

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

Staff are currently writing reports for all students. These will be uploaded to Compass in the last week of term.

Hannah's last day is Thursday 12th November. We wish her luck as she starts her family leave. Hannah will be back on a part time basis in semester 2 2021.

Lisa, Robyn, Di, Joe and I are participating in PLC (Professional Learning Communities) training. This is a series of 8 sessions and we have completed 2. PLCs are an approach to school improvement in which groups of teachers work collaboratively at the school level to improve student outcomes. The quality of teaching is the most powerful lever schools have to increase students learning.

Our consultative team met last week to start organising students, classes and staff for 2021. The classes and staff will be published in the coming weeks when finalised.

Our VCAL students and staff from that room will have a graduation lunch next Thursday.

Unfortunately parents aren't able to attend however you will be able view the live stream of the certificate presentation.

Our school review starts on Tuesday 1st December and will run over 4 days. This will be conducted by an external reviewer, Heather Norby. Our challenge partners are Matt Knight from Cobram Primary School and Angela Buxton from Verney Road Specialist School. Trent McCrae our SEIL and our School Council President, Kim Marshall, will also be involved. Staff will participate in different parts of the review process. A four year strategic plan will be developed using the outcomes of the review.

Leah Willis

Principal



Term 3 Recipients

Luke Hoggard, Gary Gill, Trey Dolheguy-Mackay-Blair, Jack Jenvey-Burke, Logan Palmer & Emily Power

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Thursday 19 th November	Graduation Lunch for VCAL students
Friday 4 th December	Awards Ceremony-Live streamed on Facebook, no parents
Thursday 10 th December	School Council
Thursday 17 th December	Last day for students
Thursday 28 th January	SSG's appointments for all students
Friday 29 th January	First day back for students

Student Awards

15th September	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Ben Hall & Angus Linder-Mason</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Paul Murray & Joel Brown</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Dean Cabading & Emily Power</i>
<i>Reading Awards</i>	<i>Mortada Ghaloom, Paul Murray & Dylan Schmager</i>
12th October	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Dean Cabading & Hayley Hendrie</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Beau Weaver & Anikia Welch</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Ella Stephens & Mia Giddings</i>
19th October	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Ayyah Nathan, Clancy Kennedy & Ned Quinane</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Shyanne Bishop-Gordon & Matt Nieuwenhout</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Logan Palmer</i>
26th October	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Xavier North & Peter Fitzpatrick</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Matthew Peters & Bailey Seddon</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Mortada Ghaloom & Benton Lucas</i>
9th November	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Shyanne Bishop-Gordon & Logan Palmer</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Caleb Griffin & Sami Brown</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Bella Brown-Singh & Seth Mumford</i>

Hovell Room

It's November already, time is going so fast. The Hovell room students have all been focused on their learning and are trying their best to complete set tasks. In Literacy, the students have been learning about the letters t, p, c, i, m, s, a and f. They had a fun time decorating their popcorn containers and making popcorn when we learnt about the letter p. Great work everyone. They have all been practicing tracing their names.

During Maths, the students have collected data and as a whole class displayed the data in a graph. We made a class graph about our eye colour and we found out that 3 people in the Hovell room have blue eyes, 2 people have hazel eyes and three people have brown eyes. They also made an octopus and stuck on eight legs when learning about numbers.

The VCAL students have continued to visit us each Thursday afternoon for reading. Shyanne, Bentley, Mortada, Luke and Dean have really enjoyed the VCAL students coming to read to them. During art sessions, the students have been learning about prime colours and using them to create new colours. They took part in a community project and created a character on a wooden spoon using materials found in the art room. Shyanne made her spoon into a unicorn, Dean created a sunflower out of his spoon, Mortada's was a spoon bee, Bentley made his into a gingerbread man and Luke's was turned into a pig. Very creative Hovell students. These spoons can be found down at Mivo Park in Cobram.



Hume Room

Last week, the Hume room participated in Outdoor Classroom Day. We spent the morning at the Cobram Community Gardens exploring and learning about the creatures and plants that are at the venue. Students painted some rocks to place around the gardens and played Bug Bingo! We spent the afternoon outside, using ropes and learning how to play with items in our playground.



Gwynne Room

We cannot believe how quickly the year is passing and that it is already November. We have begun Interpersonal Relationships, where we are learning about our bodies, focusing on puberty. We have classroom rules around the topic, where we all know it is ok to be embarrassed, ask questions, be kind to one another and to be private. Although, we have little chuckles and embarrassed laughter, the students are fascinated with the topic and are keen to learn more. In maths, we have moved on to statistics and probability, where we are talking about chance and the likelihood that something will happen. The students are enjoying exploring die, spinners, coin tosses etc. and are now being exposed to real life scenarios such as what is the chance of Leah walking into our classroom, what is the chance that you will go home tonight, etc. This week we have had discussions about 'Remembrance Day' and the sacrifice that the soldiers made for our freedom. The students were quite surprised to hear about war animals and wanted to learn more about how they helped. Ask them about the pictures below and see what they remember.



Mitchell Room



Students have had a great few weeks. We have broken the term up with an Outdoor Classroom day, which counts towards their Duke of Ed. Students spent the day out at Thompsons Beach where they worked in groups to build tents, play games and complete a nature walk.

The students also enjoyed a day out playing golf at Barooga, followed by a lunch at McDonalds for Hannah's last day before Maternity leave.



Max will be taking over the class fulltime for the remainder of the year and until semester 2, 2021. The class looks forward to the end of the year and their Christmas holidays, after a very different year due to COVID19!

Senior Rooms



Sturt Room



In the Sturt Room, we have been busy doing all sorts of things. Some of the things we have been doing are: landscaping with Joel, Duke of Ed day with Mitchell Room, dance with Jess.

In landscaping we have started to clean up the garden bed near the primary school. We have weeded, trimmed trees and also started to lay straw.



On our Duke of Ed day with Mitchell room at Thompson's Beach some of the things we did were: tent building, wildlife walk and sport. In dance with Jess we are learning a dance to perform at the end of the year with Mitchell room. The song we are performing to is 'Whatever It Takes' by Imagine Dragons.



VCAL

Every Wednesday Rose and I volunteer in the Hume room to help out the teachers and students. We go for a walk around the block and then we go to art in the art room. We are in the room as volunteers because this means the Hume room can have busy programs with us helping them. We also count the volunteering for Duke of Ed.

Every second Friday Matt volunteers in the Hume room, he helps with Sporting Schools. Matt starts at 9:45 and finishes at 10:20.

Every Thursday Rose helps Sturt room doing the lunch orders she enjoys it as it gives her practice cooking food. They start cooking lunch orders after outside time and they finish at 12:30.

On Thursday Nick and Emily volunteer in the Hume room in the middle session. They go to Hume room after Morning tea and come back at 12:30.



In the VCAL room we decorated some wooden spoons to join in on the spoon Ville craze around town. They are very colourful and creatively made spoons that are put around the Cobram town to help revive neighbourhood spirit, at a time of extreme isolation for some members of our community. It was fun making them and on Wednesday we meting up

with some Moira shire representatives to place them at the Park.



We are all trying very hard to finish all the VCAL work before the end of the year. We are writing for the school magazine before the end of the year. All students get a copy of the magazine. I am making sure I complete all of my work before the end of the year to be successful with my VCAL subjects.

VCAL students all have a Duke of Edinburgh goal. Some of the students from VCAL volunteer in different class rooms in the school by working with the room staff and students in their classrooms. Sometimes we go for 45 minutes and sometimes we go for 1.5 hours.

One of my silver goals is a music goal. I have to complete 26 hours. I do music with Matt Hicks on Thursday lunchtime and Friday in the middle session.

Everyone has a fitness goal and we can work on this at home and on the weekends if we want to.

Office News

At this week's School Council meeting our 2021 parent payment schedule was passed. We will be sending home this schedule with each student in early December along with all our annual forms. If your child has a medical condition (such as asthma or epilepsy) you will be required to get a new plan from your doctor and has this ready for SSG's on the 28th January. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Community News



Exciting News from Ritchies IGA!

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Loyalty Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit us in the form of a monthly money donation.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card you can collect these from any Ritchies IGA store. Download the app and nominate our school to receive the shopping rewards.

Every month, our organisation will receive 0.5%* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>

Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our club.

You can download the app by searching for Ritchies Loyalty App in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

