

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 busy and productive term. Students break up next Thursday 19th September. On Friday 20th, our staff will be attending a professional development day presented by Nairn Walker. The presentation is titled 'A Framework For Understanding Poverty: Action for Educators'. Belvoir Specialist, Wangaratta Specialist and Verney Rd Specialist schools will be attending the conference as well.

Last Wednesday our senior students participated in an All Abilities Carnival in Mooroopna. We had one team playing netball and one team playing football. The students represented our school with great enthusiasm and respect.

Congratulations to Kristy who will complete her teaching degree in the holidays. Kristy is resigning from her role as an Education Support Officer at our school to pursue a teaching career. We will be sad to see such a valuable staff member leave, however we wish her all the best for the future. Keep safe during the school holidays.

Leah Willis
Principal



Principals Award Winners Term 3 - these students enjoyed sharing lunch with Leah at Ambience Bakery, Cobram – Paul Murray (absent), Matthew Peters, Sam Donnelly, Keely Thorpe, Hayley Hendrie & Shanelle Wellington

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

20 th September	NO SCHOOL-Regional Special Schools Conference
7 th October	First day of Term 4
7 th -10 th October	Sturt Room camp-Camp Manyung
4 th November	Report Writing Day-NO SCHOOL
5 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
27 th -29 th November	Hume Room camp-Deniliquin
19 th December	Last day of Term 4

Fundraising Sub Committee



Thanks to all those families who have purchased raffle tickets. The draw will be held at assembly on Monday, 16th September.

Student Awards

12th August	
Respect	Cassius-Clay Gordon & Sam Donnelly
Safety	Keely Thorpe, Hayley Hendrie & Shanelle Wellington
Try Your Best	Taylor Gravener
Milkshake Uniform Award	Taylor Gravener & Anikia Welch
19th August	
Respect	Ned Quinane, Sami Brown & Kane Pierce
Safety	Ella Stephens & Midas Gopalan
Try Your Best	Stephen Martin & Matt Nieuwenhout
Milkshake Uniform Award	
26th August	
Respect	Angus Linder-Mason
Safety	Boston Haimona, Matthew Peters & Xavier North
Try Your Best	Paul Murray & Mia Giddings
Milkshake Uniform Award	Dean Cabading & Hayley Hendrie
2nd September	
Respect	Garry Gill & Dylan Schmager
Safety	Benton Lucas & Gus Ryan
Try Your Best	Bella Brown-Singh, Ben & Liam Hall
Milkshake Uniform Award	Seth Mumford & Noah Ferguson
9th September	
Respect	Dean Wellington & Anikia Welch
Safety	Mortada Ghaloom & Sam Donnelly
Try Your Best	Caitlyn Koopman
Milkshake Uniform Award	James Price & Nick Harbrow

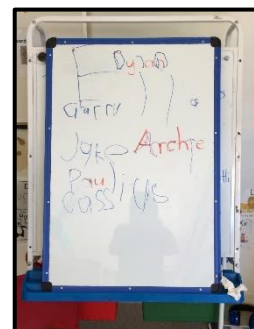
Hovell Room

With the term nearly at its end we are still really busy learning. In literacy we have been practising to write our names and have all made pleasing progress. We have been focusing on the letters d, g, l, and v, and we will finish the term with y. Next term we will move onto r and q. It is great to see some of the students making three letter words with our previously covered letters.



The students have been enthralled with our biology topic and excitedly watching the changes in the school garden throughout the term. We have also grown our own grass heads and have loved giving them a haircut.

A special thank you to Helen, Lisa W and Haylea for filling in while Kristy was on teacher placement. We were so lucky to have them increase their working week to help us out and let us have experienced Educational Support Staff.



Hume Room

Students have continued to work hard over the term and we have had another successful term. We hope that all our Fathers/Pops/Special friends enjoyed the Father's Day gifts we made for you. In Art, we have investigated 4 different ways we can paint with cling wrap, using different methods. These sessions have been lots of fun and students have been very creative with their finished products. Some of these paintings will be put in the Cobram Show next month.



In PBS sessions with Ross, we have been looking at our classroom behaviour matrix and working on the types of acceptable language and when to use it. Students helped make a poster that is displayed in the room as a reminder. In the sessions with Lisa, we have had some great discussions about making 'good green choices' and what that looks like in the classroom. We used our Book Week dress up day from a couple of weeks ago, as an opportunity to improve our understanding on some of this term's maths concepts we were looking at in class. We had lots of fun making PowerPoint books on positional language, ordinal numbers and our characters.



Gwynne Room

The Gwynne room students have settled in extremely well to Term 3. They are all ready to learn. This term has flown by so quickly, it's really hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of term. The Gwynne room students have been completing some great work and have shown lots of enthusiasm during the term.

We have had lots of PBS certificate winners this term, our students have been showing Respect to their classmates, they have shown safety at school and have all tried their best throughout the term! Great effort.

I have been super impressed watching the students grow in confidence at swimming this term. Some students are able to swim the length of the pool which is fabulous. Others can now float on their back after lots of hard work practising.

This term the whole school was involved in an ESmart (internet safety) activity. Our students were given a range of photos and they had to find where the photos were taken. This was a great experience and one where they gained an understanding that lots of information can be found in photos.

The Gwynne students have been walking to the supermarket to buy ingredients for the food that we cook at school. We have made mini pizzas, jelly, scones and egg and bacon cups. The students enjoy preparing, cooking and eating the goodies.

We were also fortunate to get some dance lessons from Dan and Justin over two weeks. This was a great experience for our students. They all participated and had lots of fun.

It's been a fantastic term, the students have worked hard so we hope you all have a well deserved holiday and enjoy some lovely spring weather. Look forward to seeing everyone next term.



We would like to wish Caleb all the very best next term at his new home in Queensland. We will all miss Caleb very much.



Joel enjoying his mini pizzas



ESmart Activity

Students dancing with Dance Ministry duo Dan & Justin



Mitchell Room

Mitchell Room have earned a well deserved break before Term 4. They have enjoyed the football/netball carnival, swimming, Sporting Schools program, Blueearth and our athletics day. Great job guys.



Senior Rooms



Sturt

We have been busy making Tic Tac Toe games in woodwork, our sawing and drilling skills have improved and some people have painted the finished game.

Last week, on Wednesday, we went to Mooroopna to play football and netball. There were 4 games of football, and we played really well but didn't get a win. The netballers won 2 games out of five, and worked well as a team with everyone contributing.

In music we are trying to learn new skills with the instruments, and making posters of our favourite bands and songs.

At the community garden we have weeded 3 garden beds, and planted corn, carrots, silverbeet and 24 tomato plants. We hope to make tomato sauce at the end of the year. Every Friday we go swimming at Barooga pool, we are working on our survival strokes and our fitness. Most people are aiming to complete their water safety certificate and they have also been working on their swimming levels. On the first day of term 4 we are going to camp, it is south of Melbourne on the Mornington Peninsula, it is a YMCA camp called Camp Manyung. The camp is at a beach and we hope it has good food.

From the Sturt room students



VCAL

The VCAL group have had a very busy start to Spring! Work experience is well under way with all VCAL students undertaking either work experience or TAFE certified study in 2019 with sessions beginning almost each week this term.

Shakaya has completed her work experience with Cobram Primary School as an E.S this week after undertaking two hour blocks over four weeks and Shanelle began her sessions in hair and Beauty at Shear Kaos in Cobram on Wednesday. Exciting times for both girls as the work force is in the plans for both in their futures.

Matt (Murray Goulburn Cobram), Nicholas and Gus (Woolworths Cobram), Charles (Reject Shop Cobram) and Rose (Anthony's Place Cobram) will all be completing two hour blocks over four weeks in the first half of term four.

Career Action plans and resumes are high on the list of priorities this term as is completing as much of our Duke of Edinburgh individual goals as we can before the end of term and celebrating 18th birthdays in our class. Happy birthday to Charles and Gus in the last few weeks.

Charles and Ebony are nearing their residential placements as gold Duke of Ed students. Term four will see the pair undertake a four night independent placement at Mansfield Zoo. Thanks to Lisa Oliver for coordinating this wonderful opportunity for our students. This is a big step for both student's and we wish them well on the adventure.

Ebony has now completed her induction this week with Cobram Lions and is now a fully-fledged Lion and a Leo (for the next few months). Thank you to the club for organising the wonderful occasion on last Tuesday.

With all of this going on we are all working furiously towards the deadlines that will loom large next term. The lodging of VCAL 2019 results and each student's full report will be here before we know it. I encourage all students to keep working on their learning outcomes and attending school each day as this is the only way they can achieve a positive outcome with their 'hands on learning'.

Mooroopna Football/Netball Carnival

On Wednesday the 4th September we went to Mooroopna to play football. We



played our first game and we lost, actually we did not have a win for the day. It was a fun day the netballers they had 2 wins for the day. The teams we played on the day were GV Stars-Wangaratta, Kalianna and Geelong Dragons. The Mitchell, Sturt and VCAL roomswent and there were some injuries on the day but we pushed through the pain.

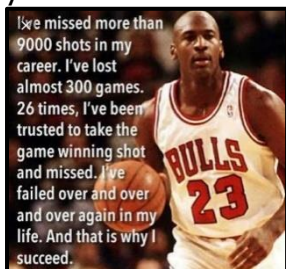


Moira Shire Youth Council

On Wednesday 11th of September the Moira Shire YC group went to Numurkah to Bourke's Hotel. They met with a guest presenter who talked to them about Resilience. The guest presenter talked about people from different places and how they get along. Nathan Hulls, the speaker on the day is a professional speaker and works with students to help them. The group travelled to Numurkah in a coach with the other YC groups to the event.



Nathan spoke about resilience and the importance of being able to bounce back when life deals you a "random" set of cards.



We talked about getting to know who we really are and what we are truly capable of.

We discussed, how making mistakes and falling often becomes the very thing that helps us to success at the end.

Around the School



Last week, we participated in National eSmart Week. As a recognised eSmart school, our participation helps demonstrate our commitment to teaching students to act in ways that are Smart, Safe and Responsible around technology. Classes explored an activity titled “Care about the Share” where students learnt about the different types of information that can be gained from one photo. After going on a photo hunt around the school and local community, classes had some interesting discussions about being safe when posting photos online after a photo hunt. Important tips were shared when all groups met in the afternoon and, Karl Giddings, (our IT guru), gave a very interesting presentation about his job at the school and how to stay safe online. Thank you to the eSmart committee for organising a great activity and to Karl for his involvement on the day.



Community News



Loving Moira's Natives



A fun family session with a local artist. Learn about art and what local artists are creating.

Find out about local native flora and fauna. Join us at your local library for colouring, craft, and planting seeds.

Yarrawonga – Tuesday 24th September, 10:30am
 Numurkah – Wednesday 25th September, 10:30am
 Nathalia – Tuesday 1st October, 11:00am
 Cobram – Wednesday 2nd October, 10:30am



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WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

BIRDS OF PREY SHOWS

ROAMING WILDLIFE

FACE PAINTING

JUMPING CASTLE

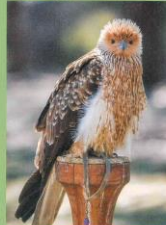
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