtney Broughton.

The second bus run is working well allowing less travel time for students.

The dental van will be here on Monday 21st May. If you would like your child to have a free visit with a dentist please return the form, which was sent home a fortnight ago.

Thanks to the families and students who attended the ANZAC Day march. Shakaya read the commemoration and Ebony and Bella carried the wreath.

Last week the VCAL students enjoyed the Careers Expo at Winton. It allowed them to gain an insight into many career options available when they leave school.

Jacquie is replacing Kerrie in the art room for the next five weeks while Kerrie is on leave.

Next Monday, 14th May, is a pupil free day. Staff will be at school, updating their CPR and Epilepsy training.



Happy Mother's Day
Wishing all our Mums a
happy Mother's Day for this Sunday.

Leah Willis
Principal

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

14 th May	Staff CPR update & Epilepsy training – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
21 st May	Smiles on Site-Dental Van
24 th May	Glasses for Kids testing-Hovell & Hume
25 th May	Shepparton Excursion-Mitchell
29 th May	Cross Country
11 th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday-NO SCHOOL
29 th June	Last day Term 2

Fundraising Group



The Fundraising Sub Committee Cadbury chocolate fundraiser raised a total of \$1300.00.



Raffle tickets will be sent home in the next few weeks for our raffle with prizes including a 2 night stay at Club Mulwala with meal vouchers & an Essenza Spa voucher, Vanity Spa voucher and a gift basket. We would like to thank Club Mulwala, Vanity Day Spa and Paul Ukich Pharmacy for their generous donations.

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Student Awards

26th March	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Peter Fitzpatrick</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Liam Jeffress, Ben Hall & Anikia Welch</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Archie Shannon, Gus Ryan, Ebony Lowrie, William Mills, Mitchell Viney, Dean White, Charles Tomlin</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Tearna Allcroft, Lliam Hall</i>
Principal's Award Term 1	<i>Bella Brown-Singh, Dylan Schmager, Xavier North, Nathan Hendrie, Shakaya Graham</i>
23rd April	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Clancy Kennedy</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Laurie Norgate & Ebony Lowrie</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Tearna Allcroft</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Nick Harbrow & Taylor Gravener</i>
30th April	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Mia Giddings & Ben Hall</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Matthew Peters</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Scott Johnson, Shakaya Graham & Charles Tomlin</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Mitchell Viney & Tori Hehir</i>
7th May	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Gus Ryan & Courtney Broughton</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Dylan Schmager, Rivvah Dean & Sam Donnelly</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Boe Dougherty</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Hayley Hendrie & Peter Fitzpatrick</i>

Hovell Room



We have been lucky to welcome two new students to our class, Bentley who loves artwork and Boe who always welcomes us with a big friendly smile. The students are excited to have two new friends and we all look forward to getting to know each other better.

As always we are working hard, maths is a little challenging at the moment, as we have started addition, learning to add more on request and then joining them together to count how many we have. We will keep practising this skill. We have been reading lots of stories

and then researched them on the internet to work out if scenes in the story are real or pretend. After many images of sheep we realised that green sheep are not real, they are pretend.



Hume Room

Last week, we welcomed Ely to our class. He has moved here from Melbourne. On Monday, our sensory activities session went bush as we went to Thompsons Beach to participate in The Play Project's sensory play session. Thanks to Kaitlyn, our Occupational Therapist, for our involvement in this program and to Molly, who was our guide, as we went on a sensory walk. Students were given the opportunity to explore the bush surrounds for sounds and smells, as well as having to collect items along the way. Co-operation and teamwork were needed to build a pretend fire with students doing an amazing job at gathering the wood for this task. We tried to spot a koala but didn't have any luck.



Mitchell Room



Mitchell room has had an enjoyable start to the term. We have continued following our daily program, with the addition of Bike Ed. So far the students have loved the sessions that Kerry, Helen and Lisa have been running. We have many confident riders in our class! In cooking this term, we have made tuna pasta bake and chicken curry. Literacy groups have been a huge success, with all the students excelling at their levels. Keely, Hayley and Caitlyn have been attending RDA fortnightly, becoming very familiar and confident with the horses!

Finally, we have a farewell excursion for Hannah, before she starts her maternity leave. We are heading to Shepparton on the 25th May, to spend time at Aquamoves and to have lunch at Pizza Hut.

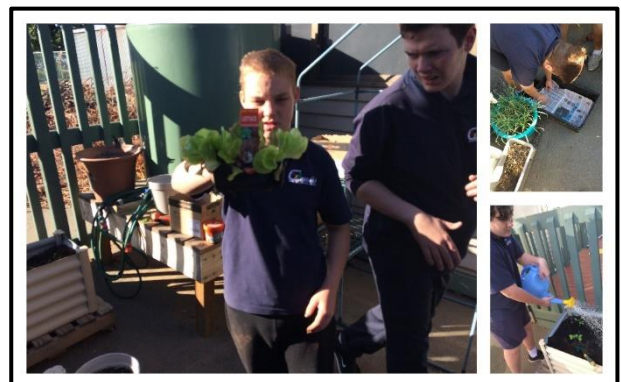
Senior Rooms



Sturt Room

Sturt room is setting up a vegetable garden. We planted broccoli, lettuce, spinach, beetroot, radish and parsley. There is a worm farm, we bolted it together and soaked the coconut compost for the worms to live in. We still need worms and to spread the mulch for compost. We want to have lunch in the garden and eat the vegetables we have growing in the garden.

By Cody and Scott, Sturt Room



Gwynne Room Moira Shire Youth Council



Tuesday 1st of May Shakaya, Ebony, Matt H and Charles went to youth council at the Civic Centre in Cobram. When we got there we had morning tea, we then had an icebreaker activity where the aim was to learn as many names as possible in the group. The main part of the day was on leadership and public speaking. On learning about leadership, we talked about the skills you need to be a great leader such as listening, talking, clear voice and teamwork. We also learnt about public speaking. We had Subway for lunch and some cookies. We talked about town issues and youth events like Kool Skools.

Winton Hands on Trade Expo



On Thursday, May 3rd the VCAL group headed to Winton Raceway, near Benalla, for the 'Hands on Trade Careers Expo'. In recent years local North East regional employers believed school aged kids and school leavers have not been getting the valuable hands on experience to become successful trades people in their local communities. This has been seen as partly because they lacked the knowledge of what trades were out there as possible careers and partly because they didn't have the opportunity to investigate a trade career in North East Victoria.

By the age of 16 years students at our school are expected to begin the preparations for investigating work experience options for themselves. Work place experiences need to be designed to be more engaging to individual students and more females and people with a disability need be encouraged to become apprentices.

The expo aimed to deliver real world experiences and discussions about possible careers for our students from employers and similar aged peers who have taken on a trade career or at the very least completed work experience in a hands on trade employment area. The organisers succeeded in delivering their promise, our VCAL group had a very enjoyable and hands on day out.

On the way back from Benalla the group had a whistle stop tour of the local silo art locations and a quick look around Benalla at the wonderful wall art that was created in last summer's Wall Art Festival.

Office News

The following table contains exclusion timeframes for a couple of common complaints amongst school students. It is important that students who are unwell stay at home to recover and thus limit the spread of infections.

<u>Conjunctivitis</u>	Until discharge from eyes has ceased
<u>Diarrhoea/Vomiting</u>	Until 24 hours after last loose bowel motion or vomit
<u>Impetigo (school sores)</u>	Until sores have fully healed. The child may be allowed to return provided that appropriate treatment has taken place for at least 24 hours and that sores on exposed surfaces such as scalp, face, hands and legs are properly covered with a watertight dressing
<u>Colds/Flu</u>	Students with a high temperature and a yellow/green discharge from their nose should be kept home





Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Cobram and District Specialist School is excited to be participating, once again.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc



In the Scope speech pathology program this year, I have been working with teaching staff in the Mitchell, Hume and Hovell rooms to improve students' phonological awareness skills (pre-reading skills, knowing letters and sounds), to make sounds correctly (e.g., the 's' sound in 'sock'), to understand and use more language; and using appropriate social language with other people (e.g., using the correct tone when talking, making eye contact). We have also been focusing on using other communication supports to improve students' communication skills; including key word sign and a range of visuals.

Below are some general tips to use with your children to help develop their language further

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Tip of the Week

A quick, fun activity to develop language skills. Put a number of objects in a pillow case. Have your child feel for an object and describe what it is without seeing it. See if they can guess what the object is!

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Tip of the Week

Read a picture book. Instead of reading the words, talk about the pictures and ask who, what, why, where and when questions.

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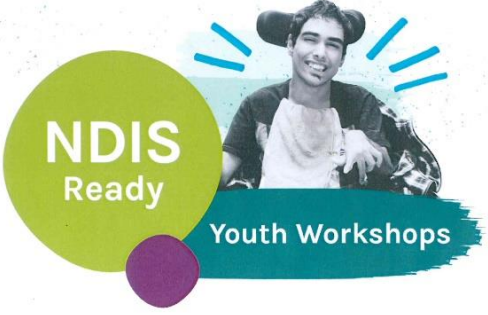
Should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the below details.

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NDIS Ready Youth Workshops

The Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS) has been funded by the Victorian Government to help young people with disability across Victoria get ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). We'll be doing this two ways:

- Workshops delivered face-to-face
- Digital content and engagement

Our workshops can be delivered flexibly and can vary in length and topic to suit your needs. Our main focus is young people with disability. The three topics are:


- **NDIS 101** - What is the NDIS, how do you join and what happens when you're on the NDIS?
- **What do you want to do with your life?** - How to think about your goals and the support you need to achieve them.
- **How to speak up** - What types of setbacks might come up when you talk to your family or the NDIS? How do you get support to speak up?

If you'd like us to speak with you, your school or group about the NDIS, then get in touch. Our workshops can be presented together or individually over several visits.


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YDAS Youth Disability Advocacy Service



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WOMEN IN FARMING COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING TEA


COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN GATHERING AND GET OFF THE FARM FOR A FEW HOURS
11.00AM WEDNESDAY 23 MAY
DOOR PRIZES AND SPECIAL GUESTS
THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
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Would you like to learn more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Rights Information & Advocacy Centre (RIAC) invite you to join us at the

'Being Prepared for NDIS' Workshop

When: Wednesday 16 May 2018
between 10:00am - 11:30pm
Where: 1 Hargrave Ct, Yarrowonga VIC 3730
Phone: 03 5744 3911

Learn about RIAC and how we can support and advocate for you when needed

Learn about the NDIS, NDIS Planning, Putting your NDIS plan into action and how to advocate for the person you care for

Morning Tea will be provided. RSVP by 10 May 2018
Contact Bronwyn or Tanya on 03 5822 1944

