

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

The turbulent school year has come to an end. We are proud of the way the students settled back into school after many periods of remote learning.

The staff have done a remarkable job adjusting their learning to cater for all students during remote learning.

Reports have been uploaded to Compass so please take time to celebrate your child's achievements.

Kerry has decided it is time to retire after many years of service. We thank Kerry for her care and dedication to our students.

We wish Haylea luck as she ventures to Cobram Primary school next year.

Joel is also finishing at our school this year.

We welcome Kerene McLellan who will be a new teacher next year in the Hume room.

We look forward to seeing all the students back at school on Tuesday 1st February.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Please stay safe and well.

Leah Willis

Principal



Congratulation to our Term 4 Principals Award winners – Samarvir, Lucinda, Ayjah, Hollee, Jeffrey, Keely, Tearnna

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

16 th December	Final day for students
17 th December	Final day for staff
28 th January	First day 2022 for staff
31 st January	SSG meetings
1 st February	First day 2022 for students



Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, we raised a total of \$398.95. Congratulations to the following winners.

1st Prize Trey -\$250 Woolworths voucher

2nd Prize Alex B-\$150 Ritchies IGA voucher

3rd Prize Xavier-\$100 Mitre 10 voucher



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Student Weekly PBS Awards

15th November	
Respect	Keely & Tearnna
Safety	Ayjah & Ned
Try Your Best	Thurston, Raphael, Matt & Alex
22nd November	
Respect	Noah
Safety	Shyanne
Try Your Best	Matt, Alex T & Seth
29th November	
Respect	Tatum, Bentley, Cassius & Mia
Safety	James & Chris
6th December	
Safety	Luke, Lucinda, Ella & Dylan
Try Your Best	Arlena, Chris, Benton, Logan & Hayley
13th December	
Try Your Best	William, Dean, Clancy, Paul, Archie, Cassius, Ayjah, Matt, Alex & Bella



2021 Award Winners

Montana & Cadel Memorial Award

Winner – Ben

Runners up – Samarvir, Bentleigh, Bella, Dylan, Keely & Sami

Cobram Rotary Award

Benton

Soroptomist International Cobram Barooga Awards

Sami & Hollee

Cobram Barooga RSL Award

Logan

Lions Club of Cobram

Hayley

Moiria Shire Award

Matt

Goulburn Valley LLEN

Emily

Cobram Support & Information Service Inc

Tearnna, Anikia, Caitlyn, Alex & Midas



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Student of the Year

Hovell-William

Hume-Boe

Murray-Clancy

Gwynne-Mia

Mitchell-Trey

Sturt-Caitlyn

VCAL-Emily

Hovell Room

It is hard to believe that it is already time for the holidays. The students in Hovell have had a great year and achieved so much. Well done to our award winners throughout the year, it's great to see all of the students following the school values of Safety, Try your Best and Respect. We had a great time at the Ceremony awards where our students listened to the awards being presented to their peers. William received the 'Student of the Year' award, well done William.

We wish Mortada and Tatum all the best in 2022 where they will join the Hume room. William, Thurston, Luke and Samarvir will welcome two new students (Cooper and Zephyr) next year. We also look forward to welcoming Emily to the Hovell room on Thursdays and Fridays.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all next year.

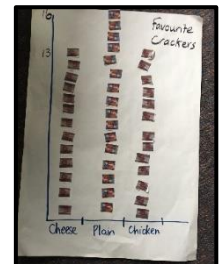
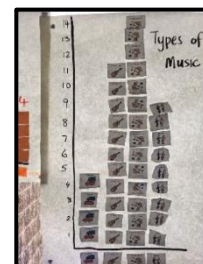
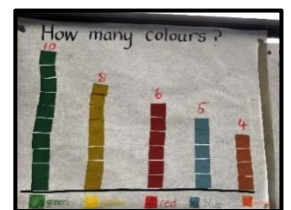


Jo, Tania, Helen, Lisa, Tace, Aimee and Jorja

Hume Room

We have had a busy term with our data unit. Students have really enjoyed the challenge of investigating a question, tallying results and making graphs about a variety of different topics. In Lisa's group, the focus has been types of music, favourite colours and favourite crackers.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our room this year. Last Friday, we combined with the Murray room to have a break up and say thanks to our Duke of Ed VCAL volunteers. They have helped us in our community access and sports programs each week.



We have created lots of Christmas art in the room this week and want to wish everyone a lovely Christmas break.



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Murray Room

As the end of the year approaches, we look back at the good and challenging times we have had throughout the year. All students have done an exceptional job this year, juggling class and staff changes and remote and staggered face-to-face learning. The staff in the Murray room could not be prouder of the students and what they have achieved.

We had our school Athletics Carnival. All students did a great job and enjoyed the events. We competed in high jump, long jump, 100m sprint, hurdles and throwing the vortex. All students took home a ribbon.

This Term, the students have been very excited celebrating Christmas. We worked together to put our class Christmas tree up and created our own decorations. We have been creating lots of artworks, writing letters and cards, and doing other fun Christmas-themed activities.

We finished our Community Access Program last week, having a party at Thompson's Beach to celebrate and say Thank You to our VCAL volunteers (Hayley, Emily, Chris, Benton, and Logan) who assist our students each week. We are very grateful we have our wonderful VCAL students to help us run our programs smoothly.

Last Friday, we had our school Award's Ceremony. We are proud of Clancy, for receiving the Student of the Year award, and Bella, for receiving a runner's up award for the Montana and Cadel Memorial Award. Well done!

We have loved working with each other this year and are very excited to see what next year holds. We hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!



Gwynne Room

Here we are at the end of the year and we celebrated with the Mitchell Room on an excursion to Shepparton, where we actively enjoyed ourselves at Rebound on trampolines of all sizes, slides, tunnels and climbing equipment. We then moved to Shepparton Lake to enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch and a play on the outdoor all abilities playground. The students displayed our school values of respect, safety and try your best and a great day was had by all.



It is great to see the changes that have occurred in our students throughout the year. Particularly with their social skills, where they consider and are more aware of, how their actions can affect others. Matt and I feel privileged to have taught the Gwynne Room and are proud of the many positive changes and developments the students have experienced. Have a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holidays.



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Mitchell Room

As the end of the year is quickly approaching, the students in Mitchell room have been very animated and excited for their next chapter in a different classroom with new teachers for 2022. After our day of transition, there has been a mix of emotions ranging between enthusiasm and sadness as they know most of them will be split up next year. Which is why Mitchell room have recently been enjoying each other's company the way teenagers know best; challenging each other on Wii Sports, sharing stories, and watching movies. Tuesday 14th December was our break up party day with Gwynne room where we drove down to Rebound in Shepparton, then enjoyed a bbq/sausage sizzle by Shepparton lake and utilised the play equipment. You could see from the excitement on the kids' faces that many students had formed wonderful and resounding friendships which I'm sure will not only continue next year, but many years to come. Congratulations to all students of Mitchell room for a very successful and enjoyable year together. You've made me all very proud with your efforts in our classroom and displaying our school values on a daily basis. Also a big round of applause to our Student of the Year, Trey!

Senior Rooms



Sturt Room

On the Christmas holidays I am going to my Auntie Charee and Uncle Brendan's house and my cousin's house. We are having one night sleeping at Auntie Charee's house. I will take my dog for a walk and see my nan and pop. We will all have a good time.

By Anikia

On the holidays it will be Christmas, I am hoping for a basketball. I am looking forward to having Christmas lunch with all my family.

This holiday I am going to Shepparton to see my friends we will go walking the dogs and I will go to the pool, and I will go to the skate park. I sleeping in on the holidays

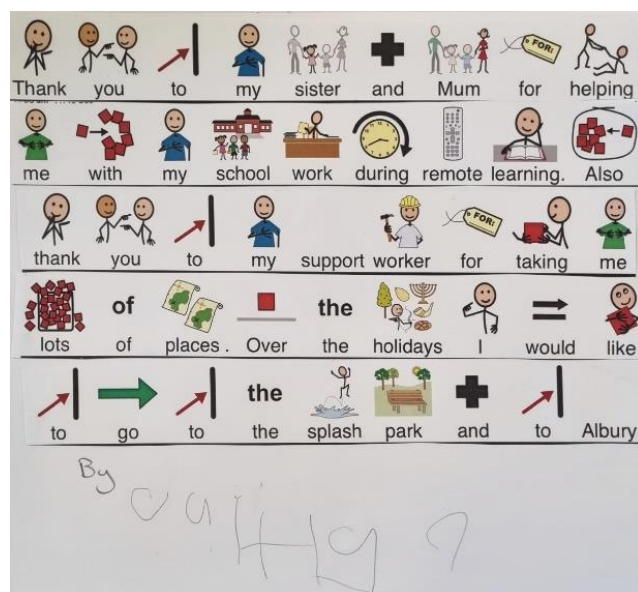
By Arlena

On the holidays it will be Christmas. I hope to get presents from Santa and my family. This year I really want dinosaur toys. Over Christmas I will spend time with my family, mum dad, my brother, grandparents and cousins. I am looking forward to going to the pool and having a swim in the lake over the holidays.

By Billy

On the holidays I am going for a drive with my family to the beach. I like the beach it is so much fun. I will go for a swim and I like playing with my family. The beach looks good, I am having a sleep at the beach for 23 nights.

By Keely



VCAL

2021, the year that was.... and what a year it was! The VCAL group this year have faced the challenges of interrupted schedules and remote learning phases with their usual positive mindsets and can do attitudes. This year we welcomed four younger students into the group and they found themselves with two days a week as the only crew in the room due to our very successful 2021 Certificate II group of students being offsite 2 days a week. This was uncharted territory for all of us and we should have known we would end up filling these two 'quiet days' with many exciting and new challenges each week! These 4 students added bike ed and training as crew for the Moira Shire Live4Life program and practicing for their "L" permits to their schedules with great success.

As for the Cert II students, 5 in the Horticulture field and 1 commuting across to Shepparton each Wednesday for Hospitality Cert II, they have had a huge year full of unique challenges and rich learning experiences. All have been successful in meeting their course requirements, a wonderful achievement for them.

Without the trials and tribulations offered by yet another Covid impacted school year yes, we would have had a very different year, but we enjoyed the fantastic year that was. We are thankful for the wonderful things we were able to do, we got to camp at Billabong Ranch in Echuca, attended our Barista short course, trained in Teen Mental Health First Aid and bonded as a team to support programs here at school. We were lead by our hard working school captains Matt and Emily who both completed the challenges of their Gold Duke award residential placements in the local community.

Huge thanks to all the VCAL students for all their hard work and smiles this year.

Farewell Emily and Matt, best of luck for great things to come.

Stay safe over the summer and see you in 2022!



Community News

GV Library is running a holiday program in Numurkah, Yarrowonga & Cobram

Holiday Program
29th December - 31st January

BIG Summer Read
School Holiday Activities

Numurkah Library
Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

Wild Printmaking
Tuesday 11th Jan, 10:30am

Woolly Maned Lion
Wednesday 19th Jan, 2:00pm

#TakeHome Craft or Craft on Tap
4 craft activities to make

Bookings are essential as places are limited at all sessions.
Phone 1300 374 765 and follow the prompts to book a spot at your library.

Holiday Program
29th December - 31st January

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School Holiday Activities

Yarrowonga Library
Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

Woolly Maned Lion
Thursday 20th Jan, 11:30am

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Woolly Maned Lion
Tuesday 11th Jan, 10:30am

Snappy Extendable Croc
Thursday 13th Jan, 10:30am

Wild Animal Masks
Tuesday 18th Jan, 10:30am

Wild Printmaking
Thursday 20th Jan, 10:30am

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NEWSLETTER 03

The home environment

Our environment influences whether we sit or move. There are many things about your house that can't be changed, like the number of bedrooms, location, size of yard. But, there are also many things that can easily be adapted to help your child move more and sit less.



FACT: Children with screens in their bedrooms tend to be more sedentary.

WHAT IS IN YOUR HOME AND NEIGHBOURHOOD THAT CAN HELP CHILDREN BE ACTIVE OR HELP THEM TO SIT LESS?



Keep active equipment at the door (e.g., skipping rope, balls, bats etc.). Your child will be more likely to use it if they can see it.



Where possible install activity prompts such as sandpits, basketball rings, trampolines cubby houses to encourage children to spend more time outside.



Reduce availability of screens for your child. If they have a TV in their room consider removing it.



Limit mobile screen devices before bed.



Designate a safe area inside the home where your child can be active (e.g., using a foam ball or balloon).



Find a map of your area and plan out a way (or pathway) that you and your child could walk/ride to school. There may be some friends along the way who can join in.



Explore your neighbourhood! Spend 15 minutes researching your area to see what is available for you and your child to use. There could be some fantastic paths, parks or centres just around the corner!



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