

Principal's Report

Term two is moving very fast.

Thanks to the students and families who marched with us on ANZAC day. Jazmin did a great job reading the commemoration and looked smart in her new school captain's uniform. Laurie and Shakaya represented the school by laying the wreath. The Gwynne room attended the Ottrey Lodge service where Jazmin read the commemoration.

We have recently had a couple of placement students at our school. Sage McPherson is a fourth year occupational therapy student who spent two days in classrooms and her final day working with Kaitlyn, our occupational therapist. Maddy Long, a year ten student from Cobram Secondary College, completed her work experience with us this week.

All staff attended a Professional Development day last Friday. The theme was Positive Behaviour Support in Schools, presented by Dan Petro. Dan is an engaging speaker who has a wealth of knowledge. The feedback from staff was extremely positive. The staff have been asked to write down three things they took away from the conference. These will be collated and three major areas of focus for the year will be decided on by all staff.

All students are currently being assessed in numeracy, literacy and personal development, using the ABLES assessment tool. These assessment results indicate which Victorian Curriculum level students are on in the above subjects.

Treasury Wines in Barooga are coming to spend half a day on Thursday 18th May, volunteering their time to do some jobs around the school. They will be gardening, pruning and will strip the old paint off the rebound wall.

We have our cross country next Tuesday 16th May. Thanks to the parents and Cobram Secondary College students who have volunteered to help man check points.

Next Friday our school will host Victorian Family Planning. They will run a professional development day for staff from our school as well as Verney Rd, Wangaratta Specialist and Wodonga Specialist schools. All staff will be shown a new program which has been designed for special needs students.

Lisa, Bec and I will be attending the annual Principal's of Special Schools' Association conference in San Remo from Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th May. The theme is leadership and wellbeing in special schools.

Leah Willis

Principal

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

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Tuesday 16 th May	Cross Country @ Thompsons Beach 11am
Wednesday 24 th May	Immunisations @ 11am
Thursday 25 th May	Biggest Morning Tea 10.00-11.00am
Monday 5 th -Friday 9 th June	Gwynne Camp-DOXA in Melbourne
Monday 12 th June	Public Holiday-No School
Monday 26 th June	School Council at 5.00pm
Friday 30 th June	Staff First Aid PD-No School for students



Student Awards

24th March	
Respect	<i>Darci Mayfield & Mitchell Viney</i>
Safety	<i>Clancy Kennedy, Seth Mumford, Cooper Scott & James Carey</i>
Milkshake Uniform Award	<i>Ella Busch & William Mills</i>
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS	<i>Ayjah Nathan, Sam Donnelly, Liam Jeffress, Cody Connelly & Ebony Lowrie</i>
21st April	
Respect	<i>Taylor Gravener</i>
Safety	<i>Jesse Beresford & Dean White</i>
Try Your Best	<i>Anikia Welch & Scott Johnson</i>
Milkshake Uniform Award	<i>Nathan Hendrie & Charles Tomlin</i>
28th April	
Respect	<i>Laurie Norgate & Mitchell Viney</i>
Safety	<i>Midas Gopolan & Xavier North</i>
Try Your Best	<i>Ayjah Nathan</i>
Milkshake Uniform Award	<i>Jazmin Clarke & Keely Thorpe</i>
12th May	
Respect	<i>Archie Shannon, Hollee Clark & Angus Linder-Mason</i>
Safety	<i>Matthew Peters, Nathan Hendrie & William Mills</i>
Try Your Best	<i>Sam Donnelly, Caitlyn Koopman, Jordan Gravener & Ebony Lowrie</i>
Milkshake Uniform Award	<i>Boston Haimona & Shakaya Graham</i>

Parents and Friends



Parents & Friends have been busy selling raffle tickets for their big May raffle fundraiser which will see profits put toward the purchase of ipads/computers for the students. Don't forget to return your tickets for your chance to win one of our great prizes:

- Two night stay at Club Mulwala
- Workmans Hamper
- Load of wood

Our Easter raffle made a profit of **\$1137.45**, well done everyone and congratulations to the following winners:

Charmain Allcroft, Dominic North, Lane Scott, Jake, Betty Lines, Frank Bovalino, Caitlin Welsh, Stephen Stanyer, Jayanna Sharp, Bridgette, Patrick Donnelly, Dustin Hosie, Lisa Gravener, Anikia Welch, Archie Shannon, Joy Lee-Wood, Christine Osborne, Luke Stephens, Stephen Martin, Frank Bovalino, Pip, Margaret R, Matt, Evan, Jayme Sterio and S Mason.



Hovell Room

Busy, busy, busy as per usual in the Hovell Room. We have been learning about medicines and the safety issues around them. The students have loved categorising items as safe to use in the bathroom and those that need to be kept safe out of reach in a medicine cabinet. We have also learnt about who is able to give us medicine.



Geography is also a new subject this semester. We are visiting familiar places within our school and out in the community and talking about what we do there. Some students have also begun bike Education and ride around the school with big smiles on their faces.

As well as all these new subject areas we are still working hard with literacy and maths skills and of course having lots of fun while we work.

Hume Room

Hume Room has had a fantastic start to term 2, with some people nearly up to fifty nights of reading and everyone trying their best at Bike Education.

There has been a few changes in Hume Room this term including Bike Education replacing Swimming on a Monday afternoon and we are participating in Skill Zone with Adam, learning Soft Ball. Another change has also been Show and Tell is now Weekly (Roster Below).

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jeffrey	Anikia	Sam	Midas
Hollee	Ned	Dylan	Liam
			Seth

This term we have also started studying Geography, one of the highlights has been a fantastic walk around Cobram ending at the Log Cabin examining how Cobram has changed over time.

Mitchell Room



Mitchell Room has had a flying start to Term 2! The improvements within each student have been wonderful to watch.

Our main timetable has remained the same, however, we have started the bike ed program with the help of Terry - the school volunteer and already some students have managed to drop the training wheels and are now riding on two wheels.

Students have been working hard on their woodwork projects with Kerry and they look fantastic!



Good luck to all our students running in the cross country next Tuesday!



Senior Rooms



Sturt Room



SPEC- We have started a new program in the senior area this term to work alongside the Victorian Curriculum. Two modules will be trialled in weekly sessions and have been organised into two groups. Darci and Peter are participating in a sensory one called **Developing Senses**. It focuses on: Expressing Myself, Water Activities, Sensory Room, The Senses and Health and Safety.



The other module that Stephen, Gus, Tori, Nathan and Laurie are working on is **Prepare for Work** and covers: Looking for Work, Choosing where to Work, Work Placement and Health and Safety. All students have a work book of selected activities that they need to follow and achieve goals from and all books will need to be verified by the end of the year for students to have completed the modules successfully.



CAGS- This term, we have split into two groups with the Anglican College students and are working at the Cobram Community Gardens and Irvine House. This will be for about 3-4 weeks before swapping so that all students have the opportunity to visit both venues. It is a very big task ahead of us at the gardens as we are cleaning up the overgrown areas- pruning, weeding and tidying up parts that have not had much attention over the past few years as well as preparing our planting our garden beds. Over at Irvine House, students will be interacting with the residents through many different activities which will include games, dancing, reading and visiting the community library.



Mother's Day Stall

On the 8th of May we had our first ever mother's day stall for the school, the VCAL room and Parents and Friends came together as one to make a beautiful stall for the mums. We had quite a few customers through our doors from big and small and tall and short. All up we had six stalls with prices ranging from \$1 to \$5 dollars. The stall was also open for a short time today for any last minute purchases. A big thank you for everyone supporting our stall.

By the VCAL Room



ANZAC Day 2017

Gwynne room went to Ottrey Lodge for the ANZAC Day Commemoration on Thursday the 27th of April. The schools that were there included Cobram Secondary, Cobram Anglican Grammar School, St Joseph's Primary School and Cobram Primary School as well as our school.

The gathering was held in the bright morning sunshine and the residents looked happy in the sun. I read out the ANZAC Commemoration today as I did on ANZAC Day for the town ceremony. I enjoyed reading for the school and felt happy to be part of the day.

Jazmin Clarke

School Captain 2017



On Tuesday the 2nd of May the Gwynne Room hopped onto the bus with all the other schools to go off to Youth Council in Numurkah. When we got there we had some morning tea and many mentos peppermints. After that we got straight into our town project planning with the two other Cobram Secondary schools. We listened to the plan that was being made for our Youth Day later in the year. The students from our project were mostly talking about the event and when and where we could have it. We all decided that it will be in August in the Cobram Civic Centre and we will invite all 14 to 18 year olds from the schools on the committee in Cobram. Guest speakers will talk to years nine/twelve from each school which would be approximately 250 students with the public welcome to visit an Art Show that we are organizing as well. There will be bands playing during lunch break and we hope the Kool Skools groups from the three schools will be there. Lunch will be a sausage sizzle there will be a silent auction to go with the Art Show so you can buy our art. The plan is to have guest speakers from the Butterfly Foundation, HeadSpace, Black dog Institute, Beyond Blue and the AFL. We enjoyed YC was fun to catch up with others from the Shire schools and lunch was nice.

William and Charles



Office News

Compass

Great to see families have taken to using Compass for notifying the school of their child's absence. The new Compass system will send you a text message after 10.30am if we haven't heard why your child is absent from school. It is important that we have a reason for absences.

If you haven't used the Compass system and would like to, please contact the school for your log in information and instructions.

Semester reports will be available on the Compass system at the end of this term.

